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Re: Dr. J. Allen Hynek (1910-1986)

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>One of the finest ufologist in the USA was Dr. Hynek, and we
>lament that the new generation, involved in the most ambiguous
>aspects of the UFO phenomenon, such as abductions, sometimes
>don't even recognize his name.

>This forgetfulness makes us sad and mortifies us profoundly. Dr.
>Hynek was not only an excellent astronomer by his own merits,
>but when he began inquiring about the then so called Flying
>Saucers, he was the first to maintain that the only way to
>approach the phenomenon was using the scientific method and for
>that he established CUFOS (Center for UFO Studies) in 1973 with
>the hope to attracting other professionals with similar interest.

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I would like to add that I was fortunate to meet Allen and Mimi Hynek several times during the 1980's. They also entertained me wonderfully in 1983 during my first visit to the US and allowed me to live on mt own in their home in Evanston for a time while they were in Arizona. Such generosity of spirit for someone they barely knew was a thing I have never forgotten but was absolutely typical. Allen was an inspiration to me. It is not inappropriate to say that had I not been filled with joy to discover that there was a true scientist with such open mindedness, objectivity, humour and friendliness genuinely attacking the UFO mystery with principles 100% intact I would never have become deeply involved.

There has never been anyone like Allen or anyone to replace him. I am pleased that under Mark and Jerry and the rest of the team that CUFOS is striving so hard to maintain the standards he set. Anyone who did not have the chance to know him is the poorer for that. But I am glad he is not around to see some of today's ufology. I fear he would be sad at some of the mercenary exploitation that goes on. Allen was far above all that.

Jenny Randles

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