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JUNE IS THE MONTH FOR UFO CONVENTIONS, INCLUDING OURS:

We don't know if the Space Brothers are paying attention, but 1987 is producing more saucer books and conventions than any recent year!

First in chronology as well as importance is our own 24th annual National UFO Conference (NUFOC), to be held June 12th-14th in Burbank, California. See the lower part of Page 8 for details.

Next comes a one-day ufological symposium in New York City, on Sunday, June 21st. This is sponsored by the New York Center for UFO Research, of which Mike Luckman and Harold Salkin are leading lights. The speakers will include Antonio Huneeus, Peter Gersten, Budd Hopkins, Phillip Imbrogno, Bob Bletchman and (ugh!) Colman VonKeviczky. Further info. may be obtained by phoning 212-995-0384.

Next there is the annual MUFON convention, to be held this year on June 26th-28th in Washington, D.C., sponsored locally by Dr. Bruce Macabee's Fund for UFO Research. Details available from Fred Whiting (703-683-2786) or Richard Hall (301-779-8683). Be sure to mention our name if you speak to Mr. Hall.

Finally, vintage contactee Wayne Aho has kindly sent us literature about his 26th annual Space Age Convention, to be held at Pierce College Student Center, Tacoma, Washington. This will take place on June 27th and 28th, with special events also slated for June 24th, the actual 40th anniversary of Kenneth Arnold's historic sighting. Further information available from Wayne at 206-472-6565....

IN WHICH YOUR EDITOR CAUTIOUSLY MINGLES IN SKEPTICAL CIRCLES:

On April 3rd & 4th, your editor attended the 5th annual convention of the dreaded CSICOP organization, held this year in Pasadena, California. Present as usual were Phil Klass and James ("The Amusing") Randi, plus several lesser-known luminaries from their Executive Board and their magazine ("Skeptical Inquirer"), such as Ken Frazier, Paul Kurtz, and Mark Plummer - the latter being a gracious gentleman recently arrived from Australia.

This year's program pointedly avoided presentations concerning CSICOP's two favorite adversaries - UFOs and parapsychology. Instead, there were exposes of such unlikely victims as: animal language; chiropractic medicine; nutrition; and crooked gypsies.

Our favorite lecture was the one on Spontaneous Human Combustion (SHC), by the same professional investigator (Joe Nickell) who laid the infamous Shroud of Turin to rest in a recently-published tome. Joe's SHC lecture was warmly received by the audience, including one man who facetiously suggested the establishment of a SHC "hot line". We must admit that Joe's logic pretty well extinguished our glowing interest in SHC, since he succeeded in convincing us that the known cases probably can be explained by purely natural causes.

In one of the lectures on animal language, we were told at great length about the exploits of a horse known as "Clever Hans", who lived in

Germany near the turn of the Century, and who could solve complicated mathematical problems by stomping his foot an appropriate number of times. Unfortunately, Hans cheated, as he relied on subtle visual signals from his trainer rather than textbook knowledge. The detailed expose was, we fear, an extreme case of Beating a Dead Horse!

High point of the conclave was an excellent "keynote address" by astronomer Carl Sagan, who emphasized the crying need for critical inquiry and skepticism in important fields such as international politics. He seemed to feel that the Reagan administration could be doing a lot better if it is really searching for world peace. In regard to the fringe sciences, Sagan stated that although credulous belief should be carefully avoided, it is "okay not to know all the answers."

CSICOP is growing fast and is on an intense fundraising kick, as was made evident when Randi promised a free copy of his latest book to anyone who made a contribution of \$100 or more. Your editor didn't bite on that one, but we did attend a \$100-per-plate pre-convention banquet on the Queen Mary in Long Beach.

At an awards banquet on April 4th that ended the convention, various people in sympathy with CSICOP were honored. Among these were Carl Sagan and a Nobel Prize winner named Dr. Murray Gelman, who, in his acceptance speech, gently cautioned the CSICOP hierarchy against excessive skepticism. We might add that there are few if any Nobel Prize winners attending UFO conventions - for whatever reason!

In all, a professionally-done & interesting conclave. But we do hope that next year they will go back to whipping the ufologists and the parapsychologists. It's more fun for all concerned!....

FLASH! Tragic news from Pete Mazzola, director of the SBI (Scientific Bureau of Investigation). After a long series of health problems, including a near-fatal car accident, Pete has sent us a form letter informing us and the rest of his "inner circle" that he has cancer of the brain! His lifespan may be only a matter of a few more weeks, according to medical information he has received recently.

The SBI was co-founded in 1979 by Pete Mazzola and another semi-retired policeman named Jim Fillows, who eventually dropped out of the group in a semi-mysterious fashion. Thus the SBI, in spite of claims of having many hundreds of active members, was run by a small clique almost entirely dependent on one person - Pete Mazzola himself.

This, unfortunately, is the case with all of the UFO clubs, with the exception of MUFON and possibly CUFOS. The SBI has been silent for well



ABOVE: World-famous physicist Carl Sagan poses with psychologist Molly Squire, following Dr. Sagan's lecture for CSICOP. Miss Squire was, until recently, associated romantically with Bigfootologist Erik Beckjord of "Saucer Smear" fame.

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over a year, during Pete's succession of illnesses, and now will presumably fold up without publishing any more bulletins.

Mazzola concludes his 3-page form letter with the following paragraph: "I thank each & every one of you for your devotion, loyalty, trust & friendship. Just keep in mind that I did not plan these events. May God bless each & every one of you, & your family, since one does not fully understand the meaning of life, or love, until something like cancer pulls the rug from under you. Enjoy life to the fullest, loving your spouse, children & friends to the end...."

FLASH! More sad news: Long-time ufologist Dominick Lucchesi of Jersey City, N.J. died on April 5th of heart trouble. He was about 60 years old.

We knew Dom since 1953. He, August C. Roberts, and Gray Barker were the original "Three Men in Black" who investigated the silencing of Albert K. Bender - founder of the International Flying Saucer Bureau - which was the first membership-type UFO club in this country.

Dom appeared on the old Long John Nebel radio show in New York several times, and lectured for our monthly UFO meetings in New York in the late 1960's. He was the author of a recent book called "Flying Saucers from Khabarah Khoom", to which we gave a scathing review in our August 15th, 1984 issue of "Saucer Smear". This tome was published by Gray Barker's Saucerian Press, and was the last of Barker's publications before his own death in December, 1984.

We have been criticized in the past for writing unfavorable obituaries about our friends. (We take the perhaps peculiar position that after death is the time to make negative comments, as the person can no longer be hurt by them.)

So for Dom, we will just mention the most favorable thing we can think of, which is the fact that he very likely really did have psychic powers. To make a long story short, your editor engaged in a series of ESP experiments with Dom in the late 1950's; and though Dom cheated as much as he possibly could, there were times when cheating was impossible, and yet his scores were mathematically fantastic. Once when we caught him using a marked deck, he said, "Allright, think of four-digit numbers in your head (without writing them down), and I'll tell you what they are." And he did! But since no records were kept, and cheating was involved, the experiments were scientifically worthless, though most interesting indeed!

Augie Roberts, who remained friends with Dom Lucchesi all these years, as we did also, had this to say about Dom's death: "His passing will leave an empty place in my life. He was a good friend and in many ways my teacher, who taught me many things in my younger days - mainly



James Randi and Paul Kurtz of CSICOP down a friendly drink with each other at the pre-convention bash aboard the Queen Mary in Long Beach, California.

how to think for myself on many subjects. In time we will all be together, but for now, many of us who knew and loved him will have a heavy heart."

NEWS BRIEFIES:

We are pleased to announce that Kenneth Behrendt, editor of AURA and author of the current book "The Physics of the Paranormal", has been appointed to the governing board of the National UFO Conference (NUFOC), of which your humble "Smear" editor is Permanent Chairman. Behrendt replaces Kal K. Korff of Kalifornia, who seems to have retired from ufology. (See his letter to the editor, further along in this issue.) The other members of said governing board, in addition to your editor, are: William Moore, Hal Starr, Tom Benson, Ron Schaffner, Ed Biebel, Charles Wilhelm, and Timothy Green Beckley....

Again re the recent Alaskan UFO sighting by a Japanese pilot - the FAA insists that the radar confirmation was a "split-image return" of the aircraft itself. Also, a United Airlines pilot who, at the request of Anchorage (Alaska) flight controllers, flew near the path of the Japanese airliner at the time of the mysterious radar readings - SAW NO OTHER AIRCRAFT! Yet this alleged sighting by a veteran Japanese pilot has already become an Article of Faith among many ufologists!...

We have in our possession an 18-page double-spaced typewritten article by Hal Starr called "The Meier Affair", taking a negative position in the current Great Debate over the validity of alleged space contacts from the Pleiades. This article, which is intended for publication in the MU-FON Journal, will no doubt be revised and updated in the light of a 10-page single-spaced typewritten pro-Pleiades article, written by Gary Kin-

der, author of the current best-seller "Light Years". Kinder makes claims which, if true, would make us think twice before dismissing the Meier Case completely. (Coming up next: How many angels can dance on the head of a pin???)...

A P.S. to our weird item on Page 3 of the last "Smear", about the Church of the SubGenius: One of "Bob's" Miami ministers informs us that the fire at the party at the Wet Paint Gallery that night was not the work of vandals but was actually a "spontaneous appearance" of "Bob"! 0 Praise Be!....

Lawyer Peter Gersten, formerly with CAUS, has announced that he is forming a new organization called Project Aquarius, to study UFO abduction reports. There will be a national hotline, a bi-monthly newsletter, and "a board of twelve consultants who have the expertise to professionally encounter this phenomenon". We wish him luck!....

Kindly, ever-generous old Phil Klass has come up with another of his clever cash offers to UFO enthusiasts: This time it's \$10,000 to every UFO abductee who reports his or her ordeal to the FBI, providing said incident is confirmed true by FBI investigation. Why, we might ask, don't abductees report their experiences to the

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BELOW, LEFT: Jim McGaha of the Arizona Skeptics exchanges some thoughts (not via ESP) with the arch-skeptic himself, Phil Klass, at the CSICOP convention. RIGHT: A fake UFO that floated around the ballroom during the CSICOP Awards Banquet. In lit letters on the side, it reads, "Philip Klass, Where Are You?"



Feds? Well, if fear of ridicule weren't enough, I guess they are sane enough to realize there is little the FBI could do to prove (or disprove) such an incident. So Klass's money is safe. But maybe a few of us should get together a bunch of money and try to bribe the Space Brothers to abduct Phil himself! Then in all good conscience he would have to give us back our money upon his return to Earth!....

Donald Story, editor of one of the two fine UFO encyclopedias of recent years, is working on an updated second edition of his, and would like contributions from "Smear" readers and others. He has now moved to Florida, and can be reached at 7744 Bristol Court, St. Petersburg, Florida 33709....

Your humble editor was pleased & flattered recently when he received a letter from Scientific American, inviting him to write a 2,000 word UFO article for that august zine. "We leave the approach to the subject to your judgment", the letter went on. Upon checking with the magazine's office in New York, we learned to our dismay that the editor who apparently signed our letter does exist, but he did not write the letter! The whole thing is a ghastly hoax, and we (sob!) are thus not considered to be worthy of Scientific American after all!....

A new approach to trying to prove the existence of an Afterlife is being tried by a group called the Survival Research Foundation, headed by a parapsychologist named Arthur Berger. The gist of the matter is that when a member dies, he tries to communicate to a specified surviving member, the solution to a puzzle that only this deceased member knows. So far only one member has died, and the attempt to receive from him the solution to his puzzle did not succeed. The group intends to go on trying. (Miami Herald, 3/9/87, Page 2B)....

SEE PAGE EIGHT FOR DETAILS CONCERNING OUR GLORIOUS 24TH ANNUAL NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE - BURBANK, CALIFORNIA - JUNE 12TH-14TH!

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

KAL K. KORFF, till recently a member of the Governing Body of the National UFO Conference (NUFOC), writes:

"Dear Supreme One:

"Just a short note to let you and all of UFOdom know that, contrary to the rumor floating around, I am indeed alive. In fact, I have a new post office box now: P.O. Box 8091, Fremont, Ca. 94537.

"How about that Meier case? It seems to have more lives than many cats combined. Anyone care to write and discuss it? I am aware of the new pro-Meier book coming out, but don't be surprised if a totally revised expose comes out in the next few months also. I spoke with the author of the new pro-Meier book, and it is obvious that in spite of going to Switzerland, talking to photo 'experts', etc., he failed to ask the right questions. Also, when coupled with his background, I find (from what I know is in the book) it to be a disappointment. His much-circulated letter also strikes me as being terribly apologetic, when there is no need to be if no 'crime' was indeed committed, as he tries to state.

"Suffice is to say, for those who want to know the 'other' side or want to see these claims easily refuted, please drop me a line."

Famed contactee BETTY HILL writes:

"Hold the presses! James ('The Amusing') Randi is wrong again if he believes that Uri Geller has 'retreated to England after finding the U.S. scientists are no longer fooled by him.' Uri Geller will be in New York City on April 4th, coming from London at the invitation of Henry Holt & Co., the publishers of his new book 'The Geller Effect'. The book was released in London last Fall and immediately became a best seller. Now it is being released in this country and soon will be published in 15 languages. For the first time, Geller reveals how his psychic abilities were used to help businesses and governments, and have made him a multi-millionaire. So read all about it, Randi, and if you are as great as Uri, why not make yourself a few million?

"As for Randi's opinion of Dr. Berthold Schwarz, I am well aware of much of the research in which he is involved - things Randi could not imagine, or explain, or duplicate. But he does not need my defense. He is a highly-respected scientist in his own right...."

None other than PHIL KLASS writes:

"Delighted to learn from Stanton Friedman's letter of Feb. 14th in latest issue of 'Saucer Smear' that he is, at long last, earning an honest living and doing something useful for society.

"I presume that his new SCAT Science and Technology company is using the latest extraterrestrial technology, obtained via Billy Meier's Pleiadian sources, or via Betty Hill's Zeta Reticulians.

"Was hardly surprised to learn that Stan strongly endorses the reliability of a five-time UFO repeater - Japan Air Lines' Capt. Terauchi, who has admitted that at least two of his UFO sightings had prosaic explanations."

BOB ZANOTTI, currently a Swiss radio personality, writes:

"....The only other news is that I've become a vegetarian. My philosophy is that cows are really descendants of an early space race who colonized Earth millions of years ago. Considering the Laws of Karma, I am fearful of eating myself in a previous life, or a close relative...."

RON SCHAFFNER writes as follows regarding the Jan. 5th "Smear":

"...This was a good issue, with lots of good letters.

"I like Tom Benson's remarks, even though he doesn't know what he is talking about. Yes, Page Research and UAPA have drifted to that big mother ship in the sky, but if he really knew anything about Ohio, he would see that OUFOL is still very much alive. Does he think we collapsed because we have become skeptics instead of believers? As far as using an arbitrator, I would rather have Richard Nixon than Erik Beckjord!

"Larry (Ol' Red Eyes) Peters remarks are the same old bullshit he tried to pass off in Cleveland a few years back. His comments should have been stated, 'The creatures I thought I saw; the experiences I thought I had, etc.' We already know about the Rome, Ohio fraud, and it is just a matter of time before the other red-eyed anthropoids and robots are put to rest. Oh well, maybe he's on the right track after all. Just yesterday my demon dog told me she came from the planet Mystroid and she was going to take over my body!

"And Jim, just between you and me - I believe Beckjord has been sucking up to Bruce Maccabee so that he can be in line for a grant from the Fund for UFO Research. This constant debate on the New Zealand film is old hat. No matter what that light is, it is no proof of UFOs!..."

MARTIN KOTTMEYER, one of the very few true Intellectuals on our List, writes as follows:

"I have been doing some etymological experimentation on the names of ufonauts and just turned up something of almost exquisite significance. I was looking into a claim made by Frank Johnson in his abductee epic 'The Janos People' that the proper names appearing in that UFO experience fit together in a 'linguistic family relationship' which could not have been contrived by mere fantasy. I found one relationship which does boggle the mind:

"The apparent captain of the UFO was named Anouxia (Anno-youksia). Ano- is a Latin prefix which refers to the anus. -Ux- (youks) can be considered a corruption of the Middle English word yuke which means 'to itch'. The -ia suffix commonly appears in words denoting pathological conditions, e.g. pneumonia. Anouxia, thus, can be shown to have a linguistically sensible, albeit embarrassing, structure and meaning.

"Anouxia's home world is Janos. The name is obviously derived from the Roman god Janus. James Frazer in 'The Golden Bough' reports Janus was the god of the sky, an identification which underscores the likelihood of the derivation. Frazer traces Janus to a corruption of the name Dianus. He also reports that DI is an Aryan root meaning 'bright'. Yes, fellow proctufologists, we are led to conclude Anouxia's home world can be identified as 'Bright Anus'.

"Could fantasy alone contrive such an unexpectedly natural and subtle relationship as this?...."

WILLIAM STEINMAN, a crashed disc enthusiast, writes:

"I am writing just to let you know...I am still investigating deep into the true UFO data, behind the 'Security Lid'. So far, I have found out the following:

"1. The flying saucers originate from an 'eternal dimension', not subject to space and time as we know it.

"2. They 'materialize' out of this eternal dimension into our space-time frame, and have been doing so since immemorial.

"3. There is a direct tie between 'The Great Secret' of the occult, the 'Mystery of Inequity' of the Bible, and the flying saucer phenomenon.

"4. The 'Dark Forces' of the occult are the underlying source be-

hind the flying saucer phenomenon.

"5. These 'Dark Forces' are motivating and influencing the so-called 'conspiracy groups' who really control every world Government, through their various Intelligence Groups.

"6. There exists in the U.S. an alliance between the materialization of these Dark Forces, posing as 'Alien Beings', and a high-level Intelligence Group known as 'MJ-12', who in turn conduct their operations through the NSA, CIA, FBI, DIA, etc.

"7. There exist Above-Top-Secret 'Saucer Bases' in remote portions of the U.S. and the world, in which this unholy and immoral alliance is developing a very advanced technology, based on Unified Field Physics; Genetics, and Occult Mind Control, in preparation for the ultimate 'materialization' of the Dark Forces...leading to the 'Anti-Christ'.

"8. The entire subject matter remains the most closely-guarded secret of all time, under the cloak of 'National Security'.

"9. Paranoia (fear) is what allows the materialization, or Psycho-Physical manifestation, of the 'M.I.B.' (Satan's henchmen), and causes them to 'visit' you, if you know too much.

"Jim, I have proof to back up every one of the above-mentioned points, and furthermore, I believe that you found out the same thing somewhere along the way, during your own investigations....I will continue to write as more of the above unfolds."

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

We have just received an 8-page treatise about the 24th National UFO Conference from author & lecturer Bill Moore, our energetic local chairman. As stated in previous "Smears", this extraordinary event will take place at the Burbank (California) Hilton Hotel on June 12th-14th of this year, commemorating the 40th anniversary of Kenneth Arnold's flying saucer sighting.

Why do we say "extraordinary event"? Because never before in the history of Ufodom has there been an attempt to hold as many as eight lectures at the same time! Yes, gentle reader, during four time slots on Saturday, there will be a "real" speaker in the large hall, plus seven lesser speakers in unnumbered rooms nearby. There will be a total of 32 "workshops" (i.e., small lectures) during the 3-day period, plus major speeches by Stanton Friedman, Dr. Richard Neal, Timothy Good, Hal Starr, Brad Steiger, and of course Bill Moore.

Truly, you can't tell the speakers without a program. We have a few copies which we will send upon request to those of you who really believe you are going. No idle curiosity-oriented requests, please.

Among the "workshop" speakers is yours truly. According to the program, our topic will be "3½-D Aspects of the UFO Phenomenon". We might touch on that; but everyone knows that "3½-D" is passee (even though we created the term & concept!) It's back to nuts & bolts, folks, and believe us when we say that it's better to be a bolt than a nut! Seriously - we will discuss for the first time publicly some of our own UFO and psychic experiences over the years. And we hereby offer to take a lie-detector test on the spot (and even a urine test!), PROVIDED THAT all the other speakers do likewise!

In addition to your editor, "workshop" speakers include Vickie Cooper; Tracy Torme (son of crooner Mel Torme); Dale Kaczmarek; Ann Druffel; Jim Speiser; Timothy Green Beckley; and Kal K. Korff. Also the "real" speakers will take their turns in the workshops.

There's a lot more to it than this, but Space prevents us from raving on at greater length. No kidding, this is shaping up to be the greatest indoor UFO conclave since our 1967 extravaganza at the old Hotel Commodore in New York City. SEE YOU AT THE CON!