More News on Aladino Felix -Alias Dino Kraspedon

Gordon Creighton

In my article Follow-Up on the Morro do Vintém Mystery,* I mentioned the strange case of Aladino Félix, author of My Contact with Flying Saucers, and the fabulous saga of his threat to bring in the "Venusians" as allies against the wicked Brazilian authorities who had interfered with his terroristic activities.

In a further report about this man from Dr. Walter Buhler, we learn that Aladino Félix was once in a seminary for priests, and has the reputation of being very intelligent, with a strong personality and a decided egocentric drive. Dr. Buhler says he came under some undesirable political influences and was probably manipulated into becoming the head of a considerable terrorist gang who carried out a great number of bomb outrages, armed bank robberies, thefts of dynamite, and numerous acts of terrorism which led to the loss of at least one human life† and for which, on March 30, 1971, Aladino Félix was given a prison sentence of five years by the Permanent Council of Justice of the 2nd Auditory of the 2nd Military District (São Paulo).

According to the Correio da Manhã of January 15, 1972, also forwarded to us by Dr. Buhler, we now learn however that the Higher Military Court has reduced the sentence to only eight months in prison. This leniency, it seems, derives from the fact that several Government Ministers had voted for a reduction of the sentence. One of the Ministers suggested however that such reduction be conditional on the transfer of Aladino Félix to a house of custody for treatment. In view of the vast amount of violent crime involved, this fresh development can surely only mean that there are very good grounds for concluding that Aladino Félix is in a mentally disturbed state.

As readers will recall, he had announced that he was calling in the "Venusians" to assist him in his war against society. We have not heard however how the "Venusians" have responded, and whether any of them have arrived to join in the fray. Unquestionably, if one can judge by the temperatures which our scientists claim to have detected on Venus, that planet certainly ought to offer excellent accommodation for even the most sulphurous of MIB Gentry.

I too am incensed-at the current rise in the cost of living-and I am wondering whether the "Ganyme-

dians" can perhaps help?

All in all, the case of Aladino Félix is interesting, and possibly very important. It should be studied in conjunction with the books and articles of John Keel.

Notes

* FSR, July/August 1971.

Another remarkable seminarian, an idealist with great intelligence, a strong personality, and a vast egocentric drive, who subsequently also became a highly successful bank-robber and terrorist, was one Joseph Vissarionovich Djugashvili, alias Stalin, whose victims numbered not one

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an impact in the Republic. It is proposed to deal with the affair, and other reports from South Africa, in an article in FSR Case Histories Supplement 11:

"Fort Beaufort.-Police and a farmer yesterday [June 26, 1972] fired shots at a mysterious unidentified flying object near here. The UFO, which appeared on the farm Braeside owned by Mr. Bennie Smith, about 15km from town, first appeared as a ball of fire 1 metre in diameter. It was reported to have changed colour frequently.

'The first person to see it was a farm

labourer, at about 8 am.

"He saw a large ball of fire hovering at tree-top height.

"He called the farmer, Mr Smith, who fired unsuccessfully at the object with a .303 rifle. But it kept moving from behind one tree to another. The object kept changing colour-from red to green, yellow to white-and Mr Smith called the police.

"The station commander, Warrant Officer P. R. van Rensburg, and Sergeant P. C. Kitching, arrived at the farm at 9 am.

" 'After both Mr Smith and Sergeant Kitching had fired a couple of shots, we saw a round, black shiny object emerge from behind the trees,' Warrant Officer Van Rensburg said.

"'It would slowly disappear from sight and then reappear. Shots fired

had no effect, but when anyone approached, it would move out of sight.'

"Mr Smith moved into thick bush and fired two shots from close range. After noticing a circle of fist-like imprints on the sand, he said the object made a whirring sound and disap-peared in the direction of Fordyce Bush, an undeveloped and uninhabited

"According to the Fort Beaufort police, no further reports have been

received.

"Warrant Officer Van Rensburg said he had never encountered anything like it before, and could offer no suggestion as to its identity.—Sapa.'

What a way to deal with the un-known: shoot first, ask questions afterwards!-EDITOR.

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but (so we are informed by such competent authorities as Comrade Khrushchev and Soviet atomic physicist Professor Dmitri Sakharov) in the neighbourhood of twenty millions. One inevitably wonders whether Uncle Joe and Aladino Félix were not products of the same "finishing school"?

There does not appear to be any record of Stalin's ever having claimed that he had friends and pals in "Outer , but those were slightly different times from ours, and perhaps the Gentry had not at that time hit upon the brilliant idea of palming themselves off as "Cosmic Brothers" who have come from afar to visit and help Mankind. This probably did not begin until the early 1950s. It would be interesting if someone who has the leisure for such research could go through the reports and see whether anybody had ever claimed, prior to 1952 or thereabouts, that he had had converse with "a man from another planet." What does seem certain, at any rate, is that, during the American Visitation of 1897 for example, not one of the entities allegedly met told any American that he was from another planet, and not a single American is reported in the press of the time as having thought there was anything "interplanetary" about the whole affair.

MAIL BAG

The Piri-Reis map

Dear Sir,—I was appalled to read the article in March/April FSR by Dr. P. C. W. Davies. In it he completely ignores the book by Professor C. H. Hapgood, "Maps of the Ancient Sea Kings" published by Chilton Books. This book gives a long and detailed account of the Piri Reis map of 1513 along with numerous other portolan

I will refer only to Antarctica and point out that in Professor Hapgood's book eight features on the Piri Reis map can be identified on a modern sub-glacial map with less than one degree longitude error. Dr. Davies will appreciate that longitude could not be determined accurately until the development of the chronometer 250 years later and also that the sub-glacial outline of Antarctica was not discovered until 1949.

I must assume that Dr. Davies is not aware of Professor Hapgood's book and I suggest that he reads it and considers its relevance to his article. Since I work in The Queen's University of Belfast I'm sure that if Dr. Davies has difficulty in obtaining a copy he will let me know and I shall arrange to let him borrow my copy on inter-library loan.

In conclusion I hope you will be able to devote space in FSR to correct what I believe to be an erroneous impression of the Piri Reis map created by Dr. Davies. I also offer my sincere congratulations on your excellent journal and wish it every success.

Yours truly, W. J. Swindall,

"Jiri," Ballyaughlis, Lisburn, N. Ireland. June 13, 1972.

From Aimé Michel

Dear Sir,-I see from FSR Vol. 18, No. 2 (page iii), that I am "the leading and most respected researcher in the world." Which proves irrefutably of course that FSR is the leading and most respected review in the world.

Unfortunately, people are nasty: you can tell them till you are blue in the face that you are the leading and most respected researcher in the world, and they don't believe you. They say: "Well, what about me then?"

They all want to be "the leading and most respected in the world," when in fact this title belongs only to you and me (and, of course, especially me).

It reminds me of the time when I was a University student, and my friend the poet Louis Le Cunff had founded a newspaper called The A. This paper, Le Cunff always emphasised, was in-disputably the first in the world as regards alphabetical order. And yet it was a failure, which is good confirmation of the fact that people are

mean, and that it is no good trying to teach them who is No. 1.

Yours sincerely, Aimé Michel.

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keep their letters short. Unless letters give the sender's full name and address (not necessarily for publication) they cannot be considered. The Editor would like to remind correspondents that it is not always possible to acknowledge every letter personally, so he

takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.

Light on Lima

Dear Sir,-This refers to a letter from Mr. Vicente Juan Ballester Olmos dated July 5, 1971, which appeared in the September/October issue of your Review. The letter requested information on an occupant report near Lima, Peru, in September of 1968.

The undersigned, together with other APRO investigators, personally visited the area. After talks with local police and fishermen it was determined that no such incident as reported had taken place. I might add that the story originated in one of Lima's less reliable newspapers.

Yours sincerely, Richard Greenwell,

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