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THE NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE DOES IT AGAIN!

For the 29th consecutive year, the National UFO Conference (NUFOC) has just held its annual convention, this time in scenic Tallahassee, Florida, with ufologist Ed Komarek as the local host, and over one hundred attendees. Public sessions were held at a local Holiday Inn all day on October 24th and 25th; and on the evening of the 24th, most of the guests trekked out to Ed's farm, about 20 miles north of town, over the state line into southern Georgia. There they were treated to an outdoor dinner, followed by the well-publicized firewalk, which ended up with Ed as the only participant. (See photo on Page 3.)

Among the most interesting speakers was Simone Mendez, a young Air Force veteran who told a remarkable story. It is worth noting that, although Ms. Mendez has received a lot of publicity recently, in FATE Magazine and elsewhere, her unusual adventures were first revealed in "Saucer Smear" several years ago, and her appearance in Tallahassee was her first public lecture anywhere.

In 1982 Ms. Mendez was working in a top security area of Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada (not far from Area 51!), when a friend whom we will call "Airman Green" came to her apartment with a sensational teletype printout about flying saucers. She doesn't remember the details (possibly because they were deliberately blocked from her mind), but the message had something to do with a fleet of UFOs over Russia, converging toward the Kremlin it-

*The dollar's gone through
the floor. Now whose fault
is that? Not the
Democrats. Not the
Republicans. Somewhere
out there, there's an
extraterrestrial that's
doing this to us, I guess.*

■
Ross Perot



Braun

Give 'em what they want — sex and gore

THE SENATE'S FIRST BLACK WOMAN
Carol Moseley Braun wins in Illinois

self!

Her receipt of this classified message was a serious breach of security, and it led to months of various persecutions by the Air Force - interrogations and repeated lie detector tests. She was informally charged with treason! How the Air Force would dare treat a shy, sensitive young woman so sadistically is certainly not clear.

Her security clearances were scrapped, and she was given a job in "service", basically managing a hotel on the base. This led to a spat of letters of commendation, and finally to a request by Air Force personnel that she do unspecified undercover work for them. She did not want to do this, and finally left the Air Force in 1988. There are many more fascinating details to the story, but Space is not sufficient to relate them here.

Also noteworthy at the Tallahassee convention was Tim Beckley, giving one of his rare public lectures, though he hosts many conventions himself. Beckley gave a sampling of bizarre Fortean/UFO cases of the past 25 years which simply do not fall into any of the usual categories. He also played a video tape of a gentleman known as "Mafia Mike", who allegedly had a UFO contact at the infamous Area 51 in Nevada.

Perhaps our most unusual presentation, saved for last on the program (and another "first" for the NUFOC!), was a hypnotic session in which a hypnotist named Jiles Hamilton caused an abductee named Rickey Monroe to recall his experiences while on board the spacecraft. Not much came through Rickey's vocal chords while he was asked questions about himself; but then Jiles cleverly asked Rickey to put the space entity on the phone, so to speak. The spaceman refused to give his name, but did impart quite a bit of information in answer to questions passed to the hypnotist from various members of the audience. Often, however, the spaceman would simply answer, "TOO MUCH KNOWLEDGE IS A DANGEROUS THING". We were also a bit distressed to find that the entity, when speaking through Rickey Monroe, had the same sort of Southern accent that he has.

Rickey Monroe also gave a lecture, in a different time slot, regarding UFO activity around his home town of Vidalia, Georgia. Ed Komarek spoke on UFO activity in Russia, which he learned about during his trip there last year; Donald Ware spoke on various alien-related matters; Rick Hilberg, a co-founder of the NUFOC, showed slides of UFOs from the past; Dr. Bert Schwarz spoke on "Saucers, PSI, and psychiatry", as he is a psychiatrist himself; contactee Bill Clendenon spoke of his own contacts and also reviewed his version of the late George Adamski's UFO experiences in the 1950's; Dr. Frank Stranges gave an updated version of his experiences with the ever-young spaceman called Val Thor; and your humble "Smear" editor expounded briefly on some of his own sightings & other weird experiences.

Dr. Steven Greer, a noted new face in the ufological community, found that he was unable to appear due to other commitments. Also, Elaine Douglas was a no-show, reportedly depressed because she had just been ejected from Bruce Maccabee's Fund for UFO Research. However, she is still connected with Ed Komarek's "Operation Right to Know", which will hold its second demonstration in front of the White House on July 5th of next year. Perhaps Bill Clinton will take more kindly to the (alleged) alien invasion than Bush did!

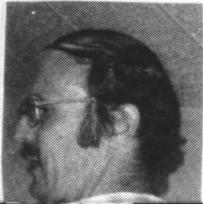
We want to offer our apologies to Fearon Hicks, Mary Ann Meadows, and a couple of others who were promised time on the program, but who were not heard. Also, our sincere thanks to all the speakers



Sign of the times

Here's a coincidence! Clinton and Bush streets intersect in a crime- and drug-ridden neighborhood right outside an abandoned factory in Brooklyn, N.Y.

LEFT: Has Ed Komarek lost his head over fire walking? It kind of looks that way, as our "Smear" staff photographer (OISEAU) accidentally cut off Ed's head while photographing Ed in the fearless act of fire walking at the bonfire/sky watch scene, at the 29th National UFO Conference in Tallahassee. We therefore have pasted in a head for Ed from a different picture. RIGHT: Simone Mendez tells of her strange ufological persecutions while in the Air Force, at the same NUFOC convention.



who did appear, for little or no financial compensation. Ed Komarek ran a bare-bones sort of operation, and because of it a small profit was made, which is a rarity in the history of the NUFOC. Our special thanks to Ed and wife Susan for their hard work and dedication to the Cause, and for spelling your "Smear" editor's name almost correctly in the convention literature!

One highlight of the convention was the presentation of our Ufologist of the Year award, which went this year to Allen Greenfield of Atlanta, in absentia. Greenfield, as older ufologists will recall, is one of the most original thinkers in all of ufology - in the school of Vallee, Keel, etc.

Greenfield will be hosting the 1995 NUFOC in Atlanta. In the meanwhile, next year's conclave will be held in Trenton, N.J. by Pat Marcattilio, and the following year the convention returns, as it often has in the past, to Cleveland, Ohio, where the organization was founded in 1964. Rick Hilberg and Al Manak will be the sponsors of that one, through their local organization called United Aerial Phenomena Association (UAPA).

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

We have received a long article or "paper" prepared by researcher George Hansen of New Jersey, in regard to the Linda Napolitano abduction case discussed in the last "Smear". This item is called "Attempted Murder vs. the Politics of Ufology: A Question of Priorities in the Linda Napolitano Case". Hansen goes on to say: "UFO abductee Linda Napolitano claims she was kidnapped, assaulted, battered, harassed, and nearly drowned by two

agents of the U.S. government. Prominent ufologists Budd Hopkins, John E. Mack, David Jacobs, Jerome Clark and Walter H. Andrus, Jr. accept these claims. Hopkins has collected extensive materials that could be used to help apprehend and convict the agents. Yet Hopkins, Clark and Andrus have vigorously argued that these crimes should not be reported to law enforcement authorities; they indicate that such could be "politically damaging" to UFO research. These ufologists are (now) asked to defend their decision and priorities."

It seems, however, that Hansen has erred in thinking that Jerry Clark was referring to ufological politics rather than real national & international politics when Clark made remarks to the effect that making a formal criminal charge would be politically unwise. Clark was referring to the fact that, if there really is anything to these tales about Richard and Dan (the alleged federal agents), they could be "silenced" if the case is formally prosecuted. He may be right about this.

In any case, we will continue to update this fascinating story!....

Well, after all these years, we may finally be seeing the end of the investigation of Ed Walters' Gulf Breeze photos. To make a long story short, MUFON czar Walt Andrus has chosen to accept a supportive final report from investigator Art Hufford, rather than a negative final report from Rex Salisberry - the man originally commissioned by MUFON to write the report.

The infamous UFO model found in Ed's former home, and the negative testimony of Tommy Smith, are both "explained away" by Hufford. We of "Smear" have always felt that the model might well have been a "plant" to embarrass Ed, but we still believe Tommy Smith and the other former teenagers who have spoken up. To us it is obvious that when Ed took young Smith into his confidence re hoax photos, he did not yet expect or intend to get national attention & to co-author a professional book. Indeed, it was MUFON itself that propelled Ed into the "big time", with all the attention they gave him over a period of many months! But, unlike Budd Hopkins, Ed has harmed no one, and we still wish him and his family well. VIVA ED!

....In a recent issue of the "International UFO Reporter", editor Jerry Clark comes down solidly on the side of Kevin Randle & Don Schmitt, in their long-winded dispute with Stanton Friedman & Don Berliner over important details of the Roswell UFO case. In essence, Clark strongly rejects the alleged second crash site at San Agustin and the testimony of Gerald Anderson. Clark states of Friedman that he "has long since ceased being an investigator (and is) now an advocate". (See also Kevin Randle's letter to the editor, further along in this issue.)....

We have a few new publications here to call to the attention of you-all: First, be sure to read the very first issue of a new magazine called "The Ohio Sky Watcher", published by our olde pal Ron Schaffner (P.O. Box 158, Milford, Ohio 45150). Ron recognizes ufology as a "belief system", and seems to favor the "federal hypothesis", i.e., the concept that many/most/maybe all UFOs are misidentifications of secret aircraft, etc..... Then there is a professional-looking zine called "UFO Encounters", now in its 3rd issue, published by Aztec Publishing, P.O. Box 1142, Norcross, Ga. 30091. The editor is Michael Norris, a relative newcomer to the UFO field.And a book called "The Gemstone File", about various far-out conspiratorial theories, edited by Jim Keith of IllumiNet Press, P.O. Box 746, Avondale Estates, Ga. 30002. Included is a commentary by Robert Anton Wilson!And there's "Clouds of Glory", described as "a theology of ufology", written by Albert W. Ware, who hopefully is not related to Donald Ware. This tome springs from Alpha Enterprises, P.O. Box 54562, Tulsa, Ok. 74147, and costs a mere \$5.95.....Next, a non-UFO book by a pioneer in ufology, Hayden Hewes of Oklahoma City. The book is called "New Faces", about models and modeling. It seems Hewes' real profession is running a modeling agency. Nice pictures but no plot...Finally, another veteran saucer investigator has written a book, called "Human Reactions to UFOs Worldwide" (1940-1983).

The author is George Fawcett of Lincolnton, N.C., and the publisher is Arcturus Books, which recently moved to 1443 S.E. Port St. Lucie; Port St. Lucie, Fl. 34952.

BRIEF OUTBURSTS:

On a positive note (for a change!), your editor is onto a story told by a former Army sergeant about having helped shoot down a UFO while on duty in Germany in 1974. So far, we have no names and no proof. Stay tuned!....A Cool Yule to all of you, and let us take this opportunity to point out that we have a new supply of our classic (?) book, recently reprinted by Tim Beckley, entitled "UFO Crash Secrets at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base". A mere \$10.00, and ideal as an Xmas gift for some ufological-minded friend....We note with amusement that one of the "alien" photos on the back cover of our book is the featured photo in a blurb we just received promoting the Third World UFO Congress in Norway (May 14th-18th, 1993). This picture, and the other similar one on our back cover, is a proven hoax, as noted in a previous issue of "Smear" (We had nothing to do with the cover.)....Speakers in Norway will include abductee Christa Tilton (see photo below), her ex-husband Wendelle Stevens, England's Armen Victorian (a pseudonym), and several other researchers whom we know at least vaguely. Wish we could go!....

Our apologies for at least three relatively minor errors in our article about Linda Napolitano in the last issue of "Smear": We managed to misspell the names of George Hansen and Joseph Stefula, and we incorrectly stated that alien insectoid expert Linda Moulton Howe attended the meeting at Budd Hopkins' residence. She was not there....A wild rumor has it that Javier Perez de Cuellar, the former United Nations official who allegedly witnessed Linda's abduction, has himself been abducted, and will soon announce this fact at a press conference. (Don't hold your breath!)....It's now been something like two years since there has been an issue of "Pur-suit", the slick, semi-scientific magazine of the Fortean Society. Editor Bob Warth has apparently lapsed into some kind of long-term depression, or so it is rumored....Nothing much new to report about the infamous Bill Knell of Long Island. He continues to grind out his trashy newsletter and to sell his bootlegged video tapes. No more death threats to us, however!....Florida residents (and others) should try to visit the UFO museum run by Jim Greenen of 11955 S. Orange Blossom Trail (Suite 1144), in Orlando, Florida. We have not been there yet, but intend to go soon....It is now 8 years since the death of Gray Barker, and we still miss him as much as ever.

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

ALLEN H. GREENFIELD, D.D., Ph.D., writes:

"Dear Jim:

"Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

"I want to thank you, my friends Tim Beckley and Rick Hilberg, the members of the Permanent Organizing Committee of the NUFOC, and the delegates to the 29th annual National UFO Conference for honoring me with the 'Ufologist of the Year' Award for 1992. As I recall, I last received this distinction in 1972. I believe that you and I are the only two persons to twice receive the award.

Computer-generated poetry courtesy of John Bridgman

MR. MOSELEY

ALIENS

DON'T UNDERSTAND

THE LESSONS OF HISTORY

MR. MOSELEY IS LOST

MORE SLOWLY THAN YOU'D EXPECT

HIS IMITATOR

EXUDES A GRAY AURA



CHRISTA TILTON
- USA

Christa Tilton is a very experienced UFO investigator, author and lecturer. She has investigated many cases of UFO abduction in the United States and has had personal contact with alien life forms after being abducted herself. Christa will talk of her experiences and the spiritual awareness given to her as a result of her contacts.

"No doubt, my essay 'UFOs and the Occult', published in Abrasax Vol. IV, No. 3, figured heavily into your thinking, as did my recent work on the 'Men in Black' phenomenon. But, by far, I feel the consideration afforded me by 1992 convention chairman Ed Komarek gave the largest boost in my favor, and I don't know quite how to thank him; but by the time of the Atlanta convention in 1995, I'm sure I can think of something truly suitable for Ed, who, like 'Saucer Smear', upholds the highest principles ufology has always been built upon.

"Last but not least, I'd like to thank my mother, who has been almost as much a mother to me as Ed.

"Love is the law, love under will.

"Your pal, Bishop Allen"

PAT LINSE, Art Director of the new magazine "Skeptic", writes:

"Thanks for the plug for 'Skeptic' Magazine in 'Saucer Smear'. I loved hearing the magazine characterized as 'slick', especially after all the first-time-through problems and corners we had to cut for lack of budget, it's nice to know it comes off reasonably well. (Or perhaps you were only referring to the slippery plastic coating on the cover!)

"I am astonished by rumors that 'Skeptic' Magazine was created secretly by CSICOP bigwigs as a hedge against possible legal collapse. I am certainly in a position to be able to say that this is completely untrue - since I am one of the two people who basically produce the magazine for next to nothing...."

Famed UFO investigator JOHN LEAR, writing to us for the first time in several years, has this to say:

"Thank you for your recent mailings.

"I still have not found work, but I made it back from the Phoenix convention without getting abducted. I don't think they take people who know it all anyway. They like for their subjects to be in awe...."

"I don't have much on flying saucers or aliens except that Hatonn says he is backing Perot. Ashtar as usual is for Bush, that creep. (Ashtar is the creep, not Bush.) Semjase, as you can well imagine, is going for Clinton. It's the charisma thing with her. On Reticulum 4 they are giving 9 to 5 that Bush will fake an alien invasion to rally the country behind him (the theory being that in times of crisis people stick with the incumbent). Me? I'm writing in Jeanne Kirkpatrick for president and Colin Powell for veep.

"Meanwhile, back at the ranch, NBC screwed me out of money they promised me for the picture of Groom Lake (Nevada) they showed last April.

"By the by, what happened to the aliens on ice at Homestead (Florida) during the hurricane? I heard even the backup power went out. So that would mean you should have some melting greys around the Keys?

"I guess you know what they call an ugly female from Zeta Reticuli? You guessed it - a GREYHOUND!"

"Thanks again for all the stuff."

And, KEVIN RANDLE of Roswell fame writes as follows:

"Your Supremeness:

"Gerald Anderson, as a viable UFO sighter, is gone. He admitted to a group of the UFO leadership to having lied about the length of the phone call to me and then invented the phone bill to corroborate his lie. If he lied about that, and created a document to back his lie, what else has he lied about and what other documents has he created? Given all the holes in his testimony, this should end the Anderson controversy...."

"It looks as if the Friedman book is little more than fiction - the

fiction of MJ-12, Gerald Anderson, and a crash on the Plains of San Agustin. The witnesses he names to the San Agustin crash all received the story from Barney Barnett, which means there is a single source and it is all second hand. Johnny Foard, the lone exception, is a witness we discovered, and he said the only thing he knew was second hand, and he couldn't even remember when he heard it. It could have been after the publication of Moore's book. So much for ample testimony.

"If there are any other questions, please let me know."

DARYL COLLINS (a pseudonym) writes as follows:

"....I don't understand why Budd Hopkins behaved to you as he did. It is truly unfortunate that one of the most visible public spokesmen for our subject can be so unbearably abrasive. I have letters from more than one source complaining that he often arrogantly dismisses the validity of any abduction accounts that don't fit his preconceived pattern, no matter the nature of the evidence or the evident suffering of the witness. Many of these cases could be valuable sources of information for the study of abductions by Budd and his followers, if only they wouldn't turn so many people off in this way.

"My own major complaint is rather different, namely that he proudly declares that he has all sorts of vital evidence that he refuses ever to let anybody know. Maybe at one time it made sense to keep secret the various reports of writing seen inside UFOs, as a safeguard against fraudulent cases. But now that he claims to have accumulated a large number of practically identical samples from many independent witnesses, and claims that this validates such controversial cases as that of Ed Walters, I think it surely behooves him to let the ufological community see what he has, and judge the strength of his evidence. Just how similar are these writing samples, anyway? No one knows but Budd and a few of his friends. If the samples are extensive enough, experts in cryptography or in the decipherment of extinct languages could have a go at making sense of them - if only they could be allowed to see the material! There are many other details as well that the Hopkins school is sitting on, feeling that us hoi polloi have no business knowing about them!..."

WILLIAM HOWARD, a psychic, writes as follows:

"...Re the Budd and Linda thingee: After reading the latest issues of 'Saucer Smear' and SUN (Klass' newsletter), I'm inclined to go along with my sainted grandfather who said, 'I know bull shit when I smell it.'"

MARK CURTIS, former newsman with WEAR-TV in Pensacola, Florida, and an investigator of the Gulf Breeze UFO syndrome, writes:

"....A few 'Smear' issues ago, Dr. Bruce Maccabee took issue with my



comments about the Gulf Breeze Red Light (RUF0???) sighted on May 18, 1992 by many people near the Pensacola Bay Bridge and also videotaped by KHOU-TV (CBS) from Houston. Dr. Maccabee wanted to know under 'what authority' I dare conclude this red light was a road flare or something else non extraterrestrial. Here's my response:

"(1) Please let Dr. Maccabee know they have not repealed the First Amendment, and that freedom of speech and the press still exist! I was merely reporting what many people reported seeing to me. (2) There was smoke clearly emanating from this red light (and even when it turned white and split into two lights!) There were also particles falling (dripping or melting??) off of this burning light. Even the KHOU-TV crew captured the smoke and falling particles on video tape. Any sane person, including MUFON members, who say there was no smoke or falling particles, is simply having delusions, or is still going through denial, since the media (with the help of many others) already proved that the Gulf Breeze UFO case was fiction; and (3) I guess the only other thing that makes me any kind of authority on flares, is that for four years back in the 1970s I worked in a police department. During that time I had dozens if not hundreds of opportunities to direct traffic at car accidents, etc., with the help of flares. That doesn't make me an expert, but I'm pretty confident that I know a flare when I see one. What I saw in the KHOU-TV video of May 18th, 1992 was a flare!

"In closing, it's just a shame that after 5 years of the Gulf Breeze fiasco, some people are still grasping at straws in an effort to believe it's still real. Dr. Maccabee remains mad at me, Craig Myers, Dr. Hyzer, Phil Klass, Ray Stanford, Bob Boyd, Zan Overall and all others who worked to prove that Gulf Breeze was phony. Dr. Maccabee ought to admit he got conned by Ed Walters and get on with his professional career, not to mention his life!...."

ERIK BECKJORD writes as follows:

"NASA (really Rockwell) apologist James Oberg may be out on a long limb this time, on the Discovery UFO Film (STS 48), since Dr. Mark Carlotto and Richard (Mars Faces) Hoagland have issued a video that gives us the smoking gun in this case. Due to these guys, we now see that the elusive, bright and seemingly guided object that takes what appears to be evasive action to avoid what looks like a particle-beam shooting at it, is really at a very far distance! This distance is 1,713 miles from Discovery, and what proves it, and which Oberg so far cannot answer, is that this moving bright object comes up from the other side of the earth! It quickly rises, like a small sun or star, and then starts its moves. The Oberg theory of Ice Debris thus collapses, since to be even seen, such an object would have to be as big as the berg that sank the Titanic!

"Furthermore, Hoagland in his free-to-copy video shows us that lit objects get brighter as they pass through the air layer, and then get dim as they pass out into space. Both the odd-lit object and the particle-gun blast pellets do this. Ergo, they are not close to Discovery, and ergo, not debris nor ice.

"We now ask Oberg - why the cover-up???"

Researcher PATRICK HUYGHE writes:

"I've been interviewing Laibow, Mack, and other mental health pros on UFOs and other anomalous experiences for an upcoming story in OMNI. But if you can't wait to read my delicious words, I suggest you pick up a copy of my newest book, 'Columbus Was Last: From 200,000 BC to 1492. A Heretical of Who Was First; published by Hyperion....Then again, you might prefer my recent story on eating insects. Yummy!...."

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