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PLAINTIFF AT LAST!

So says embattled Bigfootologist Erik Beckjord, who claims that as of Jan. 5th, Judge Douglas Robinson of the Whitman County District Court in Washington State dismissed the criminal "death threat" complaint against him for lack of jurisdiction. This ruling now frees Beckjord to file criminal charges of his own against Fred Twigger, alias Mark Francis, for five counts of forgery and three counts of perjury.

All of this comes about because of Twigger's alleged attempt to frame Beckjord in regard to several "death threat" letters, which Twigger apparently wrote to himself.

Beckjord now asks, rhetorically, whether Twigger will "twist in the wind" alone, or whether he will name two Bigfooters from the Pacific Northwest who were allegedly co-conspirators in the "death threat" scheme.

Incidentally, Beckjord has (without permission) joined Bill Moore's weird aviary of secret agents with bird names. Beckjord weighs in as Goshawk, though he is known to us as GASHAWK. Your editor, of course, is known merely as Buzzard.

Way to go, Beckjord!



THRILLING SPRING-SUMMER PARADE OF UFO CONVENTIONS:

Though it is not strictly a UFO convention, we are still intrigued by the upcoming TREAT II conference (Treatment and Research on Experienced Anomalous Trauma), scheduled for Blacksburg, Va. on Feb. 1st-4th. This, as stated in our last glorious issue, is a meeting mainly of psychiatrists, psychologists, etc. who are interested in the abduction phenomenon - although a few ufologists will attend.

The TREAT II conclave is by invitation only. Your editor was invited but finally decided to decline, for several reasons, not the least of which is the fact that write-ups of the proceedings are not allowed. Thus our hands would have been tied, journalistically speaking.

We understand that Mark Rodeghier of CUFOS will be pleased at our decision not to attend TREAT II, as he is on record as not feeling that your editor is an "acceptable person" for the event!

On March 23rd-25th, Tim Beckley of Inner Light Publications is sponsoring a UFO convention at the Gramercy Park Hotel on 21st St., in New York City. (Details from Box 753, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903.) Your editor will attend and speak, and will also attend & speak at Pat Marcattilio's convention in Trenton, N.J., the following weekend - March 30th through April 1st. At the latter, we plan to introduce to the ufological community a strange new contactee named Monty Cantsin, who has taken a startling (if true) series of daylight saucer photographs. (Con. details available from Marcattilio at 138 Redfern St., Trenton, N.J. 08610.)

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MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

PETE TATE, a leading British UFO researcher, writes:

"UGH! YUK! Etc., Etc. What do I read in the latest edition of the esteemed 'Smear'? Jenny Randles awarded NUFOC 'Ufologist of the Year' (at the Phoenix convention last Sept.)? I can only hope that this is a monumentally sick joke. If not, what the fuck are you lot drinking over there, and can you get us some over for Christmas? If the award was made in all seriousness (Tell me no!), then I assume Phil Klass is feeling somewhat miffed, as he deserves it much more than that cardboard imitation ufologist. I do know plenty of people over here who would like to make some sort of presentation to her, but decency forbids my committing it to paper and offending your sensibilities....For once, words fail me!..."

And, from JOHN SALTER, JR., Professor of American Indian Studies and North Dakota MUFON State Director, we have the following:

"'Saucer Smear' has to be one of the most lively and provocative collections of solid oak wood, fast-burning pine, cactus spines (and a few other things on occasion) that's traveling the Earth from the Four Directions. But it can carry grievously wrong information.

"An example of this is contained in your front page account in the Nov. 10th issue, i.e., the write-up of Hal Starr's lecture at the recent NUFOC gathering. Among other things, Brother Starr attacks Betty Hill as someone 'who continues to see UFOs through the years, even when the people accompanying her cannot see anything.' This is false and scurrilous.

"Betty Hill's high integrity and consistently astute perceptions are too well known to require defense. Last August ('89), my wife Eldri and I and our nine-year-old daughter Josie were privileged to spend several very pleasant days as Betty Hill's guests at Portsmouth, N.H. We spent, with her, portions of each evening out in a rural setting, observing a variety of UFOs - very bona fide UFOs indeed! Incidentally, other persons in the area - involved with farming and law enforcement - confirmed the locally well-known matter of regular UFO visitation."

On the other hand, HAL STARR writes:

"Your Extremity:

"It appears that my talk before your recent and magnificent symposium on UFOs, New Age Mantra-Chanting, and Astrological crystal-gazing created a storm cloud of angry bees who have not succeeded in any stinging action. Naming names, chapter and verse about some of the previously respected members of our group can be very embarrassing to them when all the bugs come crawling out from under the rocks.

"Three letters printed in your last epistle require comment:

"(1) I am fascinated by Betty Hill's asserting that her recent sightings have been so thoroughly covered by the media and photographed to such a great extent. I certainly would like to see the voluminous news stories and many pictures she says have been done. I had never heard of these, and as far as I can determine, no other ufologist has either.

"(2) Aw, come on, 'Dr.' Frank Stranges. You got caught in the act of being in a plane full of pot, just flown in from Mexico, and you served time. Your stand now, that there is no record to prove it, is interesting. I'll just have to have my friend, the Arizona Attorney General, run a check for me. Game?

"(3) Dr. Jim Deardorff is well known to me as an ex-Oregonian...For one who so staunchly supports the weird Eduard (Billy) Meier Swiss case, I am surprised he isn't better informed of some of the more sensational claims by this man who has practically no support from really serious re-

searchers, except those who might possibly improve their income. I endorse the very great possibility that some UFOs could be our own progeny returning via time travel, but for Meier to have used some science fiction art work, claiming it was a picture he took of the San Francisco earthquake - well! And how about that shot he took of dinosaurs standing in front of the Giza pyramid? Isn't somebody's calendar out of kilter, Doctor?

"I await replies with baited breath, 'cause there's something fishy!"

DENNIS STILLINGS of the esteemed Archaeus Project writes:

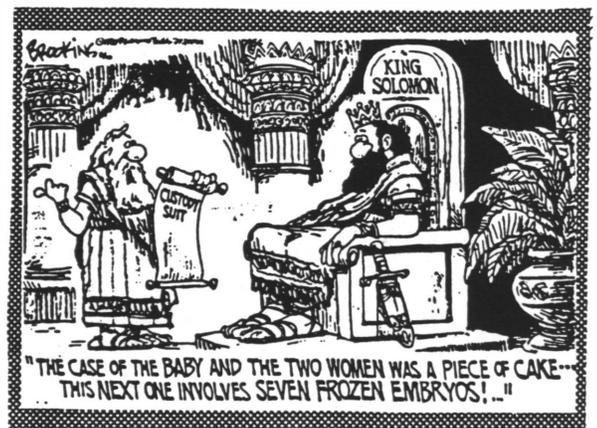
"It is a shame that you have tended to ignore the 'wild ravings' of John Lear, Bill Cooper, and Bill English, just because you believe them to be absurd ('Smear', Dec. 10th). Their statements and conclusions are, in fact, quite logical. If it is accepted that the U.S. Government has a collection of interstellar stiffs and at least one of their vehicles, and if the government is aware of the ET abductions (which they likely would be, if the abductions are going on to the degree claimed by the abductionists) - then - as Dennis Stacy has pointed out to me and others - it follows quite logically that there would be a conspiracy and coverup very much like the one obsessing the minds of Lear, Cooper, and English. I suspect that what irritates many ufologists about the claims of Lear, et al., is not just that these claims are 'wild', but that they constitute a powerful reductio ad absurdum that acts to undermine (redundantly) the MJ-12 and abduction nonsense."

And, WILLIAM S. (BILL) ENGLISH, UFINET Executive Director of Investigations, writes:

"Upon the recommendation of several people, I am enclosing several articles that I have written, and one article giving my background, written by John Lear as a report on our first meeting, now almost two years ago. This information is purely for background, in the hope that upon reading it you will give serious consideration to my following request:

"In keeping with your obvious tongue-in-cheek humor, I think that this is most likely the stupidest thing that I have ever done, but what the hell. I would like very much to ask you to consider having me as a speaker at one of your conferences or functions. During the past two years, since I came out of hiding, I have had the opportunity to write several articles for various magazines...and I am one of the founding fathers of UFINET (UFO Information Network), which, I suppose, makes me a 'Mother' to some.

"The last conference I was invited to speak at was the Las Vegas MUFON non-conference conference, where I was received extremely well. Un-



fortunately, as you will see if you read the articles concerning Bill Moore, I was not able to give the speech that I had originally intended to give. Moore has been a thorn in my ass ever since I met the man.

"I sincerely hope that you will give my request consideration, and I thank you for your time and trouble."

Our next convention, of course, is the one in Miami Beach coming up in mid-May. To keep the overhead reasonable, we are, insofar as possible, having speakers only from the state of Florida. Thus we cannot invite Mr. English, who seems to reside in New Mexico. - Editor.

BOB RENAUD, famed contactee of yesteryear, writes:

"O Imperious Redactor:

"Anent your latest 'Smear', your opening comments re the great collapse of Communism are not far off the mark. The rest of the issue confirms Ecclesiastes 1:2: 'All is vanity'. Four decades of 'serious' ufology have verified that truism.

"Back in the 1950's, there was real interest in a relatively new field of study, enough to keep 'scientific' ufologists gainfully employed. Now, as we enter the '90's, what's left? The 'New Age', and researchers about whom nobody cares. The former gets on well without the latter, and the latter struggle frantically to re-awaken interest.

"The result? Infighting, name calling, sensationalist hogwash such as MJ-12, and utter public indifference. Is there any wonder that 'serious' ufology is comatose? Thank God for Jim Moseley's ability to see it for what it is - an amusing, ridiculous diversion from reality - and his penchant for heaping scorn where it's justly merited.

"As for Dr. Klass, it's no wonder he hangs around the 'Smear' crowd. Where else can one get that many good laughs for free?

"Yours mourning the Good Old Days, Bob Renaud."

Feisty olde FRANK BRUCKMANN hits us with:

"How clever of you for that theory on the reason for world affairs to take the turn they have. Unite against the Scourge of the Galaxy!?? To arms, to arms; the Aliens are coming, the Aliens are coming! What are you trying to do, Commander, cause panic in the streets?

"What's the matter - are the Bigfoot and other 'ologists' taking so much glory away from the ufologists that we have to come up with a new angle? Or is it that the Russians know something about China that we do or do not know, and are going to need us for allies again?...."

Rich but skeptical BOB SHEAFFER writes:

"As usual, your suspicion is wrong that UFOs had diddley-squat to do with the presumed end of the Cold War. If you had actually read the copy I sent you of my book, 'Resentment Against Achievement', you would have understood the following:

"Marxism is an expression of 'resentment' against 'achievement', of angry failure confronting visible success. But no degree of anger, envy, or resentment will make shoes, bake bread, etc. While it gives the resentful great delight to wave their fists at those whose wealth they envy, only achievement can provide what is needed to run a developed society. Therefore, to remain at least minimally competitive with the advanced nations, Gorbechev realized that he had to turn away from resentment, toward achievement. And since the hate in the Cold War was always one-sided, due to Marxist envy of our achievement, as soon as that side became less resentful, the supposed 'mutual hatred' immediately vanished. They changed, and the conflict ended."

Superstitious Moseley will take the high road

Old Miners
Enjoy Benefits
Of Black Lung

The Roanoke (Va.) Times and
World News 12/17/72

The Gulf Breeze controversy drones on, as per the following missive from arch-critic ZAN OVERALL:

"In the Nov. 10th, 1989 'Smear', Ed Walters discussed photographic evidence that Dr. Willy Smith claims to have, showing a support for the 'UFO' in Ed's photo #5. Ed accused Willy of refraining from 'mailing out' his evidence because Willy doesn't have faith in that evidence. Ed says, '...If he thought he had the slightest bit of real evidence...nothing would stop him from mailing it out...Let us all demand that he now mail out his "evidence"...'

"As usual, Ed is not telling the whole story. He doesn't tell his readers that he had his lawyer threaten Willy with legal action for any unauthorized use of his photos: 'You are hereby placed on notice that any unauthorized reproduction or use of these photographs without my client's express written permission is a violation of his rights under copyright law, and will be addressed by appropriate action.' Signed by Leslie J. Lott, Coral Gables, Florida, May 24th, 1989.

"This is why Willy has been holding back, and Ed knows it. Willy's lawyer advised him to show the computer enhancement to anyone who came to Willy and asked to see it, but not to publish it or distribute it. 'Mailing it out' = distribution.

"Ed's challenge to Willy to distribute the picture may be a crude entrapment attempt. In any case, by concealing his lawyer's warning from 'Smear' readers, Ed shamelessly and shamefully misrepresented the situation.

"Willy would like to publish or at least distribute his evidence, if Ed will give him 'express written permission', i.e., a letter (original, not Xerox) granting him permission to distribute (and publish?) the computer enhancements he has made on #5, signed with Ed's complete name, not just a wiggle, and notarized.

"All this shows that you should take whatever Ed says with a grain of salt. I think any book he writes should be taken with a pillar of salt!"

And, inevitably, EDWARD ("MR. ED") WALTERS has an answer to the above:

"Willy Smith's 'computer evidence' is a pretense, and his fantasy that I stopped him from mailing it out is a complete fabrication. True, the photos are under copyright and contract with Morrow & Co., and cannot be published; but if Willy believes that he has valid evidence, why won't he mail it out to CUFOS, MUFON, Dr. Nathan, Dr. Maccabee, Dr. Haines, or even Phil Klass? The answer is clear. Willy is pulling another trick!

"Willy's 'evidence' amounts to a line in photo #5 that he calls a 'support'. Indeed, this line is clearly shown in the high contrast copy made (from the original) by Dr. Nathan at the JPL. (Refer to Figure #3 on Page 21 of the April 1989 MUFON Journal. Also on Page 22, Figure #4 is the real computer analysis based on the original.)

"Dr. Nathan is on record as saying that the line is a film flaw. Dr. Maccabee says, 'The line clearly passes over the UFO image and is conclusively a film flaw produced by the rollers in the camera. By using the same camera, the line (flaw) can be and has been produced on demand in many test

photos.'

"Willy's 'computer evidence' doesn't exist. It is only a smoke screen story to distract attention from the real questions about his motives.

- "(1) Is Willy's copy of photo #5 a poor copy or an altered copy? (Is that why he won't show it?)
- "(2) What about Willy's previous fake evidence? (Crysler Building UFO photo)
- "(3) Why did Willy falsely claim to have a Ph.D. in Physics?
- "(4) Why did Willy falsely claim to have a Masters in Astronomy?
- "(5) Why did Willy falsely claim to be the Chairman of the Dept. of Astronomy & Physics at the University of Valencia, Spain? (1974-1977)
- "(6) Why did Willy falsely claim to be the Chairman of the Dept. of Astronomy & Physics at Lycoming College? (1977-1980)

"I would rather ignore Willy Smith's distortions, but it is necessary to clear the air of his smoke screen debunking effort. Name calling has never solved a problem. Only honest critical inquiry will suggest answers, and where we disagree - we must agree to disagree.

"The bottom line is that Willy, Klass and some others do not believe in the Gulf Breeze sightings and photos. That's fine, but it would be irresponsible of me if I allowed his 'computer evidence' story to go unexposed. If we can ever force Willy to mail out his handiwork, look it over and then compare it with Dr. Nathan's JPL copy, so that we can decide if Willy's copy has been altered."

MONTY CANTSIN, who will be showing his own startling (if true) UFO photos at the forthcoming Trenton UFO convention, writes:

"...It's funny how Jerrold Baker claims that George Adamski's saucer was a hat brim. It used to be the story that he used something called a chicken breeder, apparently one of the instruments of torture egg farmers use. This is the kind of thing that makes me believe that people like Adamski (and myself) really have had UFO experiences. All of these experiences can be disproven, of course, as people like Phil Klass well know. The funny thing is that each of the dozens of Phil Klassen's comes up with a

The Saturday Sun, September 9, 1989

Priestess had sex with 2,000

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — A woman who claims to have had sex with 2,000 men as high priestess of a church that incorporates intercourse in its rites was convicted yesterday on prostitution charges.

Mary Ellen Tracy, 46, the purported high priestess of the ancient Church of the Most High Goddess, was found guilty of solicitation of prostitution and operating a house of prostitution.

Her husband, Will Tracy, 51, who claims to be the leader of the church, which operated out of a West Los Angeles home, was convicted of a single misdemeanor count of operating a house of prostitution.

Mary Tracy said her sexual relations with more than 2,000 men as high priestess were an integral part of the church's "path to the divine."



"See, Agnes? ... It's just Kevin."

different absolute disproof, and all the disproofs are mutually exclusive. Makes you wonder!"

GRANT CAMERON writes as follows:

"Some of your followers may be following the recent story of the South African drawing of a saucer and of the transfer of a saucer and two live aliens to Wright-Patterson AFB. Even though there are briefing documents, telexes, and taped phone calls to check on, researchers can put down their pens. The case has been solved. The solution has been arrived at by Christopher Allen, who refers to himself as MJ-13.

"I notified Allen in November that there had been a reported May '89 crash in South Africa, and that the saucer and aliens were reportedly taken to Wright-Patterson. Allen responded to these few details by saying, 'I do not buy the South African story.'

"God, I wish I could come to conclusions as fast as MJ-13. It would save me the pain of explaining the large phone bill to my wife every month!"

We haven't even heard of the South African crash! - Editor.

LAUREL OPLATKA, upon receipt of the "Dreaded X", wrote to us as follows:

"O'er the loss of 'Smear'
I'd shed a tear -
The Tidbits of Trash,
The trashing of Lear.

Yes, in no-man's land where Moseley reigns,
Where Willy wails and Whitley feigns,
We search in vain for Condor's candor,
Marching through the miasma of slander.

So in waiting to see if Walters falters,
Denounced as a crock for Klass to mock,
I'm flipping your pages, having a ball,
In hopes of avoiding the fate of Forrestal!

(More letters top of P.8)



Aliens welcome aboard a human in "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

Fire officials grilled over kerosene heaters

The News Journal, Wilmington, Del. 2/27/82

Moseley Wonders What Happened

Finally, TOM HACKNEY raves:

"Is it possible this UFO stuff is finally getting tired? Okay, I'll grant you it's kinda fun gettin' together. Meeting. And, I guess it's really neat to be a Commander of something. Though, it's still not fucking. But let's talk for a moment about the people that show up and about the people who don't:

"I mean, women who wear the long flowered dresses, who invariably worship deceased Egyptian gods. Then there are the smug pedantic assholes that dare to pooh-pooh, and know everything under the fucking sun - if not better. Congratulating themselves as Great Men of Science. Yecch!!

"And the lunatics that travel around in UFOs. Not to mention the dimbos who wish they could, and believe so terribly hard any goddam thing these star-flakes tell 'em to. Some of them weigh eight hundred fucking pounds, have glassy, nose-picking stares, pasty white skins, and look like corpses. They look stranger even than sci-fi folk!....

"Meanwhile, the real aliens, millions or trillions of miles away, are just peering, laughing, sighing - who knows what??...."

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Lucius Farish seems to be the leading light involved with this year's Ozark UFO Conference, to be held once again in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, on the weekend of April 6th-8th. Mr. Ed of Gulf Breeze will be among the speakers. Details from Farish at Route 1, Box 220, Plumerville, Ar. 72127.

Next comes our own NUFOC annual convention, to be held this year in Miami Beach, Florida, on the weekend of May 11th-13th. (See our glorious next issue for more information.) Planning is still in the preliminary stages, but already we are wondering if some Dreadful Curse may not be involved. One of our most important & interesting speakers, named Dr. Dan Overlade, has died semi-mysteriously; and Malcolm McGruder, a regional sales representative for Mr. Ed's publisher (Morrow) has just had a serious heart attack. McGruder had been working with us on ways to combine publicity for Ed's forthcoming book with publicity for the convention.

Are the Dark Forces really working against us?? Come to Miami Beach and find out!

Finally, on the weekend of July 6th-8th, the annual MUFON convention will take place in Pensacola, Florida - near Gulf Breeze. Details on this can be found in any recent issue of the MUFON UFO Journal.

TIDBITS OF TRASH:

Incredibly, Willy Smith is now on record as denying that he was ever involved with Valencia University in Spain, even though he submitted his alleged record of employment there to several publications!...

On the Gulf Breeze front, Mr. Ed and several friends watched a UFO low over his neighborhood for more than a half hour on the evening of Jan. 8th. The object, which was a black disc with a red glow underneath, hovered and moved about erratically. Several telescopic photos were taken, which we hope to see soon. A couple of minutes after the object finally disappeared, two military helicopters were seen, followed closely by the sighting of a third helicopter with a spotlight underneath. Ed claims that the UFO sighting was confirmed by a radar operator at the nearby Naval Base!

...Re our crackpot political editorial in the last "Smear", Antonio Huneeus (via Allen Benz) has sent us material detailing three different speeches in which former president Reagan spoke of the possibility of an alien invasion...

Finally, another new UFO book has emerged, called "To Catch a Flying Star - A Scientific Theory of UFOs", by John Ackerman (whoever he is), published by Univelt, Inc., P.O. Box 28130, San Diego, Ca. 92128. Price: \$15. The book has a foreword by our own Walt Andrus of MUFON. Amen!