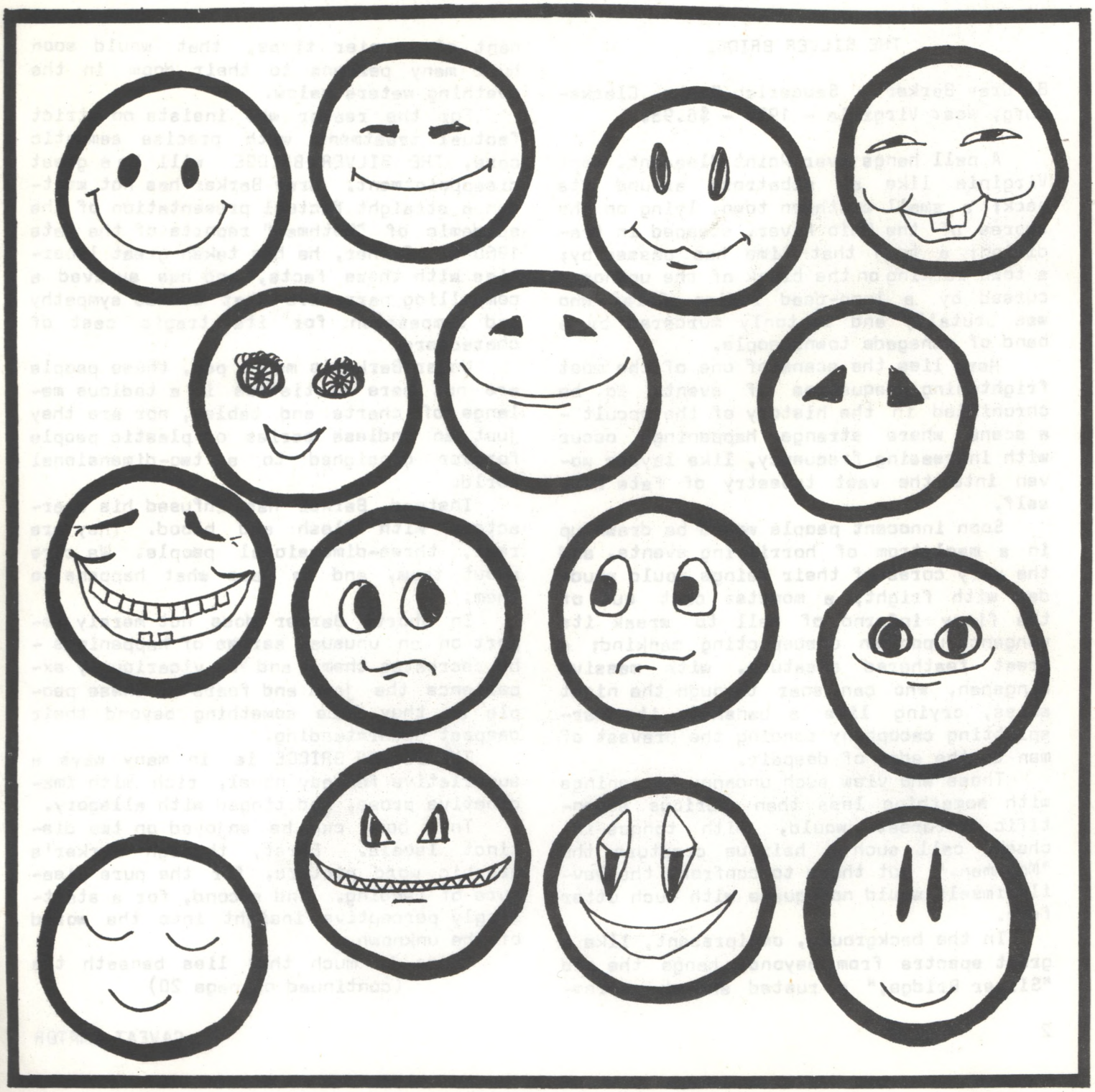
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THE SILVER BRIDGE

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A pall hangs over Point Pleasant, West Virginia like an albatross around its neck; a small southern town, lying on the shores of the Ohio River, steeped in tradition; a town that time has passed by; a town lurking on the brink of the unknown, cursed by a long-dead Indian Chief who was brutally and wantonly murdered by a band of renegade townspeople.

Here lies the scene of one of the most frightening sequences of events to be chronicled in the history of the occult - a scene where strange happenings occur with increasing frequency, like layers woven into the vast tapestry of Fate herself.

Soon innocent people would be drawn up in a maelstrom of horrifying events, and the very cores of their beings would shudder with fright; a monster cast out of the fiery inferno of hell to wreak its vengence upon an unsuspecting mankind; a great feathered creature, with massive wingspan, who can soar through the night skies, crying like a banshee, its earsplitting cacophony sending the bravest of men to the edge of despair.

Those who view such uncanny happenings with something less than serious scientific interest would, with tongue-in-cheek, call such a heinous creature the "Mothman." But those to confront the Devil himself would not quake with such utter fear.

In the background, omnipresent, like a great spectre from beyond, hangs the old "Silver Bridge," a rusted and dying remnant of happier times, that would soon hurl many persons to their doom in the seething waters below.

For the reader who insists on strict factual treatment with precise semantic care, THE SILVER BRIDGE will be a great disappointment. Gray Barker has not written a straight factual presentation of the epidemic of "Mothman" reports of the late 1960's. Rather, he has taken great liberties with these facts, and has evolved a compelling narrative that evokes sympathy and compassion for its tragic cast of characters.

Under Barker's magic pen, these people are not mere statistics in a tedious melange of charts and tables, nor are they just an endless series of plastic people forever consigned to a two-dimensional world.

Instead, Barker has infused his characters with flesh and blood. They are real, three-dimensional people. We care about them, and we care what happens to them.

In short, Barker does not merely report on an unusual series of happenings - he recreates them, and we vicariously experience the joys and fears of these people as they face something beyond their deepest understanding.

THE SILVER BRIDGE is in many ways a superlative fantasy novel, rich with imaginative prose, and tinged with allegory.

This book can be enjoyed on two distinct levels. First, through Barker's graphic word picture, for the pure pleasure of reading. And second, for a startlingly perceptive insight into the world of the unknown.

There is much that lies beneath the

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EDITORIALS
By Eugene Steinberg

Before you read this Editorial, please read the article beginning on page 6 of this issue, "A New Look At The Three Men In Black," by Father Thomas A. Fairbanks. Without this background, we're not going to make very much sense to you. Besides, this Editorial is largely inspired by what Father Fairbanks has to say.

Okay.

First of all, this is not to be construed as an attack on Father Fairbanks. We're certain he fully believes everything he says; that he is sincerely reporting information he wants to bring to the attention of the readers of CAVEAT EMPTOR. Father Fairbanks is a good and honorable man, and we truly hope he isn't offended by what we are about to say...

In his own very conservative way, Father Fairbanks has dropped a few bombshells! The mythical Three Men in Black are not mythical at all, but real living, breathing people instrumental in the assassination of President Kennedy, Senator Kennedy and Dr. King. Pardon us if we seem a bit startled by the revelation.

Actually, the theory is not all that new to us. If you subscribe to the possibility that there is an organized agency dedicated to wreaking havoc on the world, the suggestion that this agency engages in the murder of influential public figures will be quite plausible indeed.

Our friend Richard Shaver will identify that agency as the Deros - degenerate beings who use ancient and highly advanced machines to create the string of horrible tragedies we witness daily around the world.

We don't have any firm conclusions on who they are, if they exist at all. We can only say the evidence favors the existence of some force or agency that has interfered with the activities of flying saucer researchers and others through the years. Whether they are bold enough to kill somebody, we honestly don't know.

But Father Fairbanks doesn't simply speak in terms of speculation. He talks of proof. He says he can name three men as possible "members of the ring" he believes are guilty of the Kennedy assassination and other horrible crimes.

Then, just as quickly, he passes it off with some sleight of hand about not wanting "to go to the trouble of paying for the notarized affidavits necessary to protect the publishers of CAVEAT EMPTOR from possible lawsuits."

Such concern for our meager assets is touching...

We can appreciate the fact that Father Fairbanks doesn't want to burden us with a lawsuit from people identified as part of a ring of assassins. But if, for want of money (we know not how much), he cannot or will not get the affidavits that will provide enough proof to satisfy a jury in court, we wonder why he bothered to write the article at all?

There have been literally millions of words written about these assassinations. There is an endless stream of conflicting viewpoints, and no one knows where to begin to sift fact from fiction. Unless someone has strong new evidence to offer, there is no point in getting involved in more meaningless controversy.

Yet Father Fairbanks says the long-sought-after evidence is available. All he has to do is "go to the expense of paying for the notarized affidavits...."

Where does he have to go - and how much does it cost?

Father Fairbanks, if you know where to obtain affidavits - overwhelming evidence in a court of law - to prove that a ring of assassins murdered President Kennedy and perhaps others, then it is your obligation as an American citizen to get that evidence, whatever the cost!

If we can believe the Warren Commission, evidence of a conspiracy eluded the best efforts of literally hundreds of investigators, with access to virtually unlimited sources of money and equipment. It is difficult to see how one man with very limited resources could do it.

But we'll give Father Fairbanks the benefit of the doubt.

And, Father Fairbanks, if you have an ounce of concern for the last of the Ken-

nedy brothers (a possible presidential contender), it is your duty as a clergyman to provide the information that might save that man's life.

You say the ring still operates today. You say, also, that there's a sinister plot afoot by communists to take over certain churches in this country.

Can you prove it?

If you can, we challenge you to provide us with all the evidence at your disposal - with the affidavits you speak of - and we'll see that your theories get a fair hearing.

And you readers: Father Fairbanks is up against overwhelming odds, if he's really on to something. Write him. Give him your encouragement and support to make his findings public. His address is: 5741 N. Washington Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22205.

Moreover, if anyone else has something POSITIVE to offer in getting to the bottom of this mystery, the pages of CAVEAT EMPTOR are open for a presentation of all sides of the question.

While we're on the subject of the Kennedy assassination, we wonder how many readers recall the story about the ancient Indian curse that supposedly was invoked against the Presidency?

The curse specified that any President elected in a year that ends with a zero would not survive his term or terms of office. The first alleged casualty of the curse was the ninth President, William Henry Harrison, dead a scant thirty days after his inauguration - in 1841. He was elected in 1840.

We all know of the fate of President Abraham Lincoln, elected to office in 1860.

In 1880, James Garfield was elected. He died in 1881, the victim of an assassin's bullet.

The third President to be murdered was William McKinley, elected for a second term in 1900.

Warren G. Harding, elected in 1920, died in 1923 of natural causes.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, elected to his third term in 1940, died in 1945, also of natural causes.

Few can ever forget the tragic death of President Kennedy, who was elected in 1960.

If this frightening tradition holds true, there may be a decided reluctance on the part of the man elected in 1980 to assume office. Skeptics will naturally scoff at our statistics. Sure it may be just a coincidence. The Presidency is a risky office. If some maniac doesn't kill you, the physical toll will bring the Grim Reaper to your door.

Perhaps the mathematicians in our audience are even now scurrying to their instruments - just to have a look at the figures.

Doesn't coincidence seem stretched a little bit too far?

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Long before it became the "thing to do," we enjoyed talk shows on radio and TV. We practically grew up listening to the nocturnal talkfests of Long John Nebel and others. Hundreds of pertinent topics were discussed, such as Abortion, Civil Rights, Politics, Sex, the Vietnam War - and, yes, even ESP and UFOs. But none of these subjects has been a source of the kind of emotion displayed recently on the David Susskind Show, which originates in New York City.

The topic: Dog excrement!

The question so heatedly debated was why so much of it is to be found on the streets of New York City.

One of the female guests became so incensed over the topic that she poured water in the face of another (male) guest!

Then she rolled up her sleeves - looking ready to belt the guy into the middle of next week!

And the boos and the catcalls from the studio audience really made the show complete.

Unfortunately, we missed some of her more interesting comments, since they were blipped out of the video tape.

But sometimes we wonder about people...

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A lot of new readers joined us recently, as a result of our takeover of Steve Erdmann's DISSENTER/DISINTER magazine. Former D/D subscribers who already get our magazine will have their subscriptions extended on an issue for issue basis. - ERS

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A NEW LOOK AT THE THREE MEN IN BLACK

By Father Thomas A. Fairbanks

(Editor's Note: For years, the fabled Three Men in Black have been regarded as the arch-enemies of flying saucer research. If they really exist, who and what are they?

Father Fairbanks suggests a link between the Three Men and the assassination of such figures as President Kennedy. The reader will find a related story in our NEWSWATCH section.)

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There is a religious denomination in San Francisco functioning under the name of the Orthodox Episcopal Church of God. I first heard of this group from a correspondent at the end of 1968, when it was operating as a spiritualist denomination and led by the Reverend Angelina Miller, who used the title of Bishop.

At this period, according to my correspondent, the Right Reverend Raymond Broshears was active in San Francisco, publicizing himself as a "Flying Saucer Bishop." Since then Bishop Broshears has become head of the Orthodox Episcopal Church of God, and the group has assumed a somewhat different look.

It is basically a mixture of a spiritualist church and a Pentecostal church, with also something of the appearance of a schismatic Roman Catholic church or dissident Anglican (Episcopal) church.

After seeking information from Bishop Broshears (and making myself somewhat unpopular with him as a result), I have learned that he was a roommate of the late David W. Ferrie in New Orleans, at the same general time that Ferrie first involved himself in ecclesiastical matters concerning me. Broshears was probably using another name in the New Orleans period. He did not go into this with me, contenting himself with censuring me for being unjust to the memory of Ferrie.

Ferrie has been widely publicized for his suspected involvement in a conspiracy with Lee Harvey Oswald and others in the assassination of President Kennedy. On two occasions, in June and August, 1963, Jack S. Martin (also known as Bishop John C. Martin) stayed with me when my wife and I were living in the Mount Pleasant area of Washington, D.C. Martin has received notoriety for seeking to have Ferrie investigated. This publicity has been largely unfavorable. Martin has been made to appear an irresponsible alcoholic. This has been somewhat unjust to Dr. Martin, since he has a phenomenal ability to absorb alcoholic beverages without becoming intoxicated. However, when he returns from a round of visiting bars, he is somewhat more loquacious than usual.

One evening he was telling me a story about the Vatican having weapons in some neutral country aimed at the United States in the event of an atomic war. I do not remember the details because I didn't take it too seriously. My remark to him at the time was, "You must be one of the men in the black suits."

I can't remember Martin's exact reply, but he did indicate a definite knowledge of the Men in Black.

Broshears' connection both with flying saucers and with David W. Ferrie is therefore of great interest to me, since it substantiates my long-held opinion that Ferrie was one of the Men in Black referred to in flying saucer literature. Mention was especially frequent in the period around 1958 when a book by Gray Barker was withdrawn from publication.

There seem to be two basic theories about them. Some hold that they were either CIA agents or agents in Air Force intelligence. Others seem to believe they were visitors from other planets. I do not accept either theory. But there are elements that keep me from completely contradicting either point of view.

I feel certain that they were not connected with the CIA or Air Force intelligence, but were adventurers coming into contact with those who were engaged in intelligence activities. These men were active in hypnosis, and the use of drugs, and the possibility of obsession by alien intelligences cannot be ruled out. This is a lead that can be followed especially

by those who accept the Alternate Reality theory presented in the first issue of CAVEAT EMPTOR.

I do not buy the approach widely held by many assassination buffs that Ferrie was a neo-Nazi-type person, involved with the so-called extreme radical right. I feel he was either a Castro agent planted among people in Louisiana working with anti-Castro Cubans, or else an adventurer seeking to build something to sell to Castro. The key to seeing things in the right perspective is to account for the basic reason Lee Harvey Oswald was involved with Ferrie.

Marina Oswald was the niece of an official in the Soviet NKVD. When she appeared in the United States as the wife of Oswald after he was repatriated, she joined the Russian Orthodox Church, claiming that she had induced Oswald to return to his native country so that she could have the benefit of religious freedom.

The largest of three Russian Orthodox jurisdictions functioning in the United States is that of the Metropolitan Ireney, which has around a million members. The smaller of the three groups, with around a quarter of a million members, is the Patriarchal Russian Church, an extension of the communist-controlled Russian Orthodox Church in Russia.

At the present time, the Patriarch of Moscow has signed papers recognizing the jurisdiction of Ireney as a self-governing American Orthodox Church, independent of the Patriarch of Moscow, and the membership of the smaller Patriarchal Church in the United States has been turned over to it. Thus the way has been cleared for the larger church to be infiltrated by NKVD agents functioning in the smaller church.

This plan to infiltrate the hitherto anti-communist jurisdiction has been carried on for some time. In 1961, the American Orthodox Church, using the liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church adapted to Greek Orthodox doctrine, became controlled by the Syrian Antiochene Orthodox Church, by way of its Bishop stepping down to be an Archpriest of the larger canonical church.

The next year, the Old Catholic Church of America, usually referred to as the Brothers Group, became incorporated in a similar manner with the Patriarchal Russian Orthodox Church in the United States. Its Bishop, William Henry Francis (normally referred to as Willy Brothers), became a mitered Abbott. This group had long ago lost its membership when other groups split off from it, and all the Moscow-controlled church got out of the takeover was the real property in Woodstock, New Jersey, and the documents in the archives of the Brothers Group. The only reason I can give for this group being taken over is that it fitted in with the plans of the NKVD to infiltrate the larger church.

Consider the possibility that Marina Oswald might have been an NKVD spy, sent to the United States with Oswald, so that both could work on plans to seize control of the Russian Orthodox Church. I hasten to add that this is only speculation on my part.

I am a priest of the Independent Catholic Movement, generally referred to by Episcopalians and Anglicans as the Episcopi Vagantes. Most people active in our ministry are completely legitimate. But there is unfortunately a real ecclesiastical underworld functioning in our church, composed of people engaged in various religious rackets, such as Boiler rooms, in which money is collected for non-existent charities represented as sponsored by the Roman Catholic or Episcopal Church. There is also a borderland of activities carried on by well-meaning people, who appear to be crooks, but who are really over-optimistic about their ambitious plans. Because of the shades of gray created by the over-ambitious, it's hard to tell where the work of the legitimate people ceases and the work of the religious racketeers begins.

Homosexuals are drawn to seek membership in Roman Catholic monastic orders or to study in Roman Catholic seminaries because of a craving to be with people of the same sex. But many, kicked out of such institutions when their psychological makeup is detected, become active in the ecclesiastical underworld. The reason is that they have received enough theological education to pass themselves off as the real thing.

In my theory, Ferrie, described in the press as a homosexual, had received Deacon's orders one year short of the priesthood, before being put out of a Roman Catholic seminary. I believe he organized

a ring of homosexual clerics functioning in the ecclesiastical underworld. Ferrie used newspapers that carried coded sex ads, and induced those he corresponded with to attend places of worship. These places were located in Brooklyn, around Chicago (the outskirts of Joliet, and Kankakee), Los Angeles, San Francisco, and possibly Toronto, Canada. Members of the ring may have then recruited people for the conspiracy resulting in the assassination of President Kennedy.

I believe this ring is still in existence, and could have been involved in the assassination of Martin Luther King, and Senator Robert Kennedy. There are three people I tentatively identify as members of the ring. I am omitting their names, because I do not want to go to the expense of paying for the notarized affidavits necessary to protect the publishers of CAVEAT EMPTOR from possible lawsuits.

I am personally not afraid of being sued. In fact, I have been trying to goad one of the people involved into suing me since 1961, and another since 1962, because there are a lot of things that ought to be brought into the courts and settled once and for all. Their threats of suing me, however, have never materialized. Anyone wanting to learn the details can do so by writing to me without involving this magazine, and I will give them full information.

I do not believe that Raymond A. Broshears was involved in any plotting with David W. Ferrie, although he openly proclaims himself a homosexual, and identifies with the homophil movement. His whole temperament, as he exhibits himself in his offset magazine, THE LIGHT OF UNDERSTANDING, shows that he is not the type of person Ferrie would have trusted with details of a plot.

However, much that is of interest to students of the Men in Black can be deduced from the circumstances connected with Broshears. At the time of the greatest publicity about the Three Men, Ferrie was an Eastern Airlines pilot (working in his off-duty hours as a private detective) engaged in flying arms to Castro in Cuba. Although Castro did not identify himself as a Marxist-Leninist until 1962, bear in mind that Che Guevara, then Castro's right hand man, was a Marxist-Leninist. A person educated in the anti-communist theology of the pre-Vatican II Roman Catholic Church could not very well cooperate with someone like Che Guevara without identifying himself as favorably disposed to communism.

Ferrie first sought ordination to the priesthood and consecration to the Episcopate in 1961, in order to work to discredit a rather prominent Roman Catholic priest, Father Clarence E. Duffy, also known as Bishop John C. Duffy.

In 1960, Duffy was consecrated a Bishop in the Independent Catholic Movement. No ecclesiastical censure was incurred from the Roman Catholic Church, due to the very irregular manner in which he had been banished from Ireland to the United States. But it would appear that as early as 1957, he was involved in plans to set up a church organization of the type that is functioning not too successfully under the leadership of Broshears.

Private detectives often buy black suits, such as are worn by Roman Catholic priests and other clergymen, since it helps them to blend in with a dark background when shadowing people. They not only get ordained to the priesthood in churches called Episcopi Vagantes, but also send off and get ordination papers from many groups like the widely-publicized Universal Life Church. Hippies do it, to avoid risking trouble with the law for impersonating clergymen. Ferrie probably had such papers before he was ordained a priest.

Ferrie apparently began to organize his ring while working with Castro. The actions of the Men in Black were designed to scare various people active in the flying saucer field out of the work they were doing, so as to leave a clear field for a projected church organization working as an instrument of communist revolution.

It is necessary to take into consideration that Soviet Russia is actively subsidizing scientific investigation into ESP. Anti-communists often belong to conservative Christian bodies - and they're naturally prone to stereotype people interested in such things as flying saucers, and call them "cranks," "crackpots," and what have you.

Something ought to be done to estab-

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WHAT I REALLY BELIEVE
(Part I)
By James W. Moseley

(Editor's Note: In the Spring of 1971, James W. Moseley's long-awaited book, THE WRIGHT FIELD STORY, was published by the Saucerian Press of Clarksburg, West Virginia. Those who expected Moseley to "tell all" after nearly twenty years of UFO and occult research were sorely disappointed. The book was an entertaining and inconclusive account of his first exposure to the UFO mystery, and how he established himself as one of the world's foremost experts on the subject.

Nostalgia alone makes the book worthwhile, despite its many faults. But nowhere do we really get much of an insight to Moseley's true beliefs - what he actually thinks about all of the saucer stories he's investigated and reported on.

For the first time, CAVEAT EMPTOR presents Moseley's own account of what he has learned about flying saucers.

This is the fourth in a series of exclusives brought to you by CAVEAT EMPTOR. In our Fall, 1971 issue, we presented the text of an interview with UFO and occult writer and publisher Ray Palmer - who revealed information that had never before been published, even in his own magazines.

In our Winter, 1971-72 issue, noted author John Keel wrote about "UFOlogy In Retrospect." Also, former heavyweight boxing champion Muhammed Ali waxed serious for a moment and discussed his UFO experiences and beliefs. These two back issues are still available from our office at 75¢ each.)

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Having been in the UFO field all these years, I am often asked just what I have learned about the subject. People are surprised when I admit to them, in private conversation, that I still don't KNOW any more about flying saucers than I did at the beginning. This admission then leads them to think that I am holding something back - that there are Great Truths or secret knowledge that I am unwilling to share. Perhaps the real truth is the most frightening of all for the average person to face: Perhaps NO SOLUTION IS POSSIBLE AT OUR PRESENT STATE OF KNOWLEDGE!

I use the word "frightening," because there seems to be something ingrained in the human spirit that demands definite answers to all the basic questions of life, even when none are possible. Where did we come from? Why are we here on Earth? Where will we go when we die? Religions give us whatever answers we want to hear, and yet these religions can be accepted only through FAITH, not knowledge.

So it is with flying saucers. There is a WILL TO BELIEVE on the part of almost all investigators, as contrasted with an equally strong WILL NOT TO BELIEVE on the part of most people who have not studied the subject. To the former, UFOs fill an emotional or even a religious need. To the latter, the smugness of the everyday world would be shaken if there were really mysterious craft flying through our skies. Thus it is no wonder that UFO "research" and true scientific research have almost nothing in common.

It is science, not blind belief or disbelief, that has given us all our modern technology. But science never claims to give final answers. Science deals in PROBABILITY, not certainty. Theoretically even the most well-established tenet of science can be improved upon or even discarded in the light of further knowledge.

For example, Newton gave us our basic physical laws which held up for centuries, until Einstein improved upon them. Einstein did not prove Newton WRONG; he simply widened the scope of inquiry to deal with situations that Newton could not possibly have been expected to be aware of. These days, many people (especially those who know very little about Einstein's theories) are anxious to prove Einstein wrong. Perhaps matter can travel faster than light after all, under certain condi-

tions. If this is ever proven to be true, it will in no way lessen Einstein's contribution, but will simply expand upon it.

It is beyond the scope of this article to give even a summary of SCIENTIFIC METHOD. Suffice it to say that it is the ONLY method that leads to usable, demonstrable knowledge, as opposed to guesswork, faith, and blundering guesses. Yet, as already stated, science can never give the emotional comfort that comes from BELIEF. If the average UFO researcher would take even an elementary course in scientific method, he would be far better off, to put it mildly.

Getting back to UFOs: What can we really say with a high degree of probability? We know that UFOs exist in the literal sense of UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS. Even by calling them "objects" we may already be taking an unwarrented step beyond the demonstrable facts. (They might be force fields, energy concentrations, or some other non-material manifestation, rather than "objects.") But let us give a high probability to the theory that they are physical objects at least in most of the situations in which we view them. Whether or not they are ALWAYS "objects" is another, highly complex question.

Now, the average saucerer is apt to follow a logical sequence such as: (A) Sightings occur; (B) Therefore UFOs exist; (C) Therefore Martians are friendly. Something terrible has obviously gone wrong between (B) and (C). How do we know there are Martians? If so, how do we know they are friendly? And even if there are friendly Martians, how do we know they have anything whatever to do with flying saucers?

Of course, it is quite acceptable to propound a THEORY and to bring together all the available evidence to support that particular theory. This is acceptable as long as you realize it is a theory and NOTHING MORE! Also, you must be aware of the evidence you are LEAVING OUT because it doesn't fit in. In the UFO field, there seems to be NO theory which cannot be successfully refuted. No matter what viewpoint you take about the origin and purpose of the UFOs, there are valid counter-arguments. This is why I said at the start of this article that I don't KNOW any more about UFOs than I did at the beginning of my research, many years ago.

Naturally, like anyone else, I enjoy making educated guesses based on the studies I have made. But the reader should bear in mind, as I do, that everything I say from here on will be nothing more than speculation. I do not even have a highly probable solution to offer, let alone a "proven" one. Since I am unwilling to operate on the basis of blind faith or hope, I will no doubt never achieve the "knowledge" that most saucerers achieve so easily.

The UFO situation is made more complex because most of the really detailed, sensational cases (landings and contacts) are clouded by the distinct possibility that the witness is lying or demented. Saucerers generally solve this problem either by ASSUMING the above and ignoring the sighting, or by the opposite extreme of believing everything at face value.

But there are many possibilities, other than the extremes of accepting all or rejecting all. In brief, my present position is that the "space people" (whoever or whatever they may really be) tell the contactees what they are ready, willing and able to believe. There seems to be no relationship between truth and the utterances of these "space people." Their predictions are wrong. Their scientific statements are usually nonsense. Their philosophy is nothing new. And they have never, as far as I know, given us one demonstrable scientific fact that was not already known.

Yet it does NOT necessarily follow that the "space people" don't exist, just because they seem to spout nonsense. They may be conducting psychological experiments, using Earth people chosen at random as guinea pigs, or Earth people chosen by criteria best known to themselves.

Perhaps there is NO "purpose," as we understand the word. For some reason, the human mind is revolted by the thought of an activity that has no discernible purpose. However, I for one find no difficulty in accepting the possibility that we are being contacted by entities that are neither "good" nor "bad"; neither "friendly" nor "hostile," but simply alien to the point of being beyond our present comprehension.

Whatever else the "space people" may

be, they SEEM to have an existence independent of the human mind that perceives them. Even this may be deceptive, however. Perhaps the entities exist in some complex interrelationship with the mind itself, and thus have a DEGREE and KIND of reality that our present-day science is totally unaware of. The mind is admittedly one of the most complex of scientific mysteries.

My remarks about the "space people" quite likely also apply to poltergeists, ghosts, and spirit guides, as well as saints, virgins, etc., which have more obvious religious connotations. All of these entities may come from the same SPECTRUM of the Unknown, whether or not they are merely aspects of the SAME underlying phenomenon. Again I must say that the possibilities are endless.

An interesting paradox comes to mind about UFOs and related phenomena: On the one hand, the UFO mystery seems to be a tantalizing HINT of a whole area of reality or "semi-reality" that is of the UTMOST scientific importance. Along the road to solving the UFO mystery, we might find unexplored aspects of the human mind, realms of matter and/or energy not yet even conceived of, creatures or entities that exist or live somewhere, machines that defy our presently-known physical laws, and possibly evan an answer to the most fundamental mystery of all - who or what is God.

On the other hand, we are dealing with relatively rare occurrences in an otherwise orderly, everyday world. This RARITY is an extremely important aspect, because it all but guarantees that reputable scientists will never devote the time, energy and money necessary to make any real progress - and the field will remain largely in the hands of happy but exceedingly uninformed amateurs.

It is obvious that human life can go along quite well without the UFO mystery ever being solved. Thus, the paradox is that a matter so extremely important from the point of view of theoretical knowledge is so UNIMPORTANT from a purely practical viewpoint. The Air Force seems to have sensed this within a few years of opening their investigation. Their mission (whether they admit it or not) was merely to find out whether UFOs present a threat to our national security. At first the Air Force feared there might indeed be a threat involved. Then as years went by and the data MERELY ACCUMULATED BUT DID NOT BECOME MORE MEANINGFUL, they realized that, whatever the residue of unsolved cases might be, it didn't really matter, from their point of view.

This concept was expressed to me years ago in an off-the-cuff remark by a Pentagon official who was in charge of Project Blue Book. I outlined a then-current perplexing UFO sighting for him. He was about to attempt to find a "reasonable" explanation for me, when he happened to ask, "Where did you say that sighting occurred?"

I told him it was in South America.

"Good!" he replied. "In that case I don't care what it was. We don't have any responsibility for what goes in in South America."

In these days when the internal decay of our country is so great that even the space program is being cut back, it is unreasonable to expect that any private or public organization will spend the millions of dollars necessary to make a dent in the saucer mystery. But it COULD be done, if the public ever cried out for it. Equipment is available today that would give the size, speed, altitude, and physical composition of any object coming within range. If observation posts were set up all over the country, each manned by competent scientists whose data could be believed, we would probably make a significant dent in the mystery within a year.

There are other less expensive approaches that could be tried. These include intensive research into ESP and the various normal and abnormal aberrations of the human mind; attempts by GROUPS of BELIEVABLE scientists and technicians to establish "contact," whether by telepathy, light-beams, or what-have-you; attempts to establish the validity, if any, of "spirit photography," and to devise methods of photographing UFOs in such ways that the pictures would be acceptable as hard-core evidence. The intelligent reader can probably think of several other areas of investigation that would be pertinent.

I will close with a brief account of the only "meaningful" UFO experience I have had personally. One night, years ago

in Miami, I stood alone for several hours, watching the skies for UFOs. It is perhaps significant that this was the only night, before or since, that I ever devoted more than a very few minutes to sky-watching. Eventually, merely to pass the time, I focused my attention on a group of four or five stars. I asked myself, regarding one of the group, "What if THAT 'star' were secretly a UFO standing still? I would have no way of knowing it unless it moved."

No sooner had I expressed the thought, when the very "star" I was concentrating on took off in an approximately straight line, and disappeared behind a building within a second or two. I looked back at the original group of stars, and there was one missing.

Several of the problems in the UFO field can be illustrated by this little story. First, you the reader have no way of knowing whether or not it is true. I could easily have made it up.

More importantly, I have no way of knowing whether or not it is true. I was alone and in an unusual frame of mind when the incident apparently happened. I say "apparently," because I have wondered ever since whether or not a person standing next to me would have seen the same thing. Was I the victim of "self-hypnosis"? Or did I actually communicate mentally with entities who deliberately demonstrated a "miracle" in front of my eyes?

No matter how I answer the above questions, I am involved in a fascinating mystery which BEGS for further study. If it was "self-hypnosis," just HOW did the "will-to-see" cause an otherwise orderly mind to actually see something that wasn't there? Even if the answer to the incident lies wholly within my own mind, I know there are enough similar cases to indicate that a valid and important area of further research lies here. Giving something a NAME ("self-hypnosis," "Self-deception," "Vision," "fantasy," etc.) does not EXPLAIN anything.

Suppose on the other hand, the even more fantastic answer is true, and I actually saw the "star" move at the very moment I was thinking about it. Perhaps there is still a "logical" explanation. I believe I could have been fooled by a meteorite originating from that area at that moment. The trajectory and apparent speed of the "star" would have been about right.

But I hadn't seen any other meteorites all night, and I didn't concentrate my thoughts on ANY other star that night. Even the most hardened skeptic would admit the odds are overwhelming against my having that one particular thought at the same moment that the only meteorite of the night appeared at the very spot I was watching.

And what about my further "delusion," that there was one star less in the group afterwards?

Suppose, then, that an alien intelligence was trying to inform me it was there? This still is not an ANSWER to the incident. It merely poses a host of new questions - questions for which, as yet, there are no answers. - James W. Moseley

(Editor's Note: In his next article, Moseley will reveal his thoughts on some of the other mysteries covered in CAVEAT EMPTOR - such as Astral Projection, Precognition, Spirit Communication, and so on.)

THE WRIGHT FIELD STORY

By JAMES W. MOSELEY

World-known UFOlogist James W. Moseley has finally released the manuscript for this long-awaited book. Now that Project Bluebook has closed and there is less secrecy about flying saucers, Moseley tells for the first time of his UFO investigations that involved many visits to the Pentagon and Wright Field.

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WITCHCRAFT: WHO, WHAT AND WHY

By Dr. Leo Louis Martello

Witchcraft has been an underground river for centuries that has suddenly broken through the Earth's hard crust. Most of the major magazines and wire services have carried stories about it. Unfortunately, most of them still give the subject a tabloid treatment. These stories are written by NON-WITCHES.

Just what is Witchcraft? Why its sudden emergence? What does this represent? Who are the witches? Where does one obtain correct information about it? How does one learn the truth?

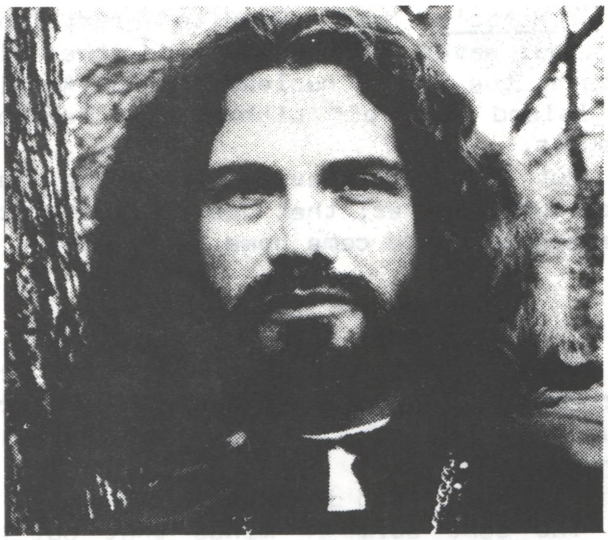
Witchcraft is called the Old Religion, a pre-Christian faith going back to Paleolithic times. The old Gods and Goddesses (especially the latter) are worshipped. It is the only religion wherein the Goddess plays an equal, if not superior role. All others are male chauvinist. It is the only religion where the woman can reach the highest honor: High Priestess of her own coven instead of being merely a religious menial or appendage. The female witch has always been liberated, thus a threat to the Establishment. In Witchcraft both the male and the female are called "witch." The term "warlock" is not used amongst us; one reason being that it originally meant "traitor" or "deceiver."

A witch is one who has either undergone an initiation into a genuine coven or who was born into the Craft. There are many traditions in Witchcraft just as there are in Christianity. However, most hold these tenets in common:

(1) Acceptance of the old deities, especially the Goddess.

(2) Observing the sabbats, the four major ones of which are: Candlemas, February 2nd; May Eve, Beltane or Walpurgisnacht, April 30th; Lammas, August 1st and Samhain or Halloween, October 31st. The lesser ones, called esbats, are usually held every full moon.

(3) The powers of the mind and the ability to affect changes in accordance to one's will.



Dr. Leo Louis Martello

Good Witchcraft is to help others (and oneself). Evil Witchcraft is used to harm others. We in the Witches International Craft Associates (WICA) and the Witches Liberation Movement reject the terms of "black" as a synonym for bad and "white" for good as being unconsciously RACIST. Traditional usage doesn't make them a substitute for truth. We also reject such terms as "left-hand path" and "right hand path" to denote the same thing. We all know the harm done to left-handed people years ago. And a left-handed witch can be "good" while a right-handed one can be "evil." Witches don't believe in Satan (a Christian concept), so they can't worship what they don't believe in. We do believe in the paleolithic pre-Christian HORNED GOD, and the GODDESS.

Though there are a few books that do tell the truth about Witchcraft as an ancient worship, the most important one is ARADIA, THE GOSPEL OF THE WITCHES, by Charles Godfrey Leland, first published in London in 1899.* Leland collected all the rites and rituals, and the mythology, from Italian witches over a period of many years. His main confidente was a witch

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*ARADIA, THE GOSPEL OF THE WITCHES, by C.G. Leland, is available at $5.12 per copy from: Hero Press, Suite 1B, 153 West 80th St., New York, N.Y. 10024 - Author.

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THE HUMPTY DUMPTY PARALLEL

By Richard S. Shaver

(Editor's Note: Despite predictions of tidal waves, earthquakes and other disasters, the recent nuclear test on Amchitka Island went off without any fearsome results.

But Richard Shaver says we've been very lucky so far; that one day the chickens are going to come home to roost.)

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When Astronaut Grissom and his crew burned up in a space capsule like store-bought matresses, it proved one thing incontrovertibly.

That one thing is rather important.

The same sort of minds that put the three astronauts into a position where only ashes could emerge are controlling and exercizing their vast and demonstrably inadequate judgment on the job of putting the whole world into a situation where only ashes can emerge.

I'm talking about "testing" atomic weapons, controlling the details of atomic power installations and deciding when and where they will make the next "test" of an atomic concoction.

What they're REALLY testing is just about the same thing they had Grissom and his crew test - a clap-trap assembly of gadgets and things to see if they would burn. AND THEY DID, as any high school kid could have told them. There were NO provisions for putting out a pure-oxygen fire, and no escape hatch, because the high pressure interior was perfectly figured out to make an escape hatch inoperable. One wonders if they weren't actually paid to sabotage the space effort.

A high school physics student could have told them that steel itself will burn in pure oxygen. Why then didn't they KNOW that only special materials NOT as inflammable as steel could be used in that capsule.

There are records left of some attempts to coat interior gadgets with things like cadmium that don't burn as readily as steel. BUT in spite of these efforts, a lot of things in that capsule did burn merrily, as well as, unfortunately, Grissom and his two comrades.

It seems very odd they couldn't test such a thing without inserting three living men. But apparently THOUGHT itself was the very last and least ingredient in that capsule test.

But all this about the space capsule is NOT the main point. The point of this article is the big Humpty Dumpty special they're preparing for us all from which none of us will escape.

That point is the little circle of fire called the SUN CYCLE. It seems that an atomic fire can be self-sustaining, given enough ingredients.

It's called the sun cycle because it is precisely what takes place on the sun. One atom breaks down and becomes a lesser atom, and in the process gives off energy that causes another atom in another element to break down and become a lesser atom - and so on. We have a limited version of this in a breeder pile.

Given enough atomic tests in enough different places, and one of them will start a sun cycle progression in the elements of the Earth itself. They won't have any way to stop it any more than they can stop an atom bomb from exploding once the trigger is released.

This was the big fear in the minds of people like Oppenheimer, who quit his job as head of the Atomic Energy Commission when they asked him to complete the hydrogen bomb and test it. He just didn't KNOW whether it would start a sun cycle or not and he didn't figure there was any point in tempting fate.

The men who went ahead with nuclear tests didn't know - and don't know each time they perform their underground tests - that this won't happen. Apparently they just don't care.

They are like kids playing with matches. So far, they've gotten away with it. But it only takes once, and most anybody at all can tell the kids that sooner or later playing with matches will start a fire. It just depends on how dry things

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PROFILE OF A PORNOGRAPHY FIGHTER

By Steve Erdmann

"I would LOVE to take all of you, and I would LOVE to photograph the developments in this country in the last three years. Aside from making you sick to your stomach, they would make you believe they were all posed. But they are realities in many parts of this country. And it just is absolutely fantastic the progression that lack of morality has created."

This was one of the pointed statements that Raymond T. Dreher, legal council for the community, and representing the Citizens for Decent Literature, made later that sunny afternoon that you walked into the fashionable Siteman building in Clayton, Missouri.

"The exercise of freedom stops when you defy reality. I think many people are doing it. The pornographer who told me in Los Angeles that he would not allow his children to read this material is defying reality to the nth degree. You ask him WHY, and he says IT'S WORTHLESS! And to that extent, I think that the man contributes not only nothing to society, but he goes further. He contributes a detrimental contribution, because he recognizes that he is doing something that is unrealistic."

As you rode the self-operating elevator to Dreher's trim and stately office, you had only a slight idea of the mysterious world of the pornographer. You were to learn more.

Brochures and magazines neatly stacked in the lobby were indicative of everything Dreher stood for: Divorce - "No one realizes better than lawyers and judges the heartache, financial hardships and human suffering that results from the breaking up of units." Your Rights If Arrested - "The policeman who may arrest you has his job to do, and you should respect it. He stands for law and order...."

You are impressed by Ray Dreher, not only by his appearance (very stylish and handsome), buy by his capacity as an attorney. Dreher graduated from St. Louis University Law School in 1950. Presently, he is treasurer of Citizens for Decent Literature in St. Louis, and associate legal counsel of the Decent Literature Commission of St. Louis County. This, in addition to his regular duties as an attorney, is perhaps what caused him to confide that he hadn't had "one ten-day vacation in twenty years."



Raymond T. Dreher

What is CDL and when was it founded?

"The Citizens for Decent Literature is an organization that is basically non-denominational. It was formed in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1957 by a group of businessmen who took notice of the growing number of lewd magazines on the newsstands outside their offices.

"Charles Keating, an attorney, one of these individuals, recognized that there are laws on the books in every state in the union that make it a criminal offense to produce, distribute, sell or exhibit obscene material. He also realized that these laws were not being very positively enforced. The main reason for this was obvious. The average citizen had no real understanding of the extent of the problem - or of his responsibility as a citizen to participate in the solution to the problem."

Dreher pointed out that CDL has a two-pronged goal. One, to educate the community to the problem. Two, to direct pub-

lic opinion to a solution of the problem through law. To accomplish this, speakers are provided and documentary films produced. There is also a newsletter, the NATIONAL DECENCY REPORTER, which has been featured in many national publications. READER'S DIGEST has done a series of 12 articles about CDL.

"We are not a vigilante committee. We do not 'pass' on material ourselves. We do not set ourselves up as a private board of censors. We believe that the LAW is our weapon. CDL has never advocated or tolerated extra-legal activities - picketing, boycotting, lists of books that we don't like, etc. We say there are laws on the books and, as citizens, we have not only a right but a responsibility to participate in the enforcement of obscenity laws."

Dreher explains that CDL aids prosecutors throughout the United States, by filing what are called "amicus briefs" in the United States Supreme Court, where they present their position on behalf of the people.

"We have participated perhaps in fifteen or sixteen of these in the last few years; simply trying to advise the court the history, as we see it, of the development of the pornographic situation in the United States, and what we think the law is and how we think it should be interpreted. This is a right anybody has, but it has to be done by leave of court."

Dreher's office has what might be called an Early American tinge, a Victorian aura, so symbolic of the legal struggle CDL was involved in. There are two large portraits of Victorian court scenes: "A Celebrated Case" and "A Break of Promise." An Avon judge's gavel of cologne lies on a filing cabinet. There is a free-hand portrait of one of the patron saints of attorneys, painted onto an orange crate.

"You can see the wood knot," Dreher says.

Two crucifixes are on the wall.

"One of my visitors mentioned one day, 'Thank goodness you're not one to put religious symbols in your office.' I went out that very day and bought two crucifixes."

A wire and glass construction of a sword and man, symbolizing the Greek mythological Damocles' Sword, stands mute on his desk.

Most impressive is a metal model of Don Quixote and his servant Sancho Panza, of the Man of La Mancha fame. Dreher described how he secured it:

"I had made a few TV shows on the topic in Los Angeles. The gift was sent by a person who possibly thought I was fighting an 'up-hill' battle - The Impossible Dream."

Just what is pornography?

"The definition has been arrived at in the famous case, Roth versus the United States, in 1957, which is really the first time the Supreme Court of our country has concerned itself with a refined definition of obscenity. Their decision held that to determine whether something is obscene, one must apply the following test: Whether to the average person, applying contemporary community standards, the dominate theme of the material, when taken as a whole, appeals to prurient interests."

Dreher said that the Supreme Court subsequently, in trying to redefine the Roth case (which clearly said obscenity was without redeeming value) had backed themselves in a corner.

"When you say the definition is 'redeeming social value,' then what you are saying is that any aspect of any book or publication or a picture that has redeeming social value should not be considered obscene."

Dreher showed one of the pornographer's manuals, by a purported doctor, whose book depicted some of the most blatant sex scenes in glossy color photos. One was a close-up of a woman exhibiting oral-genital contact on a man.

"What they have done by this type of definition - which, by the way, is no longer prevailing anymore, although you still hear it - they have placed their stamp of approval on a pornographer who has the first five pages of a book as nothing but Shakespearian quotations, the middle quotations, and ends with Shakespearian quotations.

"What they have done by accentuating those words 'redeeming social value' is to REMOVE from the definition the other factors which go into it and, taken as a whole, make it more definable."

What about community standards?

"You cannot use that definition alone,

'contemporary community standards,' and isolate it from the rest of the total definition of obscenity. Contemporary standards may vary. History has shown, however, that it will not vary by the community. Those standards are substantially affected and variable by leading, forceful, small elements of a community, and they are done in opposition to the overwhelming majority."

Dreher pointed out that society has a Judeo-Christian heritage, and "as such there is a built-in reservation to accept things in life with seeing some spiritual consequences."

The father of two boys and two girls, one of the happy products of a twenty-year marriage, he went on to say: "The first amendment to the United States Constitution, which gives us freedom of speech, has been tortured. It is my humble philosophy that where you have two people in a society - or more - that there is no such thing as absolute freedom. Because the moment two people get together, there is a responsibility to recognize the other individual."

Just how extensive is pornography, and does it have a bad effect on people?

"We're talking about perpetuating on screen today, perversion, which in itself develops an acceptability. And I wonder if the analogy isn't pretty apt - namely, 'Garbage in the eyes of a pig looks like dinner!'

"I think that we have drawn this distinction too far. I think that reasonable men cannot differ, for instance, when we put on public exhibitions like we currently are doing in Los Angeles and Frisco, between an animal and a woman, on stage, live, and to me, our society is being asked to reduce itself to the lowest common denominator of acceptability."

Did Damocles' sword sway a little on Dreher's desk?

"PLAYBOY magazine has made this an exhibitionism. They've removed privacy. They've removed responsibility from sexuality. They have said: 'This is something we put on as a show in a zoo - we're all sexual animals. Come see me copulate.'"

Did Quixote give a chivarous charge?

"A pornographer in Los Angeles is currently producing a film incorporating the molestations of the bodies of an eight-year-old girl, and a nine-year-old boy, in whippings and perverted sexual approaches. It will earn itself over a million dollars. Now, this is interesting, because he says that there is a segment of our society that IS interested in child molestation. It's perverse, yet it is the dollar that is pushing it."

Did the sword sway further?

"In Denmark, where all this started, it is quite popular to see live actors participate in various perversions on the stage, and even engage the audience in perversion. And it is difficult to even describe it for fear of people thinking you're bizarre."

Was Quixote's horse, Rozinante, naying fretfully?

The effect?

"The argument that it has no anti-social effects leaves its denial of television, of news media, of entertainment - it's a denial of everything that exists in life, which does have its effect.

"An anti-social act draws on your entire background, your relationships - everything that occurred to you summed up in any given act. If we say that this material has no effect on an individual, I think we make fools out of ourselves - because then we are saying we shouldn't have universities or schools or libraries, because we argue that a good book inspires people to loftier concepts. Or a good movie is entertainment to the point where you really feel you enjoyed something. Everything we see and do leaves its mark in some way or another."

Dreher had produced on his desk a wide selection of pornographic items confiscated from around the country. It is fantastic that such material exists - in a nation that has a church on almost every block!

Where did it begin? And why haven't the courts done something about it?

The 45-year-old Army Air Corps veteran first points out that the Supreme Courts in many states, including Missouri, have rejected the tortured definition of the Roth case. Dreher then explains: "They said obscenity is without redeeming social value, therefore it can be prosecuted! And the First Amendment does not protect obscenity. The Supreme Court of the Unit-

ed States has taken on review many convictions in the area of pornography, and has, instead, reviewed the material itself. They have substituted by 5 to 4 decisions, their opinion as to whether or not this material is obscene, when one or two men on a high tribunal can dictate the community standards of all the states in which convictions have occurred. In terms of censorship, the greatest board of censors in the area of obscenity is now the Supreme Court of the United States, because they're telling the entire country of about two hundred million people what is good and what is bad."

Dreher said that the attempt by Senator James Eastland of Mississippi to pass a bill allowing the Supreme Court to decide whether the law is properly followed - not whether a change in specific cases should be made - is a promising step.

"Why should some expert in Washington override the community standards?"

What of newsstand publications like PLAYBOY magazine?

"In my humble estimation, PLAYBOY is nothing else but the house organ of prostitution. They've introduced nothing NEW to the world. PLAYBOY has put on sleek, clear paper what the world has lived with for two thousand years. Hugh Hefner has put this into an exhibitionism. And he tells the kids: 'You got to TRY THIS, because a woman is nothing but a chattel. She's here to satisfy a man's needs, and when we finish with the woman, we do away with her.'

"And he's successful, and we find that money talks."

The President's Commission on Pornography?

Dreher said one only had to notice the membership of the Commission, the important members of which are former and existing members of the American Civil Liberties Union, and one would see why they have preconceived notions on the topic.

"The President's Commission, in my humble estimation, has gone the way of most presidential commissions: They're virtually useless. The American Civil Liberties Union has been the biggest defender of the rights of the pornographer in the history of our country. They WILL NOT say they are 100% in favor of a literal interpretation of our First Amendment!"

Dreher, a member of the Roman Catholic Church, explained: "It has been denied as morally bankrupt by President Nixon, therefore, to go the way of Denmark. I think the people will clearly revolt against it."

Was Damocles' sword now upon the model's neck?

Dreher, mayor of the municipality of Warson Woods, in St. Louis county, since 1966, an alderman, a juvenile officer, seemed obviously concerned with the decency of the community at large.

"Why can't my community or your community have higher cultural standards if we truly want it? Seems to me this is what living is in a democracy. But if I have to be reduced to the boondocks, where perhaps they might want a house of prostitution on every block, I object to that as not being a legitimate community."

The roster of attorneys, clergymen, judges and legislators that belong to CDL, indicates that Dreher is not alone in that feeling.

When you leave Ray Dreher's office, he remarks that the prospects of turning pornography back seem dim. But he says that hope is a chief virtue, and in the mental distance you can now hear the melodious strings of The Impossible Dream, from The Man of La Mancha, as clearly as you remember Dreher's words:

"Prosecution in this field takes an awful lot of moral courage. It takes philosophy. And it takes a lot of just plain courage, civilly speaking. It's not necessarily popular. I don't care what you call it, and I know it is not popular to say: 'I believe in God!' But the fact of the matter is, as we deny this belief, we are subscribing to the progression in this very area which has occurred; there is no alternative!"

"...To dream the impossible dream,
"To fight the unbeatable foe,
"To bear with unbearable sorrow,
"To run where the brave dare not go,
"To right the unrightable wrong,
"...To try when your arms are too weary,
"To reach the unreachable star."

- Steve Erdmann

(Editor's Note: The author will explore the subject of pornography again in a future issue of CAVEAT EMPTOR.)

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THE POPULATION EXPLOSION

By Geneva Steinberg

"How long have you been married? FIVE YEARS? Don't you EVER plan to have any children?"

How many times have I heard that question? And yet I'm only 23, so it's hardly now or never!

It is still ingrained in our social consciousness that it must be a Good Thing for married people to have children. But if that was ever true, it isn't true anymore.

Take a look around you and think back ten, twenty years, or however far your memory will take you. Remember fields and forests that are now highways, shopping centers, airports? Remember when downtown traffic didn't move at a snail's pace and you could sometimes find a parking place? Remember when buying a modest house and a piece of land didn't mean half a lifetime in debt? Remember when we didn't have air pollution alerts? And when did all those rivers become too filthy for swimming or fishing?

That's what we mean by the population explosion. Not in South America or India. Not in the indefinite distant future. Here. Now!

And you and your children are part of it, whether you like it or not.

We have heard some reassuring statements that our rate of population increase is slowing down. And so it is. We have now reached the point where we add only 750,000 people every three months. That's enough to make a city the size of San Francisco.

Okay, so we are all agreed there is a population problem. (Actually there are plenty of people still unconvinced. But let's pretend.) Now, who is responsible for creating it, and who is going to do something about it?

Not India. India's situation is tragic, but India isn't depleting the world's resources at anywhere near the rate of the U.S. A lot of our citizens feel smug because they only have children they can afford. And certainly their families' own lives are easier - but what about the effect on the environment? One well-fed American causes much more pollution than twenty starving Indians! And how can we expect a backward nation to accomplish what we are unwilling to do ourselves? (Did you know that Britain is more densely populated than India?)

Not the poor, or the Blacks. They are, remember, MINORITY groups, so they can hardly be accused of causing the population explosion (although they are hardest hit by its effects). Most poor people don't WANT such large families. There are, believe it or not, many adults in this country who still don't know about birth control!

True there are also certain Black leaders who urge their followers to have as many children as possible - strength in numbers, they reason. And who will feed and bathe and diaper the new multitude? Why, the Sisters, of course.... Revolution did they say? We've been there before!

Population control is not a synonym for genocide, although it's not hard to see how that idea got started.

Population control is for EVERYBODY - one way or another. If we don't do it ourselves, nature will do it for us. Famine. Disease. Pollution. Pollution has become such a familiar word that it doesn't scare us as much as it should. But people are dying from it, even now.

So what does this mean to you? Well, you don't HAVE to do anything. But maybe, if enough people get the message, there will still be time to save ourselves. Anyhow, when all hell breaks loose, it may be some comfort to know we tried!

Our goal is NOT for a stop to population increase, although that is the first step. What we need is a population DECREASE! There are already far, far too many of us.

It took time to build up our present population - while our predecessors sat with folded arms: They saw it coming but preferred to let their grandchildren worry about it. By now things have reached such a state that, in spite of our best efforts, the world is going to be overpopulated for many years to come, probably throughout

our lifetime. But there are things we can do to help ease the situation.

Most important of all, if you already have two or more children, STOP! If you want more, adopt them. If you feel that adopted children wouldn't be the "same" as natural children, chances are you don't really like children that much anyhow - you have an ego problem!

Limit your family to two children, and urge them to do the same. Better yet, have one child of your own and adopt one. Or even - strange as this may seem - if you aren't really sure you want children, DON'T HAVE ANY!

Parenthood not only means a major commitment for your own future, it also means taking another human being's life into your hands. That is not a responsibility to be undertaken lightly. A decision to be sterilized is minor by comparison - but so far, our customs reflect just the opposite attitude.

- Geneva Steinberg

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surface here. Perhaps it will take several readings to appreciate some of the more obscure points Barker has, perhaps unconsciously, placed in his book. In speaking with the author, we are convinced he did not attack the task of writing the book with any true conception of what the finished product would be. In fact, he approached the job as an objective reporter who attempted to give his readers a fair and unemotional account of some strange Fortean events.

Somewhere along the line, the element of personal involvement came to the fore, and Barker was literally swept up in the crescendo of events, becoming an unwilling but deeply curious participant.

Alas, we must temper our praise and come to grips with a few nagging and uncomfortable facts. The "Silver Bridge" did not collapse as a result of any sinister alien plot - nor did a clandestine network of spies have anything to do with the awful death of a lot of unsuspecting people.

The cause of this tragedy was studied a full three years by the National Transportation Safety Board before a final report was adopted. The conclusions are set forth in a thick document written in the best form of governmental prose - in other words, amazingly unreadable except through a long and concentrated effort.

In the interests of pure science, here's the essense of what they have to say:

"The Safety Board finds that the cause of the bridge collapse was the cleavage fracture in the lower limb of the eye of eyebar 330 at joint C13N of the north eyebar suspension chain in the Ohio side span. The fracture was caused by the development of a critical size flaw over the 40-year life of the structure as the result of the joint action of stress corrosion and corrosion fatigue.

"Contributing causes are:

"1. In 1927, when the bridge was designed, the phenomena of stress corrosion and corrosion fatigue were not known to occur in the classes of bridge material used under conditions of exposure normally encountered in rural areas.

"2. The location of the flaw was inaccessible to visual inspection.

"3. The flaw could not have been detected by any inspection method known in the state of the art today without disassembly of the eyebar joint."

There you have it, all very precise and mundane.

But bridge stress and fatigue doesn't explain the "Mothman." Who was that ghastly apparition of the night - and was its appearance a form of prophesy that tragedy would soon befall the community?

In Irish folklore, a "banshee" is a spirit that warns of approaching death. Was the "Mothman" in reality a sort of "banshee" or messenger dispatched from the vast world that may exist beyond our senses to herald the coming of death and des-

truction?

And in its wake, an eerie peace seemed to settle on Point Pleasant, as if it had been cleansed of its sins with the fulfillment of that dreadful prophecy. The curse had been satisfied. The restless, wandering, feathered spirit of a long-dead Indian Chief would find peace at last...

- Eugene Steinberg

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STRANGE CREATURES FROM TIME AND SPACE

By John A. Keel - Fawcett Publications, Inc., Greenwich, Connecticut - 1970 - 75¢.

John Keel has been around for some time investigating what he terms the uglies and the nasties - the whole panorama of Fortean and psychic incomprehensibles.

We tend to lump Fortean happenings into separate categories, Keel says, and forget that these weird phenomena tend to follow global patterns of a general nature.

Ever since Charles Fort began to collect news clippings around the turn of the century on odd and mysterious creatures and lights that appear everywhere, definite characteristics seem to have emerged.

Did you know that UFOs have been seen in connection with "hairy, man-like apes" sighted in wooded areas throughout the world? And even the famous Abominable Snowman seems to have been seen in the vicinity of UFOs.

Did you know that sulphurous smells, and other foul odors, electrical storms shrill screams, green lights, "hairy things," swamp slobs and a host of other weird apparitions have been noted time and time again - often in the same place or at the same time as a UFO sighting?

It would seem UFOs bring a host of all kinds of Fortean phenomena in their wake, which generally go unnoticed when people are gazing skyward, because they're not looking for such things.

The famous Condon UFO investigation never found evidence of space ships from other worlds, because maybe UFOs don't come from space, but are psychic-physical manifestations of an ultra-dimensional world around us, that "jump out" at us through "window areas."

There are giants in the history of mankind, giants seen coming and going into UFOs. Silly little saucer men of all varieties appearing with identical messages - or no messages at all. And then there are all those mysterious Men in Black; sardonic fellows who turn up after sightings of UFOs and "aerial creatures" and scare the shagnasties out of people. Wearing dark sunglasses, displaying long, slender fingers, and an oriental look, they make the espionage in a James Bond film look tame.

I have noted Men in Black in other areas as well. In Christianity, dark clothed, sunglassed weirdos have been associated with the devil. I recall a tale of a priest who encountered just such a character, while in Jeruselem. In politics, there have been those darkly clothed FBI-types which, for example, kept showing up in the aftermath of the Kennedy assassination.

Keel says that UFOs, strange sea creatures, flying "batmen," and a mysterious "grinning man" seen popping up in the bedrooms since time immemorial (incubus?), are only slight indications of the wide reality of the phenomena. It is these "patterns" that must be investigated to get a clearer picture.

I can't help but think of St. Paul's words in scripture about Satan "walking about as a roaring lion." What was old Nick called in the Bible?

"Prince of the power of the air, of this world."

Uglies, nasties and things that go bump in the night! - Steve Erdmann

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OUR HAUNTED PLANET

By John A. Keel - Fawcett Publications, Inc., Greenwich, Connecticut - 1971 - 75¢.

When I reviewed UFOs: OPERATION TROJAN HORSE in our first issue, I criticized Keel for bogging down the reader in a mass of documentation. OUR HAUNTED PLANET has just the opposite problem - it's fairly easy reading, but by the time I finished page 15 I was wondering: WHO found bones of prehistoric animals with bullets in them? Electric batteries have been found

in WHAT ancient Egyptian tombs? WHERE are the cave paintings depicting dinosaurs? I mean, if I mention these things to my friends and they start giving me funny looks, I'd like to have a little information to back me up! Probably the best solution for a book like this would have been to include numbered references at the back. That way the information is available if you need it, and otherwise doesn't get in the way of your reading.

OUR HAUNTED PLANET is a collection of oddities, including evidence of past advanced civilizations (monuments, maps, and mythology), flying saucers and their occupants, black magic, disappearing people, and mysterious radio voices. However, Keel's book is remarkable not for the phenomena he records, but for the conclusions he draws. History and Religion are seen in a new light.

In Keel's theory, human beings are pawns used by two supernatural forces, in a battle they cannot fight directly. Different races were created somewhat as different shapes and colors of chess pieces, and racial antagonism is deliberately fostered to keep the game going. But, though humanity as a whole is controlled from outside, there is some small consolation - at least we as individuals are given the right to choose which side will control us!

Keel thinks the gypsies might be a special race selected for the purpose of communicating with the Forces.

Above any of the entities involved in the battle, there is also the Universal Mind, the Cosmic Consciousness, the Life Force which is part of everything. And there is a process of "Illumination," whereby some people have briefly merged with the Universal Mind and were never quite the same again.

A familiar enough concept, recognized by all the religions, but how many people take it seriously? What would you think if it happened to your rich old Uncle Albert? In the old days, Uncle might have abandoned his worldly possessions and gone forth to preach the gospel. Today his heirs would most likely conspire to have him committed to a mental institution.

Several seers have claimed the anti-Christ was born in the Middle East in 1962. Which means? I quote Keel:

"...We now seem to be in the final stages of SOMETHING - something of cosmic proportions. In order to play out the prophesied game, the ultraterrestrials will need to create a new Hitler. The men /What, only the MEN? - GS/ who will confront him and hopefully defeat him are presently sitting on floors in Greenwich Village, Paris, and Hong Kong, stoned on pot and tripping out on LSD....

"...We have followed an insane course for thousands of years. Once we took our finest young men to the top of a pyramid and cut out their hearts with pomp and ceremony. Today we send them off to battlefields. Once they happily climbed the pyramid under their own power. Now they are rebelling. They are questioning the system that wants their heart. The real hope of mankind may be that the system will break down or be drastically altered in the next few years before our unknown Arab hears a voice in his head, dons a red cape, and gallops into the United States to free the Hopi Indians."

It all sounds very impressive. But do these conclusions naturally follow from the information available, or is Keel interjecting his own ideas? (Let's keep in mind that the first course wouldn't mean the conclusions are right, and the second course wouldn't mean they are wrong!)

OUR HAUNTED PLANET is well worth reading. Just don't dismiss it without trial or accept it as the Cosmic Truth without doing a little more research on your own.

- Geneva Steinberg

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(A NEW LOOK AT THE THREE MEN IN BLACK - continued from page 8)

lish a real basis of communication between those whose interests appear far-out, and those who are orthodox Christians, or the results could be disastercus. I hope I can contribute towards this goal.

- Father Thomas A. Fairbanks

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(WITCHCRAFT: WHO, WHAT AND WHY - continued from page 13)

named Maddelena. This long out of print book appears in a new format to fill the growing demand from those interested in the basic theology of the Old Religion.

In 1921, anthropologist Margaret Murray published her WITCH CULT IN WESTERN EUROPE, showing that Witchcraft was the remnant of an old pagan religion. Later she published THE GOD OF THE WITCHES.

In 1954, Gerald B. Gardner published his WITCHCRAFT TODAY and became the most publicized witch of modern times, setting up his Museum of Witchcraft on the Isle of Man. Highly influenced by Murray's books, which dealt only with the Horned God, he later became familiar with Leland's ARADIA and demoted the Horned God and elevated the Goddess. Modern Gardnerians base most of their theology and rites upon ARADIA.

My own tradition is Italian-Sicilian. We're known as Continental witches. My grandmother was the town strege (witch) in Sicily and read the old TAROCCHI cards (from which is derived the modern Tarot). My father's cousin headed a New York coven for many years. I was initiated into it in 1951.

In 1964, I lived in Tangier, Morocco, and took a trip to my ancestral home in Sicily. There I met my relatives, paisans, strege, from our parent coven. I visited the town of Enna where people from all over the ancient world came to worship at the Temple of Demeter to celebrate her daughter Persephone's resurrection from the underworld - to become Goddess of immortality and souls (Roman, Proserpine, also called Kore).

I visited the Catholic Church in Enna which had a statue of the Madonna and Child. My witch relatives told me that "The child is a FEMALE." I looked at them stunned, uncomprehending. Closer inspection of the statue revealed that it was indeed the Madonna with a FEMALE JESUS! The sculptor who designed it belonged to la vecchia religione (the Old Religion) and this was his "craft-y" way of paying homage to Demeter and Persephone! The Old Religion lives!

Throughout Italy Diana is known as "The Queen of the Witches." Her consort is Lucifer, the God of Light, NOT the Christian devil! Her daughter is ARADIA who founded the witch cult on Earth.

Not all witches worship the same Gods and Goddesses and the names used are secret, known only to initiates. Some witches worship nude. Some don't. We have a laissez faire attitude about this.

Nearly all witches believe in reincarnation. Their credo is: "Do what ye will, as long as ye harm none." And "Do good and it returns threefold. Do bad and it returns threefold." The latter is based on Karmic law, but applied ON EARTH.

In this short article, I have only presented a glimpse into Witchcraft as the Old Religion. Your comments are welcome.

- Dr. Leo Louis Martello

(Editor's Note: With the growing interest in Witchcraft, we have asked Dr. Martello to become a regular columnist for CAVEAT EMPTOR. Whether he decides to accept the offer depends on you readers. If you have any questions about Witchcraft or a related subject, write directly to him in care of: Hero Press, Suite 18, 153 W. 80th Street, New York, N.Y. 10024.

If there is enough reaction to this article, Dr. Martello will answer the most interesting questions in upcoming issues of CAVEAT EMPTOR.

Dr. Martello edits two very interesting publications, WICA NEWSLETTER and WITCHCRAFT DIGEST. He is also the author of many books on the occult. We suggest you write to him for details.)

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(THE HUMPTY DUMPTY PARALLEL - continued from page 14)

are where they play.

The conditions that make for the beginning of the sun cycle are quite unknown. They don't know because no one could ever survive the experiment to find out.

But it looks very much as if WE WILL ALL FIND OUT, because our mighty scientific minds, unlike Oppenheimer, don't seem to care how many kinds of bombs they construct and test. Sooner or later one of these bombs will NOT stop exploding but will go on and on till the whole surface of the Earth is one great atomic flame.

They ALREADY vaporized a WHOLE ISLAND in the South Pacific, you know, when one of the bombs delivered a surprising punch quite unexpectedly, and the whole island disappeared. To my mind the ONLY thing that saved us then was the ocean surrounding the island that didn't feel like bursting into flame.

But a lot of testing areas they're using - now that they're doing all the testing underground - don't have a large body of water around them. And what was that I read where a whole river burst into flame from the waste OIL on its surface.

Well, you can go to glory without protest if you want, but I feel like protesting such tom foolery.

- Richard S. Shaver

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Mr. Steinberg:

I received your paper, number one and volume one, and found it very interesting. Read it all the way through. I admire your faith and ability and ambition to do good.

But, I give you no hope. No encouragement. Do not spend your money and go in debt on this venture....

Your first copy was good. But it is impossible for a few people to continue to get out a fine copy each time....

Besides the present cost of stencils, the cost of paper and the cost of postage makes it near impossible to carry on.

Please be advised that the Post Office Department...has raised the postage on individual printed matter, not because they need the money, but because they have orders to put all little publications that are telling the TRUTH out of business. Notice, they have not raised the rates on the big magazines or the newspapers that are keeping the people brainwashed to think what they want them to think.

I believe it will be impossible to get enough subscribers to pay to carry on. I would not subscribe because I know how nearly impossible it is to continue in the business. I have published a small paper three different times....

Sorry to be so pessimistic, but that is the way it is from the experience of one who has tried.

Dr. Walter J. Gordon
Soquel, Calif.

(Factual error, Dr. Gordon. The Postal Service HAS raised the rates on the big magazines. In fact one of those magazines - LOOK - went out of business largely because they couldn't keep pace with the rapidly rising mailing costs.

The new Postal Service needs all the money they can get, because they're losing it right and left. It's hoped to get the service on a pay-as-you-go basis eventually, but right now they still need regular government subsidies.

If there's any conspiracy against the small publisher, it has nothing to do with the Postal Service.

We're sorry to hear you're ready to sign our death warrent, but we don't think a burial is in order yet. In fact, CAVEAT EMPTOR is growing by leaps and bounds - and as things stand now, it may even start to pay for itself by the end of the year. Why not subscribe - just to see if we're right? - ERS)

Hi!

First, thank you for issues #1 and #2 of CAVEAT EMPTOR. I enjoyed them very much. Typography, layout, articles and ideas good....

I've been a detached observer of the UFO phenomena for many years. Not that I don't believe in the POSSIBILITY of their existence; just that I disbelieve most of the "believers." I've often thought that the stress on "superior beings" from "outer space" stemmed from a sense of inferiority of the claimants. A form of alter-ego overcompensation.

I got a kick out of Lt. Cestling's remarks re APRO convention. Over a year ago I permitted Tim Beckley to sponsor me in a lecture on the Old Religion, Witchcraft. My PUBLIC "High Priestess" was "Witch Hazel" and she was listed as "Co-Editor" on WICA NEWSLETTER. Our lecture was a sell-out and over 200 had to be turned away. Since Hazel was identified as a "witch" before I met her, our covens agreed she would be ideal for public appearances. Our own High Priestesses neither sought nor wanted publicity. They knew her. She didn't know them. The night that she appeared at the APRO convention she was supposed to attend a "witch party" at my home. Her opportunism got the better of her, the publicity went to her head, and she lost out on a real initiation. Coven members watched her closely and her last action made them turn "thumbs down." All's well that ends. Needless to say I have severed all associations with her.

Reason for the original association: When the N.Y. City Parks Dept. refused us, WICA (Witches International Craft Associates) a permit for our Witch-In on Halloween, 1970, I contacted the New York Civil Liberties Union. We threatened to file suit against them for discrimination against a minority religion. They gave us the permit and we won the first civil rights victory for witches in history. Since this was a test case, our own covens remained "undercover" while I "went public." Publicity-loving Hazel was in her element.

Our open support of ALL Liberation movements - Women's, Black, Chicano, Gay - has not endeared us to the "broom closet witches." (The) December, 1971 issue of OCCULT magazine expresses our views in the article by me on "Witches Liberation" and "Witchcraft: A Way of Life" in WITCHCRAFT DIGEST #1 does too.

Palmer, Muhammed Ali interviews great. Congratulations on a fine magazine....

Dr. Leo Louis Martello
New York, N.Y.

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Dear Sirs:

...I found your magazine very refreshing; however, your article on the Brown Mountain Lights was disappointing. Having been there twice, I am convinced of the existence of a strange presence over the entire area. About a year ago, campers from Iowa, atop the mountain, found the woods one night full of floating lights. A strange glow can be seen emitted at intervals off in the distance (overlooking the area beyond at the observation post on Highway 181) which apparently you missed seeing. However, up to date a satisfactory piece of writing on the BML has yet to be published....

Dennis Stamey
Asheville, N.C.

(We have agreed to publish a "satisfactory piece of writing on the BML" if Mr. Stamey is willing to prepare it for us.

If he accepts our offer, the article will appear in the next issue. - ERS)

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Dear Editors:

Lt. Philip Cestling rears his ugly head again in your latest issue /Winter, 1971-72 - Editor/ when he reviews James W. Moseley's book, THE WRIGHT FIELD STORY, published by our Saucerian Books, Inc.

True, this book has its literary faults; however we at Saucerian Books have never tried to turn out literary masterpieces, but to drop little gems of truth here and there about the UFO mystery. Lt. Cestling, however, apparently sets out to completely discredit the book.

His review, whether rightfully or wrongfully, drops into a sort of pattern which has developed since the book went to press. Author Moseley, in many private statements, has denied the authorship of this volume, when those close to UFO research know that his disclaimers are ridiculous. Indeed, it has been suggested that Moseley has yielded to pressures from the so-called "Silence Group" after having "told too much."

Within the context of the above, Lt. Cestling joins Moseley in trying to discredit a book that may possess great merit as a research document. Unfortunately, the military may be able to succeed in its efforts.

Again, we are not arguing with Lt. Cestling's prerogative to criticize this book on a literary basis. Again let me admit that the book has its faults of writing style and editorial organization. But I am concerned about what may be the beginning of another organized effort on the part of the military to further debunk the reality of the UFO phenomena.

Due to the smokescreen of closing Project Bluebook, many serious UFO researchers are not watching what the government does in this area. Let me assure you that the sustained counter-publicity campaigns indulged in so blatantly by the Air Force have not ceased. Instead, they have re-emerged, apparently in a different guise, perhaps under the apparent sponsorship of the Army.

Indeed it is suspect that your magazine, itself, may be a part of this grand scheme.

Gray Barker
Clarksburg, W. Va.

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Geneva Steinberg:

I was very interested in your Women's Lib article, and I think it might be wise to continue this discussion....

I am a sort of total advocate of something far more embracing than today's concept of Women's Lib. You see, in my studies of rock books and old texts, it was borne home inescapably that the ancient life pattern of man was FEMALE dominance and NOT male. The Amazon pattern of life was the creche for children and man was a sort of elusive creature on the horizon whom they contacted only twice or thrice a year.

That is, the Amazon city and culture was a female culture and men were artisans, employes, sea-going experts they hired for military forays; in general, a sort of expendable adjunct to the business of living. Civilization was female and man was a kind of observer whom they sometimes used for various reasons. But, in fact, the true early Amazon didn't actually need man for fertilization, as they were self-fertilizing.

(Both organs were present, and the details are gone into exhaustively in various rock pictures.)

I am a great believer in the inherited life pattern and its innate repetitiveness. Thus, I prophesy that when the TRUE life-pattern of mankind works out to its predestined flower and fruit again (if that occurs before the moon wipes us out again), women will run the government and the household, and man will once again be somewhat in the position of the drone in the beehive.

Our civilization is in the rotten shape it is in BECAUSE women aren't allowed their NATURAL place in the scheme of things - which is, in fact, the running of the society, the government...NOT (as) a decorative flower on the lapel of the idiot male.

Men are not actually needed in the world, but women are. It was only when Zeus got power in the underworld that man got into his place as the crown holder, the lord of the home, etc.

Before that time even religion was woman's prerogative. The Priestess of the Arth...put the stamp of approval on mariages, etc.

The ONLY priests allowed in those days were Eunuchs, neuters.

The only real copulation practiced was at certain rut season gatherings - very ancient gatherings like birds nesting in season - and they DID mate for life in truth, monogamously. But for a large part of the year, the male spent his time in MALE colonies (as they still do today in several primitive cultures). The Long House of the island culture was a male

house only, and the HOME was the woman's castle, not the man's.

The true nature of government hereditarily speaking is a large HOME ruled by the female or Queen, and the policing and governmental management....Men mismanage government because it is NOT natural or instinctive to them.

War-making was sometimes indulged in by the Amazons out of necessity and defense....BUT they hired mercenaries, largely male, to do their war-making. These mercenaries, in the pictures, look like Norse sea rovers.

Children, at that time, could not breathe air when first born. They HAD to be kept in large wicker enclosures (from which our modern word "creche" really descends) IN THE WATER for up to four years. While their mothers could breathe air, the kids could not. They had to be cared for underwater by hirelings who were a part of the underwater world themselves. Nurses were amphibians who could remain underwater for long periods.

When they finally emerged on land, such children didn't always even KNOW or MEET their parents, but entered the Amazon schools directly from the creche. Their parents were often nothing but acquaintances all their lives....

Birth stones can be seen on many an ancient beach, now dry. They look like large cones, like a top upside down, and the woman entered the water to her waist, leaning back against the stone where she was held by her friends. Then the baby emerged into the water and was taken and cared for by underwater friends....

Many old stones contain "Baby-gate tales." Such underwater creches had ONE gate, the "baby gate," and this gate had to be guarded constantly - a position of great trust. The TALES are descriptions of their heroism in encounters with various predators trying to get through the baby gate to the delicious young humans.

...So you see, when the truth is known about early man, the woman's instinctive ...role in life is a very different sort of thing than we have been led to believe.

Like all history, the role of the sexes has been lied about and misrepresented to us by millenniums of error and falsification.

Females are naturally dominant in the home. They run the house and they run the government naturally. The man's role has always been advisory. The Queen matriarch is ON THE THRONE with a big war scar on her cheek....One breast is MALE covered with a veil, and the other breast is often large and prominent and naked.

The male is just behind and to the left of the Queen, often whispering in her ear some advice on matters of counsel; a lean and bearded wizard sort of male, whose interests obviously lie in science and mechanics...NOT in the actual governmental front.

Note that in Chess you have the same sort of indication of antiquity. The QUEEN is the power and the King is a protected sort of figurehead....The loss of the Queen is...the loss of the game.

The King is there, but the power is in the Queen. The King whispers his opinions in the Queen's ear, and SHE decides.

...I suspect the whole argument about Women's Lib is actually due to a total misplacement of hereditary factors in sex.

Actually the male was artifically and politically forced into the dominant role, and it is not natural to him and vice versa.

So try that one on your Women's Lib meeting. The cackle of the hens meeting was once the political council that RULED, and not the subject of ridicule by INARTICULATE males.

Richard S. Shaver
Summit, Ark.

(I have yet to accept the existence of this ancient race. Sure, I can see pictures in stones, but I can also see pictures in clouds and mottled linoleum.

If the Amazons did exist, they were a different species, so it would be unwise to make generalizations about our behavior based on theirs.

I am against having people's positions in society determined by sex, regardless of WHICH sex is on top! This is true even if there ARE biological differences in temperament and abilities. If 99% of either sex ARE unqualified for a certain task, this fact should not be used to handicap the 1% that IS qualified! - GS)

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CAVEAT EMPTOR NEWSWATCH:

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THE GOD OF WAR PRESERVES HIS SECRETS



It could be that someone took the phrase "kicking up the traces" a little too literally.

The Mariner 9 spacecraft went into orbit around Mars on November 13th. Scientists had hoped to map 70% of the red planet's surface - but a persistent dust storm prevented it.

Starting in September, the thick dust cloud swirled with only slight letup through December. It was all but impossible to get good, clear photographs.

The only portion of Mars to remain relatively free of dust was the south polar cap. And sure enough, instruments aboard Mariner 9 detected water vapor there, something previous Mariner probes couldn't do.

But if Mariner failed to shed much new light on the red planet, it did return the first close-up photos of one of its mystery moons - Phobos (see photo above).

The reader will see that Phobos is pock-marked, just like the Moon and Mars. In fact, the photo is so unclear, it's difficult to detect any difference at all between the three bodies.

All scientists would say is that Phobos is very old, and has considerable structural strength. Whether it's artificial - as some suggest - still isn't known.

The Russian Mars 3 probe made a soft landing on the planet. The Russian news agency, Tass, didn't give very much information on the mission - the Russians are still as secretive as ever. But enough was said to indicate that it wasn't completely successful.

Landing was made difficult by 200 mile an hour winds, possibly the cause of that dust storm.

The craft radioed information to the Mars 3 mothership. In turn, the signals were relayed to Earth. What the Russians learned from all this hasn't been fully revealed yet.

The biggest problem of all was described in a terse statement. A TV camera aboard the craft sent some "video signals." But they were "brief and suddenly discontinued." (Pottstown, Pa. Mercury, 11/20/71 and 12/8/71; Today's Post (King of Prussia, Pa.), 12/2/71; Phoenixville, Pa. Daily Republican, 12/4/71.)

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SAUCER FLOP

For a while it seemed as if the saucers would finally make it back on the front pages of the nation's biggest newspapers.

Alas, it was not to be.

With the first chill of fall, the saucers went away - or perhaps the eyewitnesses preferred to seek the warmth and comfort of their homes.

The British were bothered and bewildered by a big blue blob of light. Hundreds of people across that nation observed the aerial apparition. Some saw it hovering in the sky - others said it was zipping along at a high rate of speed.

Meteorologists had a big bag of convenient explanations. It could have been a fluorescent chemical cloud, or a cloud of vapor reflecting sunlight. One saucer expert felt these kinds of answers were a bit "cloudy," commenting, "You would find no cloud so widely reported and moving at different speeds."

In the United States, the UFOs appeared to concentrate on the midwest - just as they did during the summer.

On October 6th, a half dozen folks saw a procession of UFOs moving towards Chicago. First one circular orange-red object came into view, pacing a carload of witnesses. A second object was first mistaken for a star, until it began to climb in the sky. Topping it all off was a third evening visitor that sped between cloud layers, moving faster than the others.

On the previous night, saucers flew all over the place in the skies above central Illinois. Witnesses included state troopers and other law enforcement officers. Most of the strange things were in the form of colored lights. A state police cruiser followed a UFO towards Jacksonville, Illinois. Officials at the Capitol airport in Springfield denied tracking any unusual objects.

A Detroit area disc jockey and his girl friend described five objects flying in formation, apparently across the face of the moon. The two, who were riding in a car, stopped another car, and both groups watched the UFOs cast shadows on the surface of the moon.

The saucers came east on November 8th. Mrs. Harry M. Fries of East Berne, near Albany, told reporters about an "inverted bowl" with a dull finish. The low-flying piece of tableware caused "all the dogs in the neighborhood" to start barking and howling. The UFO at one point was just 50 feet from her home, at the same level as the roof of the garage. Another witness, John A. Zakutny, said he spotted a "white circle with a phosphorescent glow to it" racing through the skies. Two sheriff's deputies for Albany County saw "a bright light," blue-white in color as they drove to Mrs. Fries' home to investigate.

The strangest series of reports of all came from an engineer in Chester County, Pa. He told CAVEAT EMPTOR he had been collecting UFO data for several years. In the late 1960's sightings fell off considerably, and finally, in 1971, he wasn't getting any reports at all for the general area. Then around the summer, sightings started to pick up again.

That's when the Editors of CAVEAT EMPTOR first arrived in Pennsylvania.

We appreciate the welcoming gesture. (The Emergency Press, 10/15/71; Skylook, Box 129, Stover, Mo., 11/71 and 12/71.)

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HIPPIES K.O. GIANT ROCK CONVENTION

After 17 years of ups and downs, the Giant Rock saucer convention came to an end in 1971.

The yearly conclave in the California desert had been hosted by contactee George Van Tassel since the early 1950's.

In 1970, the "love" generation discovered the spacecraft convention. Bands of youths with long hair and dungarees proved to be a little too much for Van Tassel.

He called it all off, saying, "The law cannot maintain order at these events." (Proceedings, 7-8-9/71.)

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REPRISAL DEPARTMENT

New Orleans district attorney James Garrison made the front pages of the newspapers when he said he had solved the mystery of the assassination of President Kennedy. After much pomp and ceremony, Garrison went on to indict businessman Clay Shaw as one of the conspirators.

When Shaw was acquitted in a jury trial, Garrison cried foul - but his star lost much of its glimmer.

To add insult to injury, a New Orleans Federal grand jury has indicted Garrison on charges of bribery and filing false Federal income tax returns. Nine others were named in the bribery indictment.

The 51-year-old prosecutor had a quick retort for newsmen. He said the government was retaliating against his probe into the Kennedy assassination. Garrison claimed that he was expecting some kind of reprisals.

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PHILADELPHIANS FAVOR GHOSTS

A newspaper survey in the "city of brotherly love" shows that a majority of its people believe in ghosts. In all, 55.4% of those responding said "yes"; 44.6% said "no."

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The Pennsylvania Bureau of Consumer Protection got a permanent injunction against the Bliss Co. Now the firm has to put advertisements in newspapers offering refunds to all their customers. (Pottstown Mercury, 11/12/71.)

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MISCELLANEOUS TRIVIA

- Rick Hilberg - who recently resigned from our staff because of deeply personal psychological reasons - has rejoined us, after the successful completion of therapy.

- Allen Greenfield has been promoted to Chameleon. Replacing Al as Spiritual Advisor is Steve Erdmann. - And if you're looking for a bargain in offset printing, drop Steve a line, and ask for a quote. Steve's address: 4721 Louisiana Ave., St. Louis, Mo. 63111.

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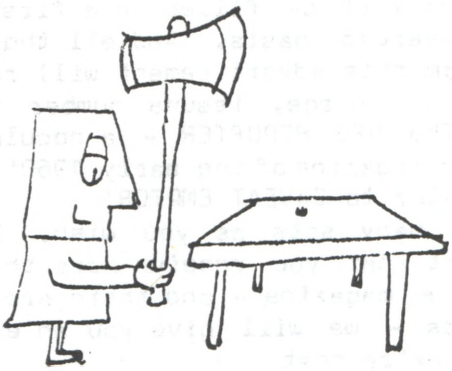
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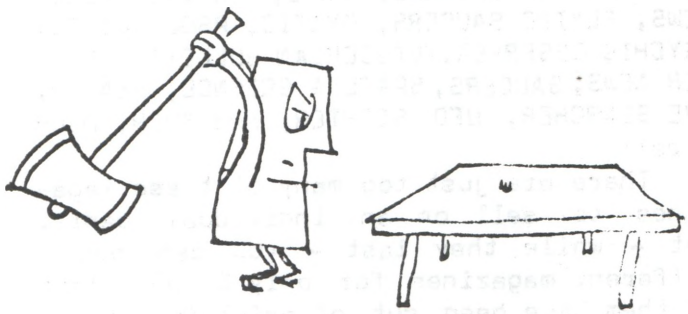
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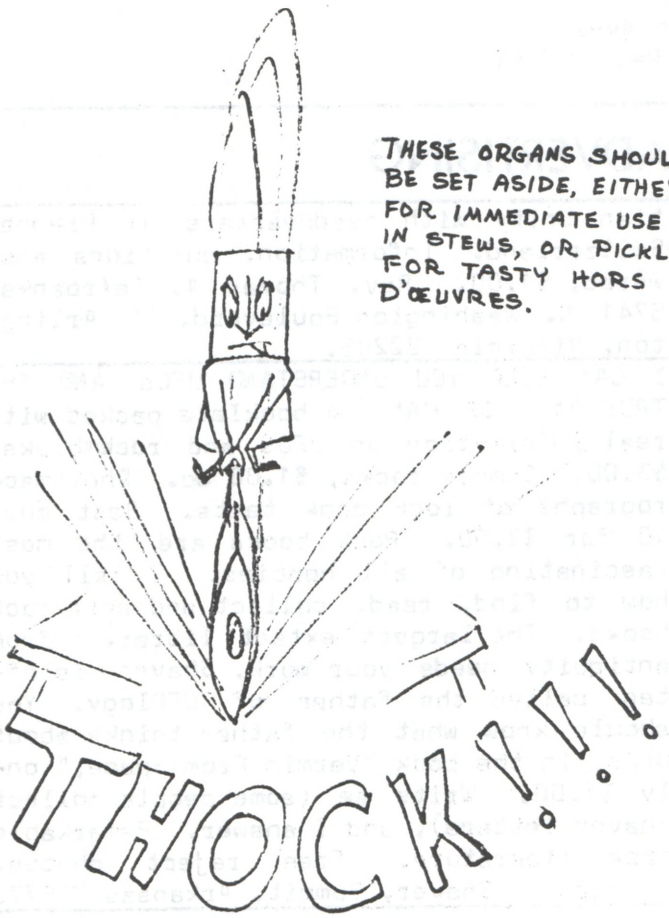
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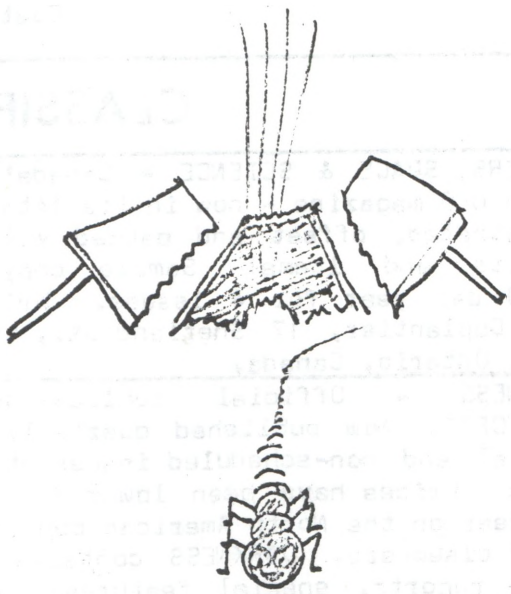
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