

"Mars is essentially in the same orbit....somewhat the same distance from the Sun, which is very important. We have seen pictures where there are canals, we believe, and water. If there is water, that means there is oxygen. If oxygen, that means we can breathe."

- VICE PRESIDENT DAN QUAYLE

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YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED that we used a new printer for the past three issues of "Smear", and a darker typewriter ribbon. The price was higher, but the issues came out better. Now we have just learned that our new printer has been closed down by the IRS (we kid you not!), so for this issue we have still another printer, at a still higher price. Keep this terrible Persecution in mind if and when you send Donations....

THIS IS YOUR FINAL WARNING about the 28th National UFO Conference (NUFOC), to be held on the weekend of Sept. 13th-14th in Cleveland, Ohio. Speakers will include your "Smear" editor and many others. You can still make reservations at the convention site, which is the Holiday Inn/Cleveland Airport (Phone: 216-252-7700). Or you can write for further info to: UAPA, P.O. Box 347032, Cleveland, Ohio 44134; or, since time is getting short, you might prefer to phone AL MANAK, at 216-631-6356....

LEST WE FORGET: "UFO Crash Secrets at Wright Patterson Air Force Base", allegedly written by your "Smear" editor, is still available from us at \$12.95 per copy. Autographed copies are \$12 each. Also available for one dollar each are back issues of "Smear" from 1983 to the present...

## MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

If only we had known we are mentioned on Page 228 of Bill Cooper's strange book, "Behold a Pale Horse", we would at least have read that page. Yes, your humble editor is on a list of alleged CIA operatives in the UFO field, and we are in good Company. Also mentioned are Stanton Friedman (at the head of the list!), John Lear, Bill Moore (naturally), John Keel, Charles Berlitz, Bruce Maccabee, Linda Howe, Phil Klass (naturally), Virgil Armstrong, Wendelle Stevens, and Dr. J. Allen Hynek. Presumably Hynek is currently inactive. (Our thanks to George Earley for this item.)

Incidentally, Cooper fans should read a just-out booklet called "Bill Cooper and the Need for More Research (UFOs, Conspiracies, and the JFK Assassination)", written recently by William Jones & Rebecca Minshall of MidOhio Research Associates (whom we never previously heard of), 5837 Karric Square Drive, Dublin, Ohio 43017. This is a very scholarly, thoughtful analysis of Cooper's various ravings, saying in effect that he has given us a lot to think about, but much more research should be done before reaching any conclusions on the above topics....

And now more on the ongoing saga of Bill Knell, Long Island (N.Y.) UFO investigator, vs. John Ford, Long Island (N.Y.) investigator. Ford has

gone to the extreme of devoting three issues in a row of his monthly zine almost exclusively to a three-part expose of Knell. Could this be construed as "overkill"? On the cover of Ford's June issue, Knell's picture is shown together with the following text: "UFO hoaxes; Bootleg videos; Criminal activities; Copyright fraud; Media manipulation; Video scams; Lacks expertise; Research material thievery and exploitation; Discredited researcher".

Ford states that he is suing Knell, but he doesn't quite say when. Meanwhile, Knell could sue Ford for damages unless Ford can prove all of the above allegations. It sounds like a tempest in a teapot to us!

On the other hand, we don't want to sound like Phil Klass, who advises us, in effect, to print nothing controversial at all about his friends (Willy Smith and Al Seckel) merely on the possibility that we might be sued. If everyone lived in paranoia about being sued, even when they know they are telling the truth, that would indeed be the end of free speech in this country. Quite frankly, we believe that is exactly what Phil Klass and others like him want!...

One of our Fans has sent us a very fine crop circle article from the "New Age Journal", written by none other than "Smear" non-subscriber Dennis Stacy, who also happens to be editor of the somewhat-esteemed "MUFON UFO Journal". Called "Graffiti of the Gods?", this article has information on the new, more-complex-than-ever crop circles that have appeared in England in recent months.

To us, Stacy's most startling (if true) statement is in regard to a formation with three concentric rings which was photographed from the air near Devizes (England) last May. Re-photographed a few days later, the formation was found to have added a fourth encircling ring about a thousand feet in circumference! This last ring was only six inches wide, all but eliminating the possibility that it was made by a hoaxter. (Think about how on earth you could wade into a crop field and make a ring six inches wide without wrecking a lot of stuff around you!)

Among the many "authorities" quoted in the article is another "Smear" non-subscriber, Hilary Evans, who says: "Unlike ghosts, poltergeists, or even UFOs, the circles are absolutely there for anyone to examine at will. It is no longer a question of whether they exist or not, but rather of what they are." Way to go, Hilary!

Another crop circle "authority", Erik ("Gashawk") Beckjord, has just returned from another successful expedition to England, and tells us that on July 24th he recruited a small group of followers to help him send the first return message to whatever Intelligence is making the circles. The message, written in letters about 25 feet tall, reads: "TALK TO US". It took five people four hours of hard work to make the letters in the field of an English farmer, who was paid one bottle of Vat 69 Scotch for the loan of his land.

Although there was a "real" crop circle only about a mile away, the only tangible "answer" they received for their effort was near Hanover, Germany. Two days later, 9 complicated formations appeared in a German field. Beckjord says he "decoded" them, using the Viking Tifinag alphabet. The English translation: "These secret writings show the presence of the dragon. The extraterrestrial dragons are coming from Pegasus to give a trial to the earth globe." (Shudder!) A second coded message was received by a British psychic named Diana Webbe, while meditating in an English crop circle near the

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THE READERS STRIKE BACK:

Our olde pal ED KOMAREK JR writes:

"....I think Phil Klass knows exactly what he is doing and has been throughout his life promoting a very methodical discrediting operation aimed at keeping the masses of people as ignorant as possible. In the end when everybody dislikes him, at least he can say I did it for their own good. In his deluded thinking he can ennoble himself for the great personal sacrifices he has made for the common good.

"Now I dare you to print that! Of course you won't, as I'm just another one of those ignorrant (sic) bastards who don't know what they are talking about...."

And, the inevitable PHIL KLASS writes:

"Dear Capt. Jim:

"Daniel Cohen errs when he claims that he 'sent back (my) letters (plural) unread and unopened' and that I 'then began sending letters (plural) with no return address...'

"In Cohen's letter to me of Nov. 19, 1981, he said he would 'take no phone calls from (me), any mail will be returned or discarded unopened'. I have scrupulously respected Cohen's request - with one exception:

"If Cohen had opened the one letter I sent him in April 1982 (before returning it) he would have found photo-copies of two articles dealing with 'Mysterious Airships' from a recent issue of the 'MUFON UFO Journal'. I thought he would find them of interest because of his book on the subject - and that Cohen might forgive this single violation of his 'don't never write' edict. However, Cohen's flawed memory does not necessarily mean that he is also wrong when he says that I am 'not a rational man'".

No, it doesn't! - Editor.

DR. WILLY SMITH writes as follows to Daniel Cohen, via "Smear", as he does not have Cohen's address:

"Dear Mr. Cohen:

"This is a commentary on a statement you made on page 5 of the July 30, 1991 issue of 'Saucer Smear', in which you boasted that your method of resolving a dispute was by ignoring your opponent, i.e., by 'sending back his letters unread and unopened'.

"I wonder if you realize that this is precisely what your opponent expects and hopes for, as it unequivocally indicates who has lost the argument. No one who has reason and truth on his side will follow that path when victory is in sight.

"Unfortunately, it has become a standard way to terminate an issue when one of the contenders has no more rational arguments to offer. It is particularly used by political ufologists of the present generation who can never admit they were wrong, such as Daniel Wright (of MUFON fame), Budd Hopkins, and the ineffable Jerome Keith Clark, to name a few...."

JERRY LUCCI, an astute researcher from Flushing, N.Y., writes:

"...I have just completed reading Randle & Schmitt's book on Roswell, which was certainly well written, and well researched; but it still does

**Dismemberment popular  
with Wisconsin murderers**

*Chains popular  
as bridal gifts*

not provide the conclusive evidence that everyone is clamoring for. What it does establish beyond any shadow of a doubt...is that something other than a weather balloon crashed in 1947. While I believe that much is true, on the skeptical side...I am not too sure that I understand how ranch hand - cowboy Mac Brazel comes across a debris field in 1947 covered with small 'several inches by several inches' pieces of strange metal, and somehow makes a connection that these are fragments from a spaceship. Think about that for awhile and you'll see what I mean.

"Whatever happened was not what our government claimed, but the truth just might be even a little stranger than spaceships!"

And, STANTON FRIEDMAN writes:

"I thought you might like to know that on July 24, Gerald Anderson passed a polygraph examination administered by a member of the American Polygraph Association after extended discussions. More information will be forthcoming. As you will note from my 8-page review of 'UFO Crash at Roswell', attempts to discredit Anderson and to move Barney Barnett's crashed saucer encounter to the Corona area seem doomed to failure.

"Re Jenny Randles being 'innocently embroiled in the ludicrous Friedman-Harris legal nonsense' as noted by Hilary Evans: That is total hogwash. When we finally, by legal action, obtained a copy of Jenny's viciously defamatory letter to the Manchester (England) Evening News, it was clear that she was anything but innocent. She repeated similar defamation to the MEN reporter. Even worse, she totally deceived her friends into believing she was innocent of wrong doing - just a poor victim of an attempt to suppress free speech and of misquotation by the newspaper. She wasn't misquoted. The apology made by MEN and Jenny is quite strong, and they did pay damages.

"I am enclosing a copy of Jenny's initial letter and would be happy to supply same to anybody sending a SAE and one dollar to cover postage and handling....Evans is right in that a group of English writers formed a Jenny support group known as MJ-Balls and raised money for her. Which makes her deception all the more deplorable....

"The book manuscript by myself and Don Berliner is almost complete".

Editor's Note: We highly recommend that interested "Smear" readers send to Friedman for a copy of Jenny Randles' letter (much too long to print here) and make up their own minds about it. Under American standards of libel, which are apparently much less strict than British standards, the letter does not look libelous to us. ("Smear" would never last in England!) Friedman's address is: 79 Pembroke Crescent, Fredericton, N. B. E3B 2V1, Canada.

Crashed Disc expert LEN STRINGFIELD writes:

"....Since February I've been full time working on a book which I will privately publish, hopefully before the end of August. It deals with the UFO crash/retrievals, of course. I have been getting much and, I believe, significant input on this subject in recent months. I'll send you a gratis copy as soon as available.

"Keep 'Smear' coming!...."

Famed author JACQUES VALLEE writes:

"Thank you very much for your courtesy in keeping me on your 'non-subscriber' mailing list. I have become very fond of your newsletter and would like to complete my collection...."

**Juvenile court to try shooting defendant**

**Carcinogens Cause Cancer Says Book**

## Toilets May Offer Choice of Flushes

Toilets of the future may have two handles: one that releases 3½ to 5 gallons of water for solid wastes and another that releases one and a half gallons of water for liquid wastes.

The inventor of these new toilets, interviewed in OMNI magazine, says people will have the opportunity to save 50 percent to 75 percent of the water used by their toilets.

## Clay man sought in police mystery



"I've got it again, Larry... an eerie feeling like there's something on top of the bed."

JERRY CLARK, with whom your "Smear" editor appears to have recently formed a Mutual Admiration Society, writes:

"Tell Jimmy Oberg before he writes any more dumb letters to 'Smear' - or any more dumb books, for that matter - to desist from smearing the good name of science by associating his peculiar brand of UFO-and-ufologist-bashing with it. Tell him, too, that if he's to dissuade me of the reality of the UFO phenomenon, he might try, for a change, employing some rational arguments. Rational arguments are an elusive presence in his 'UFOs and Outer Space Mysteries' - arguably the worst debunking exercise this side of Tacker's mercifully forgotten 'Flying Saucers and the U. S. Air Force'. For the hilarious particulars, see my long review in FATE, August, 1982."

"Federal Hypothesis" fan RON SCHAFFNER writes as follows:

"With regards to your editor's note on the Jim Oberg letter, I must agree with the premise that the Kecksburg, Pa. crash was a crashed Soviet space vehicle. The so-called 'hieroglyphic' lettering could have been Cyrillic lettering that is found on many Russian devices. Space enthusiasts know that the Soviets were having difficulty launching satellites during the 1960s. The Pentagon knew it. After all, this government could not allow the public to be aware of possible Soviet penetration over our skies. What better way to use the public belief in flying saucers!"

TED SCHULTZ of Ithica, N.Y. writes:

"...I'm writing because I've recently been told that 'Saucer Smear' has run a series of letters dealing with Al Seckel, formerly head honcho of the Southern California Skeptics. I would very much like to read each and every one of those letters, because I have had numerous dealings with Mr. Seckel. He brought me out to California on two different occasions to give lectures, and he once visited me here in Ithica. I know other people he knows, and I've watched closely as this whole debacle of deceit has unfolded. Maybe I'm naive, but each new revelation leaves me incredulous. I cannot believe what some people are capable of!

"Anyway, I know of Seckel's activities from observation, but I've never seen these activities described in print. I am enclosing \$4 in the hopes that this will cover the expense of mailing me back issues of 'Saucer Smear' in which Seckel is discussed...."

GEORGE HANSEN writes:

"The Southern California Skeptics was one of the most successful lo-

cal groups of debunkers. It had hundreds of members and even a Nobel laureate on its board. Many people devoted long hours to making it successful. The Seckel scandal has apparently caused its demise. Yet CSICOP apologist Michael Dennett claims that Seckel 'is really not a bad guy' ('Saucer Smear', July 30th, 1991, p. 6). One wonders what it would take for a CSICOPer to fail to merit Dennett's approbation."

TOM McIVER writes as follows:

"...I think Kurtz, and maybe Klass, know that the allegations concerning Seckel - including the reports of financial misconduct - are true, or at least are very plausible. I think they are afraid of being implicated because of their association with and promotion of Seckel. Seckel's prestige and credibility, after all, were largely the result of CSICOP's endorsement and backing. Thus their frantic denials of any association, and vicious attacks against those - me - who are exposing Seckel."

Famed abduction investigator (and abductee) DR. LEO SPRINKLE writes:

"...We may not be able to explain UFO experiences, but - together - we can explore the meaning of these experiences. Onward, Ho!"

Non-subscriber JEAN MISNER writes:

"...Hey! It's about time Geller grabbed Randi by the neck and shook him up. I've been expecting and waiting for this for many years. Without a doubt Randi has the knack for making people hate him wherever he goes. I think he has Klass beat and 'outklassed' in that category. The UFO Hate List is: #1: Randi; #2: Klass; #3: Moore.

"Randi crossed the libel/slander line many, many years ago. But then, who ever heard of him until Geller came along. Geller has been Randi's free advertising ride from the beginning. For years the two of them made me think of the whale (Geller) and the small sucker fish (Randi) that attach themselves to the whale for a free meal and ride...."

On the other hand, MATT RAY writes:

"...On the matter of Uri Geller and the Amazing Randi, can people still sue someone even if what they're saying is true? Surely Uri Geller is considered a public figure, and if he is a raving maniac fake, people should surely have the right to say so...."

SHEILA FRANKLIN writes as follows:

"Enclosed find my donation for your lively zine. I pray that one day I too will merit an honorable mention within your extraordinary pages..."

Never! - Editor.

JANE KROEGER writes:

"It is not anything your newsletter or you have done wrong, but I do not wish to receive your newsletter any more, because I believe there is a link between ufology and the occult. I have come to this conclusion recently. I'm 'going on' with my life...."

And, WILLIAM HOWARD writes:

"...A friend of mine reports from the Phillippines that the BVM (Blessed Virgin Mary) is appearing nightly in a palm tree on the outskirts of Manila. Do you think she had anything to do with the recent volcanic activity in that area? Could she have possibly gotten angry over the inability of the locals to follow her advice? My friend will report on the late-breaking news regarding the BVM in his next letter. She seems to be a very

busy woman what with nightly appearances worldwide. Do you think that she could be utilizing a UFO to get from one appearance to another?..."

No. - Editor.

And, Armchair Philosopher DAVE REISSIG of Syracuse, N.Y. writes:

"...I think UFOs are a kind of dream - they're temporarily real. Aren't we all?

"Science is a narrow focusing that misses almost everything. The physical is really the smallest part...."

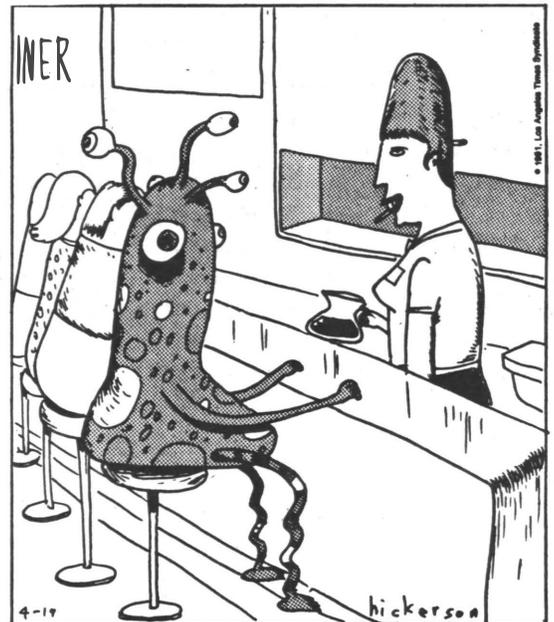
Researcher GEORGE EARLEY (8820 Dog River Road, Mt. Hood, Oregon 97041,) writes as follows:

"Wanted: Information on the loss of the World War One troopship Lauritania, which reportedly disappeared in 1917 en route to Europe. There was reportedly one survivor, a Lt. Rian Morley, found dying off Mozambique - thousands of miles from the Lauritania's last known position in the Atlantic. Morley, who was unsure how he came to be where he was picked up, claimed, just before he died, that the Lauritania had been captured by a giant spherical inter-dimensional craft controlled by an alien race of big-eyed humanoid beings who live in another dimension that is somehow linked to our earth. Morley claimed the aliens possess levitating rays, disintegrating rays, and routinely vivisect humans, whom they regard as inferior beings."

Anthropologist SAM ENSLOW of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, writes:

"'The Protocols of the Wise Men of Zion' is the same work as 'The Protocols of the Wise Men of Sion', according to the research of Michael Baiget, Richard Leigh and Henry Lincoln. Their books 'Holy Blood / Holy Grail' and the 'Messianic Legacy' deal with a very mysterious place known as Rennes-Le-Chateau, located in southern France.

"The Priory of Sion guards a tradition that the Holy Grail refers to the royal blood line of the House of David through Jesus and Mary Magdalen to France's Merovingian kings and later to current nobel families of France and England. The men credited with leading the Priory of Sion make quite a company: Robert Fludd; Victor Hugo; Jean Cocteau, et al. The men of the Priory are said to possess the knowledge held by the innermost circle of



"Mornin', Phil. The unusual?"

the Knights Templar and are somehow associated with the Knights of Malta.

"Although authors like Lionel and Patricia Fanthrope in works like 'Rennes-Le-Chateau: Its Mysteries and Secrets' dismiss the royal blood line of Christ because it is an affront to their church, there are sound arguments to be made for the descendant of the House of David to really have been a pretender King of the Jews. That Jesus was a carpenter doesn't mean he made furniture any more than a Mason lays bricks. They are masters of alchemy (the science of transformation). The discoveries at Nag Hammadi and Qumran support this concept of Jesus - as opposed to the teachings of most established churches....

"The subject is fascinating, but it will probably upset those who call themselves Fundamentalists but believe God will somehow be threatened by honest inquiry. God never changes, but it is quite possible that our understanding of God might."

Editor's Note: We should mention that Enslow seems to be implying that, properly, "The Protocols" really have nothing to do with anti-Semitism.

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town of Avebury.

We asked Beckjord why the answers were not in English, since the "TALK TO US" message was in English. Beckjord merely quotes Charles Fort, who said, "If there is a universal mind, does it have to be sane?" Good point. Way to go, Erik!....

Our thanks to CUFOS for their courtesy in sending us "The Roswell Report: A Historical Prospective", consisting mainly but not entirely of material already published by Randle & Schmitt in the "International UFO Reporter". Interestingly, CUFOS takes the position that the Roswell crash was a real anomaly, but that the MJ-12 documents are phony, probably faked by Bill Moore. (The feud goes on!) This interesting 150 page book can be obtained from CUFOS at: 2457 West Peterson Ave., Chicago, Il. 60659. We don't know the price, but they do.

We still haven't seen the paperback book by Randle & Schmitt, called "UFO Crash at Roswell", but "Smear" non-subscriber Jerry Lucci gives it a review of sorts in the Letters section of this issue....

Famed abductee Whitley Strieber has just closed down his "Communion Letter" zine after about two years of publication. In his last issue he attacks the UFO field bitterly, and in an accompanying form letter he has this to say:

"...I am not a UFO researcher and do not wish to endure the continued media attack that is associated with being involved in this field. In addition, the so-called 'UFO-ologists' are probably the cruelest, nastiest and craziest people I have ever encountered. Their interpretation of the visitor experience is rubbish from beginning to end. The 'abduction reports' that they generate are not real. They are artifacts of hypnosis and cultural conditioning.

"What we are experiencing is a perceptual anomaly that is sufficiently ambiguous and intense that it demands explanation. It is something that human beings have been experiencing for a long time. It is the cause of religion, of mythology, of folklore. Presently it is the cause of the 'alien abduction' belief.

"What is really behind our experiences? We are. This is a human thing. However, I would also say that it indicates that we - and our world - are vastly different, and far more strange, than we have ever dreamed, or dared imagine.

"With that I leave you."

With the exception of victimless crimes (which need not concern us here), every single crime committed in this nation of ours involves a victim.

San Francisco Chronicle 5/31/77