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MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

Please note that if a "DREADED X" follows your name on the envelope in which you received this issue of "Smear", you will be removed from our esteemed free mailing list UNLESS we hear from you shortly in one form or another. Yes, Donations are greedily accepted, though (theoretically) they are not required. Make checks payable to the editor, not to "Saucer Smear".

In our last issue we warned you that this would be your last chance to buy early back issues from us. We still have "Smear" back issues from 1983 onward, but the rights to all our periodicals previous to 1983 have been sold to Tom Benson, a humble book dealer in Trenton, N.J. Tom is a long-time ufologist who used to be MUFON's State Director for New Jersey. He will send you a book list for a mere \$1.25, and will explain to you how much he intends to charge for various categories of our back issues. Tom Benson resides at P.O. Box 1174, Trenton, N.J. 08606.

MEANWHILE, we are now selling copies of our very own soft-cover book, which has been renamed "UFO Crash Secrets at Wright Patterson Air Farce Base". This tome was ghost-written for us around 1970 by the late, great Gray Barker, and has been recently re-issued by Tim Beckley, with jazzed-up added material. You can buy the book from Beckley (no, don't do that!) or from us, for a mere \$12.95. If you request an autographed copy, we'll knock off the 95 cents!....

LET US REMIND YOU once more again (yes, one more time!) about the forthcoming 28th National UFO Conference (NUFOC), to be held in Cleveland, Ohio on the weekend of Sept. 13th-14th. Speakers will include your "Smear" editor, plus Tim Beckley, Antonio Hunneus, Curt Sutherly, Ron Schaffner, the infamous Klark Kent, & several others. NOW is the time to book your reservation at the Holiday Inn/Cleveland Airport (phone: 216-252-7700), or contact United Aerial Phenomena Agency (UAPA) for further information. Their address is: P.O. Box 347032, Cleveland, Ohio 44134. This may be the last of the NUFOC conventions, so we are hoping for a good turn-out!

On the weekend previous to the NUFOC convention, your editor will appear at Tim Beckley's giant conclave at the Holiday Inn/Phoenix Airport, where the number for reservations is 602-273-7778. Contactee Howard Menger will be among the more than thirty guest speakers in Phoenix. Further info can be obtained from Beckley at his New York City Headquarters: 11 E. 30th St., #4-R, New York, N.Y. 10016. Phone: 212-685-4080.

It seems that every year there are more & more conventions on UFOs & related topics. We have to miss most of them, including a strange one in Orlando, Florida on the weekend of August 23rd-25th. It involves New Jersey UFO promoter Pat Marcattilio, Walt Disney World, MUFON, and a soon-to-be-forthcoming UFO museum of some sort. For reservations call 407-363-7088.

And, on Sept. 29th cometh another event that we will have to miss - a New Hampshire MUFON UFO Conference, commemorating the 30th anniversary of the Betty & Barney Hill abduction case. Betty Hill will, of course, be there. Barney will not, being deceased. For details write to P.O. Box 453, Rye, N.H. 03870....

Paraphychologist Stewart Robb of Anaheim, California, died of an apparent heart attack on May 25th at the age of 81. Your editor knew Stewart for many years, since the days when we appeared together on many Long John Nebel all-night talk shows in New York City. When Stewart and his family moved to California, we visited them frequently, accompanied by our daughter Betty, who was about the same age as Stewart's daughter Denise.

Stewart was a brilliant, highly-educated man, but in his many writings over the years, the Big Money eluded him. Nostradamus was one of his favorite topics, and he has a current book out on that subject. He was also very interested in classical music, and found the opportunity to combine this interest with parapsychology when he came upon an English lady named Rosemary Brown, who, supposedly with little musical education, is able to play on the piano her own compositions in the style of several of the classical composers. The theory is that these famous composers feed her the notes from the Other Side.

Stewart was a firm believer in an afterlife, and nothing could dissuade him. However, he went through his life proving and re-proving this same point over & over again, to his own satisfaction. Over a period of several years he would frequently have a friendly seance in his living room, in which the key element was a tape recorder turned up to maximum volume - which causes distortion. He would have each person in the room, in turn, ask a question of the Spirits or make a comment. Then a blank space would be left on the tape before the next person spoke. When the 20-minute tape was over, it would be played back to see if any Spirit voices had come through. Because of the distortion and the outside city sounds (cats on the roof, airplanes overhead, etc.), many arguments ensued as to the meaning, if any, of anomalous sounds that would be present on the playback. Your editor attended several of these long evening sessions, and in our opinion nothing significant was ever heard, EXCEPT one time:

That night, probably in 1973, we went through the 20-minute tape and the 20-minute playback several times, with the usual ambiguous results. At that point Betty, who was about 10, took us aside and said, in effect, "Why are you grown-ups acting like children? There are no spirits. You're just wasting your time". I suggested that Betty say just that, when her turn came on the next tape, and she did this. When this tape was played back, Betty's opening remark was followed by an unmistakable loud whisper saying, "She's a fake", followed by Betty talking again, followed by another whispered sentence, "It couldn't be true". The whispered words did not overlap at all with Betty's words, and were directly relevant to what she was saying. Of course, the effect could have been obtained by trickery, but we knew Stewart Robb well enough to be sure that, whatever his failings, he would never have stooped to this.

Unfortunately, no notes were taken, and the tape was not preserved - not that it would have proven anything to a skeptic anyhow. So here we have an event which, to us at least, simply defies explanation. We still don't believe in Sprits, but something very odd did happen that night. Maybe by now Stewart has found out for sure what it was, but he cannot tell us....

Just out of curiosity, we have made a comparison between the "Protocols of the Wise Men of Zion" as it appears in Bill Cooper's current book ("Behold a Pale Horse"), and a much earlier version, entitled "Protocols of the Meetings of the Learned Elders of Zion". Your editor obtained the earlier version from

First American Leaving Syracuse

By ALBERTO BIANCHETTI
The Post-Standard

his father, who had an intense interest in this sort of thing. Interestingly, Cooper's text is identical, just as he claims, though the title is different, as just noted. Also, Cooper has left out the paragraph numbers.

Cooper has added a very strange Author's Note (i.e., his own comment), which reads in part: "This has been written intentionally to deceive people. For clear understanding, the word 'Zion' should be 'Sion'; any reference to 'Jews' should be replaced with the word 'Illuminati'; and the word 'goyim' should be replaced with the word 'cattle'". This last comment by Cooper is nonsense, as "goyim" certainly does not mean "cattle".

More about all this in our next glorious issue. There are those who apparently believe (falsely!) that your "Smear" editor is some sort of neo-Fascist, and we will have to deal with this problem....

Magician James ("The Amusing") Randi is, as we have told you, the subject of several multi-million dollar lawsuits brought against him and CSICOP by spoon-bender Uri Geller and also by parapsychologist Dr. Eldon Byrd & his wife. The matter is very complex, but the basic issue is not whether Geller can actually bend spoons by mental powers, but whether Randi committed libel and/or slander against Geller and Byrd. Though we consider Randi to be a friend of ours, our opinion from reading two of the lawsuit documents is that Randi did indeed cross over the line into libel and/or slander, and thus "free speech" is not the issue here, as Randi claims it to be.

As for Geller, we think he is probably a fake, but this is not the point at issue here. As for Byrd, we know very little about him.

Randi has recently written an "Open Letter" to his supporters, which claims he has already spent \$155,000 in legal fees, and then goes on to read in part: "I have resigned from the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP), since the Committee is always named in these suits, and in order that CSICOP will be spared further involvement in such suits if and when I again mention Geller's name. This action has been a very difficult thing for me to do. Should these (legal) actions continue, I will be forced into silence from my inability to support further legal costs. CSICOP has been silenced, and I'm next, it appears. I now have no further funds to continue my defense. It has been suggested that a legal fund might be set up for my defense of these harrassing actions by Mr. Geller. I hope that can be set in motion. I'm in trouble, folks. I need help."

A knowledgable source within CSICOP tells us that, several years ago, CSICOP's then current insurance company chose not to renew CSICOP's libel insurance policy, as a result of suits filed by Geller and Byrd. CSICOP then obtained coverage from another company. The crucial question is whether Randi has been speaking and writing on his own, in his statements about Geller and Byrd, or whether he was acting as an agent or spokesman for CSICOP. If Randi loses one or more of these lawsuits, and if the court holds that Randi was speaking or writing as an agent of CSICOP, this could force CSICOP into bankruptcy.

We assume that the leaders thereof would probably start up a similar organization under a new name soon thereafter, if this were to happen. Hopefully so! Where would ufology be without CSICOP to kick around?.....

The eagerly-awaited book by Kevin Randle and Don Schmitt "UFO Crash at Roswell" is now out, with great fanfare from CUFOS, and a supplement has already appeared, called "The Roswell Report: A Historical Perspective". We have not seen either of these tomes (how about review copies, guys???), but initially we were amazed that they were actually out, in view of Bill Moore's oft-spoken threat to stop publication. It now appears that Moore has dropped his objections, and has made Peace with Randle & Schmitt, as well as with his former co-worker Stanton Friedman. See the Letters section for Bill Moore's own words about this.

Also just out is Howard Menger's new book, written with his wife Con-

nie, and called "The High Bridge Incident - The Story Behind the Story - Released After 35 Years of Silence". This book is in three parts, the first being most of "From Outer Space to You" (originally published by Gray Barker in 1959); the second being most of Connie's 1968 book "A Song of Saturn"; and the third being an update on events since then & on Howard's current thinking. Howard has kindly mentioned your editor in the Acknowledgments (leaving out an E in Moseley, however), and has sent us a lovely review copy. We therefore recommend this tome to young and old, earthlings as well as extraterrestrials, etc., etc. Order this gem for a mere \$23 (\$25 in Canada) from Howard Menger, P.O. Box 1405, Vero Beach, Fl. 32960.

Incidentally, Menger tells us that he has very recently succeeded in getting a 4-foot-diameter saucer-shaped craft of his own design off the ground at his Vero Beach workshop. This craft operates on some sort of new electro-aerodynamic principle, and Menger is seeking a patent on it. Way to go, Howard!....

NEWS BRIEFIES:

UFO researcher Bob Oechsler of Maryland is definitely on our Shit List and off our non-subscriber list, for having broken his promise to provide "Smear" with a short technical article explaining the solution to the mystery of Coral Castle, near Miami, Florida. We gave Oechsler the leads for this article over a year ago, but he never kept his part of the bargain. Shame! We have recently been contacted by Jennifer Brown-Jacobs of the Portland (Oregon) UFO Group, which has a bulletin and a program of monthly speakers. The address is P.O. Box 998, Wilsonville, Or. 97070. Ask Jennifer for a copy of her report, being distributed by John Schuessler of MUFON, which details a paranoid series of life-threatening events which allegedly have happened to ufologists in that part of the country!... Your editor is in the process of donating about \$75,000 worth of pre-Columbian antiques to the Fort Lauderdale (Fl.) Archaeological Society, where non-subscriber Sam Enslow is one of the leading lights. As they say, there's no ghoul like an old ghoul!....

As previously noted, Gene Steinberg has apparently folded his magazine "Caveat Emptor" without notice to anyone.... The five Avenger aircraft found on the ocean floor recently near the coast of southern Florida turn out not to be the group that disappeared mysteriously in 1945. However, a group from Pensacola, Fl. now claims to have found the real group of five planes elsewhere. They won't say where, except that the location is some-where within the dreaded Bermuda Triangle!.... Ed Biebel, who was in line to become the next Arizona State Director for MUFON, has dropped out of ufology somewhat mysteriously and therefore will not appear as planned at our NUFOC convention in Cleveland....

Praise Be! New York City New Age pioneer Harold Salkin has finally snapped out of a 2½-year "slump", during which he was almost impossible to reach, as his phone was out of order (and still is.) He is now back working for New York publicist Mike Luckmann.... Recently James DAVID Moseley (not related to your editor) was denied parole in Georgia, re the five-year sentence he is serving for having oral sex with his wife! We kid you not! Erik Beckjord & his current lady friend are back in England again, chasing crop circles. Beckjord recently got into the national press by claiming to have found a volcanic formation on Mars that looks like Senator Ted Kennedy (drunk or sober, we ask!?) Persons with access to UNIX systems (whatever they are) and are interested in UFOs, are asked to contact R. Yves Breton, P.O. Box 95, Stn. Place d'Armes; Montreal, Quebec, Canada H2Y 3E9.

And finally, we wonder about the truth of the following headline:

U.S. public grasping reality

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

PHIL KLASS of CSICOP writes:

"...The comments that follow represent my personal...views and are NOT...made as a spokesman or agent of CSICOP. As you know, each issue of 'Skeptical Inquirer' states quite clearly that local/regional skeptics groups in the U.S. and abroad 'are not affiliated with CSICOP...'

"Local/regional/foreign groups create their own organizations, write their own By-laws and select their own leaders without consulting with CSICOP or obtaining its approval. If members of such groups are dissatisfied with their leaders, they should, and do, take appropriate action without consultation with CSICOP. If CSICOP ever tried to intervene to get a local group to change its leaders, its members would resent and challenge such intrusion, and rightfully so.

"Some members of the Southern California Skeptics (SCS) have made allegations against former SCS director Al Seckel - admittedly a strong-willed controversial personality - both in 'Saucer Smear' and informally to CSICOP. If some of these allegations are true, there could be cause for legal action by the state of California and the Internal Revenue Service.

"If those who have made these allegations are confident that they have hard evidence to support them, they should submit their evidence to appropriate California state authorities and to the IRS. Let these authorities investigate the allegations - for that is their legal responsibility and they have the means to do so. CSICOP has neither....

"In reference to Bill Moore's comment that he 'only ever knew one person who regarded (me) as a friend. Now I don't know any.' It would be most surprising if Moore knew ANY of the many high-level aerospace scientists and officials whose respect and friendship I have earned during my nearly 40 years as a technical journalist. This explains why I am listed in 'Who's Who in America'....What comparable honor has Moore received?..."

Contactee MONTY CANTSIN writes as follows:

"...Klass's artistic sensitivity is as non-existent as your own. You guarantee your artifacts, but you wouldn't know an Aztec sacrificial blood-receiving basin from a hole in the ground!..."

Science writer DANIEL COHEN writes:

"You may recall that some years ago I too had a dispute with Phil Klass that turned unexpectedly nasty. At the time I told you what kind of a guy he was, and as I recall you were getting on well with him, and you didn't believe me. Now you know!

"The only way to deal with Klass, for he is not a rational man, is not to deal with him at all. I sent back his letters unread and unopened. He then began sending letters with no return address....

"What is bizarre about my dispute with Klass was that basically I agreed with him about UFOs. We differed over a minor CSICOP tactic...When I brought my complaint to other CSICOP Fellows (I was one of the original group) they all privately agreed that Klass was acting badly, and several said that he was nuts. But no one would say anything publicly. No one would rock the boat. So I resigned from CSICOP.

"If, as skeptics like myself believe, UFOs and psi and the like are not really weighty matters, what possible reason can there be for conducting a scorched earth policy against anyone and everyone who disagrees with you, even in small ways?"



"I KNOW THIS SOUNDS CRAZY... BUT MY FEET ARE COLD!!"

Famed UFO researcher BILL MOORE writes as follows:

"...Lawyer Gersten's use of harsh language in questioning my competence as a researcher is a fascinating example of the pot calling the kettle black. Perhaps I might have a little more respect for the man if I didn't know that he makes a lot of money defending cocaine dealers in New York, and if I hadn't been there when his 'competence' managed to lose the most important UFO-related Freedom of Information lawsuit in America's history (CAUS vs. NSA), while setting a dangerously restrictive legal precedent in the process. Naturally Ufology should simply overlook such things, just as we should conveniently forget his loudly touted 1986-87 promises to set up a multi-million dollar foundation to study UFO abductions (where did all that money go, I wonder?), and his 1987 imprecation (in an Open Letter) to the effect that modern-day UFOs can all be explained in terms of the World War II era technological developments of Nazi Germany.

"Actually, my supreme confidence in lawyer Gersten goes back to early 1983 when I paid him a small fee (I still have his signed receipt) to establish a lawyer-client relationship prior to my agreeing to share what I regarded as confidential information with him. When I heard some of that same information come out of his mouth on a national television show only months later, I knew right then what sort of a man he was. Now you know too...."

"On May 12th, 1991, Jaime Shandera and I agreed to a friendly, out-of-court settlement of our legal dispute with Stanton Friedman, part of which calls for a 'rapprochement' and renewed cooperation among the three of us. In addition, we have received a letter from Stanton, dated June 16th, which offers sincere apologies for 'any distress caused by (his) various research and communications activities associated with the Roswell Incident, Unsolved Mysteries, etc.,' and goes on to state that causing harm to 'our (mutual) efforts to publish a book, or of causing (Jaime and I) personal anguish' was not what he had intended. Because our various complaints against Kevin Randle and Don Schmitt were largely predicated upon naming Stanton as principal defendant in a suit alleging breach of contract and fraudulent misrepresentation, we have elected to table plans to proceed against them separately, and have withdrawn our objections to the publication of their book on Roswell...."

Whereas ERIK BECKJORD (alias "Gashawk") writes:

"...Moore...was deliberately giving info to the government, for FREE, that caused damage to other ufologists, and resulted in Bennewitz even going to a mental institution. Why do you deal with him at all? Why grant him even a shred of respect and friendship?....If his paper at the 1989 MUFON Convention was true, he should be ostracized by all ufologists, forever. So why do you quote him, give him respect, and kiss his ass? He is the Charles Manson of ufology!...."

Nobody is perfect! - Editor.

Skeptic MICHAEL DENNETT writes:

"...Awhile back we read a lot in 'Smear' about Al Seckel (who is really not a bad guy) and CSICOP. I note that he is no longer listed as a technical consultant for CSICOP, and his group seems to have been dropped as well. It seems like it would be fair play to follow up on this side of the story."

Space Expert JIM OBERG writes as follows:

"Dear Gadfly and Purveyor of Genuine Antiquities:

"A satirist is only as good as the original material he has to mock, and ufology has provided you with slim pickings lately. The same old dead horses are being beaten, but with growing viciousness and malevolence. What

Woman shot in bizarre fashion

Middletown (O.)
Journal 8/13/74

Dr. Tackett Gives Talk On Moon

Indiana Evening Gazette 3/13/76

Bishop defrocks gay priest

New York Post 3/7/79

happened to all those old flying saucer nuts who used to be so lovable? A dying breed, alas. Please gently break the news to my old buddy Jerry Clark that the crucial difference between disputes within real science versus disputes within 'ufology' is that real science eventually can be decided by appeals to evidence and experiment, but 'ufology' just recycles the same old drek over and over again...."

Editor's Note: Oberg goes on to say that he admits he may have been wrong about the Kecksburg Pa. (1965) UFO case. It may have been a crashed Russian space vehicle, which the U.S. Government had good reason to "hush up" by secretly encouraging a UFO interpretation.

The semi-mysterious TAL LEVESQUE writes:

"Martin Cannon....(sees himself) as one Jew against a world of Nazi storm troupers. He draws connections and conclusions based on weak tiny threads. He is 'off base' - a lot! Ask around and you will find out he thinks you're a Nazi too - by birth. He sees Nazi 'Right Wing' agents - everywhere!"

Famed British UFO author TIMOTHY GOOD writes as follows:

"Many thanks for continuing to send 'Saucer Smear', the only UFO journal I read from cover to cover immediately on opening...."

HILARY EVANS, another Britisher of High Repute, writes:

"...Regarding your reference to 'persistent rumors' attacking Jenny Randles - Heaven knows who these rumor-mongers are, and why they should be so persistent; but whoever they are, you would do well to inquire a little into the state of their mental health on the one hand, and the purity of their motives on the other.

"Your 'strange curiosity' about her private life is a matter for yourself alone. Perhaps your analyst will help sort it out for you. But her reputation as a ufologist is a public matter on which comment is appropriate. I could trot out facts and figures about the contribution she has made, over so many years, to UFO research; but one single fact, I think, says it all: When, some months ago, Jenny was innocently embroiled in the ludicrous Friedman-Harris legal nonsense, scores of her supporters - both in the UFO field and outside it - hastened to give her what help lay in their power. Not simply in kindly words, but in handfuls of golden coin, freely donated to help her in her fight.

"That is how Jenny is rated by those of us who know her best. How many ufologists do you know who could count on that kind of support?

"I suggest you tell your informants where they can stuff their 'rumors'".

JIM MELESCIUC of "Orbiter" writes as follows:

"...I am writing to clear up your comment printed in the May 1st issue of 'Saucer Smear' (p. #5). You said, 'Jim Melesciuc of 'Orbiter' does not take them (the Crop Circles) very seriously'.

"First of all, I contributed two full pages, not to mention about 8

references, to the crop circle phenomenon in my commentary printed in the Jan./Feb. issue of 'Orbiter'.

"Secondly, I stated on p. 3 that 'I enjoy a little mystery and intrigue, but the evidence suggests that the current U.S. swirls were created either by a natural phenomenon, hoaxes, or other mechanisms'....I also stated that 'they have no similarity to the so-called scorched denuded landing traces of yesteryear'....

"Last but not least, I concluded the commentary with a question that has to be raised about the current U.S. 'swirls': Where are the UFOs that are supposed to be making them?

"So, Jim, to set the record straight, I do take them seriously and I am intrigued by them. Now I would like you to answer the above question!"

JOHN FORD, Chairman of the Long Island U.F.O. Network, Inc., writes:

"This letter is addressed to your publication concerning an article you published about allegations that I and the Long Island U.F.O. Network, Inc. are involved in some type of feud with one William Knell, for the control of Long Island ufology. This allegation is false and I ask you to retract it in your next newsletter and print the real truth. There is no feud, rather an effort to expose Mr. Knell by the New York UFO Research Community, which is being headed by LIUFON with the assistance of other reputable researchers....

"Mr. Knell and his so-called organization is now but a shambles of what it used to be, since the responsible researchers left him in droves last year, when it was learned he hoaxed some of the scientific evidence concerning his alleged 'Kissena Park UFO Landing Site', which was documented by Phil Lord and exposed on the Brooklyn-Queens Public Access T.V. Show, 'UFOs Today'....The 'Flushing Tribune'....also ran an in-depth article describing the misleading evidence purported by Mr. Knell. It also described the break-up and decline of 'Island Skywatch', when its leadership quit when they discovered Mr. Knell had fabricated evidence on that case and had also pushed the 'South African UFO Crash' as a legitimate event, when he knew some of the evidence was false...."

It still sounds like an old-fashioned feud to us! - Editor.



THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON

