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MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

Former UFO researcher Todd Zechel has deliberately caused quite a stir with his new publication, mysteriously entitled "For Your Eyes Only". The first issue predictably takes off on arch-skeptic Phil Klass, and accuses him of being a CIA operative, among other things. Zechel offers no proof, and Klass has adequately answered the charges. But Zechel is on a Kick, and became furious when we sent him a semi-sarcastic post card, informing him that we had sent our paid-for copy of the first issue on to Klass. (We do not take Zechel's silly title literally!)

Zechel then sent us an angry letter, part of which we have duly printed in the Letters section of this issue. We responded with another semi-sarcastic post card. After all, cards cannot be returned to the sender "unopened":

Zechel also kicked us off his paid subscription list, and refunded the part of our money (\$3.00) which would have gone for his second and third issues, not yet printed. He doesn't seem to realize that a publicly-distributed zine must be made available to anyone who is willing to pay for it, or else a charge of discrimination can be made against the publisher. Rather than sue Zechel, we have threatened to re-subscribe under another name and address:

We urge as many as possible of our readers to send in the full \$4.50 for Zechel's three issues, and then to send copies of #2 and #3 on to us. Zechel doesn't know who most of our non-subscribers are, so he will either have to stop taking any more new subscriptions or run the risk that we will read more of his stuff. Also, he'll have to screen his present subscribers carefully, to weed out all who might be in league with us. Poor Zechel!

"For Your Eyes Only", though wild and undocumented, is interesting reading. The address is: Paragon Productions, P.O. Box 632, Sauk City, Wisconsin 53583.

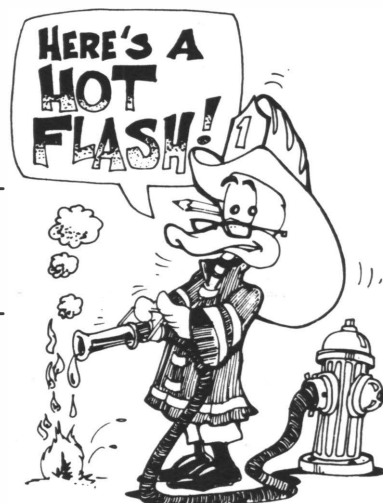
Finally, we'd like to pose a couple of questions which offer "food for thought": Suppose Klass really is working with the CIA. Can he, or they, make UFOs any less real, assuming they are real in the first place? Why do we give ridiculous, nearly occult powers to the professional debunkers - powers which they neither ask for nor deserve? If a UFO wants to land on the White House lawn, neither Klass nor even Reagan can prevent it - and, needless to say, Zechel would be as surprised as anyone else!

TIDBITS OF TRASH:

Once again famed OMNI Magazine has taken it upon itself to pick up

on a "Saucer Smear" item for a future "AntiMatter" column. This time it's a story based on our Black Ufologists ravings in recent issues of "Smear". We are (again) sincerely flattered - all the more so because a certain OMNI editor, in writing to a certain OMNI "stringer", recently stated the following: "Although his (= Moseley's) circulation is small, it is also impressive. Most UFO writers regularly comb it for ideas..." BRAVO!....Incidentally, the "AntiMatter" column in the August OMNI contains a somewhat favorable article about our own Erik Beckjord of Big-foot fame....

Lew Tery of Las Vegas, Nevada, was one of the many UFO researchers who took part in an open discussion on the Sunday morning of our Phoenix flying saucer convention last May. His theory is that the U.S. Government has deliberately built secret bases at the exact locations of many natural magnetic vortices in the southwest, to keep the public from finding out about the strange things (UFO sightings, etc.) that go on at these vortices. Tery was to speak about this interesting theory at Dr. Leo Sprinkle's UFO conference at the University of Wyoming, last July. But before he could do so, Tery was "silenced" by a Las Vegas FBI agent named Russ Nielsen, whose business card Tery includes in his dossier on this matter! Was Tery silenced because he Knew Too Much, or because he was continually snooping around U.S. secret bases??? We will never know for sure. (Our thanks to MUFON's new Arizona State Director, Hal Starr, for the above item.)....



We are about to recommend to you a zine which, unfortunately, has just folded - so I guess we're a bit late in our praise. Anyhow, it's a mag called Shavertron, billed as "the only source of post-deluge Shaverania", referring of course to the late Richard Shaver of Dero fame. We were never really into the Shaver thing, but the editor of Shavertron - a bright fellow named Richard Toronto - seems to realize that the Shaver Mystery borders on science fiction or worse. In addition to Shaver-related articles, there's some unusually interesting UFO stuff, too. The final issue, #26 (Summer, 1986) is dedicated to a discussion of the notorious UFO contactee George Hunt Williamson, who died in seclusion a few months ago. There are long quotes from old issues of SAUCER NEWS, and recent quotes from letters written to Toronto by your "Smear" editor. Single copy \$3.50 or \$10 for three back issues, from: P.O. Box 248, Vallejo, California 94590....

Here's a bit of real trivia you probably didn't know: Natives of Key West, Florida, call themselves CONCHS (pronounced CONKS). There is some question as to what constitutes a genuine conch, but we define it as anyone who has lived here more than two years, since we have now been here three years. There is no question, however, about what the word conch means in Spanish. "La concha" is an edible sea shell. In Spanish slang, however, "la concha" is a well-known intimate part of the female anatomy that somewhat resembles a shell - leading to the well-known Spanish slang insult, "Concha tu madre", which we will leave to your imagination to translate. In short, we find it both strange and amusing that people here voluntarily call themselves conchs!....

Making money from manure

Old-timers in the UFO field will hopefully remember a best-selling British contactee book, published over there in late 1954, called "Flying Saucers From Mars", supposedly written by one Cedric Allingham. The story is something like George Adamski's, and was obviously inspired by Adamski's tale in "Flying Saucers Have Landed". From the beginning it seemed peculiar that hardly anyone ever met Allingham in the physical body, and the rumor arose that the man simply did not exist. (He later supposedly died in a Swiss sanitorium in 1956.)

Now one of our British correspondents, Christopher Allan, together with another researcher named Steuart Campbell, have written an article for the British zine "Magonia" (#23, July 1986) in which they describe how, as a result of painstaking analysis of internal evidence in the book, they have conclusively proven that "Flying Saucers From Mars" was

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MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

Lovable old TODD ZECHEL of crashed disc fame delights us with:

"Dear James Moseley:

"I can readily understand the special relationship you have with Philip Klass, both of you being basically the same personality types and other preferences you might share. I can also understand the need you feel to be Klass's toady and informant, based upon the fact Klass and company propped you up with their outlandish praise of your writings, while the rest of Ufology looked upon you as a nuisance or a fool to be suffered - except for those fringe elements who wallow in the same sort of self-depreciating hoaxes and pranks you are famous for, and the so-called 'personality feuds' you've stirred up and perpetuated.

"In any case, the fact you and Klass have become such close comrades says a lot about both of you. And the fact Klass rewarded you so greatly for your deprecations and defamations of me is just more evidence of his obsessive methodology.

"Klass has recently sent me some sort of letter which I immediately destroyed upon seeing it was from him....Since you are his buddy and are evidently performing little errands for him - probably in return for more publicity and praise for your wonderfully offensive 'journal', 'Saucer Smear' - would you be so kind as to inform him of the following points:

"(1) I have no intention of communicating with him in any manner whatsoever, and will consider any communications from him to be both nuisances and harrassments, and will be reported to the authorities - postal or telephone, as such.

"(2) That I stand fully behind whatever I have written about him or will write about him, and that these reports such as in my newsletter are fully supported by evidence and are factual to the best of my knowledge, based upon bona fide sources within the U.S. Government.....

"(8) That unlike James McDonald, I will not be pushed into suicide but will instead face him squarely in a court of law and let the judge and jury decide upon his guilt....

"I do not want to speak with you about anything or receive any communications from you, and any attempts by you or Klass to communicate with me, or my relatives or friends or associates will be considered as attempts to harrass me, annoy me and invade my privacy!

"I am also returning a refund to you for \$3, for the unused portion of your subscription to my newsletter. I'm sure you'll understand why, in light of the fact I don't want to communicate with you hereafter."

We are even more delighted by the following letter from one REV. JOHN VANDRIE:

"Dear James Moseley:

"I am an exorcist. After reading your article in Tim Beckley's 'Inner Light' about the Myrtles House, I checked it out and found over 4600 full-fledged discarnates and over 1600 bits of spirits inside the house.

"I do this at a distance, using a pendulum. Permission was granted to me by the Universal Spirit to clear this house. This has been done now, and no further manifestations will be evident. If you have a chance to re-visit this house, please check it out to corroborate what I have done."

Ed's Note: The owner of this famous haunted house makes her living from tourism, and if Rev. Vandrie has really done what he claims, she may have grounds for a lawsuit, since he never asked her permission! (Just kidding, folks!)

BOB ("RAVING ROBERT") SCHILLER writes as follows:

"Greetings, your Supreme Greatness:

"Love it, love it, love it! The latest 'Smear', with its screaming Randi expose, had me slurping for days! More, more! Go for it, Jimbo Baby! I was also enthralled with the latest Zechel-Klass feud. Oh, I pray your greatness, that you will fan the flames of this clash between the Skeptic and the True Believer. What glorious, vicious, and utterly shameful vilifications will erupt between these two! Drool, drool, slurrrrrp!..."

MOLLY SQUIRE, a co-worker of famed Bigfootologist Erik Beckjord, writes:

"Randi has always had my respect and good wishes. My congratulations to him for further recognition of his efforts - his receipt of the MacArthur Foundation grant.

"Regarding the rotten rumors about Randi: I have always decried ad hominem arguments as the moral equivalent of 'hitting below the belt', whether true or not. Ben Franklin, Eleanor Roosevelt, Henry Kissinger, and Cleopatra are just a few of the leading figures who accomplished great deeds despite gossip-mongers. If the information related to skeptical arguments it would be more to the point. Light-hearted banter and gossip are O.K., but let's leave character assassinations and Sneer out of 'Smear'....."

Except for the above two letters and an unprintable letter from John Keel, "Smear" readers have made little comment on either James Randi's \$272,000 tax-free award from the MacArthur Foundation or the accusations of homosexuality made by his psychic enemies.- Editor.

ARMAND LAPRADE, editor of the nostalgic UFO zine "Would You Believe?", writes as follows:

"....In the current 'Saucer Smear', why does 'Flip' Klass go to such extremes to pinpoint MUFON as possibly suspect of being funded by the government? Why does he put so much emphasis on the year 1969? Why does he not review the concepts of anti-ufology experts like Donald Menzel and 'Mr. Swamp-Gas'?....All should be suspected!...."

RON SCHAFFNER of the Ohio UFO Investigators League writes:

"....Phil Klass's letter in the latest 'Smear' was very interest-

ing. Taking his hypothesis a step further, wouldn't it be more advantageous for the government to manipulate a controversial individual who claimed to have a 10,000 membership organization? This individual could claim to know all the researchers while he kept his lifestyle in obscurity. This person could afford to travel around the world at any given time and would seem to be self-funded. Williard McIntyre meets these criteria!..."

"Dr." McIntyre, formerly of MARCEN, continues to write to us from California! - Ed.

JOHN DRESSLER, MUFON State Section Director for the Island of Oahu, Hawaii, writes:

"Your Lordship:

"As always the latest 'Smear' brought tears to my eyes, tears of laughter that is. I have arrived at the conclusion that your non-periodical is a much-needed therapeutic medication to the world of Ufology. Having been conducting serious research in the field for only two years, I have already realized there is a certain amount of continuously growing stress involved. 'Saucer Smear' is a tranquilizer for that stress. The 'Smear' also provides an outlet for aggression, comic relief, and even a bit of serious thought....

"I agree with Mr. Klass that the possibility exists that there are covert agents in MUFON, but highly unlikely. Why should there be? Almost all data from research is available to anyone. Of course many witnesses want their names kept confidential, for obvious reasons, but the pertinent information is available and for a much lower price than planting an agent to make sure what is released is not dis-information. If more research is desired, the government has scientists in all disciplines at their disposal with much more sophisticated equipment than any (MUFON) Field Investigator."

Famed researcher GEORGE FAWCETT writes:

"....As to MUFON or any other organization serving as a covert agency for the U.S. Government, so what? This is our least worry. In view of the fact that most UFO organizations at one time or another have been infiltrated by members of the CIA, NSA and other government agencies, we are happy about it and would be worried if they weren't. This is not something that we would either 'hotly deny' or 'dismiss as ridiculous', as Klass would have us believe!...."

KEN BEHRENDT of AURA writes as follows:

"In reference to Donald Ware's letter in the last 'Smear' concerning the criteria needed to 'prove' UFOs are extraterrestrial vehicles, I would submit that in ufology, as in all sciences and life in general, something is 'proved' when its behavior is in agreement with what our expectations about that something are. Thus, if UFOs behave like what we would expect intelligently-guided extraterrestrial craft to behave like, then this 'proves' they are extraterrestrial craft...."

Ace UFO & Creature investigator CHARLES WILHELM writes:

"....I would like to take a stab at Mr. Ware's comments on 'What is proof?'....The full magnitude of any unusual phenomenon, such as UFOs, will some day be realized, only when some investigator uncovers some hard physical evidence. The investigator must discover something worthwhile, so the scientific community can take it into their laboratory and

run it through their rigorous series of examinations. After finding no earthly explanation, perhaps then they will look favorably upon the possible existence of UFOs.

"However, the bottom line is this: No matter who might disagree, no one has presented to the world the hard evidence to prove that we had, are, or will be visited by beings from another world. No one can or should dispute this statement, because it is the most factual piece of information in Ufology!

"Most ufologists live in a fantasy world. They don't know what evidence is, and usually manufacture what they want. There's so much garbage in Ufology that all the garbage men in America couldn't clean it up! Perhaps the new people coming into the field will try to separate fact from fiction...."

Infamous skeptic JIM OBERG sends us a cheery post card from Europe, with the following message:

"My past has caught up with me, with the result that the French Government has given me (and my wife) a two-week all-expenses vacation in the French Alps. All I have to do is give some of my standard lectures on Soviet Space and on Interplanetary Travel. The food, wine, and scenery are fantastic and fabulous!"

We are Martian Green with envy! - Ed.

TOM HIGGINS, alias "The Terminator", writes:

"Greetings Spacefriend:

"The enclosed material should be of utmost importance to you. I'm sure you've heard of our recent earthquakes (in California) caused by creatures from Out There crashing their space craft into Earth. This is why most people do not ever see these weird beings. Their space craft are all destroyed on contact with Earth, along with those inside. Got to go now. I hear a strange noise up in the attic...."

RILEY HANSARD CRABB, MsD, PhD, Editor-at-Large for California's Borderland Sciences Research Foundation (BSRF), writes as follows:

"Something is missing here in New Zealand - news of the saucer scene as put forth in your saucer zine - so I'd like to be on your mailing list again, on this side of the world, where it is winter rather than summer, and the sun shines from the north. But it is a beautiful, green country of three million people and thirty million sheep! Also we appreciate the fact that there are no nuclear power plants in NZ and no nuclear industry.

"Old timers in the UFO field may be interested to know that one of the earliest researchers, Harold Fulton of this country, passed away only a month or so ago. It was his reporting of Men-in-Black incidents here and in Australia that alerted Gray Barker to the MIB phenomenon and the consequent harassment of some researchers.

"Those who heard Dr. J. Allen Hynek lecture say that he sometimes referred to his birth year, 1910, as the year of the visit of Halley's Comet, and jokingly remarked that when it came again, he would go, and go he did in March! Does this suggest that Hynek was an ET, a one-time visitor to the earth?"

Moseley Leads Job-Seekers

Rabbit expert MARTIN KOTTMEYER delights us with:

"Odd that Judith Starchild should bring up MEBON (in her letter in the June 25th 'Smear'.) Last month I found a reference to peach-colored bunny rabbits on Venus in the book 'ViVenus: Starchild'. One more meaningless synchronicity for the 'So What??' file, I suppose. Hardly a month goes by without turning up another of those inane rabbit/UFO correlations. On and on. They number over 120 now. It's a pointless job, but if I quit who would continue it - and why?

"As the world's only proctufologist, I guess I should emphasize the importance of the speculation in the latest Flying Saucer Review that the spread of AIDs may be an alien plot, but I'm not going to.

"'Smear' is still the greatest....."

Former researcher STEVE BARNETT writes as follows:

"Many thanks for letter and latest 'Smear'....Whether or not there really is anything 'supernatural' about UFOs, I strongly feel that people need something transcendant or magikal to make this modern technological civilization livable. I really don't think we are better off for a lack of myth and fantasy, whether rooted in scientific truth or not. Science itself seems to me to be a sterile myth in many respects, devoid of the wonder and enchantment of what it replaced. All I am really trying to say is that whether some UFOs are extraterrestrial or not, it's at least a wonderful thought that needs to be preserved...."

Black Ufologist TOM CANNON writes:

"Notwithstanding all the sarcasm, fun-poking, cynicism, etc. in it, your 'Smear' is a most interesting and provocative newsletter. It serves a valuable purpose as an 'escape valve' for disillusioned and disgruntled ufologists. At the same time it is keeping before the public this matter of UFO phenomena and the very real and serious mystery it poses. Something is there!....."

CHRISTOPHER ALLAN of England, who gave us the Cedric Allingham story, writes as follows:

"....Why do some ufologists get so worked up over those New Zealand films? They show nothing but meaningless blobs of light. What earthly use is this sort of thing towards proving UFOs as extraterrestrial, I ask you? I am not, of course, saying that I can explain with certainty what the lights are, but really they are quite useless as evidence of anything! The same could be said of the famous Tremonton films of 1952, and look at all the fuss that was made over them. Come on now, why can't we have some real films that show something for a change!?!..."

Sadly, we agree! - Editor.

**Angels are
unseen but
real, says Pope**

Man held in bus disturbance

James A. Mosley, was arrested yesterday after he screamed obscenities at two undercover officers on a COTA bus, Columbus police said.

Mosley of 4045 Carlton Ave. was being held in the Franklin County Jail on charges of resisting arrest and disorderly conduct pending a court appearance today.

Police said two undercover officers and Mosley were on a Central Ohio Transit Authority bus about 7:20 p.m. on Livingston Ave. when Mosley began masturbating, screaming obscenities and using grossly abusive language.

The officers said they used chemical mace to subdue Mosley.

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By DAN PIRARO

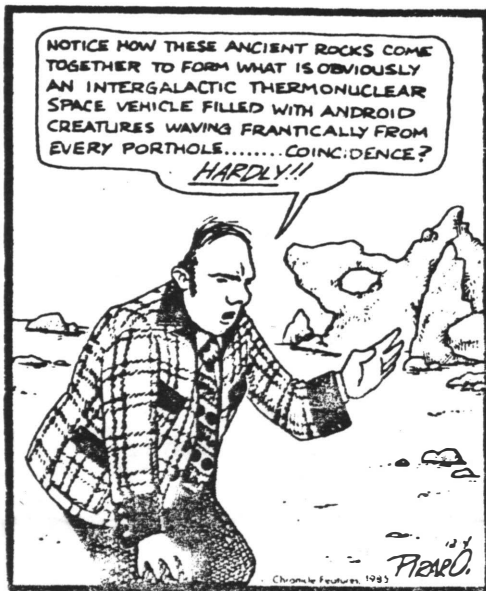
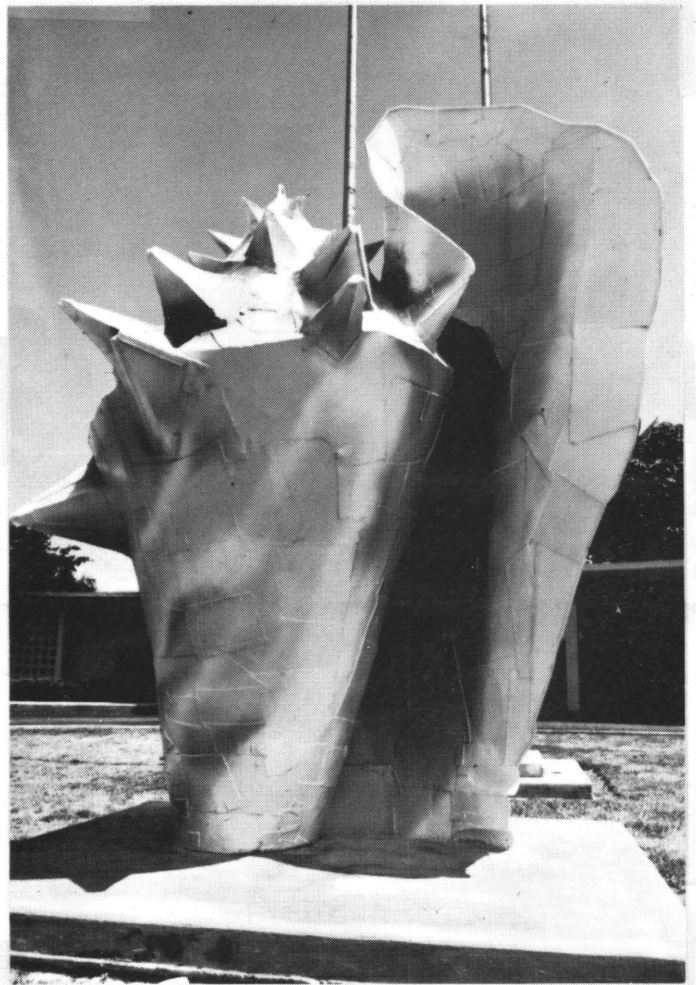


PHOTO AT RIGHT shows giant conch shell, made from scrap metal by the welding class, sitting in front of Key West (Fl.) High School. See story at bottom of Page 2. (Photo by Lucy Rainbow.) - Bizarre drawing above shows typical ancient astronaut devotee jumping to conclusions.



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written by the very well-known English astronomer Patrick Moore, with the help of a lesser-known writer named Peter Davies. (Davies was called in as secret co-author in an effort to disguise Moore's writing style.) - Space does not allow us to give full details here, but there is no doubt that this ancient mystery - more famous in England than the Straith letter was in the U.S. - has finally been solved!

"Magonia" can be obtained by writing to its editor: John Rimmer; John Dee Cottage, 5 James Terrace, Mortlake Churchyard, London SW14 8HB, England. (The address is almost as funny as the expose!))....

News Briefies: James Randi's career is in high gear, largely as a result of his prize from the MacArthur Foundation. On July 29th he made his third recent appearance on the Johnny Carson TV show, and he is featured in the August 11th issue of People Magazine....On August 4th your "Smear" editor celebrated his 55th birthday. Another milestone on the way to the graveyard!....In our next issue we will, hopefully, be able to give you the dates and location of the glorious 1987 National UFO Conference's annual flying saucer convention. At present we are still considering four bids from various cities, including one in Canada.

Finally, our sincere apologies (once again) to Erik Beckjord for not giving him Space herein to reply to his critics in the last issue. (We have also omitted a terrible anti-Beckjord letter from someone named Tim Curry.) We can well imagine that Erik may have in his employ a frightening battery of lawyers; they don't wear clothes, they all look to be over seven feet tall, and they mumble unintelligibly. We will try to placate them by giving Erik a better break in the next ish.