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MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

We are pleased to announce that the National UFO Conference (NUFOC) will hold its 24th annual convention in Los Angeles, California, with famed author & lecturer Bill Moore as local chairman. The date will presumably be some time in the summer of 1987. (Details will be printed in "Smear" as they become available.) It should be noted that 1987 is the glorious 40th anniversary of Kenneth Arnold's sighting, as well as the 40th anniversary of the Roswell (New Mexico) Incident, of which Bill Moore is the leading proponent.

Three other possible locations were considered before the decision was made to hold next year's convention in Los Angeles. One of these three was Cleveland, Ohio, where the National UFO Conference was co-founded in 1964 by Rick Hilberg and Allen Greenfield. Greenfield, now known as "Spider Rainbow", has long since left the UFO movement, and interestingly, he has moved from Atlanta, Ga. to Key West, Fl. very recently.

Hilberg still lives in Cleveland, and is one of the nine members of the Permanent Organizing Committee (POC), which supposedly runs the NUFOC. The other members are his wife Carol, plus Al Manak and Robert Easley, all of Cleveland; Ed Biebel of Arizona; Tim Beckley of New York City; Charles Wilhelm of western Ohio; Kal Korff of Kalifornia; and your humble editor, who is Permanent Chairman of the NUFOC.

We bring all this up in order to point out that, ever since the convention was last held in Cleveland in 1984, there has been a terrible schism between the Hilbergs on the one hand, and Manak & Easley on the other hand - even though they all live in the same city and all remain on the Permanent Organizing Committee. The schism comes about because of petty differences that arose around the time of that convention - matters so terribly petty that even "Smear" won't bother to report them to you. But as long as this situation continues to exist, your editor has decided that no more of our conventions should be held in that fair city. This, then, is a public message to the four Cleveland POC members to get their act together!

TIDBITS OF TRASH:

Paris Flammonde has written us pointing out that it was exactly 30 years ago that Long John Nebel began his classic "Party Line" all-night talk show on WOR radio in New York City, broadcasting in the early days from the station's transmitter in Carteret, New Jersey. Flammonde was the show's producer for many of those early years, and remembers how the show made a "star" out of UFO contactee Howard Menger and others. Your "Smear" editor was also a frequent guest. Long John has gone on to that great talk show in the sky, but Menger is alive & well, and living in Florida....

Timothy Good of England, author of "George Adamski: The Untold Story", has been kind enough to send us the most interesting letters from his FOIA file on the notorious R.E. Straith letter to George Adam-

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LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

The one & only ERIK BECKJORD writes as follows:

"Let it be known to all honorable non-subscribers that if I occasionally seem to fail to respond to various charges by the likes of Sheaffer, Klass, Mr. ParaNet and others, it is because Ye Supreme Commander has tossed out my responses in favor of something he deems more urgent, such as why there are so few Portugese ufologists. I send this missive off as I lick my wounds on a jet plane to N.Y.C., paid for by the David Letterman TV Show, which has summoned me to explain Cryptozoology to television's huddled masses on August 19th. Those dying to see what Moseley did not print, may get copies by writing to the Cryptozoology Museum, 18711 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, Ca. 90265."

We saw ole Erik on Letterman, & thought he did a credible job, though he was rushed through his routine - either because Time was running out, or because the host didn't Dig the topic - or both. And, come to think of it, why are there so few Portugese ufologists?? - Editor.

TIM CURRY of Indiana, apparently not a close friend of Erik's, writes as follows:

"...I see that you are continuing to soil the pages of 'Smear' by publishing the comments/remarks of one Erik Beckjord. So now he is a ufologist! Having apparently satisfied himself by raising hell and bringing the subject of Bigfoot research to an all-time low, he turns his sights to the field of UFO research!

"It's obvious that he is prompting much the same reception now as he was before, prior to leaving the BF field. All of those who have dealt with him before know, (yours truly included), and to those who have yet to 'experience' his presence, you are duly warned. Suffice it to say, he seems to derive a perverse pleasure out of using people and seeing his name in print as a result. It was the consequences of one of his tactics (backed up with a gun) that prompted his leaving the BF field. Will it take another confrontation, with a UFO witness, before people open their eyes? In accordance with his actions, he has also changed his name (I suppose in the hope of eluding creditors, husbands, ex-girlfriends, etc.) The poor fellow has something of an identity crisis, what? A psychoanalyst's dream come true!

"As you know, Jim, I'm not a UFO fan. Never claimed to be. But considering Beckjord's past behavior, I felt a duty to warn those in ufology who may be dealing with him. I won't go into details about his methods, as your noble sheet is only 8 pages long!..."

RON SCHAFFNER of "Creature Chronicle" fame writes:

"...Speaking of Erik, I see he is still professing scenarios that are indigenous to the late 1960's and early '70s. So now the picture has changed to UFOs. I would think that he would at least attempt to critique a more suitable case at your recent convention. Why did it have to be that unimpressive New Zealand blob of light? I thought Klass and Sheaffer closed the book on that one! I have fully documented Beckjord's campaigns of the past and, quite frankly, his work would make a great comic book!

"One final note: Are you that hard up to finally get acceptance into the MUFON hypocrisy? Probably MUFON is that hard up to get your \$25.00! For that kind of dues, one can get a membership into the National Geographical Society, or a year's membership to the Cincinnati Zoo, both of which offer more than MUFON. On the other hand, a non-subscription to 'Smear' is like a day at the zoo!..."

DR. BRUCE MACCABEE of the famed Fund for UFO Research, writes as follows concerning the New Zealand UFO film:

"In response to your short diatribe about my long diatribe re: Sheaffer's comments on 'embarrassing' water reflections or lack of same: As you wield your editorial meataxe to make my paper fit your Procrustean bed, please at least make the following points:

"(1) The lack of reflection is not an 'embarrassment' to the suggestion that the light was above the water because of either or both of the following: (a) The light was so high that the reflection was below the narrow field of view of the camera lens, and (b) As the altitude of the light increases the reflection gets dimmer and, using the relatively dim intensity of the reflection of known squid boats lights for comparison, it appears that at an altitude of several thousand feet the reflection might be too dim to film even if it were within the field of view of the camera.

"(2) The lack of a reflection is an embarrassment to the single nearby squid boat hypothesis, since the reflection would definitely be within the field of view and bright enough to film.

"(3) The squid fleet on the horizon fails because (a) The film image shapes and sizes are not consistent and (b) Testimonial evidence rules that out (e.g., the copilot claimed that while the plane was flying southeast, after the right turn, he could see the UFO roughly south of the plane, between the plane and Banks Peninsula, and at the same time could see the squid fleet on the horizon east of the plane.)

"Please tell your readers that anyone wishing a complete copy of my earlier, longer letter can write to me at: 10706 Meadowhill Road, Silver Spring, Md. 20901.

"I would like to comment on your opinion that the film will never prove anything because the technical arguments persist and 'are so complex' that 'there must be an element of doubt, whatever view one takes of that light.' I understand your point. That's not to say I think it is correct. If complexity kept us from accepting scientific 'facts', then most people would still believe in a flat earth and the 'ill humour' theory of disease....

"Yes, Big Jim, the world is full of complexity. But I think you are right. Let's forget the New Zealand case and all other sightings that do not involve landed saucers in close proximity to the White House, and go back to collecting antiquities. It's much less stressing, mentally any way.

"Happy Ancient Hallucinations (?)"

In his last remark, Bruce Maccabee refers to strange stationery we use for writing personal letters. -

JIM LEMING, former close associate of Pete Mazzola of the SBI, writes as follows:

"Supreme, Baby:

"...If Todd Zechel is so much against the personality feuds, why does he stoop to initiating them? He seems to take great pride in being closed-minded, as throwing away unopened mail clearly indicates. There might have been a pay-off check enclosed - who knows?

"As far as Klass working for the CIA is concerned, I think at this time the country is undergoing enough internal troubles without having to worry about the likes of Klass.

"Zechel's references to 'my' information, or 'my' newsletter simply illustrates what I have been against all along - 'One for all and all for me.' The number of people/researchers in the field today that share information gratis are countable on two hands! What is the need for headlines? With his ranting and raving, Zechel is only serving to lower

himself into the very same pit he considers the rest of us to be occupying...."

And here is the latest from "Upyerz Whipsnade", alias JOHN KEEL. We have published the letter exactly as written, but with the omission of one possibly libelous portion:

"----head:

"Take your finger out of your --- and explain your ----ing stupid remark about my erudite epistle being ---damned ----ing unprintable! Only an ---hole would find my brilliant remarks about Randi, the -----, and Klass, the -----, offensive. However, a person of inferior intellect, such as yourself, might misinterpret my scholarly approach to a ----- subject...."

"Your pal Erik Beckjord was scheduled to be on the David Letterman show last night. I missed it. I had to attend a C.I.A. meeting.

"Doesn't it seem logical that the 1987 UFOCon should be held in the state of Washington to celebrate - and exploit - the 40th anniversary of Kenneth Arnold's non-sighting? It should be the biggest convention ever held - because it will probably also be the last one. I know plans are being made for one here in the northeast. But there should be a coordinated effort so you could declare 1987 as THE YEAR OF THE SAUCERS. UFO sightings are on the increase again, despite the dearth of newspaper coverage. The August 13th 'meteor', seen by thousands from Maine to Louisiana, is comparable to the identical phenomenon that took place April 25, 1966, during the biggest UFO wave on record. As old Sherlock used to say, 'The game's afoot'. So get off that misshapened lard-laden posterior and get to work.

"I will be addressing huge throngs of starry-eyed admirers in Minneapolis on Sept. 5th. Subscribers to 'Saucer Smear' will not be admitted because I plan to reveal THE SECRET. I will also be present at the annual Fortfest on Oct. 11th, somewhere in the Washington, D.C. area. Admission is limited to people with an I.Q. over 42. That lets you out!"

ALAN ABEL - playwright, author, movie producer ("Is There Sex After Death?"), actor, professional hoaxter, bon vivant, etc., etc. - writes as follows:

"Your 'Saucer Smear' is always read with glee and interest.

"I was ecstatic over Randi's MacArthur's award. There is obviously hope for others, including but not limited to you, yours truly, and some of my favorite people: Jerry Falwell, Dr. Ruth, Regis Philbin, Boy George, John DeLorean, Edwin Wilson, Shirley Temple Black, Kurt Waldheim, Jack Paar, Mike Douglas, and even Phil Donahue!

"Let's all just hope and pray...."

When it comes to music in Austin, Keel produces

This is the last of a three-part series on the Austin music scene.

By BRUCE NIXON

Follow that smell!

Presque Isle, Maine, Chamber of Commerce officials are scratching their heads over the whereabouts of two tons of elephant manure that disappeared from a dumpster this week. The load accumulated after the chamber sponsored a weekend performance by the Olde Tyme American Circus. When a truck arrived to empty the dumpster, the driver found it empty except for a little white bag of household garbage, said Chamber Director Paula Fowler-Kilby. She said she didn't plan to pursue the matter any further. "We're just going to let it drop," she said.

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Famed ufologist DR. LEO SPRINKLE writes:

"Yes, I wish to become a non-subscriber to 'Saucer Smear'. Please add my name and address to the illustrious roll of non-readers and non-writers.

"I am willing to pay for a non-subscription, especially if you (or another staff member) can inform me of the significance of the underlined k in the name of Mr. Erikk Beckjord! Thanks...."

The underlined k is to remind us all that Erik spells his first name with a k rather than a c. It is important to him. - Editor.

Our old friend DR. THORNTON PAGE, retired NASA scientist, writes:

"Dear Supreme Commander:

"On the front page of 'Saucer Smear' Vol. 33, No. 7 I read that Phil Klass is accused of working for the CIA. Of course, the last thing I want to do is to defend Klass, but I must admit that my introduction to UFOs came when I was working for the CIA on the Robertson Panel in Washington in 1953. Crazy though it was, the distinguished scientists (H.P. Robertson, Caltech cosmologist, Sam Goudsmit, nuclear physicist, and four or five others of equal calibre), took seriously the charge, presented by J. Allen Hynek, that UFOs were a threat to the United States of America. We got paid by the CIA (has Klass been?) for a week of meetings, and our SECRET Report, later declassified, was presented for posterity as Appendix U of the Condon Report, 'Scientific Study of UFOs', New York, Bantam Books, 1969.

"Despite NASA's stalled operations and the Administrator's (James Fletcher's) misguided efforts to reorganize us out, life goes on a-pace here at the Johnson Space Center. Non-subscriber Jim Oberg triumphed two days ago by explaining a UFO of the Fourth Kind seen by millions of amateur astronomers watching the skies for meteors around dusk. A glowing cloud moved rapidly from south to north and turned into a corkscrew shape! Jim quickly identified it as a Japanese H-1 booster that was tumbling at 1500 km altitude.

"'Smear' readers (Smearers?) will remember that Jim identified a number of UFO reports in the Soviet Union and South America as Soviet-launched spacecraft, which he keeps an eye on in his job here at the Space Center, between writing books (6 so far)...."

RICHARD HEIDEN, Assistant Editor of the APRO Bulletin, writes:

"...In the latest 'Saucer Smear' you again characterized yourself as a fence-sitter on some issue. A week or two before I received it, some public figure speaking on the radio said that that pose is likely to result in castration. Wish I could remember the exact quote, and who said it!

"You asked about APRO. The latest news I have from Tucson is a July 25 letter from Bob Marsland, deputy director: 'Jim (Lorenzen) is not in any position to reply to mail, and Coral is spending most of her time caring for him.... There is no way to tell when our next issue will hit the press, and I am sure that were you in this position you would refuse to issue any guarantees either.'"

police beat

Man jailed for punching door

GERD HOVELMANN, a relatively new non-subscriber from far-off West Germany, writes:

"Dear Supreme Commander (if you insist on being called that):

"Thank you for the exciting new issue of 'Saucer Smear'. But can you imagine my dismay at receiving it in an envelope marked with the dreaded 'X'? 'Saucer Smear' clearly is my favorite UFO journal (which is only mildly surprising since it is the only UFO journal I peruse regularly.) Your truly uncommon sense paired with your wonderful sense of rumor have made me a 'Smear' addict. Your little newsletter manages to bring at least some light into the dark ages of slowly degenerating ufology. So please renew my non-subscription and keep up the good work.

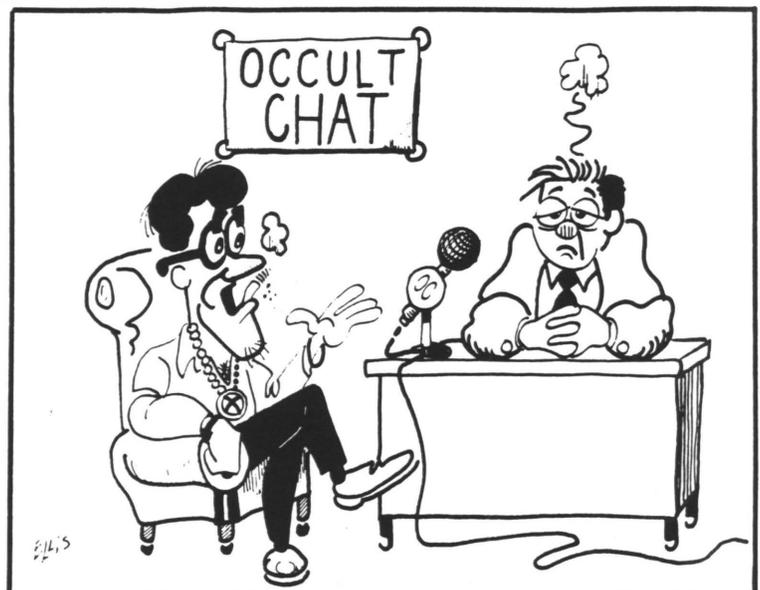
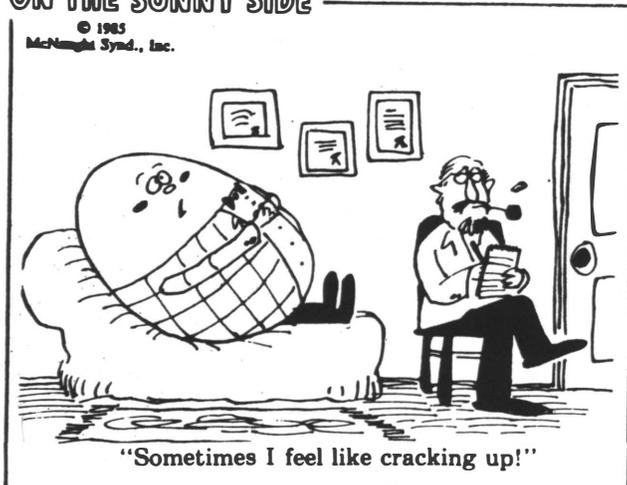
"...Please permit me to break what you called 'the rather deafening silence' (July 20th issue) brought forth by your earlier piece (May 15th issue) about the peculiar problems that have befallen James Randi. I have dabbled to some extent in the ongoing controversies about the legitimacy of parapsychological research; I have seen parts of the 'blackmail packet' about Randi that was distributed a few years ago; and my private secret service has procured for me copies of the recent documents written respectively by Scot Morris and Randi himself. So I may be in a comparatively good position to make a few marginal comments on these less-than-amazing rumors about the Amazing Randi.

"Frankly, I wonder what purpose might be served by such public revelations about alleged or genuine private affairs. Randi's activities in the debates around the paranormal can be criticized on a number of more respectable grounds. So why should people distribute such distasteful stuff? The only reason I can think of is that the anonymous distributors are trying to discredit Randi's activities in the scientific field by way of discrediting him as a private person. I gather that this attempt has not been totally unsuccessful, as some people seem to be shocked by possibly genuine revelations that I personally would not find shocking at all. After all, what people do with their private parts is none of society's (or parapsychologists' or psychics') business, as long as the acts are voluntary. Anyone with any sense (and any capacity for embarrassment) will know anyway that all these allegations are obviously irrelevant to what Randi calls his debunking work on parapsychology, and that it does not even have a bearing on Randi's credibility. So I think (or would hope) that serious parapsychologists couldn't care less about what Randi is doing when he doesn't talk about their field...."

We agree! - Editor.

ON THE SUNNY SIDE

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Our olde friend FRANK BRUCKMAN writes:

"...I still read your newsletter but for why only God knows. It seems most of your correspondents are beating a dead horse and are not on too high an intellectual level either."

And here to give that poor dead horse one more stroke of the whip is PHIL KLASS:

"Perhaps my letter of July 1st should have emphasized that I do NOT really believe, or suspect, for even one nanosecond (billionth of a second) that MUFON or its officials are serving as a covert agency to investigate UFO cases for the government.

"But, as the letter explained, IF the U.S. government knows that at least some UFO reports involve E-T craft (as some ufologists claim), then it would need to quickly dispatch a covert investigator to the scene of every UFO incident to assure that no substantive evidence ever came into the possession of non-government UFO investigators, lest such evidence reveal the 'truth' that the government had labored so long to keep under wraps.

"And after 1969, when the USAF announced that it was closing down its UFO investigations effort, the government could no longer dispatch investigators from a nearby USAF or other military base. This, to answer Armand LaPrade, is why the 1969 date is pivotal in this hypothesis.

"To wrap it all up - unless MUFON is a covert UFO agency for the U.S. government, which I seriously doubt, it is clear that the U.S. government no longer has any interest in UFOs of the 'flying saucer' type. The USAF will always be interested in unidentified flying aircraft or missiles that might possibly be a threat to national security."

Question: How do you tell right offhand a real, respectable & possibly threatening UFO from the mythical kind?? - Editor.

DALE D. GOUDIE of the Puget Sound (Wash.) Aerial Phenomena Research group, writes to Klass (via us) as follows:

"...It would seem if anyone perpetrated a hoax then you (Klass) would meet those qualifications, because you don't research a case to the max and you always leave the most important things out, like the facts! Again, you can not be reading these military documents and surely you are not giving any honest opinion and never have. Now it must be getting real bad for you because you are trying to confuse your readers by telling them that the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) documents don't mean what they say. Also you are trying to start a black list like in the 1950's by telling your readers that anyone who questions the United States Government's integrity about the UFOs or UAOs Government cover-up are communist. Have you ever read the constitution of the United States? And does it not say that the people of this country are supposed to keep an eye on their Government?...."

BRUCE WALTON of Provo, Utah writes as follows:

"...When are your readers going to realize that the UFO Mystery is not a physical phenomenon but a SPIRITUAL one? You've been in the business long enough to realize that UFOs (and the occult, telepathy, poltergeist phenomena, teleportation, possession, etc.) all fall under the same category. If we take the supernatural approach (i.e., that UFOs are demonic in origin), then everything falls into place.

"After all, it was only those 'ufologists' like Albert K. Bender (who proposed the Satanic origin of UFOs) who were murdered or silenced. What does the Evil One have to gain in the UFO Mystery? First, it is his

purpose to create a world-wide 'UFO religion' (i.e., New Age Movement) which teaches that men may become gods, that occultism is 'the way', and that we can one day become just like the 'space brothers' or 'space gods' (see Gen. 3:5; Isa. 14:15; Ezek. 28:2).

"This religion that says men can become gods is setting the stage for the Antichrist (Rev. 13). Every so-called 'space brother' who ever visited a 'UFO contactee' was actually a FALLEN ANGEL (demon) in disguise. Since UFOs are supernatural, it is obvious that no 'nuts-and-bolts' evidence for their existence ever has been or ever will be recovered. In addition, if you investigate the past of most UFO contactees, you will find, without exception, that ALL of them were involved in some way or another with spiritualism or witchcraft. From Adamski to Billy Meier! This is proof enough that the flying saucer mystery is nothing more than a modern version of demonic possession and manifestations."

On the other hand, SID GOULD writes:

"Dear Commander Moseley:

"After reading a monthly letter like 'Missing Link', which describes a throbbing UFO behind every rock, the agnostical approach of 'Saucer Smear' provides the needed shower of cold reason.

"In recent months, I spoke with a dozen cold-water sprayers who were motivated by their church upbringing, past or present. That chills me all over! The religion people have subtle sneers for any UFO sighting or contact, or else they twist the reports to resemble a saintly appearance, like in the Fatima incident. They take over and make it holy.

"Religious fanatics have been destroying UFO records for thousands of years, and make up the biggest and most subtle enemy of UFO investigations...."

We'll let KEN BEHRENDT of AURA have the last word this time, which is:

"I wonder if the UFO skeptics do not continue to deny the reality of the phenomenon out of a kind of secret jealousy. Perhaps they realize that the performance capabilities of the UFOs still make them superior technologically to the best current experimental earthly aircraft, and the skeptics' denial of their reality is a way of coping with the constant frustration we experience as we attempt to push the 'operational envelope' of our relatively primitive combustion-driven aircraft toward that already possessed by our extraterrestrial visitors!

"The performance abilities of our current earthly aircraft are already beginning to exceed the physiological limits of human pilots. Soon, if we continue to deny the UFO reality and continue with our present massive aircraft technology, we will have to remove human pilots from our jets and turn them into nothing more than automated missiles. If human beings are to remain as pilots of aircraft as they move faster and more violently, it is imperative that we make the switch to the technology utilized by the extraterrestrials...."

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ski (circa 1957.) It seems that even former Secretary of State John Foster Dulles was aware of this alleged misuse of official stationery. We had not seen these letters before, but someone showed us, years ago, copies of other correspondence which occurred after the matter was turned over to the Justice Department, i.e., the FBI. There one sees an unnamed (i.e., censored-out) suspect - obviously Gray Barker - falling slowly into the web of evidence. Yet, there never was any prosecution! We ask - why not?? (Come on, Richard Ogden, tell us!)....