

...Let's Go

By LARRY MACARAY

By DAVID 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 last of a series of four articles on the visit.—LM)

The conference ended when the last questions had been answered. Mahesh Yogi presented a graceful, unaffected exit. People gathered in clusters, then dispersed to form new clusters. We stood around until four o'clock, when someone finally killed the rumor that Donovan and Mike Love were going to sing for us.

My last night in Rishikesh was spent listening to records on the portable phonograph at Mukhti Dham.

Even though there were no opium-eaters there (the assertion, based on the rumor), it was understandable why "the Farm" and the other hippie-run ashrams generated bizarre stories.

For one thing, the hippie scene at Rishikesh was hopelessly astruse to anyone not part of it. And, since few outsiders visited these ashrams, reports of the activities were seldom verified.

THE PEOPLE who lived in these ashrams were generally world-travellers, interested in the occult, and looking for a Theme. Many were, so-called, "anti-Establishment," being disillusioned with government, business and labor, content with living in Rishikesh as fugitives from the Pepsi Generation.

The man who ran Mukhti Dham was a former U. S. Marine, who had been traveling in Asia and the Middle East since his discharge. He usually wore only a loin cloth, fashioned from the sleeve of a T-shirt, a string of wooden beads, and paint.

He carried a four-foot metal trident, and owned a conch shell that could hit a note two octaves higher than most conches. There were people in Rishikesh who considered him enchanted.

Most of the fellows at Mukhti Dham were European or American. To be specific:

there were five Americans, one Briton, Australian, Frenchman, German, and Austrian, two Swedes and, a fellow who would not divulge his nationality ("Some cats just swing that way," he said simply). Room and board was two rupees a day. No girls allowed.

I LEFT the following morning, satisfied at having had a glimpse of Rishikesh and Shankaracharya Nager, but feeling that so much of it had been missed. It was hard to believe this place was only eight hours from Delhi. My final stop in the city before taking a tonga to the bus station to pick up my horoscope. Of all the experiences I had in Rishikesh, probably the most enduring, as well as auspicious, was that of having my horoscope prepared by a renowned astrologer, Swami Gopalananda.

For anyone genuinely interested in astrology, a visit to the Himalayas is a necessity, as Rishikesh Hardwar is reputed to have some of the most gifted astrologers in the world.

To prepare a life horoscope, the astrologer requires the person's place, date, and hour of birth. On the basis of this information, he is able to formulate one's future, and provide him with a fuller knowledge of himself.

GOPALANANDA told me that I would die at the age of seventy-eight, probably as a result of a lung defect. I learned that my metal is tin, my color, blue; and my gland (my gland!) is the pituitary.

Though believing that there might very well be certain cosmic vibrations within the universe, linking the planets to vital points in the human body, I normally do not consider myself, what one would call, "hog-wild" about the occult.

It is difficult to say what it was that motivated me to seek out an astrologer. Perhaps it was the overall spiritual atmosphere of Rishikesh, or the spell of Mother Ganga, emanating from her headwaters higher in the Himalayas, felt, for centuries, by every hermit ever having meditated in a cave. But, whatever the reason was, I wanted very much for Gopalananda to line up the planets and forecast my future. Somehow, it seemed like a groovy thing to do.

Law in Action

Recent studies show that young persons under twenty-one commit about one-fourth of all crimes today. The juvenile courts handle most of their cases. All youngsters under eighteen accused of "crimes" first come to the juvenile court. It may be contended that the youngsters had committed such a vicious crime as to be treated as an adult. The juvenile court, in that case or for other reasons may certify him to the regular adult courts for prosecution.

On the other hand, the judge of an adult court may certify a younger suspect over eighteen but under twenty-one to the juvenile court.

JUVENILE court seeks primarily to rehabilitate the young offender, to keep him away from adult offenders, and in general to treat him more like an errant youngster than a mature adult. Juvenile court proceedings are civil rather than criminal. Parents, guardians, and probation officers play a role in the youngster's rehabilitation.

Proceedings in the juvenile court may have adverse effects on a youngster's schooling and employment. For this reason courts try to see that his commitments are proper. Recently the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that an accused youth was entitled to certain basic protection afforded an adult.

In 1957 California created the Governor's Special Study Commission on Juvenile Justice. It made a long study of juvenile courts for the governor.

In 1961, following many of the commission's recommendations, the Legislature changed many procedures. There were several basic principles to guide the legislation:

1. Juvenile courts should not come between the parent and the child except for good reason. The court should bring parents into all proceedings when possible.

2. A child would be kept in custody only when he had committed a crime and confinement was necessary for the protection of him or the community.

3. At the hearing before the juvenile court the youngster had the right to an attorney, to question witnesses and, if necessary, to subpoena witnesses, have a transcript made by a court reporter, and use of competent evidence only. Where the youngster cannot pay for an attorney, the court will appoint the Public Defender or other counsel.

Degree Awarded

Stuart Goodgold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goodgold, 2702 W. 177th St., has been awarded a bachelor's degree in mathematics at commencement exercises held at the California Institute of Technology. He is a graduate of North High School.



PRESENT AWARD . . . Superior Court Judge Raymond Choate (left) presents a silver cup symbolic of the "Citizen-of-the-Month" award to Richard C. Reznicek, M.D. Dr. Reznicek was selected for the honor for his outstanding voluntary medical service to military units and civilians in Vietnam. The award, sponsored by Great Lakes Properties, Inc., was presented at a meeting of the Hermosa Beach Chamber of Commerce.

ARMED FORCES

Los Angeles Trade and Technical College graduate Dennis D. King has enlisted in the Marine Corps 120 Day Delay Plan and will report for eight weeks of boot camp at San Diego Sept. 10. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon King, 2612 W. Compton Blvd., Gardena.

Airman Lynda L. Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip P. Roberts of 1626 Amapola Ave., has been graduated from a U. S. Air Force technical school at Sheppard AFB, Tex.

She was trained as a medical specialist and has been assigned to Hancock Field, N.Y. The airman is a graduate of Torrance High School.

Sgt. Terrance V. Brodt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent R. Brodt, 22622 Maple Ave., has received the U. S. Air Force Commendation Medal at Torreon AB, Spain.

Sergeant Brodt was decorated for meritorious service as an administrative specialist at Phan Rang AB, Vietnam. He was cited for his knowledge, skill and outstanding duty performance.

Sgt. Paul H. Dehne Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Dehne Sr. of 23546 Kathryn Ave., is a member of the unit at Bien Hoa AB, Viet Nam, that has won selection as the best tactical fighter wing in the U.S. Air Force.

Dehne is a jet aircraft mechanic with the 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing that has received the first award of the annual General Gabriel P. Disosway Trophy.

Sgt. William D. Roeder Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Roeder, 1759 Santa Fe, has arrived for duty at Hamilton AFB, Calif.

Roeder, an administrative specialist, is assigned to a unit of the Aerospace Defense Command. He previously served at Ramstein AB, Germany.

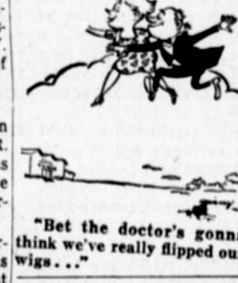
The sergeant has also served in Viet Nam, was graduated from Torrance High

School in 1960 and attended El Camino Junior College.

Seaman Rets. Arthur T. Murphy, USN, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. David D. Murphy of 1848 Marinette St., and Elliott S. Perchuk, USN, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Perchuk of 3415 226th St., are undergoing nine weeks of basic training at the Naval Training Center in San Diego.

Pvt. Peter R. Barrera, 20, son of Mrs. Celia Smith, 1662 W. 214th St., trained as a

parachute rigger at the Army Quartermaster School, Ft. Lee, Va. June 19.



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Smog Law Nearing Passage

Capitol News Service

SACRAMENTO — California's Pure Air Act of 1968, 357 by Assemblyman John J. Foran (D-San Francisco) was a step nearer enactment today after action by the senate transportation committee, which amended the measure and prepared it for consideration on the floor of the senate.

The measure was designed to put stringent emission controls on all new automobiles after 1970, and in amending the bill, the committee did not disturb these standards, which reportedly are higher than those required by federal legislation.

The amendments did, however, exempt the stringent controls for used cars in Humboldt and Fresno counties. They were submitted by Senator Hugh M. Burns (D-Fresno). Foran objected to the amendments, but they were adopted anyhow, along with another amendment exempting motorcycles from emission control.

SENATOR Randolph Collier, chairman of the transportation committee, sent the bill out to print as amended, and after all members of the committee were included as co-authors, announced it would be heard again early next week, and the possibilities were that it would be sent to the senate for immediate consideration.



EDWARD FINN



JOSEPH TRIMARCHI

Two Police Officers Honored at Lunch

Two recruit officers from the Torrance Police Department, Joseph Trimarchi and Edward Finn, were honored at a luncheon following their graduation from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Academy 16-week training course.

The luncheon, held at Swalley's Restaurant in Los Angeles, was sponsored by Lou Schlanger of Torrance Men's Store and Edward Raphael of Gary's Jewelers.

Special guests included Assistant City Manager Jerome I. Scharfman and Mrs. Scharfman.

Officer Joseph Trimarchi, 23, hails from Boston. Heading for California in 1963, Trimarchi earned an associate in arts degree in political science from El Camino College. He is currently working for a degree in criminology at Long Beach State College.

Officer Finn, 26, came west from Detroit in 1962. While in school, Finn earned letters in football, basketball, tennis, and skiing.

After an honorable discharge from a two-year stint with the Armed Forces, Finn worked for Northrop Corp. He also lives in Torrance.

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