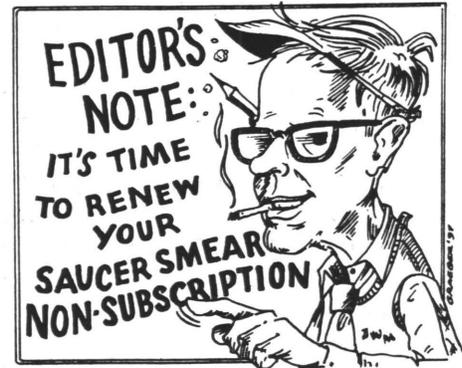


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Once again this year, we of "Smear" want to wish a Cool Yule to our loyal non-subscribers, hangers-on, sworn enemies, and all the rest of you out there in what's left of print-media-land. Since Christmas is the season for GIVING, we hope that as many of you as possible will promptly renew your non-subscriptions. AND, by adding a mere \$25.00 to your Donation, you can order our soon-to-be-forthcoming new BOOK (co-authored with Karl Pflock), which will be available about March 1st. We will mail your copy just as soon as we receive the books from the publisher! Please make checks or money orders out to the editor personally, rather than to "Saucer Smear". (See Page 8 for details about our Book!)

THE NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE (NUFOC)  
GOES TO NASHVILLE NEXT YEAR!

We are very pleased to announce that the 2002 National UFO Conference will be held in Nashville, Tennessee in October of next year - exact date yet to be determined. This is exciting to us, as we have never held one of our annual conventions in that part of the country before.

The promoter/coordinator for this event will be an energetic lady from Lima, Ohio named Jan Pheneger, who is a professional at this sort of thing, having been involved in several past events involving UFOs and also popular music. Ms. Pheneger is looking for speakers, sponsors, and anyone - especially MUFON people - who want to help out. She can be reached on the (cursed) Net at [jan0320@aol.com](mailto:jan0320@aol.com), or by "snail mail" at P.O. Box 641, Lima, Ohio 45802, or by telephone at 419-222-6148.

Possible speakers at this, our 39th annual event, include Dr. Bruce Maccabee, Stanton Friedman, Karl Pflock, and of course your humble "Smear" editor.

We are also pleased to announce that we have a couple or so good leads already, for the sponsorship of the 2003 conference, which will be our 40th. We will publish more information on this as time goes by.

INSANITY IN ACTION: Dr Younis Shaikh, a lecturer in Islamabad, Pakistan, was arrested last October after 11 students reported him to the religious authorities. In a physiology lecture, the Muslim professor said that before receiving Allah's words at the age of 40, the Prophet

Mohammed and his family were not Muslims and didn't adhere to Islamic personal hygiene practices such as circumcision and shaving armpit and pubic hair. This August he was convicted of blasphemy and faces execution. *D. Telegraph, 22 Aug; Int. Herald Tribune, 31 Aug 2001.*

When Los Angeles police asked a group of men in an identity parade to repeat the words "Give me all your money or I'll shoot," one of the men called out, "That's not what I said." *Western Australia Police News Beat, via Eastern Suburbs Reporter, 13 July 1999.*

REBEL WITHOUT A PAUSE :THE LIFE & DEATH OF FORMER UFOLOGIST WILLIAM MILTON COOPER

William Milton ("Bill") Cooper, 58, died on October 6th in a hail of bullets while shooting it out with sheriff's deputies outside his home, in the little town of Eagar, Arizona. Cooper was an important figure in the extreme right-wing Militia movement in this country.

Before being killed, Cooper managed to shoot one officer twice in the head, but the man is expected to recover. Cooper's manner of death was no surprise at all to those, including your "Smear" editor, who knew him.

Cooper had spent the past few years holed up in his house, avoiding a warrant regarding unpaid taxes for the years 1992 to 1994. He was a hard-core tax evader, and made no secret of it, for he believed the federal government had no right to collect income taxes at all.

For several years Cooper had been a regular and very popular speaker at Tim Beckley's UFO conventions in various western cities. The pleasant relationship between Cooper and Beckley ended abruptly when the latter suggested he pay taxes on the money he received for his lectures at these conventions.

Bill Cooper first appeared on the UFO scene in the late 1980s, when the MJ-12 controversy began. Cooper claimed that, as a former Naval Intelligence officer, he had seen government documents that proved our military has interacted with alien spacecraft. One of these documents was, as we recall, "Project Blue Book Report #13", which actually does not exist. There was a #12 and a famous #14, but never a #13, as far as we have been able to find out!

Eventually Cooper got off the saucer kick, rather suddenly. In essence he said, in regard to all the alleged classified information he had been talking about, "Never mind, it was all disinformation". But he never attempted to explain why the Navy was deliberately showing him detailed disinformation over a period of time!

Cooper continued to lecture to saucer groups, but he focused on other things, such as the Kennedy assassination. One of his most interesting theories was that the driver of Kennedy's car fired at least one of the bullets that killed the former president. Cooper also tried to tie in the Kennedy assassination with various classical conspiratorial groups such as the Freemasons and the Illuminati, and he illustrated these talks with impressive slides.

Cooper was the author of a book called "Behold a Pale Horse", which sold very well in the "underground" press. Your "Smear" editor is listed therein as a secret agent of our government, but Bill later told us that this designation was an error on his part (thank god!) Cooper also had a regular show on a shortwave Christian radio network, and we did an hour interview with him on that program once, several years ago.

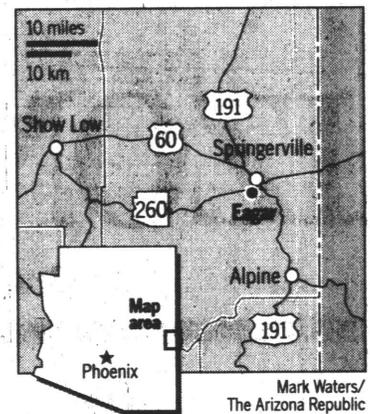
We knew Bill Cooper quite well, mainly from having spent long periods of time with him at the bar, at various conventions. Cooper was quite a drinker, and one excuse for this was pain from having to walk on an artificial leg. He said he had lost the lower part of one leg from an assassination attempt, which he did not further explain.

One good thing we will say about Cooper - he was one of the best public speakers we have ever heard, in regard to technical performance. (The content was something else again!) Cooper never used notes, and yet he never faltered or repeated himself. In the heyday of Beckley's western conventions, Cooper would draw several hundred people and earn perhaps a couple of thousand dollars!

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### Fatal gunfight

Militia leader William Milton Cooper died in gunfight that left an Apache County sheriff's deputy wounded.



Mark Waters/  
The Arizona Republic

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Our most interesting memory of Bill Cooper is from a Beckley conference in San Diego. Bigfoot enthusiast Erik Beckjord - another hard drinker - was there, and kept giving Cooper a hard time all evening about a perceived wrong. Finally, at a private party in one of the hotel guest rooms, they started to grapple with each other physically. Sadistic Beckjord pushed Cooper to the floor, and then said something like, "Don't worry. I never fight with cripples". This quite rightly enraged Cooper, who got up, and Beckjord pushed him down again.

Eventually both men left the party (which was quite shaken up by all this); but later Cooper came back alone, and by then he was really visibly plastered. He started shouting wild insults at the few remaining party guests in the room, who quickly fled in disarray. Your editor just sat there quietly observing the scene, and confident that Cooper would not get physical with us. He didn't, probably because on a certain level we respected each other.

So, anyhow - a tortured soul has moved on. So long, Bill Cooper! We kind of liked you for some reason, though we rarely agreed with a word you said! (Our thanks to several non-subscribers who sent us info for this article.)

### H O T      F L A S H E S !

Former Bigfoot & Crop Circle researcher Erik Beckjord has put out a new Web posting which he swears should be taken seriously. Ever the buffoon, Beckjord insists that these are serious clues as to how to avoid hijacking while on an airplane: "Search your seat and under it, and in cabinets, for hidden box cutters and knives planted by clean-up crew assisting hijackers...As a LAST resort, open the emergency door or emergency window a crack...to DECOMPRESS THE PLANE. Pilot will have to dive plane to get to a lower altitude. In some cases this may crash the plane, but this is better than dying by smashing into the Empire State Building and killing thousands..."

Beckjord goes on: "Also, Muslims abhor pig meat...If you bring on canned Spam, which is pig meat, you can open it and throw bits at them, to force them back. You must chant 'Pig meat!' over and over. Some, not all, will recoil and back off..."

Finally, if all else fails, Beckjord advises people to buy off potential hijackers with money and whores. But we should only give them money and whores if they agree to DEFECT and reveal their plans and locations. Wheee! (Our thanks to former UFO researcher Tim Brigham for this item.)

...Glen Steckling of the George Adamski Foundation still believes that the R.E. Straith alleged State Department letter to the late George Adamski back in 1957 was absolutely genuine! This in spite of your "Smear" editor's confession to the hoax, which was published in "Smear" shortly after our co-conspirator Gray Barker died in 1984. On this website Steckling raves: "The Straith letter, which we have in our vaults,



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is authentic...The letter is on official State Department letterhead with appropriate stamped envelope. Mr. Moseley and the late Gray Barker would love to falsely claim credit, hoping to once again do what they have done for many years, to confuse this entire subject. However, their claiming any association with that letter is nothing less than a complete lie."

More details about the Straith letter, as well as the complete text of our famous expose of George Adamski, will appear in our forthcoming book, co-authored by Karl Pflock. (See Page 8 of this issue.)

Steckling is also still giving a hard time to former Adamski associate Carol Honey. This is a complex feud, going back many years...

In a letter to MUFON Board members, which somehow fell into the hands of your crafty "Smear" editor, MUFON International Director John Schuessler laments about a number of things - especially lack of money - and then goes on to say:

"Incoming mail is worrisome. As a rule we get five or so nut case letters each month. Usually these are mailed without identification or return address, in true terrorist style. The authorities warn against handling this sort of mail. Now the authorities also warn that antrax spores can escape from tainted letters and taint other mail going through their machines. This is very unnerving for me. I am now handling the incoming mail using rubber gloves and putting the envelopes in the trash. Even with that extra caution, I am still concerned that spores may have tainted what is inside the envelopes. That means Kathy and I are potentially exposed every day of the week. This is not a fun situation!"

No, it certainly isn't!...

Where are they now department: Does anyone out there remember Dr. Yonah Fortner, also known as Yonah ibn Aharon? Many years ago he wrote, for the old SAUCER NEWS, a fascinating series of articles called "Extra-terrestrialism as an Historical Doctrine". This was based on his scholarly opinion that the god of the Old Testament was in reality a space being. Yonah was years ahead of Von Daniken in his historical UFO research, but he could never be persuaded to publish his findings in the popular press. Yonah, though he has enjoyed ill health for most of his life, is still alive & kicking in California. He asks his Fans, if any, to write to him at: 6353 Babcock Ave., North Hollywood, Ca. 91606-3118.

...Signs of the Times, from the latest quarterly report of the Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR): Under "Office Activity", the full text reads: "This quarter has been slow in terms of sightings, press interest, and general office activity". Under "Press Newsletter" we read: "The UFO Report" continues to be mailed on a regular basis to the world's press. The November issue included a postpaid questionnaire...Of almost 700 copies mailed, only 10 questionnaires were returned." Egads!...

We seldom mention England's annual outpouring of crop circles in this zine, as we just assume they are the work of industrious Martians, Venusians, etc. But this past summer there was one which appeared in a place called Milk Hill, overlooking the surrounding countryside, which was so large and so beautiful that it startled even veteran crop circle enthusiasts.

This formation was over 900 feet across, and consisted of over 400 individual circles, some of them as much as 70 feet in diameter, with others much smaller. "This is the formation that has brought the phenomenon back to the people", cried Stuart Dike on "Crop Circle Connector", which is the croppies' online focal point. The print media in Eng-

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land went wild. As yet, no humans have taken credit for this magnum opus! We would like to reproduce the picture here, but we just can't do it justice in the Space available.

### B R I E F    B O O K    B A S H I N G S :

(Free) UFO & related books continue to pour into our Headquarters faster than we can find Time and Space to review them. One of the latest is a scholarly work by a real lady Ph.D. named Brenda Denzier. The title is a mouthful: "The Lure of the Edge - Scientific Passions, Religious Beliefs, and the Pursuit of UFOs". The use of the word "myth" here and there, in regard to UFOs, gives us a clue to the author's viewpoint. Another negative aspect is the fact that the total length of the Afterword, Appendix, Notes, Bibliography and Index is almost as great as the length of the book itself! Yet there are some favorable references to "Saucer Smear" therein, and some well-written text. This book comes from the University of California Press and sells for an amazing \$35.00 for those who have to pay for it. Egads!...

The next book we would like to consider is "The Trickster and the Paranormal", another scholarly tome written by our friend George Hansen, who can be described as a professional parapsychologist. Unfortunately his book is not free to anyone, as it is one of the new genre of books that are printed one copy at a time, to fill an order. (Try phoning 888-795-4274 or 215-923-4686, if you want to generate an order - or whatever.)

"The Trickster and the Paranormal" seems to be a dispassionate look at the very complex relationship between, for example, stage magic, which is trickery; the psychic, which sometimes (but not always) involves trickery; UFOs, etc. After reading several parts of the book we are still not totally clear as to what a trickster is, but a clue is given in Hansen's letter in our last issue, where he correctly states: "James Moseley...is an exemplary trickster figure - a believer, a grand hoaxer, and a debunker, all in one."

James Randi, grand magician and super debunker, draws this comment from Hansen: "Randi has written a number of books on the paranormal, and they are not known for their accuracy. I documented some of his errors in my overview article on CSICOP. He was infuriated by that and wrote me an unpleasant letter demanding a correction. I asked him to explain any mistakes I made, but he was unable to do so, and I didn't hear from him again..."

Our favorite passage, of the parts we have read, was Hansen's detailed description of Budd Hopkins and the Linda Cortile (aka Napolitano) UFO abduction case of 1989. Hansen attributes Hopkins' acceptance of this complex, highly amusing hoax as an aspect of his sincerity and gullibility. Hansen does not brush off all UFO cases as mundane, however, and states: "I want to be clear that I am not suggesting that all UFO reports can be dismissed as intentional fraud or honest mistakes. On the contrary, the evidence is clear that some UFO phenomena have a physical event-level reality. Well-documented cases have not been satisfactorily explained in conventional scientific terms, despite considerable efforts by debunkers..."

As Hansen tells us in the text - this book need not be read in sequence, from front to back. Feel free to skip around, as we did. But do buy it if you can get some action out of one of those two phone numbers!

**FALSE MEMORIES:** Researchers showed prospective Disneyland visitors an advertisement portraying Bugs Bunny as one of the park's characters. He's not, of course, because he belongs to Warner

Brothers. When interviewed after the visit, one third of the sample swore blind that they had met Bugs at Disneyland or seen him in a parade there. *Independent on Sunday, 17 June 2001.*

**NOTHING TO FEAR:** A sign reading "Beware of the Elderly" near an old people's residential home in Llandrindod Wells, Powys, was replaced by one saying "Be aware of the Elderly". *Birmingham Eve. Mail, 23 Mar 2001.*

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



...As I was saying, then came the "little men". In the early 1950s, credible reports began coming in from people claiming to have seen little humanoids near landed or hovering saucers, scooping up soil and plant samples, making observations, etc. Sometimes the diminutive characters appeared to be doing some emergency repairs on their ships. When they realized they had been spotted, the saucer men hopped into their machines and, engine trouble or not, headed for the hills (not the Hills. That came later).

Sometimes they stood their ground, zapping those who stumbled upon them with paralyzing rays, as in the July 1, 1965 Valensole, France incident, or blasting/gassing them with strange "balls of fire", if, for example, Florida scoutmaster Sonny Desvergers is to be believed. But the little men usually shied away from any close contact or attempts at communication with the locals, at least in virtually all of those instances that appear credible. (Sorry, George. Sorry, Orthon.)

So it was that the pattern of exploration and study continued. First there was the long-range survey and the probing of our detection and intercept capabilities, the latter probably to make sure the expedition could do its work in relative safety. Then came "One small step for Reticulinkind" and many follow-up landings and surface-sampling activities. Many in ufology were convinced it wouldn't be long before the proverbial landing on the White House lawn. Wrong!

Instead, at least some of the saucer beings decided to get considerably more up close and personal. In the mid- and late 1950s, there were many disturbing reports of attempted earthling-nappings, some of the most harrowing of these coming from South America and involving powerful, hairy dwarves with long, sharp claws (embellishments confined to that continent and likely the product of culturally influenced perception). It looked like They were trying to collect a few of us, maybe for their version of the alien-body pickle jars at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (the Right Field, for saucer-trivia fans).

If these grab-and-s snatch incidents can be credited as actually happening - and some such cases are quite convincing - they were very clumsy, hardly worthy of spacefaring super-scientists. At best, they seem spur of the moment actions, possibly even against the rules, maybe the doings of drunken graduate students blowing off steam, or the interstellar version of sailors getting out of hand on shore leave.

Speaking of which, consider the X-rated case of Antonio Villas-Boas and the Space Babe... (Stay tuned.)

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### M I S S I V E S F R O M T H E M A S S E S :

CHRIS ROTH writes:

"...Lt. Col. Milton William ('Bill') Cooper, author of 'Behold a Pale Horse' (or 'Behold a Pail of Horseshit', as Martin Cannon calls it), was shot and killed in Arizona on Nov. 6th as the culmination of his struggle with the federal government. I enclose the 'Arizona Republic' report on the incident, as well as Kenn Thomas's eulogy, which he posted on his website and also emailed to me. Kenn seems to think that since Cooper had a missing leg it would have been possible to subdue and arrest him nonlethally, but he neglects to mention that Cooper shot a deputy twice in the head before being fired upon. Cooper is fa-

mous throughout the conspiracy and UFO world for being belligerent and erratic in his behavior, and this is enough to explain, to answer the final question in Kenn's editorial, why this happened. Which is not to say I'm glad it happened.

"I spoke with Cooper only once, on the phone. I invited him to be on my radio show, and he hung up on me when he ascertained that I had never heard of his short-wave radio show. He sounded drunk. I am told by those who have had more interaction with him that this was a typical encounter..."

Long-time "Smear" non-subscriber PARIS FLAMMONDE writes:

"...Regarding Ron Story's (inaccurately) titled 'Encyclopedia of Extraterrestrial Encounters', let me make the following comments: Last year Story petitioned me to write a 'series of articles' for the proposed reference work...Finally, citing spacial restrictions, he settled on six, plus a 'personal position statement'. He then agreed to send me two copies in lieu of the free professional material he was getting. In point of fact, I received one. He used...only one piece. And, in spite of having produced hundreds of radio shows on the UFO subject and having participated in hundreds of hours as a panelist on such, as well as having had published two of the mostly highly praised books in the field... I am not awarded even a sentence in the text, as either researcher or author, and I am not included in the Index! Yet, this is hardly surprising, considering how ill-conceived and shabbily executed the volume is - rambling endlessly through areas virtually unrelated to the subjects, inaccurate in much of the material (as doubtless you have noticed), and overlooking major persons in the history of the field, revealing an appalling ignorance of many aspects of it!..."

Famed UFO researcher of yesteryear BILL MOORE writes:

"...As to Kevin Randle's question about Jesse Marcel's military records, the answer is really quite simple. Had Randle been conducting such research twenty years ago instead of only ten, he would have known that the policy about releasing records was considerably different then than it is now. Back in 1981 I requested and received about two dozen military records from St. Louis on a variety of people, of whom Jesse Marcel Sr. was one. I had no problems whatsoever in obtaining them, except in a few cases where records were incomplete due to loss by fire.

"...Unfortunately I no longer have Jesse's records on file, due to the fact that I loaned them out to someone (I forget whom) about ten years ago, and never got them back. I would expect that whoever 'borrowed' them is probably the one responsible for introducing them to 'mainstream ufology', although it remains entirely possible that someone else undertook a similar initiative and received their own copy.

"Why any of this is important at this late date is beyond me, except for the fact that it provides an excellent example of the relative competence of certain would-be researchers."

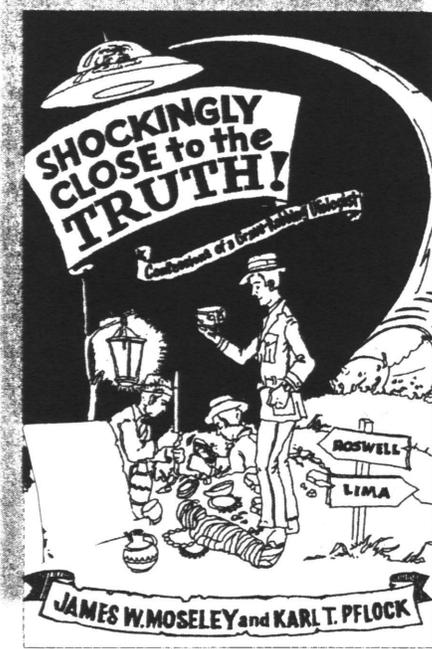
Budding (as in Budd Hopkins) author GEORGE HANSEN writes:

"It's good to see that Linda Napolitano is as feisty as ever and still promoting her abduction story. With the U.N. Secretary General, and now even the Pope involved, the case might even last longer than Roswell. I hope so, because I have nearly a full chapter on Linda in my book 'The Trickster and the Paranormal' (which is now available from Amazon.com and can be ordered at some bookstores)."

CAROL HONEY, former associate of the late George Adamski, writes:

"...I am writing to tell you of yet another ridiculous attack on me from the George Adamski Foundation. They placed 15 pages of it on

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**SHOCKINGLY CLOSE TO THE TRUTH**

Confessions of a Grave-Robbing Ufologist

James W. Moseley and Karl T. Pflock

This amusing, revealing, and entertaining romp through the confused and controversial history of the UFO craze is a must for believers and skeptics alike. *Shockingly Close to the Truth!* is the first and only comprehensive tell-all history of ufology from two men who have been at the center of this cultlike movement for close to half a century. James W. Moseley conveys the fun he has had over the years pursuing tall tales and purported evidence of visitors from outer space. As the creator of the newsletter *Saucer Smear*—the source on the follies, foibles, fads, and feuds of ufology—Moseley has the inside scoop on the amazing world of serious UFO sleuths and wiggled-out "saucer fiends." His coauthor, Karl T. Pflock, has been tracking reports of unidentified flying objects for close to half a century and has written the most thorough investigation of the Roswell incident ever done.

For Moseley it all began as a lark in 1953 when he drove across country and interviewed almost 100 UFO experts and eyewitnesses, including former president Harry S Truman. After all these years, his account of this journey is here published for the first time, a goldmine for anyone interested in modern social and "ufological" history. He also talks candidly about his encounters with and assessments of leading UFO personalities, including Budd Hopkins, George Adamski, J. Allen Hynek, and many others. In addition, he reveals the whole truth behind the infamous Straith letter hoax, the real origins of the Men in Black, and the true story of George Adamski's alleged 1952 encounter with "a man from Venus." Along the way he recounts his incredible adventures as a grave robber of pre-Columbian artifacts in Peru (Move over Indiana Jones!), to which there is also a bizarre UFO connection. Complementing the exuberant narrative are many original photos of famous persons and events from Moseley's private collection, plus facsimile reproductions of the Straith letter and the complete October 1957 special Adamski exposé issue of *Smear's* predecessor, *Saucer News*.

A feast for UFO buffs this book will also interest students of popular culture, social trends, and the psychology of belief.

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their website, probably not realizing they were alerting people all over the world about me and my (eventual) disassociation with Adamski. I would assume that most of the people following their claims today have never heard of me. They no doubt may want to get more information about me and what it is all about..."