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Jaladuta
≈ Diary*

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*“With what great difficulty I got out of the
country! Some way or other, by Kṛṣṇa’s
grace, I got out so I could spread the Kṛṣṇa
consciousness movement all over the world.”*

—Śrīla Prabhupāda

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Preface

April 1965: While approaching the Scindia Steam Navigation Company in Bombay to sponsor his passage to America, Śrīla Prabhupāda received one of their complimentary diaries. He used it at first as an appointment book. Once his voyage to America on the *Jaladuta* began in August of that year, he made regular entries in the diary to record the events of the journey.

Subsequently, the diary was kept in the safe of the New York temple until 1972, when Śrīla Prabhupāda requested Bali-mardana dāsa, the temple president, to take personal care of it. Today it is still in the care of Bali-mardana dāsa, and he is arranging for its permanent display and preservation.

Excerpts from the diary were first published in 1980 in Volume 1 of the *Śrīla Prabhupāda Lilāmṛta*, the authorized biography of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Portions have also appeared in some of the annual *Vyāsa-pūjā* books. With the approach of the Śrīla Prabhupāda Centennial in 1996, we feel it is fitting that the diary be presented in its entirety.

Śrīla Prabhupāda once wrote in a letter about the need to meticulously preserve the writings of the previous *ācāryas*, especially their handwriting, as follows:

“... we may take care of them by treating them against insects and storing them in a tight, dry storage place where they may be preserved for future generations of Vaiṣṇavas to see the actual handwriting and words of such great saintly persons. Treat this matter very seriously and thoroughly, and take all precautions to protect this wonderful boon of literatures forever.... These items are very, very priceless and are a great treasure house of Vaiṣṇava lore, so be very careful in the matter and take all precautions to guard them.”

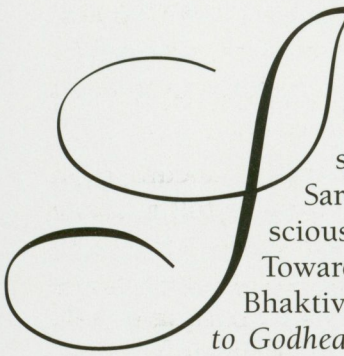
[Letter to Acyutānanda dāsa dated June 12, 1972]

Again, in the *Caitanya-caritāmṛta* there is a description of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu praising Rūpa Gosvāmī's fastidious handwriting (C.c. Antya 1. 96–7). Thus, the handwriting

specimens of the pure devotees are intimate momentos of their spiritual lives, and we must therefore consider ourselves most fortunate to have the remnants of Śrīla Prabhupāda's handwriting.

This diary of the voyage of the *Jaladuta* is a personal account of the challenging journey that launched Śrīla Prabhupāda's life mission. Readers will find it to be a remarkable document in the history of religious movements. It reveals the full measure of Śrīla Prabhupāda's devotion, faith and self-abnegation, which qualify him as one of the world's few genuine spiritual leaders. We hope this book will inspire others to appreciate Śrīla Prabhupāda's triumph over adversity and to follow in his footsteps.

Introduction

rīla Prabhupāda was instructed by his spiritual master, Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura, to preach Kṛṣṇa consciousness to the English-speaking peoples. Toward this end, His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedānta Swami published the first *Back to Godhead* magazine in 1944. He also began to write translations and commentaries on *Bhagavad-gītā*, *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*, *Caitanya-caritāmṛta*, and other Vedic literatures. In 1965, after publishing three volumes of *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*, he approached the owner of the Scindia Steam Navigation Company, Sumati Morarji, for a complimentary passage to the United States. After considering his request for some time, she finally agreed and issued him the ticket.

In the port of Calcutta on August 13, 1965, carrying only a small suitcase, an umbrella, and a bag of dry cereal, A. C. Bhaktivedānta Swami, as he was known at that time, climbed up the steep gangway onto a cargo ship named the *Jaladuta*. The ensuing journey presented considerable hardship. Śrīla Prabhupāda wrote of some sea-sickness, and on the thirteenth day of the voyage, during the passage through the Arabian Sea, he suffered a massive heart attack. He was concerned that he might pass away, but in his uneasy sleep that night he had a dream, a vision. Lord Kṛṣṇa appeared. The Lord was in an open boat, along with His other incarnations. Kṛṣṇa was rowing the boat, and the boat was pulling Śrīla Prabhupāda's ship with a rope. Kṛṣṇa was smiling at Śrīla Prabhupāda and was pulling the ship all the way to America! Śrīla Prabhupāda did not write about this occurrence in his diary but simply drew a line through those troubled days, declaring that he had passed over a great crisis in the struggle between life and death. Years later he related these events to his followers.

After the crisis, Śrīla Prabhupāda regained his strength and recommenced his entries in the diary after the ship docked in Port Sa'id, Egypt. Then, after crossing the Mediterranean Sea, the *Jaladuta* passed through the Straits of Gibraltar and into the Atlantic Ocean. Uncharacteristically, the ocean appeared like a placid lake. The Atlantic crossing was so effortless that the

ship's captain remarked that he had never seen anything like it. After a total of thirty-five days the ship at last berthed in Boston, at Commonwealth Pier, on September 17 at 5:30 a.m. The next day the *Jaladuta* continued to New York, where Śrīla Prabhupāda disembarked onto a lonely Brooklyn pier to begin his mission in the West.

In our presentation of *The Jaladuta Diary*, we have also included photographs of noteworthy memorabilia—Śrīla Prabhupāda's passport and visa, the ticket issued by Scindia Steam Navigation Company, the sponsorship form of Gopal Agarwal, and handwritten copies of the two poems that Śrīla Prabhupāda wrote upon arriving in America, "Prayers to the Lotus Feet of Lord Kṛṣṇa" and "*Markine Bhāgavata-dharma*." Some of Śrīla Prabhupāda's descriptions of the *Jaladuta* journey from his conversations and letters are also reproduced here. These have appeared in previous archival publications and may be found in entirety in the computer database of Śrīla Prabhupāda's complete works.

We offer many thanks to Bali-mardana dāsa, Sundarakāra dāsa, Māyāpriya devī dāsī, Jāhnavā devī dāsī, who did the color illustrations, and to the many other devotees whose efforts have made this publication a reality.

There is a sequel to this diary. In New York, in January of 1966, Śrīla Prabhupāda began recording another diary, which spans the period from January to October of that year. This diary is not as well known to devotees as the *Jaladuta* diary, but it covers the time when Śrīla Prabhupāda was a guest of Dr. R. Mishra up until the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) was incorporated and the first *Back to Godhead* magazine was published by Śrīla Prabhupāda's early Western followers. We also intend to present this second diary as an offering for the Śrīla Prabhupāda Centennial.

Śrīla Prabhupāda is the pre-eminent *ācārya* of the Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇava *sampradāya* of our time. His voyage on the *Jaladuta* thirty years ago marked the beginning of a spiritual revival, and the twelve years after his arrival in America saw the Hare Krishna movement spread to major cities worldwide. For millennia, the Vedic tradition had been hidden behind the boundaries of India and within Sanskrit and the vernacular languages. To a world immersed in a materialistic ethos, Śrīla Prabhupāda revealed the wisdom of this timeless philosophy.

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India ≈

*Preparation for passage
to America aboard the Jaladuta*



The route taken by the *Jaladuta* from Calcutta to New York. The dates indicate the places where the ship docked during the journey.

(opposite left) The front cover of the diary. Śrīla Prabhupāda signed his name at the top.

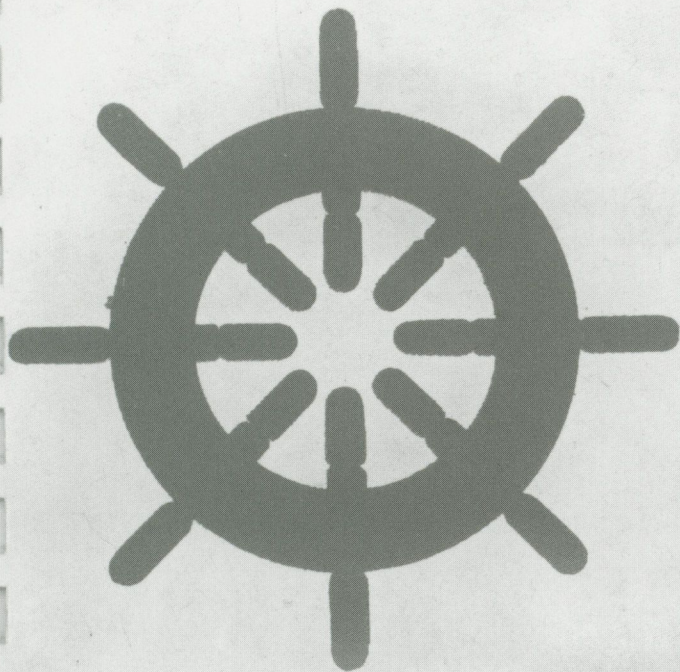
(opposite right) The front inside cover of the diary.

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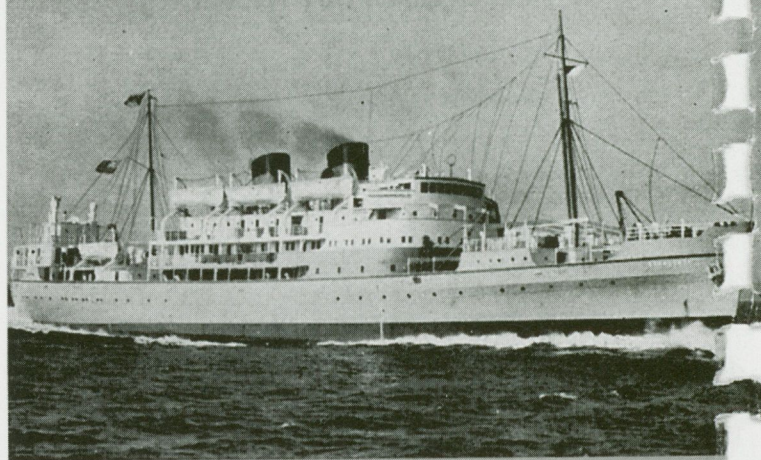


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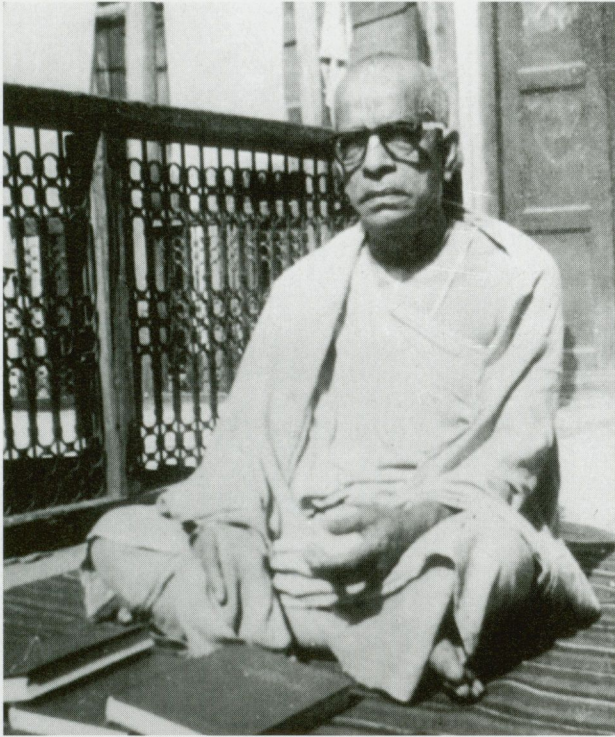
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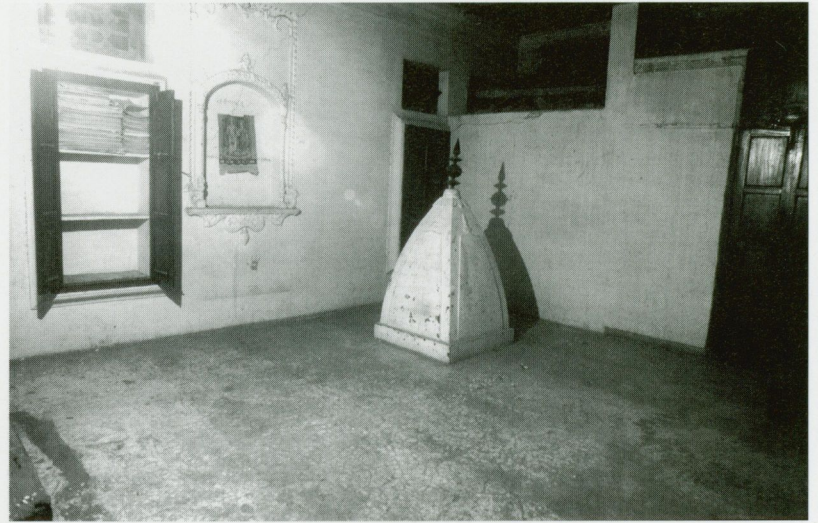
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Śrīla Prabhupāda sitting outside his room at the Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa temple at 2439 Chhipiwada Kalan in old Delhi before leaving for America. In front of him are the first three volumes of his English Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam.



The inside of Śrīla Prabhupāda's room. The miniature dome indicates that the Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa Deities are situated directly beneath this spot.



(left) The veranda outside Śrīla Prabhupāda's room

(right) The front entrance of the temple at 2439 Chhipiwada Kalan, which Śrīla Prabhupāda listed as his residence.





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SCINDIA 1919—1965

INDIAN SHIPPING THROUGH THE AGES

Indians of all ages since the dawn of history have been great carriers by water. The art of shipbuilding in India is as old as its civilization. In ancient times the vast Indian coastline was studded with hundred of ports, big and small. From antiquity India kept contact with the great civilizations through its maritime trade and commerce and enriched the nations and the peoples of the world. Without shipping indeed, civilization must have been still-born.

SCINDIA — THE FOUNDER OF MODERN INDIAN SHIPPING

After a glorious tradition Indian shipping started decaying in the nineteenth century. The history of that period is summed up by Mahatma Gandhi when he said: "... Indian shipping had to perish so that British shipping might flourish." It was only after the First World War that efforts were made to revive the shipping industry in our country. Synchronising with the commencement of the struggle for Indian independence, the foundation of the first large-scale modern swadeshi shipping industry in India was well and truly laid, when the Scindia Steam Navigation Company Ltd. was incorporated,—controlled, managed and manned by Indians—on March 27, 1919, with the blessings of Mahatma Gandhi. Shri Narottam Morarjee was the Founder-Chairman. Right from its inception, the Scindia Company has been symbolic of the spirit of adventure.

While launching one of Scindia's U. K. built steam-ship s. s. "Jaladuta" at Glasgow in 1928, Pandit Motilal Nehru observed: "... the two things essentially necessary for the organisation and development of the Mercantile Marine of India are the ability of the country to man the Ship-Officers and men from their own nation and their freedom to do as they like in their own waters."

For a generation the Scindia Company met with serious opposition involving freight wars with the established Foreign Lines, but survived with great determination and courage and secured for Indian Shipping its just rights, both in the national and international world.

INAUGURATION OF THE "SCINDIA HOUSE"

On December 23, 1938, while inaugurating the "Scindia House" at Bombay, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel said: "It is a magnificent edifice which you see before you as the symbol of national enterprise of the past twenty years; on each and every brick and stone of that building will be written the future history of Indian shipping."

ESTABLISHMENT OF SHIPBUILDING - YARD

The idea of starting modern shipbuilding in India was conceived by the founders of the Scindia Company simultaneously with the promotion of the Company itself. Accordingly, the foundation stone of the Scindia Shipbuilding Yard was laid at Visakhapatnam, an ancient port on the east coast of India, by Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the then President of the Indian National Congress, in June, 1941. He observed on that occasion: "National shipping in India has been closely identified with the national movement owing to a complex of forces, more indeed than any other section of Indian industrialism." Thus the Scindia Company established one of the key industries of the nation.

With the advent of independence, the role of Indian Shipping as a major factor in the economic life of the country began for the first time to be appreciated.

FIRST INDIA - BUILT STEAMSHIP

Jalausha—dawn of the waters—the first modern 8,000 ton steamship built in India at the Scindia Shipbuilding Yard, Visakhapatnam, was launched by Shri Jawaharlal Nehru, the Prime Minister of India, on March 14, 1948. Speaking on this occasion Shri Jawaharlal Nehru said: "... We are beholden to the Scindia Company for the enterprise it has shown in the past."

This significant event has profound importance in India's onward march and industrial progress.

The Government of India decided to take over the ship-building yard and to accept responsibility for its further development. This great national enterprise was formed into a new company on March 1, 1952, called the Hindustan Shipyard Ltd.

Now the ocean for us is a great highway for international commerce. Today our horizon is widening and our fleet expanding. It is our aim to have trade relations with every quarter of the globe.

It has been the Indian tradition to export the best to foreign lands but our most precious cargo is India's message of peace and universal brotherhood.

NATIONAL MARITIME DAY

April 5, 1919 is a memorable day in the history of Indian Shipping. It was on this day that the National Register of Indian Shipping was truly opened with Scindia's first ship s.s. **LOYALTY** sailing to the U.K. and unfurling the Indian flag in international waters for the first time. In view of this, the Government of India decided to celebrate it as the National Maritime Day every year. Accordingly, the first National Maritime Day was celebrated on April 5, 1964.

OUR HOUSE FLAG, FUNNEL AND HULL

The Company's House Flag is a red Swastika in a white circle on a blue background. It is an ancient Indian emblem of good luck. The Company adopted this as the symbol at its inception in 1919.

The colour of the Funnel is black with golden yellow band. The colour of the Hull is black with a white line and red bottom-boot-topping.

THE NAMES OF OUR SHIPS

The prefix **Jala** in the nomenclature of the Company's fleet means "water." Thus **Jaladhan** is wealth of the waters. **Jalaprabha**—light of the waters, and so on.



OUR FLEET

The Fleet of the Scindia Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., and the Associated Companies as on the 31st December, 1964, consists of 53 vessels of 3,09,730 gross tonnage.

COASTAL AND NEAR TRADE CARGO VESSELS

No.	Ship	Year Built	G.R.T.	D.W.T.
1.	Jalajyoti	1943	5,966	8,755
2.	Jalamayur	1943	7,208	10,804
3.	Jalausha	1948	5,102	8,050
4.	Jalaprabha	1949	5,103	8,050
5.	Jalapakash	1949	5,098	8,010
6.	Jalamatsya	1951	5,015	8,890
7.	Jalamudra	1952	5,026	8,870
8.	Jalapratap	1952	5,103	7,997
9.	Jalapushpa	1952	5,130	7,960
10.	Jalamohan	1952	4,510	7,667
11.	Jalamani	1953	5,023	8,865
12.	Jalamangala	1954	4,537	7,579
13.	Jalamaya	1954	4,510	7,667
14.	Jalaputra	1954	5,172	7,986
15.	Jalamadhuri	1955	4,510	7,525
16.	Jalamoti	1955	4,510	7,667
17.	Jalamanjari	1956	4,510	7,525

B.S.N. LINE WEST COAST TRADE CARGO - CUM - PASSENGER VESSELS

18.	Sonavati	1936	1,638	2,402
19.	Sarasvati	1949	3,750	3,695
20.	Sabarmati	1949	3,750	3,715

CARGO VESSELS

21.	Bhadravati	1953	2,505	3,800
22.	Jalatapi	1956	2,671	3,273

SCINDIA'S OVERSEAS VESSELS INDIA - PAKISTAN - U.K./CONTINENT, BLACK SEA, U.S.A. AND GREAT LAKES/EASTERN CANADA

23.	Jalvallah	1950	6,905	9,350
24.	Jalrajendra	1951	6,905	9,350

No.	Ship	Year Built	G.R.T.	D.W.T.
25.	Jalagovind	1953	5,342	9,150
26.	Jalagopal	1955	9,863	14,040
27.	Jalazad	1955	6,199	9,501
28.	Jaljawahar	1955	6,199	9,525
29.	Jalavijaya	1955	7,178	9,083
30.	Jalavihar	1955	7,178	9,105
31.	Jalavishnu	1956	7,178	9,038
32.	Jaladhan	1956	6,527	9,515
33.	Jaladhruv	1956	6,527	9,551
34.	Jaladharma	1957	6,527	9,535
35.	Jaladhir	1957	9,483	11,756
36.	Jaladharati	1957	9,488	11,769
37.	Jaladhanya	1957	9,488	11,766
38.	Jalagouri	1957	8,058	11,675
39.	Jaladuhita	1958	8,699	12,579
40.	Jalagomati	1958	9,056	12,961
41.	Jalaganga	1958	8,058	11,675
42.	Jalaveera	1958	7,172	9,075
43.	Jaladuta	1959	9,177	12,345
44.	Jaladurga	1960	9,176	12,346
45.	Jalakrishna	1960	9,215	12,609
46.	Jalakirti	1961	9,228	12,614
47.	Jalakala	1964	9,200	12,600

UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT VISAKHAPATNAM

48.	M. V. Jalakendra (V.C. 155)	Mid-1965 (Exp. dely)	9,200	12,600
49.	Motor vessel (V.C. 157)	End-1965 (Exp. dely)	9,200	12,600

AT FERGUSON SHIPYARD, GLASGOW

50.	M. V. Hull No. 442		2,700	3,200
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51.	Jalavikram	1958	7,178	9,074
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52.	Chandravati	1933	556	252
53.	Ratnagiri	1935	590	318
54.	St. Anthony	1936	432	172
55.	Rohidas	1949	1,288	241
56.	Champavati	1949	1,288	241

ROLE OF SHIPPING IN NATIONAL ECONOMY

The growth of civilization, on its material side, is bound up with the process by which the resources of the world have pooled, and the specialized products of every land made available to humanity as a whole. This is the work of transport. It has been the task of the shipping industry, all through its long history, to act as the chief factor in the unification of the world. Water-transport is always easier and cheaper than land-transport for the carriage of commodities over long distances.

A powerful national mercantile marine is essential for the promotion and prosperity of the national industries and for the defence of the country. It is imperative that India should have a strong merchant navy of its own, controlled, managed and manned by Indians.

Shipping is an integral and essential part of our economy, helping towards greater self-reliance in regard to the transport of our exports and imports, and saving and earning for the country a large amount of foreign-exchange which is fundamental for the success of our dynamic Plan.

With the expansion of shipping and with the carriage of larger quantity of goods, Indian shipping will be able to prevent the large drains on our foreign exchange resources and will also substantially increase its present contribution to that pool. There is thus need to develop the industry to an extent which will enable national ship to carry at least 50% of the trade emanating from and terminating in our country in addition to its entire coastal trade.

The Indian flag does not fly on all the important seas of the world. It is possible to open unexplored routes and new markets for the imports we need and the exports we want to sell. Overlapping of routes should be carefully avoided in the interests of the overall planned development of Indian shipping. Competition between different Indian Lines is bound to prove detrimental to the cause of Indian shipping.

Unlike the shore industries, shipping does not enjoy the privilege of being able to base the "Sales Price" of its products i.e. shipping space at a level which would cover its costs and depreciation and enable it to earn a reasonable margin which would provide for rehabilitation and for return on capital.

The problems of Indian Shipping are:—

- Firstly,** The vital need for expansion of Indian tonnage;
- Secondly,** establishing broader base for participation of Indian tonnage in India's overseas trades;
- Thirdly,** a consistent and well-understood policy by all organs of the Central and States Governments to channelize their shipments by Indian ships;
- Lastly,** the need for some immediate attention being paid to the development of ports. The delays in turn-round have considerably added to the debit side of the operational side of shipping.

With the geographical position and an extensive coast-line of about 3500 miles, coastal shipping should be placed as a part of the coordinated National Transport System of the country.

We cannot afford to forget national values and the spirit of **Swadeshi** in the economic and industrial life of our country given to us by Mahatma Gandhi. Our maritime history is not a matter of chance or of casual growth; it is a heritage, but it is a heritage that must be guarded zealously and studied carefully in all its phases.

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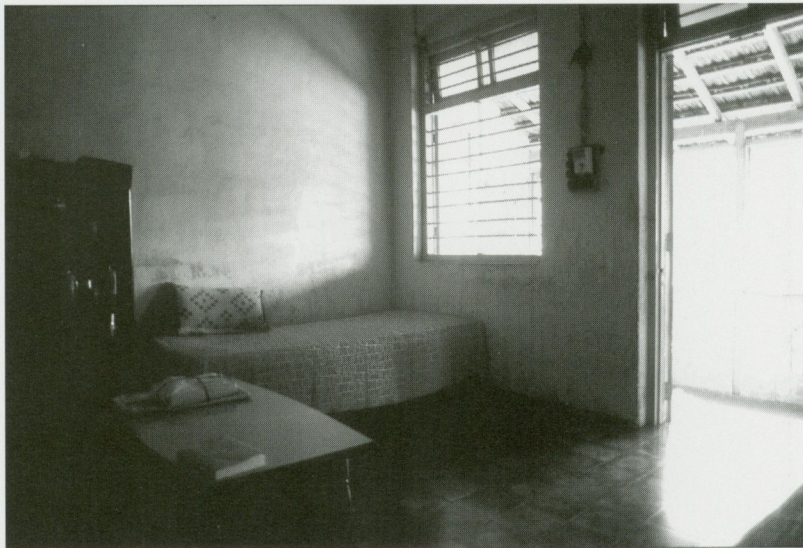
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1965



Sumati Morarji agreed to let Śrīla Prabhupāda reside at the Scindia Colony, a compound of apartments for Scindia employees, while he was waiting for his departure papers. (left) Śrīla Prabhupāda stayed and did his typing in this room. The furniture is new and was not there at the time of his tenure.

Śrīla Prabhupāda held preaching programs in this room before he left for America. Little has changed since 1965.



The outside veranda of Śrīla Prabhupāda's room, which is on the left. The room of G. N. Nagarajan and his wife, who gave encouragement and support to Śrīla Prabhupāda, is on the right.

A P R I L

1 THURSDAY

2 FRIDAY

Saw the Andheri residence. Good. 3 SATURDAY
1 Set kept w/ Nagarajan.
1 Set " " Acharya.

SHIP YOUR CARGO BY SCINDIA SHIPS

Editor's Note:

This is the first page on which Śrīla Prabhupāda makes a written entry. We have omitted those pages on which there are no entries.

SATURDAY 3

Saw the Andheri residence. Good.

1 Set kept w/ Nagarajan.

1 Set " " Acharya.

A P R I L

SUNDAY 4

MONDAY 5

To enquire Mafatlal.
See Sydenham, Theosophical, S.N.D.T., The
charity offices. Wilson College, Vidya Bhavan etc.
Mr. Dastoor, Matunga Colleges.

MONDAY 5 To enquire Mafatlal.
See Sydenham, Theosophical, S.N.D.T., The
charity offices. Wilson College, Vidya Bhavan etc.
Mr. Dastoor, Matunga Colleges.

TUESDAY 6

Madana Sofia Wadia
New Marine Lines
Theosophical Hall
purchased 1 x 3 copies paid
cheque for Rs. 48/-

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WE CARRY INDIA'S MESSAGE OF PEACE AND GOODWILL

A P R I L

7 WEDNESDAY

at 12 noon at
Sri Paramanta's House. Dine.

8 THURSDAY

THURSDAY 8

at 12 noon at
Sri Paramanta's House. Dine.

at 8/30 to 9 am.

9 FRIDAY

FRIDAY 9

Sri R. V. Murthy, No 5, Ratan Lodge
Behind Aurora Cinema
King's Circle.

at 8/30 to 9 a.m.

Sri R. V. Murthy, No. 5, Ratan Lodge
Behind Aurora Cinema
King's Circle.

at 1-30 to 2 p.m.

at 1-30 to 2 p.m.

Sri T. K. Sesdhari, News Editor
Economic Times
Times of India, V.T.

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Economic Times
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SCINDIA'S CARGO SERVICE SPANS FOUR CONTINENTS

A P R I L

SATURDAY 10

SUNDAY 11

at 9 a.m. invitation at
Malad Lakh Shankar's
House.

SUNDAY 11

at 9 am, invitation a
Malad Lakh Shankar's
House.

MONDAY 12

To see Gandhi, Somaiya, Inter,
Wilson Col. Gulabchand, Kapadia.

MONDAY 12

To see Gandhi, Somaiya, Inter,
Wilson Col. Gulabchand, Kapadia.

OUR FLEET IS EXPANDING AND OUR HORIZON IS WIDENING

A P R I L

*To see the Father Principal
at 10 to 11 (St. Xavier)*

13 TUESDAY

TUESDAY 13

To see the Father Principal
at 10 to 11 (St. Xavier)

14 WEDNESDAY

To see Gandhi's secretary bet 11-1 p.m.

15 THURSDAY

THURSDAY 15

To see Gandhi's secretary bet. 11-1 p.m.

SHIP YOUR CARGO BY SCINDIA SHIPS

A P R I L

19 MONDAY

20 TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY 21

- (1) To unpack the books.
- (2) See Rama Krishna.
- (3) Banking Corporation.
- (4) Nagarajam
- (5) Bhatkal.

21 WEDNESDAY

- (1) To unpack the books.
- (2) See Rama Krishna.
- (3) Banking Corporation.
- (4) Nagarajam
- (5) Bhatkal.

SCINDIA'S CARGO SERVICE SPANS FOUR CONTINENTS

APRIL

WEDNESDAY 28

THURSDAY 29

*Principal
St. Xavier's Institution of
Education, Bombay
Kept one set. To be paid on 30/4/65
in the afternoon.*

FRIDAY 30

THURSDAY 29

Principal
St. Xavier's Institution of
Education, Bombay
Kept one set. To be paid on 30/4/65
in the afternoon.

WE CARRY INDIA'S MESSAGE OF PEACE AND GOODWILL

M A Y

| SATURDAY

SUNDAY 2

Kanakia met at Vile Parle at his house. He kept one set book with all literatures. To decide in 4/5 days. He gave some addresses of friends to be seen.

ACB

2 SUNDAY

Kanakia met at Vile Parle at his house. He kept one set book with all literatures. To decide in 4/5 days. He gave some addresses of friends to be seen. *see*

3 MONDAY

SCINDIA'S CARGO SERVICE SPANS FOUR CONTINENTS

M A Y

TUESDAY 4

To see Mr. C. Rai of Indokem Ltd.
221, Dadabhey Navroji Road
Bombay-1
after 11 - Books kept at home by
servant Sanjik.

WEDNESDAY 5

THURSDAY 6

1. To see Sethi Indokem
2. To see Choksi High Desai
3. To see Sonawale
4. To see Bank & Prem Kutir and Mafatlal
5. To see Jamnadas.
6. If possible see Pratapsingh.

OUR FLEET IS EXPANDING AND OUR HORIZON IS WIDENING

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THURSDAY 6

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2. To see Choksi (?) Desai(?)
3. To see Somaniji(?)
4. To see Bank and Prem Kutir(?) and Mafatlal
5. To see Jamnadas.
6. If possible see Pratapsingh.

MONDAY 10

To see Bhatkal at Tardeo at 12 noon
Telephone Kanakia at 9 a.m.

TUESDAY 11

To see Bhatkal before 1 p.m.
To remind Chandra Sekhar of my
letter of 29/4/65 as well as of the change of
address.

WEDNESDAY 12

To see Bhatkal between 4 to 5
To see Sevantibhai—3 to 4
To see (?) 4 p.m.

M A Y

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To see Bhatkal at Tardeo at 12 noon
To phone Kanakia at 9 a.m.

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To see Sevantibhai — 3 to 4
To see Pradhumal Prasad at 4 p.m.

WE CARRY INDIA'S MESSAGE OF PEACE AND GOODWILL

M A Y

13 THURSDAY

to call Phone 72219 at 9 AM.
Vrajlal D Kanakia
Ranchhodas Kanjis wadi
Vithalbhai Patel Road.
Bombay-4
1st Floor oppt. Girgaum P.O.
To call Phone 74804 Gokarn. at 10/30

14 FRIDAY

To see Jamnadas Madhoji at 2 PM.
43/
Forbes St/44
Kala Glusa
4/30-5 Sason Bld.
2nd Floor
P. Varajlal Durlabde

15 SATURDAY

m.o. for Rs 25/- under Postal Receipt
No 3401 dt. 15/5/65 Yogaksema P.O.
to Pandit Sri Krishna Sharma
Delhi
Similar No 3402 to Gorachand
Goswami Vrindaban.

THURSDAY 13

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Vrajlal D. Kanakia
Ranchhodas Kanjis Wadi
Vithalbhai Patel Road,
Bombay-4
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To call phone 74804 Gokarn at 10/30

FRIDAY 14

To see Jamnadas Madhoji at 2 p.m.
Forbes St 43/44
Kala Glusa
Saison(?) Bld.
4/30-5 2nd Floor
P. Varajlal Durlabde(?) & Co.

SATURDAY 15

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Delhi
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Goswami Vrindaban.

SUNDAY 16

at 9 a.m.

Dixitji

Seth Varajlal @ 4/30

at his house Girgaon

M A Y

SUNDAY 16

at 9 A.m.

Dixitji

Seth Varajlal @ 4/30.
at his house Girgaon

MONDAY 17

TUESDAY 18

OUR FLEET IS EXPANDING AND OUR HORIZON IS WIDENING

M A Y

19 WEDNESDAY

20 THURSDAY



Śrīla Prabhupāda at a speaking engagement in the early 70's with Sumati Morarji, the proprietor of the Scindia Steam Navigation Company. She is referred to on the opposite page as "Sumatiben." Śrīla Prabhupāda wrote to her after his arrival in America, and this letter is reproduced in the "Reflections" chapter, on page 86. Also, Śrīla Prabhupāda refers humorously to this 1965 meeting in the conversation on page 83.

FRIDAY 21

1. See Vrajlal. 2 Phone Chandsekar(?)
3. See Dixit. 4. Take Food & rest. 5. See Sumati
- ben 6. Dharamsy Khatau, 7. Gokuldas.
8. Allied Publisher.

Introduction letter for C. D. Deshaupt(?)
copy of " to Sachdevi.

Mr. Choksi met in presence of
Sumatiben. Choksi said as soon
as the following things presented the free
pass will be issued,
Passport, Visa & P form

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M A Y

25 TUESDAY

26 WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY 27

Purchased ticket for
Delhi sleeping reserved on Date
starting at 8/40 Janata Express.

Ticket No. 89887/23/27/5 } Paid
Reservation No. 56713/51-17 } Rs. 32/-

Purchased Ticket for . 27 THURSDAY
Delhi sleeping reserved on Date
starting at 8/40 Janata Express.
Ticket No. 89887/23/27/5 } Paid
Reservation No. 56713/51-17. } Rs. 32/-

SCINDIA'S CARGO SERVICE SPANS FOUR CONTINENTS

JUNE

WEDNESDAY 9 Sunil, Raizada, Post Box,
Blockman, Photoman, letters to friends,
K.C. Raj,

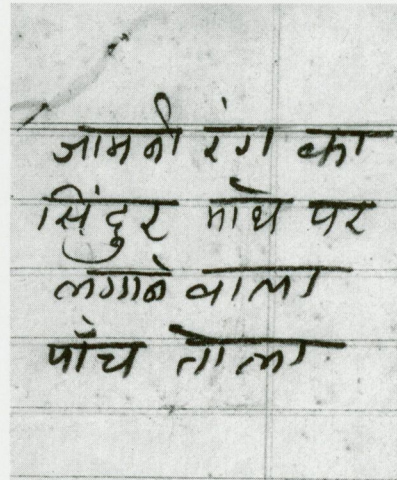
THURSDAY 10

FRIDAY 11

Rs. 9.80 n.p. one Photo
Letter from Scindia from India
to Pennsylvania + back,

WEDNESDAY 9

Sunil, Raizada, Post Box,
Blockman, Photoman, letters to friends,
K. C. Raj.



(left) This Hindi note was pinned to the diary at the June 9 entry. It reads: "reddish purple kumkum powder which is put on the forehead, five tolas." (One tola = 10 grams)

FRIDAY 11

Rs. 9.80 n.p. one Photo
Letter from Scindia from India
to Pennsylvania & back.

JUNE

12 SATURDAY

SUNDAY 13

Ticket purchased for Bombay
for starting on 22/6/65 at
night Dehradun Express
Ticket No. 12285 Res No. 85593
Paid Rs. 30/4/-

13 SUNDAY

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Paid Rs 30/4/-*

14 MONDAY

SHIP YOUR CARGO BY SCINDIA SHIPS

JULY

6 TUESDAY

7 WEDNESDAY

To see Choksi at 12 noon. 8 THURSDAY

THURSDAY 8
To see Choksi at 12 noon.

SHIP YOUR CARGO BY SCINDIA SHIPS

FRIDAY 9

To see the Bank Manager
& J. M. Choksi
Passport No. I-276896
Dt Delhi 10/6/65

SATURDAY 10

At 3 p.m. to phone Sri Vrajlal Seth.
At 4 p.m. to see Gokuldas Somaya.

SUNDAY 11

At 8 a.m. to phone Tarachand Gupta

JULY

FRIDAY 9

To see the Bank manager
Mr. Choksi

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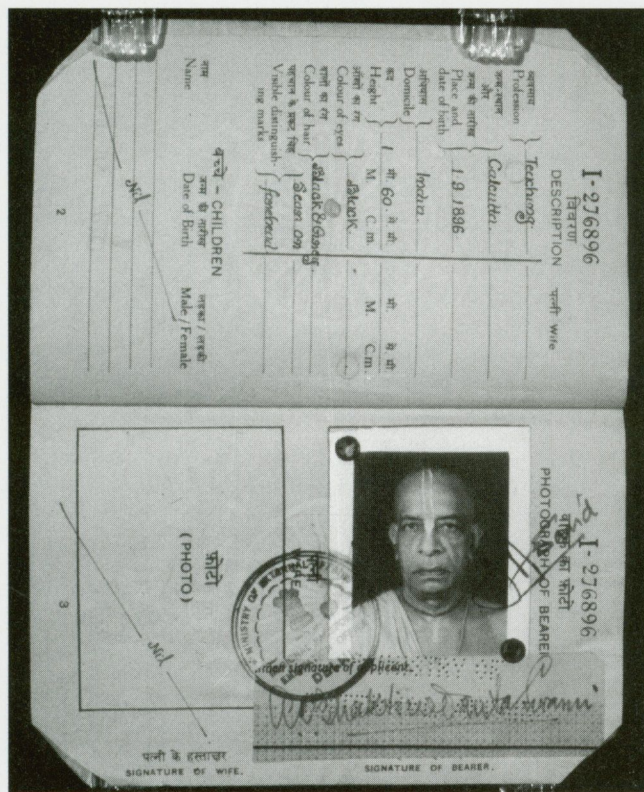
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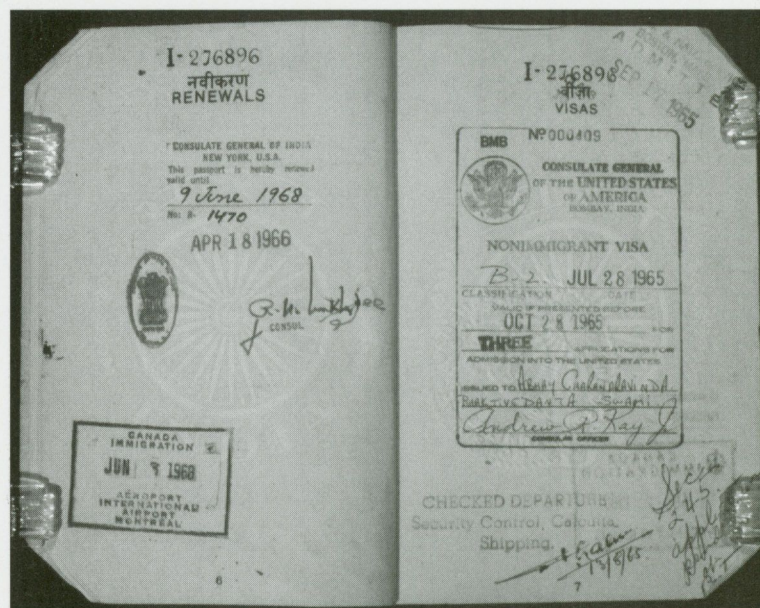
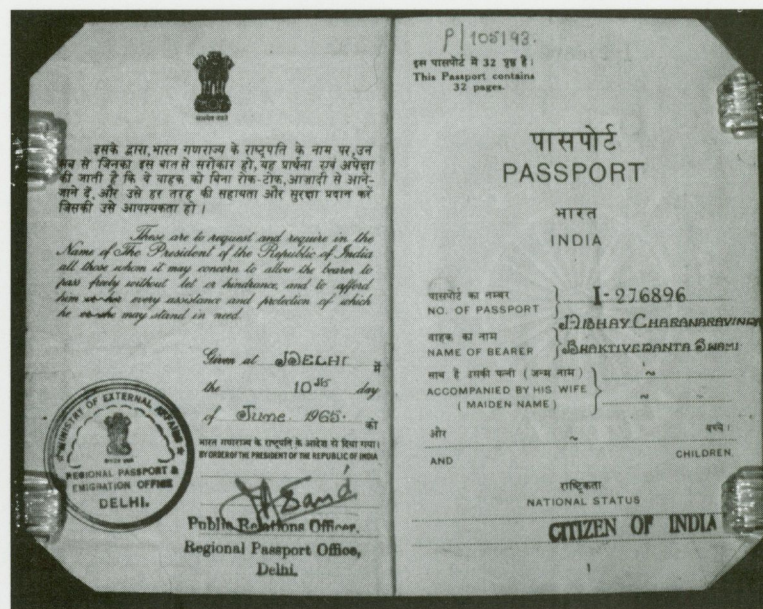
SUNDAY 11

At 8 a.m. to phone Tarachand Gupta

WE CARRY INDIA'S MESSAGE OF PEACE AND GOODWILL



(above and top right) Śrīla Prabhupāda experienced no difficulty in obtaining his passport, and with the help of his friend and sponsor Krishna Pandit, it was issued to him on June 10.



Obtaining the visa, however, proved more difficult. It was not until July 28, after much endeavor, and with the help of Mr. Choksi from the Scindia Company, that it was finally approved.

MONDAY 12

At 6 p.m. to meet Mr. Pandiwala
Chartered Accountant.
Bangur Brother Pvt Ltd
Netaji Subhas Road
Calcutta

JULY

At 6 p.m. to meet Mr. Pandiwala
Chartered Accountant.

12 MONDAY

Bangur Brother Pvt Ltd
Netaji Subhas Road
Calcutta

13 TUESDAY

14 WEDNESDAY

SCINDIA'S CARGO SERVICE SPANS FOUR CONTINENTS

JULY

WEDNESDAY 21

Mir Flex par was purchased at
Rs 1/- *all* *all*

THURSDAY 22

FRIDAY 23

Passport with
Choksi for showing
to Panchal.

WE CARRY INDIA'S MESSAGE OF PEACE AND GOODWILL

WEDNESDAY 21

Mir Flex par(?) was purchased at
Rs 1/-
ACB

FRIDAY 23

Passport with
Choksi for showing
to Panchal.

SATURDAY 24

Sleeping Berth on
1/8/65 for Howrah reserved
Ticket No. 49031 Dt 24/7/65
Paid Rs 42/70 n.p.(?)
Reservation Ticket No. 21346.
Dt 24/7/65
ACB
Train starting at 1900(?) hours.

JULY

Sleeping Berth on 24 SATURDAY
1/8/65 for Howrah reserved
Ticket No 49031 dt 24/7/65
Paid Rs 42/70 n.p.
Reservation Ticket No 21346.
dt 24/7/65
Train Starting at 1900 hours.

25 SUNDAY

26 MONDAY

SCINDIA'S CARGO SERVICE SPANS FOUR CONTINENTS

JULY

TUESDAY 27

'P' Form No 63753
Ec. Co Pass No 11012 dt 27.7.65
Reserve Bank of India.

WEDNESDAY 28

Rs 25/- remitted by m.o. to Gorachand
Goswami before leaving for U.S.A.
June, July, August, September, to October

my
-p' Form &
Visa for U.S.A.
Obtained
by Choksi

THURSDAY 29

Dharwarkar delivered R/d
one package of books Srimad
Bhagwatam (35) booked by Universal
Book House Dadar to Calcutta F.P.
under P.W.B. No B 678078 dt 29/7/65
from Dadar. FH to pay Rs 7/50/-

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1	2	3	4	5
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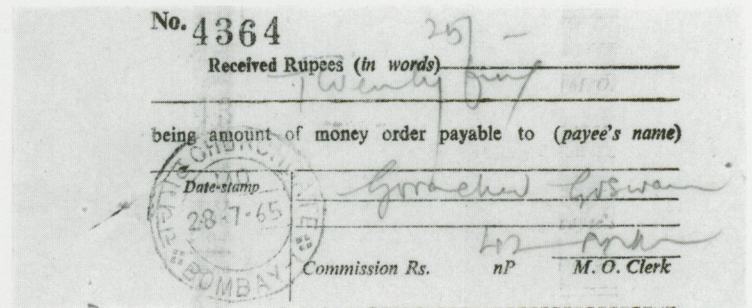
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The rooms at Rādhā-Dāmodara rented by Śrīla Prabhupāda. (above right) The double doors on the right lead to Śrīla Prabhupāda's kitchen. (above left) Śrīla Prabhupāda's bed in his living room. (bottom left) Inside the kitchen. From its window, Śrīla Prabhupāda could see the samādhi of Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī.



The receipt for the money order sent to Gorachand Goswami, as mentioned in the letter opposite. It was pinned to the diary at the July 28 entry.

Tridandi Goswami

A. C. BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI.

Residence:
Shri Radha Damodar
Temple, Sebakunja,
Vrindaban.

Office:
Shri Radha Krishna Temple,
2439, Chhipi Wada Kalan,
Post Box No. 1846,
DELHI-6.

To, _____ Camp Bombay July 31, 1965

My Dear Gosainji,

Please accept my dandabats. To-morrow I am going to Calcutta to catch my ship M.V. Jaladuta and I am starting for U.S.A. by the 10th of August 1965 reaching New York after a month. And I have sent you one M.O. for Rs 25/- day before yesterday which I hope you have received in the meantime. I may return to India by November next.

In the meantime Sri Atmasingh Bajaj will see you with this letter as he is going to Vrindaban sometimes in the next month. He is a great devotee of Lord Krishna and it is this gentleman about whom I talked with you in the matter of Sri Radha Madhavji Vighraha of Sri Jaydeva Goswami.

He will erect a grand temple for Sri Radha Madhavji and conduct Rajseva with great pomp and accompanied by Utsava according to Valanava smritis.

Please talk with him face to face about the negotiation and on my behalf I shall strongly recommend to accept his proposal not only because he is my friend but also from the angle/improvement of the Seva Pujah.

I hope both of you will come to some happy agreement just to see improved condition of seva pujah.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours sincerely

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami.

Sri Gorachand Goswami
Sebat Sri Radha Damodarji
Temple, Sebakunja,
Vrindaban,

Śrīla Prabhupāda wrote this letter to Gorachand Goswami, head of the Rādhā-Dāmodara temple in Vṛndāvana, and enclosed a money order for Rs. 25/-. Śrīla Prabhupāda notes that this payment will cover the rent of his rooms for five months, from June to October of 1965. He had made two rooms at the Rādhā-Dāmodara temple his Vṛndāvana residence in 1962.

FRIDAY 30

Mr. J. M. Choksi today handed over me the following documents.

1. The Passport.
2. "P" Form passed Dt 27/7/65
3. Original letter & no objection certificate from Gopal P. Agarwal.
4. Copies of letters for Calcutta office Scindia Steam Navigation Co.
5. International Certificate & vaccination. (3 years & 6 months)

SUNDAY 1

To start for Calcutta by the Calcutta Mail via Nagpur starting from Bori-Banrer(?) at 19 hours in the evening. Vide Ticket Dt 24/7/65

Luggage booked. Receipt No. A116695 paid Rs. 12/20

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31 SATURDAY

AUGUST

1 SUNDAY

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(right) The letter from Gopal Agarwal mentioned in the July 30 diary entry. Śrīla Prabhupāda was pleasantly surprised when the Ministry of External Affairs showed him this Statutory Declaration Form and informed him that his No Objection Certificate had been issued. Śrīla Prabhupāda had met Gopal's father only briefly, three or four months previously, and had not expected anything to come of Mr. Agarwal's offer to have his son, Gopal, act as sponsor. (See also the "Reflections" chapter, beginning on page 81.)

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STATUTORY DECLARATION FORM

- Sponsor's First Name: AGARWAL Middle Name: GOPAL Last Name: PRASAD
- Sponsor's address in the U.S.A.: 415 N. MAIN ST. BUTLER PA.
(House No. & Street name) (City) (State)
- Telephone No: 2821252
- Sponsor's Profession: ENGINEER
(Supported by a certificate of employment in quadruplicate indicating emoluments earned). Enclose original also).
- Other financial standing of sponsor: ABOUT \$1200.00 BANK STATEMENT ATTACHED
(Immovable property, amount in the bank, if any, etc.)(Certificate in quadruplicate including original).
- Sponsor's passport number: J-000871 Date of issue: JUNE 25TH 1962
Place of issue: NEW YORK, N.Y. Issued by: CONSULATE
(Embassy/Consulate/Regional Passport Office).
- Date of expiry: JUNE 24, 1965
- Name(s) of persons to be sponsored: TRIDANDI GOSWAMI A.C. BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI
from India: 1. (Name in full) SPIRITUAL INSTRUCTOR ABOUT 55
(giving relationship & age) (Relationship) (Age)
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
- Full address of persons in India: TRIDANDI GOSWAMI A.C. BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI, DELHI 6.
- Undertaking: I, GOPAL PRASAD AGARWAL hereby solemnly declare that I undertake to bear the cost of passage(s) of the above mentioned person(s) in column 6 from India to U.S.A. and to provide for him/her/them during his/her/their stay in the U.S.A. and to repatriate him/her/them to India at my cost, when necessary.

Date: APRIL 13, 1965
Signature of sponsor in the presence of an Indian Consul or a Notary Public in the U.S.A.):
Gopal Prasad Agarwal

Sworn to before me this 13th day of month APRIL year nineteen hundred and sixty 5
H. FREDERICK WALL
Butler, Butler County, Pa.
My Commission Expires 8-28-1967
(Signature and Seal of a Notary Public or Signature of Consul of India).

SEEN IN THE CONSULAR DEPARTMENT,
CONSULATE GENERAL OF INDIA,
NEW YORK, N.Y., U.S.A.
CONSUL
No. L. 1464 DATE: 22 APR 1965

INSTRUCTIONS & REQUIREMENTS:-

- One of the four applications when signed in the presence of a Notary Public must be further certified by the County Clerk of the Court.
- Your passport.
- A White Index Card duly filled in on both sides.
- If sent by mail, a money order of \$3.90 (Fee \$3.15 plus postage 75c).
- This application in QUADRUPPLICATE.
- All supporting documents in QUADRUPPLICATE. (Originals should also be sent to us and the same will be returned with the passport etc. SENDS.

AUGUST

MONDAY 2

TUESDAY 3

Reached at 65-A, Pachuriaghata St.
Ramkumar Bangur Dharmasala at about 1 p.m.
Sri Gobindlal Bangur sent his man to receive
me. Received letter from Chaitanya Bharati, New
Delhi Dt 1/8/65 and also from Govind Maharaj Dt
31/7/65.

TUESDAY 3

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31/7/65.*

WEDNESDAY 4

WE CARRY INDIA'S MESSAGE OF PEACE AND GOODWILL

AUGUST

*Sri Kanai Banerji coming today
to see me at any time.* ⁵ THURSDAY

*Morning to start for Mayapur
and return back in the evening.* ⁶ FRIDAY

⁷ SATURDAY

THURSDAY 5

Sri Kanai Banerji coming today
to see me at any time.

FRIDAY 6

Morning to start for Mayapur
and return back in the evening.

THE SCINDIA STEAM NAVIGATION CO. LTD. BOMBAY

N^o 774.

Place of issue CALCUTTA Date 4. 8. 1968



CABIN CLASS

NON-TRANSFERABLE PASSAGE TICKET

PER Regular Cargo Carrier S.S. JALADUTA embarking about 19
m.v.

From the port of Calcutta Back to the port of

Names	AGE		Cabin No.	Berth No.	Passage Fare	Taxes
	Yrs.	Mths.				
1. Sri. Anney (HARAN ARAVINDA BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI.	69					
2						
3						
4						
5 (Complimentary	Ticket		with Food			
6						
7						

Adults 1 Children 0 Infants 0 TOTAL one

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(Signature)

(K. B. Mehta)

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*The Journey ≈
The Jaladuta sets sail
for America*

A black and white portrait of a man with a beard and mustache, wearing a suit and tie. The image is grainy and appears to be a reproduction from a document.

"The Lord's Message Goes to America"

“Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu said, pṛthivīte ācheyata nagarādi grāma, sarvatra pracāra haibe mora nāma. That prophecy is going to be fulfilled now!

“Śrīmat Bhaktivedanta Swami, a resident of Vṛndāvana, has translated the Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam into English in sixty volumes with word-for-word meaning and purports. Before this great work could

be appreciated by his countrymen, people from far off America have expressed their admiration of his supernatural achievement and have invited him so that they may meet him in person and acquaint themselves with his work. Hence he is departing from Calcutta for New York this 12th day of August."

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OUR FLEET IS EXPANDING AND OUR HORIZON IS WIDENING

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In the morning I woke up and felt a little better but I felt no hunger. Took only a glass of lemon sikanji [lemon drink / nimbu pani] but the head dizziness is continuing. Up to 10/30 I was in the captain's room, radio room, chatting with the officers. In the radio room they were dispatching news to other ships. The captain's room is full with nautical paraphernalia. I saw a chart of different appearance(?) photo of the sea. The grades are 0 to 12 degrees and I think we are passing on the sea between 4 to 7 points the scene of the 10th point was furious and the 12th serious. The captain advised me to take more solid food.

MONDAY 16

Today early in the morning I saw that the ship is plying on the surface of the sea almost on 0 degree of waves. Yesterday night was comfortable and although I did not take my lunch, I took a little chara-murki with milk [puffed rice/chidwa]. The ship ran all the night yesterday smoothly and the sky although not very clear there was moon light in the night. In the morning there was sunshine but after 11 the sea became a little more rough showing foamy waves from distance. After passing the latitude of Trichinopoli we experienced a dark cloud subsequently raining all over the sea. The siren sounded on account (of) hazy vision to warn other ships coming from opposite direction. At about 12 noon it is raining heavily and the ship is stopped moving occasionally sounding the siren. There is constant sounds of thunderbolt. This is the first time I am experiencing heavy rains in the midst of deep ocean. From 12 noon we are passing through cyclonic weather. The ship is tilting too much. I felt sea sickness all day and night. At 3 p.m. the ship turned towards Ceylon coast and we are now in the Ceylon water.

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FRIDAY 20

Today at (20/8/65) the captain arranged for a meeting on board the M/V Jaladuta on account of Janmastami day and I spoke for an hour on the philosophy and teachings of Lord Sri Krishna. All the officers attended the meeting and there was distribution of Prasadam. The matter was radiographed to Smt. Sumati Morarji in Bombay. The ship is stranded on the Arabian Sea about 4 miles away from the coast. We are in this position from 3/20 p.m. 20/8/65 to 9/30 a.m. on 22/8/65.

SUNDAY 22

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23 MONDAY

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 front at about 12/30 noon. The sky was
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 High Court being situated in Ernakulam it appears that
 the city is capital of Kerala. This part of India resembles
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TUESDAY 31

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6 MONDAY

MONDAY 6

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11 SATURDAY

To-day the ship ran on very smoothly. The sky was clear and there was sun shine all the day. At about 7/30 in the morning we passed on the Azore group islands under the Portugal Republic. There was again rehearsal for life boat saving at 4/30 p.m. There was rehearsal of the fire brigadiers also. At night there was profuse moonlight on the ocean and considerable lurching also. But didn't affect me very much as it used to do in the Arabian Sea. The Atlantic ocean is more kind to me than all other seas so far we have crossed over. It is all Lord Krishna's Grace.

12 SUNDAY

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MONDAY 13

Today is the 32nd day of our journey from Calcutta. After midnight yesterday the lurching decreased and I felt relief. In the morning also I could not take my breakfast properly. Then I cooked 'Bati-chachari(?)'. It appeared to be delicious and I was able to take some food. Today I have disclosed my mind to my companion Lord Sri Krishna. There is a Bengali poem made by me today in this connection. At about eleven(?) there is a little lurching. The captain tells that they had never such calmness of the Atlantic. I said it is Lord Krishna's mercy. His wife asked me to come back again with them so that they may have again a calm Atlantic Ocean. If Atlantic would have shown its usual face perhaps I would have died. But Lord Krishna has taken charge of the ship.

TUESDAY 14

Today is the 33rd day of our journey and at 3 o'clock in the morning I saw the sky cloudy with dim moon-light. From morning till 1 o'clock the sky remained cloudy and at 1/30 p.m. there was a shower of rain. The sky is still cloudy and the wind is blowing from south-east corner and raining at intervals. The whole day passed in that way and the wind assumed a para-cyclonic face with dense cloud resulting in rain till 9/30 p.m. with regular lightening etc. At ten o'clock when I was talking in the captain's room the chief engineer Mr. Travers told me that he had never such experience of calm & quietness of the Atlantic Ocean. There was always typhoon, cyclone, fog, etc. at least for days in every trip in the past(?). I said it is Lord Krishna's Grace. If such things as usual in Atlantic would have taken place, I would die.

WEDNESDAY 15

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SEPTEMBER

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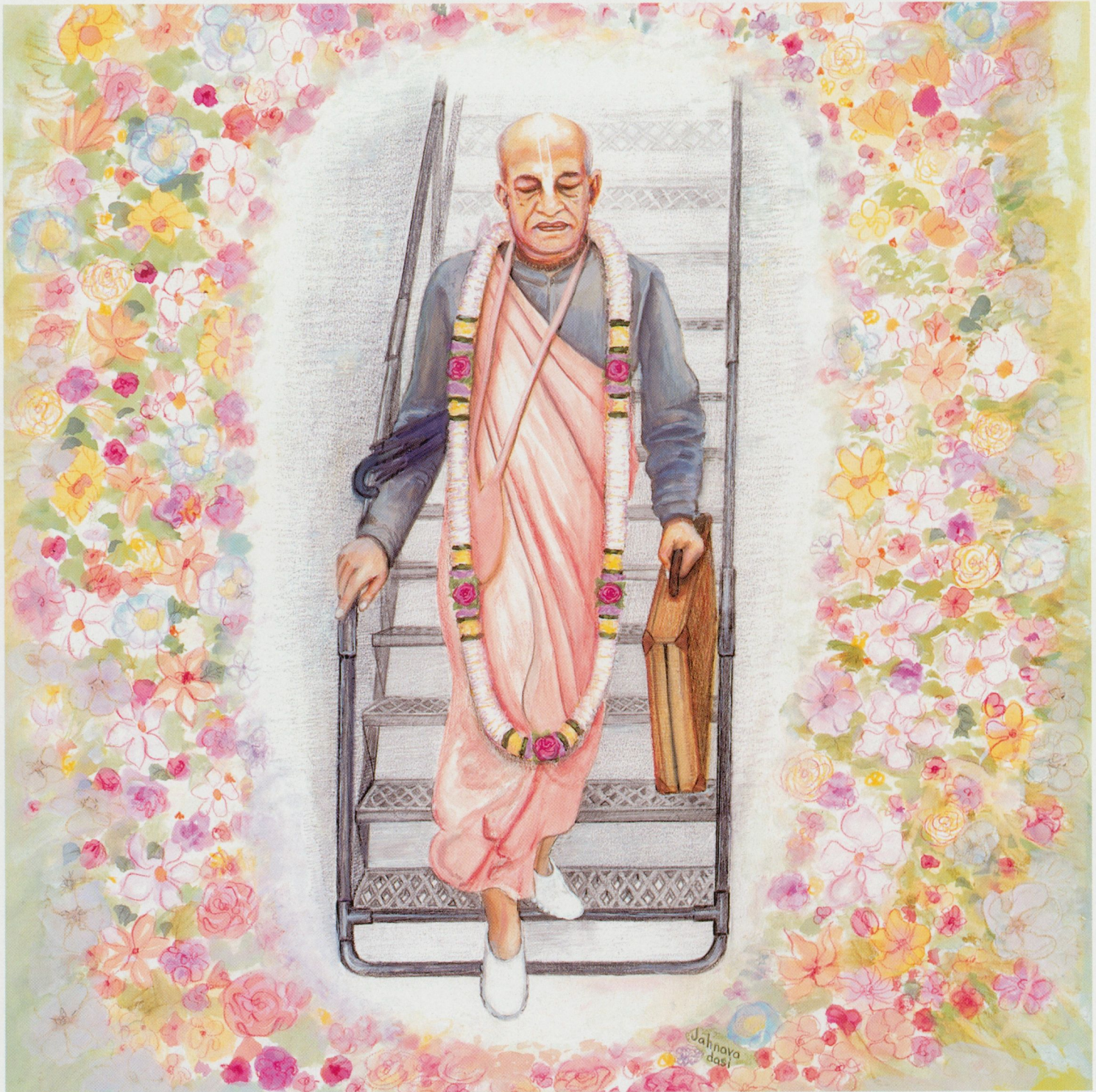
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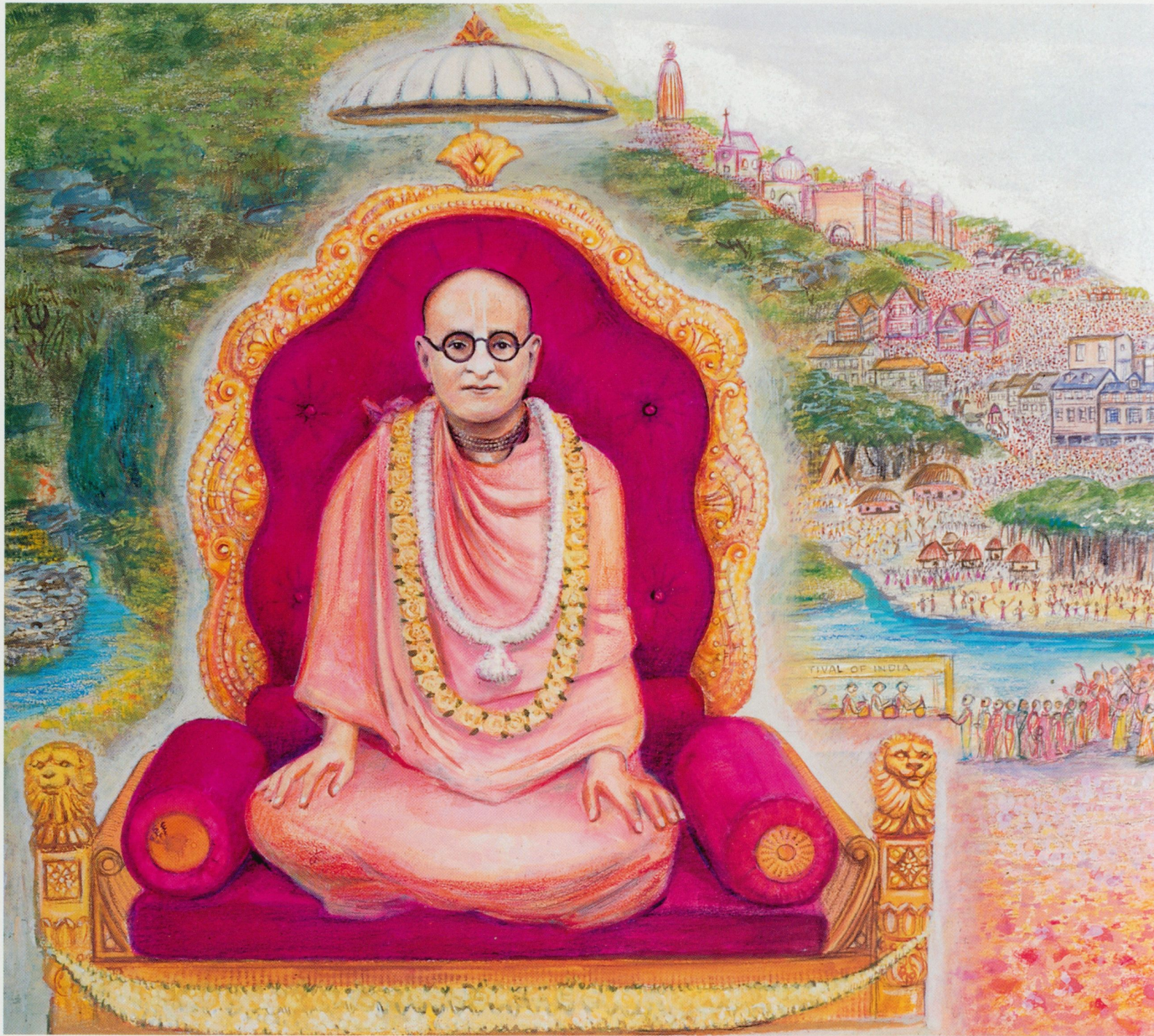
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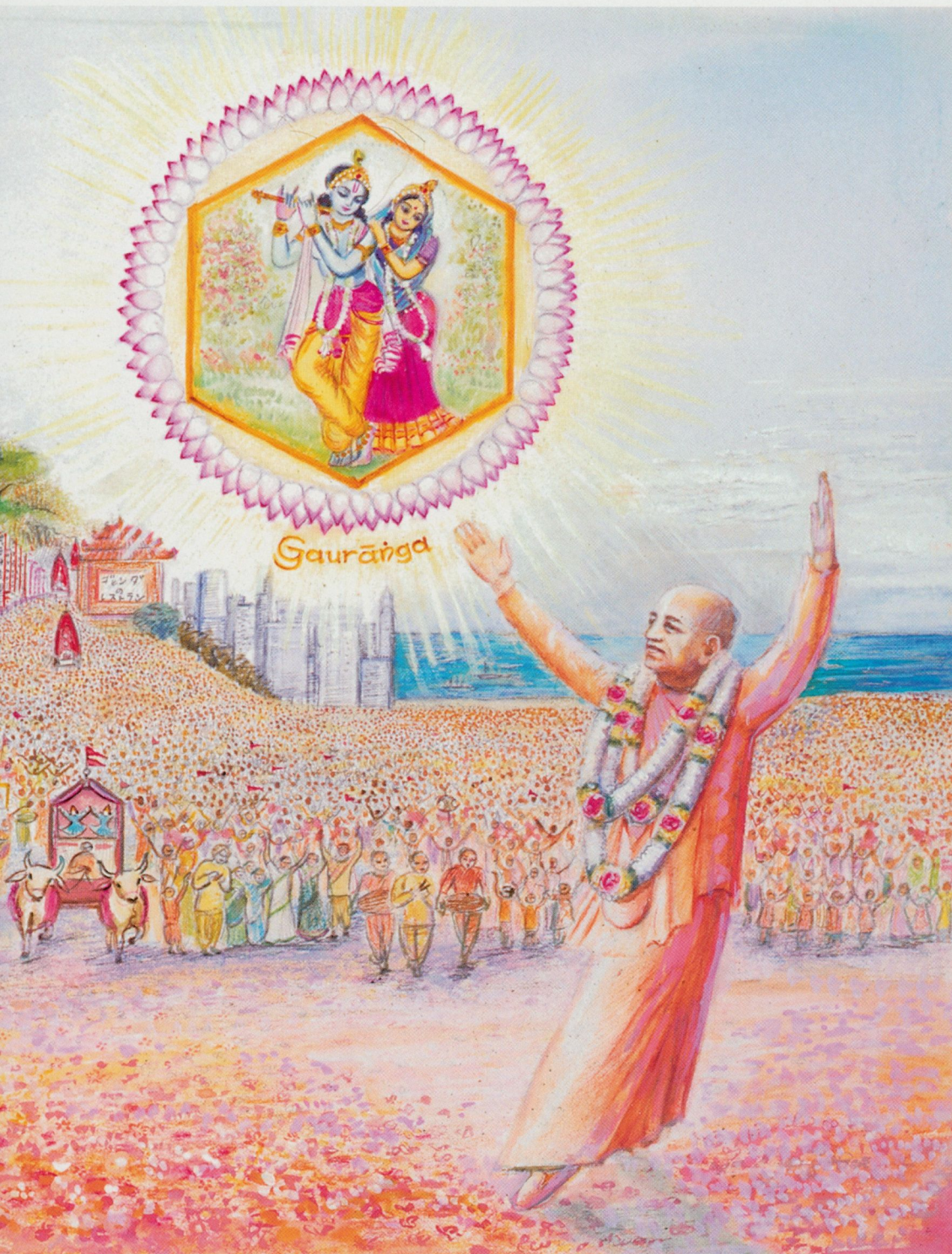


On August 13—just a few days before his seventieth birthday—a determined Śrīla Prabhupāda mounted the gangway of the cargo ship Jaladuta and took the first steps of his journey as Kṛṣṇa's emissary to the West.



"I have no devotion, nor do I have any knowledge, but I have strong faith in the holy name of Kṛṣṇa. I have been designated as Bhaktivedānta, and now, if You like, You can fulfill the real purport of Bhaktivedānta." (p. 74)



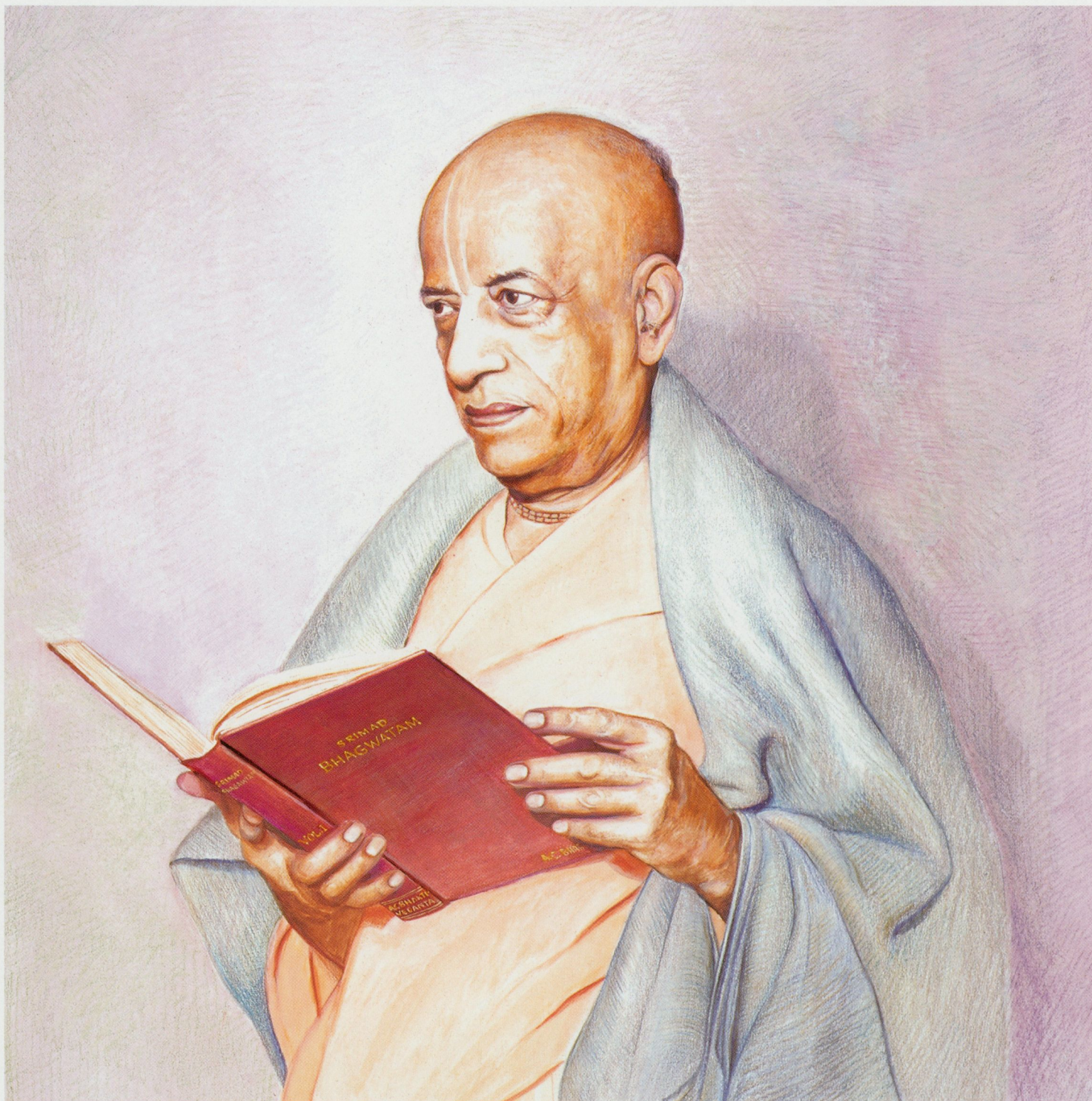


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“ ‘My mission is to revive a people’s God consciousness,’ says the Swamiji.” The Butler Eagle ran an article on Śrīla Prabhupāda just three days after his arrival in the U.S.A., designating him “Ambassador of Bhakti-yoga.”



The mind of the pure devotee is always fixed firmly upon the lotus feet of the Lord, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Śrī Kṛṣṇa, who appears in the land of Vṛndāvana as a simple cowherd boy yet is the cause of all causes.

America ≈

*Śrīla Prabhupāda arrives
at Boston Harbor*



Śrīla Prabhupāda first landed here, at Commonwealth Pier in Boston, at 5.30 a.m. on September 17, 1965. This picture was taken in 1968, when Śrīla Prabhupāda revisited the site with some of his disciples.

SEPTEMBER

THURSDAY 16

Today is the 35th day of our journey and yesterday night at about 10/30 p.m. we have turned one wheel(?) towards north eastern corner from the Bermuda latitude towards Boston port. In the morning the atmosphere was fairly cleared and the ship was plying very smoothly. The first officer told me that they never had such experience of the Atlantic ocean and he ascribed the good luck to me. I said yes it is all Lord Krishna's Grace because due to my severe type of sea-sickness, He has Himself taken charge of the ship. In (?) expansion the Lord is rowing the oars. We shall certainly reach to America port safely. The whole day was clear sun-shine but at 4 p.m. the sky all of a sudden became foggy. The sun became dim covered by foggy weather. The horizon is still visible. Let us see what is still ahead. The ship is stopped completely at about 6 p.m. on account of dense fog. Be Lord Krishna pleased to get out this fog. By the Grace of Lord Krishna the fog was cleared after 2-3 hours and the ship started. The whole night was non-disturbing and today on the 36th day of our journey we reached safely at Boston Port at 5/30 a.m.

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WE CARRY INDIA'S MESSAGE OF PEACE AND GOODWILL

SEPTEMBER

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SUNDAY 26

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The Jaladuta Diary

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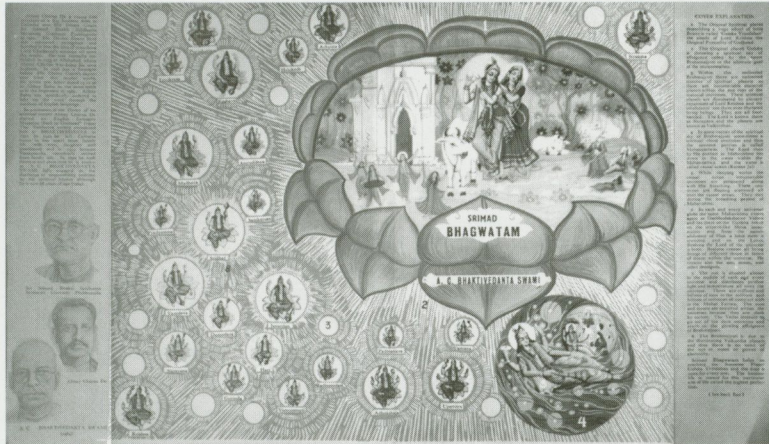


(top) The YMCA building in Butler, Pennsylvania.
(above) A typical room there. Because there was no place for Śrīla Prabhupāda to sleep at the Agarwal home, they rented a room for him here, and he would walk the six or seven blocks to their house for his daily meals and other activities. On October 18 he left Butler for New York, for wider preaching opportunities.

NOVEMBER

9 TUESDAY

10 WEDNESDAY



The dust jacket of Śrīla Prabhupāda's first printing of his Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam. He had arranged to bring two hundred of his three-volume sets with him, and these were loaded onto the Jaladuta at Cochin, as noted in his August 22 diary entry. It was these volumes that Śrīla Prabhupāda was selling to bookstores and interested parties in New York.

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29 MONDAY

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*Śrīla Prabhupāda's addresses,
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JANUARY 1966

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Road, Chembur

Near Diamond
Garden towards
Chembur Station

THURSDAY

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Mr 52/542

Mr Sardarilal Gupta

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FRIDAY 7

7 o'clock in the
evening To-day
18/5/65

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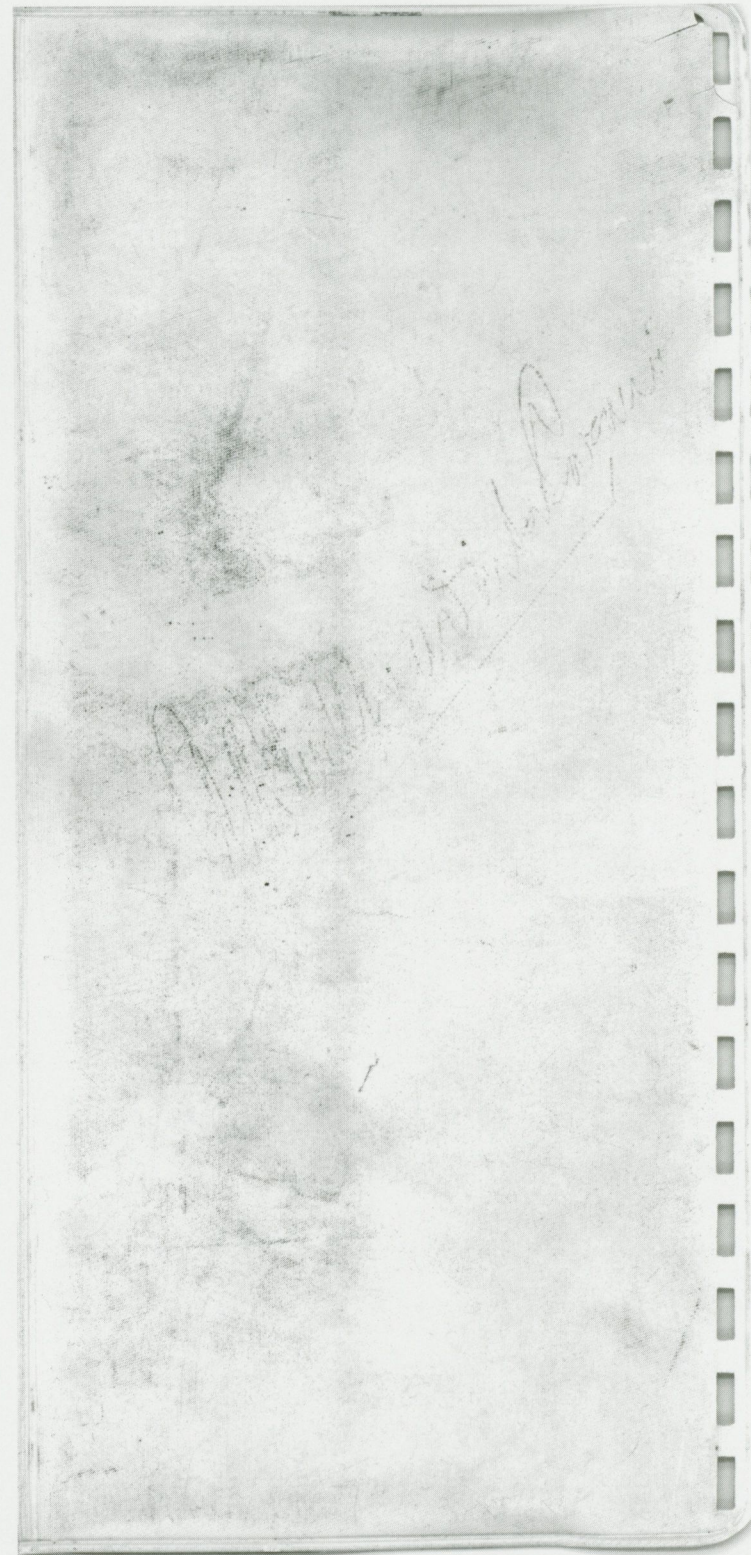
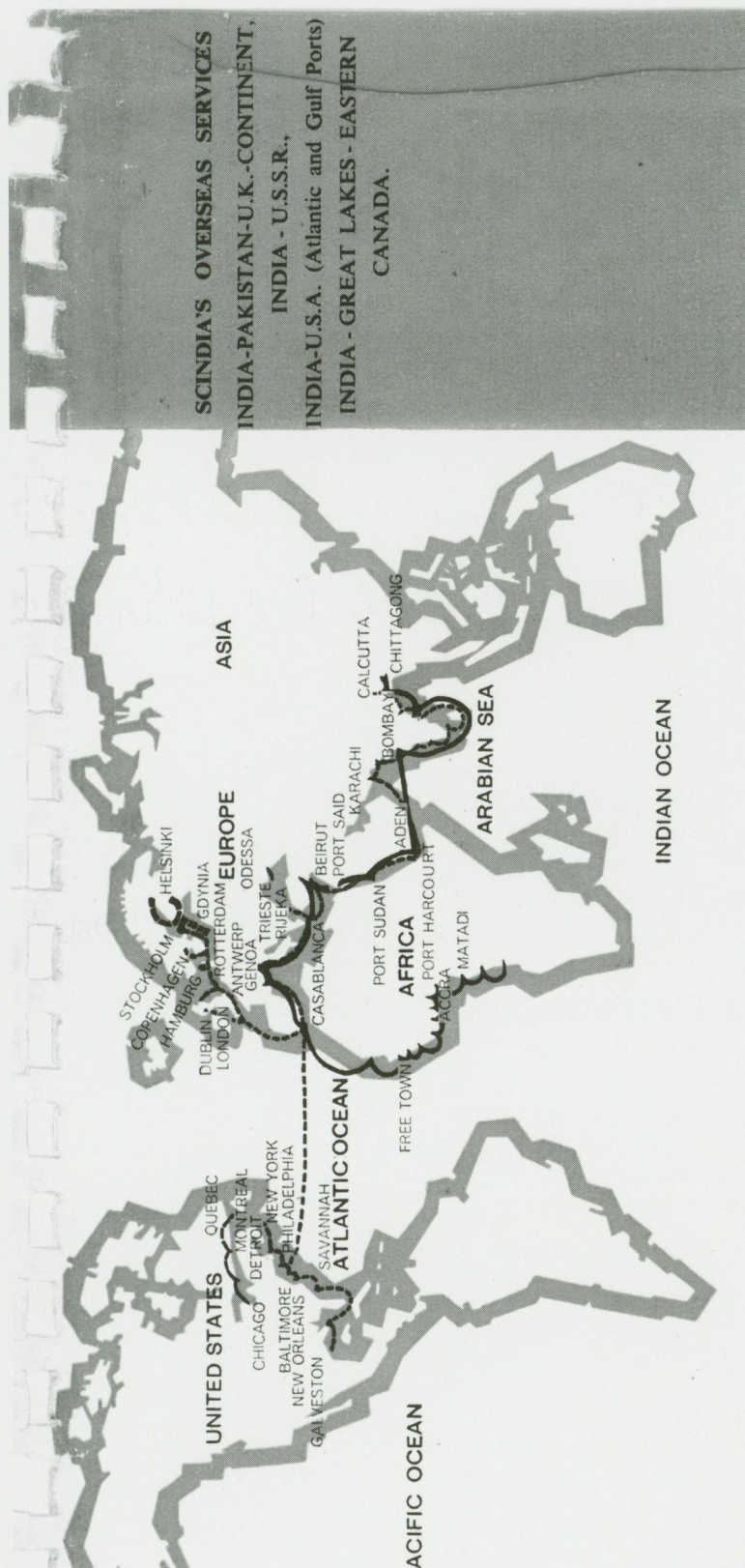
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(above) The back cover of the diary. Śrīla Prabhupāda's signature can be seen faintly.

Prayers≈

*Written by Śrīla Prabhupāda
aboard the Jaladuta*

Prayer to the Lotus Feet of Kṛṣṇa

by His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedānta Swami Prabhupāda
on board the ship *Jaladuta*, September 13, 1965

Handwritten text in Odia script, likely a transcription of the prayer. The text is written in a cursive style and includes several lines of verse. There are some corrections and annotations in the text. A date stamp "Jaladuta 13/9/65" is visible in the middle right of the handwritten text.

(refrain)

*kṛṣṇa taba puṇya habe bhāi
e-puṇya koribe jabe rādhārāṇī khusī habe
dhruva ati boli tomā tāi*

Translation: I emphatically say to you, O brothers, you will obtain your good fortune from the Supreme Lord Kṛṣṇa only when Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī becomes pleased with you.

*śrī-siddhānta saraswatī śacī-suta priya ati
kṛṣṇa-sebāya jāra tula nāi
sei se mohānta-guru jagater madhe uru
kṛṣṇa-bhakti dey thāi thāi*

Translation: Śrī Śrīmad Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura, who is very dear to Lord Gaurāṅga, the son of mother Śacī, is unparalleled in his service to the Supreme Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa. He is that great saintly spiritual master who bestows intense devotion to Kṛṣṇa at different places throughout the world.

*tāra icchā balavān pāścātyete thān thān
hoy jāte gaurāṅger nām
pṛthivīte nagarādi āsamudra nada nadi
sakalei loy kṛṣṇa nām*

Translation: By his strong desire, the holy name of Lord Gaurāṅga will spread throughout all the countries of the Western world. In all the cities, towns, and villages on the earth, from all the oceans, seas, rivers, and streams, everyone will chant the holy name of Kṛṣṇa.

tāhale ānanda hoy tabe hoy digvijay
 caitanyer kṛpā atīśay
 māyā duṣṭa jata duḥkhī jagate sabāi sukhī
 vaiṣṇaver icchā pūrṇa hoy

Translation: As the vast mercy of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu conquers all directions, a flood of transcendental ecstasy will certainly cover the land. When all the sinful, miserable living entities become happy, the Vaiṣṇavas' desire is then fulfilled.

se kārja je koribāre ājñā jadi dilo more
 jogya nahi an dīna hīna
 tāi se tomāra kṛpā māgitechī anurūpā
 āji numi sabār pravīṇa

Translation: Although my Guru Mahārāja ordered me to accomplish this mission, I am not worthy or fit to do it. I am very fallen and insignificant. Therefore, O Lord, now I am begging for Your mercy so that I may become worthy, for You are the wisest and most experienced of all.

tomāra se śakti pele guru-sebāya bastu mile
 jībana sārthak jadi hoy
 sei se sevā pāile tāhale sukhī hale
 taba saṅga bhāgyate miloy

Translation: If You bestow Your power, by serving the spiritual master one attains the Absolute Truth—one's life becomes successful. If that service is obtained, then one becomes happy and gets Your association due to good fortune.

evam janam nipatitam prabhavāhikūpe
 kāmābhikāmam anu yaḥ prapatan prasaṅgāt
 kṛtvātmasāt surarṣiṇā bhagavan grhītaḥ
 so 'haṁ katham nu viśrje tava bhṛtya-sevām

Translation: My dear Lord, O Supreme Personality of Godhead, because of my association with material desires,

one after another, I was gradually falling into a blind well full of snakes, following the general populace. But Your servant Nārada Muni kindly accepted me as his disciple and instructed me how to achieve this transcendental position. Therefore, my first duty is to serve him. How could I leave his service? (Prahlaḍa Mahārāja to Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva, *Bhāg.* 7.9.28)

tumi mor cira sāthī bhuliyā māyār lāthi
 khāiyāchi janma-janmāntare
 āji punaḥ e sujoga jadi hoy jogāyoga
 tabe pāri tuhe milibāre

Translation: O Lord Kṛṣṇa, You are my eternal companion. Forgetting You, I have suffered the kicks of *māyā* birth after birth. If today the chance to meet You occurs again, then I will surely be able to rejoin You.

tomāra milane bhāi ābār se sukha pāi
 gocārane ghuri din bhor
 kata bane chuṭāchuṭi bane khāi luṭāpuṭi
 sei din kabe habe mor

Translation: O dear friend, in Your company I will experience great joy once again. In the early morning I will wander about the cowherd pastures and fields. Running and frolicking in the many forests of Vraja, I will roll on the ground in spiritual ecstasy. Oh when will that day be mine?

āji se subidhāne tomāra smarāṇa bhela
 baro āśā ḍākilām tāi
 āmi tomāra nitya-dāsa tāi kori eta āśa
 tumi binā anya gati nāi

Translation: Today that remembrance of You came to me in a very nice way. Because I have a great longing I called to You. I am Your eternal servant and therefore I desire Your association so much. O Lord Kṛṣṇa, except for You there is no other means of success.

Mārkinē Bhāgavata-dharma

by His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda
at Boston Harbor, September 18, 1965

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baro-kṛpā kaile kṛṣṇa adhamer prati
ki lāgiyānile hethā koro ebe gati

Translation: My dear Lord Kṛṣṇa, You are so kind upon this useless soul, but I do not know why You have brought me here. Now You can do whatever You like with me.

āche kichu kārja taba ei anumāne
nahe keno āniben ei ugra-sthāne

Translation: But I guess You have some business here, otherwise why would You bring me to this terrible place?

rajas tamo guṇe erā sabāi ācchanna
bāsudeb-kathā ruci nahe se prasanna

Translation: Most of the population here is covered by the material modes of ignorance and passion. Absorbed in material life, they think themselves very happy and satisfied, and therefore they have no taste for the transcendental message of Vāsudeva. I do not know how they will be able to understand it.

tabe jadi taba kṛpā hoy ahaitukī
sakal-i sambhava hoy tumi se kautukī

Translation: But I know Your causeless mercy can make everything possible because You are the most expert mystic.

ki bhāve bujhāle tārā bujhe sei rasa
eta kṛpā koro prabhu kori nija-baśa

**The numbers at the top of the page appear to be calculations by Śrīla Prabhupāda of the distance traveled by the ship in three days.*

The Jaladuta Diary

Translation: How will they understand the mellows of devotional service? O Lord, I am simply praying for Your mercy so that I will be able to convince them about Your message.

*tomāra icchāya saba hoy mājā-baśa
tomāra icchāya nāśa mājār paraśa*

Translation: All living entities have become under the control of the illusory energy by Your will, and therefore, if You like, by Your will they can also be released from the clutches of illusion.

*taba icchā hoy jadi tādera uddhār
bujhibe niścai tabe kathā se tomār*

Translation: I wish that You may deliver them. Therefore if You so desire their deliverance, then only will they be able to understand Your message.

*bhāgavater kathā se taba avatār
dhīra haiyā śune jadi kāne bār bār*

Translation: The words of *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* are Your incarnation, and if a sober person repeatedly receives it with submissive aural reception, then he will be able to understand Your message.

It is said in the *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* (1.2.17–21):

*śṛṇvatām sva-kathāḥ kṛṣṇaḥ
puṇya-śravaṇa-kīrtanaḥ
hṛdy antaḥ-stho hy abhadraṇi
vidhunoti suhṛt satām*

*naṣṭa-prāyeṣv abhadreṣu
nityam bhāgavata-sevayā
bhagavaty uttama-śloke
bhaktir bhavati naiṣṭhikī*

*tadā rajas-tamo-bhāvāḥ
kāma-lobhādayaś ca ye
ceta etair anāviddham
sthitam sattve prasīdati*

*evam prasanna-manaso
bhagavad-bhakti-yogataḥ
bhagavat-tattva-vijñānam
mukta-saṅgasya jāyate*

*bhidyate hṛdaya-granthiś
chidyante sarva-saṁśayāḥ
kṣīyante cāśya karmāṇi
dṛṣṭa evātmanīśvare*

“Śrī Kṛṣṇa, the Personality of Godhead, who is the Param-ātmā [Supersoul] in everyone’s heart and the benefactor of the truthful devotee, cleanses desire for material enjoyment from the heart of the devotee who has developed the urge to hear His messages, which are in themselves virtuous when properly heard and chanted. By regular attendance in classes on the *Bhāgavatam* and by rendering of service to the pure devotee, all that is troublesome to the heart is almost completely destroyed, and loving service unto the Personality of Godhead, who is praised with transcendental songs, is established as an irrevocable fact. As soon as irrevocable loving service is established in the heart, the effects of nature’s modes of passion and ignorance, such as lust, desire and hankering, disappear from the heart. Then the devotee is established in goodness, and he becomes completely happy. Thus established in the mode of unalloyed goodness, the man whose mind has been enlivened by contact with devotional service to the Lord gains positive scientific knowledge of the Personality of Godhead in the stage of liberation from all material association. Thus the knot in the heart is pierced, and all misgivings are cut to pieces. The chain of fruitive actions is terminated when one sees the self as master.”

*rajas tamo hate tabe pāibe nistār
hṛdayer abhadra sab ghucibe tāhār*

Translation: He will become liberated from the influence of the modes of ignorance and passion and thus all inauspicious things accumulated in the core of the heart will disappear.

*ki ko're bujhābo kathā baro sei cāhi
khudra āmi dīna hīna kono śakti nāhi*

Translation: How will I make them understand this message of Kṛṣṇa consciousness? I am very unfortunate, unqualified and the most fallen. Therefore I am seeking Your benediction so that I can convince them, for I am powerless to do so on my own.

*athaca enecho prabhu kathā bolibāre
je tomār icchā prabhu koro ei bāre*

Translation: Somehow or other, O Lord, You have brought me here to speak about You. Now, my Lord, it is up to You to make me a success or failure as You like.

*akhila jagat-guru! bacana se āmār
alaṅkṛta koribār khamatā tomār*

Translation: O spiritual master of all the worlds! I can simply repeat Your message, so if You like You can make my power of speaking suitable for their understanding.

*taba kṛpā ha'le mor kathā śuddha habe
śuniyā sabāra śoka duḥkha je ghucibe*

Translation: Only by Your causeless mercy will my words become pure. I am sure that when this transcendental message penetrates their hearts they will certainly feel englanded and thus become liberated from all unhappy conditions of life.

*āniyācho jadi prabhu āmāre nācāte
nācāo nācāo prabhu nācāo se-mate
kāṣṭhera puttali jathā nācāo se-mate*

Translation: O Lord, I am just like a puppet in Your hands. So if You have brought me here to dance, then make me dance, make me dance, O Lord, make me dance as You like.

*bhakti nāi beda nāi nāme khub daro
“bhaktivedānta” nām ebe sārthak koro*

Translation: I have no devotion, nor do I have any knowledge, but I have strong faith in the holy name of Kṛṣṇa. I have been designated as Bhaktivedānta, and now, if You like, You can fulfill the real purport of Bhaktivedānta.

Signed—the most unfortunate, insignificant beggar
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami,
on board the ship Jaladuta, Commonwealth Pier,
Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A.
dated 18th of September, 1965

India's Message of Peace and Goodwill ≈

*Śrīla Prabhupāda's pamphlet for the
spreading of Lord Kṛṣṇa's teachings*

chanting the holy Name of God, gave special importance on these transcendental sounds. In this age of Kali or the age of hate, hypocrisy, corruption and quarrel, the only remedial measure is that every man should chant the holy Name of the Lord both individually and collectively.

The Glories of the holy Name have been described by Sri Chaitanya in His eight verses of "Siksastak" which run as follows:-

1. Glory to the Sri Krishna Samkirtanam which cleanses the heart of all the dust accumulated for years together and thus the fire of conditional life of repeated birth and death is extinguished. Such Samkirtan movement is the prime benediction for the humanity at large because it spreads rays of the benediction-Moon. It is the life of transcendental knowledge, it increases the ocean of transcendental bliss and it helps to have a taste of the full nectarine for which always anxious we are.

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2. Oh my Lord! your holy Name can alone render all benediction upon the living being and therefore you have hundreds and millions of Names like Krishna, Govinda etc. In these transcendental Names you have invested all your transcendental potencies and there is no hard and fast rules for chanting these holy Names. Oh my Lord! you have so kindly made easy approach to you by your holy Names but unfortunate as I am, I have no attraction for them.
3. One can chant the holy Names of the Lord in an humble state of mind thinking himself as lower than the straw on the streets, tolerant more than the tree, devoid of all sense of false prestige and being ready to offer all kinds of respects to others.
4. Oh the Almighty Lord, I have no desire for accumulating wealth nor I have any desire to enjoy

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beautiful woman; neither I want any number of followers of mine. What I want only is that I may have your causeless devotional service in my life birth after birth.

5. Oh the son of Maharaj Nanda, I am your eternal servitor and although I am so, some how or other I have fallen on the ocean of birth and death. Please therefore pick me up from the ocean of death and fix me up as one of the atoms of your lotus feet.
6. Oh my Lord when shall my eyes be decorated with tears of love flowing incessantly by chanting your holy Name? And when all the holes of hairs on my body will have eruptions by the recitation of your Name?
7. Oh Govinda, feeling your separation, I am considering a moment as 12 twelve years or more than that and tears flowing down my cheeks like the torrents of rains. I am feeling all vacant in the world without your presence.

8. I do not know any one except Krishna as my Lord and He shall remain as such even if He handles me roughly by 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.

Chanting of the holy Name of God is recommended for every one both for the mass of people and the class of people. Those who are scholars, philosophers, scientists, religionists and educated, may read the English version of SRIMAD BHAGWATAM by A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami with particular attention to the purports appended with each and every verse.

They have appreciated the publication as follows:-

“At a time when not only the people of India but those of the west need the chastening quality of love and truth in a corrupting atmosphere of hate and hypocrisy, a work like this will have uplifting and

corrective influence. What is God? He is truth, He is love. Even an atheist must accept the supremacy of those qualities and how much they are needed **by the people of the world who have been taught to deny God** and these qualities, do not require much emphasis."

"The author has attempted a tremendous task...A perusal will give us in the sample measure a knowledge of the original. The essence of Srimad Bhagwatam is the exposition of the Absolute Truth, we would recommend this book."

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"We have no doubt that with the publication of these volumes the rightful interpretations of the Bhagwatam, which has been the gift of Sri Chaitanya and His Goswami followers, **has now been available to the English knowing world for the first time.**"

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Sanskrit language. It is admitted in all hands that Bhagwatam is the most difficult text amongst the **puranas**. The author richly deserves the gratitude of the devotees for his pious learned labour of love."

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"You have done a first class work and you deserve the hearty commendations of every Indian every Hindu. Your deep and penetrating study of the subject and your philosophic insight are reflected in this book." etc. etc.

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Reflections ≈

*Recollections by Śrīla Prabhupāda
of his journey to America*



Śrīla Prabhupāda often related the experiences of his journey to America to interested friends and disciples.

The following excerpts from Śrīla Prabhupāda's room conversations and letters give further insights into his voyage to America and the incidents surrounding it. These selections have been obtained from the computer database "The Complete Works of His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami."

Excerpt from a room conversation with His Divine Grace in Bombay on November 7, 1970.

Prabhupāda: So I went in U.S.A. without any sponsor. No, I... That is the... One gentleman sponsored for one month; one month only. Not even one month. I remained there only three weeks, and then I chalked out my plan. He was my friend's son, and my friend wrote him that "You sponsor Swamiji for one month."

Guest (1): Some American gentleman?

Prabhupāda: No, Indian. One gentleman from Agra. So his son immediately sent me, sponsoring. But still, the government objected that "We cannot allow you to go there because you are sponsored by an individual person." But I wanted to see chief controller of, what is called, foreign exchange, Mr. Rao. So he kindly accepted: "Yes, Swamiji, you can go." He fought.(?)

Guest (2): That time it was very difficult. Passport I have got already.

Prabhupāda: Passport, visa... So there was no money with me and in an awkward position... My philosophy is completely different. I was to ask them to cease from four kinds of sinful activities, and they are habituated to these things. Illicit sex, and drinking, wine and intoxication and gambling—these are their daily affairs. So I was thinking, "I have to stop this. Who will hear me?" But Kṛṣṇa... Everything became...

Guest (1): May I ask one thing? How you chose this America to be your first...?

Prabhupāda: My Guru Mahārāja ordered me that "You go and preach this cult amongst the English-speaking public and specially in the Western countries." So first of all I thought of London, where is London, but I had no money. So I got the opportunity for going U.S.A. free on the..., on a trade ship by the Scindia Steam Navigation. They gave me their first-class cabinet, the proprietor's cabinet. I was

well carried. But first of all I went free on a steamship. I had no money, what to speak of aeroplane. So... What was your question?

Guest (1): My question was that how you selected America to be your...

Prabhupāda: Yes. So I got the opportunity to go to America because their ship goes to New York. So I accepted, "All right, we can see, either go to London or New York." New York is better place than London.

Excerpt from a room conversation with His Divine Grace in Los Angeles on June 8, 1976.

Prabhupāda: So I did not say anything seriously, but perhaps he took it very seriously, Gopal's father. So he might have written to Gopal that "Swami Bhaktivedanta wants to go to America. If you sponsor, then he can go." So whatever the correspondence was there between the father and son, I did not know. I simply asked him, "Why don't you ask your son Gopal to sponsor so that I can go there? I want to preach there." So after some months, three, four months, the No Objection Certificate from the Indian embassy in New York. Gopal sent to me, yes, that he had already sponsored my arrival there for one month. So all of a sudden I got the paper, No Objection Certificate, by the Indian embassy. After so much inquiry, I learned that so much inquiry was done and so on, so on. Then I tried to take a passport and paper process. So I got the passport. Then I approached that Sumati Morarji. She once gave me five hundred rupees in exchange of my *Bhāgavata* book, so I approached her, that "Give me one ticket." They have got their shipping company, Scindia Navigation. So she said, "Swamiji, you are so old, you are

taking this so responsibility. Do you think it is right?” “No, it is all right.” (laughs) At that time, I was seventy years old. So all the secretary, they thought that “Swamiji is going to die there.” Anyway, they gave me the ticket, one return free ticket by their ship. Then arrangement was going on. So there is another process to get a P-form. You know.

Guest: P-form.

Prabhupāda: P-form sanctioned by the state government, yes, state government. So it was applied for. It was... No sanction was coming. Then I went to the State Bank of India, the officer Mr. Bhattachari. So he told me: “Swamiji, you are sponsored by private man. So we cannot accept it. If you are invited by some institution, then we could consider, but you are invited by a private man for one month, and, after one month, if you are in difficulty, and there will be so much obstacles and so on.” “Well, I have already prepared everything to go.” So I said that “You, what you have done?” “No, I have decided not to sanction your P-form.” “No, no, don’t do this. You better send to your superior. It should not be done like that.” So he took my request and he sent the file to Chief Officer of Foreign Exchange, something like that. Anyway, he is the supreme man in the State Bank of India. So I went to see him. So I asked his secretary that “You have got such file? You kindly put to Mr...”—his name was Mr. Rao—“I want to see him.” So the secretary agreed, and he put the file and put my slip that I wanted to see him. I was waiting. So Mr. Rao came personally. He said, “Swamiji, I have passed your case. Don’t worry.” (laughs) In this way.

Hari-śauri: He knew you from before, or...?

Prabhupāda: No. He did not know me. So somebody saw him in Bombay, so he reminded that “I know Swamiji when he went to U.S.A.” Somebody was telling me.

Hari-śauri: He remembered.

Prabhupāda: Hmm. The name is there, he remembered. After all, he is officer. He knows so many things. So it is a great history. (laughs) There was two days I was attacked in heart on the ship. So hardship.

Trivikrama: Then you had a dream?

Prabhupāda: Hmm.

Hari-śauri: What was that, Śrīla Prabhupāda?

Prabhupāda: That is... (laughs) The dream was I must

come here.

Hari-śauri: It was some instruction that you got?

Prabhupāda: The dream was that Kṛṣṇa in His many forms was bowing the row. What is called?

Hari-śauri: Rowing the boat.

Prabhupāda: Yes.

Trivikrama: Jaya.

Prabhupāda: And when I arrived in Boston I wrote that poetry.

Hari-śauri: If you were only sponsored for one month, how is it that you were able to extend your visa all the time?

Prabhupāda: I was extending. The immigration officer came in Boston in my boat. He inquired about this. So he asked me, “Sir, Swamiji, how long you want to stay?” So I thought that I have no shelter, I have no money, but I have got the return ticket. So I did not know how long I... (laughs) He asked me, “How long you want to stay?” So I thought, “In these circumstances, I can stay at most two months, because I have no means where to stay, how to eat, and where shall I go? So I may struggle for two months.” So I told him: “I may stay at most two months.” He immediately, two months, sanctioned immediately. I could not think that I shall be able to... (laughs) That one month were there, sponsoring. So I thought, “Another one month, that’s all,” that “This gentleman has sponsored for one month. So that is guaranteed. Then I can stay another one month. That’s all.” So after that, so I was staying here and there without any fixity. So I was extending the visa. Each time, I was paying ten dollars. Another three months, another three months, like that. And when one year was finished, they refused: “No extension.”

Hari-śauri: But by that time you had some kind of...

Prabhupāda: Yes.

Hari-śauri: ...organization going?

Prabhupāda: Yes, hmm, at that time I was at Second Avenue. So then Rayarāma took the help of a lawyer. He took the case, that he’ll give me permanent residence. So he was extending only, and each time he was taking hundred and fifty dollars. So in this way, I entered in 1965, September, up to July—no, up to May—and in the May, month of May, there was heart stroke.

Hari-śauri: That was when, ’67?

Trivikrama: '66.

Prabhupāda: '66. Yes. '66. Yes, after one and a half year.

Hari-śauri: No. That was '67 then.

Prabhupāda: Because the time was taken, extension. Then, in 1967, in July, I thought, "Now the health is broken." I was very sick after heartstroke. So I thought, "Now I shall not exist. So let me go to Vṛndāvana and die there." So I came back in July 1967. So this Brahmānanda and others, they were crying when I got on the boat. Hm? The heart was so weak...

Puṣṭa Kṛṣṇa: You went back to India by boat?

Prabhupāda: No, by plane. I think...

Puṣṭa Kṛṣṇa: From San Francisco.

Prabhupāda: Hm. At that time, I got some money. Five thousand was given by Jayānanda. He gave me five thousand, and Brahmānanda also gave me. So I spent some money for acquiring some... I had about six thousand. So then I purchased ticket coming back with Kīrtanānanda. In this way, came back to India.

Hari-śauri: You were just saying...

Prabhupāda: And again I paid five thousand rupees to Kīrtanānanda to come back. (aside:) What is that?

Rādhāvallabha: Kīrtirāja Prabhu bought this for your rocking chair.

Prabhupāda: Oh.

Rādhāvallabha: Should I put it on?

Prabhupāda: Rock and roll. (devotees laugh)

Hari-śauri: So when did you come back again?

Prabhupāda: I came back in 1968, no, '67, December.

Hari-śauri: Oh, you weren't gone long then.

Trivikrama: Six months.

Prabhupāda: Yes, July to December.

Trivikrama: And your health was better?

Prabhupāda: Not very good. So many troubles. When I came back there's always a bad sound going on, *gong gong gong*, in my brain. Very disturbing, in this Los Angeles. I was staying in some... I forgot.

Trivikrama: La Cienega?

Prabhupāda: No, no, La Cienega later on. I was staying near Pico. Is that Pico? There was a... I think Washington Boulevard? Near there. I forgot that quarter.

Excerpt from a room conversation with His Divine Grace in Vṛndāvana on September 9, 1976.

Prabhupāda: ...because as soon as the ship stopped, Commonwealth Pier, Boston, the immigration department came and took their papers. So I entered America in Boston. There was no checking in New York. The ship stopped in Boston. The official entrance was done there. Then when I came to New York, it is just like one day's travel.

Harikeśa: And then you went directly to Pennsylvania? By bus?

Prabhupāda: Yes. Yes. Then one agent, appointed by my host, Gopal Agarwal... He was in Butler. So he arranged with some professional, what is called, host.

Harikeśa: Travel agent?

Prabhupāda: Maybe travel agent. He came to see me, that "I am sent by Gopal Agarwal, so I'll arrange for your dispatch. You come with me."

Hari-śauri: Dr. Agarwal was your sponsor?

Prabhupāda: Yes. His father came to see me some time in Agra. Agra. His father, mother came.

Hari-śauri: And then they suggested that he be your sponsor.

Prabhupāda: It was all by chance. I was for a few days guest at his father's place in Agra. I did not know that his son is in America. So he was talking about his family. He was little sorry that his eldest son went to America to study electric engineering, and he was entrapped by an English girl, and he married and settled there and did not come back. In this way... So I took the opportunity, that "Why don't you ask your son to sponsor me?" I wanted to go to America. So I did not know how seriously he took it. But I simply told him that "Why don't you ask your son to sponsor me at least for one month? So I am thinking of going to America." Then that was talking, beginning and end, that's all. I did not know that he took it very seriously. Then after two, three months, some documents came. I was receiving my letters in a postbox. So when I left Delhi I used to keep my key of postbox with some nice bookseller, Atmaram, he was manager. So he opened that, he got that documents. That is No Objection Certificate, Sponsor, and everything. I was out of Delhi. Then when I

came back I took it. So everything was there, that sheet (indistinct) from the Indian Consulate, No Objection Certificate. Then I applied for a passport. In this way I had to go. So Gopal was unknown to me, but his father was, his father was known to me. His father was... Then his agent got me on the bus. So on the bus (I) went to Pennsylvania.

Hari-śauri: That's a long drive.

Prabhupāda: Yes, nine hours on the bus. And I took a little chipped rice, and whatever I had with me. So I got down from the ship about one o'clock. Then I had to wait for the bus till five o'clock. Then at five o'clock the bus started. About two o'clock, three o'clock in the morning, I went to Pennsylvania, and just in front of the bus Gopal was standing with his car, that... What is called? Van car?

Harikeśa: Station wagon.

Prabhupāda: Station wagon. So he took my luggage, and from there thirty miles off, the Butler County. So I went there. Then at night he took my (indistinct). The next day, he had no many rooms in his apartment, he arranged for my stay in the YMCA nearby them.

Hari-śauri: You never actually stayed with him, then.

Prabhupāda: I was going. I was taking my meals there.

Hari-śauri: Oh. And just keeping a room at the YMCA.

Prabhupāda: Because he had no room, so I was staying there.

Hari-śauri: And then he arranged programs, speaking programs?

Prabhupāda: His wife, Sally. His wife, Sally, she was arranging. A very intelligent girl. They were of the same age, about thirty. Gopal was more than thirty and she was (indistinct). I saw that she was feeding her child, one boy, meat powder.

Harikeśa: Beef bouillon?

Prabhupāda: I do not know what is the name. But I asked. She said, "It is meat powder." That is the system?

Hari-śauri: When they're very young and they can't eat solids.

Prabhupāda: With hot water.

Hari-śauri: Yes, they have instant meals for children. All different kinds of things.

Prabhupāda: So Gopal was very much pleased that he could get some Indian *cāpātis*, like this.

Hari-śauri: So he had you cook for him. You took your cooker with you? Is that the same one?

Prabhupāda: No. So I lived with him for twenty-one days. Then I came to New York.

Hari-śauri: Yes, that picture in the *Butler Eagle*. It's in the *Vyāsa-Pūjā* book this year.

Prabhupāda: Yes, yes. Butler County, it is good (indistinct), there were many churches, (indistinct) people have got so many churches (indistinct) (break) ...some time, that one piece of wire lying in one place, one piece of bamboo was lying in another place, and one dry shell of a squash was lying. So one intelligent man collected. So this dry shell became the tambura's what is called...

Hari-śauri: I don't know. Like sound chamber. What do you call it?

Prabhupāda: Sound chamber may be called. So with that dry squash he made the sound chamber. The bamboo he fixed up and the wire upon it, and then it became a "tin, tin, tin, tin..." (laughs) Our organization is like that. I was loitering in the street. Somebody was over there, somebody was there. Not combined together. International Society String Band. Yes. Separately we are all useless. Eh?

The following letter is to Sumati Morarji, who gave Śrīla Prabhupāda free passage to New York on the Jaladuta.

New York

27 October, 1965

Madam Sumati Morarji Baisaheba,

Please accept my greetings. I am very glad to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated the 9th instant and have noted the contents. Since I have landed in U.S.A. I have improved in my health and I am very glad to see that in America practically everything is available for our Indian vegetarian dishes. By the grace of Lord Krishna the American are prosperous in every respect and they are not poverty-stricken like the Indians. The people in general are satisfied so far their material needs are concerned and they are spiritually inclined. When I was in Butler, Pennsylvania about 500 miles from the New York city, I

saw there many churches and they were attending regularly. This shows that they are spiritually inclined. I was also invited by some churches church governed schools and colleges and I spoke there and they appreciated and presented me some token rewards. When I was speaking to the students they were very much eagerly hearing me about the principles of Srimad-Bhagavatam rather the clergymen were cautious to allow the students to hear me so patiently. They thought that the students may not be converted into Hindu ideas as it is quite natural for any religious sect. But they do not know that the devotional service of the Lord (Sri Krishna) is the common religion for every one including the aborigines and the cannibals in the jungles.

Any way so far I have studied the American people they are very much eager to learn about the Indian way spiritual realization and there are so many so-called Yoga asramas in America. Unfortunately they are not very much adored by the Government and it is heard that such yoga asramas have exploited the innocent people as it has been the case in India also. The only hope is that they are spiritually inclined and immense benefit can be done to them if the Cult of Srimad-Bhagavatam is preached here.

The American public also give reception to the Indian art and music. So many of them come and every one of them is given good reception. Recently one dancer from Madras came here (Balasaraswati) and just to see the mode of reception, I went to see the dance with a friend although for the last forty years I have never attended such dance ceremony. The dancer was successful in her demonstration. The music was in Indian classical tune mostly in Sanskrit language and the American public appreciated them. So I was encouraged to see the favorable circumstances about my future preaching work.

The Bhagavata cult is preached also through the art of music and dance as it was done by Lord Caitanya. I am just thinking of introducing the very same system for my Bhagavatam preaching but I have no means. The Christian missionary people are backed by huge resources and they preach the Christian cult all over the world. Similarly the devotees of Lord Krishna may also combine together to start the mission of preaching Bhagavatam cult all over the world. It is not for serving any political pur-

pose but it is necessary to preach cult for saving the people in general from the dangerous tendency of Godlessness. The Christian cult or any other cult cannot save the people from being under the clutches of the growing communism but the Bhagavatam cult can save them because of its philosophical and scientific approach.

I am therefore thinking of bringing a Sankirtana party from India but I do not know how to do it. Unless there is an organized party or association it is very difficult to do it. The Rama Krishna Mission here is busy in preaching a misrepresentation and therefore practically they have failed to preach the real cult of India. The so-called Yogis also could not establish the real cult of Bhagavad-gita. They are after material gains. The Bhagavata Cult is not there at all although it is the only remedy for raising the people in the world in the path of self-realization and spiritual salvation.

I do not know what is in the mind of Lord Bala Krishna but I think that your attention to give an impetus to the Bhagavata cult and my humble attempt can serve great purpose. By the grace of the Lord you have a great position in the world and it is learnt that you are one of the richest woman in the world. But above all you are a pious lady with great devotion for Lord Bala Krishna and you can do a lot in this connection.

By the Grace of Lord Bala Krishna you are also free from all family encumbrances and as I have seen you in your Palm Ban house, you live like a sage and a Tapaswini. I wish that you may take up this idea of Bhagavatam preaching work a little more seriously. What I want that immediately a society for this purpose may be formed and that will be recognized by the Government for cultural activity. So many cultural missions come here from India at the expense of Government and they simply waste the money. But if there is a real cultural mission for preaching the Bhagavatam cult a great philanthropic work will be done for the human society at large. I am just giving you the idea and if you kindly think over the matter seriously and consult your beloved Lord Bala Krishna surely you will be further enlightened in the matter. There is scope and there is necessity also and it is the duty of every Indian specially the devotees of Lord Krishna to take up the matter.

I shall be glad to hear from you about my humble suggestions per return of mail. Hope you are well. With my best regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami.

N.B. I am very glad to note the last line of your letter under reply in which you write to say "I feel that if you should stay there till you fully recover from your illness and return only after you have completed your mission." Yes I wish to stay here for all the days till I have finished the mission of life to preach Bhagavata Cult very rightly and for this very reason only I have suggested the above means and ways. If you kindly cooperate in forming a society for this purpose with your great influence surely all Indians will combine and thus we can fulfill the mission very nicely declaring the glories of India. Please do it for the Lord's sake.

The following is an excerpt from a letter to Hanuman Prasad Poddar, who was the head of the Gita Press, a prominent publishing house in India which specializes in religious literature.

Los Angeles
5 February, 1970
To Gita Press
Gorakhpur

My Dear Bhaiji Hanuman Prasad Poddar,

Please accept my obeisances. I hope by this time you have received my acknowledgement dated yesterday for your letter dated 26 January, 1970. As you want to publish a comprehensive article about my activities in the "Kalyana," I think it is proper to give you a short history of my coming to the western world.

Sometime in the year 1922, when I was acting as manager of Dr. Bose's Laboratory Ltd., I was fortunate

enough to meet my Spiritual Master, His Divine Grace Om Visnupada Paramahansa Parivrajakacarya 108 Sri Srimad Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Goswami Prabhupada. On the very first meeting with His Divine Grace, He asked me to preach the message of Lord Caitanya in the Western world.

At that time, I was a young man and a nationalist, admirer of Mahatma Gandhi and C.R. Dass. So I replied Him at that time, who would care for the message of Lord Caitanya while we are a subject nation? In this way, I had some argument with my Spiritual Master, and at the end I was defeated. But at that time, because I was already married, I could not take His words very seriously.

In this way, I passed on as a householder, but, by the causeless mercy of my Divine Master, that order of preaching was impressed on my heart. I was initiated regularly in 1933 at Allahabad, when Sir Malcolm Haley, the then Governor of U.P., opened our Gaudiya Math branch there. Then, in 1936, my Spiritual Master left this world leaving a message for me that it would be better for me to preach in English language.

So I was thinking very seriously, and then, as late as 1944 I started my paper, "Back to Godhead." Gradually, in 1954, I retired from my family life and began to live alone in Mathura Vrindaban. In 1959, I was awarded Sannyas by one of my Godbrothers, His Holiness B. P. Kesava Maharaja.

Then I began translating Srimad-Bhagavatam in 1960; and, perhaps in 1961, I was your guest in the Gita Bagicha. You were very kind to help me partially for publishing my first volume of Srimad-Bhagavatam through the Dalmia Charitable Trust. With great difficulty, I then published the second and third volumes of Srimad-Bhagavatam until 1965, when I prepared myself to come to this country with some books.

With great difficulty, I was able to get the "P" Form passed by the Controller of Foreign Exchange, and, somehow or other, I reached Boston on 17th September, 1965. I was thinking, while on board the ship "Jaladuta," why Krishna had brought me to this country. I knew that Western people are too much addicted to so many forbidden things according to our Vedic conception of life. So out of sentiment I wrote a long poetry addressing Lord

Krishna as to what was His purpose in bringing me to this country.

At that time, I was sponsored by a friend's son, Gopala Agarwal, who is settled up in this country by marrying an American girl, Sally. I was their guest, and I feel very much obliged to Gopala and his wife Sally for their nice treatment and reception. I was with them for three weeks in Butler, near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and then I came to New York. I was getting some money by selling my Srimad-Bhagavatam, thus I was maintaining myself in New York. After some time, I rented one apartment at number 100 71st Street West, but after a few months, all my things—typewriter, tape recorder, books—were stolen. Then for some time one of my students gave me shelter at Bowery Street.

I then rented one store-front and an apartment at 26 Second Avenue for \$200 per month, but without any source of income. I started my classes and sometimes, on Sundays, I used to chant Hare Krishna Mantra in Tompkins Square Park from three to 5 p.m. During this time, all the young boys and girls used to gather around me, sometimes poet Ginsberg would come to see me, and sometimes a reporter from the New York Times came to see me. In this way, the Hare Krishna Mantra chanting became very popular on the Lower East Side.

In this way, the younger generation became attracted, and gradually many branches were opened one after another. After New York, the next branch was opened in San Francisco, then in Montreal, then in Boston, and in Los Angeles. We have now the following centers in the States, Canada, Europe, Japan, and Australia.

His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda

His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda appeared in this world in 1896 in Calcutta, India. He first met his spiritual master, Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Gosvāmī, in 1922. Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī, a prominent religious scholar and the founder of sixty-four Gauḍīya Maṭhas (Vedic institutes), liked this educated young man and convinced him to dedicate his life to teaching Vedic knowledge. Śrīla Prabhupāda became his student and, eleven years later (1933), in Allahabad, became his initiated disciple.

At their first meeting, in 1922, Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura requested Śrīla Prabhupāda to broadcast Vedic knowledge through the English language. In the years that followed, Śrīla Prabhupāda wrote a commentary on the *Bhagavad-gītā*, assisted the Gauḍīya Maṭha in its work and, in 1944, started *Back to Godhead* magazine. Maintaining the publication was a struggle. Single-handedly, Śrīla Prabhupāda wrote the material, edited it, typed the manuscripts, checked the galley proofs, and even distributed the individual copies. The magazine is now being continued by his followers and is published in over thirty languages.

Recognizing Śrīla Prabhupāda's philosophical learning and devotion, the society of Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇavas honored him in 1947 with the title "Bhaktivedanta." In 1950, at the age of fifty-four, Śrīla Prabhupāda retired from family life, adopting the *vānaprastha* (retired) order to devote more time to study, writing and preaching. Śrīla Prabhupāda moved to the holy city of Vṛndāvana, where he lived in humble circumstances in the historic medieval temple of Rādhā-Dāmodara. There he spent several years in deep study and writing. He accepted the renounced order of life (*sannyāsa*) in 1959. At Rādhā-

Dāmodara, Śrīla Prabhupāda began work on his life's masterpiece: a multivolume annotated translation of the eighteen-thousand-verse *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* (*Bhāgavata Purāṇa*). He also wrote *Easy Journey to Other Planets*.

After publishing three volumes of the *Bhāgavatam*, Śrīla Prabhupāda journeyed to the United States, arriving in September of 1965 to fulfill the mission of his spiritual master. With him he brought no foreign exchange, but he did bring sets of his books. After almost a year of difficulty he established the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, in July of 1966. Subsequently, His Divine Grace went on to write more than sixty volumes of authoritative, annotated translations and summary studies of the philosophical and religious classics of India. Before passing away on November 14, 1977, Śrīla Prabhupāda guided his Society to a worldwide confederation of more than one hundred *āśramas*, schools, temples, institutes and farm communities.

In 1968 Śrīla Prabhupāda created New Vrindaban, an experimental Vedic community in the hills of West Virginia, which became a thriving rural community of more than two thousand acres. Several similar communities were established in the United States and in other countries.

In 1972 His Divine Grace introduced the Vedic system of primary and secondary education in the West by founding the Gurukula school in Dallas, Texas. Since then, his disciples have established schools throughout the United States and the rest of the world, with the principal educational centers located in Vṛndāvana and Māyāpur, India. On the level of higher education, Śrīla Prabhupāda formed the Bhaktivedanta Institute, a center for advanced study and research into the nature of consciousness and the self. The Institute is comprised of a body of scientists and scholars who have recognized the unique value of the teachings brought to the West by His Divine Grace.

Śrīla Prabhupāda also oversaw the construction of several large international cultural centers in India. The center at Śrīdhāma Māyāpur in West Bengal is the site for a future spiritual city. In Vṛndāvana are the magnificent Kṛṣṇa-Balarāma Temple and International Guesthouse and the Śrīla Prabhupāda Memorial and Museum. There is also a major cultural and educational center in Bombay.

Śrīla Prabhupāda's most significant contributions, however, are his books. Highly respected by the academic community for their authority, depth and clarity, they are used as standard textbooks in numerous college courses. His writings have been translated into over fifty languages. The Bhaktivedanta Book Trust, established in 1972 to present the works of His Divine Grace, has become the world's largest publisher of books in the field of Indian religion and philosophy.

In just twelve years, in spite of his advanced age, Śrīla Prabhupāda circled the globe fourteen times on lecture tours that took him to six continents, where he daily enlightened audiences with classes and discussions on the Vedic literature. Over two thousand of these lectures are available on recordings. Initiating over ten thousand disciples and enlisting further tens of thousands of Life Member supporters, he guided his followers and enquirers with valuable instructions and counseling both personally and through some seven thousand letters.

In spite of such a vigorous regimen, Śrīla Prabhupāda continued to write prolifically. His works constitute a veritable library of Vedic philosophy, religion, literature and culture.



Śrīla Prabhupāda's Journey to America Aboard the *Jaladuta* in 1965

- ❶ August 13—Calcutta
- ❷ August 17—Colombo
- ❸ August 22—Cochin
- ❹ September 2—Port Said (Suez Canal)
- ❺ September 17—Boston
- ❻ September 19—New York