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MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

In our last glorious issue we mentioned editorially that four of the nine members of the governing board (called "Permanent Organizing Committee") of the National UFO Conference (NUFOC) live in Cleveland, Ohio, but have divided into two rival camps since our 1984 convention. Our Cage has been somewhat rattled by the fact that none of these four individuals bothered to contact us as a result of the editorial - nor, indeed, did we hear from any other non-subscribers on this particular subject.

Can this be defined as apathy? Yes, quite possibly. We now give notice to the "Gang of Four" that unless we hear from each of them before the next "Smear" goes to press, they will become subject to Executive Action on the part of the Permanent NUFOC Chairman, namely your humble "Smear" editor. This is not a life-threatening situation; it simply means they will be removed from the above-mentioned governing board and replaced by other researchers compatible with NUFOC goals.

Moving on to more important topics, we note with sadness the death of Jim Lorenzen, Director of APRO, as of August 28th. Jim was 64 years old, and had suffered from cancer for several years. We knew him only slightly. Better known to long-time ufologists was (and is) his colorful wife Coral, who founded APRO in 1952 - making this UFO organization the oldest in the United States - with the possible exception of the Borderland Sciences Research Foundation of California. Coral is apparently in ill health, and the future of APRO has been in question for quite some time. The famed "APRO Bulletin" has appeared only irregularly in recent years, and the membership has been declining.

We have noted in recent "Smear" issues the semi-mysterious disappearance of the SBI (Scientific Bureau of Investigation), headed by Pete Mazzola. NICAP of course is long gone; APRO is on its way out; and the SBI is now defunct - leaving MUFON and CUFOS as the only major UFO groups in the country. We can't imagine that CUFOS will ever regain the prestige it enjoyed during the lifetime of its founder, Dr. J. Allen Hynek. Thus MUFON emerges as the largest and most active group still in existence. Your editor remains as MUFON State Section Director for Monroe County, Florida - hardly a post from which to seize power, but considerably better than nothing.

Who, then, will be the next acknowledged spokesman for mainstream ufology - as Major Keyhoe and Allen Hynek were in their respective eras? Having given the matter a lot of thought and spoken to a number of ufologists, we believe that the most logical candidate is Dr. Bruce Maccabee of the Fund for UFO Research, presently based in suburban Washington, D.C. Maccabee is young, academically qualified, articulate, and avidly pro-UFO. He will be hosting next year's annual MUFON symposium, by the way. However, when we phoned him recently to express our feelings about his competence to become the unofficial spokesman for ufology, his response was less than enthusiastic. He facetiously suggested Phil Klass as an alternative.

If there is any point over-all to this editorial, it is to comment again on the sad state of ufology. On the positive side, we note several new computer-hookup type of saucer groups emerging lately, and perhaps one of these will eventually make a worthwhile contribution to the field. In the meanwhile, we can only sit back and hope that the saucers will somehow present themselves in new ways that are more convincing to the general public than they have been in the past. If something truly mysterious is going on in our skies, it's high time we find out what it is!

I Married the Man Who Shot Me in the Head Four Times

Church flushes sacred john idea

An eatery owner wanted the church to declare the men's toilet at his restaurant a religious shrine — after the missing statue of a saint was found there.

The statue of The Virgin of Suyapa, patron saint of Honduras, was discovered in the

men's room of a downtown restaurant in Tegucigalpa.

Thieves had stripped the statue of its precious gems, but it was otherwise intact. The Archdiocese of Tegucigalpa turned down the restaurant owner's request.

— JOHN BUTSCH

TID-BITS OF TRASH:

Here's a truly Hot Flash: Famed author Bill Moore has written suggesting that Phil Klass retire from ufology, "considering your (Klass's) advancing age and your self-acknowledged mental impairments". Moore goes on to offer a donation of \$100 toward "a gala Phil Klass retires from ufology" banquet. The amazing thing is that in his response to Moore, Klass has ACCEPTED the offer. Let's see what happens next as these two titans of the pen struggle on in their efforts to outwit each other.....

Ron Schaffner, editor of "Creature Chronicles", wants you-all to know that he has moved & has a new address: P.O. Box 44062, Cincinnati, Ohio 45244. He hopes to hear from all you Creature fans out there in Creatureland!....And, internationally-known non-subscriber Antonio Huneeus wants you-all to know that on Sept. 17th he gave a UFO slide lecture to a small group at the United Nations. It seems that the U.N. has an unofficial club that schedules talks regularly on various off-beat subjects, including flying saucers. Antonio is now in India, by the way!.... And, in California, there is a new group appropriately called "California UFO", which has a hotline phone number (213-976-UFOS) where one can hear a recorded spiel about saucers, and get on a mailing list to receive their magazine. To subscribe to the zine, write: 1800 S. Robertson Blvd., #355; Los Angeles, Ca. 90035....At a recent meeting of the Alberta (Canada) Writers Guild, "Smear" non-subscriber Douglas Curran (pictured on the next page) surpassed 15 other entries in the non-fiction category, to take a prize for his excellent book "In Advance of the Landing: Folk Concepts of Outer Space". Saucer fans have not warmed up to Curran because he, like your humble editor, admits to being a "fence-sitter" re the reality of UFOs....

From Secret Sources we learn that Lt. Col. Wendelle Stevens, his daughter, Bob Girard of Arcturus Books, and Lucius Farish of MUFON fame are all somehow involved in a forthcoming book called "UFO Contact from Beyond Rigel, Earth Survey". The book is said to contain 192 pages and sell for \$14.95. Possibly Bob Girard knows more about this than we do.From another Secret Source we have received information leading us to wonder if perhaps the above-mentioned Wendelle is now out of prison, even though his prescribed sentence couldn't possibly be up yet. Our Staff is investigating this....AND from still another unnamable source we have received the jolly UFO photo on Page 3. Says our informant: "I have been in search of the most genuine, unaltered photograph of a UFO to date, and as you can see, I've hit paydirt!" That's all the info we have on this picture....Finally, the brief article on Page 3 about Laura Mundo, taken from "Whole Life Review", speaks for itself....

A "SAUCER SMEAR" HERO:

William L. Moore Named Local Chairman Of National UFO Conference

The 24th annual National UFO Conference will spotlight "UFOs Over America: 40 Years and Counting." The conference is scheduled to be held in Los Angeles, California in the summer of 1987. Organizers have selected author and lecturer William L. Moore as the local chairman in L.A.

The 1987 theme refers to a couple of landmark events in American ufological history, the widely-publicized Kenneth Arnold sighting of nine "silvery discs" near Mt. Rainier, Washington on June 24, 1947, and the controversial "crashed UFO" case near Roswell, New Mexico that began on July 2, 1947.

The conference's permanent chairman is James Moseley, who can be reached at P.O. Box 1709, Key West, FL 33041. More details on the conference program and schedule of events will be available in the near future.



Douglas Curran
... non-fiction prize



INTERPLANETARY NEWS!

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Contactee Laura Mundo, a sweet little old lady, has been publishing saucer teachings in a newsletter for years. She is very ill, sad to say, and now her people are giving away copies of her many booklets, plus selling her autobiography, *The Mundo UFO Report*, for only \$2 - a steal! (Unlike many other saucerians, Mundo hasn't been doing it for the money.) Classic contactee stuff; the space brothers have communicated with Laura for years and she reveals the paths to becoming a Pre-Atomic Energy Being like them. (The Trinity, by the way, really means neutrons, protons and electrons.)



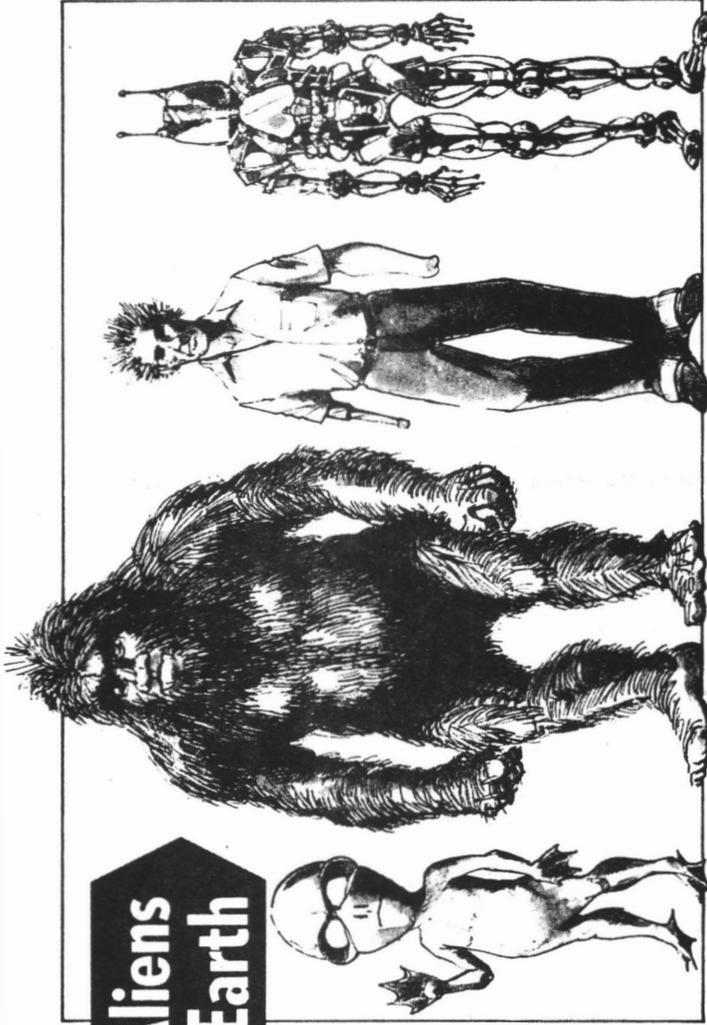
UFO Expert Claims:

These 4 Types of Space Aliens Are Regular Visitors to Earth

At least four types of space aliens regularly visit the Earth — and they range from a hairy 7-foot-tall beast to a creature that looks almost human, say top UFO researchers.

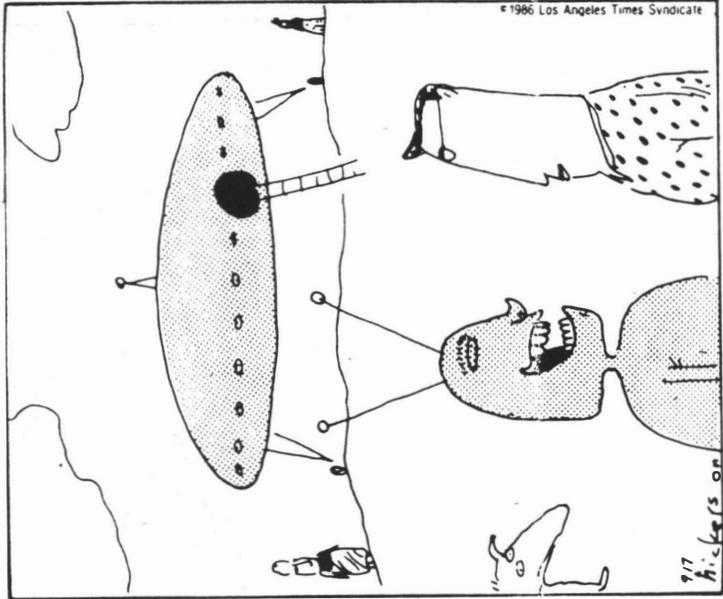
"These four types have been developed based on the thousands of cases we have in our files from people reporting close encounters with such entities," said Walter Andrus, international director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON).

By PETER FENTON



MOST COMMON SPACE CREATURES, say experts,

THE QUIOMANS



"We've been visiting Earth for years, and the only press we get is the National Enquirer."

IS PHIL KLASS SECRETLY AN ALIEN FROM ANOTHER PLANET?

This is the haunting question we struggled with when we recently read the Oct. 14th issue of our favorite scientific journal, "The National Enquirer". There on Page 41 was an article about your Leader and mine, Walt Andrus of MUFON. We have reprinted part of the article, together with the accompanying drawing. Unfortunately, none of the four Entities pictured above resemble to any reasonable degree any of the Creatures allegedly seen over the past forty years of Saucedumb! But the Alien on the left does closely resemble a pint-sized Phil Klass, except for the webbed hands and feet. Has poor Walt "sold out" to the "Enquirer" without even getting the MUFON address included in the article? We fear the worst, but retain our basic confidence in & friendship for our intrepid MUFON Leader!

Will Moseley Get the Boot?

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

WARREN THOMPSON, whose earlier (March 8th) letter on the same subject somehow got lost in the shuffle here at "Smear" Headquarters, writes as follows:

"As editor of the Bay Area (Calif.) Group's listing known as 'The Bigfoot Bibliography', I'd like to correct some misinformation about our 'Bib' in the letter from Erik Beckjord which appeared in the March 1st issue of 'Saucer Smear'.

"Beckjord's statement re the availability of the 'Bib' not only demonstrated a mis-preception of our listing's intent and distribution, but his remark was made without our knowledge or consent. The 'Bib', by necessity, is not available to the general public or even all Bigfooters. Its circulation is limited to just a small number of our group's correspondents. Present circumstances do not permit us to make additional copies available at this time, and we regret any inconvenience that Beckjord's somewhat presumptuous behavior may have caused any of your 'non-subscribers'.

"It should also be noted that the Bay Area Group (of which George Haas was director until his death in 1978) is in no way affiliated with Erik Beckjord, his proposed 'cryptozoology museum', or any of his other Bigfoot enterprises."

Well, I'm glad we cleared that up! - Ed.

On other topics, the one & only ERIK BECKJORD writes as follows:

"Dear Supreme Commander:

"I hear more grumbling from the ranks that the films of UFOs are not good enough, etc., etc. I say, we are blessed to have any - and what do we want for a nickel, anyway? It seems that few out there have figured out that we are dealing with an elusive phenomenon that consciously doesn't want us to know all!

"Speaking of UFOs, I went into the Maryland woods with former MARCENite Larry Peters, now on his own, before my appearance on the David Letterman TV show. Peters has been seeing, with friends, some monsters with red eyes and no bodies, who smell, and we thought my night vision device might shed some light on the problem. We sat in his car for several hours after midnight, and aside from some whirling visions of animals in my brain (fatigue, maybe), we saw nor heard nothing.

"The next day I flew to New York City, and was met by stretch limo with open bar and TV; stayed in the Berkshire Hotel in the midtown area, and got a good 8 minutes on the Letterman show. Got in a good plug for the Cryptozoology Museum-to-be in Malibu (Calif.), and found one lady in the audience who had a BF sighting, and another who has seen large tracks.

"The public is still fascinated by UFOs and critters, so keep the faith, all ye non-subscribers!"

HILARY EVANS of jolly olde England writes as follows:

"You are puzzled about Portuguese ufologists? I'm not surprised. Yet the explanation is surprisingly simple. At least half the population of Portugal are named Fernandes, and this goes for ufologists as much as for dustmen and diplomats. Consequently, there is a tendency to suppose that all the UFO-Fernandeses are one and the same.

"That this is not the case was verified by me earlier this year, when I visited Porto (where the port comes from) and supped with two UFO-Fernandeses simultaneously. But sorting out names only gets you half



way through the difficulties: there is also the fact that at least half the male population of Portugal wear black beards - this is certainly true of both the UFO-Fernandeses of my encounter; so confusion has ample scope.

"Once one has sorted out the bearded Fernandeses, one finds that ufology in Portugal is at least as alive and well as it is anywhere else. They have recently produced (though hitherto only in Portuguese) a 50-page report on one of the most promising UFO cases anyone's had in a long while, in which two Air Force training Chipmunks circled round a disc-shaped craft, in full daylight, at a distance of less than 100 meters for several minutes."

Unfortunately, Hilary is responding to a facetious remark in Beckjord's letter published in our last issue. - Ed.

LEE SPEIGEL, a radio & TV personality in New York City, writes:

"....Seriously, I admire your ongoing consistency to keep us all informed (mostly about each other instead of the UFO subject itself.) I continue to be amazed/amused by all the (un-named) personalities in the field who feel the continuing need to voice their 'expert' opinions on matters in which they have no right to be considered experts. If UFOs are real, i.e., something outside of the knowledge of Science as we know it, then 'expert' opinions by pseudo/amateur investigators will add nothing to enhancing that knowledge. Leave the guesswork, gossip and gossipers alone with their foolishness.

"I have great faith that truth and knowledge in this area will show itself someday. Skeptics and believers alike have much to learn about the subject and each other.

"Re the Randi controversy: If, as his critics claim, he is homosexual, since when has that caused a social stigma to be placed on an individual in today's world? An individual who, in this case, is doing terrific work in an area that needs real experts. To Randi's detractors: Leave your petty stuff somewhere else!

"And those are my 'expert' opinions!"

RILEY CRABB, former director of California's Borderland Sciences Research Foundation (BSRF), writes as follows:

"The Sept. 10th 'Smear' is in hand and read with great glee, as your non-subscribers flail away at each other. Some of the material is trivial but your editorial skill at juxtaposition makes it easily readable. I hope I can make it to the 1987 NUFOC convention in Los Angeles and meet some of these people - and you - face to face....

"Incidentally, there's an amusing contradiction between your Washington informant's version of 'Star Wars' and the major point in the English book 'Sky Crash'. In 'Sky Crash' we learn that there is collusion between certain American and British Air Force officers and certain Visitors or Invaders from outer space, and that this has been going on for years, with Alien space ships being stored in underground hangars at Bentwaters AFB. Yet your informant told you that the 'Star Wars' defense system was being developed to identify and shoot down invaders from outer space, after President Reagan learned of the UFO crash near Bentwaters. Is this another example of the Government's right hand not knowing what its left hand is doing? Perhaps the president has 'no need to know' of the reality of Flying Saucers."

No, we cannot explain the above-mentioned contradiction, unfortunately.
- Editor.

TOM BROWN, present director of BSRF, writes:

"After reading your current issue, I thought I'd jump into the fray. Usually Borderland duties keep me too busy to write fun letters, but here goes:

"The letter from Bruce Walton got me going. No doubt he's been 'born again' and prefers the tunnel vision that accompanies such feelings of religious fervor. We all must submit to his view and everything that the 'born agains' don't like comes from the devil. What a pile of crap! He pushes the Satanic origin of UFOs and points out that Albert K. Bender bit the dust after he claimed the same! In the July-August 1986 Journal of Borderland Research I give my opinion of the spiritual aspects of UFOs. This is a valid origin of the phenomenon, but why is the universe always so unbalanced in the Christian view?

"Wilhelm Reich tangled with some sort of UFO in his Desert research. He didn't hang around too long after publication of 'Contact with Space'. To him the UFOs were all bad, also. Reich could have survived, if he'd only submitted to little men with big power.

"I suggest that Mr. Walton (and any others who share his view) read 'Ether, God and Devil' by Wilhelm Reich. The evil one Walton speaks of is none other than that in himself which he will not accept. The universe is a functioning organism, and no life-negating religion (celibate priests and castrated choir boys in the Sistine) will make me believe that the search for understanding is evil.

"No doubt this will stir 'em up, Jim, but I thought you'd like a new dead horse to beat...."

JIM LEMING of Independent Aerial Phenomenon Research & Investigation (IAPRI) writes as follows:

"I have just read the latest within the bowels of 'Smear' and was quite pleased to see that Mr. Klass is still alive. I wonder - do you think it a coincidence that Klass rhymes with ass? Probably.

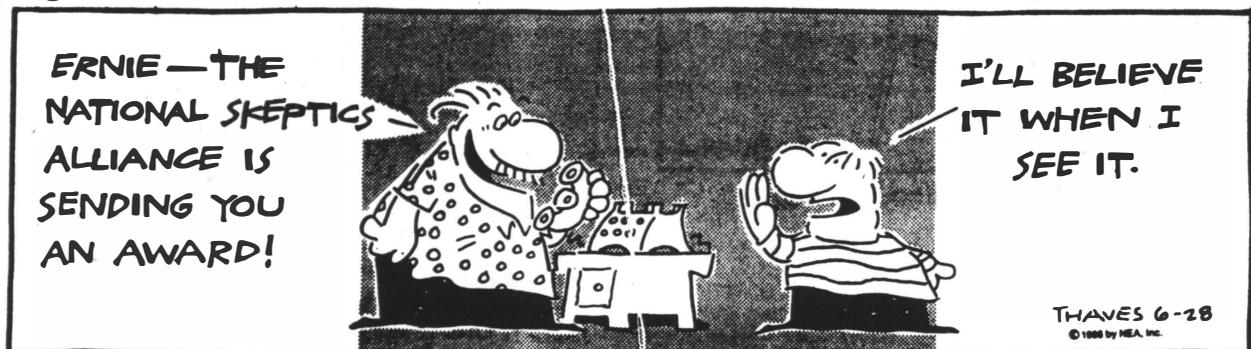
"Anyhow, re: the Beckjord appearance on the David Letterman show: Whoever saw that program now understands why the masses are huddled.

"Re: Mr. Schaffner's remarks: The MUFON hypocrisy he speaks of denied him and his Ohioan Bigfeets space to prove out their theories, so he feels jilted! That has been a scab healing since 1978! Once again, the 'I have this - and I have that' syndrome rears its ugly head. I suppose anyone else is incapable of uncovering the same material??

"Not to forget good olde Frank Bruckmann: re: his assessment of intellectual levels: This is a pretty strong statement coming from someone who checks his I.Q. with a dipstick!....

"It certainly is good to be able to vent one's opinions/feelings in this way. I'm surprised that 'Smear' took so long to come to life! I know the feelings stated within have been around since the invention of dirt. Bravo! Bravo!

"TaTa, O Infallible Wizard of the Written Word - until we communicate again."



HOWARD KAUFMAN of Kalifornia writes:

"...So everything is calm in Monroe County, Florida, pertaining to UFOs. See what happened when you moved there? Or is it because you are finally a member of MUFON? I guess now the UFOs won't even come near your area. Did you threaten them? If so, it sure worked!..."

ARMAND LAPRADE, Editor of "Would You Believe?" (Rt. 4, Box 156, Marshall, Ark. 72650), writes as follows:

"...Supreme Commander you call yourself! Not a darn one of your crew of non-subscribers has ever questioned this self-imposed title! Why? Because they live in fear of walking the plank (ie., the Dreaded X which terminates their non-subscription)! Little do they realize that they are aboard a pirate ship that never sees land and always steers into raging storms, much to the delight of its insecure Captain. Its crew now plan to mutiny, due to his unsure course (HE WHO SITS ON FENCE IS NOT A CAPTAIN!) Perhaps they realize that they have been sailing under the jolly roger flag! The Dreaded X was always waving above them, and now the shrunken head emerges to complete the meaning - THE SKULL AND CROSSBONES!"

JIM SPEISER of ParaNet writes:

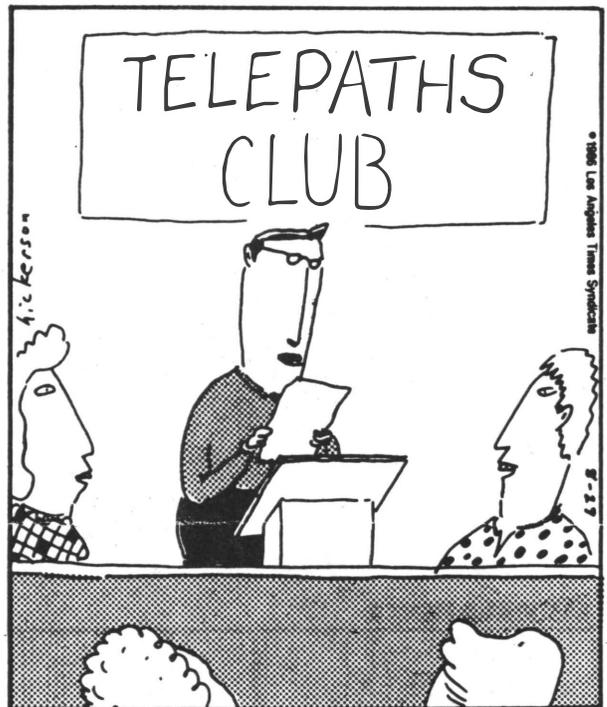
"In the tradition of such groups as MSTOP, HSTOP, ASTOP, CSICOP, and CO-RAP, I have decided to create an organization called 'Federation of Arizonians for Rational Thought'. Our purpose will be to sniff out pseudo-scientific claims and other unfounded beliefs that don't amount to a hill of beans. Across the Grand Canyon State we will blow our horns for reasoned thinking. Our first task will be to investigate the nature and behavior of swamp gas. I invite the readers of 'Saucer Smear' to submit suggestions as to other projects we may take on in the future.

"Flatulently yours, Jim Speiser"

We suggest that you acquaint yourself immediately with the works of Charles Fart! - Editor.



"Mr. Bailey? There's a gentleman here who claims an ancestor of yours once defiled his crypt, and now you're the last remaining Bailey and . . . oh, something about a curse. Should I send him in?"



"The man in the third row has ruined my train of thought. Quit thinking about bikini-clad babes in Rio, sir."