

To wed Irish bride in Dublin ceremony

A Durban father, Mr. K. Lalloo, of Merebank, will leave for Dublin this month taking with him an expensive Benares sari and Grey Street-made Indian jewellery as gifts from his wife

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The bride will wear sari and jewellery, and the wedding ceremony will be performed in accordance with Hindu rites by a Hindu priest from London.

The wedding at Dublin's Kenilworth Club, is expected to be colourful. It is believed that it will be the first Hindu ceremony of its kind to take place in Ireland.



MR. RANJITH LALLOO and his Irish fiancée who will marry according to Hindu rites in Dublin next month.

for their Irish-born future daughter-in-law.

Mr. Ranjith Lalloo, who last year qualified as a pharmacist at the University College, Dublin, will marry his Irish fiancée, Miss Emily Hancock, a former speech and drama student, on October 3.

Mr. Lalloo, who travelled widely overseas two years ago, has sent 250 special invitations to friends he made during his tour.

Purchase Price

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Using the group areas legislation, the Government has forcibly dispossessed thousands of non-whites of their properties. It paid them pittance by way of compensation or as 'purchase price' in the compulsorily 'voluntary' sales. Now in Queensburgh, it is poised to make millions out of former Indian properties.

In block AK, in Durban's Greyville area, by the despicable device of first proclaiming, then 'freezing' and then expropriating, the Government has taken over all the Indian-owned properties. And offers the ridiculously low (taking projected development by other agencies into account) price of R6 per sq. ft. which the S.A.I.C. Executive Chairman, Mr. A. M. Rajab, advises people to accept.

We predict that within five years, commercial land in Block A.K. will be sold to Whites at not less than R20 per sq. ft. Mr. Sultan and his S.A.I.C. colleagues can try and square that with separate development.

DURBAN

I DON'T SUPPOSE there actually were any shell-shocked fugitives from Amman recuperating in Durban this week — but had there been, Thursday would have been relapse night.

Grey Street, axis of the Indian quarter, was intermittently lit by explosions. Hardly anyone braved the streets — and those who did darted from doorway to doorway like commandos being sneaky.

The smell of cordite was in the air, acrid smoke burned the lungs, and detonations could be heard on the Berea, miles away.

But this was no street

battle. It was, bewilderingly, the Hindu festival of peace, called Deepavali. Hindu families raged the festival as similar to Christian Christmas and the Muslim Ramadan. It is a happy occasion — and it came in and went out with the traditional bang.

When the youngsters had used up all their crackers and gone to bed, when the smoke had drifted off over the bay to puzzle White suburbia with its smell, when people could safely return to the streets and dogs quivered out of hysteria

— then, the true feeling of the festival became evident.

Hundreds of thousands of candles flickered their light through wealthy and humble window panes, right across the city. Out of sight in the shadows, people pondered, reaffirming their beliefs, comfortable in the knowledge that their faith was not misplaced.

The devout prayed that light, symbolised by their candles, would disbel darkness — and the evil forces they believe conceal them-

selves in it.

Two thoughts might strike a White who wandered into the Indian quarter on Thursday night. One was that Durban is as much an Eastern city as a Western one—both Whites and Indians are exotic imports, and Indians outnumber Whites.

And the second is that many of the little candles would be burning in the windows of some homes for the last time. Hundreds of notices to quit were issued only two weeks ago under Group Areas legislation.

DENNIS GORDON

reporting

Hindus pray for peace

Rand Daily Mail 2/11/70

INDIAN FINED FOR MONEY OFFENCE

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A DURBAN INDIAN who attempted to smuggle R5 000, £117 in English currency and 83 American dollars, through the Louis Botha Airport customs in a money belt was yesterday fined R500 (or six months) at the Durban Criminal Sessions.

Rampal Singh (65) pleaded guilty before Mr Justice Friedman to contravening the Currency Control regulations on April 20.

It was alleged by the State that Singh failed to declare a banknote and foreign currency when passing through customs on his way to India.

Mr Justice Friedman said he found it rather alarming that, according to Singh, there was apparently a general feeling that the Currency Control Regulations could be contravened with impunity due to a lack of proper control by customs officials.

"Whether that is so or not, I do not know. Apparently that is what you were lead to believe when you decided to take this money out of the country," said the judge.

SERIOUS

The offence was regarded by the legislature as extremely serious. This was shown by the penalty provided for — a maximum fine of R10 000 of five years imprisonment or both.

Singh was a law-abiding citizen and this was the first occasion on which he had been before the courts.

"I am also satisfied that the offence was committed not for personal gain but out of a

charitable feeling for relatives you had traced in India and whom you wished to help," said Mr Justice Friedman.

It was clear Singh regretted very much what he had done. He admitted he had taken a chance and been found out. On the other hand, the interests of the State demanded that offences of this nature should not be lightly dealt with.

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Leonard Hanreck . . .

MASTER OF A DYING ART

FOR centuries past man has worked gold and silver by hand, fashioning intricate shapes to adorn women. But with the advent of machinery and mass production, the work of craftsmen is fast disappearing.

Most cities still have their quota of manufacturing jewelers however, who keep up a steady flow of the traditional bracelets, earrings and rings. There is one young Durban craftsman who makes more unusual shapes from his precious metals in his spare time, selling the results through the Mad Yak.

If you ask the girl behind the counter for one of 18-year-old Leonard Hanreck's Aum pendants however, she'll insist that you meet Leonard before you have one made.

"The Aum sign is a very powerful one with great religious significance for many people," Leonard says.

"So many people want Aum or Ankh signs merely because everyone's wearing them and they want to join the cult. I like to speak to the prospective buyer first and see if the sign will mean enough to him before he can have it. There have been occasions when I've refused to make a person the piece of jewellery he wants."

Leonard, who has been apprenticed to a local jeweller for the past two years, charges only a nominal price for the jewellery.

LEONARD, and some of the silver work done in his spare time. On the extreme right is an Ankh, similar to the Maltese cross (the Pharonic symbol of eternal life) lying next to a small Aum sign. The large symbol is attached to a leather cord and is Leonard's own talisman. The three-piece ring features an Aum sign, an abstract design and the planetary sign of Virgo.



BLOCK AK CONTROVERSY

Row looms on land valuations

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Political Correspondent

DURBAN'S Block AK controversy flared into life again today with the discovery of huge differences in the valuations laid down by the Department of Community Development for similar properties in the area.

This was disclosed by Mr. Eric Winchester, MP for Port Natal, and confirmed by leading city estate agents.

The latest in a series of rows over the Department's activities in the area, it threatens to hold up redevelopment plans for years as angry property owners seek redress in arbitration courts.

A prominent Durban estate agent said: "We have just received the department's valuations for properties in Block AK and they are utterly ridiculous. They range from R1.70 a square foot to R10 a square foot for almost identical properties.

"In one case one property is valued at R1.70 a square foot, while the property adjoining it, with identical rights and servitudes, is valued at R3.80 a square foot.

"In another section in the block, two adjoining plots are valued at R10 a square foot and R5.10 a square foot respectively."

BLAME

Agents blamed the "sheer inefficiency" of the department's valuers for the problem and warned: "They will not get away with this easily. The department is dealing with White people here — not voteless Indians or Africans." The controversy over Block

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AK landowners advised: don't sell for peanuts

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Political Reporter

INDIAN landowners in Durban's controversial Block AK, Greyville, have been urged to make representations to the Department of Community Development to obtain the best price for their land possible by the chairman of the Indian Council, Mr. A. M. Rajab.

This follows an award handed down by Mr. Justice Caney to Dr. A. Babooli, last week, when he was awarded R6 000 more than the Community Development Board had originally offered.

Mr. Rajab said that it was in the people's interest to get as much as they could before January 31, 1972, because if the Act were not repealed before then (and the Indian Council has made representations for it to be repealed) the department would take 50 per cent. of any difference between the basic value of the land and the eventual price.

Apart from this, Mr. Rajab conceded that in view of the latest award, there would probably be a spate of applications to consult an arbitrator. He was backed in this observation by estate agents who said that the recent award had obviously raised the hopes of Indians.

It has also been suggested

activities of the department, said yesterday afternoon that except where the department's valuation was reasonable, "and this is the exception," property owners of any race group should take the department to arbitration.

UNJUST

Referring to the fact that after January 31, 1972 half of any profits over the original valuation would have to be paid to the Government, Mr. Winchester said that with mounting public opinion against community development, it would be hard put to it to re-impose such an "obviously unjust measure."

"What makes it more unjust is the fact that building costs are mounting in leaps and bounds, and avail-

able ground is becoming difficult to find."

Part of Block AK has a frontage facing the new Durban Station, and it is believed that property owners in Umani Road, between Sontsoku Road and Greyville Station, have asked the department for as much as R20 a square foot.

Mr. Rajab, who says he owns property in this area, points out that in time to come, these sites will be extremely valuable. However, the department's highest offer to date has been R7.50 a square foot.

Mr. Rajab added that it was difficult to say that property in the area was worth "X rands a square foot" as different circumstances existed in different places.

'NO SURPRISE' OVER AWARD BY JUDGE

"Mercury" Reporter

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IT came as "no surprise" to Mr. Eric Winchester, MP for Port Natal, that a Durban judge had awarded an Indian family R6 000 more for their property in Block AK, Greyville, than the Community Development Board had originally offered.

"In fact," said Mr. Winchester, "I would have been surprised if an award had not been made."

He was commenting on a report that Mr. Justice Caney had awarded the family of Dr. A. Babooli R31 000 for their property in North Street. This was R6 000 more than the Board had originally offered.

this is that it is creating unnecessary work for these courts. This means that the taxpayer will be footing the bill for the cost of legal action involving the Community Development Board. The taxpayer pays through the nose for the Board's unrealistic methods of valuation," added Mr. Winchester.

UNREALISTIC

Mr. Winchester said that many of the valuations of property made by the Board were "unrealistic."

"What is unfortunate is that many of the people who have been affected have not had the means to go to arbitration.

"Those who do will keep the arbitration courts busy for months. One aspect of



THE annual Hindu Festival of Lights was celebrated at Reservoir Hills yesterday by a new Durban Hindu society—the Raam Rasaayan Sanathan Dharma Sangton. Yesterday's ceremony was part of the society's drive to promote Hindu culture in Durban. In the picture, Mr. Soni Bhai sings and plays an accordion-type instrument accompanied by a choir in a piece of religious music.

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Block ^{District} AK

AK — originally a predominantly Indian-owned area bordered by Greyville race-course, Umgeni Road, Epsom Road and Kent Road — has raged almost continually ever since it was declared "White" in 1963.

Soon after the group areas declaration, white speculators began buying the Indian-owned properties. Then, in October, 1968, the department froze the area for 10 years and, in a surprise move 14 months later, it began expropriating all properties — White and Indian-owned.

BACKED DOWN

The Minister of Community Development, Mr. Blaar Coetzee, entered the row when, more than six months later, property owners claimed they had not been paid for the land they were forced to sell.

Mr. Coetzee claimed they had been paid. Later he was forced to back down and admitted in Parliament that no compensation had been paid for the expropriated land.

He was forced to back down again in October this year when he accused the Durban Chamber of Commerce of "indulging in politics" when they claimed about the non-payment of compensation. He later apologised in a letter described by the chamber as "a handsome retraction."

Now estate agents have disclosed that the valuation of the 393 properties in Block AK — about 100 are White-owned — had only just been completed by the department.

Mr. Winchester, an expert on the activities of the department, said: "Despite all Mr. Coetzee's past assurances, the department is only now telling the property owners what their land is worth."

He added: "This time there is going to be real trouble. For years non-Whites who have had their land expropriated by the department have complained about the department's totally unrealistic valuations. No-one has listened to them."

"Now, however, the department is dealing with White people — voters — and they will find they are not going to get away with it so easily."

HINDU WEDDING RITES IN IRISH CAPITAL



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MR. RANJITH LALLOO, of Merebank, Durban, and his Irish bride, Emily, performing the Hindu havan wedding rites at their marriage in Dublin, Ireland, recently.

The groom, a Dublin-trained pharmacist, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Laloo, of Merebank, and the bride, a former speech and drama student, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Hancock, of Dublin.

Mr. Laloo, who is prominent in Durban Hindu cultural fields, flew to Ireland; blessed the couple; presented his Irish daughter-in-law with expensive Benares saris and jewellery; and provided them with an expense-paid honeymoon trip to Spain.



BLACK OPINION

A review of editorial opinion in newspapers catering mainly for African, Indian and Coloured readers.

HOPE SEEN IN RACE RELATIONS

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IF VOTERS IN the provincial election turned their backs on extremists Mr. Vorster would realise that a green light had been given for more enlightened thinking in race relations, hoped the Weekend WORLD.

"We believe there is a growing body of White opinion, even within the Nationalist ranks, which is troubled by all the restrictions to which our people are subjected.

"We are not suggesting that the broad principle of apartheid will be abandoned, but that further lack of support for the Government will be indicative of a desire for the abandonment of at least petty apartheid.

"We can hardly believe that if the elections go the way we hope, Mr. Vorster, shrewd politician that he is, will not have to take cognisance of the trend."

Said The LEADER:
"Separate beauty queen contests were held in the country and two queens were chosen. They will go their separate ways to London. They will return with their separate laurels.

"And both the Blacks, fighting for equality, and the White rulers, fighting for separate development, claim they have won. Indeed a tantalising exercise in logical illogicality."

WORSE DEAL

The GRAPHIC predicted that Indians would realise they were getting a worse deal for their properties than they now thought.

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A non-White student was elected president of the University of Cape Town's Medical Students' Council. Stellenbosch students objected and said they would not deal with him.

Said POST: "U.C.T's students should have told them to get operated on. Instead U.C.T. allowed Stellenbosch to do the operating. We are ashamed."

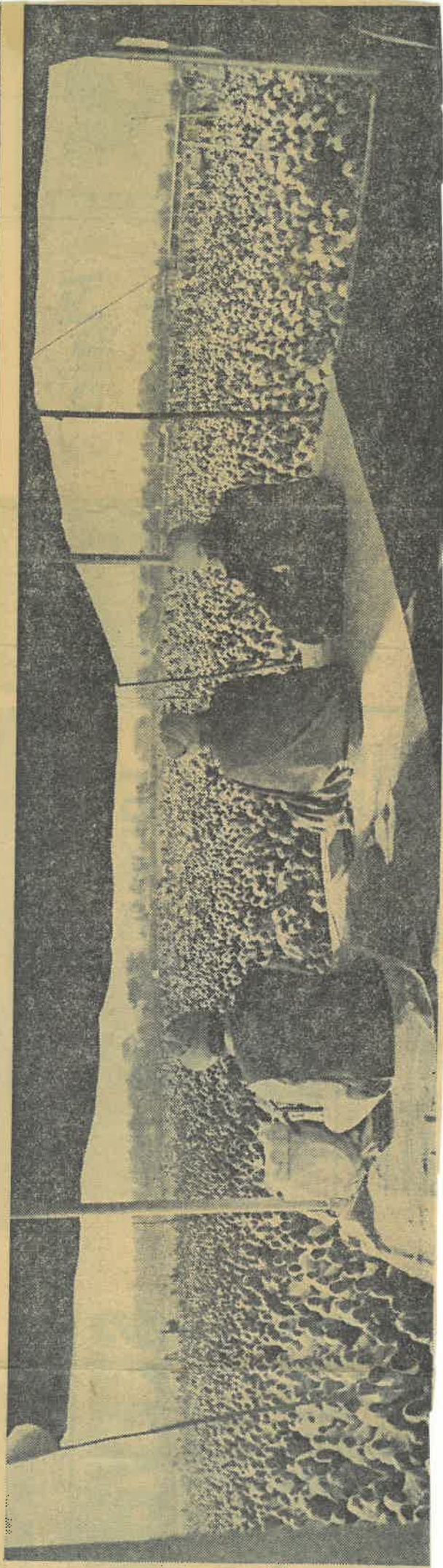
Said ILANGA: "We don't know whether to laugh or cry at the antics of the White miners who are dead set against training their Black colleagues in the homelands."

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**SEARCH
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TRUTH**

TO MOST of the Western world, Christ was Saviour; a God-made man who came down from heaven to cleanse the world of its sins.

To many millions, however, Jesus was a Master, on earth on a mission of mercy, to lead suffering humanity back the seat of God.

He was a man in whom God made Himself manifest. A man, whose sole mission in life was to unite, not divide. A man whom the previous Master, John the Baptist, introduced as his successor with the words: "... One mightier than I comes, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose."

Most of us have heard of only a few Masters — Jesus and Mohammed among them. The millions who seek divine truth on the mystic path of Surat Shabd Yoga know many holy men, who have guided them towards God realisation.

Mysticism is a word which is often misinterpreted today. It has become associated with charlatans, odd-balls and fanatics. It is, however, the study of devotional yoga which ties one to the audible life-stream, a spiritual discipline aiming at a union with the divine through deep meditation.

South Africa has the highest concentration of disciples of mysticism, per capita, in the world. Not all of them are Indians — in fact a large part are former Christians, who found themselves searching for something beyond what the orthodox churches offer. The interest, particularly among young people, is growing tremendously.

Among these "truth-seekers" is Mr Bob Atwell, of Durban. A former Roman Catholic, Mr Atwell could not accept the concept that his religion was right, while all others were wrong.

"Religion is a man-made thing," he said. "If we want

to find God, we must find a perfect Master to teach us how to attain this God-realisation practically. You can't learn everything by reading books — you have to have physical instructions.

"If you are lucky to find a Master, you will soon learn that God is on an inward path, not in rituals and ceremonies.

The entire idea of Shabd Yoga is based around meditation. There are four essential disciplines which must be adhered to by the disciples before they are initiated — vegetarianism, total abstinence from alcohol and drugs, moral living, and daily meditation.

The present Master, Maharaj Charan Singh Ji, refers to meditation as concentrating one's attention at the centre between the two eyes, "whence our upward spiritual journey begins."

"We do two hours of meditation every day," Mr Atwell said. "It is easier to give some of your salary to the church each week than it is to devote two hours each day to meditating.

In the Bible, St. Luke says that the kingdom of heaven is within you. True meditation, as taught by the Masters, is the attainment of the ability to detach oneself from worldly pleasures and distractions and move toward higher states of consciousness.

Vegetarianism is essential to this way of life as all Statsangis hold that flesh eating, which entails taking life, hardens the mind and works against spiritual progress. They may not eat eggs, as when fertile they are live, and when infertile, are a food which excites animal instincts.

Alcoholic drinks and drugs, beside being bad for health, militate against self control.

HOLY MEN WHO LEAD TO GOD

Their diet thus entails taking only the lowest form of life . . . vegetables, legumes, nuts, fruits, sugars and dairy products.

"St. Paul said "I die daily." When you meditate you are to all respects, dead to the world," Mr Atwell said. "If you want to become conscious within, you must become unconscious without.

"Mysticism explains many things that Christianity leaves unanswered. I could never understand how a good God could tolerate all the cruelty and suffering in the world. Another thing that worried me, was that did we have a free will, or did God have foreknowledge of our actions?

To the mystic, these questions are explained by the law of Karma. Karma in Sanskrit means "doing"; action and reaction; cause and effect; reaping what was sown before, and later harvesting what we sow now.

The doctrines of Karma and Reincarnation, in which the Shabd Yoga disciples also believe, are based on the belief that the experiences of one life condition the suc-

ceeding one; that the circumstances under which we live now are the consequences of our own doings in the past; that each life offers us an opportunity to direct our steps toward our emancipation.

While we are working out our destiny we are free to determine the direction of our future course and act accordingly.

"The theory of reincarnation brings a little sense into the whys and wherefores of life," Mr Atwell said. "I couldn't accept that there was only one life."

Churches, temples, synagogues and mosques, made of bricks and mortar, are the places of worship for the many orthodox religions — for those whose inner eye is closed. It is the custom of going to church on Sunday that has turned many young people from religion, and there are countless others who do not see the sense of worshipping in a building.

To the Satsangis, the true Temple is the body in which the soul lives and finds the Lord. They take as a guideline Corinthians 6:16: "Ye

are the temple of the Living God."

Maghrabi, a Muslim Saint, says: "The beloved resides within you, O ignorant man, and you are searching for Him outside from place to place. If the beloved be within us and we go elsewhere to find Him, all our efforts will be in vain. The ignorant bow to the temples, the true seekers always enter the living temples — their bodies."

Colonel C. W. Sanders, a follower of mysticism, says that in meditation the attention leaves the body senseless and finds itself in a new world. Here one may know and see with the inner eye. No danger is involved, but it may take years to learn the technique of meditation.

Satsangis hold that the Master is the custodian of the Word of God. He is the Word personified and gives its message, as with Christ. "And the Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us, full of grace and truth." (St. John 1:14).

When a Master starts his work, he relinquishes all family life. He remains in the world, but no longer of the world. He takes no money from his followers, but lives on private income.

The home of the present Master, the Radha Soami Colony H Beas, in India, is known as Dera, the Paradise on Earth. The foundation was laid in 1891 but the real architect and designer was the Great Master. From a few thatched huts he enlarged the colony into a modern settlement with beautiful buildings and well-laid roads.

Today there are three guest houses capable of accommodating 150 Western guests; over 300 permanent homes; several guest houses; a park and playground; hospital; 30 big halls and other offices.

Maharaj Charan Sing Ji,

the present Master, is a university graduate and has travelled around the world several times on lecture tours. He was a lawyer before relinquishing his profession to assume leadership of the Satsangis.

Hundreds of overseas visitors come to the colony to receive instruction and see the Master every year. Local pilgrims who come to the colony each month sometimes number about 250 000. They are provided with free food from the mess and in turn volunteer their services to run the colony.

Bricks are made in the colony's own brickfield and the pilgrims are working at reclaiming the land by the river. Teams of women work in shifts to prepare the food for the crowd. They are accommodated in several sittings, thousands at a time.

The literal translation of Satsang is "company of Saints". The Master holds Satsangs daily, when disciples sit and listen to his discourses.

The followers of Shabd yoga do not condemn or denounce any other religion. They maintain that each presents its own version of reality, but all teach that there is a God and that we have a soul that is part of him.

To them, in all philosophy and religion there is nothing of greater importance than love. Jesus said: "This is my commandment to you, that you love one another." The Satsangi teachings dwell mainly on this.

Converts

It is not necessary to give up one's religion to follow a Master, although their orthodox doctrines are sometimes incompatible with the Shabd Yoga convictions. By accepting a Living Master, converts do not deny Christ or any other spiritual Master from the past.

"We follow the teachings of Christ," Mr Attwell said. "But can a schoolmaster who died hundreds of years ago teach our children? We need someone from today to show us the way to God-realisation."

There may have been more than one Master at a time, but there is no evidence of a true Master in the West today.

"Masters reside in a country where souls ready for Initiation are found," Mr Attwell explained. "India is recognised as a land of mysticism and conditions are favourable for leading a spiritual life — the people are poor with almost no worldly ambition and have more humility.

"However mysticism is certainly not confined to the East. It is a path for all people."

Mystics hold that ordinary religions satisfy only those who look upon spiritual enquiry as a secondary thing. Those who are content with this present life, without bothering too much about the past, or caring for the future. Those who are too much taken up with the activities of this world to care for the next.

Few young people today belong in this category. Some however, find the comfort they need and promise of eternal life in everyday life and an orthodox church. Others don't and mysticism is one of the many outlets for their confused emotions.