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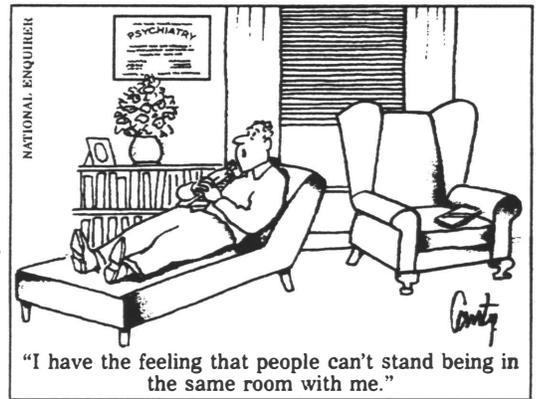
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"I have the feeling that people can't stand being in the same room with me."

ARE FLYING SAUCERS A DANGER TO CIVIL AVIATION?

With civilian air travel in the sorry state it's presently in, including endless flight delays, cancellations, etc., perhaps this is the time to call attention to a possible aerial danger that has been largely overlooked. Patrick Huyghe, co-editor of *The Anomalist*, has kindly sent us the outline of an article he's writing about a new organization called NARCAP (no relation to NICAP!), which stands for the National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena.

NARCAP's purpose is to improve U.S. aviation safety related to various kinds of unidentified aerial phenomena (UAP). (Note that the dreaded term "UFO" is not used!) Based in Boulder Creek, California, this is a non-profit scientific organization which aims to provide pilots and air traffic controllers with a specific telephone number, a confidential web site for making reports, and other means of reporting their sightings of "UAPs".

The chief scientist for this new group is Richard Haines, whose name is already well known to flying saucer buffs. Haines is a psychologist, a senior aerospace scientist formerly with NASA, and a member of the International Society of Air Safety Investigators, which assists the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) in its accident investigations.

There have been many near misses (about one hundred, perhaps) - most of them never officially reported over the years - but as far as we know, there has never been a proven case in the United States of a "UAP" or UFO causing a plane crash. Haines, who himself is a saucer buff, readily admits that these incidents do not present an immediate physical threat to aviation safety due to collision; but he emphasizes that the reason for this is the high degree of maneuverability shown by the unknown objects themselves, in these close encounters!

There is, however, one famous case from Australia, which may indeed be an incident in which a civilian pilot's death was directly caused by an unidentified flying object. We refer to the Frederick Valentich case of October 21st, 1978, in which the unfortunate pilot, flying alone over water, disappeared completely and has never been seen or heard from again to this very day. This is one of the very few incidents in all the vast UFO lore that sends a shiver up your "Smear" editor's spine. We ran a short article about this case on Page 4 of our Nov. 10th, 2000 issue, and at the bottom of the next page we give you an edited transcript of Val-

entich's last six minutes of conversation with a nearby control tower. Fascinating!

Richard Haines has in the past written about the Valentich case, among others. Says he: "I believe that we should not wait for a midair collision to occur before we take this (UAP) subject seriously and try to do something about it." (Our thanks to Herb Taylor, Patrick Huyghe and others for this item.)

DR. MACK IS BACK ON THE TRACK!

We have received a classy 24-page magazine called "P.E.E.R. Perspectives - No. 3 - Expanding Awareness of Extraordinary Experiences". PEER stands for the Program for Extraordinary Experience Research, and is an organization in which Dr. John Mack of Harvard University is the leading light. It is stated that "PEER explores and integrates extraordinary experiences within a context of personal, societal, and global transformation. PEER contributes to the scientific and philosophical exploration of experiences that do not fit our usual understanding of reality..."

Obviously the theme here is UFO abductions and related phenomena. Somewhere in this zine it is stated or implied that after Dr. Mack's first book, "Abduction", in 1994, when the good doctor almost lost his tenure at Harvard, he was encouraged by his peers to bring other academics into his work. This he has most certainly done.

Mack has also just published a new book (which we haven't yet seen) called "Passport to the Cosmos: Human Transformation and Alien Encounters". And through PEER, he reaches out to many social scientists & others, throughout the world. PEER also seems to work closely with a well-known larger group called the Society for Scientific Exploration (SSE), which is composed of over 800 scientists and other professionals from more than forty-five countries.

One can get onto the PEER mailing list by sending MONEY to them, at P.O. Box 398080, Cambridge, Ma. 02139.

As for Mack's second book, it is said to be the culmination of five years of research - after his first book was published - involving more than 200 people ("experiencers") who have reported encounters with "beings often described as aliens". The book was published in November of last year.

Interestingly, Dr. Mack believes that the protection of the Earth's fragile environment may be at the heart of the abduction phenomenon, i.e., these entities don't want us to mess up our planet any worse than we have already done.

TIDBITS OF TRASH:

"Smear" is pleased to announce that Karl Pflock's long-awaited book, "Roswell: Inconvenient Facts and the Will to Believe" will be published by Prometheus Press as their lead title for June. It will be hardcover, about 345 pages, plus photos & other illustrations & an index. More details will be announced soon.

We truly believe that this new tome by Pflock will be the Definitive

Final six minutes of a pilot lost in time

THE following is an edited transcript of the six-minute, 35 second radio transmission between Tullamarine airport radio controller Steve Robey and Valentich on October 21, 1978:
Valentich: Melbourne, this is Delta Sierra Juliet. Is there any known traffic below five thousand?
Robey: There is no known traffic.
Valentich: I am, seems to be a large aircraft below five thousand.
Robey: What type of aircraft is it?
Valentich: I cannot affirm, it is four bright, it seems to me like landing lights.

Valentich: Melbourne, the aircraft has just passed over me at least a thousand feet above.
Robey: Roger, and it is a large aircraft, confirmed?
Valentich: Er, unknown due to the speed it is travelling. Is there any air force aircraft in the vicinity?
Robey: No known aircraft in the vicinity.
Valentich: Melbourne, it's approaching now from due east towards me.
Valentich: It seems to me that he's

playing some sort of game, he's flying over me two, three times at speeds I could not identify.
Robey: What is your actual level?
Valentich: My level is four and a half thousand: four, five, zero, zero.
Valentich: Melbourne, it's not an aircraft, it is ...
Robey: Can you describe the, er, aircraft?
Valentich: As it's flying past it's a long shape ... cannot identify more than, it has such speed ... it's right before me now Melbourne.

Robey: Roger, how large would the, er, object be?
Valentich: Melbourne, it seems like it is stationary. What I'm doing now is orbiting and the thing is just orbiting on top of me also. It's got a green light and sort of metallic like, it's all shiny on the outside.
Valentich: ... it's just vanished.
Valentich: Melbourne, would you know what kind of aircraft I've got? Is it a military aircraft?
Robey: Is the aircraft still with you?
Valentich: It is now approaching from the south-west.

Valentich: The engine is rough-idling. I've got it set at twenty-three, twenty-four and the thing is coughing.
Robey: Roger, what are your intentions?
Valentich: My intentions are, ah, to go to King Island, ah, Melbourne. That strange aircraft is hovering on top of me again. It is hovering and it's not an aircraft.
Valentich: Melbourne ... (microphone remains open for 17 seconds and a strange pulsed noise is heard but nothing more from Valentich).

Work in the almost endless series of Roswell books in recent years; but if there are ever to be more titles, here's a few that we would suggest: "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 Ph.D; "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....

Col. John Alexander of NIDS has telephoned "Smear" Headquarters to take issue with our item at the top of Page 4 of the Nov. 10th, 2000 "Smear". John denies that former Sergeant Richard Doty works part-time for NIDS as an investigator, and he also denies that he (John Alexander) has had any sort of falling out with Robert Bigelow, who is his boss at NIDS. We wish to apologize if our information printed in "Smear" was inaccurate...

Sadly we learn that, last November, Eldon Byrd's latest lawsuit against James ("The Amusing") Randi was dismissed by the court - not on the merits of the case but on technicalities! The suit may or may not be filed again, in the state of Florida this time, where Randi and the evil James Randi Foundation reside...

On the weekend of April 28th your "Smear" editor plus Contributing Editor Karl Pflock, plus a handful of other researchers, will again trek to Clarksburg, West Virginia, for a mini-Con at the Clarksburg - Harrison County Library. This is where the books and papers of the late Gray Barker are kept, to be seen by the public by appointment only. The mini-Con itself will be freely open to the public, and there will be another showing of the classic documentary film about Gray Barker's life, called "Whispers from Space"...

Of course, all of this will be on a much smaller scale than our giant annual NUFOC Convention, due to take place in Austin, Texas on the weekend of September 14th-16th. Already some important ufological speakers are being lined up. Stay tuned for more info. in future "Smears"....

In the photo below, we see Pat Marcattilio, alias "Dr. UFO", standing rather wildly on the furniture of his overcrowded apartment, showing off his vast collection of UFO material. The picture was taken by the Trenton (N.J.) Times around the time of Pat's saucer convention in Bordentown, N.J. last October, where your "Smear" editor was one of the more enlightened speakers. Pat's next conclave will be on March 31st - April 1st of this year.

The reason we are using such a large version of the picture is that our printer tells us that we'll lose a lot of photographic detail if we make it any smaller. But what the hell - ol' Pat deserves a lot of Space!....

"Smear" has learned that John Ford, former Long Island, N.Y. UFO clubhead, has been transferred from the Mid Hudson Psychiatric Unit to the Suffolk County Court. It is not



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clear whether this means he has been discharged from the New York criminal justice system. Ford was imprisoned a few years ago because of his alleged participation in a bizarre plot to kill two local political leaders in his section of Long Island...

Finally, we note with interest that ever since the Summer 1999 issue of the "International UFO Reporter" (IUR), historian Jerome Clark is no longer listed as the sole editor, but shares that honor with George Eberhart and Mark Rodeghier.

Also of interest is the fact that aviation expert Richard Haines, referred to in our lead article, is one of the contributing editors listed for "International UFO Reporter". This shows his close link with the UFO field.

BOOK REVIEWS :

"Smear" non-subscriber Wendy Ann Connors has kindly sent us a (free) copy of the latest book she has co-authored with Michael David Hall, who, thank god, is no relation at all to UFO researcher Richard Hall. The book is called "Captain Edward J. Ruppelt - Summer of the Saucers - 1952", and centers around Ruppelt, who was head of the Air Force's saucer investigation project from 1951 to 1953.

As most of our readers know, 1952 (and particularly July of that year) saw a peak of UFO activity far beyond anything that has ever occurred either before or since. Just why this frenzy of saucer sightings took place in 1952 is still not known, but it is chronicled in great detail in this 300-page softcover book. (Publisher = Rose Press International, Albuquerque, New Mexico.)

Ruppelt was a dedicated Air Force officer, and did his job as best he could. In 1956, after having left the Air Force, he wrote "The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects", which was revised and updated in 1959. In 1960 Ruppelt died of a heart attack, at the age of only 37.

Many researchers have made a "Thing" about the fact that Ruppelt's revised edition included three very skeptical new chapters, as if he were under pressure to be more negative about the UFO subject. In a letter to be published in the next issue of "Smear", British researcher Christopher Allan effectively refutes this point of view...

This same team of Hall and Connors has also written another book called "Alfred Loedding & the Great Flying Saucer Wave of 1947". Though not nearly as well known to present-day UFO buffs as Ruppelt, Loedding was a key military figure at the time of the 1947 flap, and the book is centered around his life story, just as the new one is centered around Ruppelt. The Loedding book was reviewed briefly in "Smear" awhile back.

Hall has also written still another book without Connors, called "UFOs - A Century of Sightings", available from Galde Press, P.O. Box 460, Lakeville, Minnesota 55044.

All we can say is that all three of these tomes represent a vast amount of research and tedious labor. We salute the authors!

PFlock PTalk / MOJAVE TIME WARP**by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist**

Truth in Advertising Notice:

What follows is a shameless teaser for my forthcoming article in Fate.

Recently my wife, intrepid Welsh Terrier Buddtu, and I slipped back in contactee time - but only about halfway, or perhaps all the way and then part way back. It's an uncertain thing. In the Mojave Desert, land of unearthly Joshua-tree armies, impossibly near-far surreal peaks, and determinedly unprepossessing towns and near-ghosts of towns, you never can be quite sure where-when you are.

In 1952, "Professor" George Adamski claimed to have been drawn here, to a place precisely 10.2 miles northeast of now almost nonexistent Desert Center, to meet Orthon of Venus, the archetypal Space Brother. Today the spot is all but the same as it was, and standing at highway's edge in the palpable silence, one would not be surprised to see Orthon's Scout Ship soar over the looming mountains.

Instead, some miles to the northwest, in the town of Joshua Tree, there's the Carousel Cafe, down the road a piece from the Institute of Mentalphysics. The diner and its sign undeniably were fashioned in the image of Orthon's saucer. Once called, perhaps, Flying Saucer Eats, the place still suggests something wondrous-silly.

Somewhat farther northwest lies Giant Rock. For two decades beginning in 1954, the hulking eight-story boulder was the scene of George Van Tassel's annual Interplanetary Spacecraft Conventions, where thousands gathered to listen to tales of leading contactees, wildly contradicting each other and yet somehow mutually supportive. Today, recently cataclysmally shorn of one-eighth of its bulk, it is splattered with graffiti, some inspired, most sub-pedestrian. (See left, below.) Other than the defaced Rock, all that remains of "back when" is the foundation slab of the Giant Rock Airport Cafe. The airstrip is but a shadow on the desert floor.

Still, there is a "feel" about the place. Or is it just the impact of the eerie quiet, set shivering but not quite banished by guns booming on the nearby Twenty-Nine Palms Marine Base?

Nearby, the Integratron glistens white in the relentless sun, a mock Palomar. (See right, below.) It is double fenced in one corner of what used to be Van Tassel's ranch, the place a bit forlorn yet charged with some quirky energy. The Integratron, built, we are told, to specs



channeled by Van Tassel from his Space Brothers and never quite finished, is now open for tours three Sundays each month, offers rejuvenating "sound baths", and is "available for private rental". Got a bar mitzvah or wedding coming up?

The Good Ol' Days live! Or at least some haunting, quantum-physically smeared, trapped-between-times semblance of them does. Maybe.

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

Famed abductee BETTY HILL writes as follows, regarding the remarks in Karl Pflock's column in the Dec. 1st "Smear":

"...I agree that we were not hypnotized by the beeping sounds. I was fully conscious, but Barney was sort of dazed, I suspect as a result of his experience on the highway.

"When we heard the beeping sounds, the car vibrated (shaking). Later we found the highly polished spots on the trunk, which remained for months, and caused a compass to act erratically. I do not know the reason for the beeping, but I have thought it was done as a way of tracking us, without (the aliens) being seen on our way home..."

J. D. SCARPELLINI of Missouri MUFON writes:

"...Referring to John Carpenter, the letters (which he uses freely when he feels it's to his advantage) MSW mean Master of Social Work. LCSW means Licensed Clinical Social Worker. He's licensed by the State of Missouri. (Hopefully not much longer.)

"Re the Carpenter Affair, you mentioned John Schuessler's statements. I've enclosed a copy of an email from Schuessler to the MUFON Board members. Note that the cc list is very short. Didn't all the Board members get the message?? So far, the MUFON membership hasn't a clue as to what's going on. There has been no mention of anything related to this. Most of MUFON doesn't even know that any information about Carpenter was given to the governing board of MUFON. We have not been able to find out who comprises the 'Ethics Committee':

"Gary Hart gathered and organized the information. He was told by Tom Deuley of the MUFON Board that he, Gary, was not permitted to contact any Board members. Period. Since Gary has all the information - what if any of the 'Ethics' Committee wants explanation, details, elaboration, etc., of any of the material sent to them? What they have was given to them by Schuessler, who obviously controlled what they got. See the enclosed email copy. In it Schuessler states that he removed part of the record because it should not have been included in the first place! That information was there for a reason, and was included with the knowledge and full permission of the person whose record was involved.

"What else did Schuessler remove? We don't know. I do know what he got in the package handed to him at the MUFON Symposium in St. Louis. I am the person who handed it to him, and I have a copy of it. Altogether about 300 pages of it.

"Your statement that Carpenter is 'still riding high in the MUFON hierarchy' seems to be

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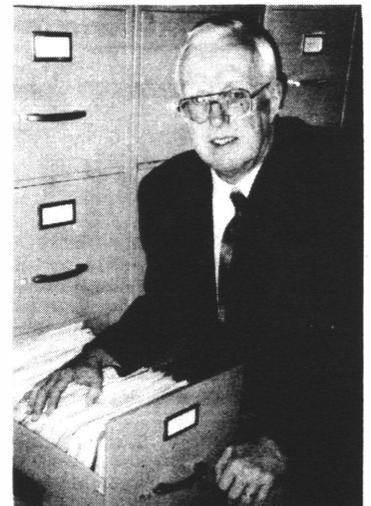
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quite accurate. The MUFON Journal cover story about the 'abduction video' is indeed ludicrous. I saw that presentation in April 1999, in Bowling Green, Kentucky. My personal opinion is that it's garbage. But of course John has been whooping it up ever since. Perhaps repetition gives veracity!

"John Schuessler's interest and concern for the rank and file membership of MUFON is shown by the following comment: A MUFON member and field investigator from St. Louis wrote to Schuessler asking politely for the names of the MUFON Board of Directors. The response was exactly as follows: 'The list is in the Symposium Proceedings. Buy it.' That was the answer received, in toto!..."

DR. KEVIN D. RANDLE, Ph.D. amuses us with the following Gem:

"George Hansen has written:

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

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

"Would that it were so. The correct answer, however, is: 'There are convicted pedophiles on the program, along with convicted car thieves, convicted con-men, admitted liars, and a few who just misrepresent their academic, educational, military, and occupational accomplishments.' And that doesn't even include ex-priests, psychologists who have been stripped of their licenses (in one case for implanting his own belief structures on his clients), ex-military enlisted men who claim that they were really officers, and one man who received his Ph.D. from the Los Angeles Press Club! And then we wonder why no one listens to us!"

West Coast publicist GENE BUCK writes:

"Re George Hansen's comments about 'pedophiles': Isn't a 'pedophile' one who likes to walk - or, is it one who likes to bicycle? Maybe that's 'pediphile'. Note: Latin: 'PEDO' - to break wind! Now I'm really confused!"

Researcher JOHN SHIRLEY writes as follows:

"...That Alien Abductions Inc. web site that you mention as being maybe a joke - is a joke. I know it's hard to tell, because Ufology is so ludicrous..."

"The main purpose of this letter is to address Karl Pflock. I respect Karl for his willingness to - sometimes - think skeptically. But I was amused by his column on Betty Hill and her car trunk. Was he joking? That's all he can find to be skeptical about in the Hill case? If Karl isn't joking I'd like to ask him to please name a few clear reasons to believe the Hills at all. Their examining psychiatrist, Dr. Simon, said it was all a fantasy. What's more likely - that this outrageous story is a hoax (though one that Betty eventually came to believe, herself) - or that aliens did all this to the Hills? Extraordinary claims, as ol' Carl Sagan said, require extraordinary proofs. Hypnotic regression being discredited, or at least inadequate as 'proof', what extraordinary proofs are there for the Hills?...And why should we take the supposed 'star map' seriously as evidence, given all the varying interpretations possible for the map??..."

NATIONAL NEWS

Recent back issues of "Saucer Smear" are still available here at Headquarters for a mere one dollar each. Send for these before our Limited Supply runs out!

Two held for murder let go after 'victim' is found alive

ANN DRUFFEL, author of "How to Defend Yourself Against Alien Abduction", writes:

"...You reviewed Constance Clear's book and it's plain you read it, but you never really reviewed mine, as we both know from prior correspondence & mention in "Smear"

"Do you have any clear statement (no pun intended) as to how the idea of getting aliens to shove off should be treated by the UFO field in general? There still is the strange oneness between abduction researchers whose theories contradict each other, and a strange silence from the field in general about resistance techniques. I keep trying to figure it out. Is it because researchers would have to admit there's a psychological aspect to abduction scenarios? Or an aspect that demonstrates human capacity to get rid

of this phenomenon if they try hard enough?..."

We deny having read (much of) Constance Clear's recent book, but now that Ann Druffel has very kindly sent us a second free copy of hers, we will definitely keep it nearby at all times & handy in case of sudden alien attack! - Editor.

The definitely mysterious HARRY LIME writes:

"I note with interest that it has been more than a year since last I wrote you. Much has transpired in that time, and once again, I find myself in concealment beneath lovely Vienna, with time to peruse the copies of 'Saucer Smear' (!) that Carlos Mentira has been so kind to provide.

"Imagine my surprise at learning that I'm to be invited to speak at NUFOC 2001. At first I could not imagine why. Then Carlos told me the con (love that word!) is to include a film festival, so I assume my participation means that the festival will include 'The Third Man'. What this may have to do with UFOs, I cannot imagine - other than that I'm most elusive - so elusive that I probably will not show up.

"Some observations on 'S.S.' vol. 47, nos. 9 & 10:

"I note with interest and sadness that you seem to be going soft in your, ahem, golden years. In both issues, you refer to former nuclear physicist S.T. Friedman as a nuclear physicist. To be a nuclear physicist, one must do nuclear physics. Former N.P. Friedman hasn't done so in years, preferring instead to tout bogus crockery crashes and thus gain the \$\$s of credulous UFO loons. A similar crustiness lapse was your failure to misspell Marcuntiklio, when you had several opportunities to do so. Have a care. Your Reigning Court Jester of Ufology cap is in danger of being snatched away!

"Mr. Joseph Stefula's letter in no. 10 has the look of an attempt to smoke out William L. Moore and his perhaps erstwhile sidekick Shandera. Also, according to my trusty ex-KGB writing style analyst, the missive appears to have been written by someone other than Mr. Stefula. Who, I wonder, is pulling the strings?..."

Researcher PAUL FISHER writes:

"When I first read 'Saucer Smear' some years ago I said it was like 'a breath of fresh air'. Now it seems more like a whiff of sulphur!

"In regard to Mr. Pflock's comments on the Betty and Barney Hill case, I find it hard to believe that a bouncing auto trunk lid could sound like beeping or buzzing to the passengers inside. Why don't you just rename 'Saucer Smear' and call it 'Debunkers' Review'?

"You are both wrong about Roswell!..."

