...Let's Go

By LARRY MACARAY

(Recently I wrote an article which questioned the authenticity and intentions of the now famous Maharishi Mahesh Yogi. Later, I asked my son David, who is serving with the Peace Corps in Punjab, India, to find out what he could about the Maharishi. David visited Rishikesh to see the holy man and the center of his operations and has written a descriptive account of his experiences. This is the third in a series of four articles on the visit.—LM)

By DAVID MACARY

In his literature, Mahesh Yogi describes the action of the mind, moving from one level to another, by an analogy of a water bubble slowly floating, of its own accord, up to the surface.

The mind just requires a means of release. The counselor does not promise immediate results, the three-day course providing only the essential foundation for TM.

Reaching this level depends upon the condition of the particular mind. After a daily session, the student reports for "checking," describing what he experienced, the difficulties encountered.

The counselor will, on the basis of the testimony, determine the deficiency, and supplement it with the corresponding advice or counsel.

Everyone, who had completed the initiation, contended that the exercises were beneficial an dilluminating. Many had learned something of the ntaure of mind that they previously thought had not existed.

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THE COST of the initiation varied with individuals. Some paid two dollars, others ten or fifteen rupees. It was not expensive.

Back at the tent, people were passing time, awaiting the arrival of Mahesh. Most had found a seat by this time — it was one-fifteen — and and were readjusting camera settings, breaking out the rations, or fiddling with a newspaper. A small crowd had just gathered around a young man standing beside the stage, beneath the backdrop, and, by the looks of him, he appeared to be someone famous.

Wasting little time, I skirted the periphery of the crowd, and rubber-necked my way into hearing distance.

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HE WAS talking to a couple of teenage boys from Bombay about motion pictures. His name was Tom Shamrock, and he claimed to have been in a movie -called "Charade."

The Bombay kids seemed to be the only ones present who had ever heard of him, as none of us certainly ever had. But, before anyone had and opportunity to cop an autograph or ask his qualifications, a murmuring crescendo was heard rising in the tent.

His Holiness, Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, had emerged from the gate of Shankaracharya Ashram. Clad in a flowing, white robe, draped garlands, and a vertical stripe of saffron-colored powder on his forehead he walked onto the stage and sat cross-legged on a pillow in front of the michrophone, holding a flower.

He began the program with a 15-minute talk on those fundamentals of TM intelligible to the laymen, speaking first in Hindu, then repeating the lecture in excellent English.

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FOLLOWING THE introductory lecture was the question period. Mahesh Yogi answered each question in the language it was asked, intermittently exchanging witty asides with a nearby aide or policeman, coming off with toe-tickling anecdote, and generally exhibiting confidence and cool.

The audience consisted mostly of delegations of Indian spectators and pilgrims, European tourists, brandishing loaded Nikons, police and newsmen. The hard-core hippie who inhabited ashrams throughout Rishikesh attended regularly, as did two conspicuous undercover agents.

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THE QUESTIONS asked were usually pertinent and, occasionally provocative, though, invariably, questions, related more to an aspect of Transylvanian folk-lore or voodoo than to Mahesh Yogi's brand of mysticism.

Mahesh disposed of all questions with absolute command, often countering with questions of his own, balancing the awkward, an ignoring the irrelevant. He confined his explanations to the finite, when he could.

His Holiness clearly manipulated the audience, with ethereal self-assurance and almost lyrical ease. His Holiness, in fact, is so expert in this, that many people tend to be suspicious of him. They may have a point: exactly how glib should and can, a holy man be?

RTD Sets Service To Bowl

Special Starline service to Hollywood Bowl will be inaugurated by the Southern California Rapid Transist District Tuesday, July 9, for the 47th season of Symphonies Under the Stars.

Terminating at the box office and moving sidewalk area of Hollywood Bowl, the RTD's 1968 "seat to seat" service will save persons arriving at the famous outdoor amphitheatre a long, uphill walk.

"We are pleased to again be able to provide the Starliners for the thousands of persons who enjoy the outstanding presentations staged at Hollywood Bowl," said Don C. McMillan, Transit District president.

The combination of box office service and moving sidewalks has made Starliner travel a popular way to reach Hollywood Bowl.

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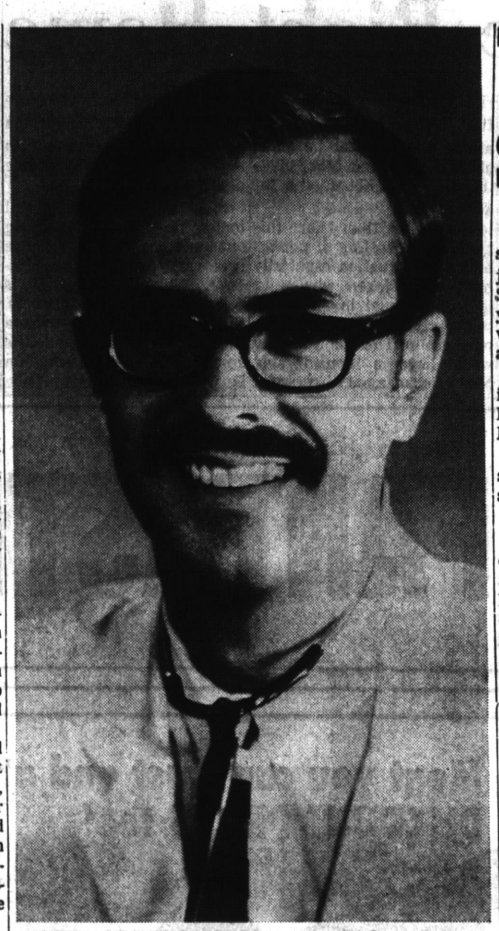
STARLINERS will stop at bus stops located along the various RTD routes on which direct service to the Bowl box office is provided.

Motorists can park at any of the numerous parking lots in the vicinty of Hollywood Boulevard and board Starliners, operating on the special shuttle Line 40.

Service direct to the Bowl box office and moving sidewak larea is provided along Hollywood Boulevard, west from Gower Street and north along Highland Avenue, and along Santa Monica Boulevard, west from Western Avenue, and north on Highland Avenue on Line 93.

Departures on Starliner Line 40 shuttles direct to the Bowl box office will be made at frequent intervals beginning at 6:45 p.m. from Hollywood Boulevard and Gower Street.

Starliners operating to the box office on Line 93 will originate at Western Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard



OUTSTANDING SERVICE . . . Dr. Richard C. Reznichek, a resident urologist at Harbor General Hospital, has been named Citizen of the Month by Great Lakes Properties, Inc., for his contributions to a medical program he participated in early this year in Vietnam. He was the only surgeon in a Vietnam Delta Province Hospital for three months.

Vietnam Surgeon Is Top Citizen

Dr. Richard C. Reznichek has been selected Citizen of the Month for June, according to a spokesman for Great Lakes Properties, Inc., which sponsors the local community award program. Reznichek is being honored for his outstanding medical service to the people in the Far East, ispecially in Vietnam.

Dr. Reznichek, who lives in Hermosa Beach, is a doctor of medicine and a resident in urology at Harbor General Hospital in Torrance. He recently returned from a second tour of medical service in Asia.

From January to March, 1968, the Kien Giang Province Hospital in Rach Gia—in the Vietnam delta — was his home. As a volunteer for the American Medical Association program of Physicians for Vietnam. Dr. Reznichek worked without pay under the auspices of the State Department's USAID (United States Agency for International Development).

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DURING THIS TIME, he performed more than 130 surgical procedures. During the Tet offensive. Dr. Reznichek, along with the other members of the medical team, handled more than 400 Vietnamese civilian, military, and enemy casualties in a two week period.

Dr. Reznichek continued to work through the offensive in spite of the proximity of the Viet Cong. Says Dr. Reznichek, "They were in very close, we couldn't stop working. But we didn't do anything more than anyone else. We did have an incredible number of casualties, but we were doing what had to be done. We treated civilian and military casualties alike. We even had several Viet Cong brought in. They were treated just like anyone else. They were, however, later turned back over to the authorities as prisoners of war."

During the offensive, Dr. Reznichek—in the absence of a superior—was the only general surgeon on the medical team.

Writing Winners Announced

The Torrance Recreation Department recently announced the winners of the annual Creative Writing Contest from more than 1,000 entrants.

The award winners are Dottie Stokoe, Lisa Meyers, John Swanson, Rod Correa, Bill Ebner, Doris Phippen, Pamela Stuckey, Karen Kenny, Benjamin Koslover, Jack Christiansen, Beth Gingerich and Jeanne Schroeder.

Entries were submitted by youngsters in grades third through eight and consisted of short stories or poems.

Torrance Senior Citizen clubs judged the entries according to content, originality and expression.

Three Top Students Share Saxon Trophy

Three North High honor students have been named joint recipients of the Sammy Saxon trophy, presented each year to the graduating senior with the highest point average.

Straight-A students receiving the trophy were David Lewis, Richard Epsteim, and Marvin Kettering.

It was the first time in the school's history that three students shared the honor.

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OTHER STUDENTS to receive honors at the annual awards banquet were Richard Lailer, art trophy, with Donald Meyers and Bonnie Behm, finalists; Dan Hansen, boys athletics, with James Neilsen and Bill Taylor, finalists; Laura Sugita, business education, with Annette Deck and Lee Jones, finalists.

Kathleen Caminitti, drama, with Frank Damiano and Charles Daniel, finalists; Richard Epstein, English, with Catherine Maddaford and George Waddell, finalists; Martin Morfeld, foreign languages, with Alan Igucchi and Virginia Woods, finalists.

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DAWN WELLS, Girls' Athletic Association trophy, with Linda Phillips and Antoinette Zouras, finalists; Kathryn Hempel, homemaking, with Sue McKee and Laurel Judy as finalists.

Danny Wilkin, industrial arts, with Richard Cook and Steven Mangiali, finalists; Linda Cobb, journalism, with Julie Hopkins and Perry Taka, finalists; George Waddell, mathematics, with Robert Hatfield and David Lewis, finalists.

Norm McCracken, music, with Edward Arney and Norvin Davis, finalists; Richard Miller, boys' physical education, with Milan Briete and Jerry Phillips, finalists; Wendy Cluff, girls' physical education, Robert Hardy and Edith LaBrecque as finalists.

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STAN WISNIEWSKI, science department trophy, with Richard Epstein and Marvin Kettering as finalists; Marvin Kettering, social studies, with Ann Sorensen and Stan Wisniewswl, finalists.

Sheila Levy, speech trophy, with Richard Epstein and Marvin Kettering as finalists; Gowdy Mission, work experience trophy, with Sandra Ogawa as finalists; Rose Hernandez, student government, with Kent Blair and Mark Hubert as finalists;

Larry Wittrock, boys' service to school, with Norman McCracken and Danny Wilkin as finalists; and Donna Cooper, girls' service to school, with Kathleen Kingston and Dawn Wells, finalists.

Fire Hazards Critical, State Officials Warn

Capitol News Service

SACRAMENTO — Disasterous fires throughout the state, and the indications that there are more to come, brought forth urgent warnings from the office of Gov. Ronald Reagan today for unusual precautions to prevent fire in forest, wild-lands, and domestic areas of California.

The season has reached the point where it is "extremely critical," the State Division of Forestry announced this week, and no let-up is in sight at the moment.

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WHILE THERE are no fires reported on state-controlled areas of any consequence, the division has added to its patrol activities in more than half a dozen counties, through cancelling days off for members of the fire suppression crews.

Francis Raymond, state forester, has informed the governor's office that the extreme fire threats are about six weeks ahead of schedule this year, which calls for alert and intensive prevention measures throughout all areas of the state.

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FIRE WEATHER meterologists, Raymond said, report that ground moisture supplies have been exhausted in much of the lower elevation lands, where there is the most danger to the state-controlled areas. Fires in the national forests, such as the conflagration in Southern California which has swept 42,000 acres, are the responsibility of the national forest authorities.

Below normal rainfall and low existing snowpack in the higher elevations indicate, the forester stated, that all wildland areas in the state face severe fire problems this year.

Vaccination For Rabies Scheduled

The Torrance Recreation Department in cooperation with the Southern California Humane Society and the So Humane Society and the Southern California Veterinary Medical Association will host a dog vaccination clinic for rabies immunization.

The clinic will be held at McMaster Park, 3624 Artesia Blvd., Friday, July 12, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

All dogs must be at least 4 months old, on a leash, and in the control of a competent person. No previous vaccination records are necessary.

The vaccination fee is $1.50 per dog. No dog licenses will be sold.

Blood Donors Needed July 5

A Red Cross bloodmobile will visit the Elks Club, 1748 Cumbre Drive, San Pedro, on Friday, July 5. Blood donors will be needed on that date to help replenish stocks depleted over the July 4 holiday.

Appointments may be made by calling the Red Cross.

Streets Topic of Session

Torrance councilmen have scheduled a special meeting tomorrow evening to discuss the proposed extension of Maple Avenue, Madrona Avenue, and Garnier Street.

Councilmen and other interesied persons will board buses at 6:30 p.m.for a tour of the areas affected by the proposed extensions. They will return to the City Hall at 7:30 p.m. for discussion of the proposals.

During the tour, city employes and staff will provide information regarding the proposals and answer questions. Maps will be available and markers will show the locations of the proposed streets.

Area citizens interested in making the tour should call the City Manager's office before noon tomorrow to make reservations.

Meeting Called

A special meeting of the Lomita City Council has been scheduled for 7 p.m. tomorrow. Principal business before the council will be the city budget for the 1968-69 fiscal year.