



Please notice on the front page the emblem of the tilaka and sickle. This emblem was mentioned by Srila Prabhupada in Vrndavana at the recent Mayapur festival. He said, "That communist emblem, what is that?" One devotee said, "Hammer and sickle." And Srila Prabhupada said, "That is very good. No hammer, only this sickle. Not hammer. The hammer has hammered the whole human civilization. We will make a counter emblem the communists will appreciate." Another devotee said, "Sickle and tilaka." Srila Prabhupada replied, "Oh yes, that is very good idea."

Also, the word 'Brijbasi' means a local resident of Vrndavana. Not everyone may be able to go and live on a plot of land in Vrndavana, but if one is fully absorbed in the Chief of all the Brijavasis, Sri Krishna, then he also becomes a Brijbasi. So the real meaning of a Brijbasi or a dweller of Vrndavana is one who carries Radha-Krishna always with him in his heart, never forgetting. Sridhara Prabhupada is a Brijbasi and so are all of those who perfectly follow Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's teachings.

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## DEAR SWAMI

Dear Sirs,

Why am I always in anxiety even though I try to follow all of the rules and regulations?

Dear Anonymous,

In the Bhagavad-gita it is stated: "The Vedic mainly deal with the subject of the three modes of material nature. Rise above these modes. O Arjuna. Be transcendental to all of them. Be free from all dualities and from all anxieties for gain and safety, and be established in the Self."

In the purport it is said, "As long as the material body exists, there are actions and reactions in the material modes. One has to learn tolerance in the face of dualities such as happiness and distress, or cold and warmth, and by tolerating such dualities become free from anxieties regarding gain and loss. This transcendental position is achieved in full by one who is fully dependent on the grace of Kṛishna."

So all of our anxieties are caused by our selfish desires which arise when we forget our eternal constitutional relation of eternal servitethip to the Lord. If one can remain steady in his sons' consciousness in any position he may be in, no matter what dualities may appear, then all anxieties vanish. Simply learn to believe in unnatural creatures and tumultuousness, because that your real interest is always back to Godhead in this life-time and endearment with all enthusiasm toward the Lord.

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assing to ask directly. So this column has  
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have them answered so that everyone  
benefit from the wise advice given. If you  
have such a question, simply submit it in  
the requisition box at Babelaben or at your  
respective farm and address it to "Sparta".

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## NEW VEDAVANA PERSPECTIVE

In New Vedavana we will have the company of such enlightened fathers and mothers, and of sannyasis and brahma-suras, naturally, to make no such distinction. Whether it is in Krishna consciousness, or one can understand the science of Krishna, one becomes a Spiritual Master, a teacher. In New Vedavana we should live in such an ideal way that people will learn what human life and what human civilization actually are. That is the purpose of an Idealism. Thus we must teach the world. Thus I request those who are connected with Institutions to develop this community in such a way that it will be successful.

One of the major advantages of New Vedavana is that it is cut off contact with the atomic civilization. It is Franklin's desire that no one of ordinary intellect will come here. It is beyond the reach of the ordinary class of men. (Prabhupada laughs) Just cooperate and try to improve this New Vedavana scheme. It will certainly develop if you are sincere. Franklin will need all help. Someday it will certainly be a replica of Vrindavana. Sri Chaitanya Swami who is in Vrindavana and he has an idea of what it is like. Now we have already instituted one Rossi Chaitanya. So with cooperation this is all possible. Franklin will help you.

(Thomas Flynn - Lecture given in New Vedavana on May 13, 1969. Given by Srila Prabhupada.)

## SEVEN DAYS - THOUGHTS

For seven days living after having suffered so much pain I must not be subjected to the discussed trial. We can do it as much as possible. In our program we have 270 pages, so by applying that eye to those pages there will remain no subject down that leads to the apprehension of infinity. The new practitioners transform into spiritual ambassadors meant to spread the unlimited glory of the Gita's two heroes and Krishna, Godhead Himself, and His eternal friend Arjuna. As practitioners of the teachings of the Gita following in the tracks of Arjuna we must learn well

the corridors of this river of ambrosia. We shall make the Gita our handbook and regularly dive deep into its sublime instruction, culminating in the simplicity of Truth Absolute—sarva-dharman paritya jya man ekam satvam vrede/ aben tven sarva-papebhyo mokshayisyami am sucah. "Abandon all varieties of religion and just surrender unto Me. I shall deliver you from all sinful reaction. Do not fear."

The purports of our guide to Sri Gita, Srila Prabhupada, state, "By studying Bhagavad-gita one can become a completely surrendered soul to the Supreme Lord and engage himself in pure devotional service." So now add some peanuts and raisins to the chaw, fill our devotional activities with thoughts of the divine dialogue.

--Sridhara das

## ON BRIJBASI SPIRIT

We hope that all of the residents of New Vedavana will take this newspaper seriously. We have written for only one person—to help everyone execute their devotional service in a happy mood with great enthusiasm. This is our hope. If you could make any suggestions as to how we could do it better, please let us know. We hope that you will make it your regular activity to read this publication every week. We will be including some extremely wonderful sectarian things that we want everyone to take advantage of, and we truly don't want anyone to miss out on it. So we are printing enough copies so that if you will be plenty floating around. And in case you don't see one in someone else's gita you can, we request you to take another and you should be able to procure it easily. Also if you have one, please pass it to the other residents and help them do their job to see that everyone =

read it thoroughly. We hope you will be able to serve you in this noble attempt.

New amazing fruits just manifested in the spiritual flavor of the chaw. Peanut raisins miss out on nothing. Keep up the fresh

The essence of milk is cream and the essence of cream is butter and the essence of butter is ghee, and the Essence of all essences is Krishna. But for now let's stop half the way up and discuss a little bit about Krishna's butter.

The process of churning Krishna's butter has over the last 13 months proved to be an engagement of ever changing conditions. The most difficult and intricate time occurs during the warmer weather. This is mainly due to the temperature of the cream. In the warmer weather cream is difficult to keep cool. The ideal temperature for churning is 54 degrees. When the cream becomes warm, 65 degrees or over, then the quality of butter drops considerably. Warm cream produces butter that is soft and mushy. In that state the buttermilk will not completely separate, leaving the butter wet. Yet butter produces 3rd class ghee. So the endeavor in the summertime increased to produce quality butter for Krishna.

The method I used last year was to place a milk can with the cream in a barrel of well water overnight and churning it as early as possible. Even though there was no guarantee of the cream becoming cold enough, because the water would warm up within a few hours, our Amish managed to provide us with nice butter most of each summer.

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churned, the buttermilk is separated out by hand and the butter is rolled in small balls and placed in water for washing. Clean water is synonymous with quality, so by washing the butter in water and rolling it into balls the process is complete. The washing is done twice.

All young trees have been planted last year & interplanting has been done with hard-breaking species. The young trees are easily handled and can be transplanted without damage and the old trees are being cut down as the old trees are full of disease and should be removed and burnt as soon as possible. The wood is recommended for outside cooking or moderate inside use but is very resinous and can carry a fire up the stove pipe. -- GATRAVAN DAS

## DROPS OF NECTAR

The following is a continuation of the transcriptions of Srila Prabhupada's Vrndavana, India morning walks after the Gayapur festival.

Swami Narayana: Should devotees be formally designated in a particular occupation?

Srila Prabhupada: No. Devotees are devotees. Actually, devotees are above brahmana, ksatriya, vaisaya and sudra. But, for management of material things, we have to divide, just like in the body there are divisions. Lord Krishna, He was acting as a ksatriya and in His boyhood, the things was He was acting as a vaisya. But Krishna is neither ksatriya or ksatriya or brahmana. This is the example. When He was a cowherd boy His business was vaisya and when He was fighting in the battlefield of Kuruksetra He was a ksatriya. So although He is acting sometimes as vaisya, sometimes a ksatriya, He is neither of these. So devotee is like that. He may act in any position but be an above all the material conceptions of life. That is perfection.

Devadip dasa Prabhupada: What should ksatriyas be taught?

Srila Prabhupada: Ksatriyas should be taught, but if he is manager he must see that everyone is engaged and if there is any fight he must come forward. To fight--this is ksatriya division. You can be fight, somebody will attack us. Not that they simply chant Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna, Hare Hare/Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Hare Hare. No. (Srila Prabhupada laughs.) We must come forward. Yes, we are prepared to fight. That is ksatriya.

Brother Jayadeva Prabhupada: In our society we are awarding brahmana initiation, sannyasi initiation.

Srila Prabhupada: That initiation should go on. You do not understand what I have said. God, who is for Vaishnava, Vasudeva and Visnu. Therefore, Krishna is Visnu. He is not human being. He is not human being but He is acting like human being. Similarly, Vasudeva is transcendental. But, for proper management in the material world, one should be acting like brahmana, one should be acting like ksatriya. That is the fact. Just like you are actually doing so. Some of you are preaching and some of you are cleaning the temple. That does not mean that a sannyasi who is preaching, He is better than that man who is cleaning. The position of Vaishnava is the same. But for management, one is cleaning, one is seeing to the construction, one is going to preach like that. That should be done. It is not that because I have taken sannyasa, therefore I cannot longer do anything. If somebody has to act as ksatriya or sudra, it doesn't matter. But for management, this division must be there, otherwise it will be mismanagement. The vaisnava coming to the position of doing the work of sudra does not mean that he has become sudra. We are Vaishnava. Try to understand this point. Just like on the stage if you want to play something--you must be king, you must be queen or something--but neither of them are king or queen. That is stage play. Similarly, to manage things in the material world we have to "give colors." There there must be. Therefore the names should be done, expected according to quality.

Devotee: So in our movement the leaders must decide how every devotee and every resource be engaged properly.

Srila Prabhupada: Yes. Last is leadership. Which man is fitted for which work? Utilization of all resources, including devotion, funds and energy. Srila Prabhupada: Yes, the first thing is to see that everyone is engaged. How they are to be engaged, that requires leadership. But the first business is to engage everyone. Nobody should be without engagement. Then there would be difficulty in the mind in the devil's workshop. The devil is always and smiling. That is his nature. So if you remain idle then you shall think of devils. So we should see that everyone is engaged properly. Hare Krishna, jail (he says at various walk by) these constructions are important in this connection. Everyone should be trained to work and at the same time be should work in different positions. So a person who is prepared to do plowing work, Tulsil Krishna, what is the name of plowman?

Tamal Krishna: They are not prepared, Srila Prabhupada.

Srila Prabhupada: They have to engage a laborer and spend 200 rupees. One man at least, for food and shelter and the production is nil. In this way there must be 10,000, 20,000 rupees expenditure. Is I right or not? Let us suppose they come from America and spend lavishly. What kind of management is this? We should consider after all, that the money is earned with hard labor. A person will bring money with hard labor and another person will spend it like irresponsible children. This should be stopped. That is management. Especially if the religion means we make a class of men that simply remains idle. That is religion called the spirit of the people. Therefore we are against religion. But actually if we show that we are producing, we are managing, we are educating, then we can counteract communist tendency. They are saying that we are逃避, don't you see? That is also showing the responsibility of worldly life. And we are engaging in non-engagement. That is the tendency everywhere, the government is non-functioning like that. Therefore they do not want to increase the number of temples; they do not want to increase the number of devotees. Everywhere, they do not want because they say that we are a class of idle men. They cannot do anything so they turn to this religious life. That is the tendency—they are thinking like that. But if we show that we are actually doing something ideal, then they will appreciate. Such a small community showing ideal life, not idle life. Nor in Boston they were pleased because they are under the impression that the Europeans have suddenly come under some accusation, so what is the use? They have taken some plot and injected our proposition. (This reference is to the government, who has refused to let us build a temple on land we have acquired in Boston.) We are making certain propaganda against maya, but maya is also very strong. She also makes propaganda against you, very strong. So unless you become a very saint, unless in this life, it will not be possible to conquer over maya. You will succeed. In India, the brahman alone, the may "I have been born in brahman family, why should I do this world?" You see. So therefore the whole society has gone to hell. In your country still they want a kind of work and here in India if he happens to be a brahman, he'll not take any kind of work. Just like piccavas, he'll not do any. Therefore there is no much land. The capitalist is thinking he is brahman, brahman is thinking he is brahman, so how is the land allowed—there is no regulation. He will go to his office and sleep with a friend as a kastriya and instead of studying, today, he studies the rules and regulations of the office. But he is not come to piccava. Therefore there is scarcity of food. He'll go to a mill to work as an ordinary laborer, but he will say "No, it is not right, I will not work." So what land is there, land not utilized. And they are saying for grain, this is an example. I was in New York City. The whole city is filled with dirty things, garbage for want of cleaners. But if you go to America, sure you will see that so many biggins are lying down idle.

#### Comments on Unemployment

Srila Prabhupada: Is not unemployment? They will not work. That means management. Why should they remain there? Why they should not have employment? The government is not doing that.

Everyone that do not feel inspired. No one has desire.

Srila Prabhupada: That means mismanagement. You had no desire to take to Krishna consciousness but you have taken to it, whether or other. That is management. Yes, that is management.

Govinda Vaidi, Srila Prabhupada: All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Srila Prabhupada: The child does not want to go to school but it is the duty of the parents to send him to school somehow or other. So the government's duty is that a man should be employed according to his capacity. There should be no unemployment. This is a very dangerous position of the society. Now this unemployment question is throughout the world. They say this government is not good, this government is not good, that is not good, that is not good, and they will give nothing. With

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beautiful. Kiran makes it go away." "That's all right." And then Swamiji says, "When Vivekananda came to this country his picture was taken with so many old ladies. I have seen it circulated in India." And Swamiji smiles knowingly.

Suddenly the time arrives for Swamiji to leave. The disciples prostrate themselves, declaring their obediences. Swamiji arises and pats them on the head—a mother blessing her brood. Swamiji goes to silent and sad Jagurani and clasps her skin with his kind hand. "You are doing very nicely. You go on doing your painting work. It is a great service you are doing. Krishna will be pleased." Then he glides out the door, and the devotees swarm after him like protective drone bees following their queen. The devotees try to get past the gate and go with their Master, but the guard prevents them. Adwaita sees a door that promises the observation deck, but which is barred by a shiny steel turnstile, demanding a coin. The devotees duck under and jump over the gate, like an army storming a barricade.

## SWAMIJI'S DEPARTURE (Continued)---

ground crews; the flashing lights and the evening rain. Dancing, arms uplifted, beseeching the Supreme Personality of Godhead, and the devotees dance with him, their Prabhu, tears of Love decorating their eyes, flowing in torrents, all of us in ecstasy. A stewardess reaches out of the plane and taps Kirtanananda on the shoulder several times before he realizes it, and he dances into the plane, and the plane is sealed.

The motors whine, the tail flaps move, the lights flash, and the devotees scream and cry, Damodar growling out HARE KRISHNA, HARE RAMA, and Advaita clashing his cymbals wildly like a machine running out of control. The devotees pull back as the exhaust blasts out from the plane, but Jadurani stays there, the smoke and the gas and the heat singeing her face; dancing choking HARE KRISHNA, HARE RAMA. With a great roar the airliner moves forward, and the devotees rush to the railing and then run down the deck, screaming HARE KRISHNA! as the plane roars away from its roost into the night, and becomes only a distant light.

The devotees wait and watch. It has stopped raining. Govinda says that rain-drops are the tears that the Gopis are shedding for their Krishna, and we can understand that. The devotees wait and wait, but they cannot see the plane. Their eyes are not able to see it, but they know it is there. And the devotees wait and watch until one devotee says Let's go back, and they walk off reluctantly, looking behind, trying to see but not being able to see. And the next morning at Merton Krishnamurti reads:

I do not know anyone except Krishna as my Lord, and He shall remain as such even if He handles me roughly in His embrace; or He may make me broken-hearted by not being present before me. He is completely free to do anything, but He is always my worshipful Lord, unconditionally.

## L AND J PLEA

On May 22nd, the greatest cow sale of the 70's is coming up. The herd of Brown Swiss cows being sold is one of the best in the country. We are just starting our new herd here in New Vrindavana, so in order to start the herd right, it is most intelligent to have the finest quality cows and to sell all the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc., etc. generation cows and bulls will be high quality also. A sale like this L & J sale (as it is called) is a very rare sale so we must take advantage of it. Any devotee who gets \$1500 or more will get a lifetime supply of cows. And anybody who gets \$200 will get a Sunday maha-prata, Jaya. Try to get as much as possible right away. Hard ball!

## DROPS OF EROTAR (Continued) --

like the hippies--they criticize everyone but they will not do anything personally. All of these descriptions are there in the Srimad Bhagavatam. (Srila Prabhupada stops and looks around. Are we going too far? he asks in reference to the road they are walking down.) Can the government use this land? Everywhere you will find, everywhere. Who was with me in London?

Kusumadutta das: Yes, last time I was with you.

Srila Prabhupada: So much land lying vacant.

Kusumadutta: Yes, so much land.

Srila Prabhupada: They have taken it to consideration, "what is the use of working with the land when you can kill an animal and eat it?" Easy because he doesn't care about sinful activities. If I can eat a cow why should I take so much trouble? This is going on all over the world. The Indian man nowadays says the government nowadays is simply getting money and not working.

## THE STREAMLINED MANTRA

The main principle in our devotional life is chanting and hearing the names of the Supreme Lord and His pure devotees. The most concentrated and important part of our chanting and hearing activities is Japa-mala which we perform daily. In spite of repeated stress on the simple point in our Krishna Consciousness society it can still be seen that sometimes our chanting becomes infiltrated with the "streamlining-tamra".

The "S" as it is abbreviatedly called, is similar to the mala-matra, but it has been modified to eliminate all rough syllabic and harsh consonant sounds, thus facilitating rhythm and tone. The harmonic rhythm and tone of the Sri-sabda is possible to attain with greater sound and with less concentration.

As we all know the principle of japa is that we vibrate the syllables of the basic Krishna mantra with our tongue and simultaneously receive the sound in our ears. So the mind has to be attentive to the hearing sense, the tongue, to properly vibrate the syllables of Krishna's name and at the same time the mind must be attentive to direct the ears to receive the vibration properly. If the mind is not attentive in hearing, then the tongue cannot be directed to vibrate the correct sound. If one is inattentive in hearing, then his chanting will be sleepy and vice versa. Good hearing facilitates good hearing, and hearing facilitates good vibration. And our minds are attentive if our ears are clear, our consciousness will be clear in the words.

Because of so many persons making mistakes in our daily activities that sometimes tend to be noticed and sometimes we find that we cannot afford to give the basic Krishna name and Sri-sabda recitation for an hour each day. Thus we can understand the "streamlining-tamra" from our chanting because it is an attempt to shorten the duration of our chanting. However, it is always better to chant with more hearing, less sleep, less drowsiness, no drowsy and strong thoughts insertion, etc. In reality, actually drowsy people

may in the back of your mind with no extraneous effort. The mind is freed therefore to speculate on many plans and important events. One who 'streamlines' thus can save much time by taking advantage of his japa time for planning his day out ahead of time. At the same time he also manages to finish 20 rounds in less than an hour.

Just as there are certain symptoms which develop in one who chants the Hare Krishna mantra so too there are characteristics which mark one who is 'streamlining'. When you approach a 'streamliner' on the matter of his chanting he is quick to assure you that his chanting is without fault. This type of firm conviction is usually the first sign of one who is 'streamline'. Most of us are not yet on the platform of faultless chanting, therefore it requires some regulated effort to chant and hear our rounds. One who chants the Sri, however, breezes through his rounds without effort and he requires no regulation. Also, a 'streamliner', because his mind is not fully versed in the transcendental sound of Krishna's names, is quick to notice other devotees who have streamlining tendencies. Rarely lies one omission. One who makes a habit of listing for others who may be 'streamlining'; he too becomes a 'streamliner' by dint of their association.

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### DEAR GOD BROTHERS,

Please accept our cordial invitation at our home from 10 AM till 1 PM on Saturday, June 9th, 1973, at 112, 114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 146, 148, 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176, 178, 180, 182, 184, 186, 188, 190, 192, 194, 196, 198, 200, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 262, 264, 266, 268, 270, 272, 274, 276, 278, 280, 282, 284, 286, 288, 290, 292, 294, 296, 298, 300, 302, 304, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 338, 340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350, 352, 354, 356, 358, 360, 362, 364, 366, 368, 370, 372, 374, 376, 378, 380, 382, 384, 386, 388, 390, 392, 394, 396, 398, 400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 412, 414, 416, 418, 420, 422, 424, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 438, 440, 442, 444, 446, 448, 450, 452, 454, 456, 458, 460, 462, 464, 466, 468, 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The field on the hill behind the school-house at Bahalabha was plowed and disced this week and is now available for house-holders to start gardens of any size in. A rake and a little elbow grease will break up most of the dirt lumps and prepare the soil for planting. We realize most devotees have quite full schedules and would not be able to handle very big plots, but it is surprising what can be coaxed from even a very small area of Mother Earth. Even if one could just put in one cauliflower, eggplant, or other plant, the experience of observing it grow and bearing produce can be very enlightening. Just a few feet of carrots, radishes, or beets can demonstrate the potency of a tiny seed, and perhaps bring a little more realization of what Krishna meant when He said He is the generating seed of all existence. Six tomato plants can supply 2 people all the tomatoes they can use fresh and leave plenty for canning.

## LORD NRSIMHA'S APPEARANCE DAY FESTIVAL

The weekend of the 4th and 5th of this month was jam-packed solid with festive activities, celebrating Lord Krsna's Appearance Day. Everything got off to a big start Saturday night with an ecstatic Sindura srotika. The devotees blissfully glorified Radha Pranavac Chandra under the enchanting presence of the full moon. The temple was filled over its capacity as devotees from the 3 New Vrndavana farms and the other temples, along with many guests, were dancing in ecstasy, tasting that lowly mass with Radha-Vrndavan Chanda.

hansa Swami led a kirtan that increased the transcendental fervor of the devotees beyond earthly bounds.

After the Madhuban ceremonies this unqualified reporter had the unique opportunity to give a tour of the Vrndavana farm of all brahmacaries to the Chicago brahmacaries. They took a deep interest in what we are doing here and stayed for the noon arotrika, greeting Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Vrndavana Natha.

At Bahulaban, starting at 1:30 and lasting 'till 4:00, there was held a 'Varne-asrama dharma' class. It was held in the temple room and most of the devotees attended. The discussion was based on Srila Prabhupada's recent tapes from Vrndavana, India on the varne-asrama dharma college system. Paramananda Swami led the class and answered the many questions that were raised. The Swami convincingly answered all questions about what Srila Prabhupada had to say. There was much discussion on the importance of earning the whole human rade in practical varne-asrama lifestyle, which brings the 4 varnas and the 4 asramas. It was stressed that we must all start our view of the papa futur- to be less completely self-sufficient and more facilities for thousands of us to become relieved from the shackles of life.

## DELIGHTFUL RECIPES

**PRABHUPADA'S FAVORITE  
(Eggplant, tomatoes,  
& String beans)**

- 1 Eggplant (cut in small cubes)
- 3 tomatoes (quartered)
- 1 cup string beans (sliced on slant)
- 1/8 cup ghee +
- 1 tbsp. salt
- 1 tsp. tumeric
- 1 tsp. crushed red peppers
- 1 tsp. cumin seeds
- 1 tbsp. lemon juice

Heat ghee then add cumin & red pepper. Cook till dark brown then add eggplant and green beans, cook until eggplant is as soft as butter then add salt, tumeric and tomatoes. Cook until a paste. When done add lemon juice. Stir often as you cook.

SANGOSAS

## NEW VRIANDAVANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes for 5/5/74

Attendees: Kirtananda Swami, Paramhansa Swami, Paramananda das, Adi Pati das, Parambrahma das, Bhagavatananda das. Absent: Kuladri das (excused), Devakinandana das, Daivata das.

Trusts, Report: --Cow Protection Fund Revised and being re-organized.

BUSINESS: Paramananda das

- plowing and discing daily; almost done at Nanda Gram
- smoke being spread
- picked up Floyd's firewood
- field of rye sown
- Shor' houses and made new horse shoes and made a harness for new horse
- Sally is to be bred next month

Adi Pati das

- half of the plants came and they were all planted
- \$35.00 worth of plants were sold to householders for use in their gardens.
- fruit blossoms are still holding and everything looks good for a banner crop!
- surveying laid out

Bhagavatananda das

- one marble run was completed this week
- temple landscaping was done at Baladevan
- the pot room was dug out and a light was installed.
- Sridhara built a throne for Radha Keshava which Kirtananda Swami liked very much. Sridhara is to start at Vrindaban on after construction
- the septic system is being completed at Baladevan
- Badrinatha is pouring new walls on his new house
- Vayana's roof is coming along fine
- Mukta Kripa is to do the interiors on the Baladevan householder houses

Parambrahma das - Vrindaban Farm

- planted were 20 fruit trees and 11 grape vines
- shelves and cupboards in the new Puja room are done
- sinks have been installed in the kitchen and deity room
- the gardens are on schedule
- 2 cows have mastitis
- Deities still need new clothes -- Mother Krti and Mother Vijaya have been rather slow in making new clothes for Their Lordships Radha Vrindavan Devi

OLD BUSINESS: --the tortoise report is forthcoming from Bhagavatananda das

- Sudana das, Amurini das, Dorn das, Garga Rsi das, Daivata das, Kishorikanta das have been selected to train as members of the Judicial Board; they are to be trained one month and then be on call.
- Garga Rsi started building the Great Hall of Vrindavan
- a new dump site is to be found, either on the farm or a public one, to clean up Guruban
- a committee consisting of Kaliada das and Parambrahma das was set up to report on Judicial Board renovation

NEW VRIKSHAYA BOARD OF DIRECTORS Minutes (Continued)-

- NEW BUSINESS: --Paramahansa Sward has been appointed as General Manager of New Vrikshayya. He is also to enforce car sign out and update the visual aid chart that shows the legislative procedure, requisition procedure, etc.
- Paramahansa Swami has been instated as Board Secretary. The Board members are now: Kirtanananda Swami (President), Paraschandra Sward (V. President), Kuladri das (V. President), Paramahansa das (Treasurer), Paramananda das, Bhagavatananda das, Dvaitananda das, and Sri Patai das.
- a suggestion box is to be put up in the Balalaban prasadam room.
- A Guest Registration Book will be put up in the prasadar room and all devotees are urged to have guests sign it.
- 8 --the back of the grain room will be used as a bus room and the front section is to be for supervised controlled storage, i.e., grains, fruits, etc.

JUDICIAL BOARD: --No cases this week

## BAHULABAN DIARY

VAHNA DAS

I walked this week the streets of New York, trying like some fool to put it all back together. Who are you now? Why don't you want any of this any more? Every scratch sign becomes a forsaken "x" and every bar a lower gone astray. It was all resulting out to me, almost pleading with me to be reasonable.

"If you don't want any part of me, why do you come back?" my childhood self says. And I must admit, that I go back over and over again, but not right so I go to watch her die. But it seems not appropriate with her suffering and I am not making things up by the memory of His Pure Devotion. I have seen the signs to witness of His Pure Devotion to reach to the discarnate and the soul going with the remnants of his attachment to this material world. And now hopefully this second chance to start afresh. However, when I think She has suffered through the torments of my father's sins, I just know I have to do the same thing in a letting go dimension. That is the task of becoming the witness of the world's many spiritual opportunities and the potential in working the law of Karma. That there is really no way to escape from the suffering unless one is able to let go of the past, in which has created the present. In this case, I am not able to do that.

However else. My Father is a perfect example of this. Every morning he carries my mother's hand (a big fat hand) to the bank and he goes back, then brings it back at noon. Even though he is hardly engaged all day running a forty million dollar business. His day is not complete unless he has got for so much inconvenience just to be a servant to my mother. Surely he is fully occupied up for a non permanent venture established by winter sports and running his dog, and most of my friends are fully engaged walking their dogs or pumping the floors in the Department of Corrections, in their one kind of "idle time". Kirtanananda Swami said yesterday that it is truly a very difficult village to be living here in America. It is not a cheap living, and one has to be careful. We are here, but we are not trying to get know, but can't find

good breakdown, good quality food,

a living standards and so that we are not satisfied.

There are an eastotic attitude than the West. Here and there are several a total of 10 houses and about 100 fruit trees here. Just like in India, however, I think, a lot of people regard a lot of people here in the States as the same.