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Catholic priest now a devotee; still holds mass

By Yadu dāsa and Īsana-devī dāsi

MIAMI BEACH, Florida—A Cuban-born Catholic priest has accepted the formal vows of Vaiṣṇava initiation from Śrīla Hridayānanda dāsa Goswami Ācāryadeva.

Named Amareśa dāsa, devotees call him "Father Amareśa."

Father Amareśa lectures on Kṛṣṇa Consciousness in ISKCON temples, and still conducts mass in two Florida Catholic churches.

His introduction to Kṛṣṇa Consciousness came in 1965 as a Univ. of New York student. He attended a series of lectures by an Indian missionary, and received one of his books. That missionary was His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda, the Founder-Ācārya of ISKCON.

In 1965 ISKCON was not yet a worldwide movement, and for nearly 20 years the priest remained out of touch with the movement, but not, as he explains, "out of touch with Kṛṣṇa."

Father Amareśa reacquainted himself with ISKCON at the new Miami Spanish-language center, managed by Ojasvi dāsa.

Keśava dāsa, ISKCON's secretary for the development of Florida's Latin community, commented that Śrīla Prabhupāda had planted the seed of devotion in Amareśa's heart, and Śrīla Hridayānanda cultivated that seed.

First Ratha-yātrā festival held in Muslim Malaysia

By Yāduvendu dāsa

KUALA LAMPUR, Malaysia—For the first time in the history of modern Hinduism, followers held a public Ratha-yātrā festival in a major Muslim country.

Several government officials, including Malaysian Works Minister Datuk Samy Vellu, attended the ISKCON-sponsored event.

Just hours before the commencement, Śrīla Jayapatāka Swami arrived from a similar festival in New Orleans and led the chanting along the route.

Many local Hindu organizations participated in the three-mile parade.

Monsoon clouds threatened the procession, but the downpour held back

Freed Soviet devotee speaks out

ISKCON accelerates efforts to free imprisoned devotees

WASHINGTON, D.C.—ISKCON has launched a major effort to gain freedom for 25 Soviet Hare Kṛṣṇa devotees imprisoned in USSR labor camps, jails, and psychiatric hospitals.

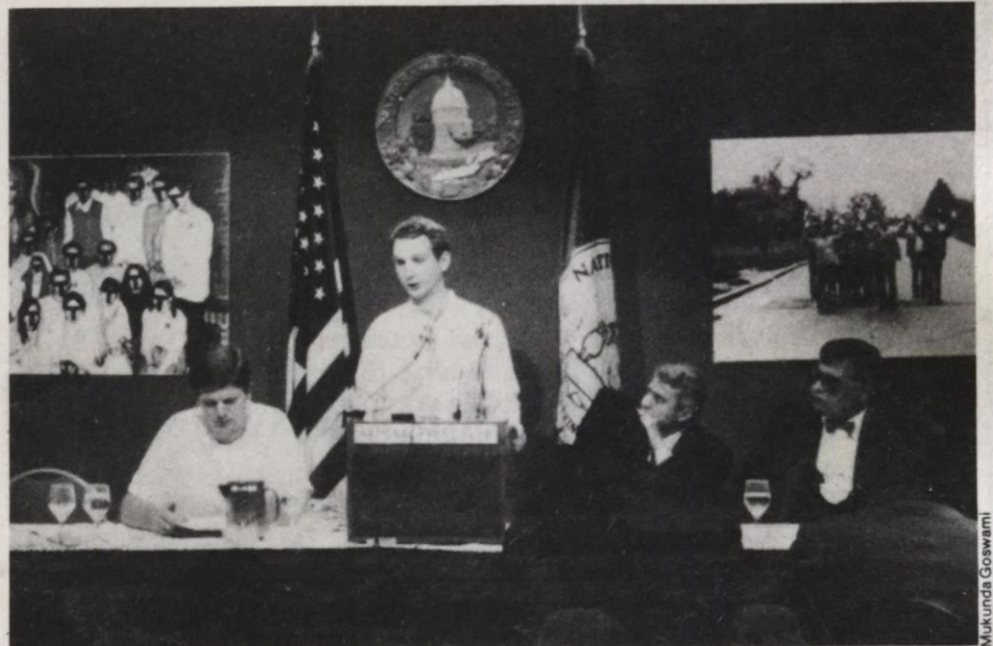
After a hunger strike in Sweden led to the release of Vedavyāsa dāsa (Valentin Yurov) from a Moscow psychiatric hospital, there is hope that increasing public pressure could force the Soviets to free all the remaining prisoners.

Vedavyāsa spoke about Soviet persecution of the Hare Kṛṣṇa Movement at an Oct. 24 press conference organized here by ISKCON, the Hindu Alliance of America, and the European Council of Hindu Organizations (ECHO).

The well-attended event took place in the Senate Dirksen Auditorium on Capitol Hill and at the National Press Building, and included representatives of the media, human rights organizations, and the community of Soviet dissidents living in America.

ECHO Chairman Vidya Anand announced that an official appeal for help had been sent to Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi on behalf of the imprisoned Soviet devotees. The letter included a document from Hare Kṛṣṇa devotees living in Moscow, asking Gandhi to help free their fellow Hindus in the USSR.

Dr. Vibhakar Mody, executive director of the Hindu Alliance of America, also sent an appeal to Mikhail Gorbachev, general secretary of the Commu-



Freed Soviet Hare Kṛṣṇa devotee Vedavyasa dāsa in Washington.

nist Party of the Soviet Union. His letter states in part, "Some of these citizens have been beaten, coerced into giving false statements against one another, heavily drugged, and denied proper nutrition."

ISKCON Director of Soviet Affairs Kīrtirāja dāsa presented details of the persecution.

Although religious freedom is guaranteed by articles 50, 52, and 56 of the 1977 Soviet Constitution, Kṛṣṇa Consciousness is considered an "ideological

deviation."

Under Article 227 of the criminal code of the Russian Soviet Federated Socialist Republic, devotees are subject to arrest and imprisonment for "infringement of personal rights of citizens under appearance of performing religious ceremonies."

Kīrtirāja said, "The KGB [Soviet secret police] has stated that the activities of the Kṛṣṇa Consciousness movement

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Media curious about Prince Charles' relationship with the devotees

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The press eagerly wanted to know what Prince Charles said to a pair of Hare Kṛṣṇa devotees he met during his recent U.S. tour.

"Since Queen Elizabeth rarely speaks, and Diana's public words number just over 1,000 to date, it often falls to Prince Charles to demonstrate how Royal brains work," wrote *Philadelphia Daily News* columnist Susan Stewart on Nov. 12, 1985.

Describing the Prince's visit to the Library of Congress, *Newsday* of Long Island reporters wrote, "On his way out, he buoyantly shook hands with the crowd, and stopped to accept a lei of 150 carnations from Michael McLaughlin [Rūpa-manohara dāsa] and Daniel Haber [Nayanabhirāma dāsa], two members of the Hare Krishna sect. Charles asked them if they had a temple in Washington, then added, 'Keeping busy meditating, are you?'"

Daily News columnist Stewart also quoted Prince Charles' friendly quip, and added that Rūpa-manohara had explained to her that giving a garland is the "traditional Indian way of greeting famous personalities."



Prince Charles, future British king, when he met devotees outside the U.S. Library of Congress.

Nayanabhirāma reports that after the Prince drove off in his Rolls Royce, several reporters and a TV camera "converged to find out what the Prince had said."



The first Malaysian Ratha-yātrā.

until the parade ended and the Deities were removed from the carts and brought inside the temple. At that moment thunder struck and intense rains began falling.

Joyous chanting continued inside the temple, followed by an address from Malaysian Hindu Sanga President S. N. Ponniah. ISKCON leaders also spoke, and a cultural program of dance, drama, and the film *World of Hare Krishna* ended the evening.

Śrīla Bhaktipāda regaining health in New Vrindaban

NEW VRINDABAN, W. Va.—Following an attempt on his life, spiritual master Śrīla Kīrtanānanda Swami Bhaktipāda has returned from the hospital and is expected to fully recover.

On Nov. 3 he sustained serious head injuries when a deranged person attacked him at the Hare Kṛṣṇa community here.

Devotees attribute Śrīla Bhaktipāda's

rapid recovery to the universal outpouring of love that followed the incident.

During the critical period, 24-hour Hare Kṛṣṇa chanting took place at several sites throughout the world, and New Vrindaban organized a direct-mail campaign requesting well-wishers to send in written offerings of the *mahā-mantra* on behalf of Śrīla Bhaktipāda.

Free the Soviet Hare Kṛṣṇas

A massive international campaign conducted from outside the USSR is the only real hope Soviet Hare Kṛṣṇa devotees have to achieve the freedoms promised in their country's constitution.

The 1977 Constitution of the Soviet Union vouchsafes religious liberty in articles 50, 52, and 56. Moreover, freedom of religion should exist in the Soviet Union, according to the United Nations International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, Articles 18 and 19 (ratified by the USSR in 1973), and the Helsinki Accords on Security and Cooperation in Europe [section 1. (a.) vii].

But Soviet authorities routinely incarcerate citizens under article 227 of the Russian Soviet Federated Socialist Republic criminal code. This convenient law prescribes up to five-year sentences for activities "carried on under the appearance of preaching religious beliefs"—activities that according to the law, cause harm to citizens' health, infringe on citizens' rights, or induce them to refuse the performance of civic duties.

Article 227 thus broadly empowers the KGB to continue harassing members of religions whose tenets might carry more appeal than those of Soviet stateism.

International petitions and letter-writing campaigns are underway. We heartily encourage you to write to the officials in charge of the prisons, labor camps, and psychiatric hospitals holding Soviet devotees. Send your letters to The Committee to Free Soviet Hare Krishnas (address bottom of page three).



Śrīla Prabhupāda in front of St. Basil's Cathedral in Moscow, June 1971.

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Hare Kṛṣṇa kids rate high in general awareness test

LAKE HUNTINGTON, N.Y.—A recent academic study reveals that although children in the Hare Kṛṣṇa movement do not watch television, they score significantly above average on tests that measure general awareness of facts about the world and application of common sense.

The report also stated, "Scores on the Wide Range Achievement Test (WRAT) were on the average three grades above appropriate age level on reading and spelling and one grade above appropriate age level on arithmetic."

The study is being conducted by Dr. Lawrence Lilliston, a psychology professor

from Michigan's Oakland Univ. who visited the Lake Huntington gurukula school in 1984 to evaluate the mental health and social adjustment of the students.

According to Śrī Rāma dāsa of the ISKCON Gurukula Newsletter, Dr. Lilliston's findings "present a highly favorable view of ISKCON gurukula education and upbringing."

Prof. Lilliston has published the first of three academic papers, and hopes to compile his findings in a book. He has expressed his willingness to testify in court cases on behalf of devotees, should the need arise.

London devotee helps capture two murderers

LONDON—ISKCON devotee Rddha dāsa recently assisted Scotland Yard inspectors in the apprehension of two murder suspects attempting to elude a nationwide search.

David Alexander Britton and Alan John Britton tried to move into the Hare Kṛṣṇa center on Soho St. after a double murder in Luton on Aug. 10, 1984.

Suspicious of the men's motivation to join ISKCON, Rddha phoned Policeman Moister at the Radlett Police Station as the men were in transit from London to Bhaktivedanta Manor.

The suspects were arrested a few days later at the London temple, following the Ratha-yātrā festival. The two men were tried and convicted at St. Albans Crown

Court on March 28, 1985.

Rddha received a letter of thanks from Bedford Police Chief Superintendent R.F. Wood for his cooperation throughout the search.

"I am convinced that had you or your colleagues not contacted Pc. Moister and made him aware of your suspicions, these two men might have escaped justice for some considerable time," Superintendent Wood wrote.

"My officers who attended the headquarters of your movement at Bhaktivedanta Manor, Letchmore Heath, Watford, were full of praise for the way in which they were given every assistance by your staff," he stated.

Indian press lauds Hare Kṛṣṇa Movement

By Kṛṣṇamāyī-devī dāsī

On Sunday, Sept. 8, three articles appeared simultaneously in the South India media, all featuring full-color front-page photos and lengthy articles lauding the Hare Kṛṣṇa Movement.

The cover story of *Hitavada* magazine, "The Enchanting Krishna" described the history and scope of ISKCON. The writer, Veena Adige, concluded with a short synopsis of the philosophy and a sidebar on the newly-opened Temple of Understanding in South Africa. Included in the centerspread were many black and white photos of Śrīla Prabhupāda during the early days of ISKCON.

"Krishna Shows the Way," a front-page article with a large color photo of Kṛṣṇa, appeared in the *Nagpur Times*. The article by Shantanu Deshmukh explains the

philosophy of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness and the history of ISKCON.

"Although Śrīla Prabhupāda passed away in 1977, the work he began has not faltered," Deshmukh stated.

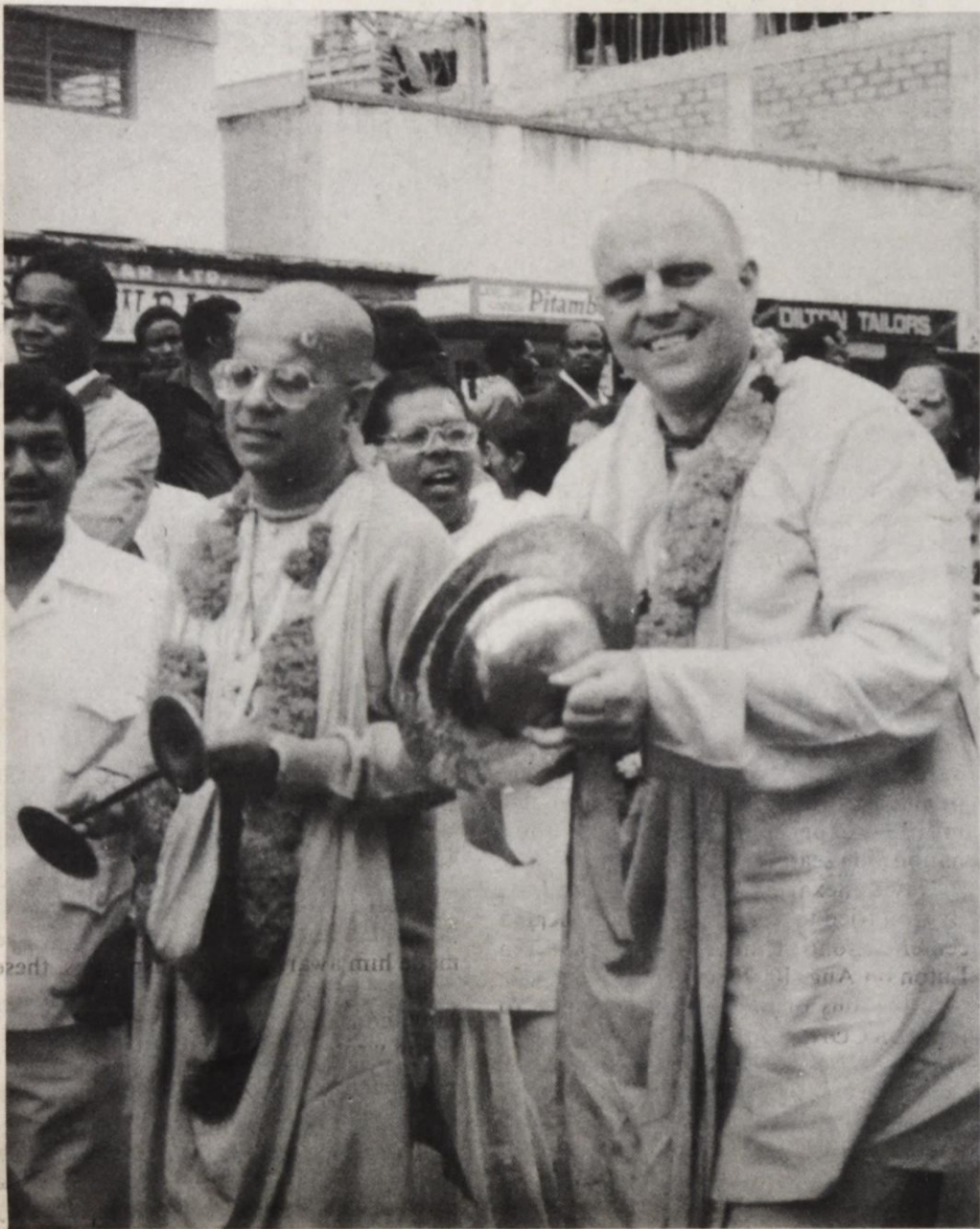
"He has entrusted the responsibility of spreading this movement to his disciples, fully confident of their capability for expanding his mission," he wrote.

The *Sunday Chronicle*, published in Hyderabad, devoted its entire Sept. 8 front page to an article on ISKCON with three color photos. Author Pranab Battacharya presents an interview with Mahāmāna dāsa, president of ISKCON's Hyderabad temple. In the interview, Mahāmāna describes ISKCON's history and many worldwide projects.

The reporter stated that Śrīla Prabhupāda's publications now exceed 200 million copies, making him one of the world's most widely-read authors.



Recent South Indian newspaper and magazine cover stories.



Śrīla Gopāla Kṛṣṇa and Śrīla Ācāryapāda lead Nairobi, Kenya's first Ratha-yātrā.

Dallas restaurant serves 75,000th meal

DALLAS, Tex.—On its third anniversary, Kalachandji's Restaurant celebrated and served its 75,000th meal of spiritual food.

The gourmet vegetarian restaurant is officially counted among Dallas' "top ten."

A two-day festival at the restaurant coincided with World Vegetarian Day and World Farm Animals Day, Oct. 1 and 2, sponsored by the Farm Animal Reform Movement (FARM).

Participants received complimentary apple cider, vegetarian cookbooks, and enjoyed special showings of *Vegetarian World*, a movie narrated by William

Shatner and produced by ISKCON Life Member Jonathan Kaye.

In Śrīla Prabhupāda's original quarters in the Dallas temple, a memorial museum is now under construction. It will include a lifelike figure of Śrīla Prabhupāda instructing a *gurukula* student, a complete library of books translated from Sanskrit to English, and an extensive collection of Śrīla Prabhupāda's personal memorabilia.

When completed, tours will be offered to the public. For more information, call Yudhiṣṭhira dāsa at (214) 827-6330.



Calvin Klein got a fragrant garland.

Fashion magnate Calvin Klein gets whiff of Lord Kṛṣṇa

NEW YORK—Hare Kṛṣṇa devotee Nayanabhirāma dāsa presented a garland and set of books to designer Calvin Klein and became something of a celebrity.

A prominent photo of him appeared in *Women's Wear Daily*, the daily newspaper of the fashion industry.

Nayanabhirāma met Klein at an extravagant Bloomingdale's department store event, where the entrepreneur was giving away autographed posters and free samples of his new perfume, "Obsession."

Radical stand against slaughter taken by vegetarian activists

TIMBERVILLE, Virginia—On Sept. 3 three dozen vegetarian activists demonstrated outside of the newly-opened Rocco slaughterhouse here.

The demonstration was organized by Alex Hershaft, president of the Farm Animal Reform Movement (FARM), an influential animal rights group based in Washington, D.C.

"Stop the Killing—Choose Life" and "Compassion, Not Profit" read several signs carried by the picketers. "Virginia is for Lovers, Not Murderers," read another.

FARM demonstrators tried to block a delivery truck carrying lambs to slaughter, but police intervened.

The incident was reported by Associated Press, *The Washington Post*, *USA Today*, and *The Washington Times*.

FARM is one of America's most potent groups opposing animal slaughter and frequently works with ISKCON to promote vegetarianism.

Nairobi's first Ratha-yātrā broadcast on national TV

By Dina-dayal dāsa

NAIROBI, Kenya—"The Green City in the Sun," described by many as the jewel of Africa, witnessed its first Ratha-yātrā on Aug. 10.

The 2.5 mile procession started at 2 p.m. from Cutchi Gujarati Hindu Union, a local Hindu temple. ISKCON spiritual masters Śrīla Gopāla Kṛṣṇa Goswami and Śrīla Jayapatāka Swami attended the event.

Following an ancient custom, Indian High Commissioner Rana swept the road ahead of the Ratha cart with a golden-handled broom.

The 22-foot-high chariot was followed down crowded city streets by Africans and local Indian community members who

chanted and danced along with the devotees.

A local newspaper estimated that 70-80,000 participated in the parade.

From the cart, devotees threw sweets to spectators, and two musicians from the local Swaminarayan temple, E. A. Satsang Mandal and Kala Niken, performed for the crowds.

Daily newspapers reported the event and the Voice of Kenya televised the procession highlights.

That evening 5,000 people assembled to hear speeches by Mr. Rana and the first secretary to the Indian embassy, Mr. Pathak. They praised ISKCON's success in establishing the Vedic culture in Africa.

Following the lectures, devotees served a free vegetarian feast to the crowd.

New York Times reports on Vṛndāvana Kṛṣṇa worship

NEW YORK—*The New York Times*, America's newspaper of record, published a feature story about Vṛndāvana, India's Kṛṣṇa-worship on Sept. 13.

The story, "Where Krishna frolicked, joy marks His birthday," reviews the phenomenon of mass pilgrimage to Kṛṣṇa's birthplace.

After describing the atmosphere within Vṛndāvana, *Times* writer Steven R. Weisman recounted his visit to ISKCON's Kṛṣṇa-Balarāma temple in Ramana-Reti, Vṛndāvana. The article quotes American-born temple president Dāmodara Paṇḍita dāsa as follows:

"They're amazed to see us white folk in the garb of *sādhus*."

Weisman then went on to comment that Dāmodara Paṇḍita's vision is indicative of the general Vṛndāvana mood:

"Like the others here, Mr. Das regards Brindāban as one of the holiest spots on earth, surrounded by a sacred landscape in which no distinction is made between mythical and historical reality. Some Westerners find this lack of distinction an important clue in understanding India."

The story included a photo of pilgrims inside a Kṛṣṇa temple.

Petition

We, the undersigned, present the following statement to the general secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, Mr. Mikhail Gorbachev, and to the foreign minister of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Mr. Eduard Shevarnadze:

We deeply deplore the inhuman treatment and conditions that those Soviet citizens who are members of the Hare Krishna Movement in the USSR are being subjected to.

They are being denied the basic human rights to which they are entitled under the provisions of the Soviet Constitution, as well as under all the international agreements and treaties that the Soviet Union has endorsed.

We hereby request the respective Soviet authorities and agencies to immediately rectify this situation.

We implore the general secretary, Mr. Gorbachev, to arrange the immediate release of the following members of the Hare Krishna Movement, who are imprisoned in psychiatric hospitals, prisons, and labor camps, and following their release, permit their emigration from the Soviet Union along with their immediate family members:

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Please! Help the imprisoned devotees! Clip or photocopy this petition, sign, and send to The Committee to Free Soviet Hare Krishnas. Use either of the following addresses: 15300 Jarna, Almviks Gard, Sweden. 680 Fleetwood Rd., #1112, McLean, VA 22101 USA.

ISKCON's NewsMakers

LIMA, Peru—ISKCON installed this country's first Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa Deities here in October. Co-Governing Body Commissioner Jagajivana Goswami, Prahlādānanda Swami, and Temple President Daru Kṛṣṇa dāsa conducted the Vedic fire sacrifice and Deity bathing ceremony (*abhiṣeka*). Śrīla Jayapatāka Swami lectured on the process of Deity worship.

The Deities' names are Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Madhana-vihāri.

After the installation, Śrīla Ācāryapāda traveled to Cusco, where the mayor presented him with the key to the city.

JARNA, Sweden—The ISKCON *gurukula* school here recently announced that the international enrollment includes two Austrians, two Americans, a Finn, a Norwegian, three Russians, and one Swede. The ISKCON complex here also includes a major branch of the **Bhaktivedanta Book Trust** publishing house.

OTTAWA, Canada—A "Vegetarian Bhojanalay," a strictly vegetarian ISKCON restaurant and guest house, has opened here. Ottawa devotees advertise it as a "home away from home for vegetarians." Single, double, and family rooms in the guest house are available at reasonable rates on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis. For more information write to ISKCON Guest House, 212 Somerset St. E., Ottawa, Ont., K1N 6V4, Canada.

MADURAI, Tamil Nadu—P. Rengasamy of Madurai Ramaraj Univ. in South India has begun work on a Tamil-language translation of Śrīla Prabhupāda's biography by Satsvarūpa dāsa Goswami.

The serialized biography appears in the Tamil monthly, *Sentamil*. The translator sent copies of the Sept. issue, containing the first installment, along with a letter of thanks to the **Bhaktivedanta Book Trust**. Dr. Rengasamy is studying other Bhaktivedanta Book Trust publications and the Grove Press book, *Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna—Five Distinguished Scholars on the Krishna Movement in the West*, edited by Śubhānanda dāsa (Stephen J. Gelberg) in order to make the Tamil version of Śrīla Prabhupāda's biography as authoritative as possible.

BRIHUEGA, Spain—Devotees have started a Hare Krishna Food for Life ox-cart distribution program in the villages surrounding New Vraja Mandala, the ISKCON farm here. According to Datta dāsa, the program is greatly appreciated because ox-cart transportation was common in this area of Spain 50 years ago.

At the New Vraja Mandala rural community, ISKCON members recently completed new residential facilities, and installed an extensive irrigation system that taps a river on the property. They have also opened a store, which sells pottery and homemade honey. The honey jars feature a "New Vraja Mandala" label, including the Hare Kṛṣṇa mantra.

An artists' shop is being built where five devotee-sculptors and painters produce dioramas. The newest project is a *Bhagavad-gītā* walk. When completed, farm visitors may follow a trail around the property, viewing *Bhagavad-gītā* verses displayed on signposts all along the way.

NEW VRINDABAN, W. Va.—*Roof Design* magazine has featured Śrīla Prabhupāda's Palace of Gold for innovations developed to repair its roof structure.

A case-history article in the Dec. 1984 issue described the Palace's newly installed "cold-applied hydrocide elastomeric" roofing system.

Entitled "East Indian temple keeps its treasures dry," the article included a color photo of the temple's domes and roof.

The roofing materials, specified by Q.E.D. Engineering and Design of Moundsville, and supplied by Era Corp. of Minneapolis, protects the Palace's priceless ceiling murals from moisture seepage.

NEW YORK—Famed pop-art trendsetter and photographer/filmmaker Andy Warhol accepted a copy of *Kim and Chris Murray's Illuminations From the Bhagavad-gītā*.

Satyaṛāja dāsa, who gave Mr. Warhol the gift, reports that the artist was deeply appreciative.

"I chose this book because it uses a sort of '60s type of artwork, and yet it is completely devoted to God," Satyaṛāja said.



Famous trendsetter Andy Warhol receives literature from Satyaṛāja dāsa.

HARIDWAR, India—When a group of traveling *gurukula* school children visited this city to distribute books, an ISKCON Life Member offered to donate a large temple. H.H. Raghunātha Swami and Kūrmārūpa dāsa visited the property and approved the proposal. Mahāprabhu dāsa, an ISKCON lawyer based in Bombay, handled the legal formalities.

Śrīla Gopāla Kṛṣṇa Swami subsequently met the trustees of the property, who have begun participating in ISKCON activities. The secretary of the trust, an elderly retired doctor, follows ISKCON's regulative principles and wants to become a full-time member.

VRINDĀVANA, India—Enrollment at the **Bhaktivedanta Swami Gurukula** school here will top 150 by Lord Caitanya's 500th appearance day celebration. A program to recruit professional Indian educators for the school began in April when *gurukula* headmasters placed a want ad in the *Hindustan Times*. Out of 70 applicants, five were selected to join the academic staff.

Rūpa-vilāsa dāsa and Candrikā-devi dāsī now work full-time training these new teachers. After a week-long orientation seminar, two of the candidates, Arun Muttoo, aged 30, and Vishwanath Roy, aged 40, began full class-loads.

PORT ROYAL, Penn.—The ISKCON Ministry of Agriculture has issued a request in its *ISKCON Farm Newsletter* that ISKCON farmers worldwide submit articles. Assistant Editor Sureśvara dāsa says the newsletter contains "boots-on" material that can be put into practice. For more information, write: *ISKCON Farm Newsletter*, R.D. 1, Box 839, Port Royal, PA 17082.

Editor in Chief Paramānanda dāsa now operates a farm video library called *Gītā-nāgari Television*. The library includes farm activities such as plowing and cutting hay with oxen. The video tapes are educational and available for \$30 each. Contact the *ISKCON Farm Newsletter*.

LAUTOKA, Fiji—A Hare Kṛṣṇa parade float won second prize during this city's recent Youth Festival. The devotees' entry was a structure with arched windows, covered with a coconut-leaf canopy, atop a flatbed truck. Inside the archways, a group of youths chanted Hare Kṛṣṇa and played modern musical instruments. Six-foot paintings of Lord Caitanya and Lord Rāmacandra decorated the front of the truck. Yamunā-tīrtha dāsa received an inscribed plaque on behalf of ISKCON.

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Ācāryapāda and Cusco, Peru mayor.

GUALADAJARA, Mexico—This country's eighth center opened here on Oct. 14, with a celebration attended by many devotees and well-wishers.

The **Govinda Cultural Center**, started by **H.H. Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa Swami**, is located in a popular residential-shopping area. Plans for the center include a restaurant, boutique, and lecture hall.

With a population of four million, Guadalajara is the second largest city in Mexico, and a popular vacation spot. It was the first city in Latin America to host the Ratha-yātrā festival.

MEXICO CITY—A Spanish edition of *Back to Godhead* magazine, *De Vuelta al Supremo*, is now being distributed here. Printed by **Premānanda dāsa (Dr. Fernando Cervantes)** and **Ekabhoktā dāsa** under the direction of **Śrīla Pañcadraṇḍya Swami Tridaṇḍipāda**, the magazine includes artwork by **Mādhavendra dāsa**.

The first edition includes an article on vegetarianism with recipes.



The latest ISKCON Farm Newsletter.

PORT ROYAL, Penn.—The Adopt-A-Cow program at ISKCON's **Gītā-nagari** farm here has received a good initial response, according to project manager **Gaurahari dāsa**.

Among the first respondents, **Mr. Vishnu Tattva of Toronto, Canada**, telephoned on Nov. 13, the annual Vedic celebration for worship of cows (**Govardhana-pūjā**).

Gaurahari reports that a **Washington, D.C./Baltimore** area Indian newspaper has taken a stand in favor of cow protection. When a recent issue containing the Adopt-A-Cow advertisement also included an ad from the McDonald's hamburger chain, **Gaurahari** sent a letter of protest to the editor, expressing dismay that the newspaper supported animal slaughter. The editor acknowledged **Gaurahari's** point and said that no such ads would be published in the future.



The truck-mounted Fiji parade float.

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New Orleans

Festival of India held at Mardi Gras site

NEW ORLEANS, La.—This city's French Quarter, famous as the site of the Mardi Gras, recently hosted the fifth annual ISKCON Ratha-yātrā.

Festival committee co-chairman Dr. Jagdish Bansal (Jagannātha dāsa) made a special plea to the public on the occasion.

"I humbly request my neighbors," he told reporters, "to let this great and joyous Jagannātha parade be a celebration of universal brotherhood."

"The religious implication of the parade is non-denominational," Jagannātha dāsa said, "and should be shared by all, regardless of national origin or religious affiliation."

The parade, held on Sept. 28, brought the excitement and color of India to New Orleans' French Quarter and attracted thousands to take part.

Jagannātha dāsa (named after the Deity of the Ratha-yātrā festival) was featured in several articles. *The Times Picayune*, New Orleans' largest paper, featured an article on the religion page describing the "wide-eyed smiling Deities of Jagannātha." It gave a brief history of the festival and contained a biographical sketch of Jagannātha dāsa, with a photo of him carrying one of the Deities to the Ratha-yātrā cart.

The city's most popular radio station, WYLD, interviewed New Orleans Temple President Raṅganātha dāsa.



Devotees of the New Orleans temple carry the Deity of Lady Subhadrā to Her chariot for the fifth annual parade.

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Houston members host gigantic Diwali festival at new ISKCON center



HOUSTON, Tex.—A thousand members of the Indian community attended the Sept. 16 Diwali celebration held at the new ISKCON center here.

Members of the Hare Kṛṣṇa Sat Sang Mandal organized the festival and cooked most of the 108-preparation *annakūṭa* [special holiday] feast.

A group of ISKCON supporters and Life Members, the Sat Sang Mandal meets weekly to perform *bhajana* chanting.

"They're all very dedicated," said Kṛṣṇa-kṛpā dāsa, Life Membership director for Houston, "and intimately involved with the temple's development."

Deities of Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa have arrived at the Houston temple and are awaiting installation, which is planned for next Janmāṣṭamī (Aug. 27, 1986).

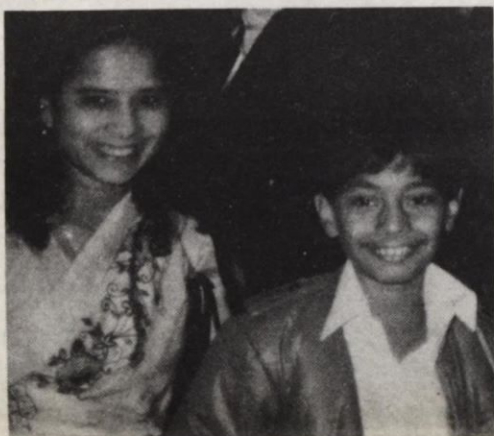
Carved out of pure black marble by Jaipur, India craftsmen, Lord Kṛṣṇa stands six feet tall; the white marble Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī is five-foot-four. Once installed, they will be the largest Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa Deities in North America, and among the largest in the world.

Nearly 20 devotees were required to gently unload the Deities when they arrived in their shipping packages, which

weighed more than two tons combined.

In order to accommodate the new Deities, the temple's *pūjāri* room has been remodeled and master seamstresses in India are sewing 14 sets of ornate outfits. ISKCON architect H.H. Surabhirapal-ayantam Swami has designed a teak wood altar [*siṁhāsana*] for these and the other temple Deities.

A story about the arrival of the Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa Deities appeared in *AsiAmerica Digest*, a popular Houston weekly newspaper.



Two smiling guests at the celebration.

Leading Fiji businessman K. R. Patel accepts Hare Kṛṣṇa initiation vows

Vinod K. R. Patel, a lawyer and businessman from Lautoka, Fiji, recently became a disciple of ISKCON spiritual master Śrīla Tamāl Krishna Goswami and is now known as Nityānanda dāsa.

"I can never repay the mercy of that devotee who left a copy of *Bhagavad-gītā As It Is* in my home, even when he knew our family was so agnostic and antagonistic toward the Hare Kṛṣṇa Movement," Nityānanda recalls.

"There is no lasting success in life without understanding and living by its teachings," he said.

Nityānanda dāsa, aged 32, was born in a prominent Indo-Fijian family. He was educated in Roman Catholic schools and was one of the top students of his class.

At Natabua High School (one of the best schools in the country), he scored the highest marks of his class. The acting

principal of the school testified that Nityānanda had intrinsic leadership abilities and predicted he would become a prominent leader.

Nityānanda graduated from Auckland Univ. (New Zealand) with degrees in accounting and law.

Upon graduation he joined the family business. His father was chairman of the Fiji Sugar Marketing Company and vice-chairman of the Fiji Sugar Company, two of Fiji's largest companies. Just after the successful completion of a contract to export sugar to the United Kingdom, Nityānanda's father survived a heart attack. At this time the family persuaded him to transfer his responsibilities to Nityānanda, who then took over the management of a group of four companies.

Nityānanda believes that his success in life is due to his religious training at St. Thomas' primary school.

"With that tinge of spirituality I gained so immensely," Nityānanda said, "but my fortune would have been far greater had I been through a Hare Kṛṣṇa *gurukula* school."

Nityānanda's spiritual master has asked him to start Fiji's first *gurukula*.

"To me it is a vision which when actualized, will be a cherished dream come true," he said.

"I truly hope and pray to Kṛṣṇa that He accepts me and through my spiritual master I am able to achieve His association and love," Nityānanda said.



Nityānanda dāsa at the Fiji temple.



Kamal Mehta (left) discusses Diwali temple decorations with Sat Sang members.

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The Friends of Lord Kṛṣṇa (FOLK) program offers an opportunity for you to get involved. Some FOLK members offer regular donations to the temple, and others directly help the temple in their spare time. We encourage you to participate in these activities.

During December, your local temple will need your help, as they participate in the annual Śrīla Prabhupāda Christmas marathon. This is an opportunity for you to make a contribution of your time and energy.

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ISKCON's effort to free Soviet devotees

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in the Soviet Union are 'ideological sabotage,' organized from the West and carried out by the CIA.

"Without any proof, myself and Śrīla Harikeśa Swami Viṣṇupāda [ISKCON's Governing Body Commissioner and initiating spiritual master for Northern and Eastern Europe] have been declared CIA agents," Kīrtirāja said.

ISKCON's news release recounted the repeated confinement to Soviet psychiatric hospitals of Ananta-śānti dāsa, the first Soviet disciple of His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda.

Prior to his imprisonment, Ananta-śānti had traveled throughout the Soviet Union, teaching people the knowledge he had carefully gleaned from the association of his spiritual master and his many books.

Śrīla Harikeśa also traveled and taught the science of *bhakti-yoga* throughout the USSR at this time.

As a result, more than 200 Soviet citizens are now initiated ISKCON members, and throughout the USSR an estimated 10,000 others are at least occasional practitioners, chanting, reading, and offering vegetarian foods to God.

In May, 1982, unable to tolerate any longer the heavy drug treatments administered by the hospital authorities, Ananta-śānti managed to escape and remain free for one year. During this time he again traveled throughout the country, teaching Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

In December, 1982, he was tried *in absentia* and charged under Criminal Code Article 227. He was finally re-arrested and sent to the Special Psychiatric Hospital in Smolensk for "an indefinite period of time."

His food is substandard and he is administered prolonged doses of the neuroleptic drug galoperidol. He receives no treatment for the side-effects, which include painful swelling of the whole body. His normal, alert mental condition is rapidly deteriorating.

Last year his wife inquired from the doctors at the hospital when Ananta-śānti would be released. They replied that "one's understanding of life and reality is not so quickly corrected."

Another Soviet devotee, Viśvāmītra dāsa (Vladimir Kritski), recently received an additional four-year sentence on top of the five-year term he was already serving, for continuing to teach Kṛṣṇa Consciousness in the Siberian town to which he had been exiled. Viśvāmītra has now been sent to a labor camp of "strict regimen" to serve out his total nine-year sentence.

Premavatī-devī dāsī (Olga Kiseleva) was pregnant at the time of her arrest in August, 1983. A few days before giving birth to her child, her cellmates beat her head against the brick walls. Her baby daughter was born in prison on Feb. 27, 1984.

Despite having a heart defect, the baby was left untreated, and following Premavatī's conviction and sentencing to four years imprisonment, they were transferred to a labor camp.

Premavatī was permitted to see her daughter, Marika, only one hour a day. The child died in its eleventh month.

Soviet officials recently told Premavatī that if she would formally and publicly renounce her belief in Kṛṣṇa and her involvement in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness, she could be freed. Premavatī adamantly refused.

Amnesty International, the prominent international human rights organization, has officially recognized the imprisoned Soviet devotees as "prisoners of conscience."

[Editor's Note: The Committee to Free Soviet Hare Krishnas implores *IWR* readers for help. Please sign and mail the petition on page three. Readers may also write the authorities of the prisons, labor camps, and psychiatric hospitals holding the devotees. These letters should be polite but firmly critical, demanding proper treatment and the release of the devotees. The Committee will forward your letters to the proper officials.]



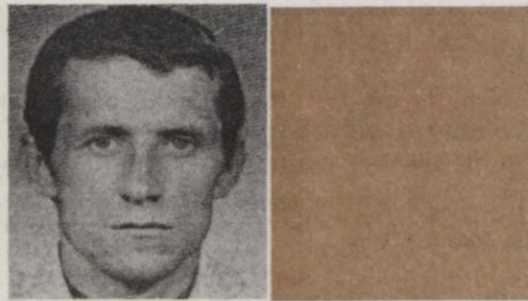
Anatoli F. Pinyayev (Ananta-śānti dāsa)—Born May 13, 1949; married; no children; former lab technician.

Ananta-śānti met Śrīla Prabhupāda in 1971 and became the first Soviet follower of the Hare Kṛṣṇa Movement. As described above, his condition is the most critical of all the imprisoned devotees. At the Special Psychiatric Hospital in Smolensk the food is unfit and he receives heavy, prolonged doses of the drug galoperidol, resulting in a deteriorating physical and mental condition.



Olga Kiseleva (Premavatī-devī dāsī)—Born Oct. 9, 1948; married; two daughters, aged four and five. A graduate of Moscow State Univ. in philology, specializing in Thai literature.

Premavatī's story is perhaps the most tragic of all, because her third child was born in prison and died in the labor camp at 11 months. Premavatī receives standard treatment. Twice a year she is permitted to see her husband for up to three days.



Vladimir A. Kustrya (Vṛndāvana dāsa)—Born October 4, 1946; married; a graduate of technical schools.

On Oct. 31, 1984, a squad of 30-40 policemen raided nine devotee homes in the village of Kurdzhinovo, east of the Black Sea. Charged under Article 227, Vṛndāvana received a five-year labor camp sentence. The standard diet consists of 650 grams of black bread, cabbage soup, porridge, and water. He earns seven rubles (about \$9) per month, with which he can buy extra food.



Yuri A. Fedchenko (Japa dāsa)—Born May 29, 1956; unmarried; a graduate of Moscow State Univ. in biology.

Japa lived in Vṛndāvana's village. When the police came to Japa's home without a search warrant as required by law, he refused them entry. They severely beat him. During the investigation, he was accused of endangering the well-being of others by advocating vegetarianism and encouraging the recitation of mantras. He received a four-year labor camp sentence under Article 227.



Mitravindā kept the me

Devotee

STOCKHOLM, Sweden—In order to free her husband, a Soviet devotee—Valentin Z. Yurov (Vedav)—wore a wedding gown and fasted for 21 days at the Swedish embassy. She carried a large photo of her husband and a banner that read "Free Valentin Z. Yurov."

Behind her, a banner read in Russian: "Free Valentin Z. Yurov, imprisoned in Hospital No. 4."

Thus Mitravindā-devī dāsī (Mitravindā) led a hunger strike on Aug. 15 to free one of 25 Hare Kṛṣṇa prisoners of conscience in the Soviet Union.

Her protest draws

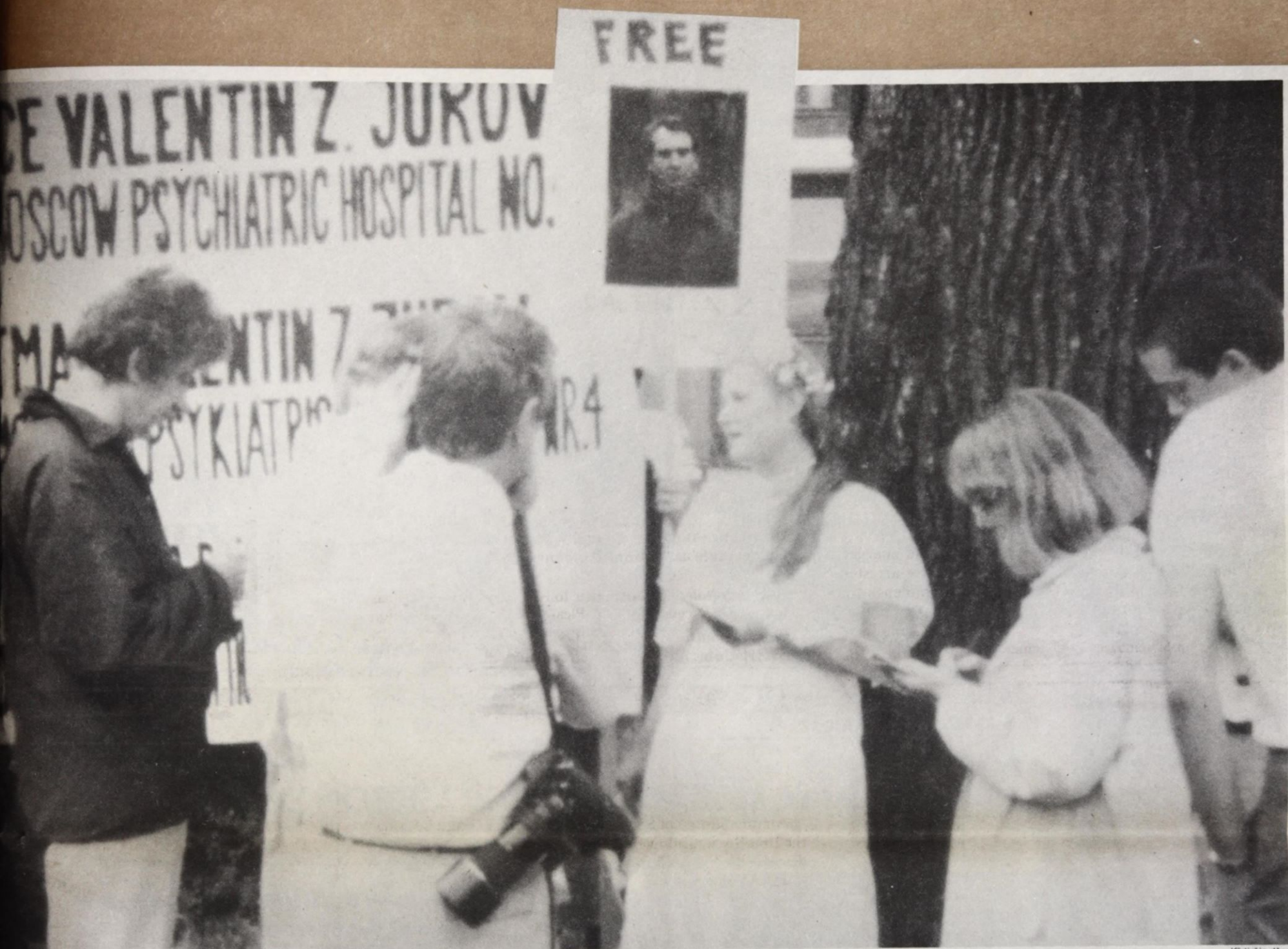
She called a news conference to draw attention to the plight of the imprisoned devotees and how they had planned to free them.

On May 18, however, she was forced to return to Helsinki, Finland. The only explanation given was that she was not allowed to travel to Moscow.

Upon returning to Sweden, the Swedish government agent and the Soviet consul general in Stockholm cancelled "on instructions from Moscow."

Shortly afterwards she learned that her husband had been committed to a psychiatric hospital.

According to the Fall, 1985 Amnesty International report, prisoners are sent to Soviet psychiatric hospitals of the official investigating the conditions of the maximum security wards and their treatment only when they are considered "curable."



Kirtirāja dāsa

...ia informed during her vigil protesting the imprisonment of Soviet Hare Kṛṣṇa devotee Vedavyāsa dāsa.

vowed to fast until her fiance released

...to free an imprisoned Soviet (Vedavyāsa dāsa)—she dressed in her white dress across the street from the Soviet embassy in Moscow, with the caption, 'Free Valentín Z. Jurkov, Hare Kṛṣṇa devotee imprisoned in Moscow's Psychiatric Hospital No. 7.'

...an, English, and Swedish, 'Free Valentín Z. Jurkov, Hare Kṛṣṇa devotee imprisoned in Moscow's Psychiatric Hospital No. 7.' Anne Farrow) began a hunger strike to protest the imprisonment of Hare Kṛṣṇa devotees being held as political prisoners in the Soviet Union.

Media attention

...to explain to the Swedish and American media that Vedavyāsa was traveling to Sweden to marry last June.

...and off her Moscow-bound train in Stockholm. The information given was that she was not pregnant.

...y explanation given by her travel agent was that her visa had been cancelled.

...at her fiance had lost his job and was unemployed.

... Amnesty International Bulletin, 'The Soviet Union: Patients in psychiatric hospitals on the sole discretion of the authorities. Inmates are also held in psychiatric hospitals, and their confinement is indefinite, ending only with their death.'

First attempts to approach the Soviet embassy

On the first day of her protest outside the Soviet embassy, Mitravindā tried to deliver a letter to Soviet ambassador Boris Pankin. When an embassy vehicle drove out through the gates, she walked up the driveway towards the main embassy building. But an embassy official met her and refused the letter, saying that it must be sent through the postal system. He then escorted her off the property.

About 30 minutes later, two policemen drove up and began speaking with Mitravindā. They informed her that embassy officials had complained she had violated "Soviet territory." They then advised her not to "invade" the territory again.

That night she pitched a tent on a small grassy area across the street and slept there.

Her ultimatum to the Soviets

The next day, two Swedish journalists informed Mitravindā that Soviet Consul General Vasiliy Prouskourin wished to speak with her. During their meeting, Prouskourin told Mitravindā that he was her friend and wanted to help her.

He promised to get her a long-term visa, but said that it would take four months to arrange. The visa application had to be accompanied by an invitation from her fiance. The consul general said that someone would go to the hospital and get Vedavyāsa to sign.

"I was completely shocked," Mitravindā said of her reaction to Prouskourin's proposal.

"He repeated his willingness to help me, but then demanded that I first stop my protest and go home.

" 'I will stay here and starve until Valentin is let out of the psychiatric hospital and I can go to Moscow to marry him,' I said.

"The consul general became furious. He jumped up, and waving his

arms, shouted that if I did not stop my protest, I would sit there for the rest of my life and no one would help me—including him.

"From his outbursts I realized that I could not trust him or those he represented. After this incident I became afraid to travel to Moscow," Mitravindā said.

Second news conference called

Mitravindā called her second news conference the following day and announced that she had spoken to Vedavyāsa by telephone. He had been released from the psychiatric hospital and was in good condition.

She informed the media of the preceding day's events and of her fear of traveling to Moscow. She vowed to continue her hunger strike across from the embassy until Vedavyāsa was allowed to travel to Sweden.

"Valentin didn't know about my hunger strike and naturally he is worried," she told reporters.

"He has also begun a hunger strike and has contacted the international media in Moscow. We will both continue our protest until Valentin is allowed to leave the USSR," she said.

Soviet authorities contacted Vedavyāsa in Moscow and began negotiating his departure from the Soviet Union. Mitravindā talked to him by telephone almost daily.

On Sept. 4, Mitravindā ended her hunger strike, packed up her things, and went home. The following day, Soviet authorities flew Vedavyāsa to Stockholm.

Vedavyāsa is working on Russian translations of Śrīla Prabhupāda's books. He is also traveling and speaking to rally support for the release of 25 Soviet Hare Kṛṣṇa devotees from Soviet psychiatric hospitals, prisons, and labor camps.


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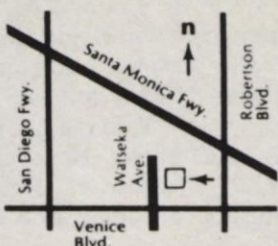
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Thousands attend festival at ISKCON's French chateau

Dancers perform on the main stage in New Māyāpur, Valencay, France.

VALENCAY, France—Balloon rides and a spectacular fireworks display were among the celebrations at the Festival of India held at the New Māyāpur community here on Sept. 7-8. Thousands attended to sample the free vegetarian fare, see exhibits on reincarnation, and ride the festival elephant. Subsequent newspaper reports praised the festival for promoting a greater understanding of the ancient Vedic culture.



—Rekha Gupta The festival included elephant rides and attracted thousands of visitors.



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The poem *Vaiṣṇava ke* gives specific instructions for devotees aspiring to conquer the materialistic mind. Although written in the 19th century, these teachings are completely applicable even today. The original verses were written by Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Thākura, the spiritual master of ISKCON Founder-Ācārya Śrīla Prabhupāda; translation and commentary are by Śrīla Jayapatāka Swami Ācāryapāda, one of Śrīla Prabhupāda's foremost disciples.

Verse Eleven

My dear mind, the person who has given up all desires for enjoyment of wealth and women as well as the desire for enjoying fame, adoration, and distinction (which are like tigresses devouring our Kṛṣṇa Consciousness), is a real Vaiṣṇava, a pure devotee of the Lord!

Someone with such Kṛṣṇa conscious characteristics is unattached to material life, and he is a pure devotee of the Lord! Bondage to the repetition of birth and death is easily defeated by a pure devotee of the Lord like him!

Purport

Three genera of tigresses of the mind are cited here: (1) the desire to accumulate wealth and material acquisitions; (2) the desire to have a beautiful, obedient wife, or to associate with beautiful women; and (3) the desire to achieve material importance and position.

The tigress is a most ruthless animal. Although the lion is popularly considered the king of the cats, many say the tiger is the real king, because it is far more ruthless than the lion.

Unquestionably the tiger is dangerous. Tigresses especially have no mercy. They are always hungry, and spotting a victim, they immediately strike. Thus these three powerful desires are compared to a merciless tigress ready to pounce upon and devour her prey.

Wealth, women, and fame—these desires can devour devotional service. Just as a tigress rips out the heart of her prey, so these desires can rip out the heart of devotional service. Therefore, extreme caution must be observed.

Advancement in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness requires renouncing these three desires and other non-devotional desires as well. These material desires are stumbling blocks on the path of pure devotion. This is further explained by Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī:

*bhukti-mukti-sprhā yāvat
piśāci hṛdi vartate
tāvad bhakti-sukhasyātra
katham abhyudayo bhavet*

"The desire to enjoy the material world and the desire to become liberated from material bondage are considered to be two witches, and they haunt one like ghosts. As long as these witches remain within the heart, how can one feel transcendental bliss? As long as these two witches remain in the heart, there is no possibility of enjoying the transcendental bliss of devotional service." (*Bhakti-rasāmṛta-sindhu* 1.2.22, quoted in *Caitanya-caritāmṛta*, *Madhya* 19.176)

Thus the position of a Vaiṣṇava or pure devotee is most exalted, for it signifies a firm connection with the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Viṣṇu, Kṛṣṇa.

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