

"You are....a boil on the ass of ufology"

- JOHN KEEL, writing in the March 25th, 1977
issue of "Saucer Smear".

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NON-SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL!

Yes, for those of you who have received the "Dreaded X" on your envelope, it is time for the annual ritual of renewing your "Smear" non-subscription. (Please make checks out to the editor by name, not to "Saucer Smear".) Those of you who have not received an "X" are free to simply glide along for another year, unless you are overcome by Guilt and decide to send along a Love Offering just for the hell of it!

We are approaching a really special occasion - the end of not just the year 2000, but the end of the decade, century, and millennium. This time we are headed into the real Third Millennium, not the fake situation of a year ago, when many people not of a mathematical bent simply thought the millennium was ending. The Y2K scare didn't help any, either!

We of "Smear" want to again thank those (few) of you who have kept us in business by sending along material from the (dreaded) Internet. Our very special thanks to ace cartoonist Matt Graeber, ace Contributing Editor Karl Pflock, and all the rest of you who have sent in contributions of various sorts. Even when we don't use your stuff in "Smear", we file it carefully or send it along to a deserving somebody. In extreme cases we ball it up for our cats to play with; but believe us, nothing is wasted completely!

At this point we should (again) mention that the "Smear" website is www.martiansgohome.com/smea. For the glorious 2001 National UFO Conference in Austin, Texas next September 14th-16th, the website is <http://www.nufoc.net>, and this will be continually updated by Miles Lewis, who is the local chairman for this soon-to-be-historic event. Email concerning the Convention should be sent to nufoc@elfis.net. The National Chairman for the Convention is your humble "Smear" Editor, who has held this high post almost since the start of the NUFOC back in 1964.

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HAVING IS
WORTH
PAYING FOR!**

A TALE OF TWO CONVENTIONS:

In the course of extended travels during the month of October, your editor attended two UFO conventions in widely separated parts of the eastern U.S. The first was Pat Marcatillio's twice-a-year (sometimes!) conclave in Bordontown, New Jersey, this time attended by approximately one hundred of the Faithful. The attendance would have been much higher had Pat taken proper advantage of the fact that he snagged nationally-known Hans Holzer as a speaker. Holzer, who has written many books over the years on the subject of ghosts, has never before appeared at a UFO convention, as far as we know, and this could have been the subject of a special press release to all media, etc.

Holzer was interesting and apparently well informed in his lecture about ghosts & associated phenomena, but in a second lecture about UFOs - for the benefit of the UFO-oriented audience - the man was obviously faking it! We were able to speak personally to Holzer for only a moment, and the only thing we learned from the brief conversation is that he despises James ("The Amusing") Randi. This is not really surprising, in view of Randi's lifetime stance against everything "supernatural".

Marcatillio's other "coup" regarding speakers, was booking Don Ecker and Vicki Ecker (aka Vicki Cooper) of "UFO Magazine", all the way from California; but alas, at the last minute the Eckers were not able to make it. That was good news to your "Smear" editor, as both Eckers have had a vile and unexplained hostile attitude toward us throughout the years. Substitute speakers were then found by Marcatillio.

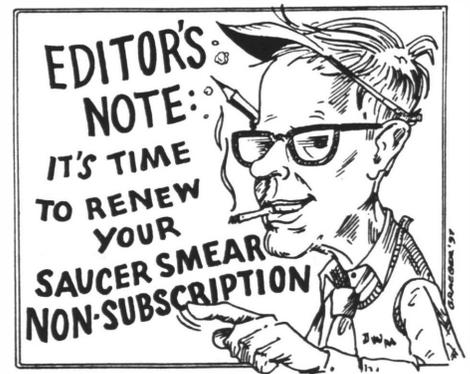
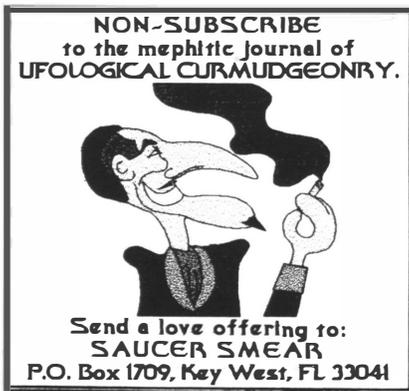
Your editor gave his usual talk, entitled "Weird Personal Experiences of a Skeptical Ufologist", though this was late on Sunday afternoon after many people had already left. Other speakers included Antonio Huneus, "the man of a thousand slides"; Tom Carey, king of the Roswell diehards; and Preston Nichols, a former co-worker of Long Island (N.Y.) researcher John Ford, who is now confined to a criminal psychiatric unit in New York State. After hearing Nichols' talk, we are wondering if the Authorities might have put away the wrong guy!

....Two weekends later, your editor was in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, for a convention hosted by a group now called "Journeys Beyond". This is just a few miles from famed Gulf Breeze, but as usual in recent years, Gulf Breeze's most famous ufological resident, Ed Walters, was nowhere to be seen. In fact, the convention's emphasis was shifted to the paranormal in general, rather than UFOs specifically, as had been the case in previous years. Thus some new attendees were added, and some previous attendees were lost. The net result was a decrease in attendance, unfortunately.

A featured speaker was former astronaut Dr. Brian O'Leary, who was unable to make it; so in his place it was arranged to have a lecture by three rather strange men: Philip Corso Jr., son of the deceased author of "The Day After Roswell", shared the stage with his lawyer and another fellow who is an aircraft technician of some sort. The three of them spent an hour in unrehearsed banter among themselves, in the course of which we learned, among other things:



Jim Moseley poses with Judith Slaughter's alleged alien skeleton at the 2000 NUFOC Convention in Corpus Christi, Texas. (Photo by Miles Lewis)



The "Truth" will be known precisely on April 14th, 2003; They (these three men) are trying to build a craft through "reverse engineering" of genuine alien spacecraft parts; There are at least eight security levels above "top secret"; In the notorious "Philadelphia Experiment" of 1943, "a lot of guys were melted into the deck of the ship", i.e., killed; and most astonishingly - part of the Roswell craft crashed in 1947, but the rest of it didn't crash until 1957, due to some sort of time warp. Do not ask us explain this! (Poor old Phil Corso Sr. would probably be rolling in his grave if he knew what madness he has started!)

The other star of the Fort Walton Beach conclave was Zecharia Sitchin, whose thesis is that Mankind is descended from space beings. Though this theory is intriguing, Sitchin presents it in rather tedious detail, and even though we had not heard him before, we were unable to sit through the whole presentation. Sitchin is, however, a legitimate scholar, and the author of several reputable books.

Other speakers included Nancy Talbott, who in our opinion was the most interesting of the entire weekend. Ms. Talbott is a real scientist, and she presented beautiful color slides - mostly of British crop circles - together with scientific commentary. To a lesser extent she dealt with UFO trace cases and animal mutilations, always with the same open-minded attitude as to the ultimate meaning of the data presented.

The honor of Most Absurd Topic must go to Kewaunee Lapseritis for his lecture entitled "The Psychic Sasquatch and its UFO Connection". This sounds like it was inspired by the inimitable Erik Beckjord, though we did not hear any of this particular talk, and therefore can't say for sure.

Among the other speakers was the inevitable Nuclear Physicist Stanton Friedman; Dr. William Roll on poltergeists, etc; William Buhlman on spiritual expansion; and William Henry, speaking on the Second Most Absurd Topic, "The H-Bomb and the Holy Grail". Indeed, what a Bomb!

However, the convention as a whole was a worthwhile effort. The next one will be in Tampa, Florida, May 11th-13th of next year. Marcatillio will try again at Bordontown, New Jersey on the weekend of March 31st - April 1st, 2001.

NEWS BRIEFIES (formerly TIDBITS OF TRASH) :

At the very bottom of Page 8 of our last issue, we very briefly mentioned a website called "UFO Hall of Frauds, Dirtbags, Dupes and Morons - exposing the parasites, delusional personalities, idiots and morons currently polluting ufology".

Listed thereafter are the following ufologists, described exactly as quoted below: (We have omitted several names of people we have never heard of.)

"Richard C. Hoagland (aka Hoaxland); Peter 'Show me the money' Gersten (man of many silly robes); Jon Erik 'The jerk' Beckjord; Art Bell; Ed 'Lame Brain' Dames; Donald Schmitt; Billy Meier; Richard Boylan; Philip J. Klass; Joe Nickell; Jim Dilettoso (spelling?); Ray Santilli; Steven M. Greer."

"Smear" fans may remember that Ray Santilli was the British film pro-

ducer behind the dreadful Roswell alien autopsy hoax film, a few years ago. This hilarious website is run by someone who calls himself Royce J. Myers III, which is probably a pseudonym. The website is: <http://home.earthlink.net/~ufowatchdog>.

Mr. Myers (or whoever) is not entirely negative in his approach to ufology. We have received a long rant in which he has a very sensible argument with a woman representing SETI. He correctly insists that SETI is deliberately blind to the legitimate ufological evidence that exists.

Our thanks to the anonymous souls who have supplied us with the information above...

It is now exactly sixteen years since the death of the late, great Gray Barker, and we still miss him as much as ever...

Several of our Inner Circle have sent us a peculiar Net item about a commercial outfit that promises to hypnotize people to make them think they have been abducted by aliens! However, the firm, called Alien Abductions, Inc., has been accused of planting subliminal advertisements in their customers' minds at the same time; and these ads (by strange coincidence) include two for firms that sponsor the company's website! The company more or less denies the charge but admits it has implanted certain ads that "increase the effectiveness" of the alien abduction experience.

The pitch by Alien Abductions, Inc., is that through hypnosis you will have "personalized, realistic memories of the alien abduction you have been waiting for your entire life". They claim to have a team of "doctors, hypnotists and memory implant technicians", but the material we have read says nothing about how much this costs, how long it takes, what possible adverse side-effects there may be, or anything else along those lines. Come to think of it, maybe the whole thing is just a joke!? Weird!

The subject of AIDS may seem far removed from the UFO topic, but there are tie-ins. We have learned that the South African Minister of Health has distributed to all his subordinates a chapter of Bill Cooper's UFO book "Behold a Pale Horse". The chapter in question contains a detailed presentation of Cooper's theory that AIDS was introduced to Africa by a world-wide conspiracy of the notorious Illuminati. The purpose was to greatly reduce the African population. It is said that the cure is known, but is being kept secret until enough people have died!

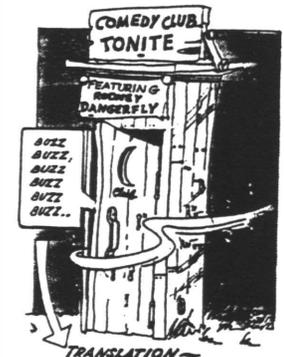
"Smear" readers will remember Bill Cooper as a frequent lecturer at UFO conventions, just a few years ago. He stopped speaking at Tim Beckley's conventions when Beckley put him in a position of possibly having to pay taxes on his lecture income. (Cooper is a hard-core tax evader.)

Since then Cooper has disappeared from the UFO scene, though he probably remains active in right-wing militia circles.

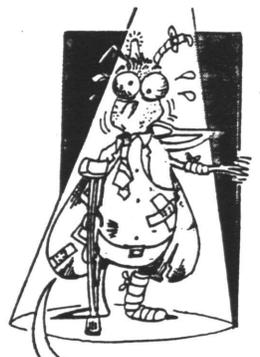
An equally bizarre theory about AIDS is promoted by one Dr. Phillip S. Duke, who has written a book called "The AIDS-ET Connection". Yes, Dr. Duke believes that the aliens have deliberately introduced this deadly disease to the planet Earth in order to slowly wipe out enough of us so that human civilization goes into an inevitable collapse. (He fails to explain why the aliens don't use some faster, more direct method of killing us!)

A synopsis of Dr. Duke's book can be found in the Summer 2000 issue of Britain's Flying Saucer Review, edited by a very elderly man named Gordon Creighton. FSR was founded in 1955 under a different editor, and thus is probably the second oldest UFO

RODNEY DANGEROUSLY 'LIVE' 
at the CRESCENT CLUB



TRANSLATION—
"I'LL TELL YA, EVERYTHING HAPPENS TO ME. I MEAN, I FLEW INTO YOUR LOVELY ACCOMMODATIONS AND WAS RELAXING IN THIS SOMEWHAT STAGNANT BUT, AROMATIC POOL ..."



"WHEN ALL OF A SUDDEN, IT GETS REAL DARK... THEN THE WIND STARTED TO KICK UP AND THE WATER GOT KINDA CHOPPY."

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periodical in the world, after "Saucer Smear", which was founded under a different title ("Saucer News") by Jim Moseley in 1954.

Incidentally, "Saucer Smear" was the only American UFO magazine with the balls to review Dr. Duke's book at all...

With the retirement of MUFON czar Walt Andrus, the headquarters of that lofty organization has been moved to a suburb of Denver, Colorado, somewhat near the home of John Schuessler, the new International Director (or whatever). Whereas Andrus operated MUFON right out of his own house, Schuessler apparently prefers to distance his private life somewhat from the organization.

The new office is in a shopping mall, between a liquor store and a optometrist, and right across the parking lot from a bar & grill. All of the files and furniture have made the move; but strangely, the MUFON library consisting of thirty years of free (to MUFON) UFO books has remained in Seguin, Texas with Walt Andrus!

The MUFON membership, as gauged by the circulation of the MUFON UFO Journal, has decreased from a peak a few years ago of over five thousand, to somewhat under three thousand. This is quite a drop, and is partly accounted for by the rise of the (cursed) Internet. There must be other factors as well, of which poor leadership could well be one!...

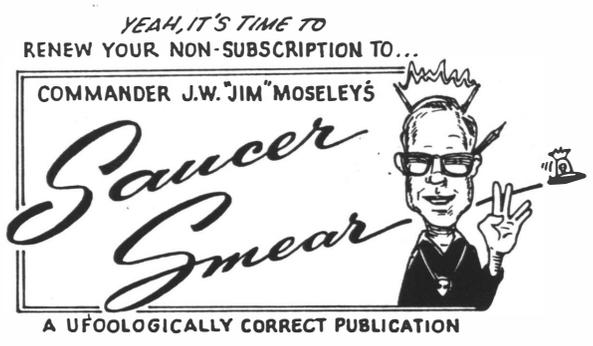
In our last issue we reported that arch-skeptic Phil Klass is doing well, following a second spinal operation in October of this year. Unfortunately we now learn that he is not doing so well after all, and may end up confined to a wheel chair. A sad situation for a man who enjoyed skiing and other such activities up till fairly recently...

From an Anonymous Secret Source (A.S.S.) we learn that, beginning next year, "UFO Magazine" will be cutting personnel costs by making editor-in-chief Vicki Ecker an "independent contractor". IC status means that publisher William Birnes won't have to pay for her social security, medical, pension, vacation and other overhead-type costs. One wonders what dire future is in the cards for Vicki's husband Don, who is currently comfortably installed in the hierarchy as "Director of Research"....

"Saucer Smear"'s own Karl Pflock breaks into print again in the December 2000 issue of England's prestigious "Fortean Times". He adds interesting new information to the classic Travis Walton abduction story of 1975, by pointing out that one of Walton's adventures aboard the space ship has an uncanny resemblance to a well-known science fiction story. Pflock says he wrote to Walton about this "co-incidence" but received no reply to this particular question, though Walton did answer other questions quite candidly.

Your editor has met Walton only one time, at a ufological book signing session. The formerly young abductee seemed to have a hostile "vib" (whatever that is) to the public in general, and admitted only reluctantly to having heard of us at all!...

Finally - on August 23rd, in a mere 20-minute hearing in a Virginia (Continued near the bottom of next page)



PFlock PTalk / "BEEP-BEEP!" WENT THE SAUCER?

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



KARL PFLOCK

I am convinced Barney and Betty Hill had a close encounter with and were taken aboard a flying saucer on the night of September 19-20, 1961. However, I also think some elements of the case as we have come to know it might not be quite as they seem. Here's a f'instance:

The strange beeping sounds the couple reported are thought to have had something to do with the trance-like state they experienced. The first set of beeps, right after the close encounter in which Barney saw aliens peering at him from the saucer, signaled induction of the state; the second set, its being lifted. The Hills described the sound as a

"buzzing vibration", something "striking the rear of the car", etc., always emanating from the rear or trunk of their vehicle.

In his 1961 report to NICAP, investigator Walter Webb wrote, "The car had traveled only a short distance...when the Hills heard a series of beeping or buzzing sounds...About 35 miles further south...Mrs. Hill asked her husband for the first time, 'Do you believe in flying saucers?' and he replied, 'Don't be ridiculous. That wasn't a flying saucer'. Both claim that at once they heard five or six beeps on the rear trunk."

The Hills and many ufologists eventually connected the odd sounds with the couple's trance-like state and control of their actions by the aliens. However, there is another possibility.

Speaking to a UFO study group in November 1963, Betty mentioned that, when she and Barney got home, they discovered the car's trunk lid was closed but not latched. Shortly before their first all-too-close encounter with the UFO, Barney retrieved a handgun ("Interrupted Journey"'s "tire wrench") from the trunk. In his fearful state of mind, he may well have failed to slam the lid hard enough to latch it. The bouncing of the lowered but not locked trunk lid as the car traversed rough spots in the road likely was the source of the sounds and vibrations, or beeps.

The Hills vividly remembered their first notice of the beeps because of its coincidental timing with their clearly terrifying close encounter, and their second, because it harked back to the first: It's those weird sounds again! In the circumstances, every out of the ordinary thing became important, more salient, more strange.

I'm convinced Barney and Betty Hill were captured by UFO-nauts, but the kidnapers' saucer didn't have a hypnotic horn.

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Circuit Court, the judge dismissed the petition by UFO activist Larry Bryant et al against the Governor of Virginia, for having failed to protect the citizens of that fair state from alien abductions, etc.

We admire ol' Larry for his valiant College Try, even though it was pretty much doomed to failure.

PROPHYLACTIC JOURNEY: Three Latvians landed in a small village near the Estonian border late on 22 August after a 60-mile (96km) journey across the Baltic Sea on a raft made of 20,000 inflated condoms. Two others earlier disembarked on an island after being becalmed for three days. [AFP] 24 Aug 2000.

THE HOLE TRUTH?

Wormholes – tunnels through space and time which can act as shortcuts between otherwise distant regions of the universe – could exist for real, says a Russian researcher. Some physicists have raised objections to the idea of wormholes, because the holes require vast amounts of so-called "exotic matter" – a rare substance which has negative mass – to hold them open. Now, Serguei Krasnikov, of Pulkovo Observatory, in St

Petersburg, has found a way around this. He says that if the throat of the wormhole is curved in just the right way, it can create its own exotic matter. And this can hold the wormhole open wide enough and for long enough to allow people to travel through it. If he's right, it's a momentous discovery. Astronauts could use a real wormhole to travel effectively faster than the speed of light, or even backwards through time. *New Scientist*, 15 April 2000

BOOK REVIEWS :

"Reaching for Reality" by Constance Clear, M.A., M.S.W., is a good title for an abduction book; though "Groping for Reality" might be even better. Here seven of Ms. Clear's patients, all of whom believe they have experienced the abduction syndrome, tell their weird stories in their own words, with comments by the author. We have spent time talking with Ms. Clear at two Texas NUFOC conventions, and our copy of her book is autographed "to a fellow explorer".

Interestingly, four of the seven unnamed abduction victims are public school teachers. Five of the seven were hypnotized, two were not. All we can say, in general, is that the narratives offered in this book are purely subjective. The differences between dreams, imagination, and "reality" are not clear to the abductees, and thus not clear to the reader, either. No proof of anything is asked for, and none is given!

All we learn is that these seven anonymous people seem to be sincerely troubled. What the cause of their troubles is, we do not know. But in our opinion, interaction with physical beings from other planets is the least likely explanation. Someday we will learn more about the solution to such goings-on. In the meanwhile, Ms. Clear is doing her best to enlighten us.

The rear cover of the book contains glowing endorsements from Whitley Strieber, Dr. John Mack, and Dr. David Jacobs - three of the top abduction researchers on this planet. What more can we add to that?

This book can be obtained from: Consciousness Now, Inc; P.O. Box 15994, San Antonio, Texas 78212. The price of this 230-page paperback is not given...

Next, there is "The Real World of Fairies", a first-person account by a lady named Dora Van Gelder. Ms. Van Gelder, a past president of the Theosophical Society, died last year at the age of 95, and was a well-known psychic throughout her lifetime. It is clear from skimming merrily through this book that the author saw the fairies psychically, not physically. Nevertheless she did see them, and who is to say that her visions did not have a reality of some sort.

This 180-page paperback was published in 1999 by Quest Books Theosophical Publishing House of Wheaton, Illinois and Madras, India. It was kindly given to us by Jean Misner, a long-time "Smear" non-subscriber who is interested in UFOs as well as other mysteries. We appreciate her kindness...

We have Space to mention just one more current book this time, and it is called "The Chinese Roswell - UFO Encounters in the Far East from Ancient Times to the Present". A Chinese Roswell, you ask? Well, it seems that any book with this magic word in the title has at least some small chance of success!

This is another paperback, originally published in German, and now available from New Paradigm Books of 22783 South State Road Seven; Boca Raton, Florida 33428. The author's name is Harlwic Hausdorf, and we are told that he has ventured over many sacred places in the Far East. In the course of doing so, he believes he has uncovered evidence of extraterrestrial visitations in the very distant past. The book is surprisingly well written and quite interesting! We must actually read it someday!...

Here are a few not-yet-written Roswell books we hope to be reviewing some time in the future: "The Town of Roswell New Mexico Does Not Exist", by Philip J. Klass; "What Roswell Has Done for my Bank Account", by Stanton Friedman; "I Am Rational Except About Roswell", by Dr. Kevin Randle; "My Posthumous Interview with 'Cactus Jack' About Roswell", by Tom Carey; "My Hot Tub Massage in Roswell", by Dr. Richard Boylan; and, a sure best-seller, "Naked Alien Sex Orgies in Roswell", by James W. Moseley.

Yes, keep an eye out for these reviews!

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

Researcher JOSEPH J. STEFULA (Ret.) writes:

"What's Old Is What's New Again:

"To the horror or maybe the amusement of many long-time observers of the UFO field, many of the early players in the 1980s-era government cover-up conspiracy rumor-generating mills have recently re-appeared on an obscure computer discussion group. In the past few weeks, the Jack Sarfatti new physics discussion group has served as a gathering forum for many of the key players in the early MJ-12 disclosures. There is Robert Collins, Rick Doty, Dr. Christopher Green, Dr. John Alexander, "Smear"'s own Karl Pflock and others, who have been discussing various facets of the alleged UFO cover-up and arguing the finer points of UFO history. Even parapsychologist (and frequent "Smear" contributor) George Hansen's name is on the discussion list.

"The Sarfatti group generally discusses topics in breakthrough physics, but in the past few weeks it has centered on aspects of the alleged ongoing UFO cover-up. Political journalist Dick Farley recently stimulated a lively discussion of alleged presidential briefings about UFOs (based on his claim of having personally helped Dr. C. B. Scott Jones prepare one such briefing for then Presidential Science Advisor John Gibbons).

"Also participating in the sometimes heated discussions is Dan T. Smith, a physicist turned UFO activist who is well known to many "Saucer Smear" readers for his idiosyncratic, apocalyptic beliefs. It has been alleged that Smith recently received a briefing about crashed UFOs from a government official (shades of Bill Moore!)

"About the only characters who have not yet appeared on the discussion list are Moore and his friend Jamie Shandera. "Smear" readers can only hope that Moore and Shandera will soon appear on the Sarfatti list to help clear up some of the lingering mysteries surrounding their reported contacts with government agents who are responsible for much of modern-day UFO folklore.

"'Smear' readers sophisticated enough to have internet access can read some of the archived messages at Dr. Sarfatti's web site: <http://www.stardrive.org>."

Hard-core "Smear" non-subscriber DENIS COREY writes:

"...I don't understand why Uri Geller and his people and James Randi and his people just don't get off each others' backs? This stuff has been going on for years, with no resolution in sight. I'm exhausted from reading about it!..."

Parapsychologist GEORGE HANSEN writes:

"Question: How do you know if you are at a high-class UFO conference?

"Answer: There are no known pedophiles on the program.

"Question: How do you know if you are at a high-class skeptics conference?

"Answer: There is a known (alleged) pedophile on the program."

Researcher ALEXANDER MEBANE writes as follows:

"...Congratulations on your FATE article (3-D vs. 4-D), which differs from my own perspective only by using different terminology. But I must sympathize with Pflock, who, in spite of having satisfied himself that all 'UFO crashes' are purely fictitious, still can't let go of the once-plausible old 'physically real' diagnosis. You will remember what a cri de coeur Jerry Clark uttered in '97, on finding himself pushed toward a despised 'occult' explanation! Pflock must by now be feeling the same way!..."

RECENT BACK ISSUES OF "SMEAR" ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR ONE DOLLAR EACH!