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Re: Ufo Cults

After working with a little research project at the local libraries archives, I was interested to find a couple of articles in which a UFO cult group seemed to be going nuts about October of 1975. I was originally intending on locating some news on the Travis Walton case for November of 1975 but I couldn't locate that particular case in the newspaper microfilm. However, I did located these articles and right smack in the middle of it was an editorial cartoon depicting a whole crowd of people waiting to be picked up by a UFO. Sounds like a nasty case of wishful thinking back in 1975.

HEADLINE: Kidnaped after UFO cult show, radio man says

San Jose (AP) - Radio personality Victor Boc says his kidnaping following a talk show about UFO cult was neither a hoax nor a publicity stunt.

"I had absolutely nothing to do with it. I consider myself to have been threatened," declared Boc at a news conference Wednesday.

Boc was uninjured in the incident Sunday, when two men subdued him in the building where KOME is located. He escaped from his abductors several hours later by barricading himself in a gas station restroom. His abductors fled during the commotion.

Police, who say they believe Boc's story, have made no arrests.

Boc's three-hour show Sunday featured a taped interview with "The Two" - leaders of a cult calling itself Human Individual Metamorphosis (HIM).

The Two, who claimed to be thousands of years old and come from a higher order, reportedly promise converts that they will be transported by a spaceship to that higher order. Some people reportedly have given up their entire family and possessions to join HIM.

Boc, said the men subdued him by placing a cloth, dapped in a chemical, over his nose and mouth. He fell unconscious.

When he regained consciousness about three hours later, Boc said he was in an auto en route to San Francisco with his abductors.

The men showed Boc a letter they intended to send to KOME, saying, "When you next see Victor Boc, he will be a follower of our causes, and he will not be the only one."

The note said more newsmen would be taken hostage, given proof that UFOs exist, and then released, said Boc.

"We are an organisation with access to UFOs," Boc remembered the note as saying. "We have fist-hand knowlege that UFOs are real. The Two are who they say they are, and alien beings are here for out benefit."

The note was signed by "Worthy individuals Leaving Earth," Boc said.

He also said the note listed three demands for KOME, if the station "wanted to see Boc again."

It told the station to take a "favorable stand" toward UFOs and give wide publicity to a meeting scheduled in Oakland for The Two. The station was supposed to arrange a similar public meeting for The Two in San Jose.

Boc said he remained silent about his experience until Wednesday at the request of the police.

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