

INDIAN WHO CALLS HIMSELF MAN-GOD IS COMING TO AMERICA

Says He Will Break Down All Barriers And Merge All Creeds.

By James A. Mills.
BOMBAY, India, March 23 (AP)—Meher Baba, the Indian spiritual leader whose disciples call him "The Messiah" and "The God-Man" left here today for a new crusade in America.

He intends, he said, to break down all religious barriers, destroy America's materialism and amalgamate all creeds into a common element of love.

For eight years Meher Baba has been observing a vow of silence, which he said he would break upon his arrival at Harmon, N. Y., where he plans to establish a spiritual retreat similar to Mahatma Gandhi's in India.

Giving his first interview to an Associated Press correspondent by means of a blackboard, Meher Baba, who in the eyes of his followers has performed many miracles, said Gandhi had promised to come with him to the United States as soon as his political work has been finished a year hence.

Many Indians regard Meher Baba as Gandhi's guru, or spiritual adviser.

Meher Baba is a Parsee (priest) of the Zoroastrian faith, and says he is God and man. He explained that he attained a super-conscious state in which he merged into God and returned again to the universe to

carry out his mission of redeeming the world.
Meher Baba said he expected to convert thousands of Americans from sin and by faith to heal the sick and help the halt.
"The only miracle for the perfect man to perform is to make others perfect, too," he said. "I want to make Americans realize the infinite state which I myself enjoy."
The Parsee said he first realized his mission on earth many years ago by coming in contact with Baba Jan, the Indian saint who died recently in Poona at the age of 130 years.

For nine months after meeting Baba Jan, Meher Baba said he lay in a state of coma, neither sleeping nor eating, and swallowing only an occasional drop of water. It was after this, he said he saw the divine light and realized his mission to the world.

He said he had received overwhelming offers of money and land from Americans who believe in his teachings.

(The doctrine of Zoroaster holds that at the beginning of things there existed two spirits, good and evil. The history of their conflict is the history of man, and in the soul of man is the object of the war. The Parsees in and around Bombay have taken Zoroaster, a Persian prophet of ancient times, as their own and have adopted the ancient religious usages of his faith, but their doctrine is a pure monotheism.)

COUNTY TAX ROLLS ARE DUE IN APRIL

No figures on the percentage of county taxes collected this year will be available at the county treasurer's office until after the tax rolls are returned by the various cities and towns. Deputy County Clerk Edward J. Emerit said today.

The town tax rolls are due on April 1 but the three cities have considerable longer. Some of the town clerks are seeking to delay return of their rolls as the hope that the closed banks in the rural sections will pay a dividend to their depositors. Many rural residents had all their savings in these banks.

SCOUTS TO CHECK TRAFFIC.

BATAVIA, March 23—A Hundred Boy Scouts have been detailed to spend one day of their Easter vacation, Tuesday, in making a twelve-hour traffic count on all main highways serving this city. The survey is being handled in co-operation with the Monroe County Regional Planning Board and is in charge of Thomas LaRosa and William P. Myers, deputy Scout commissioners.

K. Of C. Idea Born At Niagara University

NIAGARA FALLS, March 23—The national celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Knights of Columbus, Tuesday, will have added significance to members of that organization in the Niagara Frontier, inasmuch as the founder, the late Rev. Michael J. McGivney, was an alumnus of Niagara University.

It is generally conceded that he conceived the idea for the organization while a seminarian at the university from 1871 to 1872.

Incidentally, university records show that he was "a brilliant student, especially adept in algebra and the translations of Greek."

There is a footpath on Mt. Eagle that leads to a shrine high on the banks above the roaring Niagara gorge, that was a favorite rendezvous of the then young student priest. He walked this path by the hour, according to historians of the university, and it was during the recreational strolls that he planned the organization that was to later become the Knights of Columbus, it is said.

Ordained to the priesthood, he was assigned to St. Mary's parish in New Haven, Conn., as assistant rector. His home was in Waterbury, Conn.

In New Haven, the Rev. Father McGivney again began to formulate plans for a fraternal organization among his churchmen. He interested several members of his parish and a good organization known as the Red Knights was started. Organization of the order took place in the office of a Cornelius T. Driscoll, a member of the Rev. Father McGivney's parish. In the year 1882 the name of the organization was changed to the Knights of Columbus.

Today the organization has expanded until there are more than 3,000 subordinate lodges in this country, Canada, Mexico, Alaska and other United States possessions. The total membership will exceed the 700,000 mark.

The supreme council of the organization is still in New Haven, and the Rev. Father McGivney was honored with the post of national chaplain until his death in 1890. His brother, the Rev. James McGivney, also an alumnus of Niagara University, was then given the honor. Upon his death about six years ago, the Rev. John J. McGivney, another brother, and also ordained to the priesthood at Niagara University, became the national chaplain. He still holds the office.

The population of India has increased about ten per cent since 1921 and is now 352,998,876, nearly three times that of the United States.

Exams For Several Civil Service Jobs

ALBANY, March 23. (AP)—Several 55,000 jobs are among more than 60 in State, county and village service for which civil service examinations will be conducted April 23d.

Among the jobs are assistant engineer for gas in the public service department, \$4,200 salary; director of teachers training, \$5,000; compensation examining physicians in the labor department at Syracuse and New York City, \$4,000 to \$5,000; superintendent of State hospital-State school, \$4,000 to \$6,000; tuberculosis clinician, \$5,000; morgue keeper, \$1,621 to \$2,100.

Lockport Man Is Left \$17,929 In Will Of Brother

Pembroke Relative of John Irwin Leaves an Estate Valued at Close to \$100,000.

John Irwin, 98 Evans street, retired contractor, is the largest beneficiary in the will of the late Harry Irwin, his brother, for more than 40 years a jeweler in Pembroke, Ontario and who died a few weeks ago.

The will disposes of an estate valued at \$94,484.83. The estate consists of bonds and stocks in Nova Scotia, Ont., and Quebec, and real estate and mortgages.

John Irwin receives a bequest of \$10,000 and his proportion of the residue, amounting to \$7,929, a sister, Mrs. Mary Ann McAllister, Carleton Place, Ontario, receives \$1,000 and \$292.93 from the residue.

The remainder of the estate is divided among nephews and nieces in the United States and Canada, each receiving a definite bequest and a share of the residue proportionate to the bequest.

Durfy Is Released In Bail Of \$5,000

Walter Durfy, 23, of 9 Elm court, one of three boys under indictment on a charge of burglary, first degree, for the theft of an automobile owned by Wallace I. Keep, on March 6, has been released from the Niagara County jail in \$5,000 bail.

Of the other two boys, Carl Spinner, 26, of 181 Jackson street, is at liberty in the same amount of bail while Thomas Sayles, 28, of 20 Allen street, is still in jail.

Homeless Are Given Night's Lodging At Police Headquarters

Many Return Night After Night While Other Free Lodgers Are Just Transients.

Lockport has its own "De Gink" hotel, the lodgers' room in the basement at police headquarters. Lacking many of the conveniences of more expensive hostels, it nevertheless is well patronized, for the big inducement is that a night's lodging costs nothing.

There are no beds with thick cushions of feathers, or even pillows or blankets, but the long lodgers' bench with an overcoat for a covering and a sweater or other article of wearing apparel for a pillow makes shift for those who have no other choice, and it's warm and out of winter's cold blasts.

Many of those who sleep at police headquarters come there night after night, but the remainder of the guest list is constantly changing. Some come for a night as darkness overtakes them here, and pass on to another town the next day. They do not have to sign the register, the only formality being that they give up such articles as razors and knives to the desk sergeant, until morning. The hotel furnishes no meals.

For weeks during the cold weather the number of lodgers has averaged ten and fifteen a night.

Masked Men Hold Up Falls Gasoline Station

NIAGARA FALLS, March 23. — Two masked men, both displaying revolvers, held up William Harvey, proprietor of the Select Oil & Gas Company station, 6820 Buffalo Avenue, late Saturday night and got \$100.

The two men backed out of the place, warning Harvey to remain quiet, and ran away. Although Motorcycle Lieutenant John J. Dietz and his squad scoured the neighborhood within a few minutes they could find no trace of the men.

Harvey described the pair as being of medium height and shabbily dressed. One wore a dark raincoat and dark hat, while the other had on a light top coat and light cap, he said.

Lost License Plates Turned In To Police

Every year the police department gets its collection of lost automobile license plates which have fallen from automobiles unnoticed. Two plates have been brought to headquarters thus far this year. They bear the numbers 3 E 97-93 and 6 E 92-81. The owners may have them by proving ownership.

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