

## According To Uncle Sam

## Close Encounters Of The Blurred Mind

By Jan Hrabovsky

The numerous accounts of close encounters with alien beings have been classified under three types.

A close encounter of the first kind means that a UFO at a low altitude is seen long enough to give the viewer a chance to give a vivid description.

A close encounter of the second kind means that there is actual proof of a landing such as a burn mark or radio-active material.

A close encounter of the third kind involves actual communication of some sort with an alien being.

In one reported case of a close encounter of the third kind, a radio and television technician was given a tour of an alien craft on January 30, 1965.

The Californian involved said that while walking along the beach very early in the morning, he noticed what he thought was a very bright star. Upon its

descent he realized that it was not a star, became frightened, and ran down the beach.

The craft landed and extended a ladder. After some deliberation, he decided to venture toward the craft, eventually climbed the ladder, and entered.

Upon his entrance, he was greeted by a humanoid who introduced himself as the leader of the vessel. The man noticed that there was a crew of eight on board, and one of them was a woman.

He reported that the ceilings were all a light blue and that there was no direct lighting. All rooms led to the center of the ship, and there were no corners.

The leader took the Californian to many rooms within the ship, and one in particular struck the tourist as a chapel. He learned from the leader that this room was known as the "consultation room." There were eight chairs before what appeared to the earthman's eyes to be an altar.

As the two of them walked toward the center of the room, the earthman reported seeing colors that he had never seen before. He described them as being extremely beautiful, and unlike any colors on earth. The colors were of a different color spectrum.

When they had reached the center of the room, the leader asked the man if he would like to pay his respects to the "Cosmic Creator." The earthman was reluctant and explained his belief in God, and talked of the Bible. The alien replied by saying, "He is one and the same. There is only one Cosmic Creator."

At that, the Californian began to pray, thanking God for the wonderful opportunity to be communicating with these friendly people from another world. After he had finished praying, he said he experienced a feeling so good, so precious, that he felt as though he were lifted right out of his shoes. He said he felt the presence of God as he has never felt it before.

The alien and the man continued their discussion, and he was soon thereafter released from the ship. The aliens told the earthman that they were from a world light years away, that their world contained no sickness, and that they had no need for armed forces of any kind -- there was no war.

There are many who believe that there is great religious significance in visits from aliens. Among them is an investigator for the United States Air Force, who was assigned to the famed project "Blue Book," the service's study of the UFO phenomena.

He feels that answers to many questions involving UFOs are found in the Bible. "In my father's house there are many mansions," a passage from the book of John in the New Testament, acknowledges life in other galaxies, according to the investigator.

With secrecy in government losing popularity with the American people, one is left wondering when all the proven evidence of the existence of alien beings will be revealed.

President Carter made a pre-election promise to release all information known by the government regarding UFOs, but as yet hasn't done so. Part of the blame lies indirectly with the release of the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

The movie, based seventy percent on factual information, was shown to President Carter and his family in a special preview at the White House. He requested feed-back of the public's reaction to such a movie.

Evidently the feed-back received indicated to President Carter that, after years of cover-up, America was not ready for the truth. Officials assigned to the task noticed the people responded with silence after viewing the movie, and would not discuss the film in any depth for days.

And so the "official cover-up" remains. The beauty and wonder of people from other worlds must remain unknown to the people of America until the government decides that we can "handle it."

## With Aid Of New Adviser

## Foreign Students Feel At Home At Capitol

By William Neil

When in Rome, do as the Romans do. When in Middletown, do as the Middletowners do.

This may sound easy enough, but to 85 international students, the adjustment to college life in the United States can be very difficult. Some of the students are permanent residents, and 35 others are here on overseas visas. The students come from such far-away countries as China, Iran, Jamaica, India, Japan and France.

According to Leslie Zuidema, the new adviser to international students at Capitol Campus, the foreign students often experience what is commonly referred to as "culture shock." This condition is the result of suddenly finding oneself in a totally different culture and having difficulty adapting to ordinary facets of life such as food and language. Leslie says that she can relate to their problems, since she has been abroad herself.

"I have traveled to Spain and other countries where English is not predominant," says Leslie. "I have had first-hand experience at learning and communicating in another language. I guess you can say that I was an international student myself."

In this country, Leslie was a student at Randolph-Macon College in Virginia, where she earned her B.A. in Spanish. She later attained her M.A. in Spanish linguistics from the University of Pittsburgh, where she was also a teaching assistant for two years.

This past summer, Leslie taught English to Cuban refugees at Fort Indiantown Gap, an experience she describes as uplifting. "Most of them were willing to learn and conformed to the rules," says Leslie. "They were mostly good people, but a few trouble-makers gave them all a bad image." This involvement encouraged her and her husband to sponsor one of the refugees and eventually find him a job.

Since she began her duties at Capitol in October, Leslie has been kept busy maintaining the visas of the 35 overseas students. This task may appear easy at first, but when one realizes that there

are students from approximately 20 countries on campus, and that each country has its own regulations, the job suddenly becomes an arduous one. In addition to the visas, Leslie must also keep a close account of the students' academic standings, since most countries require a designated grade average to be maintained.

It is also important that the students possess a necessary ability to converse adequately. "Although the international students are expected to have a certain proficiency in English when they arrive," explains Leslie, "I am prepared and eager to help them sharpen their skills. The atmosphere is kept casual, so the students can always feel free to stop in."

The informal setting in Leslie's office certainly does make the students feel at ease. The very fact that she prefers to be called Leslie is evidence of her relaxed, personal relationships with the students. In fact, she sometimes travels to the airport to meet the international students upon their arrival. Developing these close relationships is essential to encourage the students to discuss their personal problems freely. "If they are willing to talk freely about their problems, I will help interpret them. This makes the adjustment much easier for them."

Leslie is also trying to establish "friendship families" in the Middletown area. Friendship families take an international student as a guest for an evening or week-end, an experience which gives the students a sense of "belonging" in the community. The friendship family plan is practiced at University Park and large colleges in the U.S.

The friendly informal atmosphere in Leslie's office is important to the students, since a good morale promotes better grades. After all, students who live halfway around the world need a place where they can feel as though they belong; they need someplace where they can discuss their personal problems, a place where they have a sense of security.

At Capitol, they have found that place.



Leslie Zuidema is the new adviser to international students.

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## No Kidding: Childless Women Happier

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Women who choose to never have children report higher levels of marital satisfaction than do mothers and women postponing children, according to a University of North Carolina at Greensboro study. Child-free women noted that they spend more time with their husbands, talk with them more often and have sexual relations more frequently.

Sleep through another term?

