

### Contents

#### News Diary

- 1 THE KOSOVO KWAGMIRE
- 2 DAM THE DANUBE
- 2 CATCH-22
- 2 MEDALS
- 2 NEEDED: A NEW ENEMY
- 2 "VICTORY!"
- 2 THE HOLY FIELD: KOSOVO
- 3 A VIOLATION OF THE WAR POWERS ACT?
- 4 TWA FLIGHT 800
- 4 DONALDSON UPDATE

#### Personal

- 6 PAULETTE UPDATE

#### Books Received

- 6 And Some Reviewed

#### Movie Reviews

- 7 And Then I Saw...

#### Feedback

- 7 Letters & Reply
- DARRELL SCHWEITZER
- RODNEY LEIGHTON
- HARRY WARNER, JR
- MURRAY MOORE
- ERIC LINDSAY

#### ART CREDITS

BILL ROTSLER-----2, 4, 5, 6, 8  
 ALEXIS GILLILAND-----1  
 4030 Eighth St S., Arlington, VA 22204  
 TEDDY HARVIA-----7  
 701 Regency Dr., Hurst, TX 76054-2307

The Geis Letter is matter of opinion published by Richard E. Geis when an issue is completed. Creator Copyright 1999 by Richard E. Geis. All rights reserved. All rights to their work are hereby returned to all contributors.

Permission granted to small circulation newspapers, zines and to individuals to copy, quote and disseminate any Geis-written material in The Geis Letter via print or internet. The Geis Letter is produced for adults.

**WARNING !** This publication may contain words and word-inspired images which may influence your thinking and/or behavior in harmful or anti-social ways...or in helpful and pro-social ways. It all depends on your genes, your environment, your childhood, your emotional maturity, your education and your intelligence. You are advised to ask your local government Liberal or neighborhood social worker for reading/-thinking guidance. They know best.

Read further at your own risk...if you really feel you have that right.

Sample copy: \$1.00. Subscriptions: USA: \$1 each for as many as you wish. Other countries: US\$2 per issue.

All copies sent First Class/Air.  
 BACK ISSUES: \$1.00 & \$2 per issue.

The Geis Letter is not available via subscription agencies. No advertising accepted. Make all cheques or money orders payable to Richard E. Geis.

All Post Office Mail to:  
 RICHARD E. GEIS  
 PO BOX 11408  
 PORTLAND OR 97211-0408

email: CompuServe: 100313,3440  
 INTERNET:

100313.3440@compuserve.com

Please send all email in ASCII.

No binary.

**BE AWARE:** All Letters of Comment [and e-mail] are considered for publication. Please mark or write DNQ (Do Not Quote) those parts you wish kept private. If you wish your address kept private, please mark it Do Not Print.

### News Diary

#### THE KOSOVO KWAGMIRE

5-28-99 I gits weary of all this spinning of the Kosovo news and non-reportage of obvious realities.

Today it is confirmed that a U.N. tribunal war crimes prosecutor has announced an indictment of Yugoslavia President Milosevic as a war criminal.

He is specifically charged with ordering the deaths of 340 people and the expulsion of 40,000 Kosovo citizens...

Fair enough charge against Milosevic? Even though the United States provided the U.N. tribunal with an estimated 6000+ pages of testimony and photos and etc. proving the crimes and the orders given. The U.S. government obviously had a great desire to see this indictment happen.

But surely that other president, the one named Clinton, who more than two months ago, behind his NATO mask, ordered unprovoked, illegal and continuously intensified bombing of Kosovo and Yugoslavia and who has by now accumulated more than 340 deaths to his discredit [especially with ordering the indiscriminate cluster bomb attacks this month---remember the hospital, the marketplace nearby?] and the dislocation of at least 40,000 people from bombed-out homes, surely---with the above numbers as the benchmark for an indictment of a national leader---he should also be indicted as a war criminal.

Oh, that's different? Different ends justify different means?

It means that the most powerful make the rules, break the rules, and write history to suit themselves.

■ **DAM THE DANUBE.** It's interesting that the Clinton-NATO bombing and 'dropping' of bridges into the Danube in Yugoslavia is causing collateral, high \$\$ losses in the countries north and southeast of Yugoslavia, as river traffic and commerce in Germany, Austria, Romania and Bulgaria is curtailed with losses reaching into the hundreds of millions of dollars...and escalating.

I suggest there is rising economic pressure to stop the bombing and make a deal and get the river unblocked for Euro-commerce.



■ **CATCH-22.** I see that Clinton has by arbitrary executive order extended the enlistments of those 6000 Army-Navy-Air Force & Marines who were planning on retiring or leaving the armed forces soon at the end of their agreed-to terms of service.

They are now slaves.

Clinton had to force them to stay in the services to continue with his Kosovo War... though it's a question whether his war is really a war in the legal sense. He is also 'illegal' in terms of the War Powers Act, but...who gives a fuck about legal or illegal wars, about illegal dictatorial edicts... Nobody but a few congressmen and a few wacko constitutionists.

■ **MEDALS** There is also a story today that the Dept. of Defense has ordered 9000 Purple Heart medals. The DoD says they need that many as replacements of those Purple Hearts stolen from war veterans. Yeah, right.

■ **NEEDED: A NEW ENEMY** The drawdown of our military stockpiles and the depletion of our air forces---those 768 planes are wearing out from this constant bombing campaign and we are approaching a 90% depletion of our smart and dumb bomb stocks---will require a national re-armament effort of multi-trillion dollar size. THAT effort may be one of the secret reasons for the war in Kosovo...in my cynical view. And that rearmament effort will require a new, vicious, implacable, credible, long-term enemy---CHINA!

The Chinese have criminally stolen our nuclear bomb secrets and now they will surely want our lovely blonde women! They'll want to reduce us to slavery! They'll want to use our country as a dumping ground for their excess population! They'll want to eat our children! The Yellow Menace rises again!

We must make any sacrifice and insist that our sometimes too trusting fearless leader, Bill Clinton, defeat those evil, inhuman chinks' purposes!

America has enemies everywhere! Many of them among us! We can no longer afford the luxury of freedoms which have made us weak and defenseless! We must re-arm the government even as we disarm ourselves!

So it goes. And maybe the above 'right-wing paranoid fears' will not be as satirical and excessive as you think.

■ **3-4-99 "VICTORY"** Suddenly a deal is struck and Milosevic has 'blinked' and surrendered... Or so it seems.

What I think has transpired is that Milosevic has said, "Here, take my

problems, please!"

Now the U.S. and NATO have the responsibility for rebuilding Kosovo, housing and feeding and otherwise maintaining 850,000 Muslims in the province...for how long? Years! No end in sight. We have a new foreign welfare class. [And how long will congress sit still for funding that!?!]

"It was necessary to destroy Kosovo in order to save it." ?

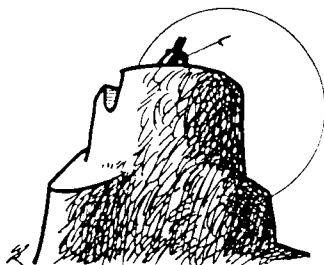
This victory has the stink of Pyrrhic to it.

How many \$Billions are we on the hook for? Are we obligated to replace and restore all those Serbian bridges, buildings...?

I saw a headline saying Yugoslavia had suffered \$200 Billions in damages from our bombing. Rebuilding will involve huge borrowings and investments of capital in the next few years... meaning that draw will drive interest rates up in Europe and the rest of the world in conjunction with Asia's recovery and investment needs... meaning our top-heavy debt structure, which is critically dependent on low interest rates, is very vulnerable to higher interest rates.

Already the stock markets are teetering as a result of minor, recently increasing interest rates. So that when the need for more capital, from Europe and Asia (and possibly South America, as well), results in even higher interest rates, you can expect a crash of sorts in our stock markets and a possible fall into recession-depression for our economy. And if the United States stops its huge buying spree of foreign products, the rest of the world will fall back into severe recession again.

And we also are heir to the Kosovar Liberation Army problem which Milosevic has handed us: We must keep those nationalistic, independence-minded Kosovars from staying armed and active and causing our NATO/UN occupation force all kinds of problems. That's our tar baby now. Thank you, Mr. Milosevic! One more such "victory" and we are ruined!



A perspective to think about:

## The Holy Field: KOSOVO

[This article originally appeared in NETWORK NEWSLETTER, P.O. Box 45057, Boise, ID 83711. \$3. per issue, \$36 a year.]

'Because of the control of the news media most people don't understand the battle being waged inside the borders of Yugoslavia. Let me tell you about it.

'600 years ago, Islamic hordes invaded Christian Europe. They destroyed everything in their path. Those who did not convert to Islam suffered terrible fates. Serbian women were first raped and then sold along with their children into slavery. Serbian men not killed in battle were castrated and blinded to make them docile slaves for Muslim masters.

'Whole cities became funeral pyres for the thousands who lived there as they were burned by the invaders. At one point in their invasion, the Turks nailed 12,000 Christian Serbs to crosses, mocking the death of Christ and the religion of the Serbs.

'The Turkish invasion of Europe seemed unstoppable as they swept over everything in their path with fire and sword: Until they reached the Kosovo Plain.

'For it was there, in 1389, that some 77,000 Christian soldiers and knights met the Turks. They had all pledged to Christ, and to each other, that they would die rather than convert to Islam and lose their liberty. With prayer and fasting and the cross of Christ before them, these 77,000 men, led by Serbian Prince Lazar, engaged in a gory battle to the death. They gave their lives and blood not just for the freedom of Serbia, but to save all Europe from the enslaving hordes of Islam.

'When the battle was over, the cream of Serbian manhood lay dead on the blood-drenched plains of Kosovo, along with their Prince. But their deaths did not come easy for the Muslims. These martyrs fought so heroically, exacting such a terrible toll on the Islamic invaders that their advance into the heart of Europe stopped at Kosovo Field.

'During the battle a group of Christian knights heard of the death of their Serbian Prince and charged headlong through the enemy lines and into the heart of the Islamic camp and, in his private tent, slew the Turkish leader Emir Murad I. They, in turn, died outnumbered two hundred to one.

'Thenceforth, Kosovo Field became to the Serbian people Acambo Santo --- The Holy Field. It is considered by many historians of the Christian Faith to be the single greatest tomb of Christian martyrs killed in a single day in history. No other larger sacrifice of Christians is known. Each year on St. Vitus day the Serbs honor the holy martyrs of Kosovo Plain with prayer and fasting, and honor their epic sacrifice to freedom and the Christian faith.

'Such was the Alamo-like stand of Serbs against invading foes of Western, Christian civilization in 1389. Kosovo is the heart and soul of Serbia and they will not yield it to the Muslim terrorists of today, who are backed by American cruise missiles and B2 bombers. The United States and NATO will be valiantly opposed by the descendants of Serbs who fought and died on Kosovo Field in 1389.

'This attempt to take Kosovo away from Serbia will fail. And America will reap more than shame and condemnation for the cowardly bombing of the Serbs. Like the Mexican leader Santa Anna who called for the surrender of the Texans defending the Alamo. Bill Clinton will not get it. Instead, he will make martyrs of those he kills.

'Liberty and faith still have their defenders in this world.'

**Geis Comment: 6-9-99** The peace agreement just signed re Kosovo gives a Muslim Kosovo autonomy, not independence, which puts them and the Serbs back where they were ten years ago, before Milosevic took the autonomy away.

Now, with NATO + Russians slated to occupy Kosovo for God knows how long, with "ethnic" [religious] hatreds at an even higher pitch, we'll see if Secular Humanism can quell the savage beasts...and at what cost in time and money. And we'll see how long the Kosovo Liberation Army will sit still before impulses for revenge and power get the better of their senses.

In the long run, this "surrender" by Serbia appears a tactic, not a final defeat.

And a military comment: The Gulf War and this Kosovo War has shown to the current and potential enemies of Western/American power that the key to defeating or neutralizing us is finding a weapon which will knock down a significant number of our missiles and military aircraft.

Without virtually total air superiority and without the guts or greed to fight a land war, we are left with nothing to

defeat them short of atomic weapons. And if we are ever arrogant and stupid enough to resort to nuclear strikes to impose our will, our enemy's response will surely be low tech biological weapons.

What price empire?

News you probably didn't find in your local newspaper, nor see on Your TV news

## A violation of War Powers Act?

'Clinton's time is up' say congressional members

By Stephan Archer  
C 1999 WorldNetDaily.com

'The 60-day period accorded President Clinton to engage U.S. troops in hostilities without congressional approval officially expired yesterday -- at least that's what certain members of Congress who oppose the bombing in Yugoslavia say in claiming the president is now in violation of the War Powers Resolution Act of 1973.

"President Clinton has nothing left to claim," said Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas. "He is in complete violation of the War Powers Resolution, there is simply no other interpretation."

'Twenty-six congressional members, led by Rep. Tom Campbell, R-Calif, and Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, had filed a lawsuit against Clinton at the end of April for violating both the U.S. Constitution and the War Powers Resolution by allowing U.S. forces to participate in NATO air attacks against Yugoslavia.

'The lawsuit maintains that, according to the War Powers Resolution Act, Clinton must seek congressional approval for the Balkan war if he wished to pursue it beyond 60 days. It began March 26.

'With the deadline now here and with no indication from Clinton that he will seek congressional approval for the war, these 26 members of Congress hope to challenge Clinton's actions in court.

'Regarding the lawsuit, Suhail Khan, Campbell's press secretary, said that it is hoped that the motion will be heard in front of a judge by June 3. However, delay tactics by both the White House and the Department of Justice are expected, Khan said.

'With an earlier vote by Congress, which defeated a bill that would have given Clinton the authorization he

needed to conduct military operations against Yugoslavia, Campbell's office said that it was clear the president was now violating constitutional law that states only Congress can declare war.

'Campbell said that Congress must reassert this power with the lawsuit. "Our troops are in a state of war in Kosovo. To say anything else is sophistry. To use circumlocution and verbal distinctions is unconscionable where American servicemen and women's lives are at stake," said Campbell.

"Congress cannot escape from its responsibility to decide when American armed forces are to be committed in war overseas," continued Campbell. "We cannot surrender our constitutional right, and our constitutional obligation. We must reassert it. This litigation will do so."

'Campbell mentioned that no "inherent" power of the president as commander in chief gives him the authority to declare war where there was no attack against the United States, no summons from an ally under attack or no emergency that prevented congressional deliberation.

'Kucinich, who wasn't available for further comment, initially supported Clinton's initiatives placing American troops in the war-torn Balkan region as a peace-keeping force, but now, he challenges NATO's justification for "its military campaign against civilians" and wonders what the bombing has accomplished.

'Paul, commenting on the lawsuit, of which he is a part, said, "This president has violated the law and he must be taken to task. It is a shame that Congress has not done more to stop the president from this destructive course. So it is therefore incumbent upon us to resort to the courts to force Mr. Clinton to follow his Oath of Office to uphold the Constitution and laws of the United States."

'Referring to Clinton's disregard for the War Powers Resolution, Paul added, "Once again, President Clinton is demonstrating his utter disregard for the Constitution and laws of this nation. He apparently views himself as a king, rather than the president of a constitutional republic; he must believe that his will is the law, rather than the Constitution and acts of Congress. To say this president is anything but dangerous and reckless would be a gross understatement."

'Paul expressed concern that the Balkan conflict could spread to other nations creating a larger world conflict

thereby making Americans both at home and abroad more susceptible to the threat of terrorism and other forms of retaliatory action.

'However, he also is encouraged by the lawsuit against the president. According to Paul, all the congressional members who signed their names to it have legal standing because Clinton's actions usurped Congress' constitutional and legal rights to declare war and provide oversight.'

**Geis Says:** 6-3-99 The arguments against the above are that congressmen have no legal standing as injured parties, and besides they can always try to cut off funding for Clinton's military adventures if they feel that strongly about it. [And fuck the constitution and the rule of law!]

The bulk of this story, with the counter-arguments, appeared in a Newhouse News Service story in *The Oregonian* yesterday, let it be noted. [The Newhouse group owns *The Oregonian*.] Late, but it did get published. It may have been picked up by other papers.

**6-5-99** Since it appears Clinton has "won" the Kosovo war, this lawsuit will probably be treated as not relevant so as to allow federal judges to run away from it. But the abdication of rights, duties and power by congress, and the elevation of the executive branch to supremacy in our government is so dangerous and problematic that it won't be long before the next U.S. president [Caesar of Pax Americana] will act as dictator and/or would-be ruler of the world and cause another (probably tentative, failing) challenge of that usurpation of power and contemptuous dissing of the constitution.

**6-9-99** U.S. District Judge Paul I. Friedman

'noted that the courts traditionally have been reluctant to intervene in political disputes concerning matters of war. Friedman said he saw no evidence of a constitutional impasse between the Clinton administration and Congress that would warrant the court's action.

'Friedman said [the 26 congressmen] lacked legal standing to act on behalf of the entire Congress.'

---Bill Miller, LA TIMES-WASHINGTON POST SERVICE

The judge ducked the law. Not mentioned in the story is whether the congressmen will appeal the ruling.



More news you didn't find in your local newspaper nor see on your TV news.

## **Retired crash investigator Commander William Donaldson (USN) speaks before The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, U. S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Aviation (May 6, 1999):**

'Mr. Chairman,

'Ladies and Gentlemen of the Committee, based on the performance of the NTSB and the actions of the Justice Department while investigating the unexplained loss of TWA Flight 800, I no longer believe the NTSB is capable of fulfilling its aviation mission. It's abuse of power used to muzzle witnesses and Interested Parties simply to promote the Administrations agenda proves that it has become so politicized that the Board itself has become an Aviation hazard.

'The solution would be to recast the Aviation duties of the NTSB as a completely independent body, like the Federal Reserve, staffed with aviation professionals from every military and civilian career field, overseen by a joint committee of congress.

'At a minimum, the current leadership should be replaced and the portions of Title 49 and Title 18 that have been used by the Chairman to muzzle and abuse the Interested Parties must be reformed.

'Under the current law, the NTSB leadership has basically misled the American people since July 17, 1996.

'They did this through unfettered access to the media, unending pursuit of nonsense junk science theories without budgetary constraint, common

sense or air crash investigation protocol.

'They have used aerodynamically impossible CIA cartoons, fraudulent videos of hydrogen filled fuel tanks exploding on television, and fear-mongering appearances by Administration officials pitching a non-existent 747 flight hazard.

'All of this goes unanswered by Parties already cautious and severely constrained because of the nature of their highly regulated industries. Their bottom line depends first on government bureaucracy's good will. The severity of current sanctions invites political abuse by barring far more competent independent investigations or even public statements by the Parties until after the NTSB Final Report. Silence by the parties is woefully misinterpreted by the media and the public and easily exploited by partisan politicians.

'In this incident, 15 weeks before the 1996 election, where Mr. Clinton had motive to cover-up a successful missile attack, that he had clear forewarning of as early as October 11, 1994, the abuses are unprecedented.

'An author of three books and his wife, James and Liz Sanders are now Felons, tried and convicted last month in federal court for receiving worthless passenger seat fabric.

'Captain Stacey, a no-nonsense TWA pilot and Flight 800 crash investigator, gave them this material for outside laboratory analysis of a chemical stain. He admitted in court that he committed this heinous crime because he had lost all faith in the integrity of the NTSB and FBI and didn't believe that the act was illegal.

'All three will soon be sentenced.

'As a past nuclear weapons delivery pilot and fleet nuclear war planner, it is bitterly disappointing to me that the same Justice Department that gave our trillion dollar special weapons technology to China because they didn't have the nerve to wiretap a spy before the '96 election, didn't blink when a federal judge found Jim Sanders suffered unconstitutional searches and seizures.

'Nor did the Justice Department mind the Neanderthal tactics of Special Agent Kinsley when he violated white collar crime protocols by dragging Mrs. Sanders, shackled behind the back, through a media circus on the way to arraignment after she and Jim had turned themselves in.

'Liz Sanders may weigh 100 lbs. After being manhandled the first time in

her life by a Justice Department goon, Mrs. Sanders lost her job as a flight attendant training supervisor, lost her house fighting these charges and now faces the possibility of a ten year prison sentence.

'Her crime was a two-minute phone conversation with Captain Stacey that neither party understood to be illegal.

'This rabid behavior to GET Stacey and Sanders at any cost and make an example of them, with the arrest the week before NTSB's Public Hearing, was tailored for maximum intimidation and is in stark contrast to the Justice Department's indifference in the case of Chinese espionage that could eventually threaten every American.

'If this wasn't a partisan political witchhunt, what is?

'This didn't happen without the tacit approval of Chairman Hall. In fact, Mr. Hall wanted Linda Kuntz, another exceptionally talented and respected TWA crash investigator, arrested after she pointed out NTSB employees were changing passenger seat location data to conform to NTSB's nonsense theory.

'Linda had presence of mind to use two NYPD officers to help her photograph her evidence. TWA attorneys sent Mr. Hall a letter citing these facts.

'He backed off, but was still able to force Ms. Kuntz out of the investigation.

'While acting as Defense Consultant for Mr. Sanders, I asked him to take close-up photographs of the few parts remaining of the center wing tank, left side body wall. The trial Judge allowed him to take photographs at Calverton during the discovery phase of trial.

'Six weeks ago I viewed those pictures and determined the few military experts that the Administration allowed to see the crash debris were right. The number two main tank exploded at extremely high energy into the Center Wing Tank, not the other way around.

'I then called Mr. Wildey of the NTSB and left a voice mail message asking where to find the microscopic fracture face edge-analysis of these side wall parts.

'I was stunned to get a call back in 30 minutes from an NTSB attorney informing me it hadn't been done. He was agitated that I had seen those photos as were Justice Department attorneys who threatened Sanders attorney, an hour later, with motions to deny the defense access to its own discovery materials.

'Ladies and Gentlemen, the analysis wasn't done because it would



prove the loss of the aircraft was caused by a high explosive initiating event in the Number 2 main tank.

'I informed that attorney that if NTSB's Final Report comes out without a verifiable fracture face analysis of that side wall edge metal and without doing the warhead detonations in the number two main tank and missile shots at that tank recommended by China Lake military analysts, he could expect me to file criminal malfeasance and misprision of felony homicide complaints with the New York State authorities.

'Ladies and Gentlemen, every time NTSB officials have testified on television or before you about TWA800, they have lied or shaded the truth.

'I will close with physical evidence of one of Mr. Hall's bigger deceptions.

'At the same time his letter to the editor was published in the Wall Street Journal in April 1997 titled, "It wasn't a missile", he was paying for the covert recovery of the very missile parts he denied existed.

'The Scallop boat, Alpha Omega, found and discarded overboard the first stage of a shoulder fired missile in October of 1996, two miles from Flight 800's explosion point. This is near the spot where Islip radar recorded a boat traveling away from the exploding aircraft at 30 knots.

'Through questions submitted for us by this committee, we forced the FBI to admit that they failed to identify that boat.

'When I ascertained that fact I was dealing with special agent Steve Bongart. He has since been ordered not to answer questions or have further contact.

'As Mr. Hall's letter was being written, Special Agents Hanson, Petry, Bowen, Lane, Francis, Pica, Mauzey and Bokal were manning the scallop dredgers, Nordic Pride, Alpha Omega, Christian Alexia and Kathy Ann, scouring the ocean bottom for missile parts.

'Here is the FBI Trawler Operations Manual; replete with diagrams of missile parts and an operational order with highlighted and underlined instructions describing how to hide these parts from crew and other Interested Parties. Boeing, TWA and the Congress of the United States are "other Interested Parties".

'Here is the precision-trawling map used by these men, clearly indicating the primary purpose of the operation was specifically tailored to recover missile parts. Seven-eighths of the area dredged didn't have crash debris, but instead fell within the assumed range of a Stinger missile from the explosion point.

'The existence of this map is one of the several reasons Mr. Hall wouldn't let the Navy's Supervisor of Salvage, Captain McCord, take questions from the Parties at the Public Hearing in Baltimore.

'In addition to hard forensic evidence, I have access to 119 eye-witnesses on 18 boats, 4 aircraft and 31 locations ashore that surrounded the missile launch site. None of these witnesses were allowed to testify at Mr. Hall's hearing and instead the NTSB played a laughable depiction of a noseless 747 climbing 1,700 feet and implied that's what the witnesses saw streaking upward.

'Even if this aerodynamically impossible event could occur, it would hardly appear to be streaking like a flare or rocket as described by witnesses.

'The sad thing is that the media bought it because it was a slick video perfect for television.

'I have been an outspoken critic of this investigation ever since Mr. Hall signaled to his subordinates that any answer was OK as long as "It wasn't a missile" in his Wall Street Journal article.

'If the NTSB and FBI are truly searching for the "Real Killers" in this tragedy, why is it that in over two years not one person from the NTSB or FBI has ever called and asked me a single question about my findings and witness interviews?

'The reason is, "The dog didn't bark", because they knew the answer already.

'Ladies and gentlemen, I urge you to hold special hearings into the loss of TWA Flight 800 and take the actions recommended to reform the NTSB into a non-partisan air safety advocate.

'That concludes my oral statement. I will need the evidence back and I urge you to read the remaining

documents submitted and visit our Web Site at [twa800.com](http://twa800.com).

Thank You,  
Cmdr. William S. Donaldson, USN

Ret.  
(<http://twa800.com/Hearing/Hearing1.pdf>)

=====

**Geis says:** 6-3-99 This Donaldson testimony was not reported by the media when it was given.

But about two days after the above text appeared on the internet in late May, there appeared as if by magic big media reports and stories of a heretofore unknown BATF investigation of the downing of TWA-800 which asserted the crash was caused by the explosion of the jet's center fuel tank.

A main point of the reported BATF report is that the FBI investigator-in-charge was then adamant that a bomb had downed the plane and would brook no opposition to that theory.

The timing of the release of the report and its two-three-day 'play' in the media suggests it was released to offset and discredit the internet-emerged Donaldson 'missile' testimony.

Further, the BATF report was completed and given to the Justice Dept. only six months after the crash, before all those FBI tests and full accumulation of all the evidence, and without any consideration of witness accounts. Upon what evidence was the BATF report based? We are not told.

And further, to my knowledge the full text of the BATF report is not available.

And, more further, such a BATF investigation of the crash was never mentioned in the media before now, two years after the crash.

■ Some people suggest that because I initially believed in the James Sanders errant Navy missile theory (*The Downing of TWA Flight 800* [Zebra, 1997, \$6.99, ISBN: 0-8217-5829-2.]) I cannot be believed now that I find the accumulating, detailed Donaldson terrorist missile evidence more persuasive.

Sorry; I go where the emerging facts and probabilities take me. The Sanders book was the first (and so far as I know the only) book out which provided much 'inside' information not provided by the government-supporting big media.

There was a time when I believed in Santa Claus, the Tooth Fairy, benevolent government and the major American media. Not any more.

■■■

#### **Update PERSONAL**

Paulette has a chrome steel ball in her hip joint---and is making a very fast recovery from that major surgery.

Thanks to all for the good wishes.

## **BOOKS RECEIVED**



Some reviewed, others listed and described.



### **New Releases**

#### **BEYOND THE GATES**

By Catherine Wells

ROC Science Fiction, Novel, 1999, \$6.99, 342p., Mass market paperback, ISBN: 0-451-45696-3.

Dray's Planet is the home of the Children of the Second Revelation who, fearing "contamination", have isolated themselves from the rest of the galaxy.

But at least one other species---strange and unclassified---lives on the planet, and the turmoil that follows its discovery, its origins and its forbidden continent, wreak havoc on the Children's society and on all humans involved.

A fascinating clash between science and religion.

#### **THE GRANITE SHIELD**

By Fiona Patton

DAW Fantasy, Novel, 1999, \$6.99, 512p., Mass market paperback, ISBN: 0-88677-842-5.

A sword, sorcery, and birthright struggle make this long medieval (vaguely Irish, Welsh, English) fantasy novel work.

The first two novels in this series are *The Stone Prince* and *The Painter Knight*.

#### **THE X-RATED BIBLE - An Irreverent Survey of Sex in the Scriptures**

By Ben Edward Akerley

FERAL HOUSE, 1999, \$14.95, 269 p., Trade paperback, Illustrated, ISBN: 0-922915-55-5

This revised and enlarged reprint of the 1985 book is astonishing! Is it possible there is all that sex and perversion in the Bible?

The contents page lists chapters devoted to: Incests, Sexual Pollution, Homosexuality, Rape: Solo and Group, Adulteries, Indecent Exposure, Group Sex and Exhibitionism, Nudity and Striptease, Prostitution (Secular and Sacred) and Phallic Worship...

I don't have room for all of them!

No wonder the Bible is a perennial best seller!

#### **REFUGEES From an Imaginary Country** By Darrell Schweitzer

Illustrated By Stephen E. Fabian

OWLSWICK PRESS, 123 Crooked Lane, King of Prussia, PA 19406-2570, and W. PAUL GANLEY: PUBLISHER, PO Box 149 Amherst Branch, Buffalo, NY 14667-0149.

Story Collection, 1999, \$15.00, 232 p., trade paperback (ISBN: 0-932445-65-9) or Signed, limited, hardcover edition (ISBN: 0-932445-64-0.)

This 19-story collection has opened my eyes wide: Darrell Schweitzer writes fiction very well indeed! And not just high fantasy mixed with his Lovecraftian slant. He also writes stories of now---some horror that will curdle your blood -- and some which skew into repellant cruelty and death, utter desecration and torture.

The title story, *Refugees from an Imaginary Country*, for example, will lurk in your memory and never leave, a mixture of ghastly couldn't-happen! realities.

His fantasy lands are strange and real and strewn with gods and cultures who use people always unfairly by sometimes unknown rules and cruel moralities... This is often present-day America turned inside out and transported to the weird

He is disturbingly in touch with the serpent mind buried unsleepingly in our brains. I admire that. He is always in command, always master of his story and his tools and his style.

I am much impressed with his wide-ranging knowledge of history and his uncompromising love of words.

I think Darrell is under-appreciated in fandom and prodrom.

A word of appreciation for the cover and 11 unique, full page drawings by Stephen Fabian, and his story-opening illos. A superb craftsman.

## THE STAR ROVER

By Jack London

Introduction by Leslie Fiedler

Literary Classics Series

Prometheus Books, 1999, \$9.95, 358p., Trade paperback, ISBN: 1-57392-695-7.

Novelist and short story writer Jack London (1876-1916) contemplated the strange theory of astral travel, penning *The Star Rover* in 1914.

The last of London's fifty books, which include *White Fang* and *The Call of the Wild*, *The Star Rover* centers on San Quentin prison inmate Darrell Standig, a former university professor who is serving a life sentence for murdering a colleague.

To escape the tortures of his confinement, Standig withdraws into dreams of past lives in which he experiences what he calls his "eternal recurrence on earth." Thus the fantastic becomes a vehicle for exposing the social injustices of the U.S. prison system.

One of America's great turn-of-the-century writers, London lived as a sailor, waterfront loafer, war correspondent, gold-seeker in the Klondike, and hobo, embarking on a successful literary career based on his travels, often brutal observations of nature, and his outspoken position in the Socialist Party.

I remember reading this in my late teens and being impressed with London's sweeping imagination. I was politically and economics illiterate then, and didn't notice his idealistic socialism. I probably shared his vision.

## SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION IN THE WORKS OF DORIS LESSING

Edited by Phyllis Sternberg Petrakis

Greenwood Press, 1999, \$55.00, 168p., Hardcover, ISBN: 0-313-30568-4.

No time to get into this one this issue, but the woman intrigues me and I want to explore.

## Review



## AND THEN I SAW....

DR. DOLITTLE [1998 - PG-13]

Eddie Murphy's anal-joke oriented version of the doctor who could talk with animals.

Funny, but the man seems unable to make a movie without ass jokes. In this case almost all about animal anal entrances...and exits. It turns me off, but the shock value makes most people laugh.

Great animatronic special effects.

CRUSADE TV Series TNT

A high tech future space exploration sf series premised on an incurable virus infecting all of Earth with a five-year death-to-all time limit.

So a state of the art, 1½-mile long Earth spaceship is sent out among the myriads of ugly aliens in the galaxy to

find a cure for the virus.

The first episode is choppy, ill-written, ill-acted, and I think ill-cast, obviously a low budget derivative of STAR TREK.

DON'T BELIEVE  
A WORD HE  
SAYS —



HE READS  
FANTASY

## FEEDBACK

DARRELL SCHWEITZER 5-24-99

INTERNET:mattea@juno.com

The thing about Gene Mierzejewski is that his initial letter expressed a sexism SO primitive that he gave the impression he's the kind of guy who drags his knuckles on the ground when he walks. Now he says he doesn't really mean it. Not convincing, I fear. This is rather like someone who's just spewed every conceivable racist epithet concluding by saying, "Actually, I have nothing against black people."

'Now he seems to be claiming that "chick writing" is New Wave writing, which doesn't convince either, because there's very little correlation between avant-gardism and gender. It seems to me that many of the leaders of the New Wave were guys: Ellison, Moorcock, Knight, Delany.

Your suggestion, by the way, that we just dumb down everything to a post-literate level, is in its own way, just as bad. I wouldn't deny that clear, direct prose is a virtue. But if we are to tell Lafferty, Wolfe, Wilhelm -- or for that matter, Thomas Pynchon or Umberto Ecco -- to strip everything down to the level of TV photo-novels without any photos, well, then, what is the point of writing or publishing at all?

Your idea of trying to use script-writing techniques in prose for the benefit of kids with short attention spans would only drive away people who like to read. And there is no indication that you would then attract and please the kids who DON'T like to read.

'People who like to read LIKE texture, wit, description, atmosphere. Those who are insensitive to such things don't read much.

'Writing and publishing are inherently an elitist activity, aimed at a literate minority. So be it. We need to acknowledge it as such. If writing is to become

the equivalent of exquisite watercolors made by mandarins, for mandarins, and never seen by the peasantry, so be it.

'At least we still have an audience. If the work is good, it's still good. You are suggesting that we destroy it in an attempt to attract an audience that doesn't appreciate what writers have to offer. No.'

Geis says: You equate 'clean', succinct, short-sentenced and short paragraphed writing with 'dumbed-down' kid-aimed writing.

Not my intent or meaning. I'm speaking to technique and style and also typography, not content.

[Recently *The Oregonian* revamped its font choices and print size and the space between lines to make itself more easily read.

Reading dynamics can be crucial: Dense paragraphs of small type printed on gray paper are deadly enemies of reading.]

I believe very serious, meaningful, emotionally tense and powerful stories can be told in "script" prose technique. And of course within that method great variance and style is possible.

And that will encourage on subconscious levels the willingness to read a given piece of fiction...by anyone.

"Hook 'em and hold 'em!" is the oldest, greatest rule for fiction writers. Self-indulgence and 'fuck-the-reader' "Literary" writing is the prescription for the death of mass-reading of fiction.

The trend has been: If we can't compete with vid-fiction, surrender and retreat to a pretentious Literary ghetto.

I anticipated that many fiction writers would not be willing or able to adopt "script" techniques. Great, talented stylists will always command attention and admiration, and Ghod knows writer ego always prefers serving the imagined literary self than hewing to the 'humiliating' disciplines of serving story and reader.

We have since the 'pulp' era incrementally been Literaturized: SF for the university-educated, intellectual few, which you seem to embrace. It will inevitably lead to a smaller and smaller Literary audience.

And your elitist credo appears to boil down to: Better Nobly Dead Than Widely Read.



**RODNEY LEIGHTON 5-27-99**

RR#3, Tatamagouche, N.S., BOK 1VO, Canada

'I especially enjoyed your dissertation [in TGL #63] on the state of fiction and the listing of the magazines. I don't understand why so many small publishers only sell by subscription. I mean, how hard is it to sell sample copies of, say, *Weird Tales*, for, oh, \$6? People might try one issue but to buy an entire year's worth at once becomes a fair investment for something one has never seen.'

**Geis says:** Since the readers of small press fiction zines sold on newsstands and in bookstores have already purchased or read one issue of a given zine, the subscription-only offer seems logical.

If the zine is sold by flyer or other advertisement, then a sample copy offer is appropriate.

Small press publishing and newsstand-bookstore distribution is so expensive-per-copy that the small press zines suffer in comparison to the 'prozines', because the small press zines cannot afford to print as many pages, cannot afford to pay as much per story, and cannot afford the best artwork. And because they cannot sell as many copies they cannot attract as many advertisers at high enough rates.

It is a labor of love and optimism which rarely works as hoped.

Occasionally a specialized 'niche' zine will find its audience and succeed.

**HARRY WARNER, JR. 5-30-99**

423cSummit Av., Hagerstown, MD 21740

'Maybe your suggestion about a new way of writing fiction would interest some young people. But I suspect that the real trouble is the difficulty most of them experience in reading at all. In secondhand stores, I sometimes watch them looking at the labels of rock records and I marvel at the length of time it takes them to read the contents of just five or six pieces listed on each side of an old lp. Maybe the future for the bulk of kids is spoken word cassettes instead of words on paper.

'I feel some skepticism over the latest theory about the age and nature of the Shroud of Turin. Just a few weeks ago I read that scientists decided they had miscalculated the age of the universe by several billion years. If that is so, they could be wrong about a mere 1320 years when they date the fabric. In any event, testing for age doesn't do anything to explain two major mysteries about it. If it was the work of an artist, why in the world did he create

a negative image? Such a thing doesn't exist in nature and nobody would have thought about it before the invention of photography. And how did the alleged human creator know enough about human crucifixions to show the wounds in the wrists rather than the palms of the hands? In the mid-14th century, experiments with corpses weren't permitted and it was centuries later when the discovery was made that the nails couldn't have gone through the palms because the bone structure between there and the fingers is too fragile and the weight of the body would rip this area open and loosen the hands.'

**Geis says:** Estimating the age of the universe uses a different method than carbon dating.

The skilled medieval artist, commissioned by an aristocrat to create a counterfeit Shroud, understood that the image had to be the contact areas from the body. He probably used an assistant and a length of linen as a model..

Public crucifixions were not rare in pre-Roman, Roman and post-Roman times; it must have been obvious and common knowledge that there wasn't enough flesh and bone in the hands to support the body weight.

**MURRAY MOORE 5-27-99**

2118 Russett Rd., Mississauga, Ontario, L4Y 1C1, CANADA

'Today's *Globe & Mail* carried a Reuters News Agency story out of Chicago, highlights from the autobiography of Bill Bonanao.

'According to Bonanao, Chicago mobster Johnny Roselli told Bonanao that he fired the shot that killed John F. Kennedy from a storm drain, on the orders of Sam Giancana. A storm drain?

'The Mob also, according to Bonano, assassinated Robert Kennedy.

'Bonano was interesting when Gay Talese wrote about him, and his father, in *Honor Thy Father*.'

**Geis says:** The JFK assassination story refuses to be buried. Coincidentally, in *Tail Spins* #31 [#3 from PO Box 1860, Evanston, IL 60204] there is a long, 22-page article by Brent Ritzel which examines especially the Mob aspect, the "Magic Bullet" and the Zapruder 8mm film of the assassination.

The interesting facet of this article is that *Tail Spins* is a youth magazine devoted mostly to rock music and the counterculture.

I once saw a photograph, taken from inside the storm drain in question: the run-off system in that part of Dallas is extensive and capacious and accessible; there is plenty of room for a kneeling man there, just underneath the sidewalk. The drain opening is in the curb face, not flat in the street pavement, and provides an excellent shot at a passenger sitting on the right side of a passing convertible.

But one question: who arranged to have John Kennedy sitting on that side of the rear passengers' seat? Or was it his usual seat in an open parade limo?

**ERIC LINDSAY 6-11-99**

<eric@wrevenge.com.au>

PO Box 640, Airlie Beach  
Qld 4802 Australia fax +61 7  
4948 0435

'Was there much made in the US press of the ease and speed with which the (alleged) perpetrator of the (relatively harmless) Melissa virus was found?

'Now this character faces up to 40 years in jail, I hear, for proving that Microsoft made products that were too insecure to release on a networked computer.

'I'd imagine most computer users are unaware that Office 97 documents include a personal ID number derived from the MAC number built into Ethernet cards in networked computers. Now the MAC number is part of the standard operation of all networked computers. However Microsoft took to including it in the Windows Registry, and subsequently also included it as hidden information in documents.

'If you don't have an Ethernet card, then you have the same ID number as million of other people, but if you do, your computer is uniquely identified.

'Given the fuss when Intel said there was an ID number in their new Pentiums. I'm surprised that more people haven't complained about this.'

Books available:

[http://members.tripod.com/~eric\\_lindsay/booksale.htm](http://members.tripod.com/~eric_lindsay/booksale.htm)

<http://www.wrevenge.com.au/psiphi>

**Geis says:** So, in re the ID number: we're damned if we do and not quite so damned if we don't. All God's chillun gotta have ID numbers, either/or Social Security numbers or computer numbers.

I expect a personal computer ID number will be provided at birth, soon, as a further government control measure, disguised as a further government service to assist you all through your life.