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GREETINGS FELLOW SAUCER FIENDS, and welcome to a new year and another issue of "Smear" to start it off. We hope all our non-subscribers enjoyed a Cool Yule, and that those of you who now find an "X" after your name on this envelope will get in touch with us very shortly. Otherwise, you are in dire danger of losing your cherished non-subscriber status!

And, lest we forget - "Smear" does accept Donations, and we do continue to sell back issues of the zine for a mere one dollar each.

We are somewhat pleased to announce the fact that Tim Beckley of Inner Light Publications has decided to reprint, as of March 1991, a tome we were associated with circa 1967, then called "The Wright Field Story". Although your editor is listed as author, the book was ghost-written for us by the late, great Gray Barker. It includes material we gathered on a nationwide tour we made way back in late 1953, in which we interviewed UFO sighters & personalities all over the country. Unfortunately, the book is highly fictionalized for the most part. The most nearly authentic story concerns an exciting UFO incident which allegedly occurred in 1952, not at Wright Field at all, but at a different military base, in Columbus, Ohio. That's why we have often informally called this book "The Wrong Field Story".

Beckley's title will be "UFO Crash Secrets at Wright Patterson", and he intends to add new & thrilling supplementary material concerning various alleged UFO crashes. This is one book we do intend to read, as we have never yet actually read all of Gray Barker's version. Sort of a psychological hang-up there, maybe. But now with the new added material we will certainly attempt to read all of the book, and we recommend it to hard-core UFO fans wherever they may be. Probable price: \$12.95. Order NOW (no, why wait? Get your order in yesterday!), to: Inner Light, Box 753, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903. (One dollar discount on autographed copies.)

Also, you might want to ask Beckley for details about his upcoming convention in San Diego, California, on March 15th-17th. Your editor will be on hand there to give a short rave....

Attorney Peter Gersten, who has done much for ufology by pursuing "Freedom of Information" lawsuits, has turned against the cherished interplanetary hypothesis in recent times, and appears to believe (as we do) that all UFOs probably have a terrestrial and/or "mundane" explanation.

In this regard, Gersten sent a letter on Nov. 21st, 1990, to Dr. Bruce Maccabee of the Fund for UFO Research, and in it he made a fascinating challenge: If the Fund will put up fifty thousand dollars in an escrow account, Gersten will do the same. Gersten would then have twelve months to prove that the infamous "Roswell Incident" has a terrestrial explanation. This would have to be proven "beyond a reasonable doubt and to the satisfaction of a mutually agreed upon individual". If Gersten suc-



CALVIN and HOBBS

by Bill Watterson



ceeds, he keeps all of the hundred grand; If he fails, the Fund keeps it.

No doubt Maccabee will say that there is no way the Fund can come up with \$50,000 to meet the challenge. We doubt if the Fund would want to, anyhow, being committed to the extraterrestrial hypothesis. But this challenge by Gersten does not have the phony ring of Phil Klass's various challenges on various issues, and we dearly wish that something constructive would come of it. Maybe Gersten is really onto something! But as of this writing, he has received no answer at all from Maccabee.

Meanwhile, the January 1991 issue of FATE Magazine continues to push John Keel's heretical solution to the Roswell Case, to the effect that it was nothing more than a World War II Japanese "Fugo" Balloon. Contrary opinions are included in the FATE article, but are given much less space. We like Keel's theory, as we stated in a recent "Smear", but fear it is no more nearly proven than is the (to us saucerers) "conventional" explanation - interplanetary!

On the evening of last Nov. 28th, your editor happened, by pure chance, to be flying by (in a scheduled aircraft) Cape Kennedy, Florida, at the exact time one of the space shuttles was taking off. The pilot called attention to the fact that those on the right side of the airplane could watch the lift-off, and being on the right side of the plane, we did.

Steeped in the lore of UFOs that supposedly take an obscene interest in our space flights, your editor was intrigued by a bright white light that seemed to hover at a much lower altitude after the space shuttle was on its way out of sight. The light was quite intense, and after awhile it seemed to be getting closer to the plane, at approximately the same altitude. Somewhat intrigued by this, we asked one of the flight hostesses what the light was.

"That's the wing light," she replied.

It would appear that passing the MUFON Field Investigator's Test has not done your editor very much good at all! Alas.....

There has recently occurred a total split between UFO researchers Bill Moore and Jaime Shandera on the one hand, and Stanton Friedman on the other. These three had worked together for several years, on the MJ-12 documents and other matters. Now, in a letter to Moore dated Aug. 28th, 1990, Friedman resigns from the Board of Directors of Moore's Fair Witness Project, and strongly advises Moore to withdraw his charges against Schmitt and Randle, the two men who have recently re-investigated the Roswell Incident under the CUFOS banner. (We now understand Friedman is working with these two.)

In his letter to Moore, Friedman states: "There is a load of false charges in these items (you have sent me), some of them involving me, and most based on ignorance of the facts and seemingly delusions of grandeur. Why lash out at others for their successes? Jealous rage, frustration, and arrogance hardly make for a strong case. I have better things to do with my time than respond in kind." (See also Moore's letter to us, on Page 4.)

As we all know, a lot of crazy stuff is coming at us these days regarding secret underground alien bases and the like. Most of it is impossible to prove or disprove. But an article in the Sept./Oct. 1990 issue of the International UFO Reporter, called "In the Land of Dreams", contains one topic that is such obvious bullshit to anyone with the slightest knowledge of physics, that we decided to call your attention to it. The authors of the article are not endorsing the story, merely recounting it: It seems that Robert Lazar, one of the current crop of far-out ufological chroniclers, claims that certain interplanetary saucers use for propulsion a substance which he calls Element 115.

Unfortunately, the highest-numbered natural element known on Earth is Uranium (92), and the artificially-created elements with higher numbers, up to 108 or 109, have extremely short half-lives, in the range of a few seconds. They could hardly be used for anything practical, if they exist in nature, nor could our Government have 500 pounds of Element 115, as Lazar claims. If we assume that nature operates basically the same way throughout the Universe, Lazar's story is patently absurd, as physicist Dr. Thornton Page has confirmed to us by telephone. Yet the authors of the article neglect to call attention to this fact....

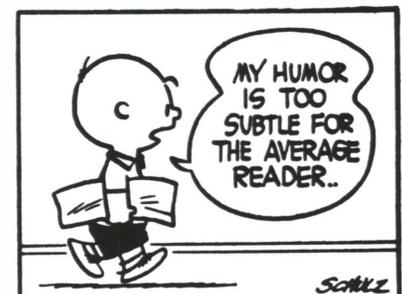
Well, the Gulf Breeze controversy drones on, endlessly. At the bottom of Page 8 of our last "Smear", we mentioned three "burning issues" regarding the case. In regard to the first of these, Ed Walters unfortunately came in 9th in a field of 9, in his race for a seat on the City Commission of Gulf Breeze. He claims that local political issues, rather than UFOs, caused his defeat, although he admits he was also hurt by negative UFO publicity inspired by Rex Salisbury.

In regard to the Salisberrys, they remain co-directors for MUFON of a section of northern Florida that includes two counties, i.e., the county that contains Pensacola and the adjoining one that contains Gulf Breeze. However, an organization called "Pensacola MUFON" has held an election in which a small group gathered without even inviting the Salisberrys, and elected a slate of officers (President, Vice-President, etc.) that rather deliberately excludes the Salisberrys! A release from this MUFON subgroup explains that "during the past six months, many MUFON members have become concerned over the deterioration in morale and member participation in our local chapter. As a result of recent stories in the Pensacola News-Journal, it has become obvious that actions by Rex and Carol Salisbury have destroyed any hope for effective leadership from them."

Translation: The Salisberrys, after their reinvestigation of the Ed Walters case, ceased to believe in it, and said so publicly, including in the News-Journal (strangely, just before the election.) Thus they no longer follow the MUFON Party Line, and have become Non-People. No doubt they will be pressured to resign as Section Directors for their two counties, but they have not yet been fired.

In regard to the Walters case, the Salisberrys believe they have proven that Ed's Photo #19 (the famous "road shot") is a fake. Bruce Maccabee then reanalyzed #19, came up with new figures, and re-satisfied himself that the photo is real. Regarding the UFO model found awhile back in Mr. Ed's former residence, the Salisberrys apparently accept Phil Klass's analysis, which proves at least to his own satisfaction that the model was made by Ed himself, whereas Ed continues to deny that he made it.

In general, the Forces of Darkness seem to be closing in on Ed. Mark Curtis, a reporter for WEAR-TV in Pensacola, who has followed the Walters case very closely, tells us he is very much influenced by the testimony of Tommy Smith, Jr., who gave details to the public awhile back, regarding how Ed



faked various photographs. We too can find no plausible reason why Smith should be lying, although we have never had the opportunity to interview the young man ourselves.

Also, among several important points made by the Salisberrys in a summary called "UFO Case Re-Examined", they state: "Two adult residents of Gulf Breeze report that Mr. Walters told them long before the Nov. 11th, 1987 commencement of the Walters case, that he used double exposure photography to amuse the young people. This is supported by many of the young people we have interviewed, who related that Walters seemed adept at trick photography, and knew in advance when eerie things would appear in the picture."

Although there will probably never be proof acceptable to all rational beings throughout the Universe, it looks more and more likely that the Walters story is a hoax. But we still like Ed and Frances very much, and we still wonder what it is that all those other people in the Gulf Breeze area have been seeing!

TIDBITS OF TRASH:

When sending Donations to us (HINT, HINT!), please make checks and money orders out to your editor personally rather than to "Saucer Smear". Our bank does not know of any such person as "Saucer Smear"....It is amazing to find such diametrically opposed minds as Stanton Friedman and Phil Klass agreeing on anything, but miracles do happen: Both these men, and most other UFO people we know, agree that Howard Blum's book "Out There" is so severely flawed that it is almost worthless. (We haven't read it, of course.)It's still a long way off, but keep in mind that the glorious 1991 National UFO Conference (NUFOC) will take place in Cleveland, Ohio on the weekend of Sept. 13th & 14th. This will be our 28th annual extravaganza! For details, write to: UAPA, P.O. Box 347032, Cleveland, Ohio 44134.

....John R. Salter, Jr., MUFON State Director for North Dakota, is himself an abductee, by his own account. (Science Marches On!)...And Bigfootologist Erik Beckjord is a MUFON Field Investigator Trainee. Way to go, Erik!....The Fall 1990 issue of Gene Steinberg's "Caveat Emptor" has finally appeared, containing your Editor's monumental article about UFO contactee Howard Menger. For subscription info., you can reach Steinberg at: 8 Gate House Lane, Edison, N.J. 08820....It is now six years since Gray Barker's death, and we still miss him as much as ever....

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

BILL MOORE of the Fair Witness Project, Inc., writes as follows:

"(1) Regarding Bill English's letter attacking me as the number two putz in Ufology, I should like to point out that a man's honor is often measured by the value he places upon his own personal commitments to others. With that in mind, perhaps now is the time to remind Mr. English (and inform anyone else who might be interested) of the words he wrote in a letter to me dated Oct. 15th, 1989: 'I will....,' he wrote, 'agree not to attack you verbally or in print provided you pay me the same courtesy. But I warn you, I will deny knowledge of such an agreement.' He can deny it if he wants to, but I still have the letter in which those words were written.

"(2) As for the readily apparent differences which have developed between Stan Friedman and I, I have become increasingly dismayed of late by growing indications that Stanton's always over-inflated ego is perilously close to blowing up in his own face. It's too bad. He's an excellent, tireless researcher whose heart is certainly in the right place...."

**Youngstown police on
duty getting smaller**

Niles (Ohio) Daily Times 9/29/76

**Mrs. Gandhi stoned
at rally in India**

Toronto Star 1/16/71

EUREKA

CELEBRITIES MOST LIKELY TO BE ALIENS



BILL ENGLISH of UFINET writes:

"As far as Bill Cooper is concerned, he has a tendency to try to intimidate people by giving this horseshit about looking them up, or looking up family members. It is my opinion....that Cooper couldn't look his way out of the crapper with arrows written on the floor.

"You made the comment (in a letter to me) that it seems odd that the three of us (Lear, Cooper and English) are at each other. In point of fact John Lear and I are still friends, and our difficulties with Bill Cooper have arisen from the fact that not only has John caught Cooper in several untruths, Cooper has gone beyond the bounds of propriety in almost all areas. If you don't accept every untruth that he states as gospel, then he classes you as his enemy and tries to discredit you before you can discredit him. Fortunately the general public is beginning to catch onto him, and I am pleased to say that I played no small part in that. As far as I and Cooper go, I have a tendency to look upon him as an asshole with clusters, and he most likely would crawl as far as he had to just to piss on my grave. Which, when you consider the amount of booze the lush drinks, might not be a bad epitaph.

"With regard to John Lear and rumors - yes, it is true that John lost his job with 'Flying Tigers Airway' as a result of his involvement with UFOs, but he has since found other employment with another air carrier, and he and his family seem to be doing fairly well, last I heard. He still is doing research, but is not as public as he once was. As far as my opinion concerning his material is concerned - there are some things that I may not necessarily agree with, and some things that I do. However, the difference between John Lear and Bill Cooper is that John tries to research his material carefully, and he certainly does not misrepresent himself, nor does he steal other researchers' and investigators' material and present it as his own...."

CAROL SALISBERRY, Co-Section Director (with her husband Rex) of Santa Rosa County and Escambia County, Florida, for MUFON, writes as follows:

"We are now officially 'Debunkers'. (The other side must be the 'Bunkers'.) The local MUFON 'Bunker' group is out to lynch us, and the hierarchy is goading them on. Such are the sad facts of science. I have total sympathy for Gallilo and those other poor souls who tried to convince the 'Church' that the earth was not the center of the universe and that it was round!..."

DONALD MICHAEL KRAIG (not King) of FATE Magazine writes as follows:

"Dear Supreme Commander:

"I'm honored that you felt my letter was interesting enough to appear in your publication. After all, very few people are lucky enough to get in it.

"However, I think you have given me too much authority. While it is

true that I am the editor of FATE, I have not yet made it to (Donald Michael) 'King'. My last name is Kraig.

"Upon my ascension to a throne - any throne - I will gladly change my name to King (even if it does sound like the name of a German Shepherd). If there are any small kingdoms which receive outrageous sums of foreign aid from the U.S. and are in need of a king, please send particulars to me in care of FATE. Needless to say, I will inform you of my raising before any other news service.

"Note: Countries where the temperature falls below 20 degrees F., where rainfall is below 5" per year, or where the laws weigh more than the country's smallest yellow pages need not apply."

Famed contactee/abductee BETTY HILL writes as follows:

"This is a brief note to let your readers know that John Fuller died on Nov. 7th, from lung cancer, at the age of 76. John was a playwright, TV producer, and author of several books, which included 'Incident at Exeter' and 'The Interrupted Journey'.

"John and I have been friends for twenty-five years, and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him."

ROBERT ANTON WILSON writes:

"After a lecture to the Dublin Science-Fiction Society, I was asked if I 'believed' in UFOs. I immediately said 'Yes'. The questioner then launched an attack on the extraterrestrial theory of UFOs and rehashed the old claim that every UFO 'is' a sundog. I then said, 'Well, we both believe in UFOs, but you think you know what they are, and I don't think either of us knows'.

"That's still my opinion, in general. Among all competing theories of UFOs, if I had to choose one, I'd choose the Persinger model - electromagnetic field fluctuations causing ball lightning, malfunctioning of electric machines, jumping furniture ('poltergeist effects'), and malfunctioning of human brains (hallucinations, 'abductions', etc.), if the humans get too close to the epicenter of the phenomenon.

"But I only think that theory fits more cases than any other theory. It doesn't quite seem to fit all cases. I therefore go on wondering.

"I have written a lot about various Conspiracy Theories, and some think I'm a government agent, some think I'm a True Believer, and some think I'm a debunker. There is no possible way to write English so clearly that some idiots will not manage to misunderstand what is being said.

"Prof. Marcello Truzzi has revived an old Greek word that fits my attitude toward those things which have not been proven or disproven - zeticism. It means what 'skepticism' used to mean before that word was cap-

Woman given \$150,000 for falling off toilet seat

FALLING OFF a toilet seat proved to be a rewarding experience for a woman who was awarded \$150,000 because it injured her back.

Martha J. Love collected the money after the Virginia Supreme Court reinstated a jury verdict awarding her the mon-

ey for her embarrassing fall in a Richmond, Virginia office building.

At fault

The court refused to say Martha was at fault for squatting on the loose toilet seat, especially when it "appeared to be positioned properly on the toilet."
- PAT CRAIGERS

BIZARRO

By DAN PIRARO



tured by dogmatic believers in orthodoxy as a rhetorical device to be used against equally dogmatic believers in unorthodoxy.

"When something is neither proven nor disproven, the zetetic accepts his own ignorance and goes on inquiring and wondering...."

JENNY RANGLES, leading British ufological author, honors us with:

"Dear James:

"We met briefly in Phoenix last year, and you mentioned that you would send me copies of 'Saucer Smear'. This is a magazine I've heard a lot about (usually when I'm told it carries utterly false stories about me!), and which I am always urged to read, as it is said to be very funny at times, and - if you have a sense of humor - you'd love.

"Anyhow, nothing happened, and I wondered if you had simply forgotten, or I was being excommunicated for some reason. So I thought I'd enclose a copy of 'Northern UFO News' and try to set up an exchange...."

We have invited Jenny to join our seedy band of non-subscribers, to make us less likely to disparage her in the future. - Editor.

Dreaded debunker ZAN OVERALL writes:

"The truth about Ed Walters seems to be dawning on you (and others). Your last line of defense is to point to 'all that weird stuff being seen in the Gulf Breeze area.'

"Most of the G.B. sightings are unremarkable. Genuine well-publicized UFO sightings always generate a wave of false reports from people not used to looking at the sky. Well-publicized phony UFO 'sightings' would do the same.

"The few claims re objects 'just like Ed's' have one fatal flaw: None of them were reported before Ed's photos were published. Suggestibility and the bandwagon syndrome can explain these reports. They are as flawed as though a UFO investigator walked up to a witness, showed him a picture of a UFO and said, 'Is this what you saw?' They are as evidential as a police lineup with only one suspect!...."

It sounds to us like Zan is trying to sweep the remaining pieces of the Gulf Breeze puzzle under the rug! - Editor.

MOLLY SQUIRE writes as follows, regarding the Southern California Skeptics:

"...Re Mr. Seckel, I don't care about the trivia over who has or does not have what degree. What is of striking importance to any skeptic or believer is that on Nov. 21st, 1990, I was informed by a ranking California state official that the state computer terminal indicated that on Dec. 1st, 1987, the Franchise Tax Board suspended the Southern California Skeptics as a tax-exempt corporation. This is the last activity shown. Yet, fliers and posters in possession of certain members of the public state that the organization has tax-free status. These fliers are as recent as this past summer of 1990. This misrepresents the facts to the public....Steve Allen gave his lecture for free but they made thousands on his and other lectures. At one lecture they took in about \$8,000. Where's the money? Is it accounted for?

"Anyone who wants certified proof of the status of corporation #C135-3421, incorporated Oct. 4th, 1985, known as Southern California Skeptics, can send \$6 to: Secretary of State of California, Corporate Division, Certification, 1230 J St., Suite 100, Sacramento, Ca. 95814.

"The importance of the integrity of a group labeling itself the police of the credibility field cannot be overestimated. If they are this incompetent in a simple and glaring fact, how competent are they in their fields?...."

Editor's Note: Phil Klass states that the books of the Southern California Skeptics have been audited and found to be in order.

Non-subscriber & author PATRICK HUYGHE writes:

"I hate to throw a cold, soggy comet on the burning embers of Ufology, but there's a chapter in my new book, 'The Big Splash' (Birch Lane Press) that does just that. It's not my idea that small comets may be responsible for the reports of many 'flying saucers', of course, but that of my co-author, University of Iowa physicist Louis A. Frank. We don't expect many people will be very happy with this news, but then orthodox scientists haven't exactly cheered Frank's discovery that the Earth is being bombarded by twenty house-sized comets every minute, either!"

Globe-trotting Bigfootologist ERIK BECKJORD writes:

"...Mars face theorist Richard Hoagland has an interest in crop circles, and has suggested that rather than wait for summer to cut our own return messages to the 'Intelligence', that we do it now, in the snow! I would suggest we do this in Missouri or Alberta, using snowmobiles, filling in the first impression with charcoal. I hear that the Mars face people are shifting to crop circles because Mars is a 'someday', whereas the circles are a 'now' and interface with possible aliens...."

And, TIM AYRES writes as follows:

"....I think the crop circles are really giant intergalactic bar codes for the great alien auction when they'll buy up Earth plots and harvest all the meat...."

UFO researcher JENNINGS FREDERICK writes:

"....I am just now beginning to see that you are the ufological mediator for a bunch of bickering, squabbling, self-centered, dogmatic assholes, all of whom would rather bitch among themselves than to get to the more serious issue at hand - the Truth about the UFO enigma!

"Isn't it nice to have a sense of humor?"

We were going to print a letter here from philosopher/UFO contactee MONTY CANTSIN, but we think the material below is funnier. Sorry, Monty!



Close shave
for Moseley