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*Photograph taken about one hour before his passing, March 7, 1952*





Mr. Herb Jeffries, noted singer (*left*), and Paramhansa Yogananda, at Paramhansa's last birthday party, January 8, 1952. SRF headquarters, Los Angeles. The guru wears between his eyebrows a spot of saffron paste.

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## AS OLD AS I

By PARAMHANSA YOGANANDA

I am older than the first vapors of heaven.  
Or the first baby star that was born  
Out of the womb of the blue heavens.  
I was born before life opened its eyes  
In earth's cradle.  
I was born and my mind worked  
Beneath my skiey skull.  
My thoughts spread in the veins  
Of the all-pervading cosmic rays  
And tingled in the space cells of my finite body.

I breathed the breath of life into everything.  
I am the oldest in existence,  
For it is my one Self,  
My one Mind, that has been thinking  
Through all the human brains  
Of all incarnations in all eternity.

Yes, it was I who sang  
Through the birds of centuries,  
And I who played the flutes of atoms.  
It was I who made the ornaments of diamond planets,  
Ruby starlets, and blue sapphires  
To decorate my skiey body.

Yes, I slept many times in many lives  
In caves of diamonds,  
In the bower of rose petals,  
In the breasts of bluebirds,  
And in countless babes.

But, as I awoke in the omnipresent minds  
Of supermen,  
I remembered that it was I, the same one, the oldest,  
The One who had been thinking, working,  
Laughing, coming and going, waking and sleeping,  
In the bowers of myriad brains.

All souls who have known this  
Know that they too are  
As old as I.



## Tributes from Friends and SRF Centers



DR. FRANCIS ROLT-WHEELER, foremost metaphysical scholar of Europe and editor of *L'Astrosophie*, Nice, France, wrote: "The death of Paramhansa Yogananda deprives this world of one of the finest figures of wisdom and humanity that this generation has seen. No one can fail to rejoice that such a life has enriched the spiritual thought of both India and the United States. I feel that Yogananda succeeded in keeping the finer strains of the old tradition, fusing them with the greater vitality of the American present. I shall take pleasure in publishing a tribute to Yogananda in the next issue of *L'Astrosophie*, with a column of his mystic sayings."

DR. BHAGAT SINGH THIND, revered Los Angeles teacher, telegraphed from Chicago: "In the passing away of Yogananda humanity has lost its lover, India a noble son and patriot, and America its true friend and admirer. May God grant courage and loyalty to all his friends and disciples to carry on the great work that he so earnestly fostered with every ounce of energy in his being."

DR. DAGOBERT D. RUNES, president of Philosophical Library, Inc., publishers of Yogananda's *Autobiography of a Yogi*, wrote: "It is with great sorrow that I read of the passing of Paramhansa Yogananda. He was a great soul and has left a lasting memory and impression on the cultural life of America."

PROFESSOR TARACHAND ROY, University of Bonn, Germany: "To my unspeakable grief I have just heard of Paramhansaji's demise. . . . Shelley once wrote: 'The One remains, the many change and pass.' I am convinced that the deathless flame that was Paramhansaji burns undimmed still. He is there now where the Immortals are, and rains down his blessings on all who are holding to his ideals."



DR. WENDELL THOMAS, author of *Hinduism Invades America*, formerly professor at the Punjab University and at the College of the City of New York, wrote: "I came to Swami Yogananda, many years ago, not as a seeker or devotee, but as a writer with a sympathetic yet analytic and critical approach. Happily, I found in Yoganandaji a rare combination. While steadfast in the ancient principles of his profound faith, he had the gift of generous adaptability, so that he became Christian and American in culture without ceasing to be Hindu and Indian. With his quick wit and great spirit he was well fitted to promote reconciliation and truth among the religious seekers of the world. He brought peace and joy to multitudes."

SRF CENTER IN MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., telegraphed: "May we all rededicate ourselves to the selfless spreading and fulfilling of the great work that this greatest of all lovers of God, this great Yogi-Christ, Master Paramhansa Yogananda, our beloved Guru, gave so freely to us, to America, and the world."

JUDGE STANLEY MOSK, Superior Court, Los Angeles, wrote to SRF: "I was profoundly shocked to witness personally the [supposed heart] attack, and to learn of the subsequent death of a great spiritual leader, Paramhansa Yogananda. From all that I have ever been informed, he was indeed an outstanding individual, devoted to peace and understanding among the peoples of the Earth. It may truly be said that he left the world a little better for his having been on it, if ever so briefly in the totality of events. May I express my condolences to his many faithful followers and friends."

FRANCES HOWARD, Oakland, California, telegraphed: "There is one flower of the rose family whose name, 'Ambassador of Love,' adequately describes the master Paramhansa Yogananda. He is in the hearts of all who knew him as an ambassador of love. Jesus said: 'By their fruits ye shall know them.' Paramhansa's choicest fruit are you, his disciples."

LOUISE ROYSTON, a beloved disciple of Paramhansaji's since 1927, wrote the following letter to the *Los Angeles Times*, in which it was printed on March 30th: "Thousands of the people of Los Angeles loved Paramhansa Yogananda and mourn his passing. I am just one. He not only taught us religious principles to follow and practice, but he was a tireless welfare worker. Night and day he toiled to help the sick and the sorrowful. Thousands of people all over America and the whole world have been helped and comforted through his unselfish assistance. He loved America and said so many times in public. I would call him 'a great American born in India.'"





Ambassador Sen, Yoganandaji, Mme. Sen, Mr. Bhandari, on the joyous occasion of His Excellency's visit, with his party from Washington, to the SRF headquarters on March 4th—three days before Paramhansaji's *mahatmasiddhi*.

This many-windowed "sun room" was built on the third floor about eight years ago to serve as a reception room. In it Master granted thousands of interviews to visitors at the Mt. Washington Center. His "interview chair," the one he occupies in this picture, will be placed in a Shrine at the headquarters.



JOURNAL OF CALENDAR REFORM, NEW YORK, March, 1952 issue: "Paramhansa Yogananda, one of the foremost Indian mystics of recent years and founder of Self-Realization Fellowship, died suddenly in Los Angeles on March 7th. He was a long-time advocate of calendar reform as a force for world unity, and a few days before his death he wrote to the President of The World Calendar Association: 'Please accept our best wishes for the final success of your life work, a noble endeavor to knit the whole world together by a single calendar.'"

SRF CENTER IN SAN FRANCISCO, California. Mrs. Kamala Silva, conducting teacher, wrote: "Our Center held Memorial Services on March 17th. John Laurence gave a short talk, saying: 'We must not relax but rather extend our efforts with new resolves, with revitalized enthusiasm. We have had the blessed privilege of a living Master in our midst. His great powers, infinitely extended now in the realm of cosmic bliss and light, are even more available to us than before, for he is yet mindful of his own.'"

SRF STUDENTS IN ROULERS, BELGIUM, wrote: "Paramhansa's life work has been wonderful and gigantic. What he has given to us—the best of his life and the greatest love of his soul—is enormous. We shall never forget it. He is no more on this earth to lead us through pitfalls of difficulties, but his SRF lessons stay, to support us daily."

SRF CENTER IN MEXICO CITY. Mr. J. M. Cuaron, leader, writes: "On Tuesday the whole meeting was dedicated to Master. I read several passages from *Whispers From Eternity*. We played Master's songs in the records we have. Then we had a long meditation on him. Afterward everyone was much comforted; most of the students felt the presence of Master in our meeting. I felt not only his presence, but the touch of his hand on my head."

SRF CENTER IN MERIDA, YUCATAN, MEXICO. Pedro Gonzales Milan, the leader, wrote: "I have cried like a child. I feel the death of our Guru more than my father's. Last evening all our members gathered to pay our respects to Master, before a picture of him (when he was young) that I had bought in oil colors. We decorated it with flowers and lighted before it a sacred fire with incense. After chanting our Guru's favorite hymns, I told a short story of Master's life from his childhood to his last days, remembering with love the last SRF Convocation at which I was present."

"On March 18th while I was meditating I felt a strong impression of Master's presence and heard an inner voice say: 'Don't cry. I shall be able to help you now more than before.'"





*(left to right) Col. Steinberg, Consul General Ahuja (with books), Mr. Dick Haymes, Miss Campbell, Ambassador Sen, Yoganandaji, at SRF headquarters, March 4, 1952. Standing near door are two monks of the Self-Realization Order.*



DR. TARAKNATH DAS, Columbia University, New York, telegraphed: "My profound sorrow at passing away of Paramhansa Yogananda. Sympathy to members of Fellowship. Peace."

SRF CENTER IN LONDON, ENGLAND. Mrs. Gertrude White, secretary, wrote: "I saw visions on March 7th I had never experienced before. I was pleased because, I thought, I was progressing spiritually. I did not understand that Master was then passing on. I feel that strange and wonderful things happened during those four days—Friday to Tuesday. The atmosphere in London was disturbed; I could sense it; and the stillness that came over everything on the eleventh was unbelievable."

Mrs. White writes later: "At the last meeting of the SRF London Center we had a long meditation on Master. Mr. Nandi gave a beautiful talk on Life. He explained that a great master like Paramhansaji would pass in full consciousness of truth because even while encased in a physical body he had always lived in truth."

SRF CENTER IN PRAGUE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA. Professor Vladimir Novicky, leader, wrote: "It is difficult to express in cold human words the depth of our grief as well as our immense gratitude to Paramhansaji, who lit for us a real and tangible light on the path and who showered on us such rich spiritual and material gifts. Every uncertainty, every trouble, and every anxious question sent to him never failed to find a quick response."

"There is no wonder that Paramhansaji departed so soon: he has actually burned himself out in the fire of his selfless service to humanity. He did titanic work. He helped many earnest seekers to find the hidden Light within, to realize their Divine Self, and even to become masters themselves. We are convinced that SRF will continue its blessed work for suffering mankind ever more intensely and successfully. May our dear Master, in the company of his grand gurus, ever watch over the work and fate of SRF."

SRF CENTER IN TAKORADI, WEST AFRICA. The leader, Mr. B. A. Laryea, wrote: "We gathered on March 23rd and sang songs to the Master's praise. In his soul we felt the spirit of Christ making known to us the right ways of life and guiding us in all our activities. We humbly suggest that the Board of Directors of SRF set apart a special day in every year to commemorate the beloved friend of all nations—Paramhansa Yogananda, a royal avatar."

SADHAN KUTIR YOGASHRAM, JHARIA, BIHAR, INDIA. The leaders of this Lahiri Mahasaya Ashram wrote: "We herewith send a message from our members, on the departure of the great Rishi Sri Sri Yogananda Paramhansa to the proper place of the yogis: At the holy disappearance of that ever-free soul, we are deprived of his direct





Master's birthday party, January 5, 1952



advice. Today we are faced with the immense responsibility of realizing the purport of his nectarlike speeches. Let us pray to his immortal soul to show us the right path in life."

**YSS ASHRAM, GHATAL, MIDNAPORE, WEST BENGAL, INDIA.** The leader, Mr. R. N. Chowdhury, wrote: "We cannot really grasp it, that the greatest preacher of India's highest ideals has left the world so early. We assembled in a condolence meeting at the Ghatal Sat-Sanga School hall on April 1, 1952 to pay our deep homage to the holy departed soul. Sixty years ago Swami Vivekananda, the great Indian monk of the Ramakrishna Order, spread in the West the high ideals of Indian philosophy; these ideals were later carried into practice by Yoganandaji by preaching the scientific process of actual meditation or *sadbhava*."

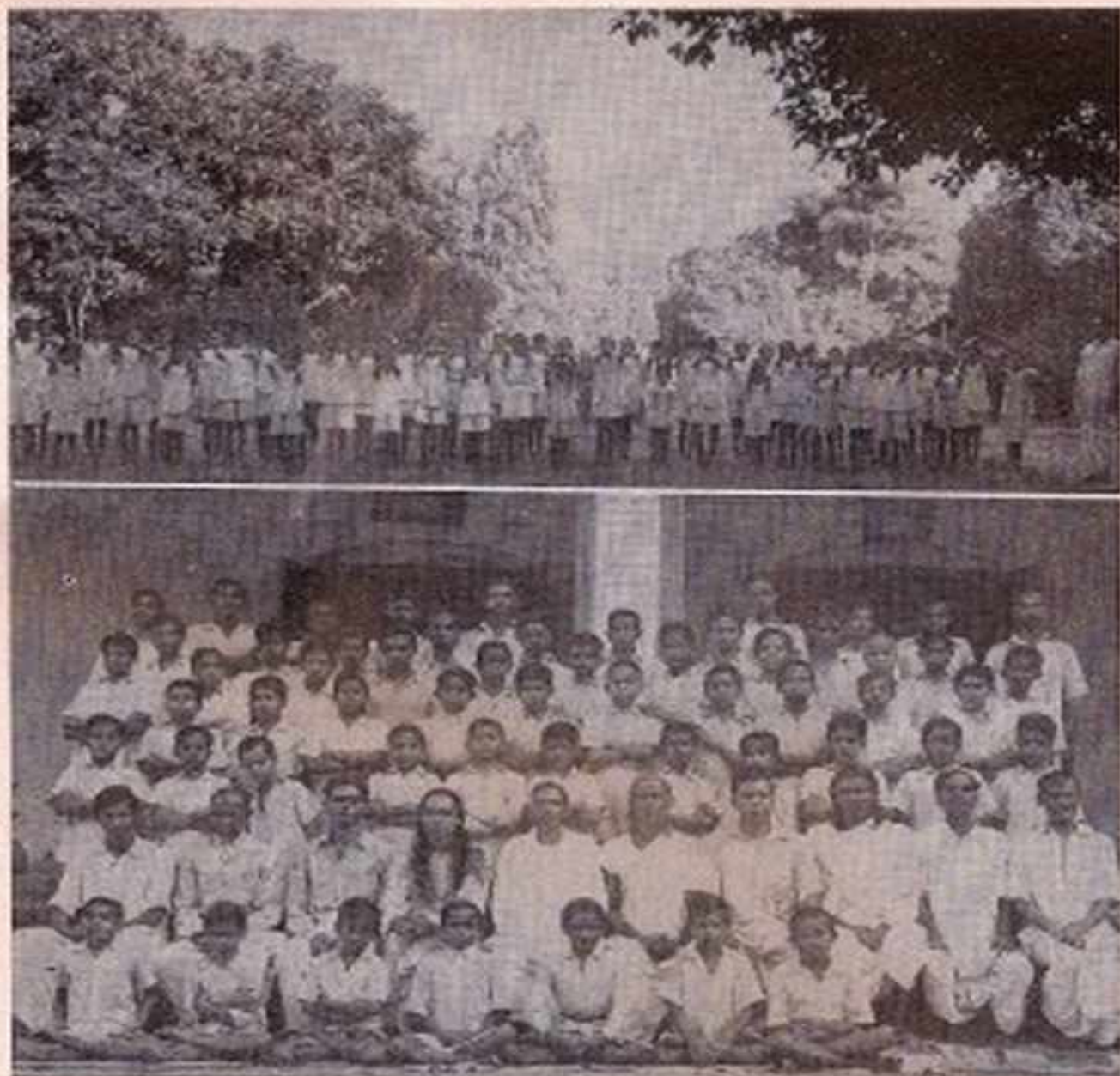
**YSS CENTER, MADRAS, INDIA.** "Yoganandaji was verily a rock—nay, a mountain of faith from which poured a perennial flow of inspirational words to touch the hearts of his many disciples. Numerous incidents in his life go to show the power of faith and prayer to accomplish good and to heal physical and mental diseases. None of us who have read his *Autobiography* can think of him as dead. He must have chosen a different plane of living to help us all more effectively. May he be showering on us his divine blessings!"

**SAB PAYECHIR ASAR, INDIA.** The secretary of Sab Payechir Asar, c/o Jugantar, Ltd., Calcutta, wrote: "The sudden passing away of Swamiji came as a rude shock to us, as to many others in India who can boast of the proud privilege of having known him and his great qualities of head and heart. Under the shadow of that national—nay, international—calamity, the members of Sab Payechir Asar assembled at a meeting on March 17th to offer homage to the departed great."

**B. C. GUHA, Damodar Valley Corporation, Calcutta, India,** wrote: "I had an unforgettable visit with Paramhansaji in America for two or three days in January, 1945. His kindness, affection, and all-embracing humanitarianism won my heart. I have no doubt that his spirit will still pervade your organization and help the unity of nations at higher and still higher levels."

**RANCHI SCHOOL (YSS Brahmacharya Vidyalaya), Ranchi, Bihar;** high school with yoga training, founded by Yoganandaji in 1918. The school is now in charge of Mr. G. C. Dey, B.A., who writes: "We the Indian disciples of Paramhansaji share your profound sorrow at the demise of our Great Gurudev who was a living God to us. Not only was he a great religious teacher, preaching the highest ideals of India's ancient culture, but also a wonderful patriot in whom India found a true son. We feel his omnipresent soul with us still, guiding us in all our right





Two 1951 photographs. (*At top*) A gathering of some of the students on the beautiful grounds of YSS Vidyalaya, boys' school at Ranchi, India; founded in 1918 by Paramhansa Yogananda.

The lower picture was taken in front of the headquarters building—formerly the palace of the Maharaja of Kasimbazar. He made many other princely donations to the YSS educational work in Ranchi. A residential high school, with yoga training, the YSS Vidyalaya maintains a Calcutta University matriculation standard. Many of the classes are held outdoors on the 23-acre site. The present Principal is Sri G. C. Dey, B.A. President of India Rajendra Prasad, Mahatma Gandhi, and many eminent educators have visited the school.



activities. We have lost the presence of his earthly body but find his spirit ever glowing within our hearts. Our Gurudev Paramhansa Yoganandaji was a living example of universal love and brotherhood, a personified spirit of unity between India and America, a true exemplar of the best in East and West."

#### TRIBUTE FROM "NEW AGE INTERPRETER"

*New Age Interpreter* of Los Angeles devoted a page of its April 1952 issue to a tribute to Paramhansa Yogananda. The article follows:

"It was a dramatic and highlighted moment that concluded the remarkable career of Swami Yogananda.\* It came March 7th in the Biltmore Hotel at Los Angeles, as he was on the platform concluding a brief talk on his favorite subject of goodwill and fraternal relations between peoples.

"Instantly the large audience rose to its feet and remained standing for a brief period of silent prayer, surrounding the Swami with the love his eloquent words had already evoked from their responsive hearts. Under such beneficent auspices it was that his spirit stepped across the border dividing the field of labor here from the sphere of activity over there.

"Swami Yogananda's work was of wide scope, of extraordinary power, and of rich productivity. On the platform and in the classroom he reached great numbers through his lifelong public ministry. His writings were extensive and his teachings attracted a following numbering millions. Among his best known works are *Whispers from Eternity* and *Autobiography of a Yogi*. The latter, published five years ago, is now in its third edition and has been translated into several languages. It relates many marvels that the author himself experienced.

"Swami Yogananda was born in India. In 1920 he came to this country as a delegate from India to the International Congress of Religions at Boston, and from then on America became his home. In 1925 he founded the Self-Realization Fellowship Church of All Religions with Western headquarters at Mount Washington, Los Angeles, which has since grown until it now embraces eighty-four centers scattered in all parts of the world. These centers are of three types: study centers, churches, and colonies. Mount Washington is a colony where dedicated ones take up residence and give their full time to the work. In California there are two other colonies, one in Hollywood and another in Encinitas.

\*His proper title, since 1935, is Paramhansa Yogananda. In December of that year his guru bestowed on him the higher monastic title of "Paramhansa."



There are also a center, church, and vegetarian restaurant in Los Angeles.

"Swami Yogananda made an outstanding cultural and spiritual contribution in furthering the cause of better understanding between East and West. He combined in a conspicuous degree the spiritual idealism of India with practical activity and ability to command material resources which is the dominant characteristic of the West. The two found in him a blend, enabling him to accomplish a work of amazing proportions in the course of no more than three brief decades. The centers he established, the great numbers he inspired to nobler living, and the ideals he planted in the common consciousness of humanity will ever remain a monument to his notable achievement. May his dynamic spirit find multiplied scope for service in the realm of larger freedom where he now functions."

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### IN YOGANANDAJI'S NAME—8000 MEALS

"To give food is good; to give a job is better. To give spiritual food is best of all," as Paramhansaaji so often said. Thus, he rejoiced at the spiritual sustenance offered by the YSS Centers in India, but was also concerned over the material plight of his people. Therefore, it is especially fitting that one of the first "Living Memorials" offered in his name should come from the Meals For Millions Foundation, Los Angeles.

Early in March the SRF Voluntary League ordered 540 pounds of MPF,\* to be distributed by the SRF-YSS medical dispensary at Ranchi, India; and the Foundation donated an additional 242 pounds. This order, totaling 782 pounds (more than 6,250 meals), was awaiting shipment when Florence Rose, Executive Secretary of the Foundation, attended the banquet at the Biltmore Hotel on March 7th. "I had never seen Paramhansa Yoganandaji before," she said later. "Of course, his spiritual magnetism was at once apparent. I was impressed by his appearance, but particularly by his manner and his way of speaking—the kindness and simplicity that are shown by all truly great people. I was so happy that our two organizations had made this useful contact—and then, that unexpected moment of tragedy! We want you all to know that the Foundation is adding 1,000 pounds of MPF to the shipment we had prepared. This is being sent as a Memorial Offering, in Paramhansa Yogananda's name."

Thus, over 8,000 meals\*\* for the hunger-stricken will be provided

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\*MPF, "Multi-Purpose Food," is a concentrated meal of soybean grits, fortified with vitamins and minerals. The work of the Meals for Millions Foundation was described on page 30 of the March-April, 1952 issue of Self-Realization Magazine.

\*\*The total shipment of 1782 pounds will provide 14,250 meals.



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H. E. BINAY R. SEN



The *India News Bulletin*, published by the Embassy of India in Washington, D.C., gives the following information about India's new Ambassador to America:

Binay Ranjan Sen, appointed by the Government of India as the new Ambassador to the U.S.A., arrived in Washington November 26, 1951. He succeeds Madame Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit.

Mr. Sen was born January 1, 1898, and was educated at Calcutta and Oxford Universities. He joined the Indian Civil Service in 1922 and held various administrative and secretariat positions under the Bengal Government, including that of Revenue Secretary. He was Director-General of Food in the Government of India during 1943-45, and was Secretary to the Department of Agriculture 1945-47. In 1947 he was India's Minister at the Washington Embassy, and represented the Government of India on several United Nations agencies. Mr. Sen led the Indian Delegation to the Economic and Social Council in February 1949 and served again as India's Minister in Washington from March 1949 to March 1950. He was then posted to Rome as Ambassador and, later, was concurrently accredited as Ambassador to Yugoslavia.

Mr. Sen married Chiroprova Chatterjee in 1931; they have three daughters. The eldest, Nandini, is being educated in America.



because Yoganandaji set an example that affected many who never even met him. That example elicits kind deeds and words: "Now," said Mrs. Rose in a letter to Sri Dey at Ranchi, "we are among those who share the feeling of loss that you and others closely associated with Paramhansa Yogananda experience."

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A sorrowing Ambassador of India gives a brief eulogy of Yoganandaji shortly after his passing. "He was born in India, he lived for India, and he died with the name of India on his lips." The banquet guests stood for several minutes in silence, to honor the great departed soul. Hotel Biltmore, Los Angeles, March 7, 1952.



## Thoughts at the Last Public Rites



Mr. Carroll W. Parcher, noted publisher of the Glendale, California, *News-Press*, devoted his editorial column on March 13th to an account of the last public rites for Paramhansaji, as follows:

"Possibly Rudyard Kipling's often quoted verse: 'Oh, East is East, and West is West, and never the twain shall meet, Till earth and sky stand presently at God's great Judgment Seat,' is as true today as when he wrote the ballad of East and West in 1889. But as you watched and heard the combined Hindu and Christian rites at the funeral of Paramhansa Yogananda, one of India's noted religious leaders and founder of the Self-Realization Fellowship, you had the feeling that here, perhaps, in the mingling of two of the world's great religious philosophies, might be found a common ground on which the twain might finally meet, after all. Rajasi Janakananda, new leader of the Fellowship, expressed the same feeling when he said that the East has much to learn from the West, which, in turn, may give to and learn from the East. Binay R. Sen, India's Ambassador to America, said much the same thing in a different way as he eulogized the Paramhansa and his devoted effort to make clear the ancient philosophies of India to the world.

"One of the passages which Swami Premananda recited from the Hindu scriptures expressed the eternal belief of men, both East and West,

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CAPTION FOR PICTURE on opposite page: H. E. Binay R. Sen, Ambassador of India; Hon. M. R. Ahuja, Consul General of India; and Dr. John A. Somerville, Los Angeles Police Commissioner, stand by Yoganandaji's bier before the chapel altar at Mt. Washington Center, SRF headquarters, Los Angeles, at the last public rites, March 11, 1932.

In his eulogy of Paramhansaji on this occasion, the Ambassador said: "Death found no victory in him." Later events proved that His Excellency's words were literally true. After death Yoganandaji's pure yogic body did not manifest the usual signs of dissolution.

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Photo by Los Angeles Times



in the eternity of the soul: 'Fire cannot burn the soul, water cannot engulf it, nor wind wither it away. Never the spirit was born; the spirit shall cease to be never.'

"Ancient Hindu rites of releasing the soul to God expressed the hopes and the beliefs of men everywhere in a life everlasting. 'By the touch of this fire, this body is purified,' the orange-robed monk chanted, touching a lighted splinter of wood to the body of the guru. 'By the touch of this water, this body is returned to its immortal nature,' he continued, and finally: 'By the touch of this sandalwood paste, this body is returned to God with devotion.'

"It may be, you felt, as you listened to the swelling of the organ notes in the universal language of music as produced by the talented fingers of Korla Pandit, and as you watched Hindus and Christians, Indians and Americans, joining together in tribute to a beloved holy man, that in the centuries to come men of different faiths can find unity in a common goal—that the East and the West may finally and happily meet."

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"Do not keep the alabaster boxes of your love and tenderness sealed up until your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweetness. Speak approving, cheering words while their ears can hear them and while their hearts can be thrilled by them."—*Henry Ward Beecher*.

"You cannot believe in honor until you have achieved it. Better keep yourself clean and bright; you are the window through which you must see the world."—*George Bernard Shaw*.

"There should be a time and place for every thing; and whatever else is done or omitted, be sure to begin and end with God."—*William Penn*.

"The human mind is so framed that when it is in healthful action, the thought of God appears in it as inevitably as a music-box plays the tune for which it was constructed."—*Ralph Waldo Emerson*.

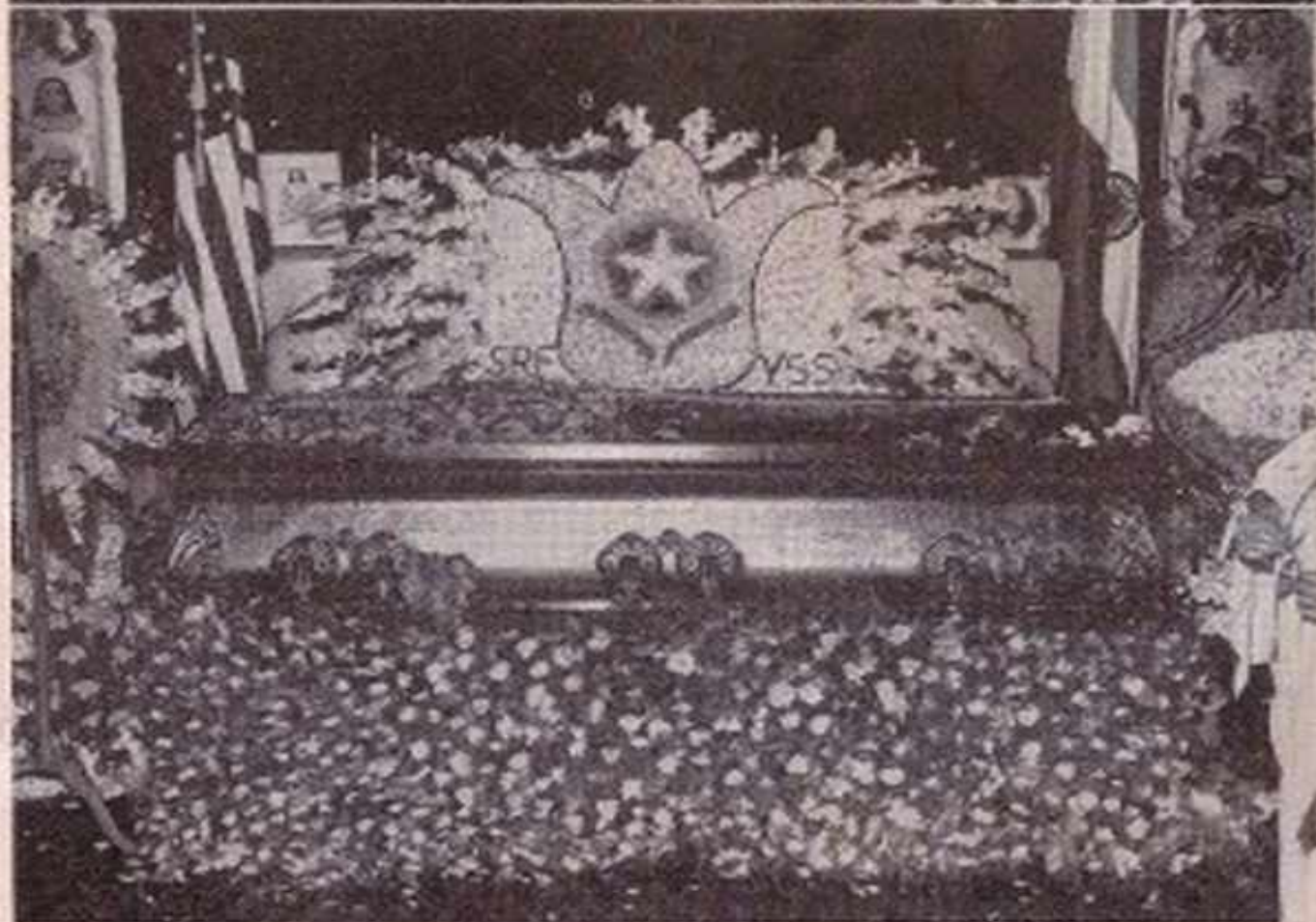
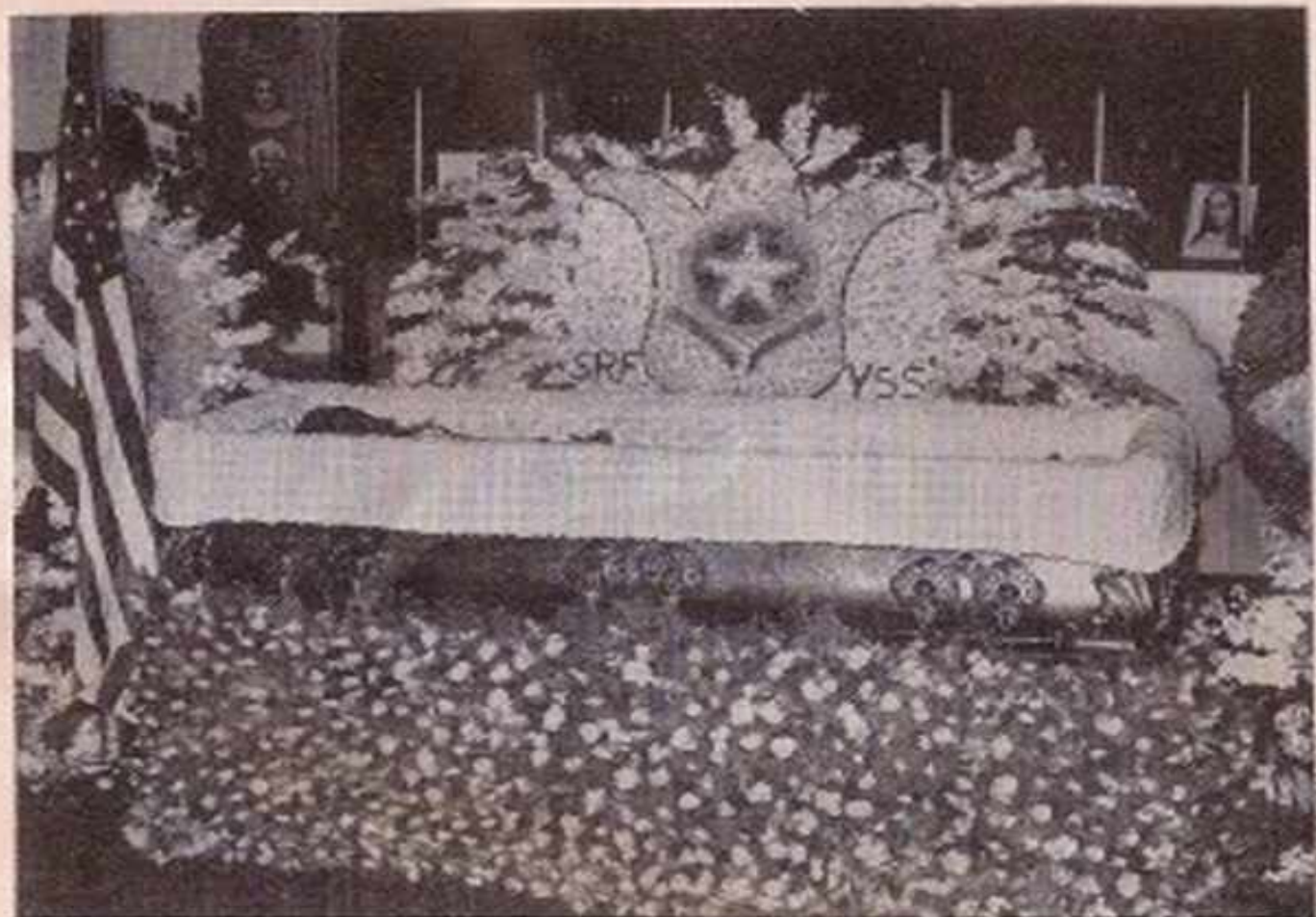
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CAPTION FOR PICTURES on opposite page: The casket with the sacred body of Paramhansa Yogananda as it appeared at the last public rites at the SRF headquarters. The upper picture shows the open casket. At the conclusion of the service the glass lid of the casket was placed in position by officers of Forest Lawn, and was never again removed.

The lower picture shows the casket after Yoganandaji's disciples had filed past it, chanting *Om Guru* and showering rose petals on the glass lid as a symbol of their eternal devotion.

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## A Letter From A Disciple



December, 1940

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

Happening to know that having to give up your room so often disturbs you, I would like to tell you some of my experiences. It was this same unhappy attitude of the mind that brought about the greatest battle of my whole spiritual life. In retrospect everything else seems easy in comparison.

I could understand why I must give up wrong things, but I did not know that the seeker for God must lay all at His feet, must hold *nothing* back. I do not remember that I ever wanted the best for myself. I was willing to share. This is the way I remember myself in the years that have passed away like a dream, leaving me nothing but peace where I remember that I lived up to my ideal; pain if, when I sit in judgment upon myself, I see that I fell short. What I could not understand was why everything must go, why things that were right, that were mine, that harmed no one, why all the dear little rights and privileges must be taken from me. But they were so taken by God.

It was during the first world war, and the day came when I compared my life to no man's land, for everything upon which I had built the happiness of my life lay in ruins at my feet. I alone was standing erect. It was God thrusting me out of a life of dependence upon small comforts to one that should be lived for Him alone.

I want to tell you that this matter of a room and a place to keep my clothes caused me a great deal of pain—such was my temperament. I had only two little places that I could call my own. These were two attics, one on each side of the house. One was cobwebby and had no window. Here I tacked a sheet to the framework of the walls and hung my clothes. In the other I put an army cot, and there in the early

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CAPTION FOR PICTURE on opposite page: Paramhansa Yogananda and SRF disciples with members of the Ambassador's party as they arrived on March 4, 1952 to visit Paramhansaji at his world headquarters. The picture is taken on the front porch of the building. (front row, left to right) Col. Steinberg, Mrs. Sharma, Mr. Omar Garrison, Mme. Sen, Dr. J. N. Sharma, Paramhansaji, Ambassador Sen, Consul General Ahuja, and Prof. M. W. Sundaram and Mr. P. L. Bhandari, both from Embassy of India, Washington, D.C.

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morning I went to meditate. All that I asked in the way of a room was just a little corner that could be mine under all circumstances.

It was during this period that a good teacher came into my life. He had heard of me from mutual friends, and came to Seattle on purpose to see me. He questioned me as to my life. I told him everything. His face, as I talked, showed intense feeling, but no pity, no indignation on my account. When I finished he said quietly, "You have nothing that is your own." And, "You must not cling to phenomena." It was as if a light—clear, white, and very bright—had been turned on in my brain. An unforgettable experience! If he had been sorry for me or tried to comfort me, if he had blamed others and said I was unfairly treated, he would not have touched me. He would not have helped me. But he recognized me as a seeker for God and he forced me to face the truth proper to my state. He cared not at all whether it was painful or not. And from that moment, I, who had been blind, *saw*. I saw that an attitude that is perfectly justifiable for a householder is poisonous for one who has stepped upon the path of complete renunciation, holding the soul in bondage. I saw that God is a relentless Master, never accepting anything short of perfection, never satisfied if only a part is laid at His feet.

We thank Thee, O Father, for Thine inexorable demands upon us. For refusing to listen to the tearful, little, complaining, whining self. And we pray Thee, deliver us from that self, that we may live in Thee.

SISTER GYANAMATA

### DIVINE HEALING

The SRF Prayer Council sends healing vibrations each day to SRF students and all others who seek help in healing and liberating themselves from the threefold suffering of man: physical disease, mental inharmonies, and spiritual ignorance.

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# A SPIRITUAL INTERPRETATION OF THE BHAGAVAD GITA

By PARAMHANSA YOGANANDA



Chapter 5, Stanza 14

## Literal Translation

*The Self does not create in men the consciousness of being doer of actions, nor does It force actions on them, nor does It entangle them with the fruits of actions. Delusive Cosmic Nature is the originator of all these (evils).*

## Spiritual Interpretation

God is the Creator of all, even of Cosmic Delusion; but it is man's response to *maya* through the misuse of the divine gift of free choice that creates in him the sense of egotism and the desire to act according to its dictates and to enjoy the fruits of actions.

When man exercises discrimination and does not respond to Cosmic Delusion, he uses his free will rightly to choose only the influence of the inner divine wisdom. Thus he escapes the punishment that results from the false conviction of being an independent doer of actions.

Ordinary individuals are guided by natural (Nature-born) tendencies that in fact are unnatural to the divinity of the soul, the perfect image of God. When the consciousness of man is one with God he finds his own consciousness to be free from the influence of Cosmic Delusion and of "human" nature. But when man succumbs to the influence of Cosmic Delusion in human nature, he finds *maya* to be



guiding and controlling his consciousness, creating physical and psychological hazards.

Nature is the consort and servitor of God. One who merges himself in the Lord finds Nature his servitor.

#### *Cosmic Delusion—A Test for Man's Free Will*

Even though the Lord is responsible for creating man and for placing him in Cosmic Delusion as present in Nature, yet He has given His sons the power of free choice—either to yield to the harmful misery-making temptations of his physical impulses and environment, or to follow the inner guidance of wisdom flowing from God. The ordinary man takes the so-called easy path of catering to his impulses, a choice that ultimately leads to the destruction of all his happiness. But the yogi uses his God-given free will to follow the inner guidance of conscience and intuitive wisdom and turns over the government of his bodily city to God; thus he regains his lost paradise.

The man identified with his body finds by self-analysis that the consciousness of egotism and the egoistical performance of all actions with the desire to enjoy their fruits originated in his error in responding to the influence of Cosmic Delusion in Nature. Not blaming the immaculate Lord as the Originator of his troubles, the wise man sees that all evils result from misuse of free choice, by which he has responded to Nature rather than God.

Even though Nature or *maya* is responsible for the sufferings emanating from man's egoistical performance of actions, nevertheless, by the use of discrimination and will power, he can turn away from Nature to Spirit, ultimately making Nature his own slave even as it is the slave of God.

The devotee can always appeal to the Lord in deepest prayer and say: "Heavenly Father, I did not wish to be created, nor did I wish to be placed in proximity to alluring evil temptations. Please, O God, since Thou created me and put me to the test of life, without consulting me, bless me that I use my power of free choice to strengthen my will and follow the path of freedom and not the path of delusion."

The divine omnipresent consciousness of the Lord is aware of all men's prayers. "He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? he that formed the eye, shall he not see? . . . he that teacheth man knowledge, shall not he know?" (*Psalms* 94:9-10.) God did not create man to suffer, but to overcome all bodily and material limitations by the unconquerable power of the soul.

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CAPTION FOR PICTURE on opposite page: Two SRF monks of the Self-Realization Order are bowed in grief near the body of Paramhansa Yogananda, their sublime guru and truest friend.

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## Tribute from Swami Sivananda

*(Sri Swami Sivananda is a great spiritual leader in India, one whose words of wisdom are revered in all parts of the land. He has sent the following beautiful letter to the SRF headquarters. It was written from his Himalayan ashram, "The Divine Life Society," in Rishikesh.)*

25th March, 1952

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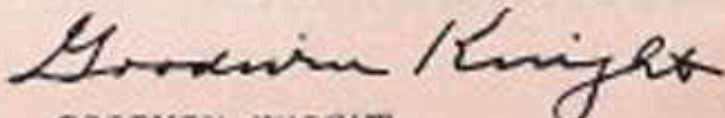
Dear Miss Wright:

Mrs. Knight and I were indeed shocked and grieved to learn of the sudden demise of our good friend, Paramhansa Yogananda.

Because of the fact that we were at Sacramento for the arduous Legislative Session, it was not possible for us to return to Los Angeles for the last rites for the beloved Master.

We would be glad if you would convey to all of those associated with Master Yogananda in his great work our sincere condolences in the irreparable loss of your leader and founder. His warm personality and kindly understanding will be sorely missed by all of those who were privileged to know him.

Sincerely and faithfully yours,



GOODWIN KNIGHT  
Lieutenant Governor





Mrs. Bhagat Singh Thind presents Mme. Sen with an orchid. Yoganandaji is shown; his gaze withdrawn, his face serious but sweet and calm. This photograph was made about a half-hour before his passing. Hotel Baltimore, March 7, 1952.



## SRF India Hall Celebration



The first anniversary of the opening of SRF India Hall, designed by Master and built by SRF disciples, was celebrated on April 7th with a banquet in the red-and-gold auditorium. More than 250 members of the Fellowship were in attendance. The gathering was presided over by Rajasi Janakananda, successor to Yoganandaji as president of SRF.

The guests were seated at four long tables that were bright with candles and spring flowers. A special feature of the Indian-American dinner was "Calcutta Croquettes." Slices of a huge white birthday cake, decorated with red roses, were served for dessert.

Talks by SRF leaders and a varied program of entertainment

followed. The beautiful voice of Miss Helena Sundgren was heard in two songs that she dedicated to Paramhansaji's memory — "Through the Years" by Vincent Youmans and "Song of India" by Rimsky-Korsakov. Mr. John Van Leeuwen of the Los Angeles Conservatory of Music played piano selections from Bach and Debussy.

Mr. Donald Walters read two of Master's poems, "When I Am Only a Dream" and "God! God! God!" Children of the SRF Sunday School sang, first in English and then in Bengali, three of Yoganandaji's chants—"In the Temple of Silence," "Under Blue Skies," and "O God Beautiful!"—as well as two Western airs, favorites of Master's, "Sitting in the Silence"



and "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Miss Eva Lorraine presented her "Youth Arts" group in a program of dance and dramatic renditions. Three numbers from "The Nutcracker" ballet were given: the Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy, the Russian Trepak, and the Arabian Dance. The closing number was a solo dance, gracefully performed by a three-year-old girl.

Short talks were given by Mr. C. Bernard and Mr. Herbert Freed. Dr. M. W. Lewis, leader at the SRF Golden World Colony in Encinitas, said: "It is indeed a privilege to say a few words in this beautiful hall, and to realize it has come into being because of the Master. I know you all feel his spirit here. He would not want us to meet in just a social way, but rather in that great love which he exemplified, and as we meet here I know we feel the great

brotherhood of man under the one common Father.

"The Fellowship will go on just the same, because Master left it in good hands. Rajasi has just one desire in his heart, one humble wish—to be an instrument through which the love of the Master can flow. I know the SRF work will grow, because of that love and because Rajasi is in tune with the Master."

Janakanandaji then spoke. Extracts from his moving talk follow:

"I am going to address you as the children of God, the children of Master, of the God that is in Master. Our guru came out of the East to the West to bring us, by the example of his life and by his spoken and written words, a divine message of conscious union with God. It was God who chose Master, incarnated him, and sent him to America, that he might bring us all closer to the Father.

"A master is not a master of



"Youth Arts" group demonstrating *asanas* (yoga postures) to the strains of *Danse Arabe* from Tchaikowsky's "Nutcracker Suite" at the second-anniversary celebration of India Hall, April 7, 1952.



somebody else; he is the master of himself. That is the truth we should recognize. We should be masters of ourselves. Even God does not try to master others. He has given life, consciousness, and free will to us, to live the divine life if we choose. We can never get away from the fact that we cannot live in peace or perfection without a sense of our oneness with God.

"The Christian scriptures give us the same teachings that Master brought to us. The words of any master bring to us the one God.

"For those of us who will make the effort, there is still the same opportunity to receive from Master the same consciousness, the same love that was here when he was present with us in the body. Since his passing our awareness of him has increased many times.\* The feeling, the realization, the power of his cosmic consciousness is so great as to be overwhelming. We should not feel that there has been any loss.

"We are still able to be in

\* "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter [Aum], that he may abide with you forever, even the Spirit of truth . . . I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you."—John 14:16-20.

communion with Master in spirit; he is with us and is manifesting Life. Do you think that God would send him and then completely withdraw him from us? Surely the Lord does not work that way. Master's coming here was the work of God, for he was chosen by Him.

"Master is our guru. There will be no other guru. Is there another preceptor? He will continue as always to be our preceptor."

### NONVIOLENCE TEACHINGS

International meetings to further the cause of nonviolence among mankind are being held in Italy. Interested people from many lands are expected to attend the next two meetings—one on September 12-13, at Perugia and Assisi; and another on December 27-28, at Florence. Further information may be had by writing to Nonviolence Center, c/o Aldo Capitini, secretary; Palazzo Comunale, Perugia, Italy.

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# FLIGHT!

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I closed my eyes and saw the skies  
Of dim opalescent infinity spread round me.  
The grey chariot of the dawn of awakening,  
Displaying searchlight eyes,  
Came and took me away.  
I zoomed through space,  
Boring through the ether of mystery.  
I passed through age-hidden spiral nebulae.  
Willy-nilly I went on and on,  
Left, right, north, south, above and below.  
I found no landing.  
I went through many tailspins of distractions,  
But I spun through limitlessness.  
I whirled through an eternal furnace of lights.  
At last, bit by bit, my plane melted  
In that transmuting flame;  
And then, bit by bit, my body melted  
In that purifying fire.  
Bit by bit my thoughts melted—  
My feelings became pure liquid light.\*

\*This poem, vague in meaning to the unenlightened mind, came forth from Yoganandaji's actual experience in *samadhi* (superconsciousness). Many times he described to his disciples his "journeys in endlessness."



## News of SRF Centers

### Los Angeles, California

#### *Last Public Rites for the Beloved Master*



A thousand mourners attended the last public rites for the beloved master, Paramhansa Yogananda. The partly Christian, partly Vedic ceremonies, conducted by Rajasi Janakananda, were held on March 11th at the Mount Washington Center. Dr. M. W. Lewis and Swami Premananda read inspiring passages from Christian and Hindu scriptures. Beautiful musical selections were played on the pipe organ by Korla Pandit. Shortly after the services had begun, a rainbow of unusually vivid colors appeared in the sky over Mount Washington.

The two-hour services, which ended at 6:00 p.m., were followed by two hours of devotional chanting by Master's disciples. A hundred yellow-robed residents of the SRF centers in southern California filed past the casket, showering the glass lid with rose petals and gaz-

ing with love on the beautiful face of their guru. A serene and spiritually uplifting atmosphere prevailed; all devotees felt Yoganandaji's holy presence among them.

At 10:00 p.m. the casket was removed to Forest Lawn Memorial Park in the nearby town of Glendale. The casket was placed in a crypt of the Forest Lawn Great Mausoleum on March 28th. SRF officers are planning to bring back Master's sacred body to the Mount Washington Center as soon as possible. A shrine will be built on a suitable spot of the twenty-five-acre grounds.

#### *Lovely Floral Tributes*

Hundreds of floral offerings were received at the SRF headquarters from Master's disciples and friends. Beautiful bouquets and sprays were sent by the numerous SRF Centers in America, Canada, and Mexico. The SRF Center in Honolulu dispatched by airplane a sheaf of anthuriums, ti leaves, and rare Hawaiian orchids. An unusual floral gift, sent by Mrs. Clarence Gasque (Mata Devi), was a gilded "tree," five feet

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CAPTION FOR PICTURES on opposite page: (*upper*) A corner of the chapel at SRF headquarters, showing the pipe organ and a few of the floral tributes. (*lower*) The flower-blanketed casket as it was carried through the lobby of Mt. Washington Center, on the evening of March 11th, on its way to Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, California. The casket will remain there until arrangements can be made for its enshrinement at SRF headquarters.

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high, whose branches were decorated with lavender orchids.

An immense blanket of green ferns, blue irises, and yellow roses, the gift of Rajasi Janakananda, was placed in front of the casket in the chapel. On the altar, behind the casket, stood a huge arrangement of flowers that depicted the SRF symbol—the white star of the spiritual eye encircled in blue and gold and set within the outline of a lotus flower. The motif of this floral piece, which was sent by the members of the SRF Church in Hollywood, was carried out in white gladioli, white stocks, blue delphiniums, and yellow daffodils.

Two large floral tributes from Master's disciples at Mount Washington were placed near the head and foot of the casket. One was a circular arrangement of white, blue, and yellow flowers to represent the omniscient spiritual eye; the other was an outline in white stocks of a graceful swan against a background of blue delphiniums.

Lovely flowers were received from many of Paramhansaji's countrymen. The orange, white, and green colors of India's flag were displayed in the floral arrangement sent by Consul General Ahuja and Ambassador Sen. The large green wreath was decorated with orange tulips, orange bird-of-paradise flowers, and white gardenias.

#### *Beautiful Bronze Casket*

The casket in which Master's sacred body was placed is a masterpiece in construction, design,

and beauty. No detail was overlooked in the planning of the sarcophagus, no effort spared in the creation of an enduring memorial. Built of solid phosphorous bronze, it is cast in only two pieces—body and top. The top molding is gracefully embellished with plastic ornamentation, which is skillfully blended with artistically sculptured corners and handle mounts—all integral parts of the main body.

The handsomely upholstered interior of the casket displays a tufted silk crepe (a faille type of weave), finished to the last minute detail. It is padded with a sub-mattress and an additional top mattress; there are also a pillow and footrest. The sarcophagus is made airtight and watertight by the use of strong sealing clamps, rubber gaskets, and cement sealer.

#### *Korla Pandit TV Program*

Korla Pandit, Hindu musician, dedicated his TV program on March 11th to the memory of Paramhansaji. Many times Master had enjoyed listening to the beautiful organ selections of Mr. Pandit, who appeared daily over the American Broadcasting Company's KECA-TV, Channel 7. On March 11th the noted musician presented "O God Beautiful!"—an ancient Hindu chant much loved by Yoginandaji. Readings on the popular program included Master's triumphant poem, "My Soul is Marching On," and a quatrain from Omar Khayyam, as follows:





Paramhansaji chats with Dr. J. N. Sharma, noted Indian scientist, at SRF headquarters, March 4, 1952.

Dr. Sharma, former president of India Association, conducts research work in biochemistry at his laboratory in Santa Monica, California. He holds key patents on many of the food-processing methods used today in America.



## SRF CONVOCATION

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The traditional SRF Garden Party will again climax the Convocation events. A Pilgrimage Tour of the SRF colonies in southern California is offered on July 28th.

*Leaflet on Request*



With them the seed of wisdom  
did I sow,  
And with my own hands labored  
it to grow;  
And this was all the harvest that  
I reaped—  
"I came like water, and like wind  
I go."

*Master's Interpretation*

Many years ago Paramhansaji interpreted those lines, as follows:

"At last with the help of the Masters of Self-realization I procured the seed of wisdom. I sowed it in the garden of my mind and ploughed deep furrows of devotion. I regularly sprinkled the wisdom-seed with the waters of daily silence and deep concentration, that it might grow and bear the ever-fragrant fiery flower of immortality. At last I reaped the divine harvest, vaster beyond the imagination of all my expectations for the little spiritual effort I had made.

"My mind was a river of material desire floating on the tracts of matter. Now the warmth of the fragrant divine fire has evaporated the waters of my life and changed it to a mighty wind of power spreading over the skiey bosom of God.

"The seed of wisdom is implanted by the guru or master of Self-realization, but the soil or receptivity and power of growth must be supplied by the devotee.

"Weak, restless, and mentally unstable, we, like water, remain earth-bound. But when our souls become spiritualized by medita-

tion, we soar like the wind in the omnipresence of space."

*Memorial Concert*

A memorial concert dedicated to Paramhansaji was given on April 2nd at the Mt. Washington headquarters by Mrs. Gladys Kendall and Dr. Antonia Brice. The program, which was for two pianos, included music by Tschai-kowsky, Gliere, De Falla, Saint-Saens, Debussy, Ravel, Bach, and Handel.

*"Youth Axis" in Premiere  
of New Ballet, "Mukunda"*

A new symbolic ballet had its premiere on June 20th at the Wilshire Ebell Theater in Los Angeles. The ballet, "Mukunda," is dedicated to Paramhansa Yogananda (whose pre-monastic name was Mukunda) and was inspired by an incident of his childhood. Readers of his *Autobiography of a Yogi* will recall the kite incident in Lahore — the two kites that broke free from their owners and sailed to the roof where Mukunda stood, as though in answer to his prayer to the Divine Mother.

Many of the variations were composed by the ballet children themselves, even on such deep themes as knocking at the door of creation and conversing with all nature.

The following report is taken from the *Los Angeles Times*:

"A very tiny little girl announced to the audience of the Wilshire Ebell Theater last night that 'a little girl or boy with art as a hobby



never becomes a problem. That is our motto.' Her name was Camille Macfarland and she was mistress of ceremonies for the first California Children's Ballet Company, presented by Youth Arts, organized and directed by Eva Lorraine.

"The ballet company is made up entirely of children ranging in age from 3½ to 12 years. Its purpose is 'to assist children to attain, through the higher expressive arts, their own true Self-realization.'

"Judging from the performance given by these children, one came away with the impression that Miss Lorraine is having gratifying success in her endeavors. The children all seem to be perfectly attuned to their tasks and it was amazing to

behold how even the smallest was entirely serious and concentrated in carrying out her steps and turns.

"One could not help admiring the sense of rhythm, the physical coordination, the grace and skill these children displayed, and once again it became clear what an abundant amount of talent of all kinds one finds among youngsters.

"The program was quite formidable and there was a lot to do and a lot to remember for everyone. About a dozen solo numbers were distributed between the two large ballets of the evening, the 'Nutcracker,' music by Tchaikowsky, and 'Mukunda,' a symbolic ballet written around children's games to music by various composers."



(left to right) Ambassador Sen, Colonel Steinberg, Mme. Sen, SRF minister Mr. C. Bernard. His Excellency looks over a piece of SRF literature in the spacious office at the Mt. Washington Center, March 4, 1952.



**Long Beach, Calif.**  
*"A Night In India"*

A program of Indian song, dance, music, and drama wove a delightful spell over an enthusiastic audience that attended an SRF presentation of "A Night in India" on June 14th at the Wilma Hastings Auditorium in Long Beach, California. The entire program was planned, and for the most part executed, by SRF renunciate disciples and students.

Rev. William Brown, minister of the Long Beach SRF Chapel, welcomed the guests and introduced the artists. Among the latter were Miss Helena Sundgren, a featured soloist with the Roger Wagner Chorale of Los Angeles, whose renditions of "Song of India," by Rimsky-Korsakov, and "He Shall Feed His Flock," from Handel's *The Messiah*, brought first a hush of silent appreciation over the house, then a responsive burst of applause.

Najin Poojara, a student at the University of California, Los Angeles, appeared next on the program, playing the *sitar*, an Indian stringed instrument.

Miss Sushila Janadas, featured dancer on many stage and television shows, gave generously of her time and artistry, performing "Malike" (the garland dance), and "Diwali" (the dance of the lights), in which the dancer, on a darkened stage, carried a lighted candle in the palm of each gesturing hand.

Rev. Herbert Freed, minister of the Phoenix SRF Church, gave a

brief explanation of the yoga postures, or *asanas*, which were demonstrated by Master Jan Savage, a member of the SRF Hollywood Church Sunday School. The *asanas* were then performed to music by the Misses Patricia Craig and Sharon Stewart, also of the SRF Sunday School, and by members of "Youth Arts," the first California children's ballet company.

After a brief intermission Miss Sundgren returned for another solo, "The Nightingale and the Rose," by Rimsky-Korsakov. This beautiful number was followed by a short dramatic piece, "The Song of the Sadhu," composed by monks of the SRF Order. Taking part in this charming depiction of the spirituality of life in rural India were Rev. Roland Stevenson, Mr. Leland Standing, Mr. Carmen Johnson, Rev. Herbert Freed, Master Jan Savage, Master Tommy Fedele, and Rev. Donald Walters. Miss Sundgren portrayed in song the voice of Kali (the Divine Mother aspect of God); and Sushila Janadas, accompanied by Najin Poojara on the *sitar*, portrayed Mother Kali's dance of creation in the halls of space.

*An Evening of Music*

Eighty renunciate disciples of the SRF Order, representing the Mt. Washington, Encinitas, and Hollywood colonies, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Korla Pandit at a concert of organ and piano music given by Mr. Pandit on May 23rd at the Long Beach Municipal Auditorium. The program consisted of both classical and semi-classical



music, interwoven with the narration of poetry and extracts from India's ancient literature. Mr. Pandit's amazing skill in creating orchestral sounds and the effect of Indian drums on the electric organ highlighted several numbers. The program also included two dances by Bhupesh Guha, complemented by Mr. Pandit's organ renditions of Indian music for drums and stringed instruments, and by striking lighting effects.

#### **Phoenix, Arizona**

Fourteen nations were represented in a Day of Nations Festival on June 12th at Phoenix, Arizona. More than 3,000 spectators were present. The program, which featured songs and dances of various countries, and dramatic pieces, also included a demonstration of yoga asanas by Rev. Roy Davis of the SRF Phoenix Church.

#### **Ranchi, Bihar, India**

Yogoda Sat-Sanga Brahmacharya Vidyalaya, boys' school founded by Yoganandaji in 1918 at Ranchi, was closed for seven days, from March 10th through March 16th, to observe mourning for the passing of the great guru. The students of the Vidyalaya observed a day of fasting, with prayers and songs in honor of the revered Master, whom they were not privileged to see in person but whose magnetic love they feel when they kneel in prayer before his photo each morning and evening.

The disciples of Paramhansaji, and other devotees and members of

the Yogoda Sat-Sanga Ashram at Ranchi, observed a ten-day mourning period, following the strict disciplines and rituals enjoined by the Hindu scriptures.

On March 18th a special memorial service was held. The prayer hall was decorated with flowers and green leaves; the picture of Master was beautifully garlanded, and sweet-smelling flowers were heaped on the raised platform. Incense, symbolizing purity, was burned, adding to the prayerful mood of the devotees.

Special prayers were offered, with chanting of ancient Sanskrit scrip-



A colored photograph of Yoganandaji is garlanded with love at the Memorial Service held in Yogoda Math, Dakshineswar, India.



tures and devotional songs. This was followed by *homa-jaanya* (burning of sacrificial fire) and chanting of Vedic *mantras* (chants). The entire *Bhagavad Gita* was read aloud, followed by *kirtan* (the singing of loving songs to God).

At noon *sannyasis* (wandering renunciates), mendicants, and beggars (*daridra-narayan*) were fed. *Prasada* (food offered to God) was distributed among the YSS devotees, who numbered about 200. In the afternoon several chapters from Paramhansa Yoganandaji's *Autobiography of a Yogi* were read to the assemblage.

On the following day, March

19th, another large gathering was held at the Vidyalaya under the leadership of S. Ram Kishore Roy, at which time the events of Paramhansaji's holy life were reviewed.

Taking part in this function were: S. Ram Kishore Roy, YSS Director; Lt. Col. A. K. Ghosh, Chief Medical Officer, YSS Sevasram (Home of Service); Probodh Chandra Mukherjee, Officer, Forest Dept., Government of Bihar; Sasanka Shekher Chakraverty, Zaminder; B. N. Sayaya, Munsiff, Ranchi; Mr. Amar Nath Jahar, Chief Electric Engineer, Ranchi; Mr. A. B. Saran, Superintendent, Ranchi Technical School; S. Bish-



A view of the interior of SRF Church of All Religions, Hollywood, California; designed by Paramhansaji and built by SRF disciples in 1942.



nu Dutt Bhargav, Chief Engineer, R. K. Budhia & Sons; Prof. Manash Ranjan Banerjee, St. Xavier's College, Ranchi; F. N. Aikat and H. L. Mukherjee, government contractors; and Mr. Dinanath Singh, Municipal Commissioner, Ranchi.

### **Accra, Gold Coast, W. Africa**

A report has just been received at the Mount Washington headquarters from Mr. James Ampah.

"As the first Monday in every August is declared by the government a public holiday, we took that opportunity (in 1951) to celebrate the second anniversary of the SRF Accra Center. Although the Accra Center has been in existence since 1947, it took three years of hard work and sacrifice officially to establish it," Mr. Ampah writes.

"Invitations were sent out to the other SRF African branch centers, and although all members could not be present, the attendance by the Accra members was very good.

"The committee who took charge of the 1951 August Rally did splendidly with the arrangements for the chapel and its beautiful decorations. The rally started Saturday evening, August 4th, with an all-night meditation service conducted by Mr. J. M. A. Sackeyfio. All felt in common the divine joy and bliss of God sweeping over them.

"The following day an early morning service was conducted, followed by a brief recess. At about 8:30 a.m. the fruits and vegetables that had been voluntarily brought by the members were blessed by the

Conducting Teacher. Miss M. S. Netley and Miss L. Brown then gave a cooking demonstration.

"At 10:00 a.m. spiritual recordings were played; some members remained in silence, others hummed and chanted with the music. The Conducting Teacher gave an inspiring metaphysical sermon at 11:00.

"At 2:30 p.m. there was a banquet, with Mr. E. E. Y. Okwei serving as Master of Ceremonies.

"This was the last SRF Rally held by my Center before my final departure from Accra, on transfer to Cape Coast. Since then I have had the opportunity to reunite with my brothers during the 1952 Easter holidays, and the report of those meetings will soon follow. *Pronam.*"

### **Master's Beloved Book**

"As soon as I read *Autobiography of a Yogi* I knew that my quest for a guru was ended. Yoganandaji places the love of God before all other aims, and his knowledge and wisdom are illumined by his love. I am truly grateful and happy that I am to be a student of this saintly master."—F.K., Natal, So. Africa.

"In your *Autobiography* you have made yoga alive to me, revealing its breath-taking possibilities. The drawing of the Mahavatar Babaji has made on me a deep impression."—P.E., Copenhagen, Denmark.

"The book has given me a spiritual renewal impossible to put into words, but inspiring me to feel that at last I have found the path upon which I can, and shall, reach the Kingdom."—S.C.L., Los Angeles.



## TO GURUJI

By Grace Thompson Seton



A saint has trod our paths, smiled  
on these hills,  
Planted these roses in the desert  
sands,  
Interpreted for us these sacred  
books  
And for us built these walls of  
stone and mortar—  
Man's temples for worship of the  
Father.

Dear Swan of Heaven,\* you made  
us know  
Love and charity, goodness incar-  
nate,  
No longer can we wear the old  
drab cape  
Of ignorance and selfishness and  
grief.  
Now we must weave a shimmer-  
ing girdle  
Of God-born thoughts you ever  
sought to spread  
Among the thousands of your  
straying ones  
Plodding the human path of Cal-  
vary.

Bless us with your ever-guiding  
love,  
The perfume of your teaching,  
Attar, pure, flowing  
From the Infinite. . .  
This we may treasure  
In the full chalice  
Of rememberings.

\* Paramhansa, "Supreme Swan."

Lift high our vision,  
We who touched the hem  
Of your robe of godly life  
Shall not forget.

## VISIONS OF THE GURU

Many SRF students have writ-  
ten to headquarters to tell of their  
visions of Master. While true  
(superconscious) visions are rare,  
there was undoubtedly a great  
heightening of spiritual awareness  
among Paramhansaji's devotees  
around the time of his passing.  
Many saw him in truth and not  
in imagination.

Mrs. Grace Thompson Seton,  
noted author, and a disciple of  
Master's for more than twenty  
years, writes from Miami Beach,  
Florida:

### *The Radiant Master*

"On March 11th, at the time of  
the services in Los Angeles, I was  
meditating here before Master's  
photograph and a silver box con-  
taining rose leaves from the *Kriya*  
initiation. The picture and box  
were encircled in fresh red roses.  
Suddenly I was in the chapel at  
Mt. Washington. I saw all the  
disciples dimly in the background,  
as I stood beside the coffin. Mas-  
ter was standing, his right hand  
upraised, in front of the coffin  
and about three feet away from  
it, blessing all who passed by.  
They went between him and his  
'shell' in the coffin. He was radiant.  
He blessed me as I passed, and  
blessed the roses around his pic-  
ture too—for I was in both places  
at once, in a fourth-dimensional  
sense."



Mr. James E. Ampah of Cape Coast, Gold Coast, West Africa, who is executive secretary and treasurer of the SRF African Branches, wrote on April 4th:

*Testimony from West Africa*

"On receipt of the cablegram on March 10th, I relayed the news by telegrams to all SRF Centers in the country, that they might observe funeral services on the eleventh for our beloved Master. On Tuesday, March 11th, about 4:30 p.m., I entered into quiet meditation with the divine determination that I should be permitted to see Gururaj's face to console my soul.

"One and a half hours passed in this sacred quest, when suddenly I found myself among the SRF members and mourners of Gururaj at Mt. Washington. It was a solemn occasion, but the beautiful expression on Master's face as he lay in the coffin gave me such joy that I shouted: 'He is not dead; he is with my Great Guru Babaji!'

"At my shout my little daughter came in and tapped me on the shoulder. The vision ended.

"The passing of Master has created a great sensation here. Streams of letters have been pouring in to the center. Gururaj, in very truth, performed selfless service from the beginning of his life up to the end of it. Lecturing about God and dying in God have indeed demonstrated his faithfulness to suffering humanity.

"Master was able to work out some of the karma of those of us whose feet are just entering the deep river of truth. Like Christ, Gururaj has fulfilled his mission on earth. As John the Baptist was a herald for the coming of Christ, so Gururaj prepared the way of the Truth for us to follow, to receive the same Christ Consciousness that was in Jesus.

"When I first read in the January-February issue of the magazine about the demise of Sister Gyanamata and the part that Paramhansaji had played in the drama of this saintly sister's life, I intuitively felt that Gururaj had been withholding her from death in order that he and she might travel on together.

"As Sister's body could no longer bear the strain of the world karma, she was released. A great soul like Sister has completed her mission. But a greater soul, in the person of Gururaj, has left us a priceless heritage in the SRF lessons. I always find him in my lessons and in that great book, *Autobiography of a Yogi*.

"A special Memorial Service will be held at Easter, April 11-13th, at Nsawam. There holy tributes will be paid by all SRF disciples in honor of Gururaj. Paramhansaji has gained access to the purely spiritual world. May we also find joy in his work well done."



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Conducting Teacher, Mr. H. J. Chang, 3422 Kilauea Ave., Honolulu. Phone 75814. For information, please call Mr. Chang.

##### **(American Group)**

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#### **Dakshineswar, Bengal, India**

Yogoda Math (Self-Realization Fellowship Hermitage) on the Ganges River near Calcutta. Brahmachari Sri Prokas in charge. The Headquarters of Yogoda Sat-Sanga Society (Self-Realization Fellowship) and Shyama Charan Lahiri Mahasaya Mission. Rajasi Janakananda, president; Swami Satyananda Giri, spiritual acharya; Prabhas Chandra Ghose, vice-president; Brahmachari Sri Prokas, Secretary.

Address: Yogoda Math, Dakshineswar, P. O. Ariadahn, 24 Parganas, Bengal, India.

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The body of the blessed master as it lay on his bed at the Mt. Washington headquarters three days after his *mahatma*. Even twenty days after death his body manifested no corruption.





Mrs. Sen and Paramhansa Yogananda, at a banquet held in honor of Mr. Binay R. Sen, Ambassador of India, Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, March 7, 1952. Photograph taken an hour before Yoganandaji's death.