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ROBERT V. PRATT NAMED AS NEW JOURNAL EDITOR

Robert V. Pratt has been named as the new editor for the MUFON JOURNAL. Mr. Pratt, of 4623 Holly Lake Drive, Lake Worth, FL 33463, has been a member of MUFON since 1976. A background résumé of Mr. Pratt will be included in the Sept. issue of the Journal.

LARRY MOYERS: OCT. 15, 1918-JULY 29, 1983

MUFON's State Director for Ohio, Mr. Larry Moyers passed away on July 29, after suffering a massive heart attack. MUFON has suffered a great loss with the passing of Mr. Moyers. Mr. Richard Seifried, of Dayton, Ohio, has been appointed as the new acting State Director for Ohio.

NEBRASKA MUFON AND UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA TO SPONSOR UFO CONFERENCE ON NOVEMBER 11, 12, 13.

"UFOs and Government Coverup--A Cosmic Watergate?" is the fitle of the upcoming UFO conference to be held at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education, in Lincoln. Speakers include: Tom Adams, Larry Arnold, Loren Coleman, Larry Fawcett, Budd Hopkins, Linda Moulton Howe, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Walt Andrus, Dr. Roy Mackal, John Schuessler, Leonard Stringfield, and Ray Boeche.

DALLAS SYMPOSIUM PLANS UNDERWAY

Nov. 8, Walt Andrus will meet with the MUFON Metroplex organization and State Director, Neal Hern to finalize Symposium plans.

Magazine Drive

Our annual magazine subscription drive was extremely successful thanks to the capable work of Jules Vaillancourt and Joan Nestor, who coordinated the drive. A total of \$845.90 worth of magazine subscriptions were sold, and Mass.

MUFON's net profit is \$284.51.

The \$50 dinner gift certificate for the highest sales goes to Jules Vaillancourt for selling \$356.45 worth of subscriptions. Only nine members participated in the magazine subscription drive, so it is quite phenomenal to end the drive with such a high profit. Last year's profit was \$291.00.

New Greasurer

Upon the resignation of Fred Chaffee as our treasurer of Mass. MUFON, Mr. Bob Taylor has very kindly volunteered to serve as the new treasurer. At the November meeting a full financial report will be given by Fred Chaffee, and at that time Bob Taylor will assume the duties of treasurer. We wish to thank Fred Chaffee for his fine work as our treasurer for the past 2 years.

New Refreshments Chairperson Meeded

Joan Nyman has indicated her intention to resign as Refreshments Chairperson. Volunteers have been solicited, but to date, none has come forward. If anyone is willing to assume this task as of the Nov. meeting, please contact Marge Christensen. Remember that as of Jan, 1984, there will only be meetings 6 times a year for the membership.

Other News Briefs

GERSTEN OBTAINS CIA DOCUMENTS

On Dec. 12, 1982, Peter Gersten filed. a FOIA request with the CIA for additional documents. On Aug. 12, 1983, the CIA directed the U.S. Army to release to Gersten a 3-page teletype regarding UFO activity over Czechoslovakia during December of 1980. (NOTE: Both the Cash-Landrum case in Texas and the Bentwaters AFB case in England occurred in December of 1980.) The CIA also referred Gersten's request to Hdqtrs. USAF at the Pentagon, and they, in turn, sent it to the Foreign Technology Division (FTD) at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio. On Sept. 9, 1983, Wright Patterson released to Gersten two 2-page documents. The first is entitled: "Intelligence Information Report," regarding French UFO investigations. The second is the "FTD Daily SNAP" (Soviet News Abstract Publications.) These are dated 1979.

An additional FOIA complaint against the CIA was filed on Sept. 14, 1983 in District Court in Washington, D.C. in regard to the 57 UFO-related documents which are still being withheld by the CIA. For more specifics on these documents, contact members of CAUS, (Citizens Against UFO Secrecy).

IMPORTANT

PROPOSED UFO COMPUTER NETWORKING SYSTEM

The Fund for UFO Research is considering establishing a computer networking system for use by active UFOlogists. This system could decrease the delay between the time that a report is received by a UFO report collection agency and the time that a field investigator finds out about the report. The Fund would like to find out how many persons own computers and would utilize such a system. Thus, the Fund requests that persons who have computers and modems should please send them a postcard or letter with a brief description of their computer system and whether or not they would be interested in such a network. Send to the Fund for UFO Research, Box 277, Mt. Rainier, MD 20712.

Bentwaters Case Hits British Press

According to Larry Fawcett, MUFON's Asst. State Dir. of Connecticut, the Bentwaters story was carried in banner headlines in the British newspapers during the weekend of Oct. 1 and 2. The British Broadcasting Company flew reporters to the U.S. to interview Larry Fawcett and one witness who was stationed at Bentwaters AFB in England at the time of the incident in Dec. of 1980. The identity of the witness is being kept confidential.

The BBC program was aired in England on the morning of Oct. 3, at which time only the segment with the witness was shown. A lengthy segment with Larry Fawcett was cut from the program.

According to Larry Fawcett, another witness reportedly came forth to the BUFORA group after the program was aired on BBC. That person is a civilian.

Larry is currently preparing a lecture on the Bentwaters story for the upcoming Nebraska MUFON UFO conference.

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Director's Message

Walt Andrus has been notified by the magazine, Frontiers of Science, (which is no longer being published) that, as a result of a choice given to their subscribers to either select the MUFON Journal or Fate, or Biblical Archeology Review, or Brain/Mind Bulletin, we will acquire 700 new subscribers for the MUFON Journal. These are the 700 persons who selected the MUFON Journal as their choice.