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Editorial:

Undoubtedly many of you have noticed the fact that UFO MAGAZINE has been absent from your mailboxes for the past several months. Also you are probably wondering about the change in our printing format. We must first apologize for the delay in publishing. A number of circumstances caused our publishing schedule to be thrown back considerably but we are now back at work with a newsletter format so we can publish monthly and bring you more information in the shortest possible time. However, the June and December issues of UFO MAGAZINE will be in our older 6x9 photo-offset style with photos galore. We feel that in this way we can give you both an up-to-the-moment newsletter and a professional-looking printed magazine.

However, to cover the increased costs in publishing a monthly newsletter sent in an envelope via first class mail and a printed magazine twice yearly, we are forced to raise the subscription rate to two dollars per year. We don't feel that this is too much to ask as UFO MAGAZINE was the last major saucer publication to sell for a dollar. Present subscribers can still renew their subscriptions for one dollar provided they do so by March first.

We must also take this opportunity to announce that Editor Hilberg is now being aided by new Co-Editor, Miss Janie L. Ransom. Also of news to our subscribers is that she and Hilberg are engaged to be married. So another husband and wife team is soon to enter Ufology, and hopes to be as successful as the Lorenzens of Arizona.

Upon hearing certain rumors concerning the Congress of Scientific Ufologists (CSU) we have decided to write this commentary. Rumors have it that this year's CSU will degenerate into another gathering like the Giant Rock contactee conventions in California. We would not even have considered writing about these rumors, but they have come out at a time when the members of the CSU can look back on three years of accomplishment.

When the idea of a congress of scientifically-minded Ufologists was conceived, many said that it would not succeed or that it would immediately degenerate into the circus-like atmosphere of a contactee convention. It did neither of these and in its first year of practice the "Congress Concept", (a term conceived by Allen Greenfield of AMUFO-Atlanta) was an unqualified success.

Since 1964 the Congress sessions have been held in Cleveland, with a "Code of Ethics" for CSU members being drawn up in 1965. At the 1966 Congress the Resolution for a Better NICAP was passed and, probably the most important step in Ufology was undertaken-Project Greyfile. This year the Fourth Congress of Scientific Ufologists is going to be held in New York City, June 23-25.

Most likely more will be accomplished at this year's CSU than in any previous year, but it is about this Congress that the rumors have centered. It seems that at the 1965 CSU there was a minor argument about whether the contactee fringe would be welcomed at future gatherings. continued on page four....

Adamski and Aristotle
by Janie Ransom

I am not proficient in the field of Philosophy, but I have done some study in conjunction with a college course and am seriously considering making this field my major. However, please do not expect more than I am capable of giving. And, please try to remember that this is all my opinion.

While reading Gray Barker's Book of Adamski (a fate I would not wish on any of you) I found some ideas which closely parallel one of the most infamous name in Ufology with the ancient and venerable Greek mentioned in the title.

The section of the ill-starred book to which I gave my attention was a chapter entitled "Space Age Philosophy" by Goerge Adamski. Near the end of that chapter is a part sub-titled "Annihilation" which is where comes the Aristotleanism. Here, Adamski refers to "natural elimination" also known as "survival of the fittest" which he shows as a close approximation of Aristotle's Scala Naturae (Scale of Nature) in a rudimentary form.

In case you aren't sure, the Scala Naturae is an evolutionary scale. All things in nature are called particulars and are subject to this scale. The problem which the Scale is to solve is the problem of Reality. Observation shows that all things in nature are in a constant state of change. Now, with all this changing going on, how is one to determine which of the products of the changes is the true reality of the object? How is one to explain all these changes is a Reality is unchangeable (which it is)? Well, Aristotle explained the changing by evolution on his Scale and says that the true reality of an object can only be found by stopping time at the precise instant that one change ends and before another begins.

The idea behind all this confusing information is so that you, upon cogitation, will be able to see the similarities between the Scala Naturae and the "natural elimination" concepts. Once this is clear, you will know quite well what I am trying to say.

You see, Adamski was a sort of repository for the things that have been presented to the peoples of the world as good since time immemorial. If you will notice, his use of the Scriptures (although sometimes questionable) shows a dependence upon the most reliable source of philosophy in the Christian world. The use of these is self-defeating, because he misses the boat where he throws everything we accept as good back at us in a form so bizarre as to be near unacceptability.

It has been brought to my attention that the man did not do his own writing, he dictated. But, I am told that the ideas were his. And he must have believed his ideas if not his own stories. I often wonder if the claims he made were a weird form of parable. I don't know, and I am certainly no fan of his. However, I think that it is time someone looked for some small bit of good in Mr. Adamski. No matter what you think of him, he was human and therefore must have had some tiny redeeming quality. This sounds pretty bad, but I think you know what I am trying to say. Face value isn't everything.

A SMALL STEP FORWARD

by Karl Gawell

In the past few years a new field has surged into the public light - Ufology. Groups and periodicals on this controversial subject have sprung up all over the United States. People have taken an interest in the mystery of the age - UFOs.

The government, through the Air Force, has stated a "scientific" investigation of the UFOs at the University of Colorado. This study is their answer to "proper" and public investigation of the UFO phenomenon, but is it? Professor McDonald of the University of Arizona has stated that he has some doubt of the idea that the true finding will be made public. He claims to have seen a memorandum stating that the CIA is the real head of UFO investigation and not the Air Force. This spurns the question of the validity of this study. I wish to ask the Air Force, "Will the true results be made public?"

Because of the lack of a proper scientific study and the interest of many civilian scientists in starting a scientific study, I have started the organization of such a study. I hope to use some of the ideas presented to me from different sources to establish a civilian scientific investigation, conducted to be neither pro nor con.

I have started the organization of such a board with the cooperation of CAPIC and it will be organized through CAPIC auspices. I hope in this to accomplish three purposes: to begin a civilian scientific UFO investigations board, form a central organization for dissemination and research of UFOs, and/or into their practicability and means of propulsion, and publication of all results of investigation including our reasons for conclusions reached.

To form this board we need basically one thing: cooperation. Cooperation of people in investigating sightings, cooperation of UFO groups in gathering information and its organization, and most of all the help of professional personell in investigation. We must have professional people willing to give about two hours a month on sighting analization and research. This board will only investigate a few good, recent sightings; but it will be a small step forward. If you are interested, write for further information to this magazine c/o Karl Gawell. It can only be done with your help.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF CAPIC :

The Cleveland Aerial Phenomena Investigations Club (CAPIC) is going to work in cooperation with UFO MAGAZINE. This newsletter will replace the CAPIC NEWSLETTER

The policies of CAPIC and UFO MAGAZINE are quite similar, and both organizations have many of the same members and officers. In order to further promote Ufology the President of CAPIC and the editors of UFO MAGAZINE thought it would be better to combine their efforts.

There will be a reshuffleing of the officers, but the main purpose of the merger will be to still get the information out to you, the readership.

Further details of UFO MAGAZINE and the bi-annual published magazine are elsewhere in this newsletter. All enquiries regarding CAPIC should be adressed to the CAPIC office.

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Editorial continued:

It was decided that anyone could attend the closed sessions as a representative of an organization, if they acted in a sane and rational manner. Adherence to these rules would be decided by the members of the present CSU. This is the first thing on which the rumors have focused.

The second problem was that a contactee group, headed by Laura Mundo, "crashed" the Open Session of the 1966 Congress by arriving early and not paying the admission fee. It is regrettable that this happened, but a number of the delegates from the East were ready to welcome Miss Mundo, even though she entered the Congress in a hardly proper manner.

There was also an attempt by Miss Mundo to gain admittance to the closed sessions, but her fee for entrance on a postal money order was made out in such a manner that it was impossible to cash under any circumstances. She then informed the Cleveland Congress committee that she would attend as a member of the "press". However all press representatives were sent tickets and there was no press desk so that Miss Mundo could be accommodated. We think that a press desk would be a good idea for this years Congress.

However, the fact that Miss Mundo might have been able to get in her fee does not obscure the issue that her party of delegates went in without paying. This issue has not yet been resolved and is fuel for the rumor mongers to use.

The third issue (which is more of a gripe than a rumor) about the 1967 Congress is that some people have been given appointments as advisors to the CSU by the people in charge of the New York Congress, who did not ask the other members of the Congress committee for approval. Another gripe is that some people who are featured to speak at the Open Session haven't shown that they can contribute much of anything to scientific Ufology.

All of these points and rumors are going to have to be resolved or explained before peace can again reign in the CSU. It is hoped that this year's temporary Chairman of the New York Congress, James Moseley, will publish these facts in his magazine, or send them out to the member organizations of the CSU.

UFO MAGAZINE will be "sitting on the fence", so to speak, until the rumor mongers give those in charge of the 1967 Congress a chance to explain. There are two suggestions that we make to the Congress committee: one, that the first thing on the agenda be the establishment of a newsletter which will keep the member groups informed of all facets of the CSU; from the plans of future Congress sites to reports on projects like Greyfile. Second, that the name Congress of Scientific Ufologists be used in all advertising for the gathering. In some instances the CSU name has been given minor billing in promotional ads....and in some instances no billing whatsoever! There shouldn't be any need to call it somebody's convention, or to give any preference to another title over the CSU.

This is a critical period in the Congress, and UFO MAGAZINE hopes that these problems will be resolved by the time this June rolls around. We also hope that the current crop of delegates if interested is seeing scientific UFO investigation is promoted.

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