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NOW WE ARE THE OLDEST UFO
ORGANIZATION IN THE UNITED
STATES AND PROBABLY
THE WORLD!

(See article below. Wheeee!)

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PS - Coral has died

Many of our readers do not know (or even care) that the Saucer and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society (S.A.U.C.E.R.S.) was founded back in July of 1954, with the publication of the first issue of SAUCER NEWS - then called "Nexus". (August C. Roberts and the late Dominick Lucchesi were co-founders.) S.A.U.C.E.R.S., though less well known than NICAP, APRO, MUFON, etc., has been in continuous existence since that date!

APRO was founded by Coral Lorenzen in 1952, two years before us; but we have just learned that this venerable organization has folded, due in part to the recent deaths of her husband and her daughter, and the persistent poor health of Coral. An assistant to Ms. Lorenzen named Robert Marsland (we kid you not!) directs people writing in to APRO to turn instead to MUFON or CUFOS. (S.A.U.C.E.R.S. is not mentioned.) What we do not know yet is what will happen now to APRO's vast files.

Coral Lorenzen is an opinionated lady, and has been a highly controversial ufological figure throughout the years. Her long-standing feud with Walt Andrus of MUFON, who broke off from APRO in the early 1970's, is legendary. Says Marsland in his letter to us: "Coral has mellowed considerably in the later years, as have you, but she is still fidgety about such easy explanations (for UFOs) as are contained in 'Communion' or 'Intruders'...."

We feel sincerely sorry for Coral Lorenzen in regard to her illness, and we wish her well. (Really!)

There is, incidentally, one pseudo UFO organization older than ours. It was originally called Borderland Sciences Research Associates (BSRA) and now is Borderland Sciences Research Foundation (BSRF). It was founded in 1945 by the late Meade Layne, and was carried along for many years by Riley Crabb, who has recently retired from the directorship and moved to New Zealand. The new director of BSRF is named Tom Brown.

Most of our readers have probably never heard of BSRF, the reason being it is not primarily a UFO research organization, but is devoted mainly to esoteric philosophy of various sorts. Yet, Meade Layne described a huge (two miles long, as we recall) UFO over San Diego in 1946 (?), and coined

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the term "aeroform" to describe such objects, which he believed to be from the fourth dimension. If we are inaccurate about this information, we can count on being corrected by one of the coterie of BSRF fans still on our mailing list.

Anyhow, congratulations to S.A.U.C.E.R.S. for having outlasted all the other real UFO groups in the U.S. (if not the world!), and our special congratulations to Jim Moseley, its humble Director-for-Life, Supreme Commander, Intergalactic Chairman, etc., etc.

FORGET YE NOT about the glorious 25th annual National UFO Conference (NUFOC), which will take place in Cleveland, Ohio on Sept. 16th and 17th of this year. Speakers include Antonio Hunneus of international ufological fame; John Timmerman of CUFOS; Ed Biebel of MUFON; Ron Schaffner and Charles Wilhelm of OUFOIL; Bill Moore of MJ-12 fame; and of course your humble "Smear" editor. Also participating are the local Cleveland Biggies, who include Rick Hilberg, Bob Easley, Al Manak, and Lawrence Blazey. Complete details can be obtained by writing to UAPA, P.O. Box 347032, Cleveland, Ohio 44134.

The National UFO Conference, founded in 1964, has a governing board consisting of the following nine: Ed Biebel; Tim Beckley; Hal Starr; Bill Moore; Charles Wilhelm; Ron Schaffner; Ken Behrendt; Tom Benson, and Jim Moseley. The latter is Permanent Chairman of the organization.

In our last "Smear", we published a rather superficial review of Phil Klass's new book, "Abductions: A Dangerous Game". In the Nov.-Dec. "International UFO Reporter" there appears a more serious review of that book and of CSICOP in general, written by Thomas Bullard, Ph.D., a folklorist specializing in the study of Space Age beliefs. Here in part are his remarks:

"...This reader suspects that Klass does not want to understand the abduction mystery, just to chloroform it. Doubts about motivation spread beyond him to CSICOP in general, judging from a review of Whitley Strieber's "Communion", by Ernest H. Taves. He appeals to the philosophical principle that the simplist argument is best, and rejects the reality of Strieber's story out of hand, without benefit of research or firsthand examination. Of course this maneuver is formally correct, but it is also utterly devoid of curiosity. No one could deny that these reports bundle together just about the worst of everything - anecdotal testimony, impaired observers, fragmentary data - or overlook the inherently implausible and surrealistic character of the stories. Yet the phrase "secrets of nature" rings true. Few truths come easy, and if science settled only for the reasonable and obvious, the earth would still be the center of the universe and flat as a pancake.

"Klass chides ufologists for becoming progressively more credulous toward abductions, but in fact they have only responded to accumulating evidence that something unusual is going on and needs investigation. They may be incautious and they may be wrong, but they have made a more genuine effort first to meet the evidence on its own terms and then to decide what it means than the members of CSICOP, who start out with a litany of reasons why such evidence cannot exist. Who follows the spirit of science and who the letter?

"Whatever abductions prove to be, they offer an opportunity for new knowledge, if not about aliens then about mental processes, the origin of cultural traditions, and the social development of beliefs. This phenomenon has its victims, too, and their suffering is real whatever its origin. Klass shows concern for their plight, and surely members of the healing



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professions should do the same. For this reason if no other, fair play in the abductions game means willingness for the impartial investigation motivated by curiosity to know the truth whatever it may be. For the true sportsman, whether ufologist or skeptic, the only good mystery is a solved one and not just a dead one."

TIDBITS OF TRASH:

The UFO Convention planned to take place near Trenton, N.J. on Halloween weekend, hosted by Tom Benson, has unfortunately been canceled due to lack of interest & other factors....The worst thing about the latest postage increase is that for the first time mail to the U.S. and Canada are different prices, forcing us to separate the whole (expletive deleted) mailing into domestic and Canadian categories!...Evidence presented at the latest meeting of John Keel's New York Fortean Society suggests that the big January 1988 Australian UFO case, involving four people in an automobile, is "flimsier than we thought". We of "Smear" have been intuitively disturbed all along by the fact that 3 of the 4 occupants of the car were young men in their early twenties - i.e., possible mischief makers.... A Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin man named Tom Weber wants to build a landing site for visitors from outer space, but so far has no site and no money for the project. This is merely the latest of several such projects over the years, most of which have not gotten off the ground....Jerry Clark of UFO fame has been appointed Editor of FATE Magazine, replacing Mary Margaret Fuller, who is now listed on the masthead as Associate Publisher & Editor Emeritus. Way to go, Jerry!....

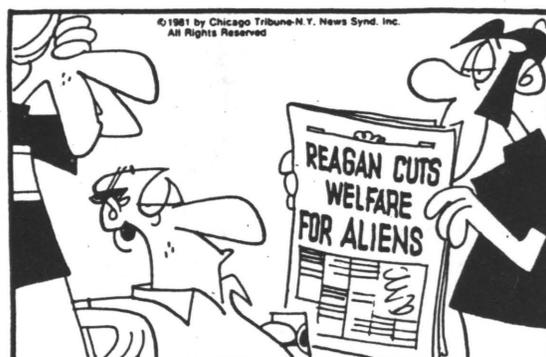
One of the most astounding things we have learned recently, from literature supplied by John Lear and others, is that the greys (the most common of our various kinds of extraterrestrial visitors) shit through their skin. Yukkk!... Timothy Green Beckley is now editor of a newstand zine called "UFO Universe". The "premier issue", dated July, 1988, will be out shortly....Your editor was unable to get to the March 25th-26th Eureka Springs, Arkansas UFO convention, due to Unforeseen Circumstances, but we hope to have a review of it in our next issue, from one of our Spies who did attend....New York publicist Mike Luckman has gotten himself involved in promoting a series of expensive UFO seminars, to be held in several western cities, involving presentations by ufologist John Timmerman and several others. The theme of the series is "Extraterrestrial Visitors: Fact or Fantasy"....

Finally, we resent the fact that skeptic Robert Sheaffer has written a book called "Resentment Against Achievement" rather than another UFO book. Published by Prometheus (the CSICOP "in-house" outfit), this book purports to describe the struggle between achievers and (sob!) the rest of us, throughout modern history. Sheaffer says he believes the book will be more popular among Yuppies than among the homeless. Way to go, Bob!.....

MOTLEY'S CREW



by Ben Templeton and Tom Forman



MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

The esteemed ERIK BECKJORD writes as follows:

"Mike Lindner is right (in his letter in the March 5th issue). Belushi, Marilyn Monroe, Elvis - they're all there in the super-enlargement of the photo by Alex Crosbie of Edinburgh, taken at Loch Ness. What Mike doesn't know is that the photo, one of 8, can be viewed in full frame, and one can see a head at the front of a 48 foot tube-like body; When we enlarge the photo about 100 times, all sorts of creepy stuff can be made out - even the face of Phil Klass. But let's not forget the main overall image. It was ye Commander who selected the super-enlargement on the principle that he selects only the most bizarre things to go into 'Saucer Smear'. Mere standard stuff like the Loch Ness Monster isn't weird enough for Commander Jim!"



At right is Alex Crosbie with a garbage can, the symbol of his profession. The photo was sent to us by Erik. - Editor.

STANTON FRIEDMAN, the saucer scientist himself, writes as follows:

"My desk is piled high. Too many trips and too much mail. Thanks for the coveted back page (in the last 'Smear'). I still see no reason to buy the notion that MJ-12 is a fraud or that Zeta Reticuli is, either. Do you?...."

"I keep seeing letters such as in FATE from people who seem to think Freedom of Information is the magic key to unlock all doors. Total nonsense. For those who think no secrets can be kept, I'm enclosing a brief article about Black Programs - annual budget \$35 billion! More than 200 projects! I have the 20-page Philadelphia Inquirer series - shocking even to me. Oversight by Congress? Investigative reporting by the Washington Press Corps? HA!"

BARRY GREENWOOD of CAUS writes:

"...If Friedman's and Moore's 'Sour Grapes' remarks are intended to demean CAUS' motivations for criticizing MJ-12, they better re-read our papers. We were hopeful the story was real until we saw the documents. They were full of problems, not the least of which was lack of authentication from reliable sources. We printed our concerns in excruciating detail in 'Just Cause', and still do even now.

"Neither are our comments based on wishful thinking or 'fear of reality' (?). And if anyone is 'jumping blindly to conclusions', it is Friedman for assuming that the 9/24/47 and 11/18/52 meetings were UFO-related, when the only evidence for this are the suspect documents themselves.

"Finally, I hope that defense of MJ-12 is not typified by dumb remarks like those of Brian Parks in the December 'Smear'. He labels us

'useful idiots for, he says, having implied that covert operations release their files to archives and libraries. Did he stop to think that if the Cutler-Twining memo were real, that's precisely what happened! After all, the memo was found at the National Archives, wasn't it?"

CHRISTOPHER ALLAN, a semi-skeptic from England, writes:

"While I am reluctant to waste further time on MJ-12, I noticed Stanton Friedman's latest ravings in your recent 'Smear'. In a sense he is right that nobody has proved that the documents are fraudulent (and nobody ever will). However, his question about the purpose of Donald Menzel's trips to New Mexico after World War II is easily answered. I enclose an extract from 'The Biographical Dictionary of Scientists: Astronomers' (pub. 1984), which answers that quite adequately, and further, also answers the question of Menzel's 'frequent trips to Washington, D.C.', also posed by Friedman in his May 16, 1987 letter to the MJ-12 file as released last summer. It seems Friedman simply did not bother to do his research properly, something he claims his critics have not done! Of course Friedman may well have better evidence for Menzel's activities than the publishers of that biography, in which case I suggest he send it to them, preferably with documentary evidence (such as the Hillenkoetter memo), so that they may revise the entry for Menzel in the next edition. Somehow, I doubt whether he will do that!...."

"I have your 'Wright Field Story'. Come off it; it ain't that bad!"

Veteran free-lance writer GEORGE EARLY writes as follows:

"...Question: Is Larry 'I can shoot a Bigfoot anytime!' Peters the same Larry Peters who, with a bunch of gunslingers calling themselves the 'Center Force', was driven into panicky retreat by some alleged 'dinosaur men' in or near Rome, Ohio, back in 1981? Sounds like Brother Peters is trying to become the 'Dirty Harry' of Forteana..."

Dreadful Skeptic JIM OBERG writes:

"I hear rumors that Tim Good's book has a chapter on Apollo astronaut UFO encounters. I'm too cheap to buy it, so would like to beg your non-subscribers to send me a photocopy. In return I'd send them photocopies of my book chapter on Apollo astronaut UFO encounters. WARNING: Do not place both chapters in close proximity, or they will annihilate each other in a flash of neutrinos, leptons, and left-handed fartons!"

Big Jim can be reached telepathically at: Rt. 2, Box 350; Dickinson, Texas 77539. - Editor.

JEAN MISNER, a wonderful Gray Barker fan from the Olde Days, writes:

"...Jim, would you please ask Gary Kinder how the artist Elizabeth Brunner that Timothy Good met in the Ashoka Hotel in New Delhi in September, 1964 could make the statement she did about Billy Meier being in love with a spacewoman, when Meier did not meet that particular spacewoman until January 28, 1975? Just wondering! See the book 'Light Years', pages 52 & 87. Semjase sure gets around with the earth men, and they fall in love with her! Can you imagine? Billy Meier and Dr. Fred Bell, friend of Sherry and Brad Steiger, both in love with the same spacewoman? Wow! What we have here is a cosmic love triangle. Is this Earth's first cosmic love triangle?...."

Probably not. - Editor.

Life is simple without sex

SAUCER PHYSICS



* Saucer events can be created, but they can never be destroyed; just embellished... ad nauseum, pro perpetualis.

Our olde friend BARRY HOFFMAN writes:

"Dear Moseley:

"For some weird reason, I felt inspired to respond to the last issue of 'Saucer Smear'. Perhaps it was the didactic elegance of Stan Friedman's Prose. Perhaps it was the curt and soporific transcription of the holy words of Jerry Clark. Perhaps it was your revelation of the duplicity involved in the creation of one of 'your' greatest Saucer Tomes. And perhaps it was the latest prophetic utterance of Phil Klass, whose crystal visions of Saucer Futures shall certainly not come to pass after January 1989, and probably shall not come to pass before that time!

"And so, Glorious Commander of Forces Beyond Anyone's Control, here is a Free Cartoon for your Free Publication. (See above.) There are some elements of humor in this cartoon, as well as some elements of truth, justice, and artistic license. Surely I have not strayed from the Highest Principles of Saucer Journalism with this simple, yet elegant, artifact of pseudoscience.

"You will happily print this cartoon in the next issue of 'Smear'. And you will be pleased at the Gloriousness of your Publication because you have included my fine work in it. You'll love yourself more, and you will feel just wonderful. And, you will forget this letter upon awakening and not be aware that it ever existed!..."

Long-time researcher GEORGE FAWCETT writes:

"I continue to enjoy your monthly (sic) 'Saucer Smear' and will list them again on my next updated recommended listings on UFOs.

"I believe I enjoy your 'Smear' most of all, because I like the easy reading it includes; also the interesting tidbits, good insight, and many 'facts' surrounding the UFO enigma...."

Researcher TOM BURCH writes as follows:

"....Several issues back, you made a passing reference to Paul (alias Williard F. McIntyre) Mason. I find it (1) interesting, (2) amazing, and (3) utterly mind boggling beyond human comprehension, that Mr. McIntyre/Mason has migrated to California and is in some way involved in LAW ENFORCEMENT! For someone with as colorful a background as WFM to end up working in law enforcement (and with an alias to boot!) is almost beyond belief! Jim, my dear friend, in passing up the opportunity to discuss this at length in 'Smear' you have, no doubt, overlooked the story of the century!

"I noted, sympathetically I might add, that old Phil Klass, mind po-

liceman extraordinare, is deeply disturbed and mentally depressed that neither he nor his CSICOP co-conspirators have been the butt of any cruel or debasing comments in recent issues of your noble tract. To remedy this ungodly oversight, I offer the enclosed cartoon for the amusement and ego gratification of Phil and all of his fellow CSICOP megalomaniacs.

"Continued good fortune, Jim. And I do hope that none of the current pressures being brought to bear on the good General Noriega will in any way hinder your successful enterprises down there in Florida!"

See Tom Burch's cartoon on Page 8. As for "Dr." McIntyre, no one except Tom seems to still care that said lawman (?) used to be head of MARCEN, a UFO group in Silver Spring, Maryland, which folded without refunding subscription money. McIntyre has asked us to keep our current correspondence with him confidential; but alas, in recent days he seems to have reverted to his old habit of sending us crank anonymous missives (post cards in this case). More on this later! - Editor.

MARTIN KOTTMEYER, that satirist extraordinare, writes as follows:

"Brace yourself. I've solved the flying saucer mystery. I have documented proof of what saucers really are. You kept saying it was simple, clear, and obvious (e.g. April 1, 1982) and now I see you were right. Hard to believe it could have been overlooked for 40 years, but when you are playing in the wrong paradigm these things will happen.

"Being a proctufologist, Kenneth Arnold's report to the Air Force was a puzzle to me. The things he drew weren't circular like flying saucers ought to be. From the top it looked like a U closed by a shallow, inverted V. Why would Arnold call something like that a flying saucer?"

"He didn't, it turns out. Bill Bequette of United Press had asked Arnold how the things flew and he said, 'Well, they flew erratic, like a saucer if you skip it across water.' Arnold preferred to describe the shape of the objects as 'not circular but somehow crescent-shaped.' He said it was by virtue of a great deal of misunderstanding that Bequette managed to term the objects he saw 'flying saucers'.

"It was Bequette's magical catchphrase that got into the newspapers and reported over the radio throughout the country. Other reports started to come in as the news spread. But they weren't shaped like Arnold's objects. They were circular. They looked like flying saucers sound like they should look like. Bequette's phrase was acting as a verbal formula for what to see and be excited about. More and more circular objects were reported and reinforced the seeming credibility of the concept of flying saucers. The early days were such a circus that nobody stood back far enough to notice the discrepancy. Later, the disc form became such a cultural stereotype that the variations got ignored. It remains the favored shape of alien vessels to the present day.

"The paradox for the extraterrestrial hypothesis is simple and deadly. Why should aliens redesign their crafts to conform to Bequette's phrase? Cheekiness? The great mass of UFO reports, from daylight discs to crashed discs to interrupted journeys, are dominated by a conceptual form that owes its existence to a blunder made by some asshole newsman back in 1947. Way to go, ufology! Not one of you figured it out!"

"Flying saucers are a journalistic error. Q.E.D. R.I.P...."

The semi-mysterious BOB RENAUD writes:

"...On a far more sobering and disturbing note, I found to my great dismay a couple of inordinately distasteful and uncalled-for vulgarisms (in 'Smear'), to wit, 'a--hole' and 'horsesh-t'. Gentlemen, this sort of egregious impropriety demeans and besmirches the entire field of UFO research....Besides, there might be fuckin' KIDS reading this stuff!..."

Artifact Discovered Near Tel-Aviv Proves Existence of Atlantis

Incredible Discovery Indicates Their Inhabitants Spoke English!

by Don Teluskin, Tel-Aviv, Israel

which was found off the shores of Tel-Aviv in July, 1987.

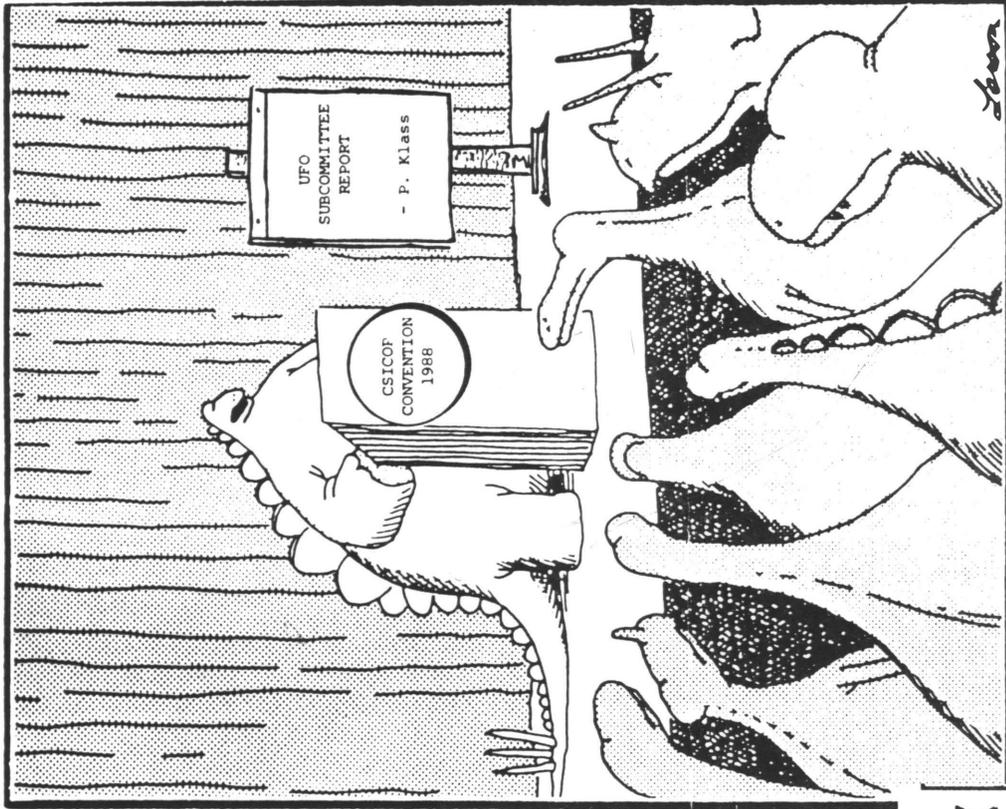
Carbon studies date the Parah Dish back to 6500 years B.C. Equally significant, inscriptions on the dish were written in English, thousands of years prior to the first known use of English.

The Parah Dish contradicts previous beliefs that Atlantis existed in the Atlantic Ocean. It is now confirmed that Atlantis was located in the Mediterranean, within 50 miles of the shores of Tel-Aviv. Secret studies are now underway to determine the exact location.

The research team led by archeologist Yaakov Levitt, announced the startling discovery of the Parah Dish to a group of visiting archeological experts who were holding their annual convention in Israel.



Several recent archeological discoveries have proven beyond doubt that Atlantis did exist! The most important discovery to date is known as the Parah Dish, a fragment of



"The picture's pretty bleak, gentlemen. ... The world's climates are changing, the mammals are taking over, and we all have a brain about the size of a walnut."

Hubby Dumps Wife & Marries Her Brother!

In a bizarre climax to one of the weirdest love triangles ever, con-