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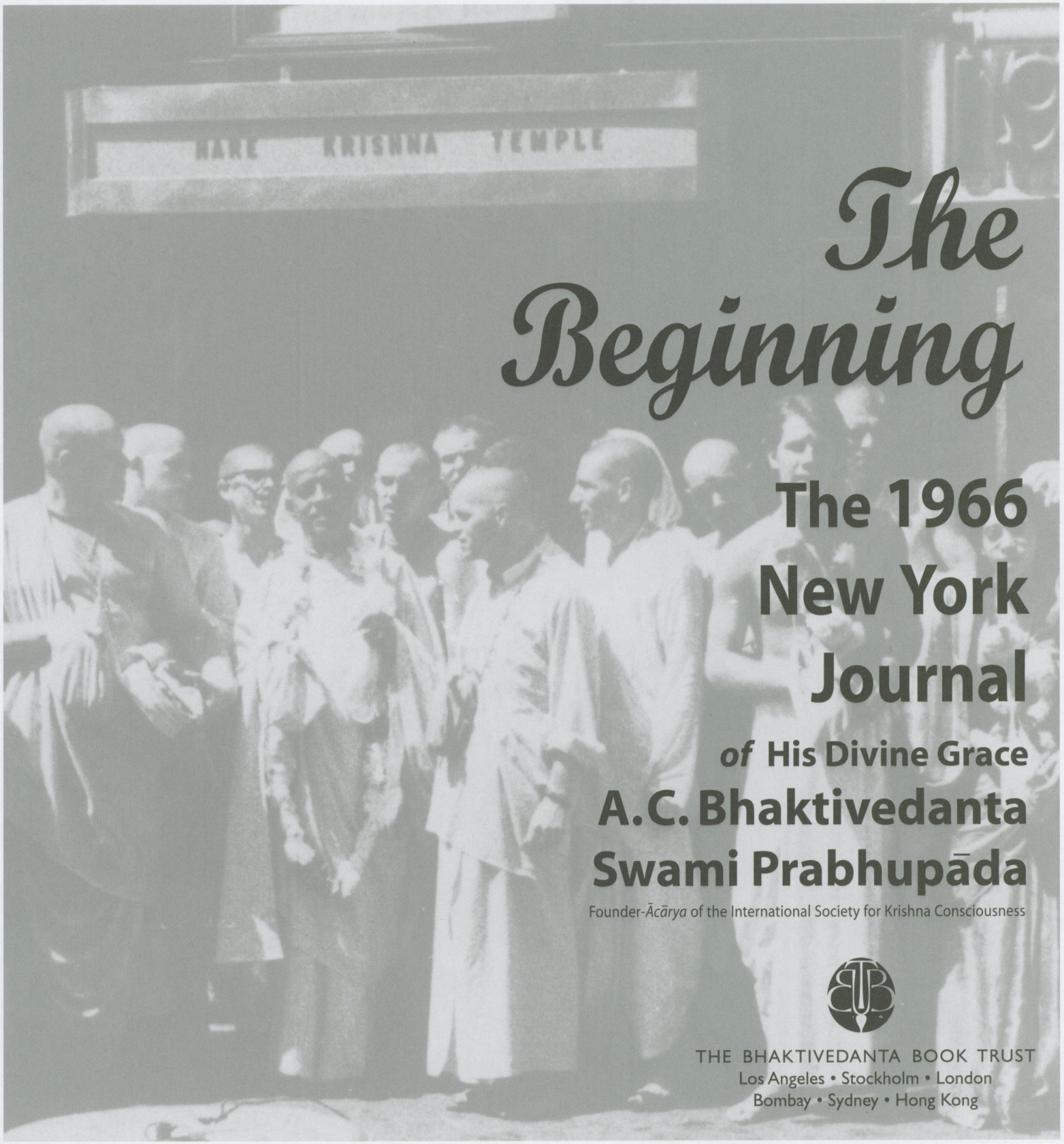

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INTRODUCTION

His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda had been in America four months when he began this 1966 diary of his daily notes and accounts. During the previous year, Śrīla Prabhupāda had kept a record of his voyage from India, which has been published by the Bhaktivedanta Archives as *The Jaladuta Diary*. Śrīla Prabhupāda later described the early part of the 1966 period recounted in this diary as one of hardship. Having no money or followers, nor the means to live independently, and often alone with limited opportunities for preaching, Śrīla Prabhupāda sometimes contemplated going back to India.

Śrīla Prabhupāda's resolve is evidenced by the purchase of his first tape recorder, a major expenditure for him. He started recording his classes, *kīrtanas* and *bhajanas*. He wrote in his Journal: "There was no response of the visitors invited to come and join Hari Kirtan this evening at 7:30 P.M. But I alone executed the Kirtan ceremony with my T.R. till 10 P.M." Śrīla Prabhupāda's prescience in preserving his spoken word has resulted in a permanent legacy of over two thousand hours of invaluable tape recordings.

Despite austere circumstances, Śrīla Prabhupāda had faith in his mission and in the end was rewarded with unimaginable successes. The *Śrīla Prabhupāda-līlāmṛta*, the official biography published in several languages, portrays many of these extraordinary events. However, the author of the *Līlāmṛta* did not know about the existence of this 1966 diary and so omitted some episodes that Śrīla Prabhupāda had dutifully recorded. *The Beginning: The 1966 Journal of His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda* presents for the first time the exact sequence of these seminal events and the specific details of the initial year of Śrīla Prabhupāda's mission to the West.

We have divided the journal section of the book into three chapters, corresponding to the three places where Śrīla Prabhupāda stayed in Manhattan. A summary for each chapter has been added to provide readers with insights into the events described. The editors have combined entries that are brief on the same page. Pages of the journal that do not contain entries by Śrīla Prabhupāda are not reproduced. Each month begins with a "Highlights" page that contains short excerpts from some of the pages of the diary to give an "at a glance" view of the month.

The epilogue narrates what happened to the Matchless Gifts shop after Śrīla Prabhupāda left in the beginning of 1967 to go to the West Coast. How ISKCON New York eventually acquired the hallowed storefront and the vibrant preaching activities presently taking place are also depicted.

Very few pictures of Śrīla Prabhupāda were taken in 1966 in New York. Only the photos from newspaper articles and some excerpts from amateur 16mm films

exist in the Archives. Because most of these pictures were published previously in the *Śrīla Prabhupāda-līlāmṛta,* Volume 2, we have included some pictures taken after 1966 which we feel evoke the mood of that year.

This book includes other items of interest, such as letters written to Śrīla Prabhupāda cited in the journal. The replies to these letters are published elsewhere so are not included. Wherever possible we identify the persons Śrīla Prabhupāda names in his journal. The first newspaper accounts about Śrīla Prabhupāda and the impact of his activities are replicated. Also appended is a poem by Hayagrīva dāsa, because it expresses the spirit of the early days on Second Avenue.

It was to the care of Bali-mardana dāsa that this journal, as well as Śrīla Prabhupāda's 1965 *Jaladuta* diary, devolved in the early seventies. He deposited both diaries in a secured storage. When the Bhaktivedanta Archives expressed interest in publishing them, Bali-mardana dāsa lent the original books for reproduction. Eventually, these will be preserved and permanently displayed.

We gratefully acknowledge Jāhnava devī-dāsī for her paintings, Bhaktin Aleksandra for her drawings, Māyāpriyā devī-dāsī for the design and layout of the book and cover, Nāndī-mukhī devī-dāsī for the epilogue, Brahmānanda dāsa for editorial assistance, Bhaktin Martha for the events calendars, and all others who have helped to produce this publication.

The Beginning: The 1966 Journal of His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda is a personal chronicle of the founding of the Hare Kṛṣṇa movement, the Western branch of Gauḍiyā Vaiṣṇavism. This book is a true annal of the courage and purity of a saint, and we trust that it will inspire all who read it.

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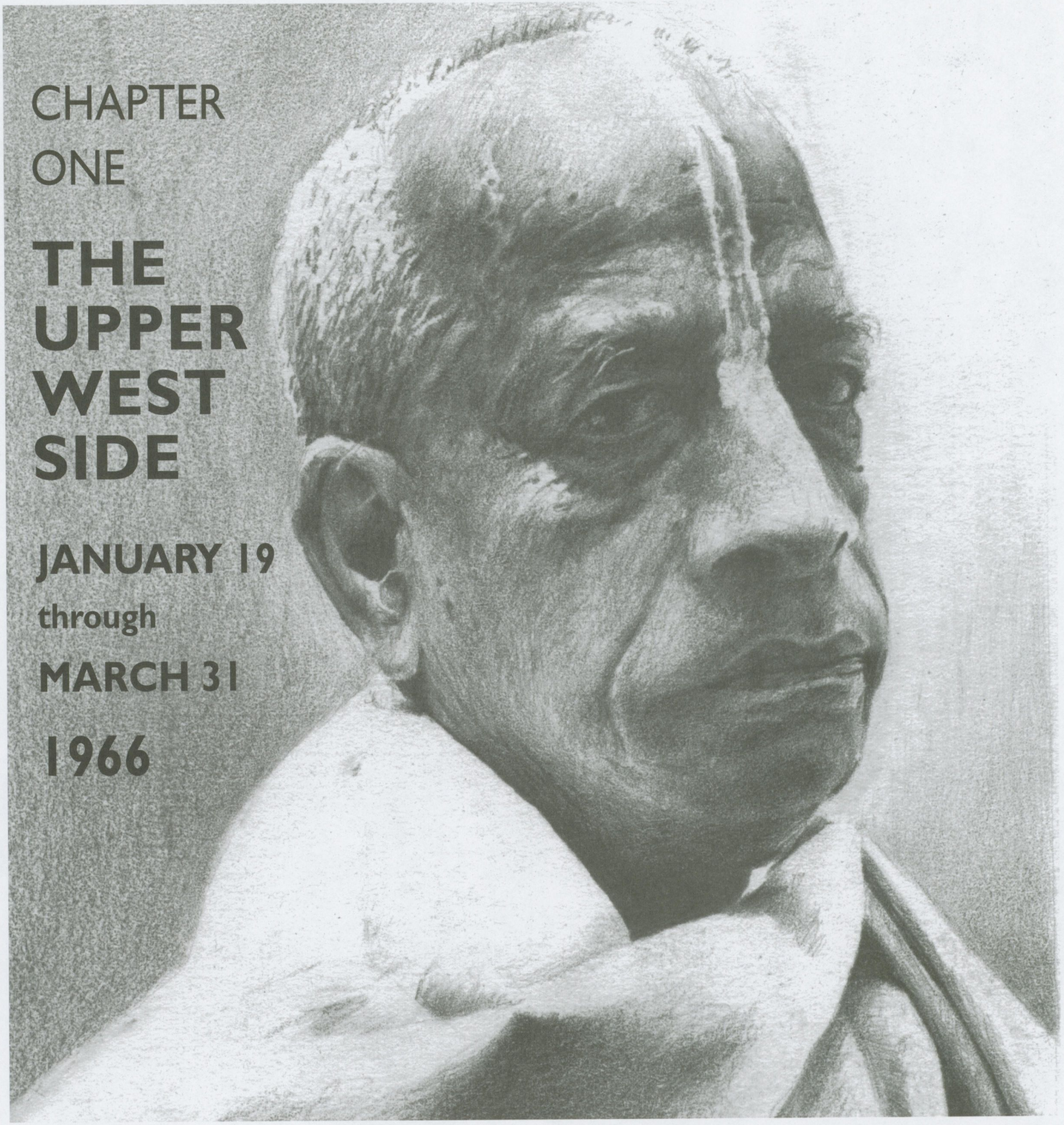


CHAPTER ONE

THE UPPER WEST SIDE

JANUARY 19 through MARCH 31 1966

THE UPPER WEST SIDE SUMMARY

On January 19, when the first entry occurs, Śrīla Prabhupāda is living in the rear rooms of the yoga studio of Dr. Ramamurti Mishra at Suite 501, 100 West Seventy-second Street, on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. Daily Śrīla Prabhupāda walks several blocks to Dr. Mishra's residential apartment at 33 Riverside Drive to bathe and to cook his meals. In the evenings Śrīla Prabhupāda holds classes for interested persons. Some of Dr. Mishra's students attend these classes. During the day Śrīla Prabhupāda is active in selling his books to book stores. He writes to newspapers and radio stations and organizes occasional speaking engagements. He also writes to large charitable foundations like the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation and the Rockefeller Foundation. On the weekends Śrīla Prabhupāda joins Dr. Mishra on yoga retreats at the Ananda Ashram in Monroe, in upstate New York. Here he conducts *kīrtanas,* which the students appreciate.

Śrīla Prabhupāda is looking for a building to purchase as a Radha-Kṛṣṇa temple. He hopes this will be financed by Sir Padampat Singhania, a wealthy industrialist in Kanpur, India. Śrīla Prabhupāda contacts the Salvation Army to arrange the transfer of funds from India to America. He also writes to his Godbrothers in India to petition the President of India to sanction the foreign exchange. This endeavor occupies Śrīla Prabhupāda for almost five months.

On February 2 Śrīla Prabhupāda purchases a tape recorder to record classes, *kīrtanas* and *bhajanas*. He pays the equivalent of one month's rent. On February 20 he completes tape recording the *Gītopaniṣad* introduction. Years later this becomes the introduction to the *Bhāgavad-gītā As It Is.* Śrīla Prabhupāda tries to enlist the aid of Charlotte Leblanc, who has been attending his classes, to edit his manuscript of the *Bhagavad-gītā*. She becomes reluctant when she learns that Śrīla Prabhupāda's philosophy is opposed to monism.

Śrīla Prabhupāda wants his own place, and on February 9 he signs a lease with the manager of the same building to rent an office room.

On February 23 Śrīla Prabhupāda forms The International Institution for God Consciousness and enrolls seven of the people who are attending his classes. One of these is Harvey Cohen, who introduces Śrīla Prabhupāda to Paul Murray, another young man seeking spiritual knowledge.

In March Śrīla Prabhupāda's room is burgled. His tape recorder, typewriter and book bag are stolen. Within days Śrīla Prabhupāda moves to a loft at 94 Bowery, which he shares with Paul Murray. While he is obligated to give a month's notice at his present location, he changes the venue of his classes on April 1 and travels downtown for each meeting.

JANUARYHIGHLIGHTS

Books

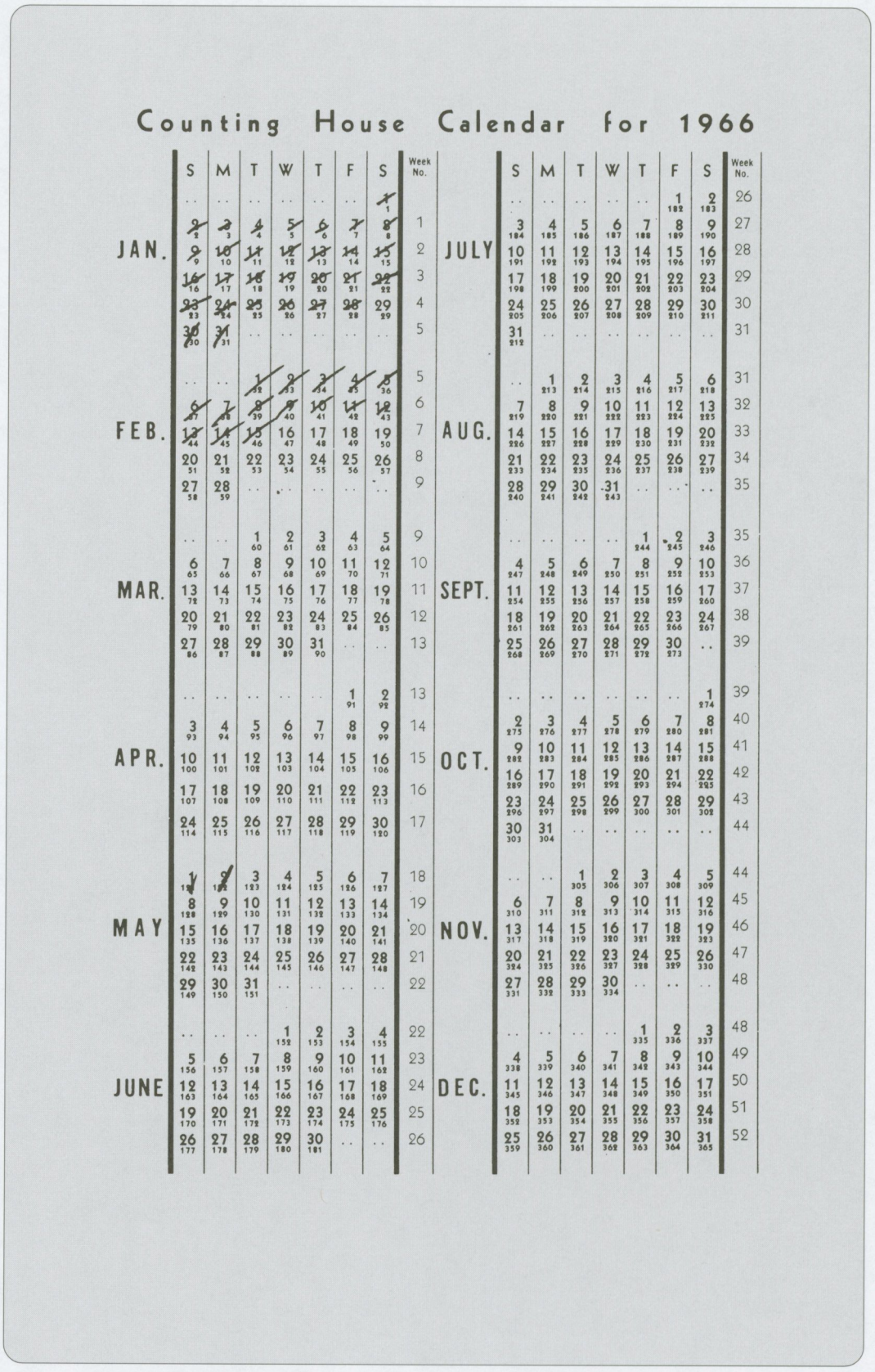
19 Two sets books taken back from Paragon book gallery.
20 Letter to Chandra Sekhar—asked him to send one set Bhagwatam to Sir Padampat Singhania.
24 Letter to Mr. Felix Morrow with Srimad Bhagwatam literature.
25 Letter from Mrs. Sally Agarwal intimating that she is taking my book to her new residence.
One set of books taken by Mrs. Milapsky she promises to pay on Thursday 27/1/66.
26 One set of books sold at the Universalist Church of the Divine Paternity Central Park West at 76th St. N.Y.
29 Mr. Cohen has taken away one set of Books on approval.
Two sets of book received back from Paragon Book Gallery.

Classes and Kirtanas

25 Decided to purchase one Tape Recorder. Lectures delivered in the studio on the test of spiritual realisation. It means no more any artificial demand for the body and mind.
26 Meeting at the Universalist Church at 4 West 76th St 7pm.
Went to see the Tape-recorder. Found no good.
29 Geeta meeting at Studio at 4 pm. Cohen came at 4 pm with friends and heard me one and half hour up to 5/30pm. Sri Sri Adwaita Prabhu's Appearance Day.

Letters and Contacts

19 By the Grace of Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga an encouraging letter is received today from Sir Padampat Singhania.
To see Publication Sale office U.S. Government office of Education.
Saw Mr. Mehotra of New India House.
20 Letter to Bon Maharaj re: sanction of Exchange. He is requested to see Dr. Radhakrishnan.
Letters from Sir Padampat Singhania and Chandra Sekhar replied
21 Letter received from C.C. Doctor, of Bombay.
Mr. Boghart asked me to see him on Monday morning in his office 866 United Nations Plaza.
22 Letter to Surya Kumar Joshi of A.I.C.C. office re: sanction and to Beney Bhushan Dutta.
24 Met with Mr. Larry Bogart 9 am. He advised me to write to Mr. Felix Morrow for an appointment.
Letter to Mr. Felix Morrow with Srimad Bhagwatam literature.
25 Letter from Mrs. Sally Agarwal. It appears she has not received my letter Dt 18/1/66.
26 Letters to S. Agarwal, Miss H. Sattley—Bureau of Libraries, and Dr. S. Fersh—Asia Society.
27 Met Mr. Cohen.
28 Saw Mr. Cohen at his place downtown.
29 Mr. Hill informed me that Sachin Mazumdar can be reached by phone.
31 Met two Foundations, Carnegie Foundation of N.Y. and Russel Sage Foundation. Will contact again by phone.



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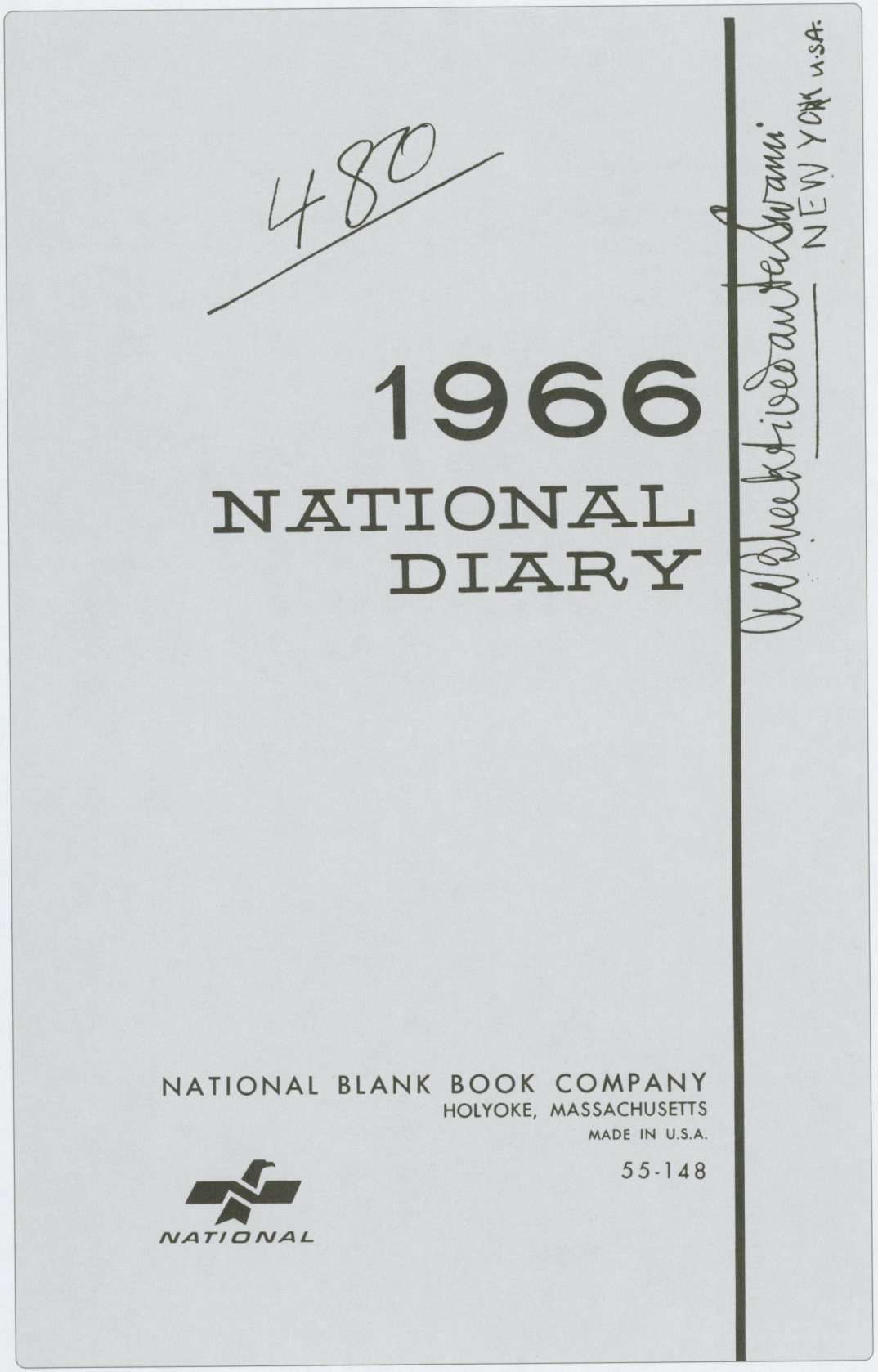
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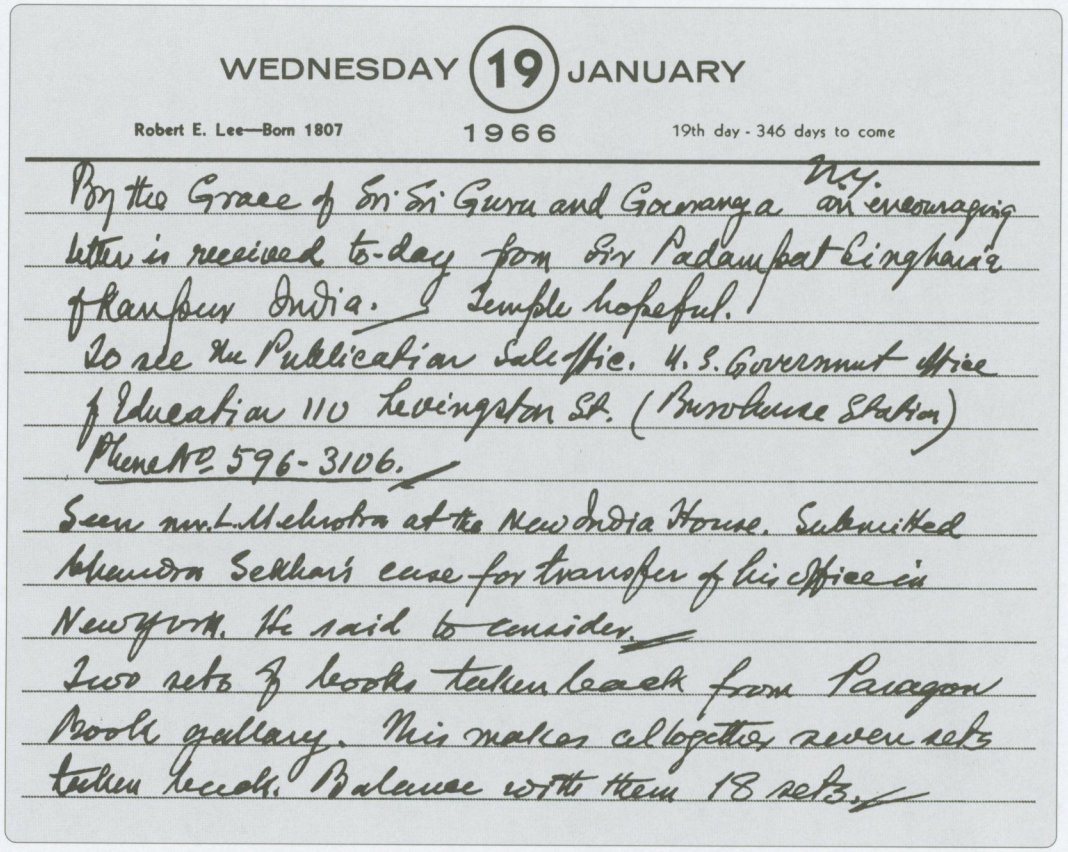
By the Grace of Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga an encouraging letter is received today from Sir Padampat Singhania[1] of Kanpur India. Temple hopeful.

To see the Publication Sale office U.S. Government office of Education 110 Livingston St. (Burohouse Station) Phone No 596-3106

Seen Mr. L. Mehotra[2] at the New India House. Submitted Chandra Sekhar's case for transfer of his office in New York. He said to consider. Two sets of books taken back from Paragon Book Gallery[3]. This makes altogether seven sets taken back. Balance with them 18 sets.


WEDNESDAY 19 JANUARY

Robert E. Lee—Born 1807 1966 19th day - 346 days to come

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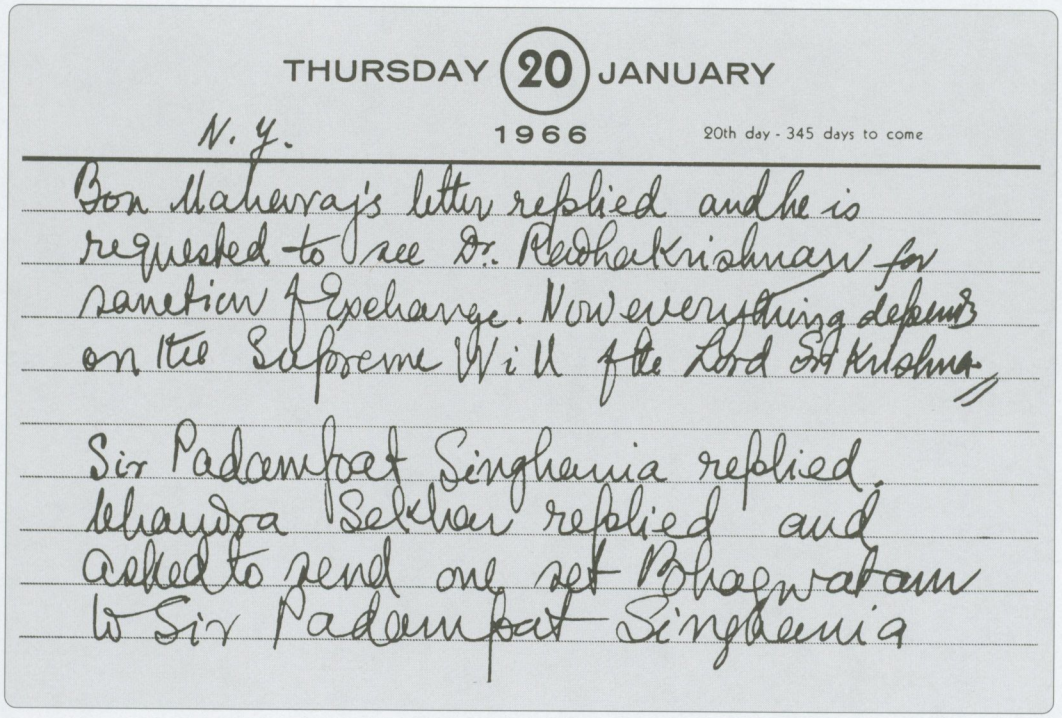
[3] Paragon Book Gallery specialized in books on Eastern religion and culture. Śrīla Prabhupāda stored his books there.


THURSDAY 20 JANUARY

N. Y. 1966 20th day - 345 days to come

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Thursday 20 January

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[4] Bon Mahārāja was one of Śrīla Prabhupāda's Godbrothers and the Rector of the Institute of Oriental Philosophy in Vṛndāvana, India.

[5] Dr. Radhakrishnan was the president of India, and Śrīla Prabhupāda had met him previously.

J. K.
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14th Jany. '66.

My dear Swamiji,

Your letter without date is to hand.

I have gone through your letter. I am very glad to note your idea of erecting a Shri Radha Krishna temple in New York. I think the proposal is a good one, but the following are the difficulties :-

1. We have got to send foreign exchange for building the temple for which Government sanction is required. Without the Government sanction no money can be sent abroad. If the Government of India agrees, then one can think of erecting the temple in New York.

2. I doubt whether with this small amount of Rs.7 lakhs a temple can be built in New York, I mean to carry out a nice construction with Indian type of architecture. To get the temple completed in Indian type of architecture, we have to send a man from India.

These are the two main difficulties, otherwise, your idea is very good.

Yours sincerely,

Jaswantpat

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The 14th of January, 1966.

My dear Swami Maharaj,

Please accept my dandabats. I am glad to receive your kind letter of January 7, 1966. No previous letter from you was received here. I am glad to know that you are doing very well there. You are at the 72nd Street. Swami Bodhanandaji Maharaj, direct disciple of Swami Vivekananda, started his Asram at the 72nd Street, and Swami Nikhilanandaji Maharaj has his centre at the 94th Street. I used to live at 650 West, 116th Street, off the Hudson. Your letter takes me back to the memori of my stay in New York!

I am very very happy to know that you are starting a Temple of Sri Sri Sri Radha-Krishna in New York, and that you have already found a House for it. I knew that you would receive grand support there. As regards your desire to install the DEITIES, it is a heavy responsibility to continue the worship in future. Any way, you must decide for yourself. I had been to the shops for the Deities of Sri Radha and Sri Krishna - each Rs. 1400/= and the making will cost you Rs. 150/- for both. The three sets of costumes etc. will cost about Rs. 350/-. The packing and freight charges will be extra. When the orders will be placed for the Deities, it will require 2½ months to get them ready. On hearing from you and on receipt of money, orders may be placed for making the two deities.

Here in India the Nation is in deep morning at the unexpected death of the Prime Minister. The next Prime Minister will be elected during the next week.

At the Institute we are having both B.A. and M.A. classes. It is hoped the incomplete buildings will be completed by June next. We are also having negotiations for starting an INSTITUTE OF INDOLOGY. It may be possible to come to a final decision by the end of February.

The First Volume of my english translation of SRI RUPA GOSVAMI'S BHAKTIRASAMRTASINDHUH is just out. We have put the price at Rs. 32/- or 8 dollors per copy. Should we receive any order from the USA, we shall be able to send it by Air Mail or Sea Mail.

Yours affectionately,

B H Bon

(Swami B. H. Bon Maharaj),
Rector.

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100 West 72nd Street,
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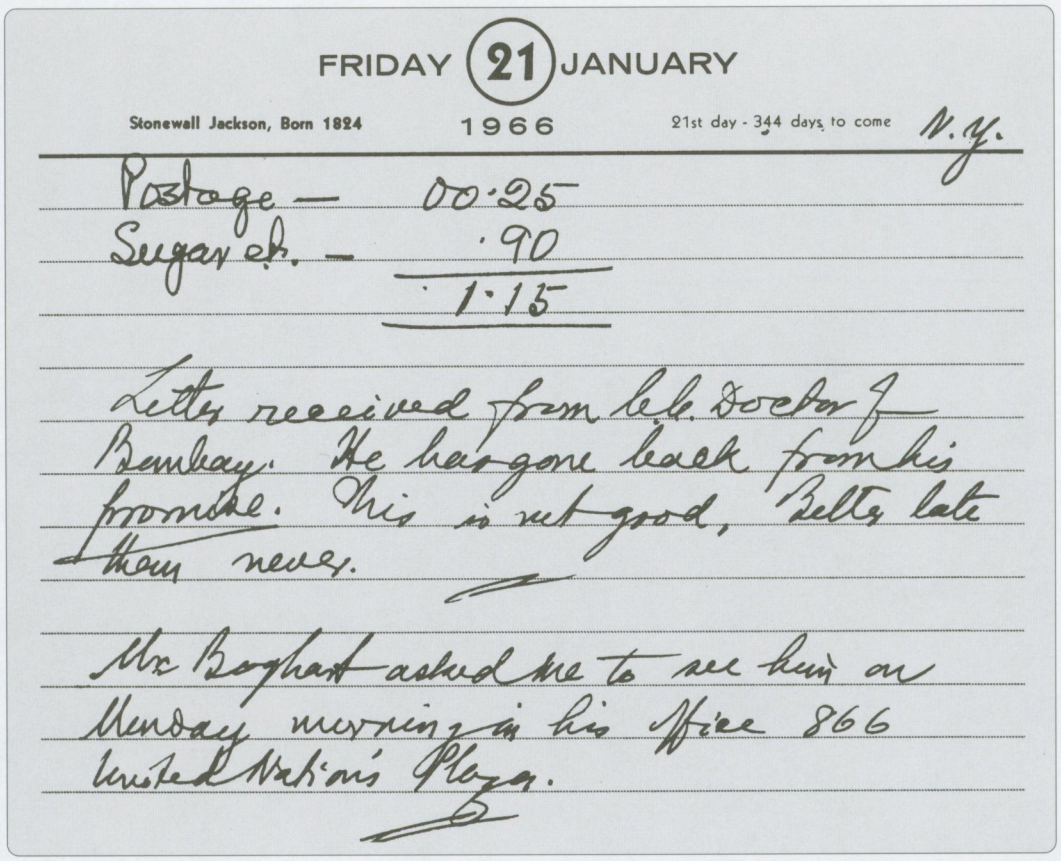
FRIDAY 21 JANUARY

Stonewall Jackson, Born 1824 — 1966 — 21st day - 344 days to come — N.Y.

Postage — 00.25
Sugar etc. — .90
1.15

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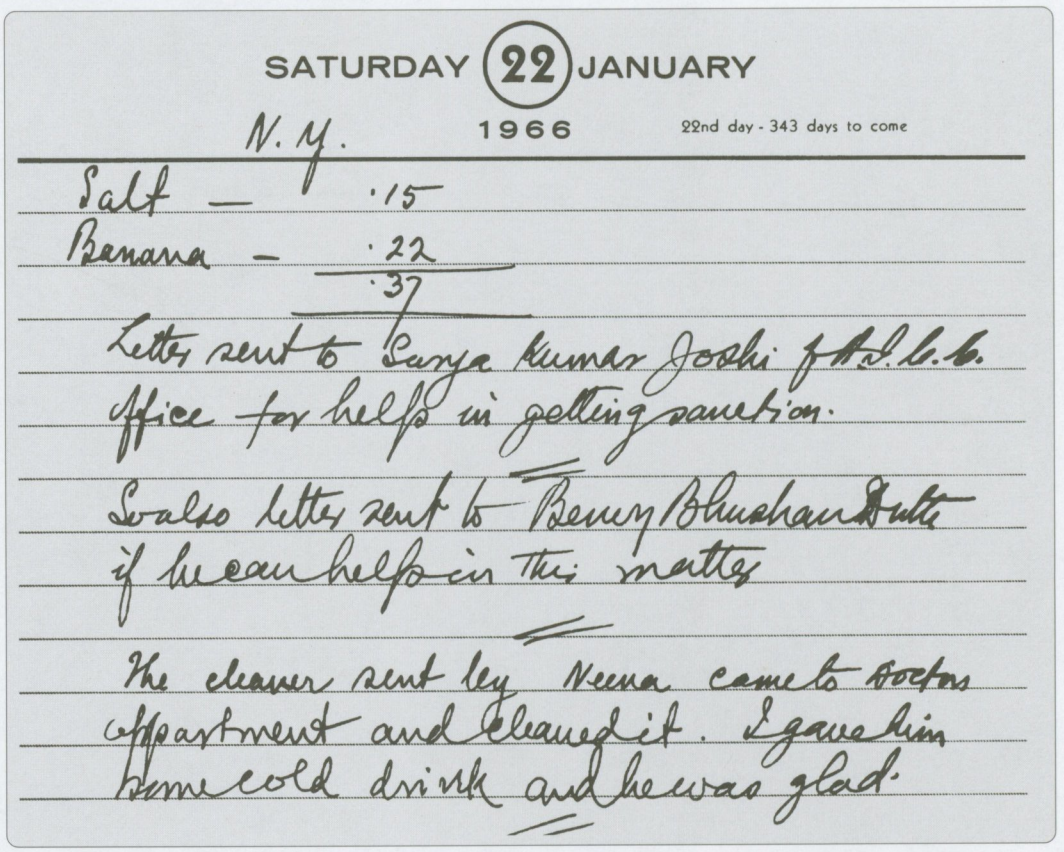
[6] Larry Bogart is mentioned in more depth in *Śrīla Prabhupāda-līlāmṛta*, Vol. 2 *Planting the Seed*.


SATURDAY 22 JANUARY

N.Y. — 1966 — 22nd day - 343 days to come

Salt — .15
Banana — .22
.37

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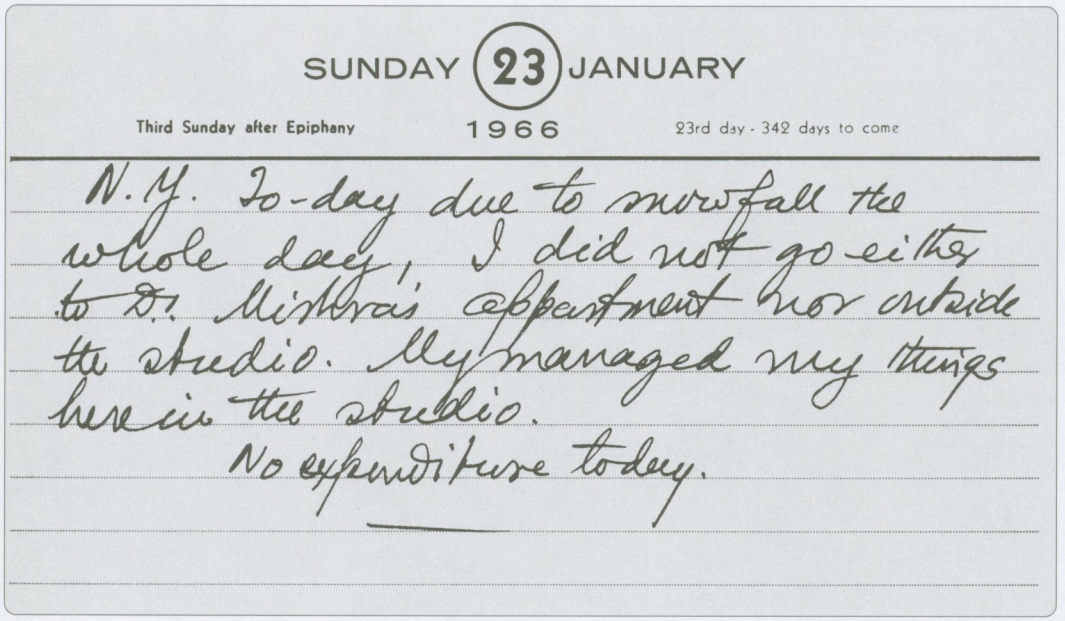
[7] All India Congress Committee, the governing council of India's ruling Congress political party.



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Third Sunday after Epiphany 1966 23rd day - 342 days to come

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No expenditure today.

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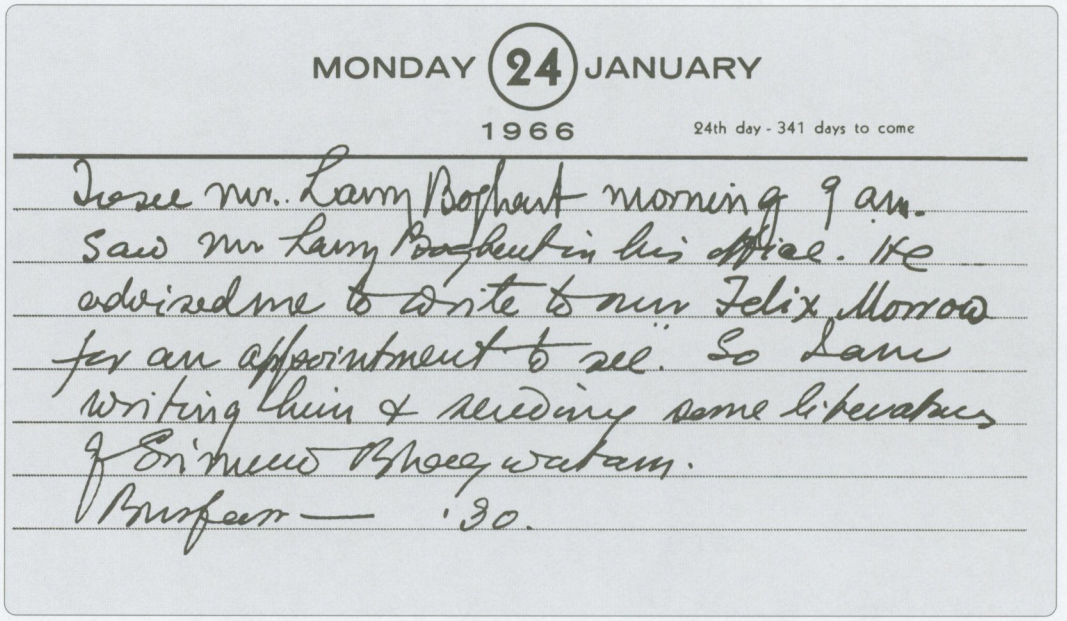

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Busfare — .30.

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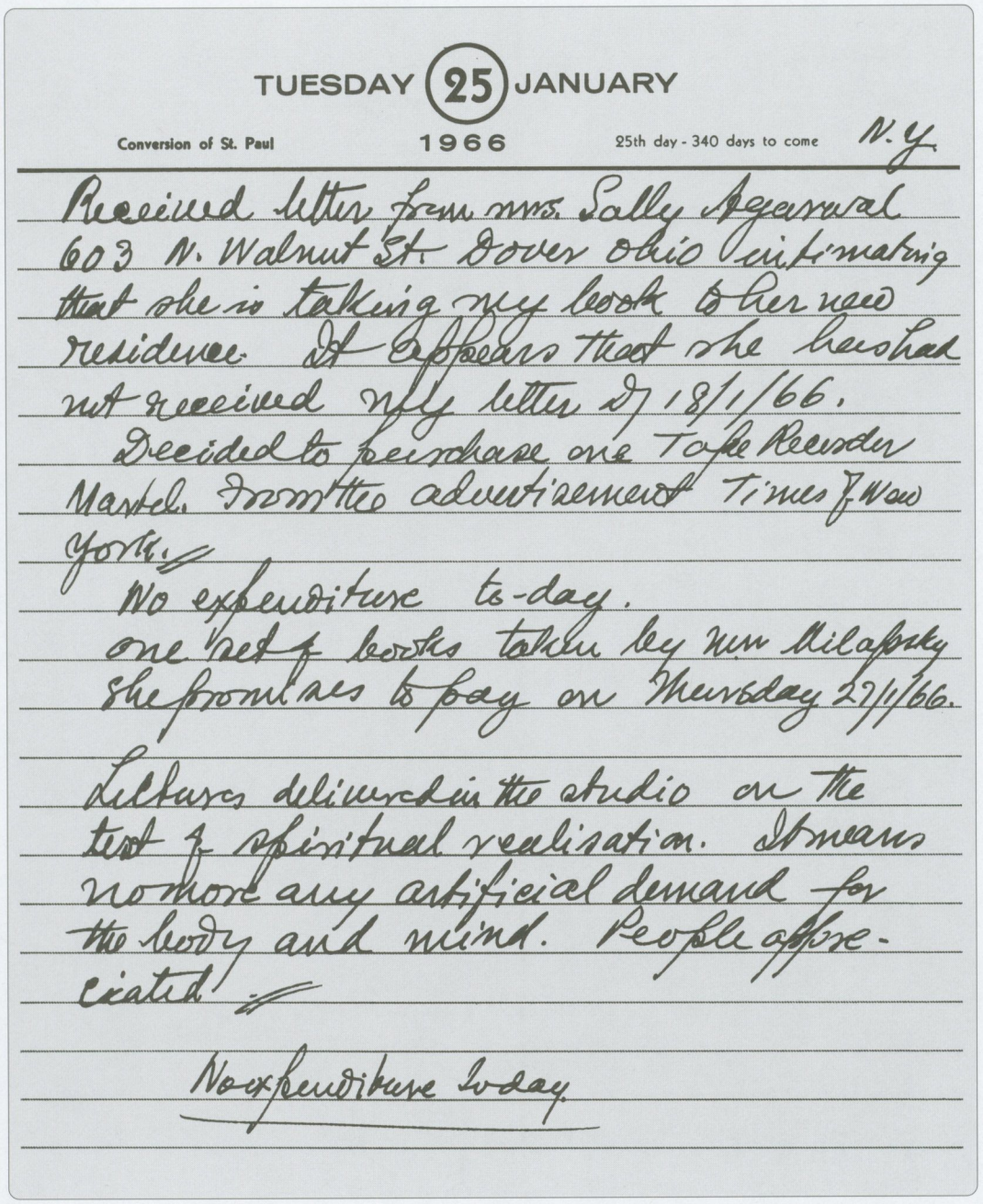
[8] Proprietor of University Books



TUESDAY 25 JANUARY

Conversion of St. Paul 1966 25th day - 340 days to come N.Y.

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No expenditure to-day.

one set of books taken by mrs Milapsky she promises to pay on Thursday 27/1/66.

Lectures delivered in the studio on the test of spiritual realisation. It means no more any artificial demand for the body and mind. People appreciated.

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[9] Śrīla Prabhupāda had been sponsored by Gopal Agarwal and had stayed with the family in Butler PA before coming to New York

WEDNESDAY 26 JANUARY

1966 26th day - 339 days to come

N.Y.

Meeting at the Church at 4 West 76th St at 7 P.M.

The following letters despatched.

(1) Sally Agarwal 603, N. Walnut St Dover, Ohio.

(2) Miss. H. Sattley, Bureau of Libraries 110, Livingston St. Brooklyn N.Y.

(3) Dr. Seymour Fersh, Asia Society 112, East 64th St. New York City.

Re: Books

Went to see the Tape-recorder. Found no good.

Expenditure —

Butter — .44.

Busfare — .30

.74

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Central Park west of 76th St. NY

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1966 27th day - 338 days to come

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[10] Harvey Cohen was very interested in spiritual matters and recommended Śrīla Prabhupāda as a teacher to his friends. He was later initiated as Haridāsa and was helpful in organizing Śrīla Prabhupāda's visit to San Francisco in 1967.

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J.K.
ORGANISATION

KAMLA TOWER · KANPUR

27th Jany. '66.

My dear Swamiji,

I have received your letter of the 20th inst.

I am afraid that I cannot agree with your suggestion that you should buy a small house and then erect something on the top of it. Unfortunately, such a kind of proposal will not suit me. The temple may be a small one, but it should be constructed properly. I quite agree that you cannot spend a lot of money at present but within the limit of the amount the Government may sanction, we should do something according to the architecture of Indian temples. Then only we will be able to create some impression on the American public. This is all that I can write to you in this connection.

I am very grateful to you for taking the trouble of writing to me.

Yours sincerely,

Padampat

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami,
Camp :- 100 West 72nd Street,
Studio No.501,
NEW YORK N.Y.10023,
U.S.A.

TELEGRAM: "LALJUGGI" TELEPHONE: 32454

Śrīla Prabhupāda does not mention receiving this letter in the journal, so we have included it here at the date of sending.

Friday 28 January

N.Y.

Purchased vegetables —	.42
Busfare —	.30
Expenditure	.72

Saw Mr. Cohen at his place. He is to come here tomorrow at 4 PM.

FRIDAY 28 JANUARY

1966 28th day - 337 days to come

N.Y.

Purchased vegetables -- .42

Busfare — .30

Expenditure .72

Saw Mr. Cohen at his place. He is to come here tomorrow at 4 PM.



Śrila Prabhupāda did grocery shopping at the Westend Superette. This is mentioned on page 220 in Chapter 6.

SATURDAY 29 JANUARY

1966 29th day - 336 days to come

Mr. Hill will call me at 10-10/30 a.m.
Geeta meeting at Studio at 4 P.M.
Mr. Hill informed that Sachin Mazumdar can be contacted on phone and thus meet him. Mr Cohen came at 4 P.M. with friends and heard me for one and half hour up 5/30 p.m.
He has taken away one set of Books on approval.
Two sets of book received back from Paragon book gallary making altogether 9 new sets taken back from them.
Expenditure: Banana — .26.
Busfare — .30
.56
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SUNDAY 30 JANUARY

Transfiguration (Lutheran)
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 1966 30th day - 335 days to come

Too much snow falling to-day and the wind blowing very severely. So I could not go to Dr. Mishra's appartment for meals. Some how or other I managed my bath and meals in the studio.
Purchased milk + Butter .51.

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Monday 31 January

N.Y.

To-day I met two Foundations Carnegie Corporation of New York & Russel Sage Foundation. To contact again tomorrow by phone.

Expenditure. Busfare .30

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1966 31st day - 334 days to come

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FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

Books

2 Delivered one set of books to Mr. Lindsay R. Moss of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation.
3 One set book sold—$13.00.
4 One set book delivered to Orientalia against price deposited yesterday.
One book taken back from Jullian Press. Two sets taken back from Paragon Book Gallery.
7 Letter sent to Sally to send 25 sets to Paragon immediately.
9 Taken $40.00 from Mr. Cohen out of which book price $16.80. Due to him $23.20
14 I have advised president of Paragon Book Gallery to receive 25 sets sent by Sally Agarwal.
15 Proposal for Geeta editing made to Mrs. Leblanc. Almost agreed.
17 Mr. Paul (introduction Cohen) took one set of books. Price to be realized.
18 Two sets of books brought from Paragon. The man declines to deliver books like this. Sally has not sent the books as yet.
20 Introduction to Geetopanishad recorded two sides three hours.

Classes and Kirtanas

1 The Universalist Church will allow space for holding meeting on every Wednesday evening from 7/30 to 9pm. Mr. Cohen informed.
2 One Estey '20' Tape Recorder purchased for $54.02. In the evening there is lecture at the Universalist Church West 76th St. and Central Park West.
3 There was a very nice demonstration of Tape record Samkirtan by me. Srila Haridas Thakur said Hari Nama would even purify the birds and beasts. Today this statement is corroborated.
6 Cohen with Salak and two ladies attended meeting.
10 His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada's advent ceremony. Today I am changing my room from 501 to 307 (rented).
11 There was no response of the visitors to come and join Hari Kirtan this evening at 7/30pm. But I alone executed the Kirtan ceremony with my T. R. till 10 pm.
15 Cohen and Salak came. Mrs. Leblanc also attended class from 6-7/30pm.
19 In the evening Mr. Paul and Mrs. Leblanc came. Attended meeting from 6/8:30.
20 Cohen and Salak came.
21 Todays meeting was attended by greater number of members than other days. They liked the Introduction record very much. Some of them brought fruits for me and Mrs. Leblanc paid $3.00.
22 In the evening there was a meeting up to 9/30 pm.
23 Meeting was held. Mrs. Leblanc took away the tape recorder for writing Introduction to Geetopanishad.
International Institute of God Consciousness today signed by the floating members.
24 One young man came from Down Town Mr. Robert. The Samkirtan record was played. He liked it.
25 Went to Ananda Ashram Monroe.
26 At Ananda Ashram, kirtan demonstration was given. Dr. Mishra appreciated it very much. Next morning invited.
27 Ananda Ashram. Kirtan demonstration in the morning. Record was taken by Mr. Bill. But it was not successful.

Letters and Contacts

1 Phoned Mr. Felix Morrow of University Books. He said his Hindu representative is looking into the matter.
2 Letters to Mr. Everett Case of the Alfred P Sloan Foundation and Mr. Henry J. Levy, Buyer of Brentano's bookseller.
4 Letter from Teertha Maharaj. Saw Mr. Henry J. Levy, of Brentano's 9:30 am 566 Fifth Ave. N.Y. He has no scope for selling my books. Met young Indian businessman Rabindra Srivastava.
5 Letter from President Case of Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. Declined to help the cause. I shall reply the letter.
6 Letter to President Case of Alfred P. Sloan Foundation.
7 Letter received from Chandra Sekhar with enclosure of Pf. Sri Krishna's letter.
9 Met Manager of S. N. Petchins 33 Riverside Dr. to rent apt No. 307. Paid $140.00- $70 security $70 rent to commence on 2/15/66.
10 Letter sent to Post Master and delivered personally to N.Y. Times, N.Y. Herald Tribune, N.Y. News Daily & Sunday—request to publish news of Hari Kirtan.
11 Letters sent to Newspapers: The Morning Telegram and The Times Mirror Co.
Letters sent to Radio Stations: NBC, WOR, WNYC.
12 Letters received from Rockefeller Foundation and Mrs. Sally Agarwal.
Called Mrs. Leblanc.
13 Spoke with Mr. Mukherji by phone and Mr. J.K. Banerjee correspondent of Hindusthan Standard.
15 Tried to contact Mr. Banerjee but not successful.
16 Reminders sent to Teertha Maharaj and Bon Maharaj.
Saw Mr. Banerjee and Mr. Bogart.
Received letter from Mr. Morrow. Not agreeable.
17 Met with Mr. Bogart.
Received letter from United States Navigation regarding M/V Jaladuta starting 24th.
18 Letter to Shipping Co. replied. Letter to be forwarded to Capt. Pandya. Proposed starting by Jaladuta.
Letter to Prime Minister of India, Ambassador of Nepal and one to Ambassador of India w/ request to arrange meeting President USA.
22 I went to see the house in Brooklyn with Babakhanian. The house is not suitable for my purpose.
24 Letter from Captain Pandya received.
25 Received letters from Teertha Maharaj, the Nepal Permanent Commission, Brindaban and United States Navigation Co.
Letters sent to Mr. Prem Gandhi, Sally Agarwal and Brindaban.
28 Met with the First Secretary of Permanent Commission of Nepal to the United Nations, Mr. Kedar P. Kairala.
Letter received from Bon Maharaj and Atmasingh.
Letter to Atmasingh replied.

Tuesday 1 February

N.Y.

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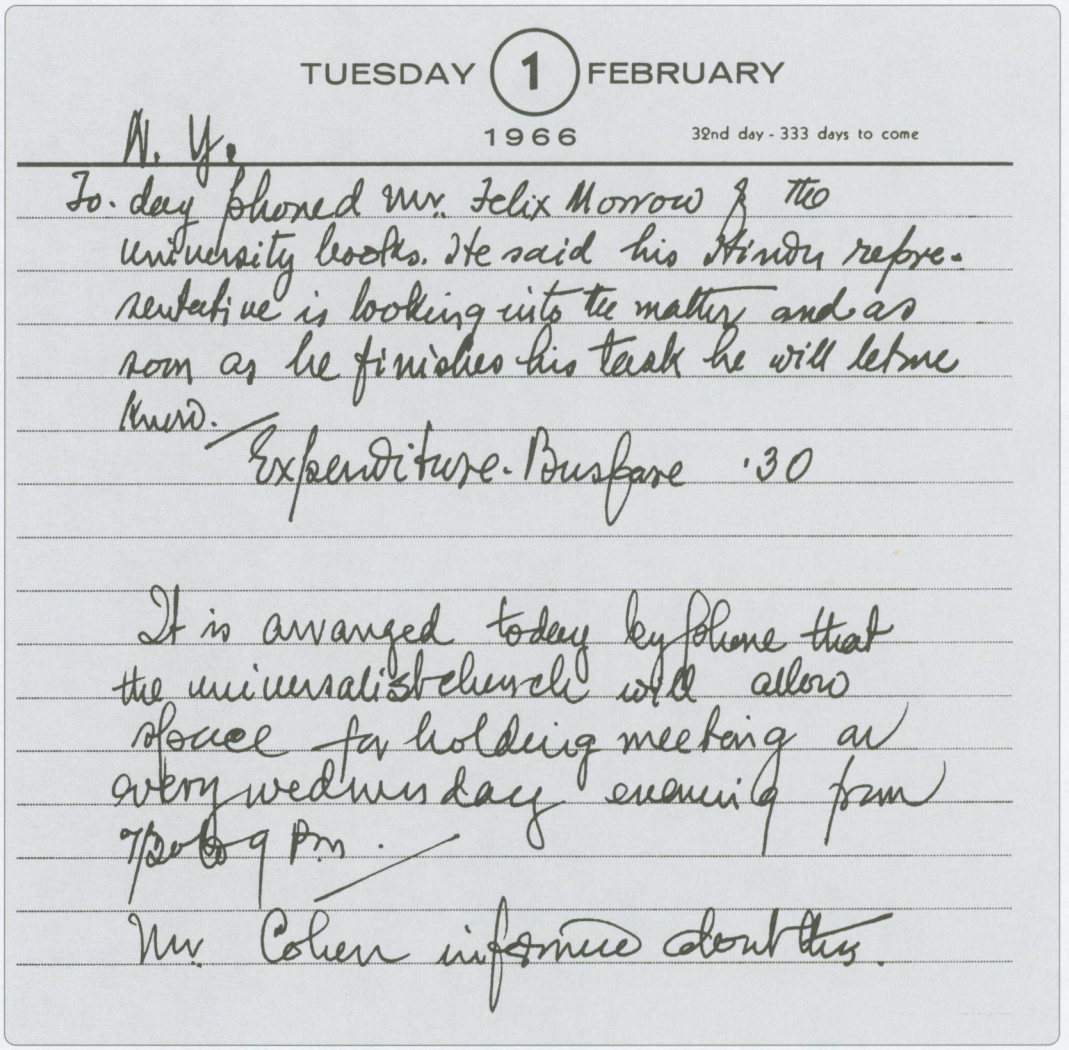

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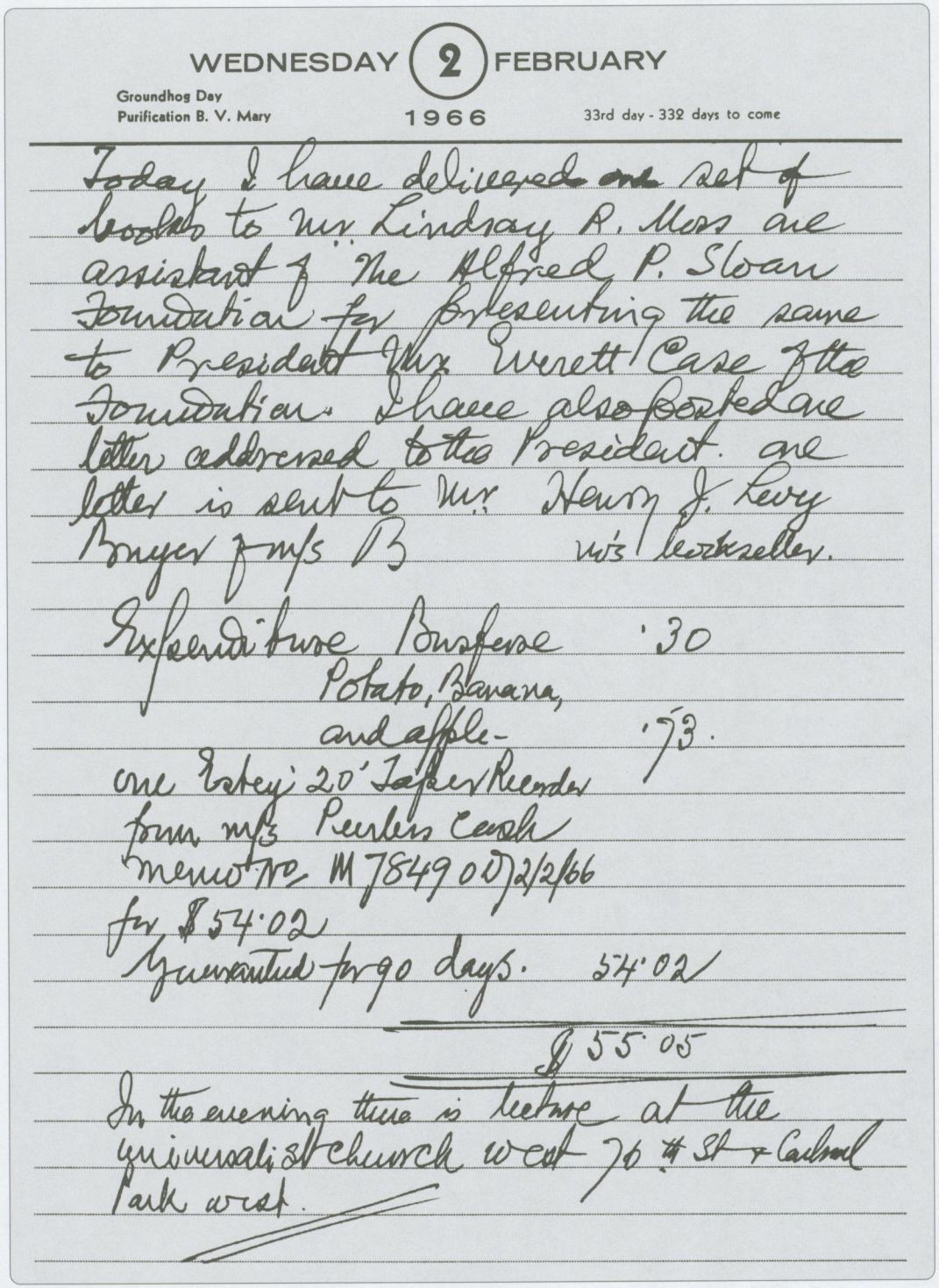

WEDNESDAY 2 FEBRUARY

Groundhog Day
Purification B. V. Mary

1966

33rd day - 332 days to come

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Potato, Banana, and apple- .73.
one Estey '20' Tape Recorder from m/s Peerless Cash memo No M78490 Dt 2/2/66 for $54.02
Guaranteed for 90 days. 54.02

$ 55.05

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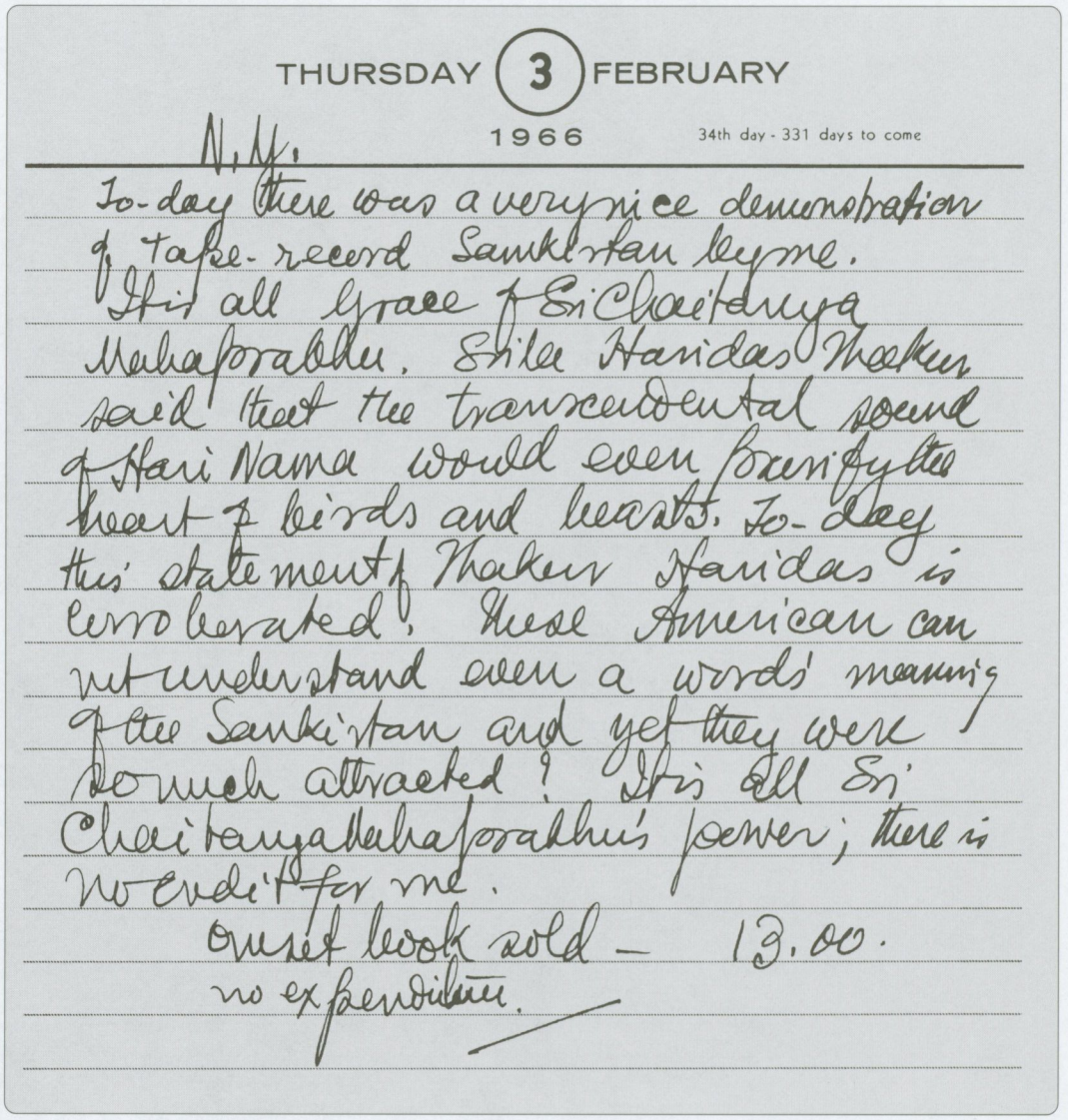
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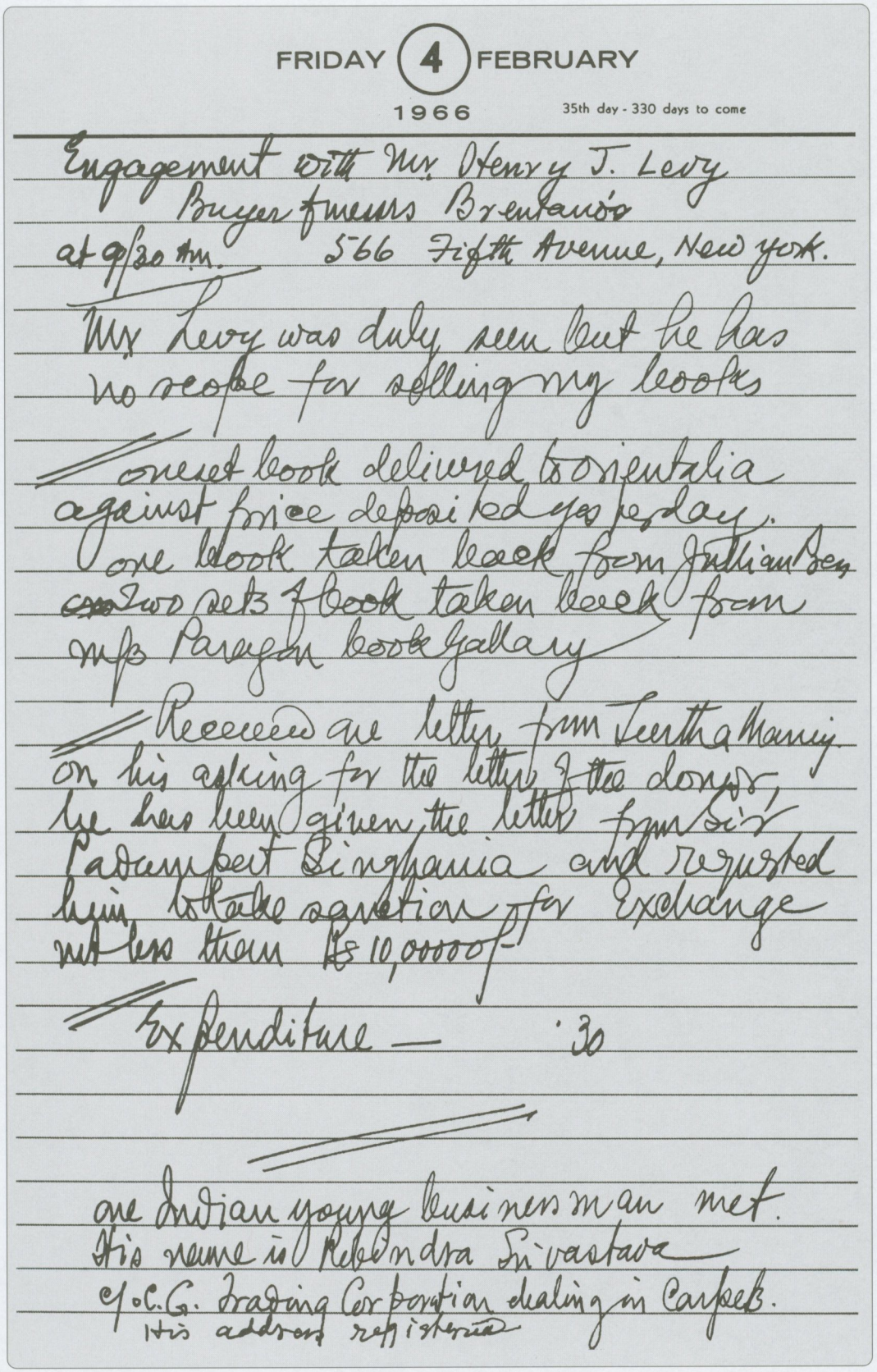
FRIDAY 4 FEBRUARY
1966 35th day - 330 days to come

Engagement with Mr. Henry J. Levy
Buyer of messrs Brentano's
at 9/30 A.M. 566 Fifth Avenue, New York.

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no scope for selling my books

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book Gallary

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not less than Rs 10,00000/-

Expenditure — .30

one Indian young businessman met.
His name is Rabindra Srivastava
c/o C.G. Trading Corporation dealing in carpets.
His address registered.

Friday 4 February

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[11] Bhaktivilāsa Tīrtha Mahārāja, head of the Caitanya Math, the main branch of the Gaudiya Math.

Saturday 5 February

N.Y.

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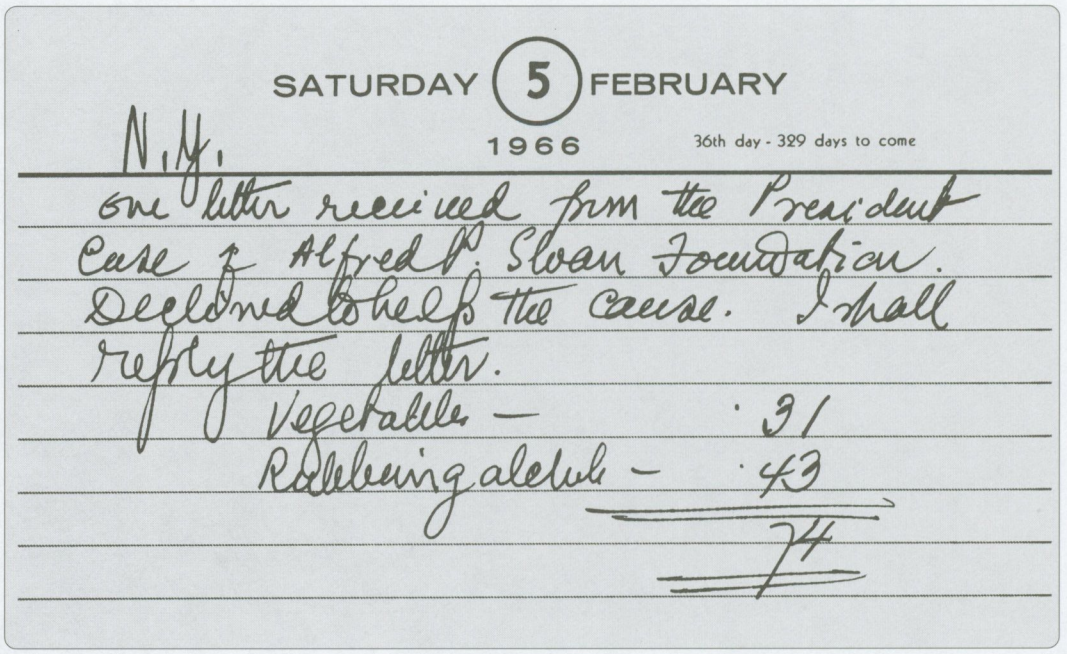
Rubbing alcohol[12] —	.43
	.74

[12] Śrīla Prabhupāda used rubbing alcohol as an aftershave lotion.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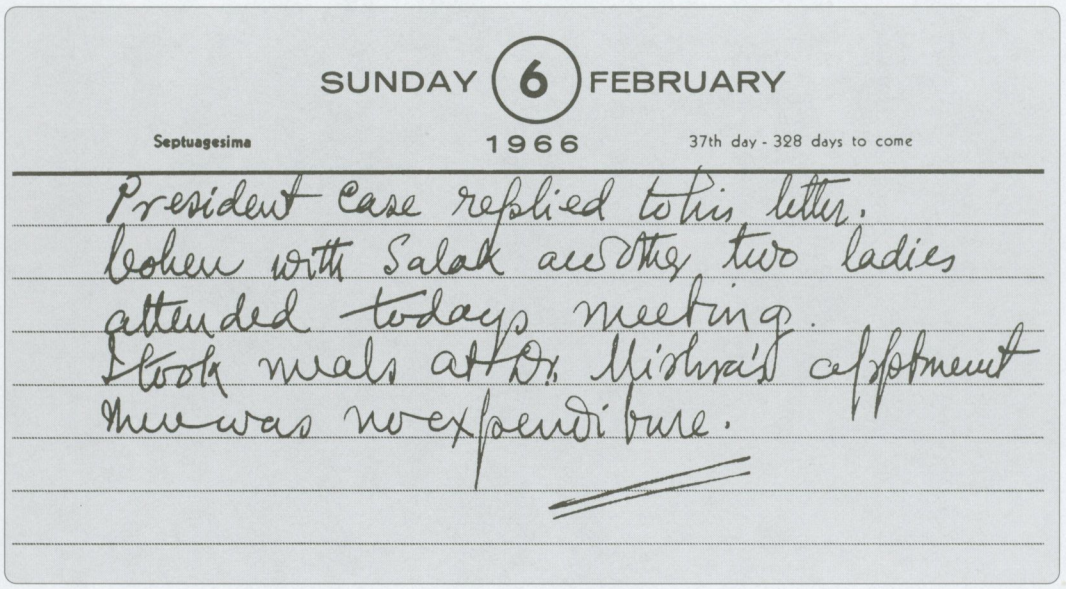
SUNDAY 6 FEBRUARY
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Sunday 6 February

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There was no expenditure.

MONDAY 7 FEBRUARY

1966 38th day - 327 days to come

N.Y.

Today received one letter from Chandra Sekhar with enclosure of Pf. Sri Krishna's letter. Pf. Sri Krishna has supplied some addresses of which Lampert Export Co. is noted.

Expenditure. Butter & Fruits. .71

One letter sent to Sally to send 25 sets to Paragon immediately.

Monday 7 February

N.Y.

Today received one letter from Chandra Sekhar with enclosure of Pf. Sri Krishna's letter. Pf. Sri Krishna has supplied some addresses of which Lampert Export Co. is noted.

Expenditure. Butter & Fruits. .71

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TUESDAY 8 FEBRUARY

1966 39th day - 326 days to come

Mr. Larry Bogart called to-day by me on phone. He advised to remind Mr. Morrow by letter. So I have sent him one letter today asking for immediate interview.

Purchased postage - 2.10.

Today Dr. Mishra returned from Florida. Cohen and Salak did not come today as promised.

Tuesday 8 February

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Wednesday 9 February

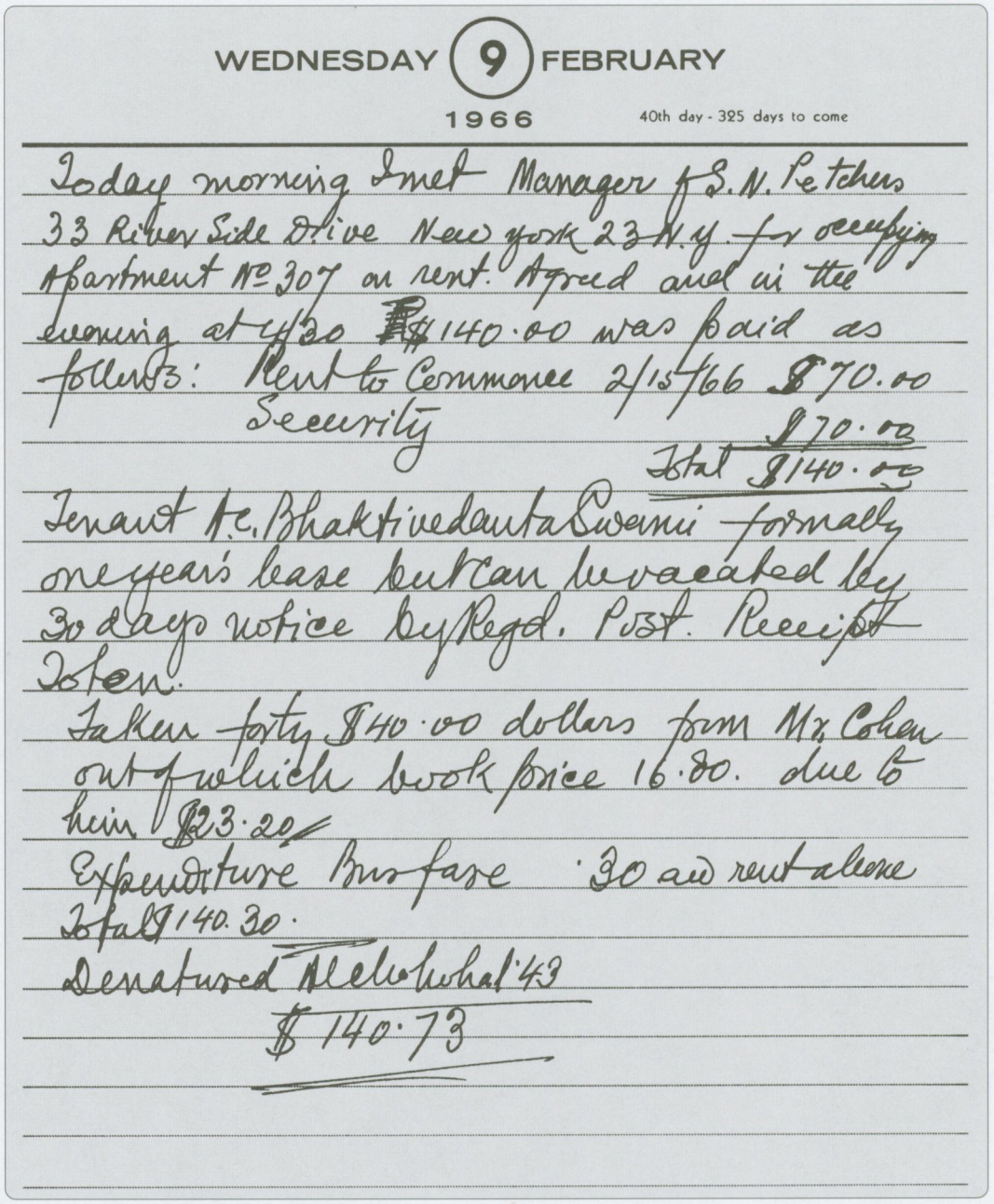
Today morning I met Manager of S. N. Petchins 33 Riverside Drive New York 23 N.Y. for occupying apartment No. 307 on rent. Agreed and in the evening at 4/30 $140.00 was paid as follows:

Rent to Commence 2/15/66	$70.00
Security	$70.00
Total	$140.00

Tenant A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami formally one year's lease but can be vacated by 30 days notice by Regd. Post. Receipt token.

Taken forty $40.00 dollars from Mr. Cohen out of which book price 16.80 due to him $23.20.

Expenditure Bus fare .30 and rent above
Total $140.30
Denatured Alcohol .43
$140.73



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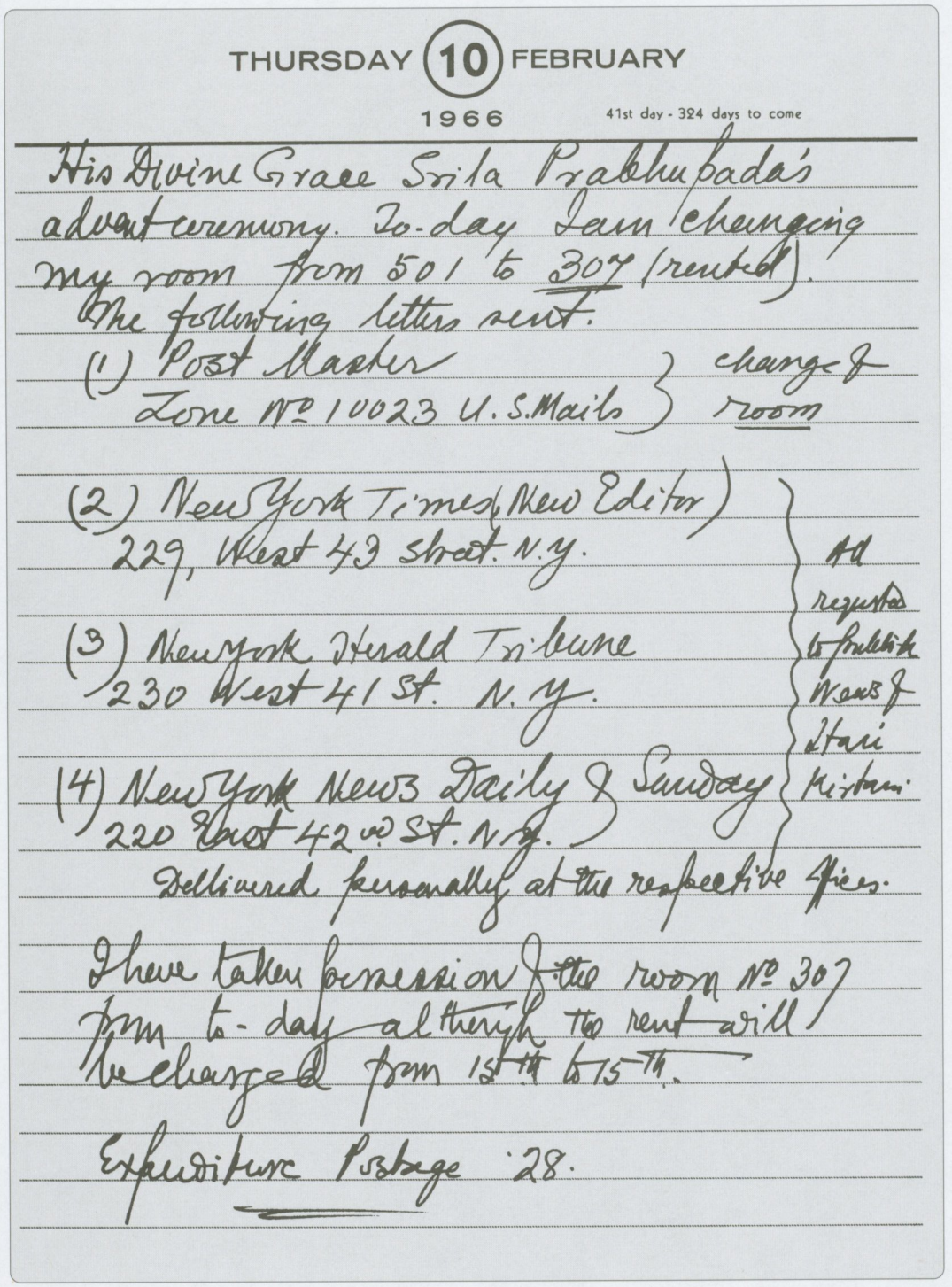

THURSDAY 10 FEBRUARY

1966 41st day - 324 days to come

His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada's advent ceremony. To-day I am changing my room from 501 to 307 (rented).

The following letters sent.

(1) Post Master
Zone No 10023 U.S. Mails
} change of room

(2) New York Times, (New Editor)
229, West 43 Street. N.Y.

(3) New York Herald Tribune
230 West 41st St. N.Y.

(4) New York News Daily & Sunday
220 East 42nd St. N.Y.
} All requested to publish news of Hari Kirtan

Delivered personally at the respective offices.

I have taken possession of the room No. 307 from to-day although the rent will be charged from 15th to 15th.

Expenditure Postage .28

Thursday 10 February

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Friday 11 February

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Newspapers:

(1) The Morning Telegram
525 West 52 Street
New York City.

(2) The Times Mirror Co.
280 Park Avenue
New York City.

Radio Stations.

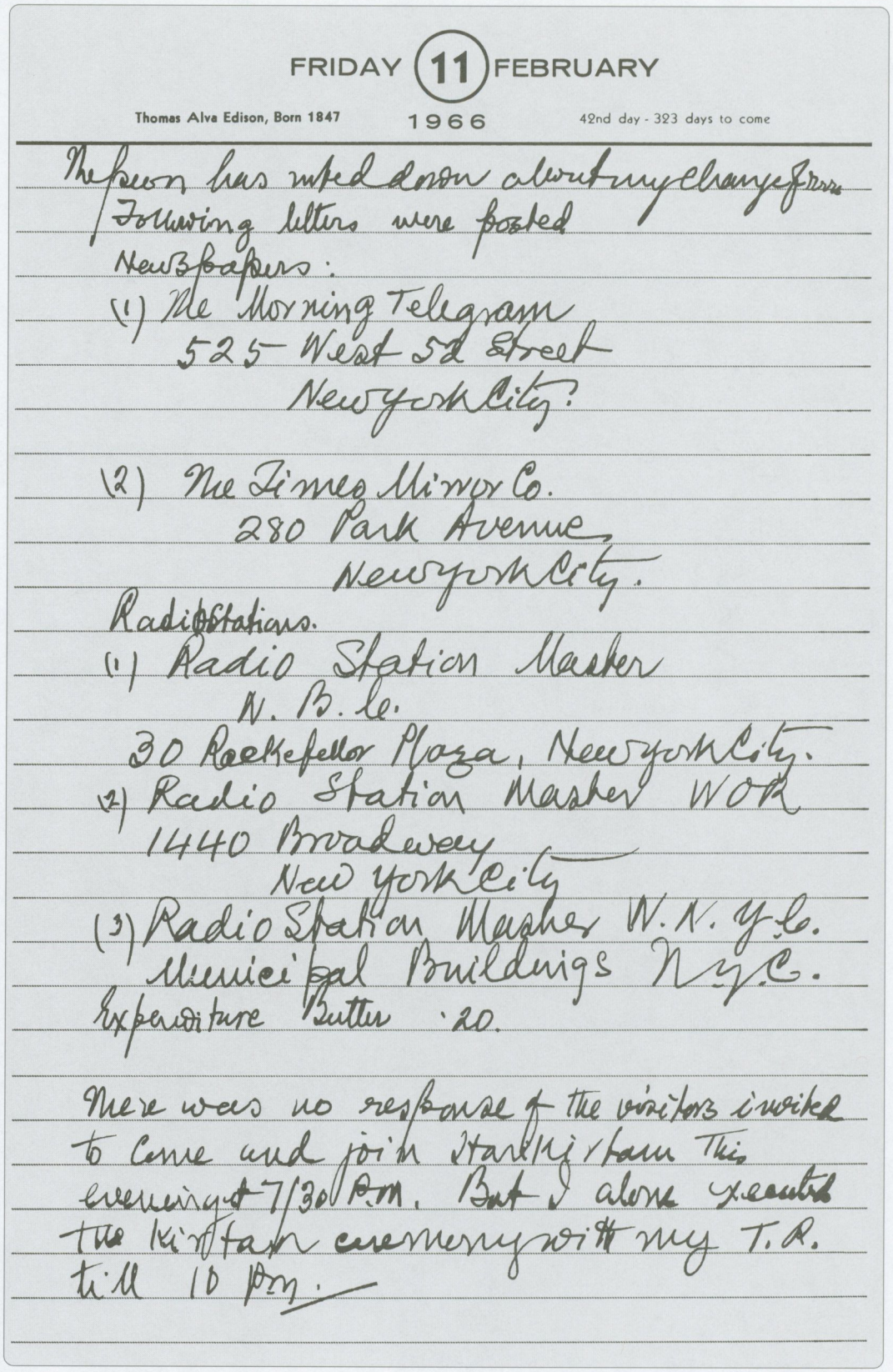
(1) Radio Station Master
N.B.C.
30 Rockefeller Plaza,
New York City.

(2) Radio Station Master WOR
1440 Broadway
New York City

(3) Radio Station Master W.N.Y.C.
Municipal Buildings N.Y.C.

Expenditure Butter .20

There was no response of the visitors invited to come and join Hari Kirtan this evening at 7/30 P.M. But I alone executed the Kirtan ceremony with my T. R. till 10 P.M.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Thomas Alva Edison, Born 1847 1966 42nd day - 323 days to come

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SATURDAY 12 FEBRUARY

Georgia Day
Abraham Lincoln, Born 1809

1966

43rd day - 322 days to come

Mrs. Charlotte Leblanc was to come here in the morning - I waited for her till 10/50 o'clock but she did not turn up.
Expenditure Bus fare — .60.
Received the following letters
(1) From Rockefeller Foundation
(2) Mrs Sally Agarwal Ohio.
Mrs Charlotte Leblanc was contacted by phone. She will come on Monday in the evening after seven.

Saturday 12 February

Mrs. Charlotte Leblanc was to come here in the morning — I waited for her till 10/50 o'clock but she did not turn up.

Expenditure Bus fare — .60
Received the following letters

(1) From Rockefeller Foundation

(2) Mrs. Sally Agarwal Ohio.

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SUNDAY 13 FEBRUARY

Sexagesima

1966

44th day - 321 days to come

Mr. Cohen promised to come at my place by 3 o'clock after noon but he did not turn up. To-day the whole day was raining. Talked with Mr Mukherji of 9 La Sal by Telephone Also with Mrs. J.K. Banerjee correspondent of Hindusthan Standard. He has given his phone No. as follows: —
PL4 - 1234 Extention 2180.
No Expenditure

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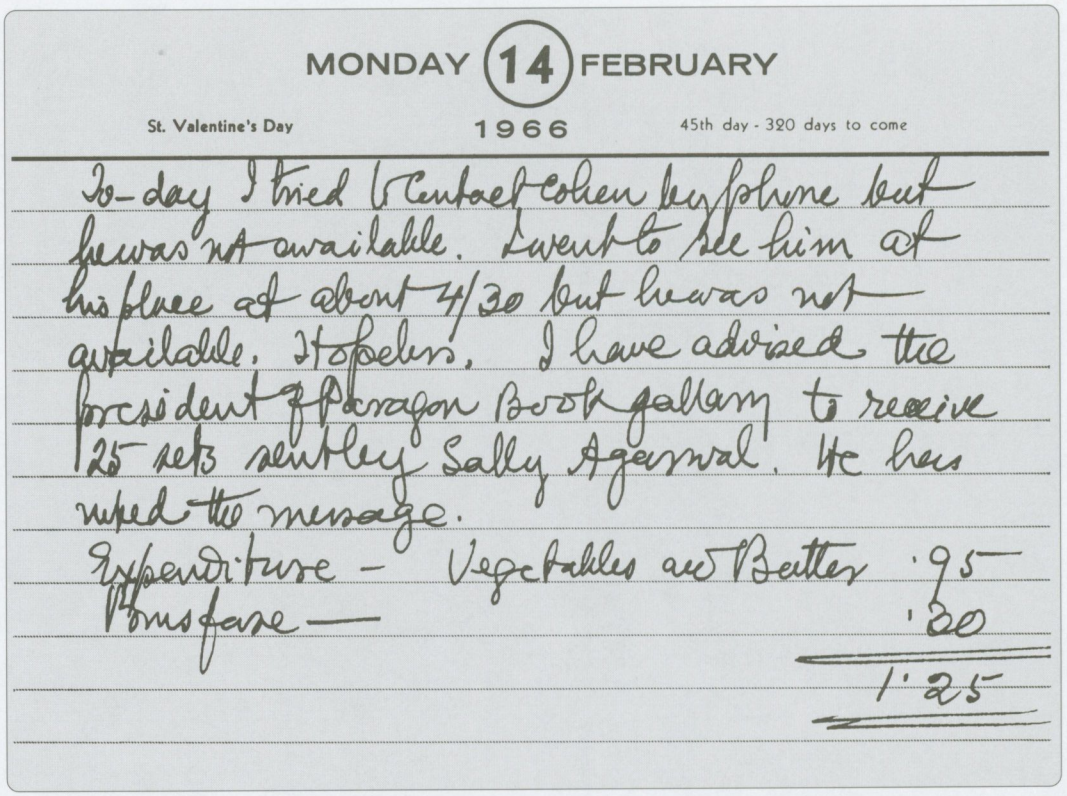
PL4 -1234 Extention 2180.

No Expenditure

Monday 14 February

To-day I tried to contact Cohen by phone but he was not available. I went to see him at his place at about 4/30 but he was not available. Hopeless. I have advised the president of Paragon Book Gallery to receive 25 sets sent by Sally Agarwal. He has noted the message.

Expenditure —Vegetables and Butter .95
Bus fare — .30
1.25


MONDAY 14 FEBRUARY

St. Valentine's Day 1966 45th day - 320 days to come

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Tuesday 15 February

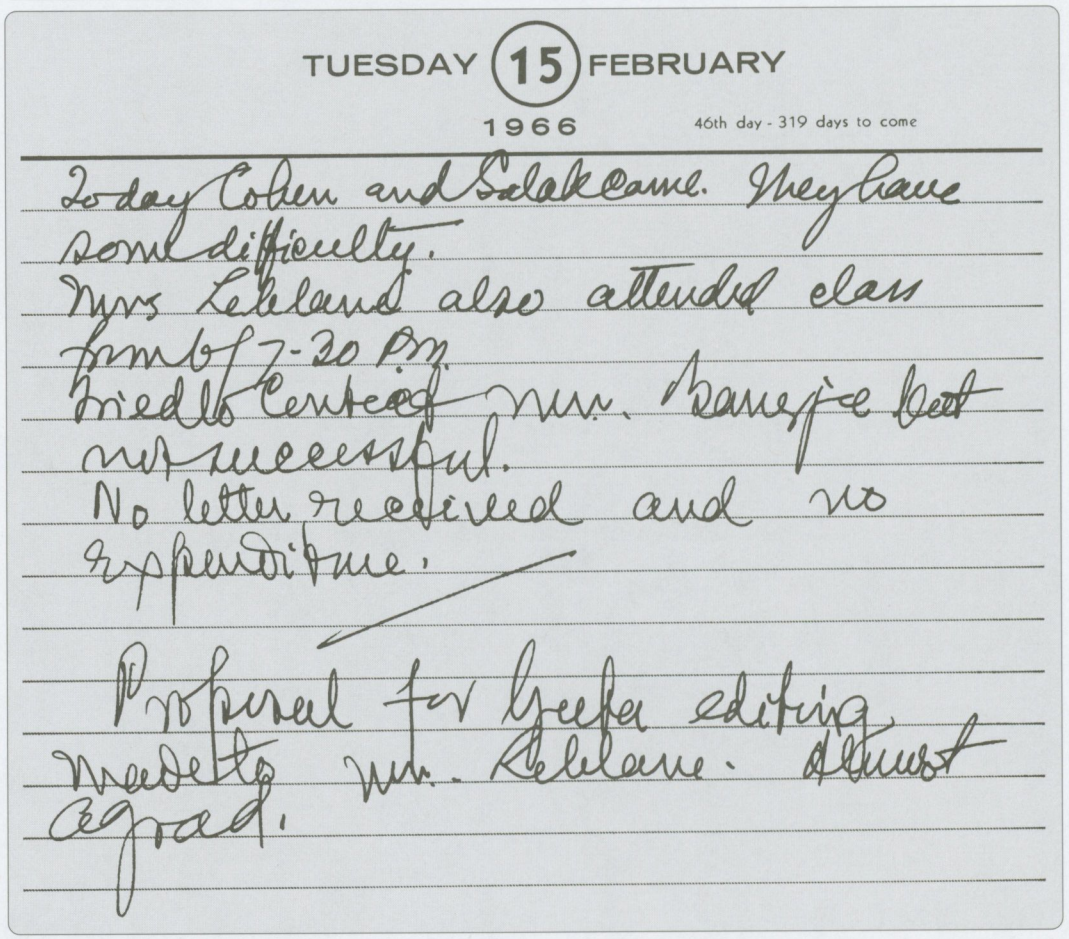
To-day Cohen and Salak came. They have some difficulty.

Mrs. Leblanc also attended class from 6/7-30 P.M.

Tried to contact Mr. Banerjee but not successful.

No letter received and no expenditure.

Proposal for Geeta editing made to Mrs. Leblanc. Almost agreed.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1966 46th day - 319 days to come

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Mrs Leblanc also attended class from 6/7-30 P.M.
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No letter received and no expenditure.

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WEDNESDAY 16 FEBRUARY

1966 47th day - 318 days to come

To-day I have sent reminders to Srila Teertha Maharaj and Sripad Bon Maharaj.

Saw Mr. Banerji & Bogart. Letter received from Mr. Morrow. Not agreeable.

Expenditure — Bus fare .30

Ekadashi surpassed to observe to-morrow (Dwadashi).

Wednesday 16 February

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Saw Mr. Banerji & Bogart. Letter received from Mr. Morrow. Not agreeable.

Expenditure — Bus fare .30

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Thursday 17 February

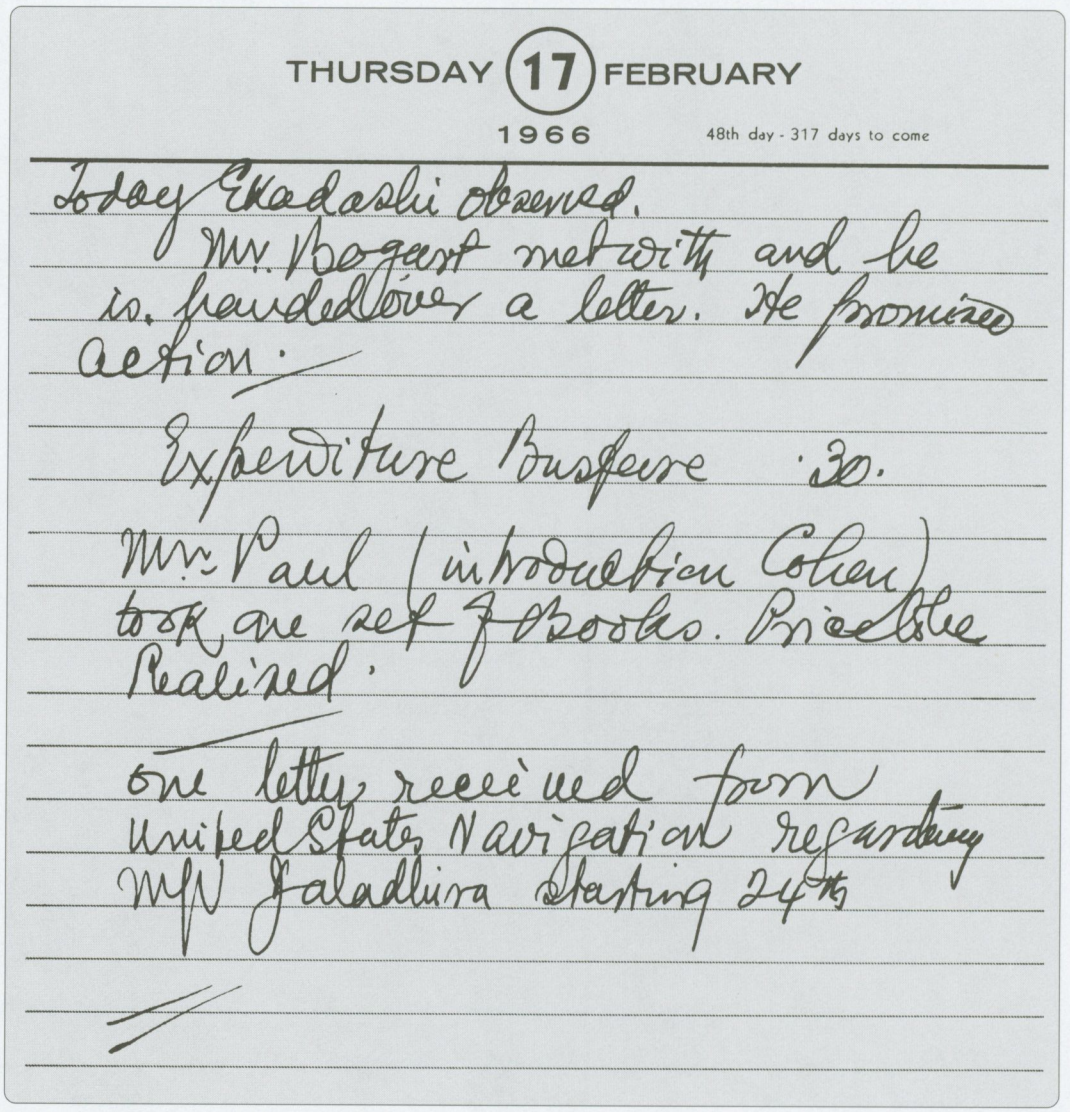
Today Ekadashi observed.

Mr. Bogart met with and he is handed over a letter. He promised action.

Expenditure Bus fare .30

Mr. Paul[13] (introduction Cohen) took one set of Books. Price to be Realised.

one letter received from United States Navigation regarding M/V Jaladuta[14] starting 24th.


THURSDAY 17 FEBRUARY

1966 48th day - 317 days to come

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[13] Paul Murray

[14] Śrīla Prabhupāda had come from India on board the *Jaladuta*, a freighter of the Scindia Steamship line.

FRIDAY 18 FEBRUARY

1966 49th day - 316 days to come

Shiping Co. replied. Proposed starting by Jaladuta. One letter forwarded for Captain Pandya. Received letter from Suryakumar asking me to write to the Prime Minister and the copy of the letter sent to him. So I sent one letter to the Prime Minister & the copy to Suryakumar for necessary action. Copy of Sir Padampat's letter sent. Two other letters also despatched as follows: The Ambassador of Nepal for an interview and the Ambassador of India requesting him to arrange for my meeting with the President U.S.A. Two sets of books brought from Paragon. The man declines to deliver books like this. Sally has not sent the books as yet. Expenditure Bus fare .15

Dr. Mishra asked me to come to the Ashram. But I didn't go. Simply waste of time.

One Polish lady paid me the other day $1.00.

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[15] The captain of the M/V *Jaladuta*.

SURYAKUMAR JOSHI

ALL INDIA CONGRESS COMMITTEE
7-Jantar Mantar Road, New Delhi

31 January 1966
6 Feb.

Param Pujya Swamiji,

You may not believe it, day before Yesterday while going to Office I felt like chanting the TARAK BRAHMAN NAM Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna --- etc. and the association of this mantra with you set me thinking about you. I began worrying about you and I may confess ominous thoughts entered my mind. I know you have a frail body and there is no one near to give you nourishing diet. With such a train of thought I reached Office and what a wonderful surprise to find your letter on my desk.

Excitement ran high as I read your letter and only after lapse of some time I began thinking with a cool mind of the great responsibility that you have entrusted me. Needless to say, nothing could be nobler or greater or better in the service of the cause that you cherish than the idea of building a Radha-Krishna Temple in New York. I have been possessed by the idea and I consider it indeed a great privelege to be of any use to you in this noble cause.

1. I suggest that you should write to your friends in India who are willing to donate the necessary sum that I would be seeing them in this connection. May be they can suggest ways and means whereby the necessary amount could be available to you at New York; may be they have funds in foreign banks which they could transfer to you. I think if they are as keen as we are to build a truly representative Hindu temple in America they would be in a better position to tell us how to go about this task. On receipt of copies of your letter to your wealthy friends I will try to contact them.

2. You should address letters to Smt. Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister, Home Minister Shri Gulzarilal Nanda and Minister for Foreign Trade, Shri Manubhai Shah stressing on the cultural aspect of the project that you wish to undertake and please send copies of these letters to me to enable me to see them personally in this matter. They may like to know the names of the persons who wish to denote the money. May be they would also want declaration from these persons of their desire to contribute money towards this end.

3. Building of a Hindu Temple in America is a cause in which not only Hindus living in India but through out the world should be made to take due interest. May be a trip to West Indies and Canada, and wherever Hindus live in large numbers, would be necessary. You should at least try to procure a list of all Hindus living in USA and Canada from our embassies and then begin correspondence with them.

4. It is a big task and to begin with you need some one hear you to execute your plans vigourously. I am willing to come and join you for consultation and further action. With all my failings I cannot claim to be a devoted servant of Lord Krishna but so far as building a temple is concerned I am for it with all my heart and soul. Therefore, if you think I may be of some use to you in America, please do the needful to call me there. Why not I come to America with two beautiful life size images of Radha and Krishna, and I am sure once the holy images come under your care they would themselves arrange

for a suitable roof over their heads.

Many ideas keep on pressing me and I anxiously await your guidance in the matter.

Respectfully yours

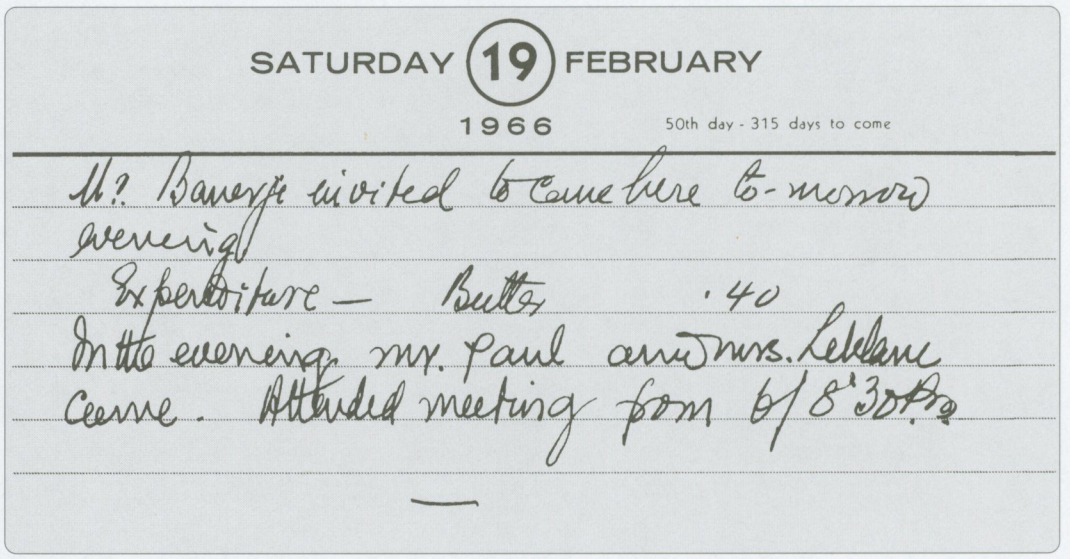
Joshi

(Surya Kumar Joshi)

Shri A.C.Bhaktivedanta Swami,
100 Westm 72nd Street,
Studio 501,
New York N.Y.10023, USA.

P.S. I think you should also address a letter to the Maharaja of Nepal, who may be very useful in this project.

Joshi


SATURDAY 19 FEBRUARY

1966 50th day - 315 days to come

Mr? Banerji invited to come here to-morrow evening

Expenditure — Butter .40

In the evening mr. Paul and Mrs. Leblanc came. Attended meeting from 6/8.30 P.M.

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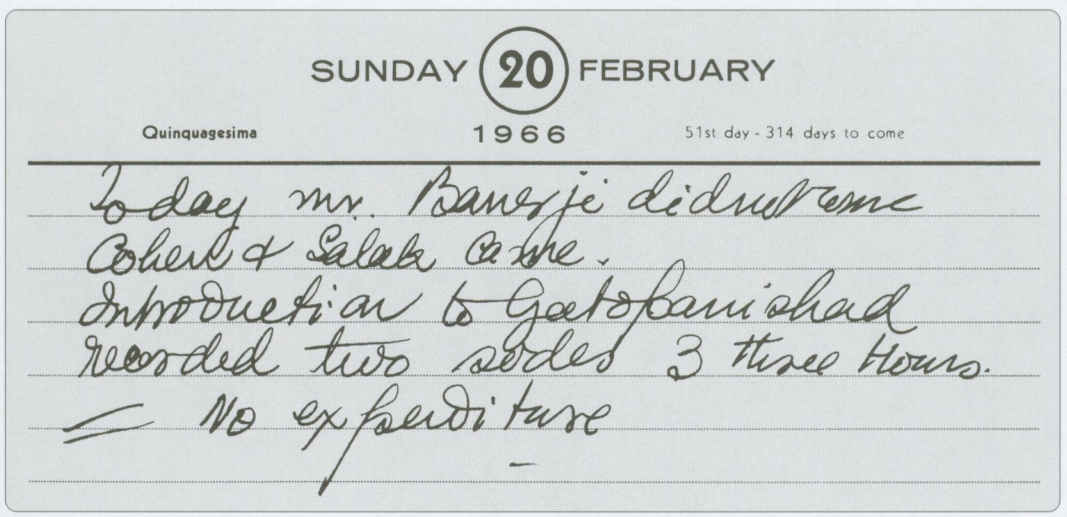

SUNDAY 20 FEBRUARY

Quinquagesima 1966 51st day - 314 days to come

Today mr. Banerji did not come Cohen & Salak came.

Introduction to Geetopanishad recorded two sides 3 three Hours.

No expenditure

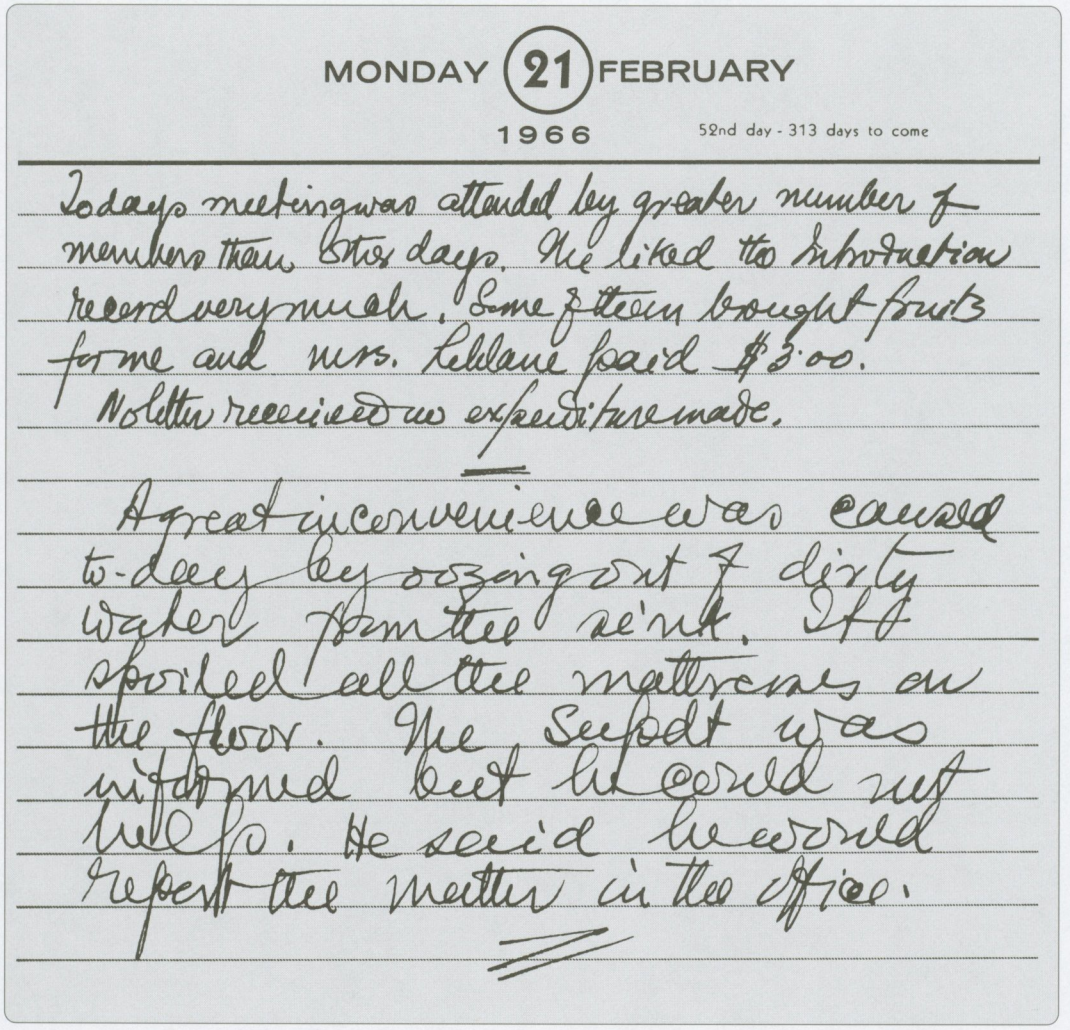
Sunday 20 February

Today Mr. Banerji did not come Cohen and Salak came.

Introduction to Geetopanishad[16] recorded two sides 3 three Hours

No expenditure

[16] This later became the Introduction to *Bhagavad-gītā As It Is*.


MONDAY 21 FEBRUARY

1966 52nd day - 313 days to come

Todays meetingwas attended by greater number of members than other days. The liked the Introduction record very much. Some of them brought fruits for me and mrs. Leblanc paid $3.00.

No letter reeeived no expenditure made.

A great inconvenience was caused to-day by oozing out of dirty water from the sink. It spoiled all the mattresses on the floor. The Supdt was informed but he could not help. He said he would report the matter in the office.

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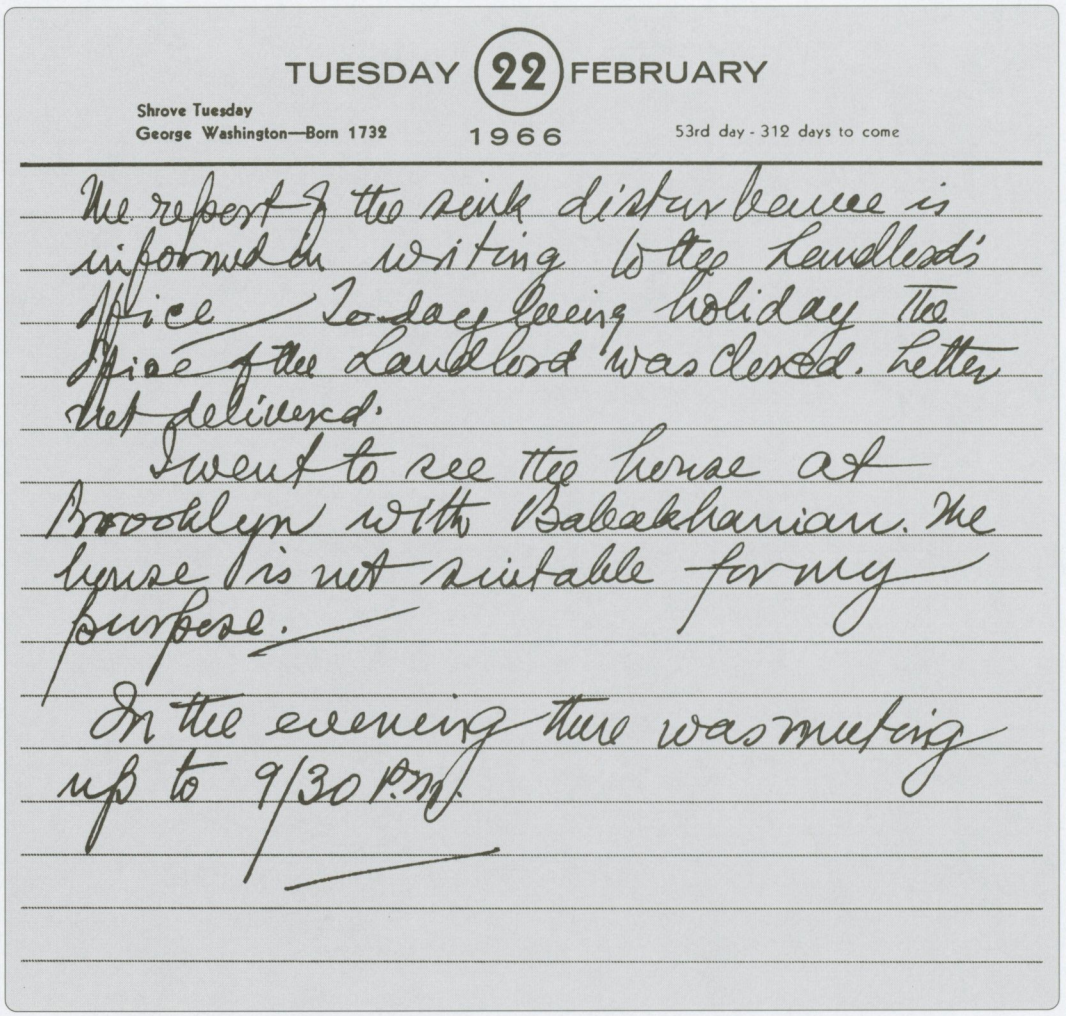
Tuesday 22 February

The report of the sink disturbance is informed in writing to the Landlord's office. Today being holiday the office of the Landlord was closed. Letter not delivered.

I went to see the house at Brooklyn with Babakhanian. The house is not suitable for my purpose.

In the evening there was meeting up to 9/30 P.M.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Shrove Tuesday
George Washington—Born 1732

1966

53rd day - 312 days to come

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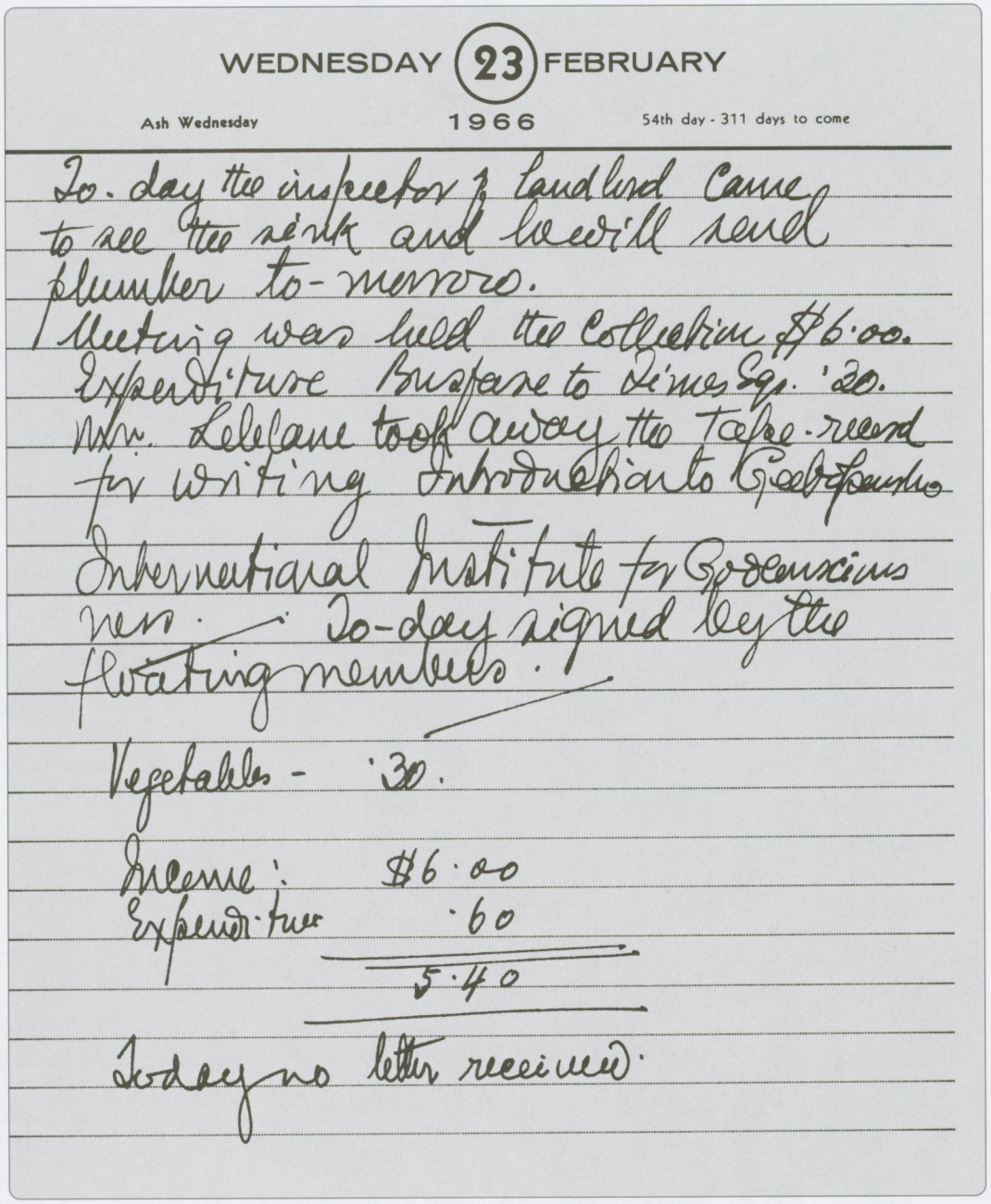

WEDNESDAY 23 FEBRUARY

Ash Wednesday 1966 54th day - 311 days to come

To-day the inspector of landlord came to see the sink and he will send plumber to-morrow.
Meeting was held the collection $6.00.
Expenditure Bus fare to Times Sq. .30.
Mrs. Leblanc took away the tape-record for writing Introduction to Geetopanishad.
International Institute for God Conscious ness. To-day signed by the floating members.

Vegetables - .30.

Income: $6.00
Expenditure .60
5.40

Today no letter received.

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Vegetables —	.30
Income:	$6.00
Expenditure	.60
	$5.40

Today no letter received.

[17] For the proposal and signatures of the members see pages 200–201

Thursday 24 February

Letter from Pandya Captain received.
Income $1.00 No expenditure.

One young man came from Down Town Mr. Robert.[18] The Samkirtan record was played. He liked it.

The Plumber did not turn up.

[18] Robert Nelson is described in the *Śrīla Prabhupāda-līlāmṛta* Volume 2, *Planting the Seed.*

THURSDAY 24 FEBRUARY

St. Matthias, Apostle 1966 55th day - 310 days to come

Letter from Pandya Captain received.
Income $1.00 No expenditure.
One young man came from Down Town
Mr. Robert. The Samkirtan record was
played. He liked it.
The Plumber didnot turn up.

Friday 25 February

The following letters received

1. From Teertha Maharaj
2. From the Nepal Permanent Commission
3. From Brindaban.[19]
4. From United States Navigation Co.

The following letters despatched.

1. To Mr. Prem Gandhi
2. To Sally Agarwal.
3. Brindaban's letter replied.

Went to Ananda Ashram Monroe
The Plumber did not turn up.
No expenses.

[19] Brindaban Chandra De, Śrīla Prabhupāda's son, who was living in Calcutta.

FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY

1966 56th day - 309 days to come

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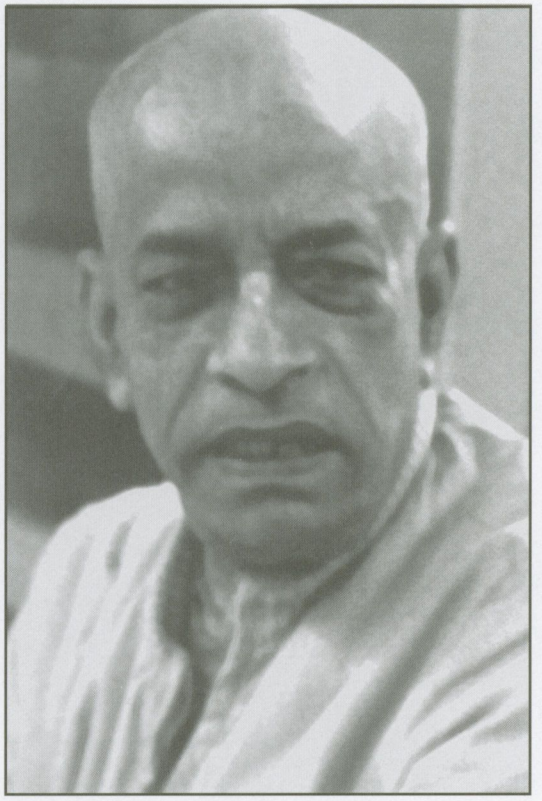

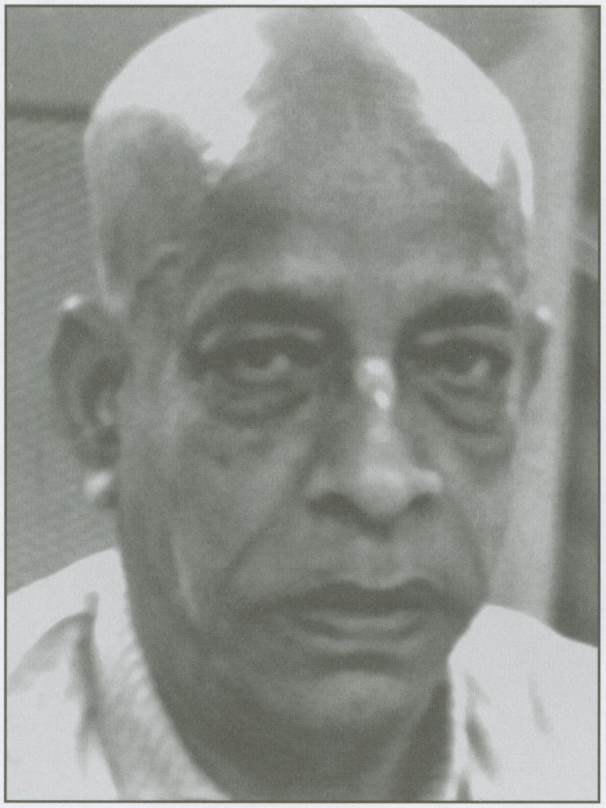

ANANDA ASHRAM

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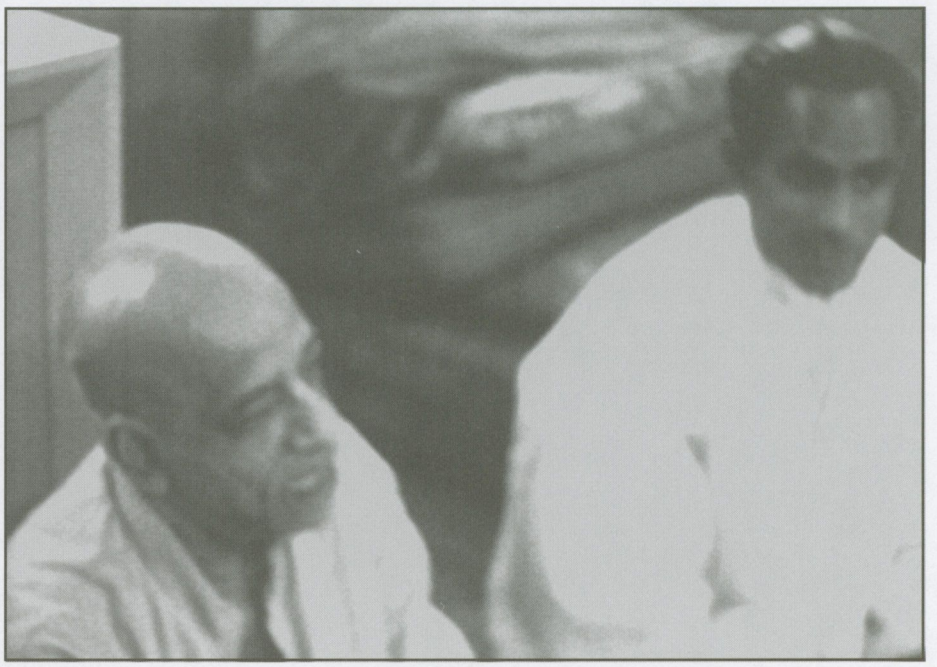
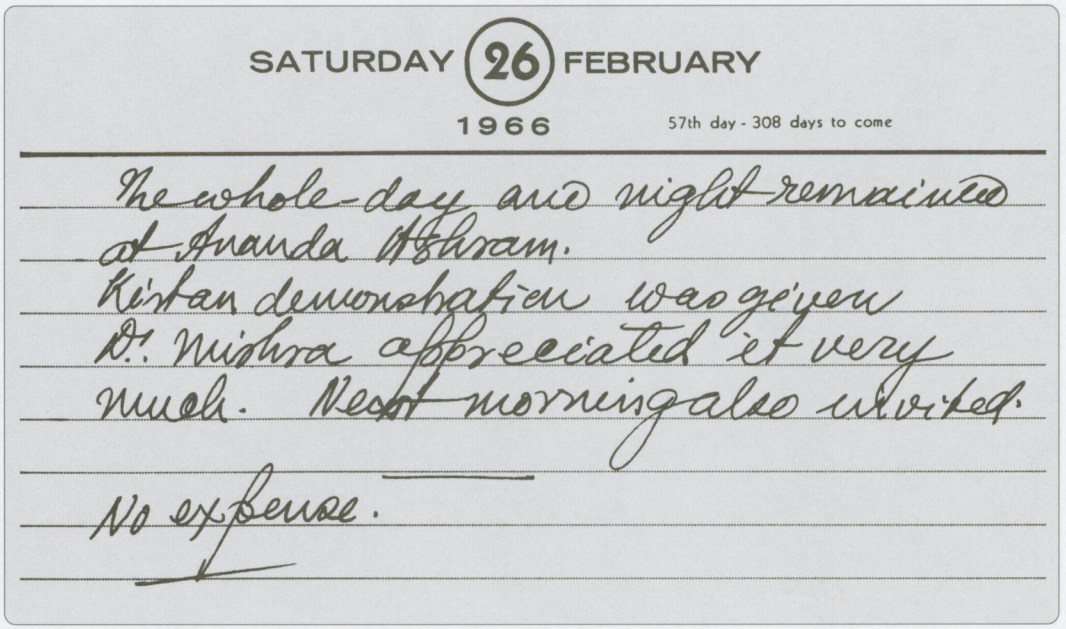


Saturday 26 February

The whole day and night remained at Ananda Ashram. Kirtan demonstration was given
Dr. Mishra appreciated it very much. Next morning also invited.

No expense.


SATURDAY 26 FEBRUARY

1966 57th day - 308 days to come

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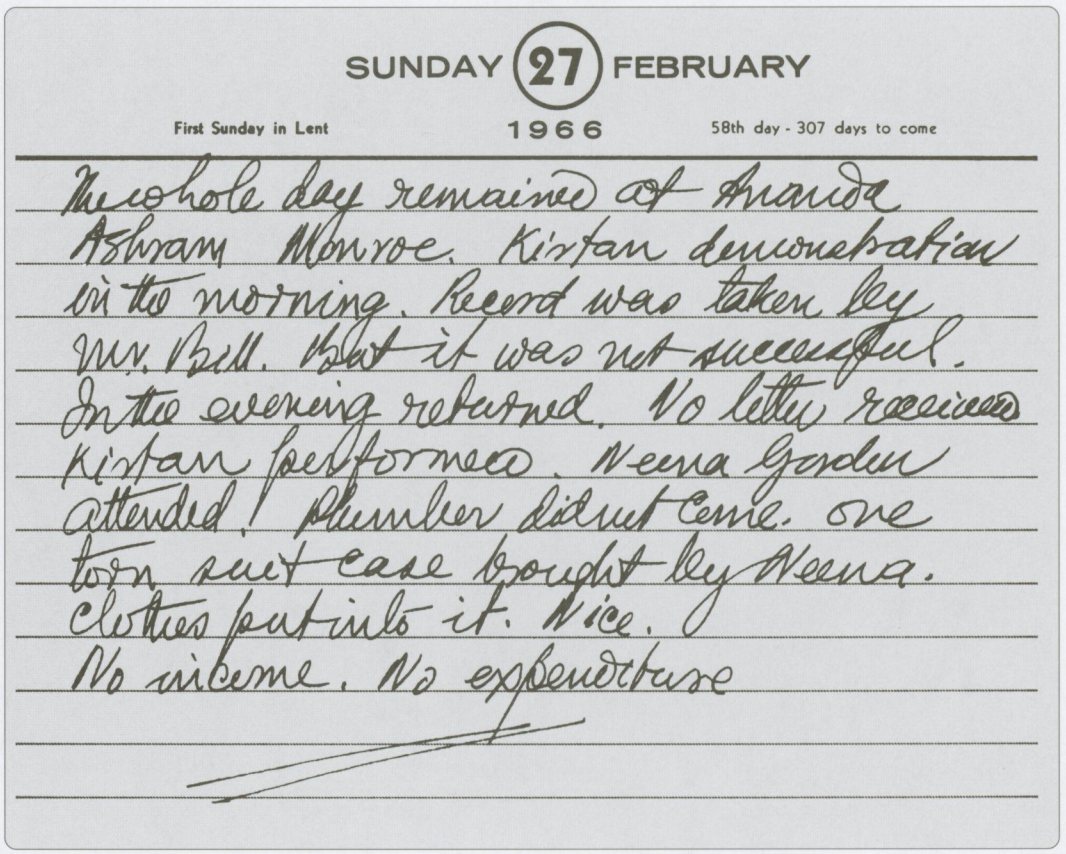
Kirtan demonstration was given
Dr. Mishra appreciated it very much. Next morning also invited.

No expense.

Sunday 27 February

The whole day remained at Ananda Ashram Monroe. Kirtan demonstration in the morning. Record was taken by Mr. Bill. But it was not successful. In the evening returned. No letter received. Kirtan performed. Neena Gordon attended. Plumber did not come. One torn suitcase brought by Neena. Clothes put into it. Nice. No income. No expenditure.


SUNDAY 27 FEBRUARY

First Sunday in Lent 1966 58th day - 307 days to come

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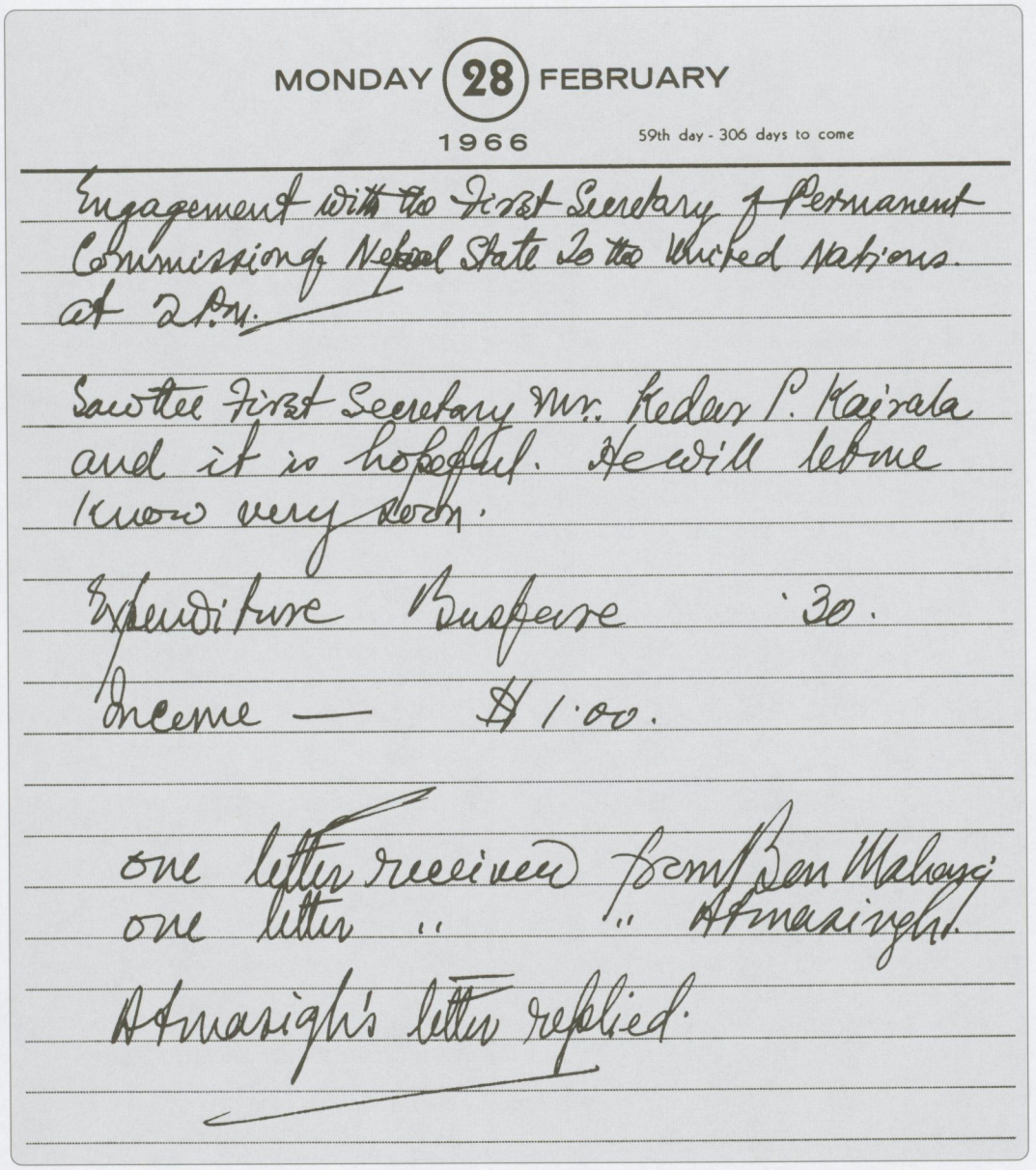
No income. No expenditure


MONDAY 28 FEBRUARY

1966 59th day - 306 days to come

Engagement with the First Secretary of Permanent Commission of Nepal State to the United Nations. at 2 P.M.

Saw the First Secretary Mr. Kedar P. Kairala and it is hopeful. He will let me know very soon.

Expenditure Bus fare .30.

Income — $1.00.

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[20] See reference to Atmasingh on March 8 entry.

MARCHHIGHLIGHTS

Books

4 Income $9.00 contributions and books.
7 The collection made out of contribution & books-$28.00.
9 Larry Bogart returned books for Mr. Laughlin to examine.
Went to Paragon. Paragon has received 35 sets. Up-to-date I have taken back 15 sets, 20 sets remain with them.
Income by contributions and books-$13.00
10 One set of books left with New Direction Book 333 Sixth Avenue.
11 Went to Paragon Books. Corrected error in stock.
15 Requested Joan to pick up books from Paragon. She agreed to do it.
16 Joan was kind enough to get my books, sixteen sets from m/s Paragon Book Gallery. The books are brought and kept in stock.
18 Letter from Chandra Sekhar. There is some good sales of Srimad Bhagwatam he reports.
23 Sent letter to Library of Congress asking for the Library card no. of my Srimad Bhagwatam.
26 Today when I came back from Dr. Mishra's apartment at 1 pm. I saw the window on the door broken and entering the door I saw my tape recorder, typewriter, and books-bag stolen.
29 Robert brought me an old typewriter.
Income one set book sold 16.80 cheque.
30 Mr. Peter Blane handed over to me one German machine bold type.

Classes and Kirtanas

3 Ekadashi observed. In the evening only two visitors came. There were some topics on the meditation yoga. Income contribution $1.00.
Dr. Mishra wanted my kirtan in his meetings. I am considering.
5 At 2 o'clock went Ananda Ashram. Kirtan was performed in the evening. Very much appreciated.
6 Whole day passed at Monroe Ananda Ashram. In the morning there was kirtan. Returned from Monroe at 6 pm. Talked with Mr. Majid of Tehran (Iran). Took lesson for more than 1 1/2 hr.
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13 In the evening two ladies and Mr. Susman came. There was some discussions. One of the ladies brought bread for me.
15 In the evening five ladies and gentlemen visited. There was some talks.
16 In the evening there was meeting. The attendance was three only. Income $3.00 only by contribution.
17 In the evening two ladies and one gentleman Mr. Tone came to see me. There was some discussions.
18 Tonight five ladies and gentlemen attended the meeting at 7 pm. 9/15 pm. and 15 minute talks. Kirtan and lectures on the Bhagwat geeta performed. Income by contribution $4.00.
19 I prepared on tape record Chintamani.
20 Some four gentlemen and ladies came to see me. We talked for some time.
21 I distributed Prasadam to all at Dr. Mishra's Apartment.
In the evening there was meeting. Five ladies and gentlemen attended. Geeta explained about individuality of living entities.
22 In the evening two gentlemen and lady came. Discussed for some time.
23 Today's meeting two gentlemen attended.
24 Captain Pandiya and Mrs. Pandiya came to see me. Three ladies and three gentlemen besides the captain and his wife attended the meeting. Mr. Robert brought some fruits and grains for me.
25 Meeting in the evening seven ladies and gentlemen attended. Captain and Mrs. Pandiya also were there. Income $22.00. Everyone brought some fruits and grains. There were two newcomers. Address taken.
27 I spent the night at Studio 501. One Mr. Howard of 71 St. became acquainted with me. He appears to be a good friend.
28 There was meeting in the evening. Five ladies and gentlemen attended. Bhagwat Geeta discussed.
29 Went to see the loft of Mr. Paul. Can be utilised for meeting and Samkirtan purpose nicely.
30 Evening meeting held and seven attended. Susman and Paul will come Friday 1st April to take me to the loft.
31 Only two persons came today to meet me.

Letters and Contacts

1 Saw India Office for extension passport. Saw Mr L.L. Mehrotra. Saw Mr Bogart.
Letter from Secretary of Indian Prime Minister. Disappointing. Letter from Universal book not encouraging.
2 Saw Mr. L. L. Mehrotra for renewal of passport after June 1966. Referred to New Delhi for confirmation to be renewed at least one more year.

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MARCHHIGHLIGHTS

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5 Letter to the Secretary Salvation Army, 14th St. West for exchange.
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Robert brought some fruits and dal.
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Saw Larry Bogart.
10 Letter from Brindaban India.
Letter from Library Bureau.
11 Letter to Teertha Maharaj in reply to his letter of 22/2/66. Letter sent to Mrs. Sally Agarwal in reply to her letter Dt 6/3/66.

14 Letter from Chanrda Sekhar.
It will take some time to renew the Passport. Visa renewed up to June 30, 1966.
17 Letter from Salvation Army Finance Secretary. At once went to see him. He is favorable by the Grace of the Lord and has agreed to accept at 4.00 a dollar exchange. He is writing for confirmation.
18 Letter from Chandra Sekhar. He encourages to stay in America at least for three years. God bless him. He reports some good sales of Srimad Bhagavatam.
Letter to Sir Padampat Singhania and to Srimati Sumati Morarjee.
21 One invitation through Dr. Mishra received for attending lectures of Indira Gandhi on 1st April. If somebody takes me, then I shall go.
22 Letter from Mayor's office New York City and one from United States Navigation regarding Jaladuta. Letter sent to United States Navigation.

23 Letter to Mayor's office. Informed that I shall wait to see Mr Lindsay till he is free to talk with me.
Letter to Library of Congress asking for the Library card no. of my Srimad Bhagwatam.
24 S.S. Jaladuta is in New York Port. Could not contact Mr. Forster by phone. Message left for Captain Pandiya. Capt. and Mrs. Pandiya came to see me. I instructed them to contact Srimati Morarjee about my letters.
25 Letter from Brindaban Chandra De, Calcutta.
28 Letter from Teertha Maharaj.
Meeting with landlord.
30 Letter from Rockefeller Foundation denying any help for starting the International Institution for God Consciousness.
31 Thirty days notice served to S.N. Petchers, landlord. Registered letter.

Tuesday 1 March

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Butter & Bus fare etc.
Expenditure .50
Income .15

TUESDAY 1 MARCH
1966 60th day - 305 days to come

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The Universal Book House, Sita Sadan, Tulsipipe Road,
Dadar, Bombay-28, India.

Dadar 26th Feb.1966.

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami,
100 West, 72nd Street,
Room No.307
New York N.Y.10023

Dear Swamiji,

I was happy to receive your letter of 16-2-66 and especially to learn that you are endeavouring to establish a temple of Shri RADHA KRISHNA in New York. May God Bless your efforts so that you may be instrumental to fulfill this unique project.

I cannot give you very happy news of the progress of the sale of Srimad Bhagwatam. One thing because the subject is religious and a small sector of the society may personally be interested in the Books. The question mainly is of the pocket. Besides, our line of the business is such that we rarely come in contact with colleges and Universities. We tried to push them through some booksellers to Nagpur, Ahmedabad, Poona etc. but regret to inform you that after some time these booksellers return the books for want of response, as such, we are, not only unenthusiastic to agree to your proposal of taking up sales for all India, but we were just thinking of requesting you to nominate some other people in our place to represent your sale programme in Maharashtra.

We have so far sold off 6 sets of your books, the sale proceeds will be Rs.172.80 (Rupees One Hundred Seventytwo & Eighty Paise Only). We shall shortly deposit the amount in your Saving Bank Account with The Bank Of Baroda Ltd.

Wishing you all success in your enterprise.

P.T.O

With love and respect

I remain,

Yours truly,

(A. P. Dharwadkar)

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Secretary to the
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PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT
NEW DELHI-11.

February 25, 1966.

Dear Swamiji,

The Prime Minister has seen your letter of February 8, 1966. She appreciates the spirit which has prompted you to carry the spiritual messages of the Srimad Bhagavadgita and the Srimad Bhagavatam to other countries. Owing to the critical foreign exchange situation which the country is facing, it is greatly regretted that it will not be possible to assist you from here in your plan to set up a Radha Krishna Temple.

Yours sincerely,

(L.K. JHA)

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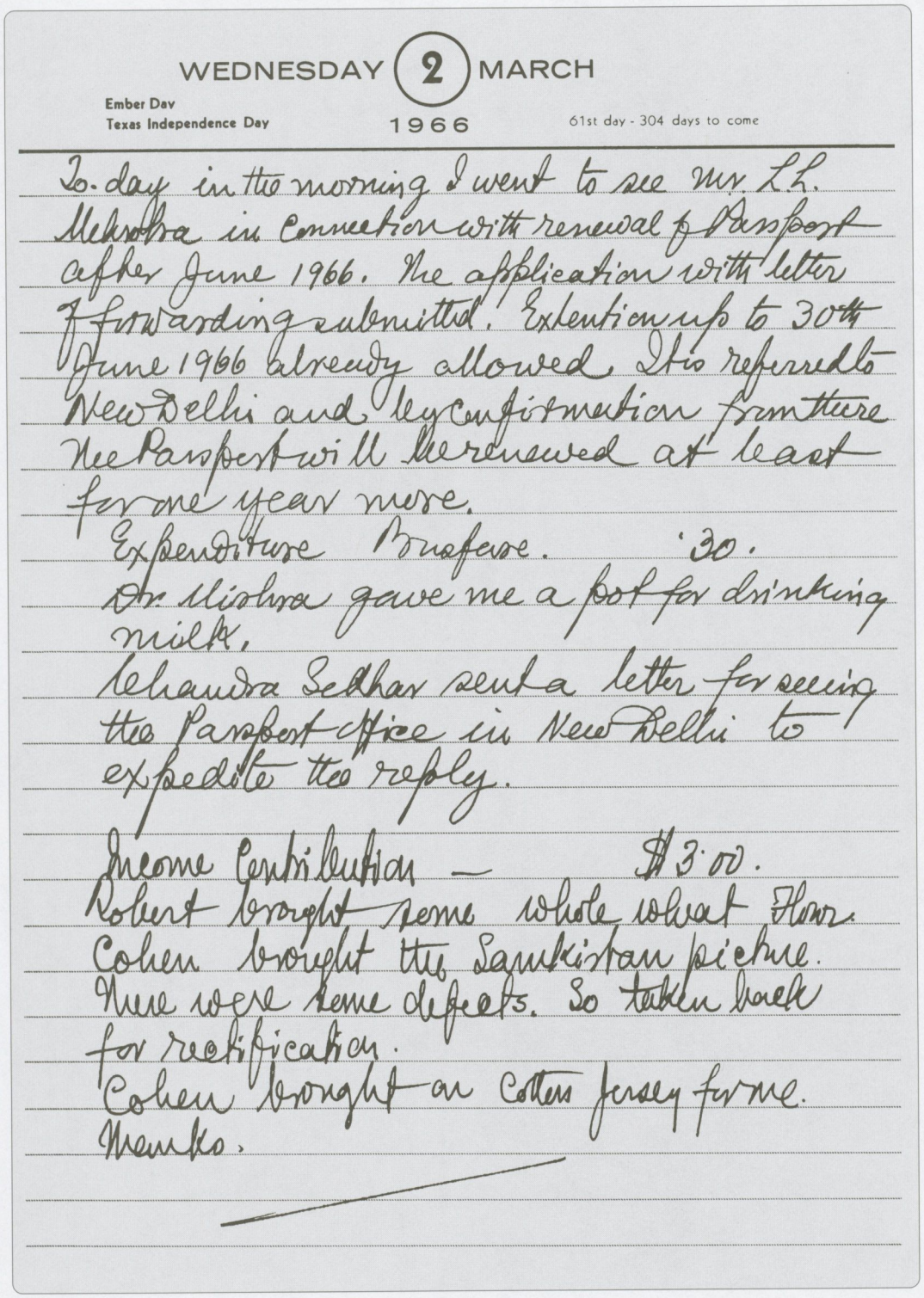

WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH

Ember Day
Texas Independence Day

1966

61st day - 304 days to come

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Expenditure Busfare. .30.

Dr. Mishra gave me a pot for drinking milk.

Chandra Sekhar sent a letter for seeing the Passport office in New Delhi to expedite the reply.

Income Contribution — $3.00.

Robert brought some whole wheat Flour. Cohen brought the Samkirtan picture. There were some defects. So taken back for rectification.

Cohen brought an Cotton jersey for me. Thanks.

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1966 62nd day - 303 days to come

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Expenditure. Bootpolish & lace .46.
Income contribution $1.00.

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Jones presented me a copper cup. Very nice. Thanks.

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Ember Day 1966 63rd day - 302 days to come

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Income $9.00. Contribution and books.

No expenditure.

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No expenditure.

SATURDAY 5 MARCH

Ember Day 1966 64th day - 301 days to come

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At 2 o'clock went to Ananda Ashram Kirtan was performed in the evening. very much appreciated.

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No expenditure.

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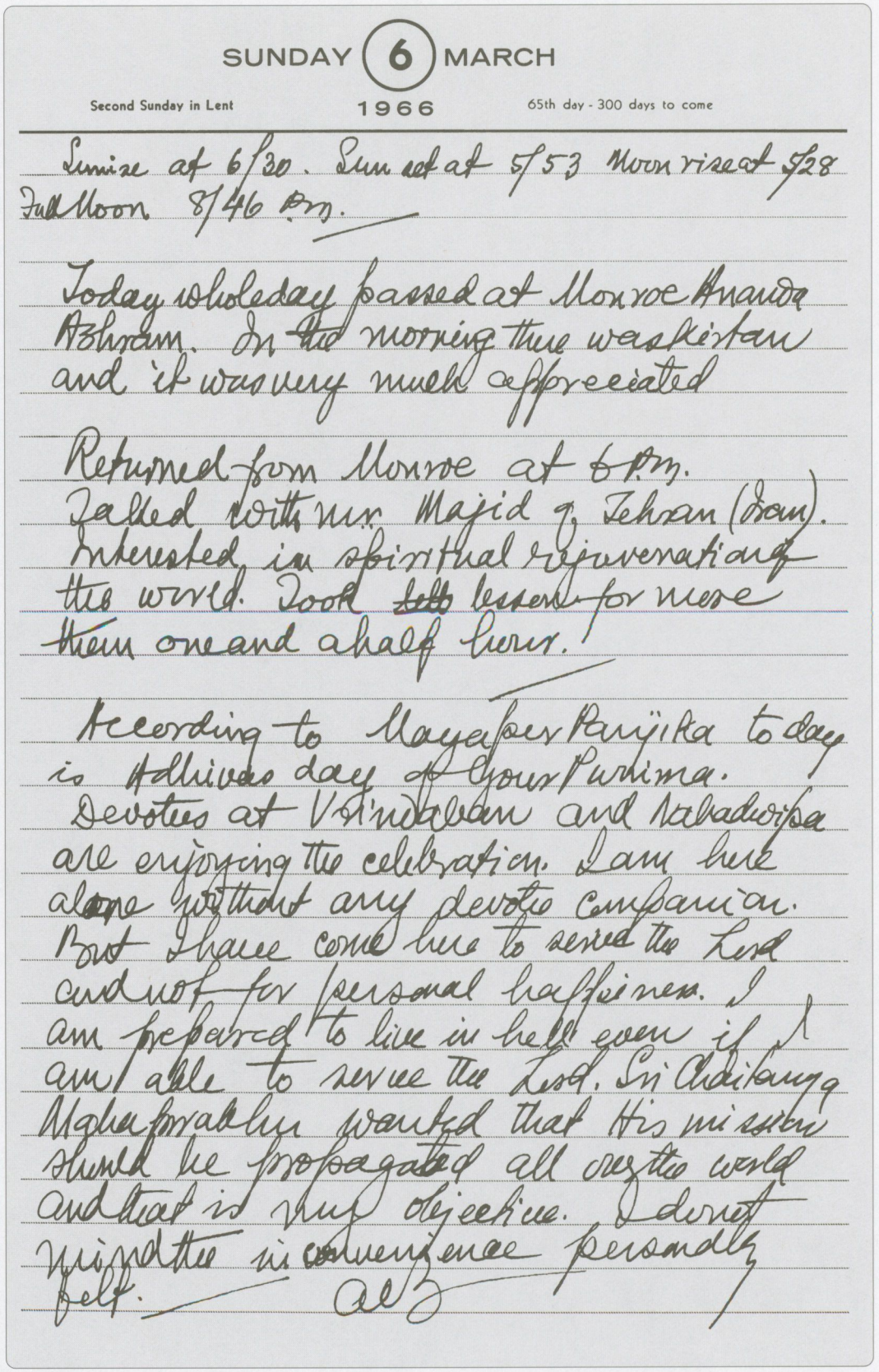
No expenditure.

[21] A student of Dr. Mishra's




SUNDAY 6 MARCH

Second Sunday in Lent 1966 65th day - 300 days to come

Sunrise at 6/30. Sunset at 5/53 Moon rise at 5/28 Full Moon 8/46 P.M.

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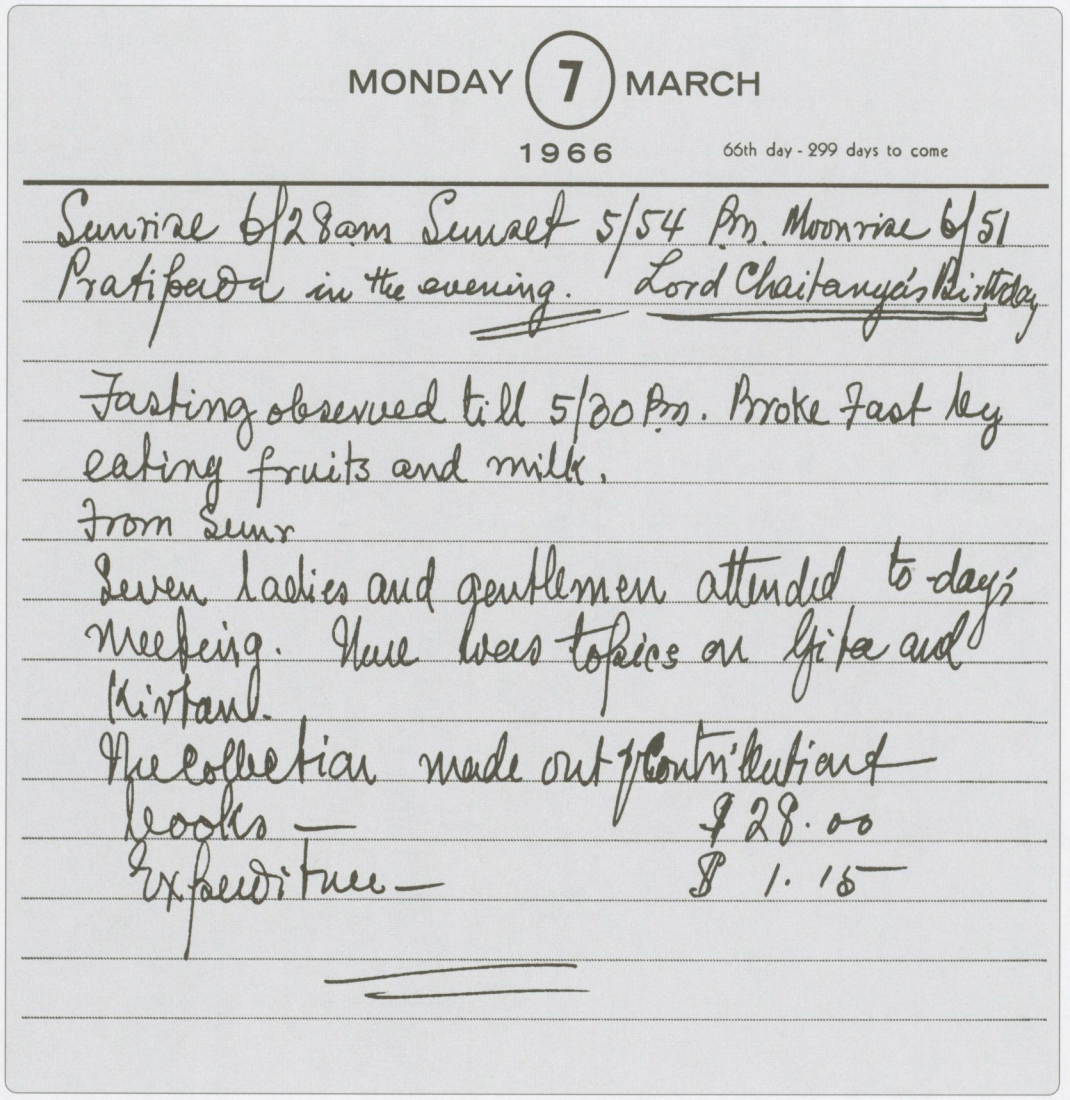
[22] These times appear to have been copied from the Vaiṣṇava calendar. Śrīla Prabhupāda copied them into the diary for easy reference.

[23] The Vaiṣṇava calendar published annually by the Gaudiya Math.


MONDAY 7 MARCH

1966 66th day - 299 days to come

Sunrise 6/28 am Sunset 5/54 Pm. Moonrise 6/51
Pratipada in the evening. Lord Chaitanya's Birthday

Fasting observed till 5/30 Pm. Broke fast by eating fruits and milk.
From Sunr
Seven ladies and gentlemen attended to-day's meeting. There was topics on Gita and Kirtan.
The collection made out of Contribution & books — $28.00
Expenditure — $ 1.15

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Tuesday 8 March

Sunrise 6/26 a.m. Sunset 5/56P.M..
Moonrise 8/12 P.M.
Dwitiya. 480th year of Gourabda begins to-day.

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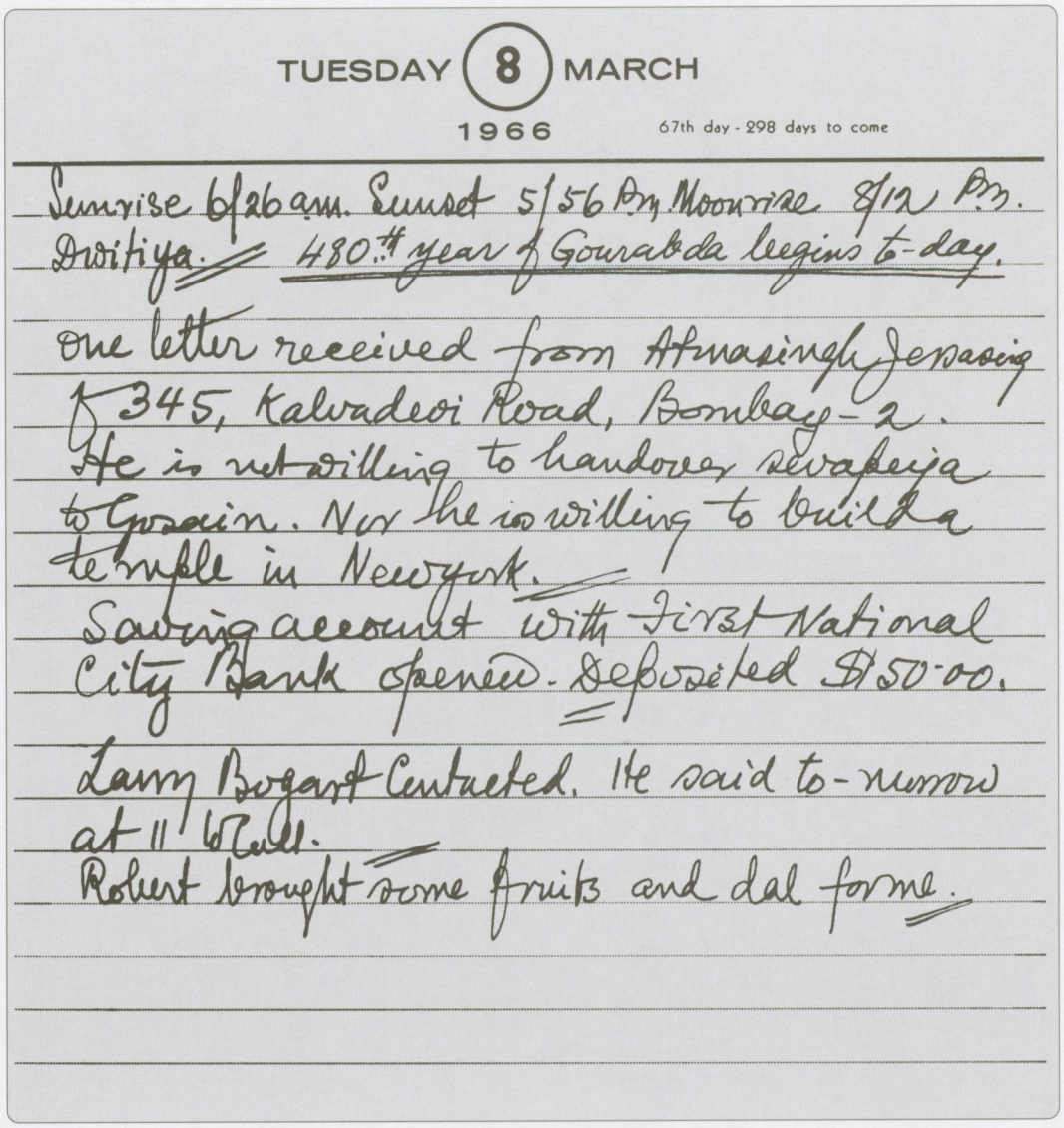
Saving account with First National City Bank opened. Deposited $50.00.

Larry Bogart contacted. He said to-morrow at 11 to call.

Robert brought some fruits and dal for me.



[24] This may refer to the worship in the temple of Rādhā-Dāmodara in Vṛndāvana, India.

WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH

1966 68th day - 297 days to come

N. Y.

Sunrise 6/25 Sunset 5/57. Moonrise 9/29.
Tritiya.

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I lost my cap on the bus.

Expenditure Bus fare .60.

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Thursday 10 March

Sun Rise 6/23. Sunset 5/59. Moonrise 10/46
Chaturthi

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Kirtan performed at studio. There was some inconvenience
Mrs Leblanc did not come to-day.

Yolanda, two other ladies and another gentleman came.

Expenditure Bus fare .30
no income

THURSDAY 10 MARCH

1966 69th day - 296 days to come

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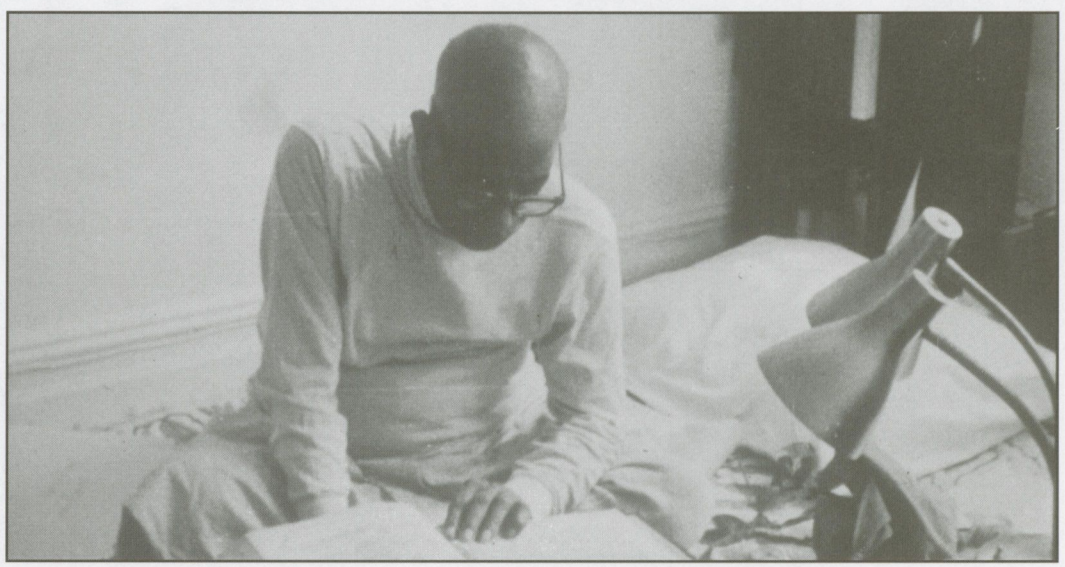

FRIDAY 11 MARCH

1966

70th day - 295 days to come

Sunrise 6/21. Sunset 6/00. Moonrise
Panchami

Dr. asked me to take some food when I go to manroe to-morrow.
I went to see the Paragon Book Gallery. There was some mistake. Later on the clerk showed me on set on the lower self. This makes the whole thing Correct. Nine set up one set down total 10 sets. add 35 new Sets. Total 45 sets. Transfer to old stock 25 sets. Balance 20 sets. Taken to-day 4 sets. Balance 16 sets new stock. Posted letter to them all in detail. This 16 sets new I shall take at a time when I next meet them.

Expenditure — Bus fare — .30
Post 5 cent book — 1.00
1.30.

Income Contribution — 2.00

one letter sent to Teertha Maharaj in reply to his letter of 22/2/66

one letter sent to Mrs. Sally Agarwal in reply to her letter dt 6/3/66.

Friday 11 March

Sunrise 6/21. Sunset 6/00. Moonrise Panchami

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SATURDAY 12 MARCH

1966 71st day - 294 days to come

Sunrise 6/19 a.m. Sunset 6/01 P.M. moonrise 0/01 a.m.
Sasthi

I was to go to Monroe but yolanda did not go, so I could not go there. Food made for Dr. Mishra was partly distributed to Cohen and yolanda. Two Paratha left for him.

Cohen is preparing to go to California. one-half tape-record prepared for him. He bought a pad for sitting. He assured the maintenance of rent of my room.

no income, no expenditure.

Saturday 12 March

Sunrise 6/19 a.m. Sunset 6/01 p.m.
Moonrise 0/01 a.m.
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[23] A type of flat bread preparation.

SUNDAY 13 MARCH

Third Sunday in Lent 1966 72nd day - 293 days to come

Sunrise 6/17 a.m. Sunset 6/03 P.M. moonrise 1/12 a.m.
Saptami

The young lady who was to come and see me today did not turn up. In the evening two ladies and Mr. Susman came. There was some discussions one of the ladies brought bread for me. No income and no expenditure.

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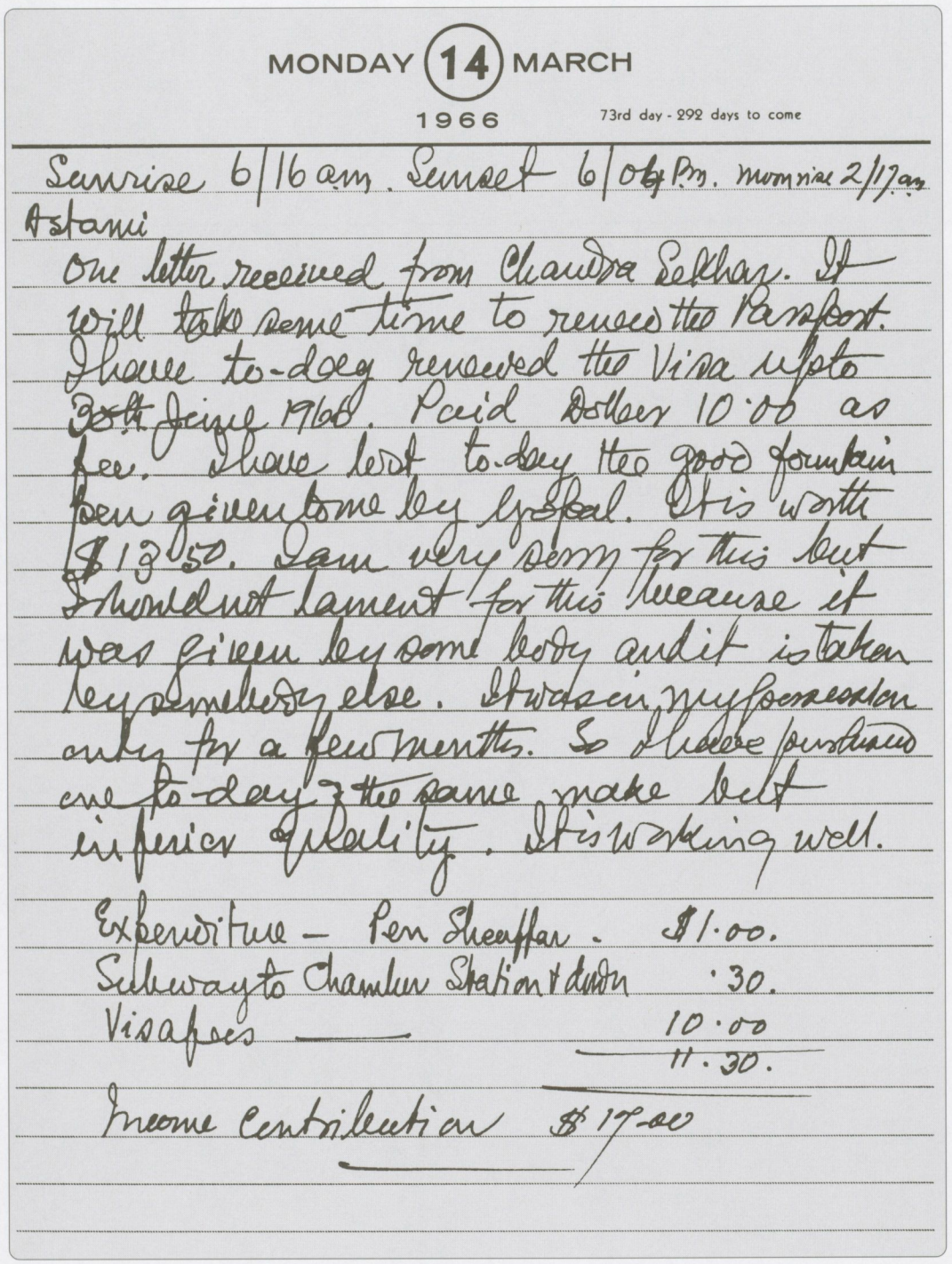

MONDAY 14 MARCH

1966 73rd day - 292 days to come

Sunrise 6/16 a.m. Sunset 6/06 P.M. Moonrise 2/17 a.m.
Astami

One letter received from Chandra Sekhar. It will take some time to renew the Passport. I have to-day renewed the Visa upto 30th June 1966. Paid Dollars 10.00 as fee. I have lost to-day the good fountain pen given to me by Gopal. It is worth $13.50. I am very sorry for this but I should not lament for this because it was given by some body and it is taken by somebody else. It was in my possession only for a few months. So I have purchased one today of the same make but inferior quality. It is working well.

Expenditure — Pen Sheaffar. $1.00.
Subway to Chamber Station & down .30.
Visa fees — 10.00
11.30.

Income Contribution $17.00

Monday 14 March

Sunrise 6/16 a.m. Sunset 6/06 P.M. Moonrise 2/17 a.m.
Astami

One letter received from Chandra Sekhar. It will take some time to renew the Passport. I have today renewed the Visa up to 30th June 1966. Paid Dollars 10.00 as fee. I have lost today the good fountain pen given to me by Gopal. It is worth $13.50. I am very sorry for this but I should not lament for this because it was given by some body and it is taken by somebody else. It was in my possession only for a few months. So I have purchased one today of the same make but inferior quality. It is working well.

Expenditure — Pen Sheaffar–	$1.00
Subway to Chamber Station & down	.30
Visa fees —	10.00
	11.30
Income Contribution	$17.00

Tuesday 15 March

Sunrise 6/14 a.m. Sunset 6/06 P.M. Moonrise 3/13 a.m.
Navami

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Today no letter received. Deposited in the Bank $25.00. no other expenditure.

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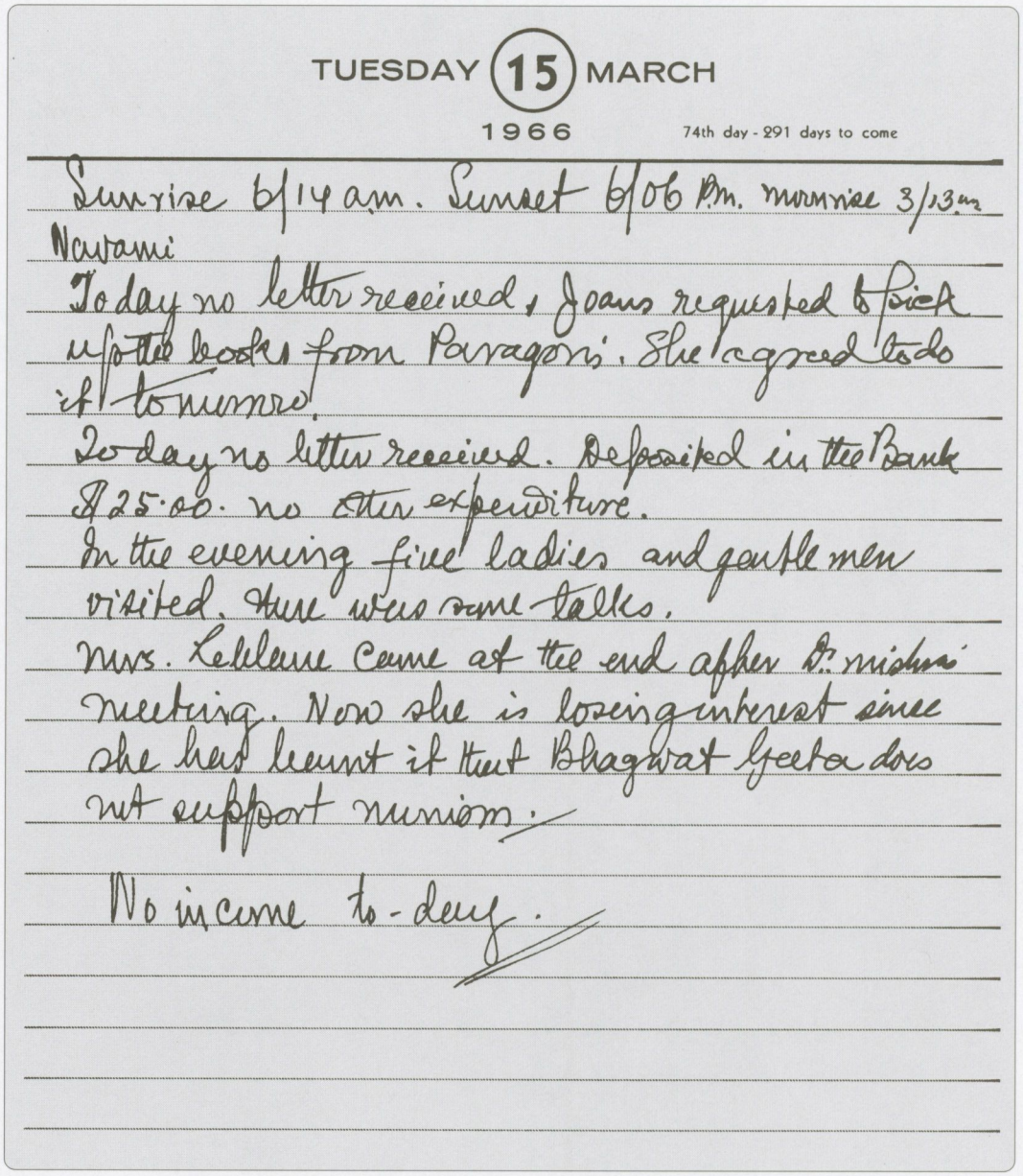
No income to-day.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she has learnt it that Bhagwat Geeta does
not support monism.

No income to-day.

WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH

1966 75th day - 290 days to come

Sunrise 6/12am. Sunset 6/07 Pm. moonrise 4/00 Pm
Dashami
Joan was kind enough to get my books
sixteen sets from m/s Paragon Book Gallery.
The books are brought and kept in stock.
No letter received.
In the evening there was meeting.
The attendance was three only.
No expenditure.
Income $3.00 only by contribution.

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No expenditure.

Income $3.00 only by contribution.



Thursday 17 March

Ekadashi Sunrise 6/10 a.m. Sunset 6/08 P.M. Moonrise 4/38 a.m.

To-day rent for the month of 15/3/66 to 14/4/66 one month paid in advance to S. N. Petchers Landlord by money drawing from the Bank.

Received letter from Salvation Army Finance Secretary. At once went to see him. The result is favourable by the Grace of the Lord. The finance secretary has agreed to accept at 4.80 a dollar exchange.[26] He is writing to London office for confirmation.

Expenditure — Bus fare —	.30
Envelopes half a dozen	.32
	.62

In the evening two ladies and one gentleman Mr. Tone came to see me. There was some discussions.

[26] Refers to the exchange rate of rupees into dollars.

THURSDAY 17 MARCH

St. Patrick's Day 1966 76th day - 289 days to come

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COLONEL T. HERBERT MARTIN
FINANCIAL SECRETARY

TELEPHONE CHELSEA 3-8700

March 14, 1966

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
Box #307
100 West 72nd Street
New York, N.Y. 10023

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge your letter of March 5, 1966, in connection with the possibility of The Salvation Army paying you American dollars and having you release an equivalent amount of Indian currency for The Salvation Army work in India. It is noted that you will need $200,000.00 immediately for starting your work here in New York.

The Salvation Army in America rarely sends money directly to India, and therefore would hardly be in a position to help you establish a preaching center in America for the study of Srimad Bhagwatam.

In the event, however, that an occasion might arise, what would be the basis of the rate of exchange? We understand that there is the official bank rate and there are other rates available to us, which are legal, but which provide more funds in Indian currency than would be provided by the official bank rate.

Sincerely yours,

T. H. Martin

Financial Secretary

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Friday 18 March

Dwadashi

Sunrise 6/08 a.m. Sunset 6/09 P.M. Moonrise 5/09 a.m.

Today one letter received from Chandra Sekhar. He encourages to stay in America at least for three years. God bless him. There is some good sales of Srimad Bhagwatam he reports.

Two letter posted as follows:—
one letter to Sir Padampat Singhania
one letter to Srimati Sumati Morarjee.

Dr. Mishra made bad remark on Tilak and kanthi. He commits offences. I do not know when he will come to his real sense.[27]

No expenditure —
Income by contribution $4.00

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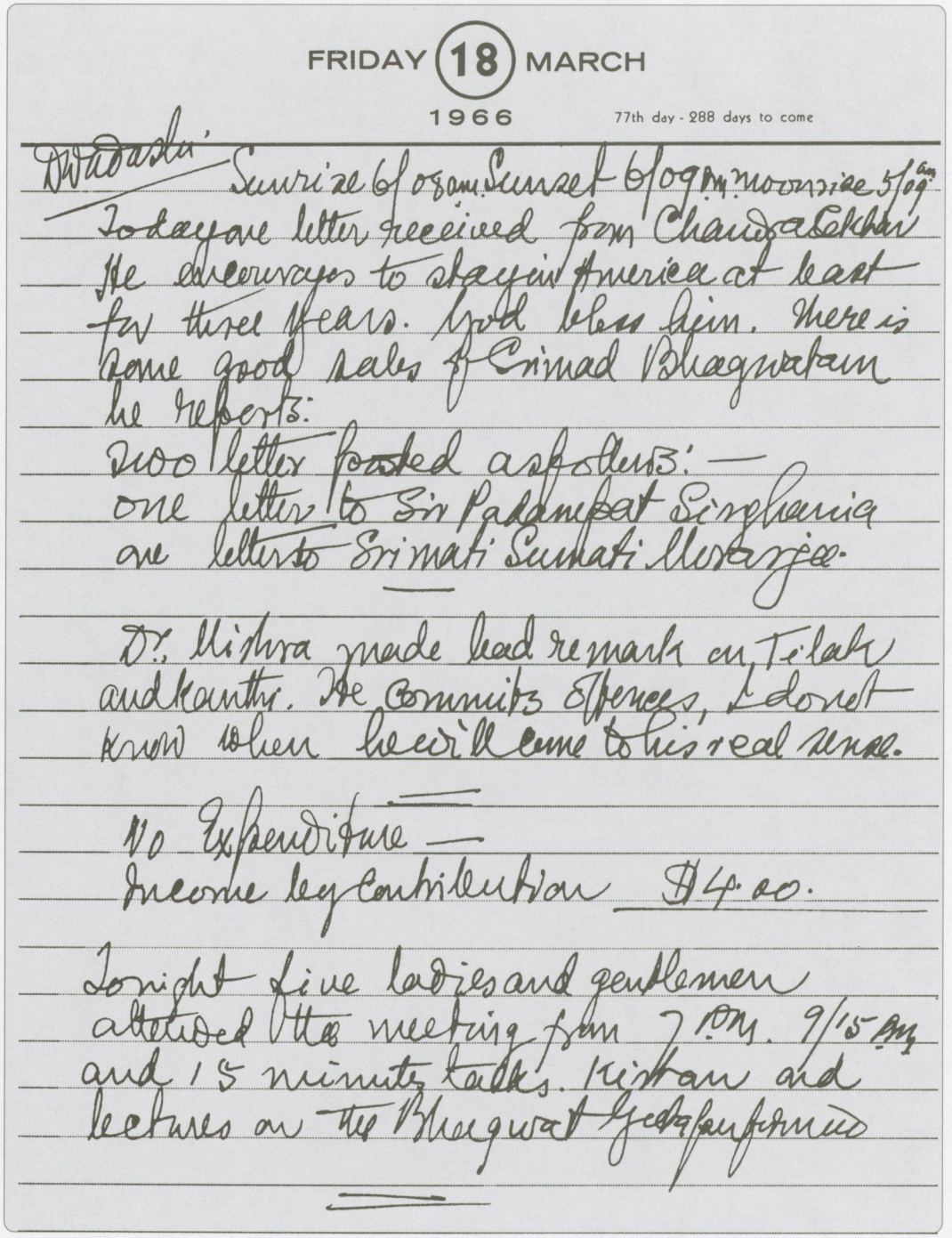
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1966 77th day - 288 days to come

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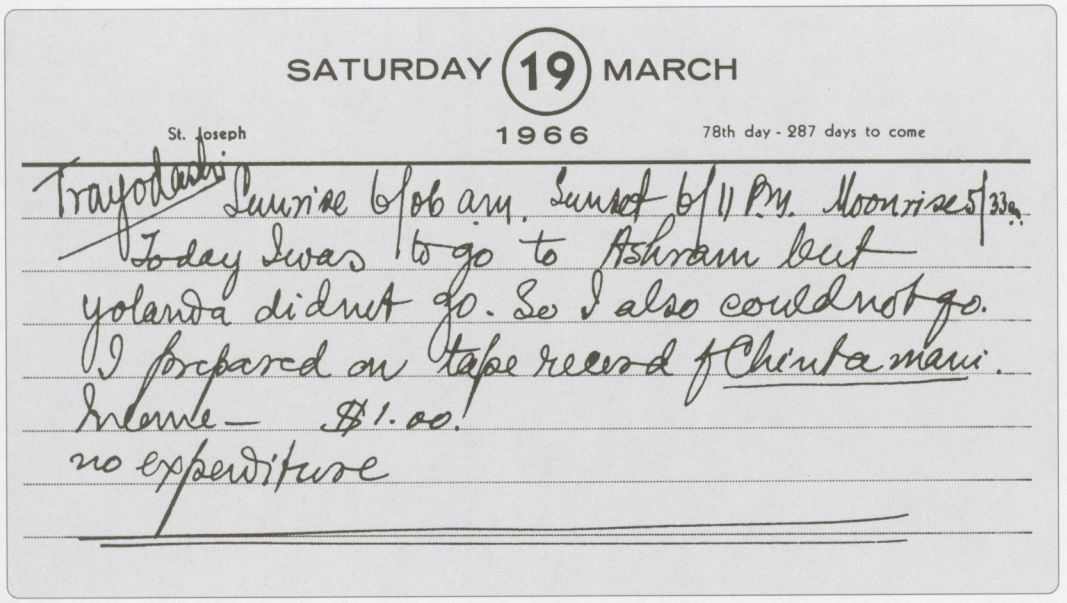
SATURDAY 19 MARCH

St. Joseph 1966 78th day - 287 days to come

Trayodashi Sunrise 6/06 am. Sunset 6/11 P.M. Moonrise 5/33 a.m.
Today I was to go to Ashram but Yolanda didnot go. So I also couldnot go.
I prepared on tape record of Chintamani.
Income — $1.00
no expenditure

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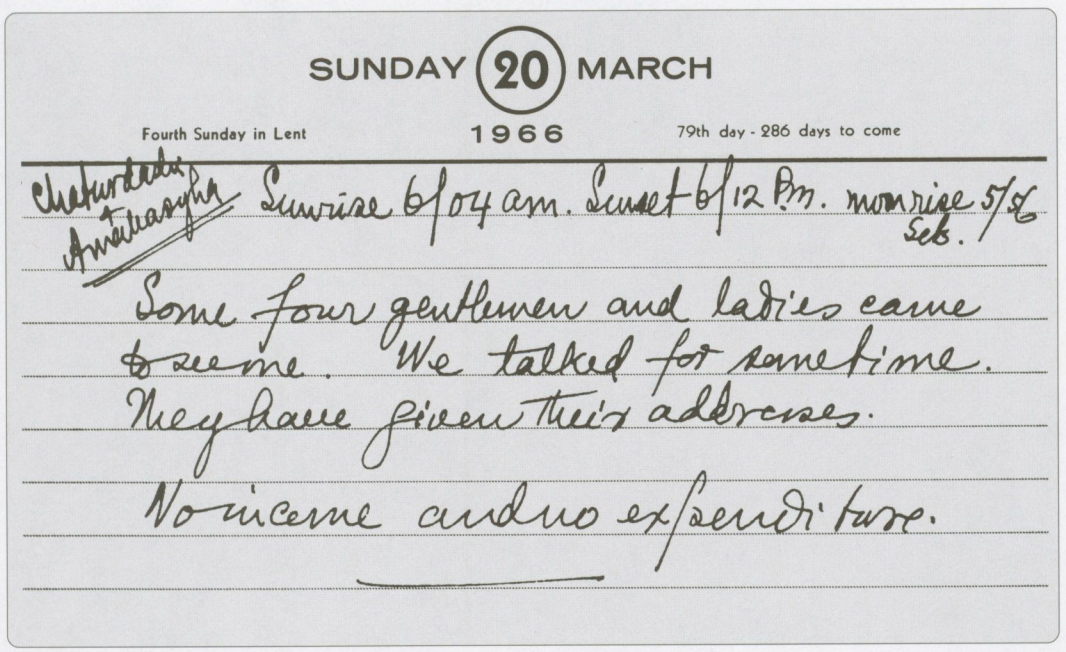
SUNDAY 20 MARCH

Fourth Sunday in Lent 1966 79th day - 286 days to come

Chaturdashi Amabasyha Sunrise 6/04 am. Sunset 6/12 P.M. moonrise 5/56 Sets.
Some four gentlemen and ladies came to see me. We talked for sometime.
They have given their addresses.
No income and no expenditure.

Sunday 20 March

Chaturdashi & Amabasyha
Sunrise 6/04 a.m. Sunset 6/12 p.m. Moonrise 5/56
Sets.

Some four gentlemen and ladies came to see me. We talked for some time. They have given their addresses.

No income and no expenditure.

Monday 21 March

Sunrise 6/02 a.m. Sunset 6/13 P.M. Moon-sets 5/44
Pratipada

No letter received today.

one invitation through Dr. Mishra received for attending lectures of Indira Gandhi on 1st April. If some body takes me then I shall go. I distributed Prasadam to all at Dr. Mishra's Apartment.

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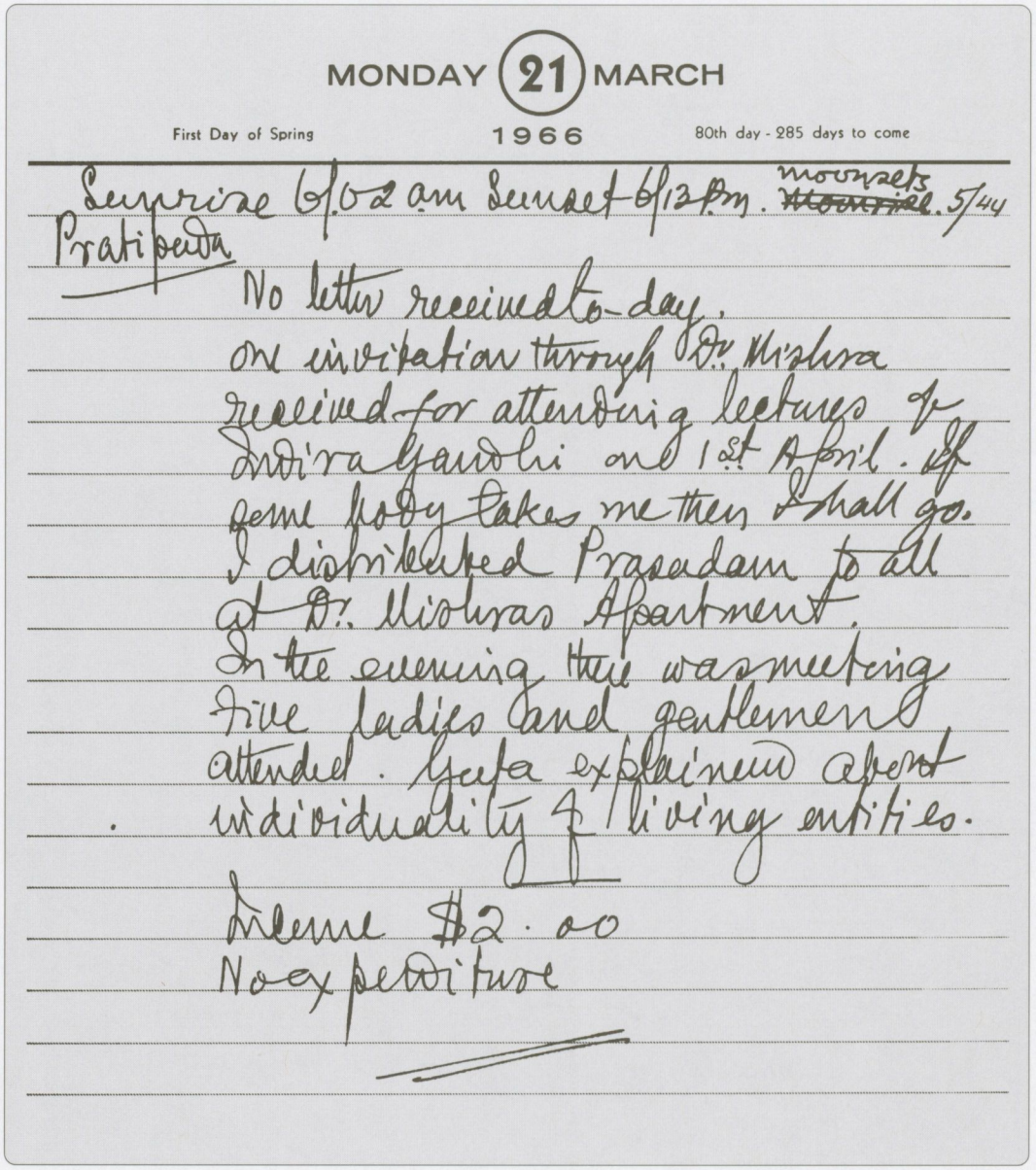
Income $2.00

No expenditure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First Day of Spring 1966 80th day - 285 days to come

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No expenditure

TUESDAY 22 MARCH

1966 81st day - 284 days to come

Sunrise – 6/00. a.m. Sunset 6/14 P.m. Moonset 6/48
Dwitiya

Two letters received as follows:
one from the Mayor's office New York city.
one from the United States Navigation
regarding Jaladuta.
one letter to the United States Navigation
replied.
In the evening two gentlemen + lady
came. Discussed for some time.

No income and no expenditure.

Tuesday 22 March

Sunrise 6/00 a.m. Sunset 6/14 P.M. Moonset 6/48
Dwitiya

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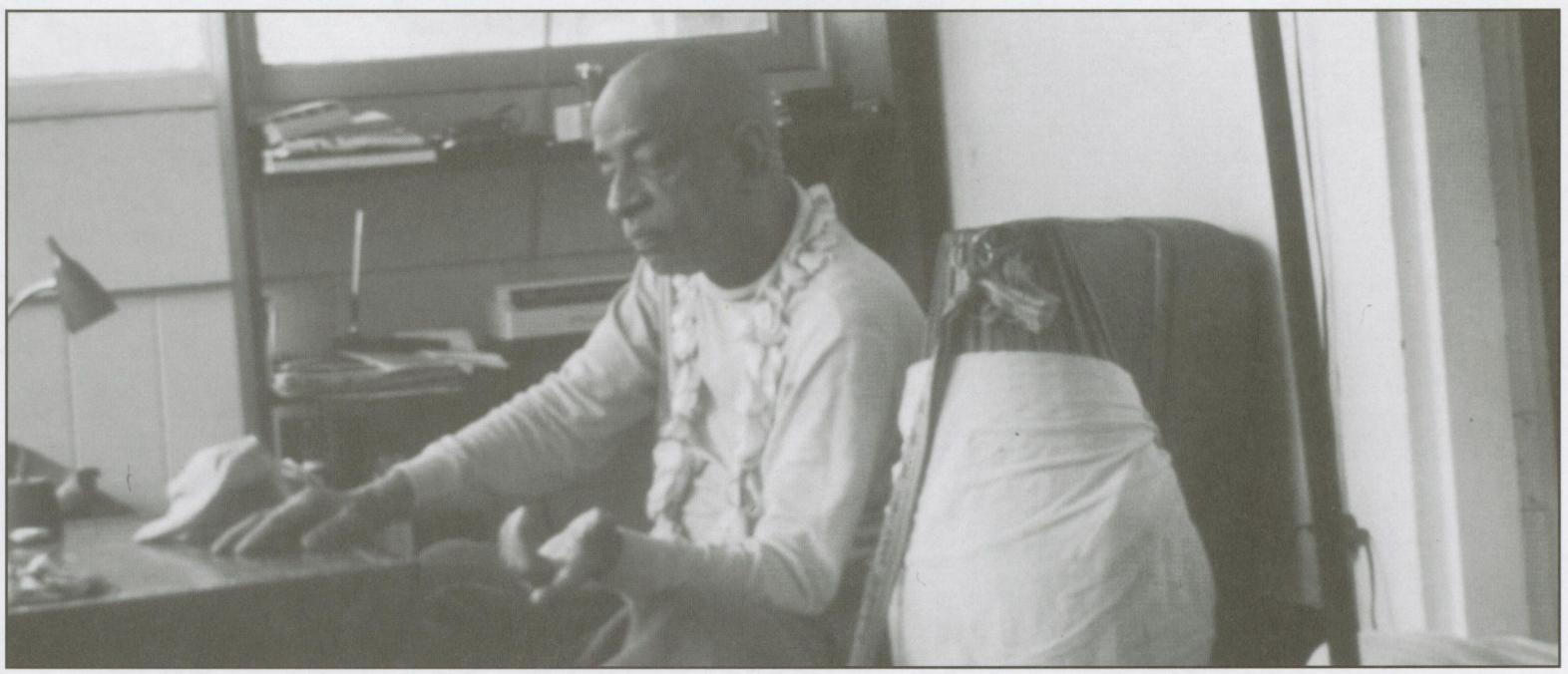

Wednesday 23 March

Sunrise 5/58 a.m. Sunset 6/17 P.M..
Moonsets 8/59 p.m.
Tritiya

One letter of Mayor's office replied. Informed that I shall wait to see Mr. Lindsay till he is free to talk with me.

One letter sent to the Director Library of Congress, Washington D.C. asking for the Library card no. of my Srimad Bhagwatam.

Joans paid me $5.00 contribution. Thanks.

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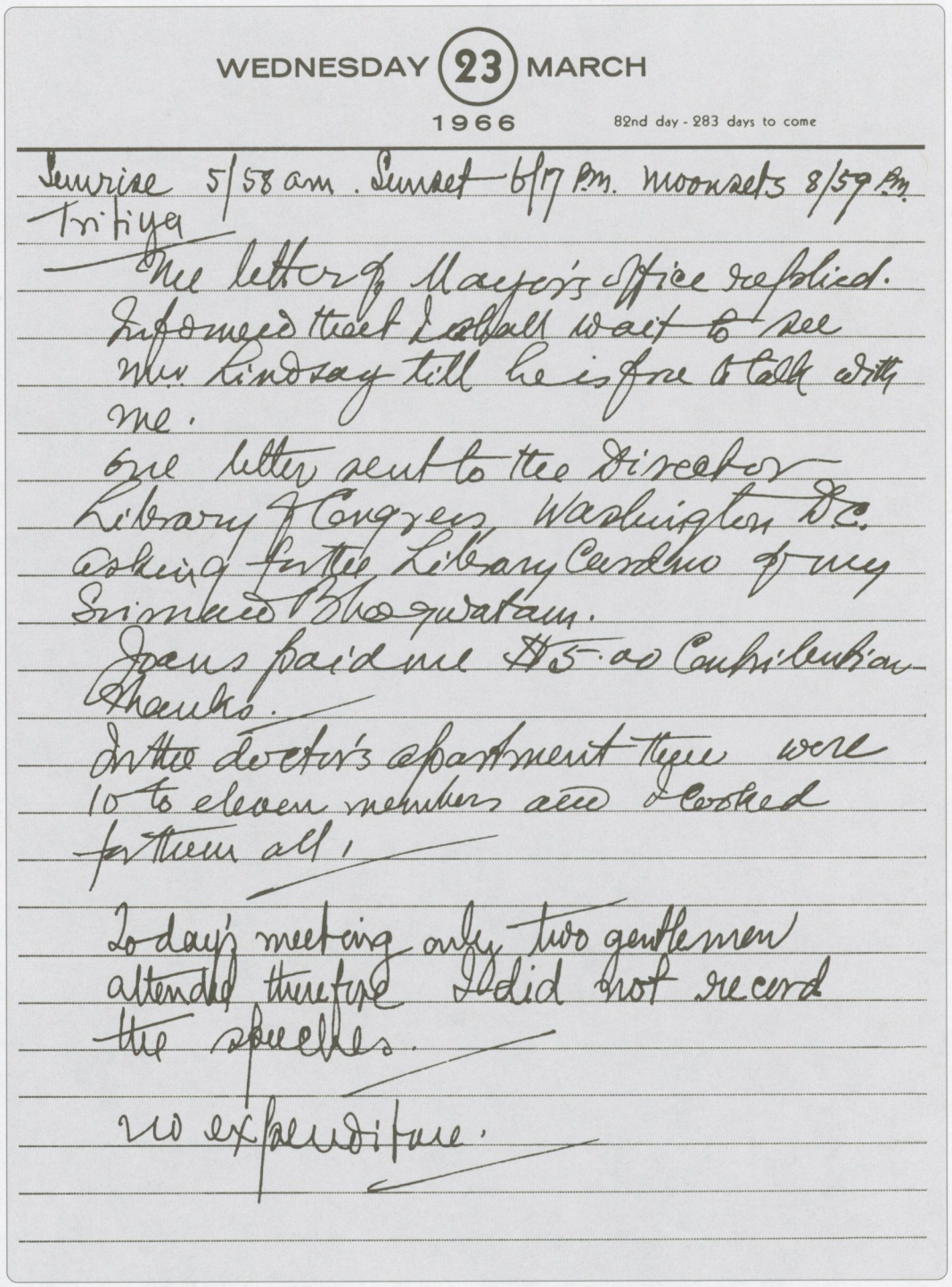

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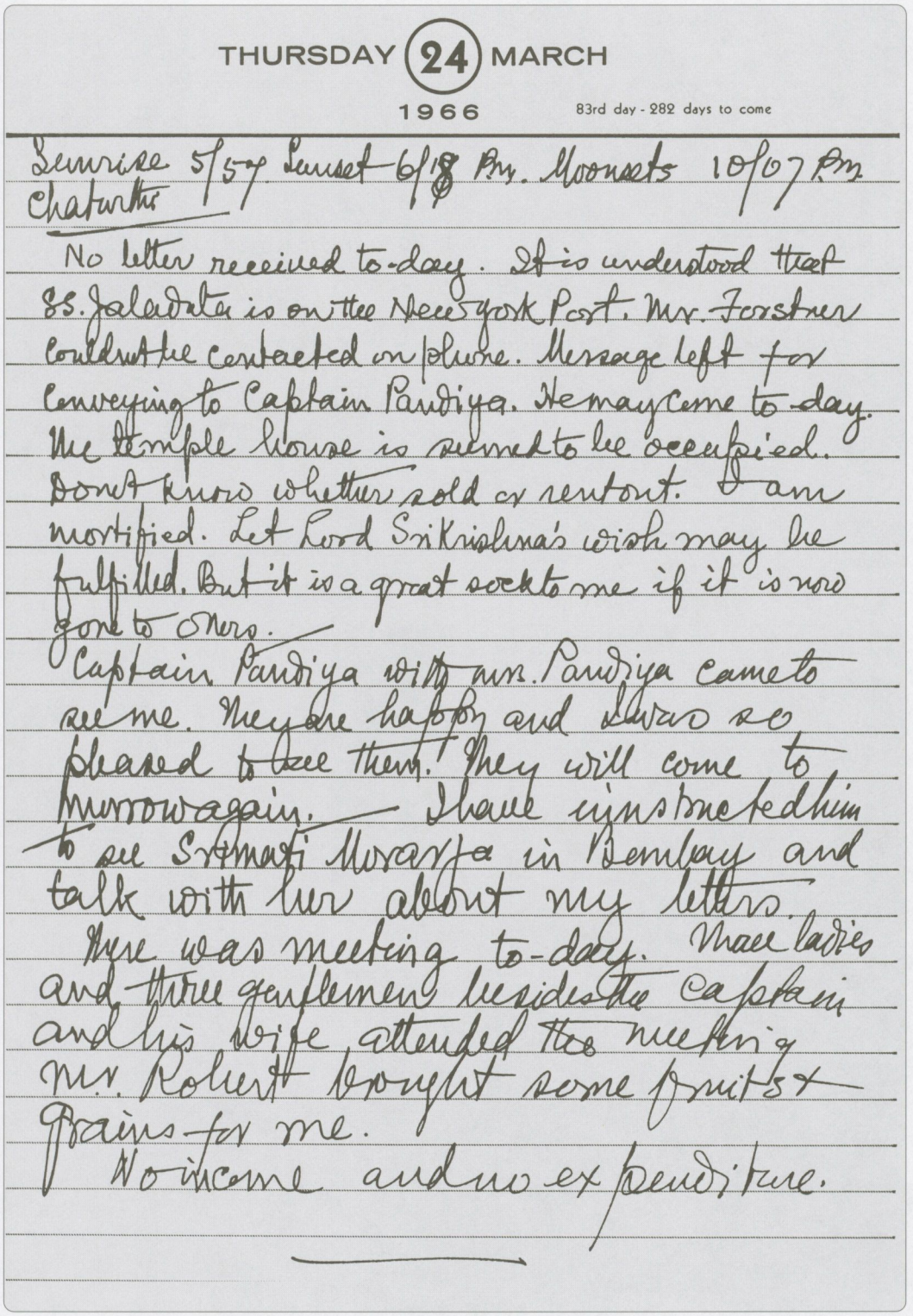
THURSDAY 24 MARCH

1966 83rd day - 282 days to come

Sunrise 5/57 Sunset 6/18 Pm. Moonsets 10/07 Pm
Chaturthi

No letter received to-day. It is understood that SS. Jaladuta is on the New York Port. Mr. Forster could not be contacted on phone. Message left for conveying to Captain Pandiya. He may come to-day. The temple house is seemed to be occupied. Do not know whether sold or rent out. I am mortified. Let Lord Sri Krishna's wish may be fulfilled. But it is a great sock to me if it is now gone to others.

Captain Pandiya with mrs. Pandiya came to see me. They are happy and I was so pleased to see them. They will come to-morrow again. I have instructed him to see Srimati Morarjee in Bombay and talk with her about my letters.

There was meeting to-day. Three ladies and three gentlemen besides the captain and his wife attended the meeting. Mr. Robert brought some fruits & grains for me.

No income and no expenditure.

Thursday 24 March

Sunrise 5/57 Sunset 6/18 p.m. Moonsets 10/07 p.m.
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No income and no expenditure.

Friday 25 March

Sunrise 5/55 a.m. Sunset 6/18 P.M. Moonset 10/07 P.M.
Panchami

To-day one letter received from Brindaban Chandra De, Calcutta, India.

Meeting in the evening seven ladies and gentlemen attended the meeting. Captain and Mrs. Pandiya also were there. Income $22.00. Everyone brought some fruits and grains. There were two newcomers. Address taken.

No expenditure.

FRIDAY 25 MARCH

Annunciation B. V. Mary 1966 84th day - 281 days to come

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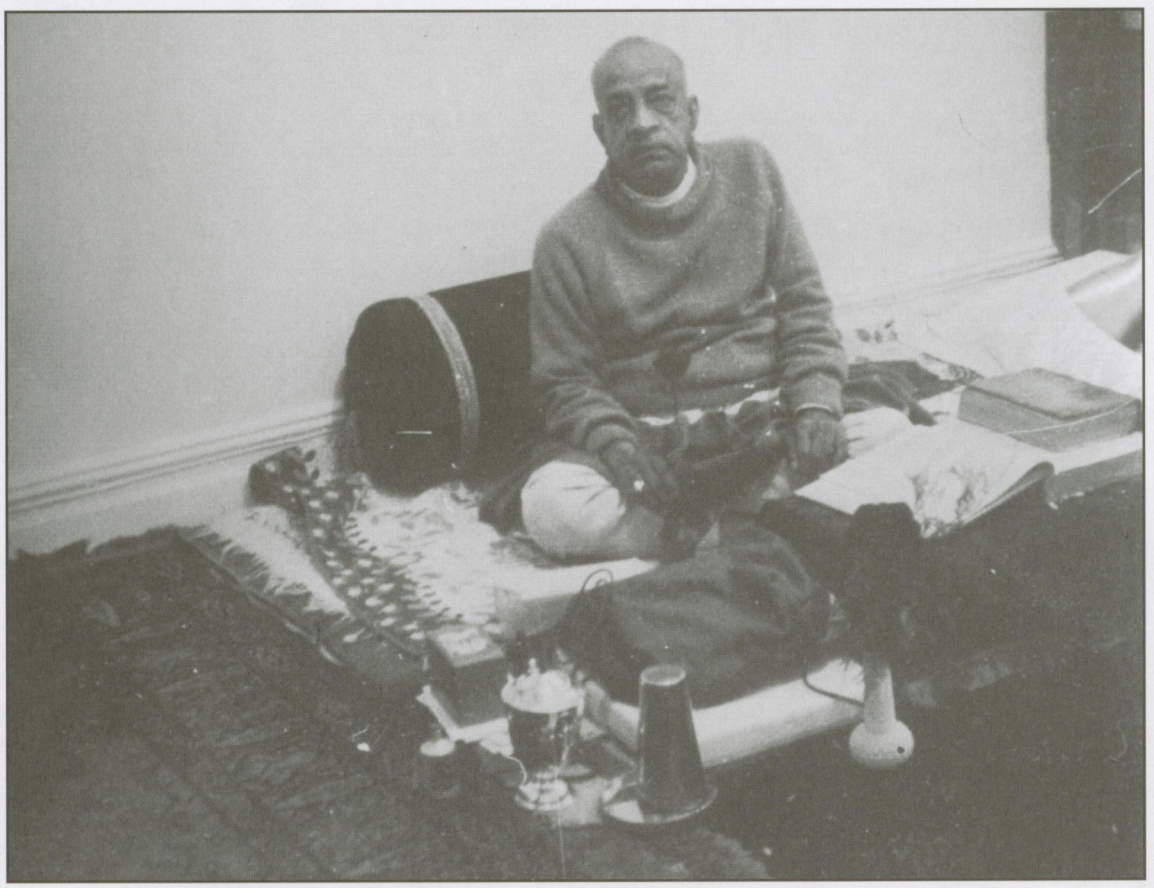

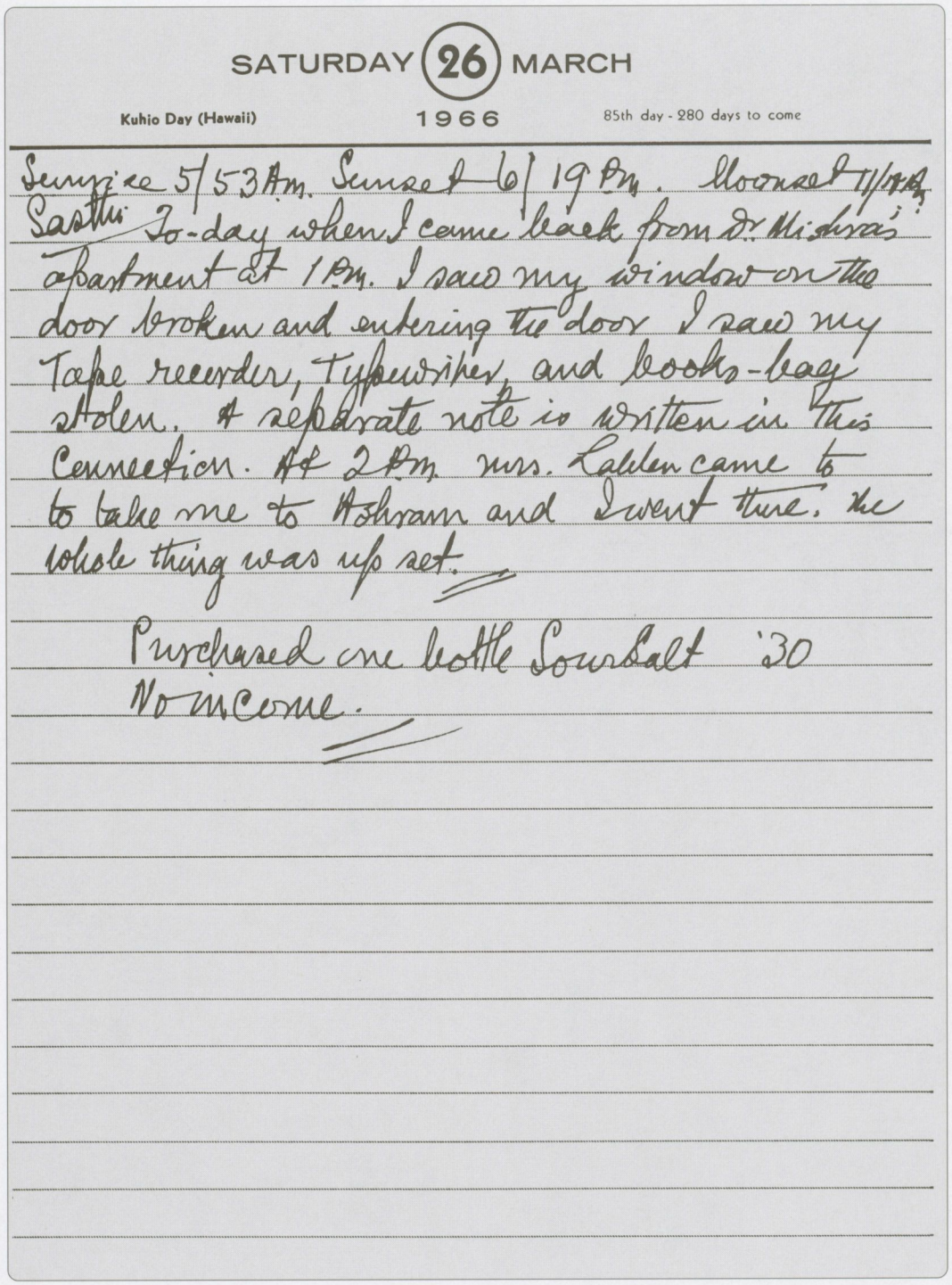
SATURDAY 26 MARCH

Kuhio Day (Hawaii) 1966 85th day - 280 days to come

Sunrise 5/53 A.m. Sunset 6/19 P.m. Moonset 11/18 P.m.
Sasthi To-day when I came back from Dr. Mishra's apartment at 1 P.m. I saw my window on the door broken and entering the door I saw my Tape recorder, Typewriter, and books-bag stolen. A separate note is written in this Connection. At 2 P.m. mrs. Lablen came to to take me to Ashram and I went there. The whole thing was up set.

Purchased one bottle Sour Salt '30
No income.

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Sunday 27 March

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Saptami

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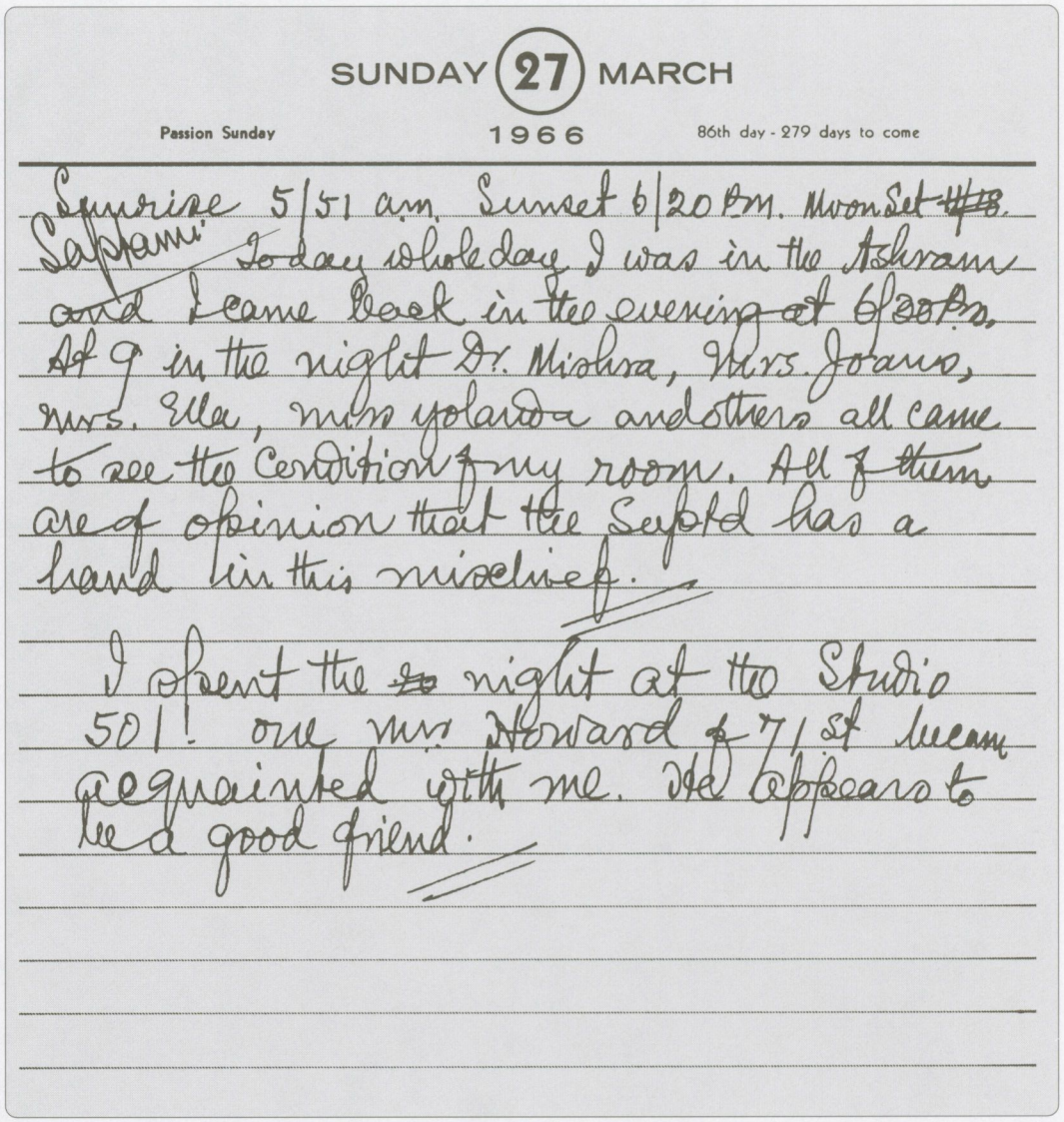
I spent the night at the Studio 501. One Mr. Howard of 71 St. became acquainted with me. He appears to be a good friend.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Passion Sunday 1966 86th day - 279 days to come

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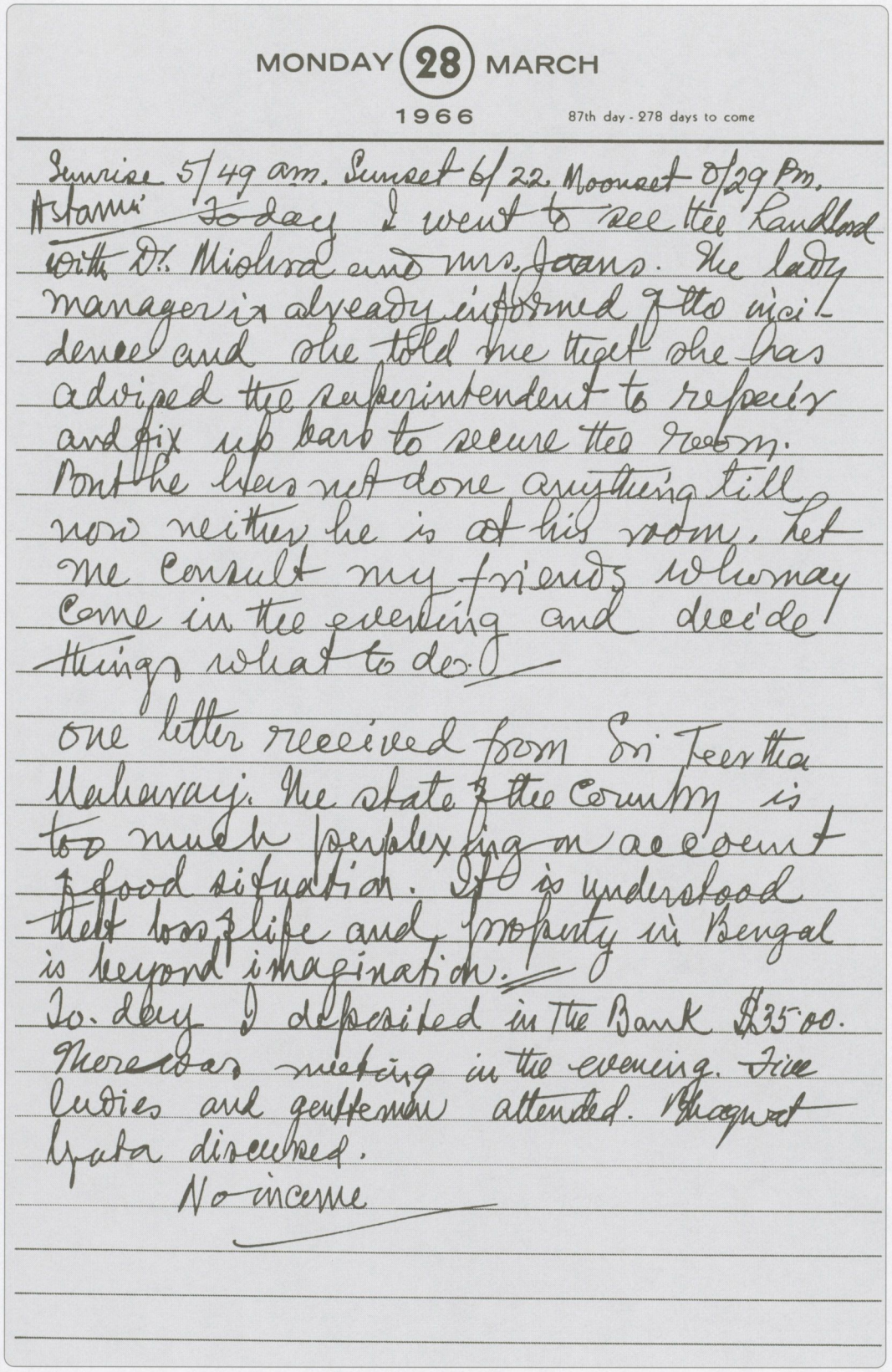
MONDAY 28 MARCH

1966 87th day - 278 days to come

Sunrise 5/49 am. Sunset 6/22. Moonset 0/29 Pm.
Astami Today I went to see the Landlord with Dr. Mishra and mrs. Joans. The lady manager is already informed of the inci-dence and she told me that she has adviped the superintendent to repair and fix up bars to secure the room. But he has not done anything till now neither he is at his room. Let me consult my friends who may come in the evening and decide things what to do.

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To-day I deposited in the Bank $35.00.
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No income

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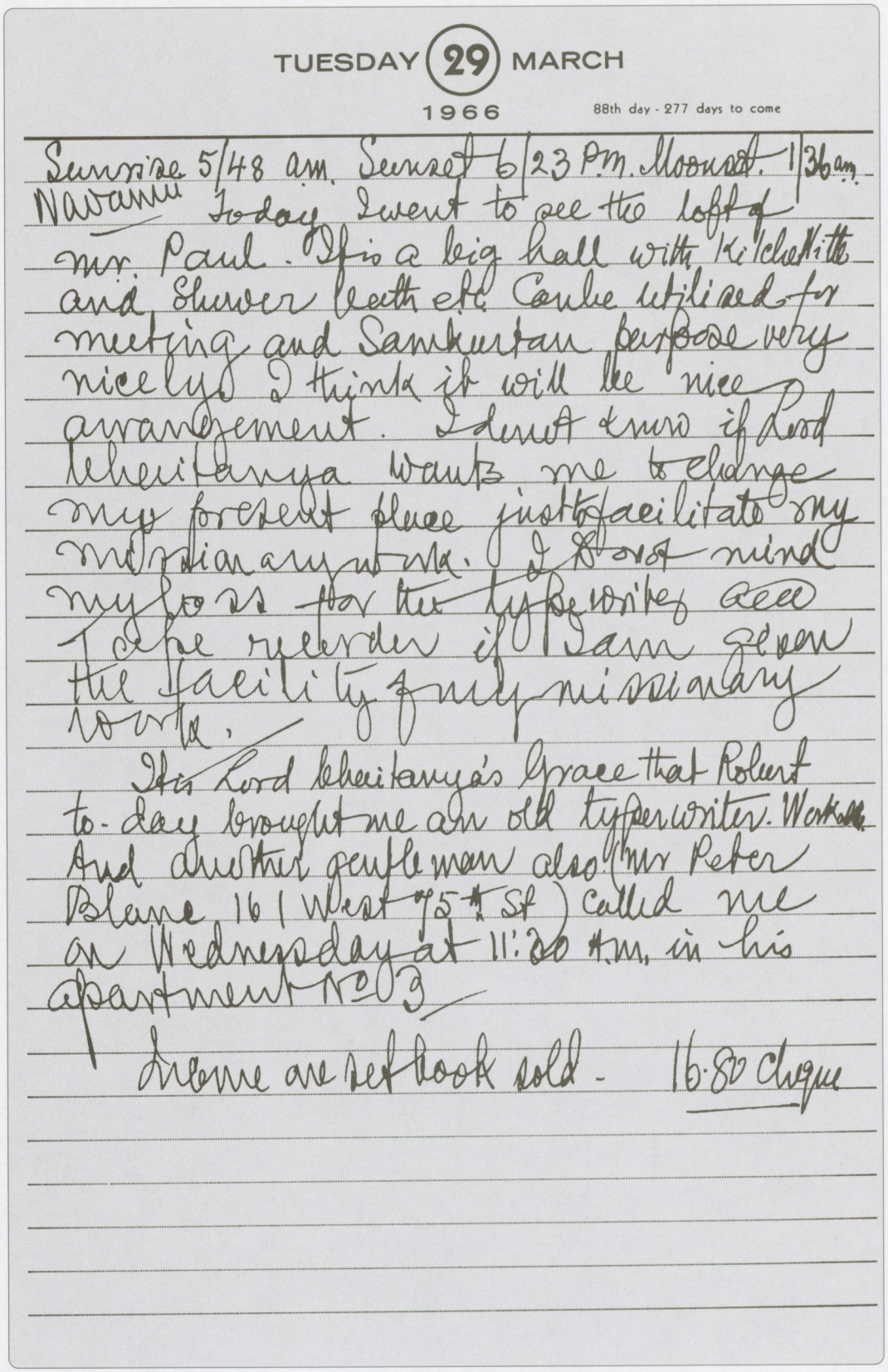
Navami.

Today I went to see the loft of Mr. Paul. It is a big hall with kitchenitte and shower bath etc. Can be utilised for meeting and Samkirtan purpose very nicely. I think it will be nice arrangement. I do not know if Lord Chaitanya wants me to change my present place just to facilitate my missionary work. I do not mind my loss for the typewriter and tape recorder if I am given the facility of my missionary work.

It is Lord Chaitanya's Grace that Robert today brought me an old typewriter. Workable (?). And another gentleman also (Mr. Peter Blane 161 West 75th St.) called me on Wednesday at 11:30 A.M. in his apartment No 3.

Income one set book sold. 16.80 cheque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Dashami

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Mr. Peter Blane handed over to me one German machine bold type in very nice condition. There was no cover which has to be taken from him. Mrs. Rita Donbroff is unable to help because the man she knew is dead and gone.

Praying Lord Chaitanya for guidance whether I shall go to Paul's loft in Bowling.[28]

Deposited with the Bank cheque for 16.00.

Evening meeting was held and seven ladies and gentlemen attended.

No Income to-day.

It is settled that Susman and Paul will come on Friday 1st April to take me to the loft Paul.

[28] The Bowery

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Seward's Day (Alaska) 1966 89th day - 276 days to come

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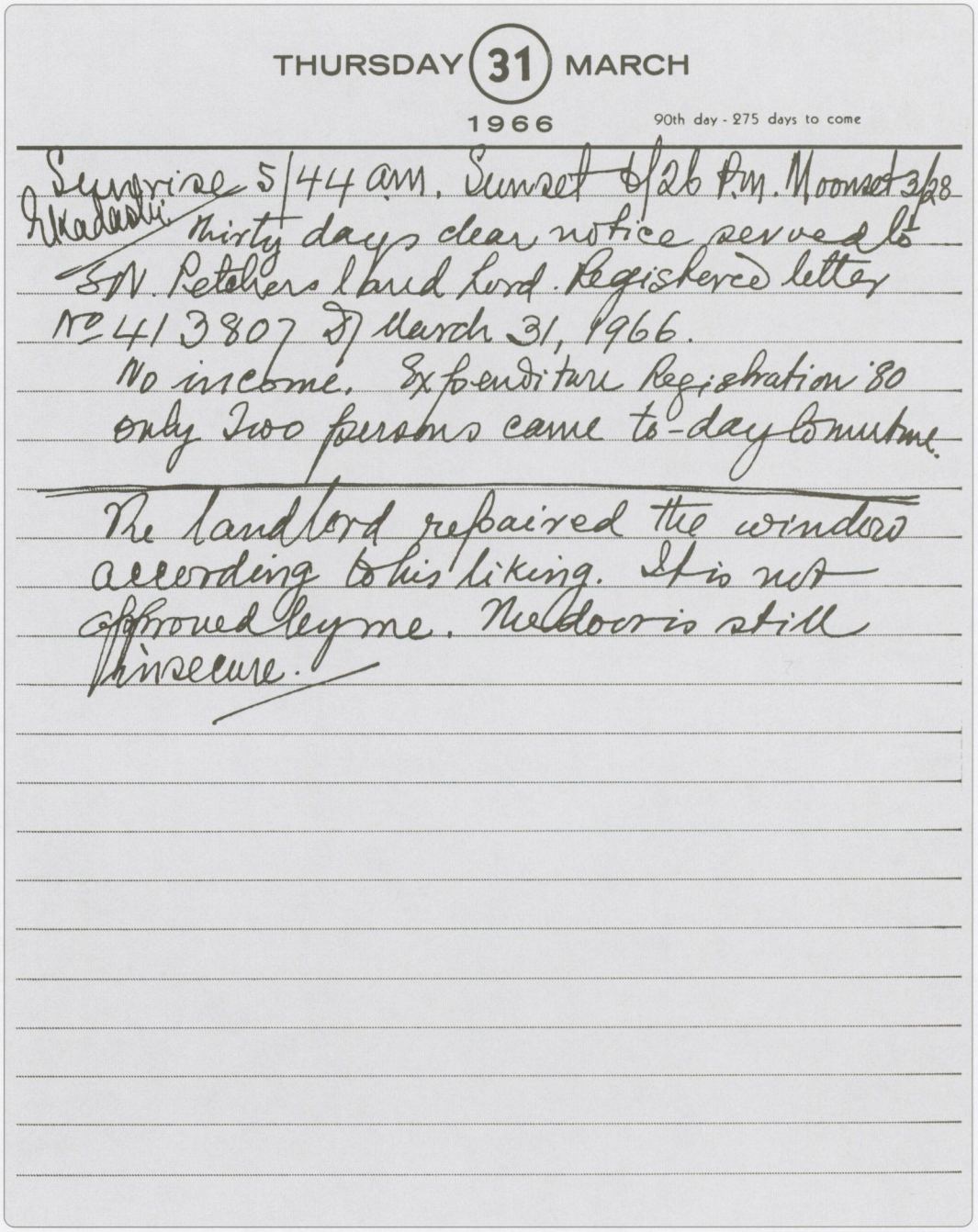
Thursday 31 March

Sunrise 5/44 a.m. Sunset 6/26 P.M. Moon Set 3/28 a.m.
Ekadashi

Thirty days clear notice served to S.N. Petchers land Lord. Registered letter No. 413807 Dt March 31, 1966.

No income. Expenditure Registration .80 only two persons came to-day to meet me.

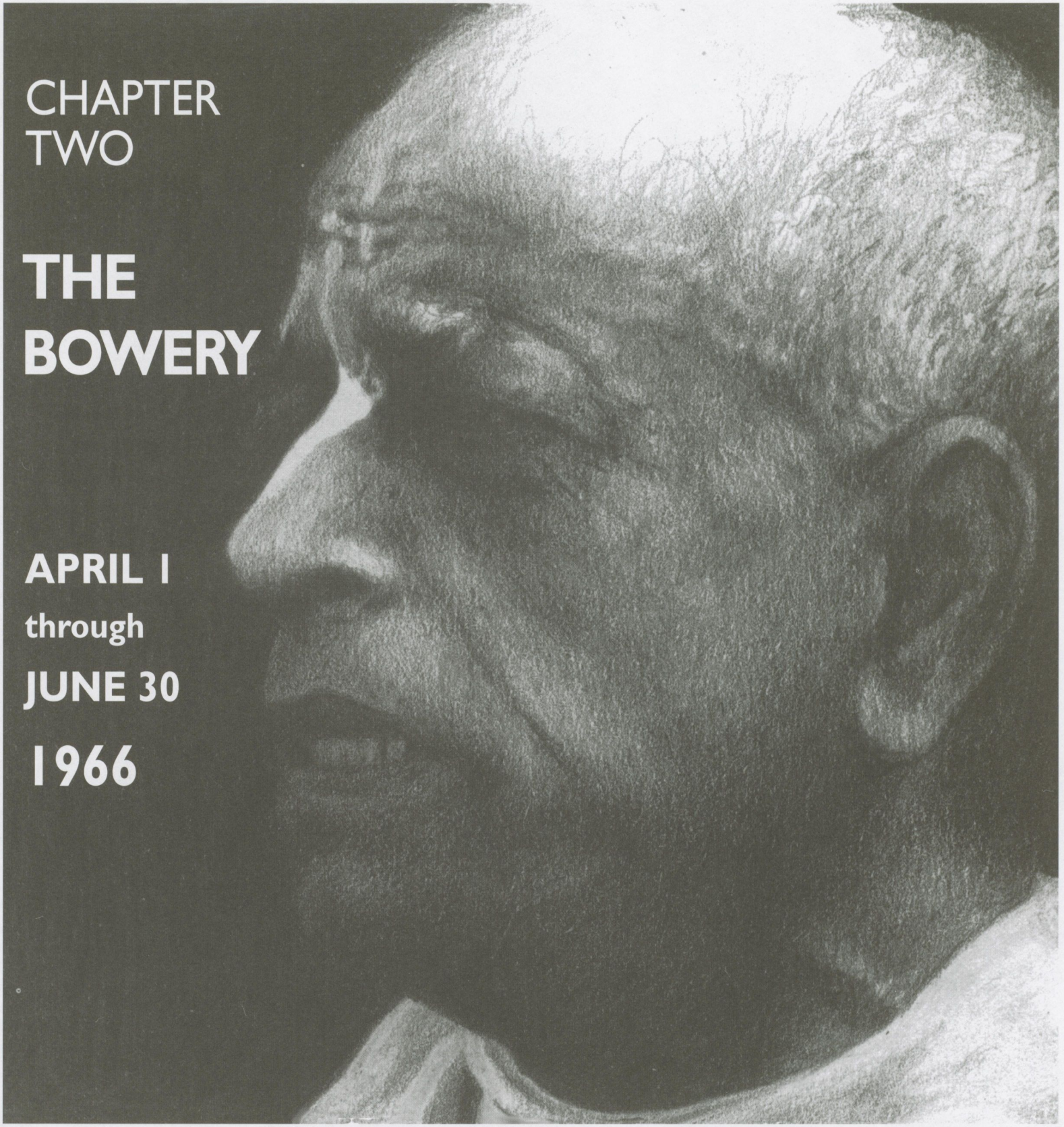
The landlord repaired the window according to his liking. It is not approved by me. The door is still insecure.


THURSDAY 31 MARCH

1966 90th day - 275 days to come

Sunrise 5/44 a.m. Sunset 6/26 P.M. Moonset 3/28
Ekadashi
Mirty days clear notice served to
S.N. Petchers land Lord. Registered letter
No 413807 Dt March 31, 1966.
No income. Expenditure Registration 80
only Two persons came to-day to meet me.

The landlord repaired the windows
according to his liking. It is not
approved by me. The door is still
insecure.



CHAPTER
TWO

THE BOWERY

APRIL 1
through
JUNE 30
1966

THE BOWERY SUMMARY

Beginning with the first meetings at the Bowery loft, more people attend the classes. Śrīla Prabhupāda maintains contact with Dr. Mishra and occasionally visits Ananda Ashram on weekends. Harvey Cohen loans Śrīla Prabhupāda his typewriter, and Paul Murray supplies a tape recorder for the classes. Paul expresses seriousness about becoming a Vaiṣṇava and runs daily errands for Śrīla Prabhupāda. Śrīla Prabhupāda attempts unsuccessfully to get free passage for Paul to go to India on the Scindia shipping line. At the end of April Śrīla Prabhupāda vacates the room on Seventy-second Street. Around the beginning of May, Carl Yeargens, later to be initiated as Karlāpati dāsa, begins attending the meetings and donates a tape recorder. At the request of some students, Śrīla Prabhupāda begins teaching Sanskrit. On May 9 fourteen men and women attend the class.

Śrīla Prabhupāda begins the process of incorporating a society and gives Carl a copy of the Memorandum of Association of the League of Devotees, which he had used years ago in India, so he can consult with a lawyer. Śrīla Prabhupāda discusses with Carl the use of the drug LSD and convinces him that it is unnecessary for spiritual revelation. Śrīla Prabhupāda receives a letter from Mangalniloy Brahmacari in India, who offers to come to America to help in the mission.

On May 25 Śrīla Prabhupāda holds consultations about incorporating the International Society for Krishna Consciousness. Some days later, Śrīla Prabhupāda meets with Stephen Goldsmith, a lawyer. This effort continues until July, when the society is registered.

At the end of May Paul's behavior becomes erratic due to intoxication. Śrīla Prabhupāda looks for a new place.

In June the weather becomes very hot and attendance at the classes increases. On June 9 Śrīla Prabhupāda receives the final letter from Sir Padampat Singhania refusing to help with purchasing a temple building. On Sunday June 12, Śrīla Prabhupāda holds the first feast for the members of his fledgling society and cooks twelve different preparations. Sixteen people attend. On June 23 Mike, later to become Mukunda dāsa, asks to become a Vaiṣṇava and tells Śrīla Prabhupāda that he will marry his girlfriend. Later on in September, at Śrīla Prabhupāda's apartment on 26 Second Avenue, Mukunda and Janakī are married in the first wedding ceremony to take place in ISKCON presided over by Śrīla Prabhupāda, although this event is not mentioned by Śrīla Prabhupāda in the journal.

APRILHIGHLIGHTS

Books

1 One Mr. Pop came to see me. He saw the books. Took one copy of the 1st Part and paid $6.00.
4 Went to see Mr. Bogart. His publisher Mr. Laughton interested in publishing Srimad Bhagwatam. Mr. Bogart gave typewriter and tape recorder. Typewriter good, tape recorder defective.
10 Today I am working on Cohen's big Royal typewriter and it is very good for hard working.
14 Elese paid $31.50 for books.
15 Books delivered to Elise.
Two sets of books for sale in charge of Paul.
17 One book due to Elsy was delivered via the Studio. Book sale $10.00.
26 To Income of book $5.00.

Classes and Kirtanas

1 In the evening meeting experimentally held at Paul's place 94 Bowery Place. The attendance was four. Mr. Greene paid only $5.00.
2 Went with Yolanda and Sinthia to Ananda Ashram. Passed the night and held Kirtan. Kirtan appreciated.
3 Dr. Mishra gave me a tape recorder which is not working.
4 Came to Paul's place. There was meeting and Kirtan, Hari Katha. No income.
5 The whole day was at Paul's place. In the evening we held kirtan together. He is hopeful.
6 At evening there was meeting. There were seven boys and girls. All attended the meeting carefully. Some brought Rice, Atta and fruits. There was no collection.
7 I cooked food and dined with Paul and Sakar. Paul promises to organise. He attended the morning class punctually.
8 The whole day and night also I stayed at Paul's. Evening there was meeting. Seven boys and girls attended. Contribution $5.00 and some fruits also.
11 In the evening the was meeting seven gentlemen attended. The collection was $5.00.
13 In the evening eight ladies and gentlemen attended the meeting. Income $1.00.
15 Collection in the meeting $4.00.
16 Yolanda took me to the Ashram and there was Keertan in the evening.
20 Evening meeting at 7 to 9 p.m. only four persons attended. The collection $4.00.
22 In the evening five gentlemen attended, contribution $4.00
25 Evening meeting held. Contribution Income $4.60.
27 Evening there was meeting six ladies and gentleman attended. Income $5.00.
28 Today I brought all things from 72nd Street to Paul's loft.
29 There was meeting five gentleman attended. Contribution $14.00.
30 Today Paul and self observed Ekadasi. In the afternoon we both went to Ananda Ashram.

Letters and Contacts

2 Received one letter from Govinda Maharaj.
4 Today I have replied letter of State Department regarding visit to the President.
6 Received one letter from Library of Congress Washington. It is good news.
8 Saw Elsy to enquire about the Library of Congress card. Not very encouraging.
12 Today I had been to New India House. Mr. Mukherji of Passport Department kept my undertaking and passport for necessary action will return on Monday the 18th inst.
13 Today I received one letter from the chief assistant of the Governor N.Y.
15 Mr. Anderson assistant to Governor met. He is little sympathetic. He says that I may expect some news from the Asia Society, New York.
18 Today I took delivery of passport from New India House. It is renewed to a period of two years more i.e. up to 9th June 1968.
I went to see Mr. Bogart but he was not there. I left one note for him.
24 Received two letters at 72nd, one from Brindaban & the other from Secretary President. Talked with Miss Sulyon Richter.
25 Saw marine office. Free pass for Paul denied. Settled to postpone return to India.
One letter from Teertha Maharaj.
Teertha Maharaj, Brindaban and Robert's letters replied.
27 One letter sent to Srimati Sumati Morajee requesting free passage for Paul.

29 I met Mr. Pitcher's secretary for informing the vacation of Room. Talked with Banerjee, he has not yet sent the report.

Friday 1 April

Sunrise 5/42 a.m. Sunset 6/27 P.M. Moon Set 4/09 a.m.
Dwadasi

one Mr. Pop came to see me. He saw the books. Took one copy of the 1st Part and paid $6.00.

In the evening the meeting was experimentally held at Paul's place 94 Bowery Place.[1] The attendance was four only. Mr. Greene[2] paid only $5.00.

Income book & Contribution	$11.00
Expenditure Bus & Subway	.30

I passed the night at Paul's place.
It was nice.

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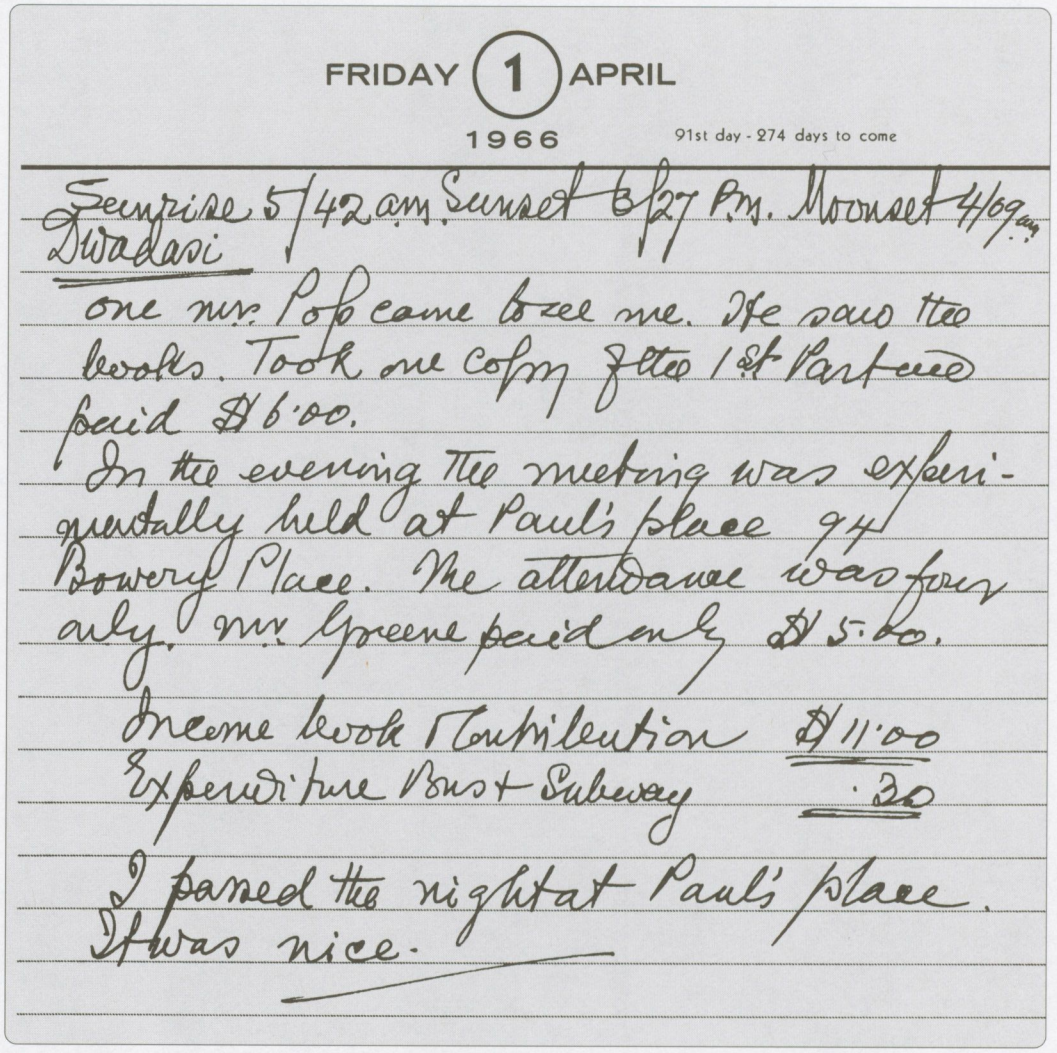
[1] This was the first program held at 94 Bowery.

[2] James Greene, later Jagannātha dāsa, one of the original members of the Institute For God Consciousness, signed up on February 23. See Chapter Four on Memoranda. See also *Śrīla Prabhupāda-līlāmṛta*, Vol. 2, *Planting the Seed.*


FRIDAY 1 APRIL
1966 91st day - 274 days to come

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Expenditure Bus + Subway .30
I passed the night at Paul's place.
It was nice.

SATURDAY 2 APRIL

1966 92nd day - 273 days to come

Sunrise 5/40 a.m. Sunset 6/28 P.M. Moonset 4/41a
Trayodashi
I came back from Paul's loft to Dr. Mishra's appartment took meals came to my apartment.
Received one letter from Govinda Maharaj.
Expenditure subway .15.

Went with Yolanda & Sinthia to Ananda Ashram. Passed night and held Kirtan.
Kirtan appreciated.

Saturday 2 April

Sunrise 5/40 a.m. Sunset 6/28 P.M. Moon Set 4/41 a.m.
Trayodashi

I came back from Paul's loft to Dr. Mishra's appartment took meals came to my apartment.
Received one letter from Govinda Maharaj.

Expenditure subway .15

Went with Yolanda and Sinthia to Ananda Ashram. Passed night and held Kirtan.
Kirtan appreciated.

SUNDAY 3 APRIL

Palm Sunday 1966 93rd day - 272 days to come

Sunrise 5/38 a.m. Sunset 6/30 P.M. Moonset 5/08 a.m.
Chaturdasi
From Ananda Ashram came back to New York. Passed night at my apartment. Dr. Mishra gave me a tape-recorder which is not working.

no expenditure, No income,

Sunday 3 April

Sunrise 5/38 a.m. Sunset 6/30 P.M. Moon Set 5/08 a.m.
Chaturdasi

From Ananda Ashram came back to New York. Passed night at my apartment. Dr. Mishra gave me a tape-recorder which is not working.

no expenditure, No income,

Monday 4 April

Sunrise 5/36 a.m. Sunset 6/31 P.M.
Moonrise 5/46
Poornima

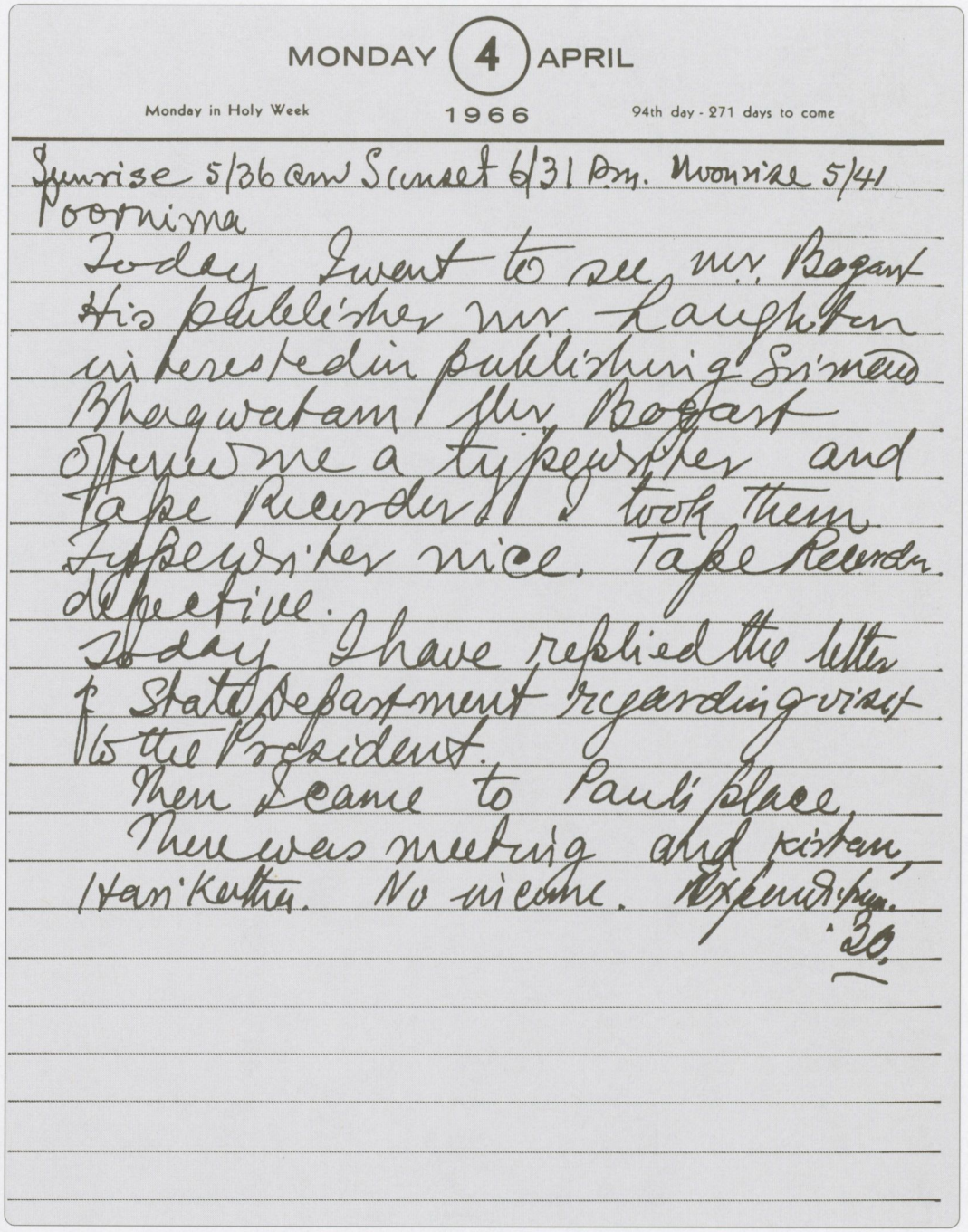
Today I went to see Mr. Bogart. His publisher Mr. Laughton interested in publishing Srimad Bhagwata.m. Mr. Bogart offered me a typewriter and Tape Recorder. I took them. Typewriter nice. Tape Recorder defective.

Today I have replied the letter of State Department regarding visit to the President.

Then I came to Paul's place.

There was meeting and Kirtan, Hari Katha.

No income. Expenditure .30


MONDAY 4 APRIL

Monday in Holy Week 1966 94th day - 271 days to come

Sunrise 5/36 a.m. Sunset 6/31 P.m. Moonrise 5/41
Poornima
Today I went to see Mr. Bogart
His publisher Mr. Laughton
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offered me a typewriter and
Tape Recorder. I took them.
Typewriter nice. Tape Recorder
defective.
Today I have replied the letter
of State Department regarding visit
to the President.
Then I came to Paul's place.
There was meeting and kirtan,
Hari Katha. No income. Expenditure
.30

TUESDAY 5 APRIL

Tuesday in Holy Week
First Day of Passover (Jewish)

1966

95th day - 270 days to come

Sunrise 5/34 am Sunset 6/34 Moonrise 7/01
Pratipada The whole day I was at Paul's
place. He is a nice boy. I prepared
Paratha he was pleased to have it.
He is anxious to follow the principles
of Vaishnavism. I shall help him
to my best. In the evening we
held kirtan together. He is hopeful.

No income and No expenditure.

Tuesday 5 April

Sunrise 5/34 a.m. Sunset 6/34 Moonrise 7/01
Pratipada. The whole day I was at Paul's place. He is a nice boy. I prepared Paratha he was pleased to have it. He is anxious to follow the principles of Vaishnavism. I shall help him to my best. In the evening we held kirtan together. He is hopeful.

No income and No expenditure.



Wednesday 6 April

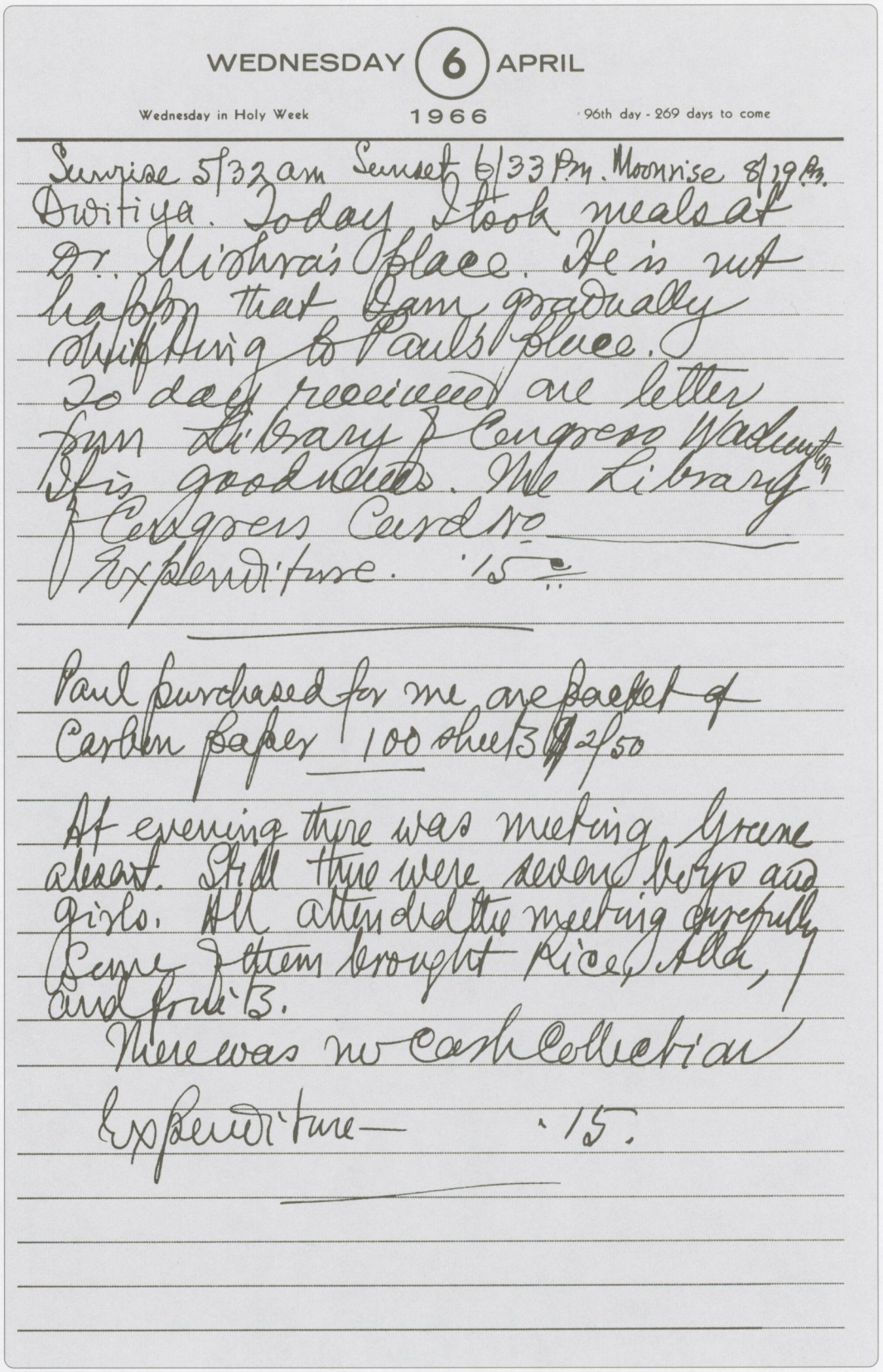
Sunrise 5/32 am Sunset 6/33 P.M. Moonrise 8/19 P.M.
Dwitiya. Today I took meals at Dr. Mishra's place. He is not happy that I am gradually shifting to Paul's place. Today received one letter from Library of Congress Washington. It is good news. The Library of Congress Card No _____
Expenditure. .15

Paul purchased for me one packet of carbon paper 100 sheets $2.50

At evening there was meeting Greene absent. Still there were seven boys and girls. All attended the meeting carefully Some of them brought Rice, Atta, and fruits.

There was no collection

Expenditure — .15



WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL

Wednesday in Holy Week 1966 96th day - 269 days to come

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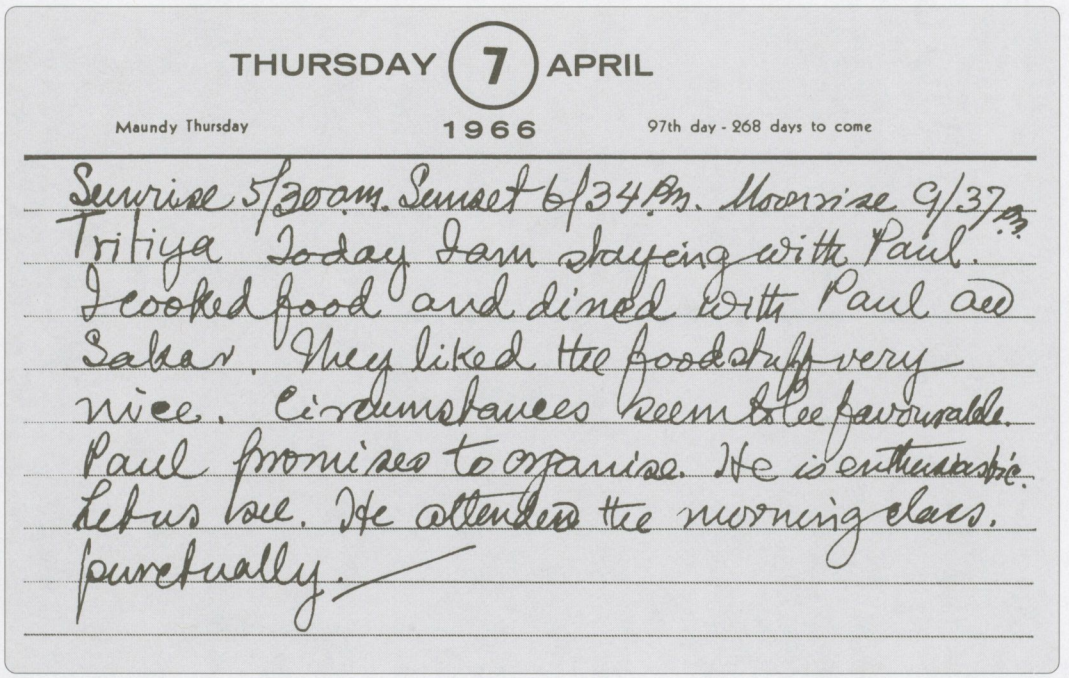
Expenditure. .15

Paul purchased for me one packet of Carbon paper 100 sheets $2.50

At evening there was meeting Greene absent. Still there were seven boys and girls. All attended the meeting carefully Some of them brought Rice, Atta, and fruits.
There was no cash collection
Expenditure— .15.


THURSDAY 7 APRIL

Maundy Thursday 1966 97th day - 268 days to come

Sunrise 5/30 a.m. Sunset 6/34 P.m. Moonrise 9/37 p.m.
Tritiya Today I am staying with Paul.
I cooked food and dined with Paul and
Sakar. They liked the foodstuff very
nice. Circumstances seem to be favourable.
Paul promises to organise. He is enthusiastic.
Let us see. He attended the morning class.
punctually.

Thursday 7 April

Sunrise 5/30 a.m. Sunset 6/34 P.M. Moonrise 9/37 p.m.

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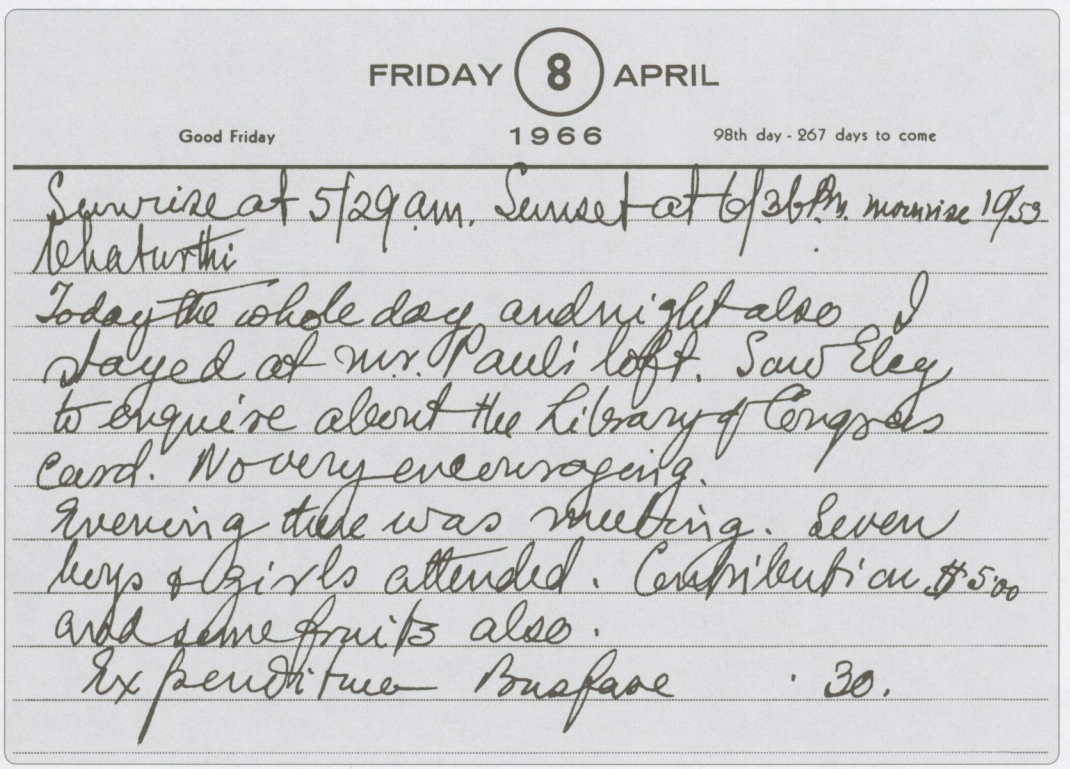
FRIDAY 8 APRIL

Good Friday 1966 98th day - 267 days to come

Sunrise at 5/29 a.m. Sunset at 6/36 P.m. moonrise 10/53
Chaturthi
Today the whole day and night also I
stayed at Mr. Paul's loft. Saw Elsy
to enquire about the Library of Congress
card. No very encouraging.
Evening there was meeting. Seven
boys & girls attended. Contribution $5.00
and some fruits also.
Expenditure— Busfare .30.

Friday 8 April

Sunrise 5/29 a.m. Sunset 6/36 P.M.
Moonrise 10/53.
Chaturthi

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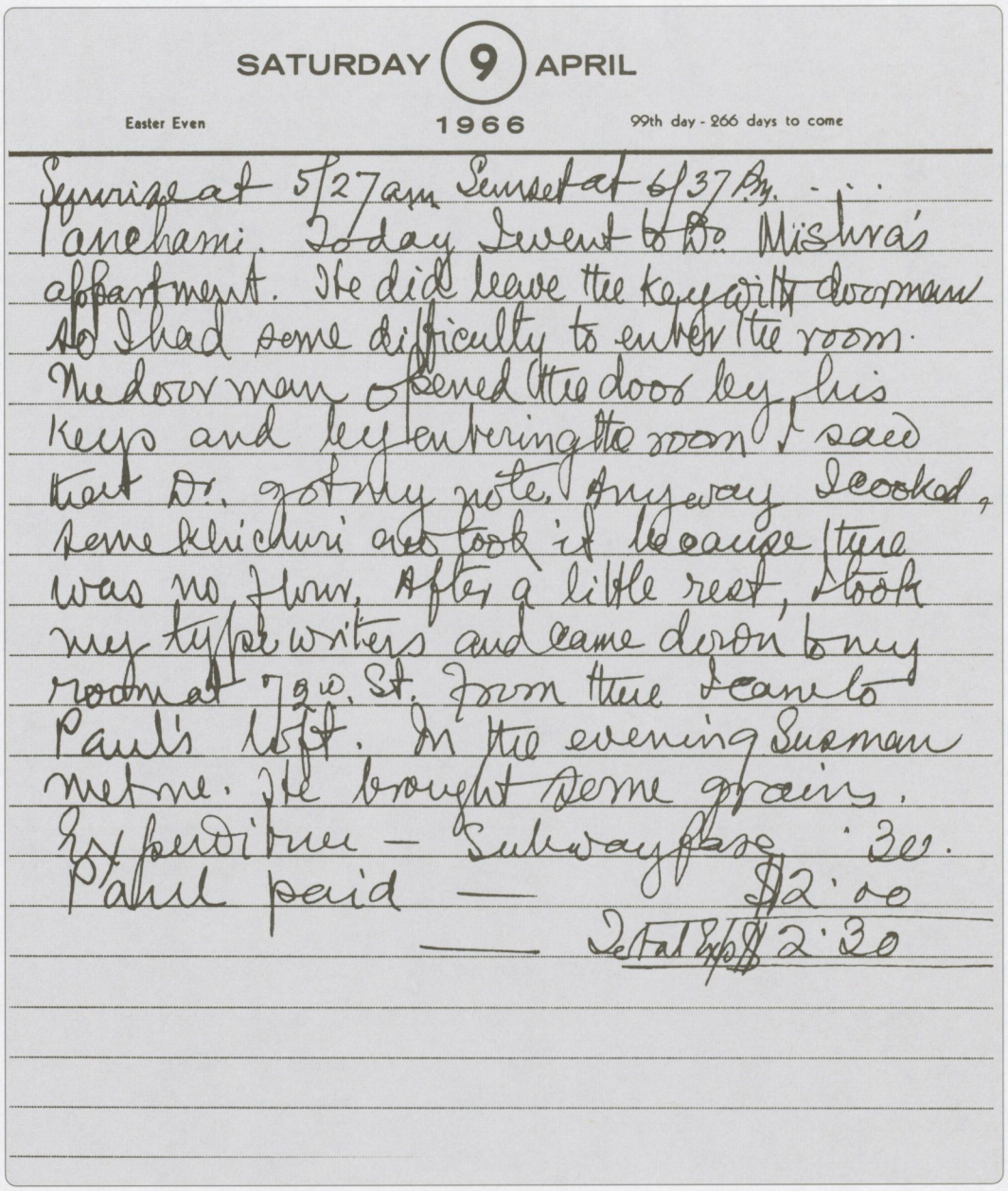
Evening there was meeting. Seven boys & girls attended. Contribution $5.00 and some fruits also.

Expenditure— Busfare .30

Saturday 9 April

Sunrise at 5/27 a.m. Sunset at 6/37 p.m. Panchami. Today I went to Dr. Mishra's appartment. He did leave the key with doorman so I had some difficulty to enter the room. The doorman opened the door by his keys and by entering the room I saw that Dr. got my note. Anyway I cooked some khichuri and took it because there was no flour. After a little rest, I took my typewriters and came down to my room at 72nd St. From there I came to Paul's loft. In the evening Susman met me. He brought some grains.

Expenditure — Subway fare	.30
Paul paid —	$2.00
Total Exp	$2.30


SATURDAY 9 APRIL

Easter Even 1966 99th day - 266 days to come

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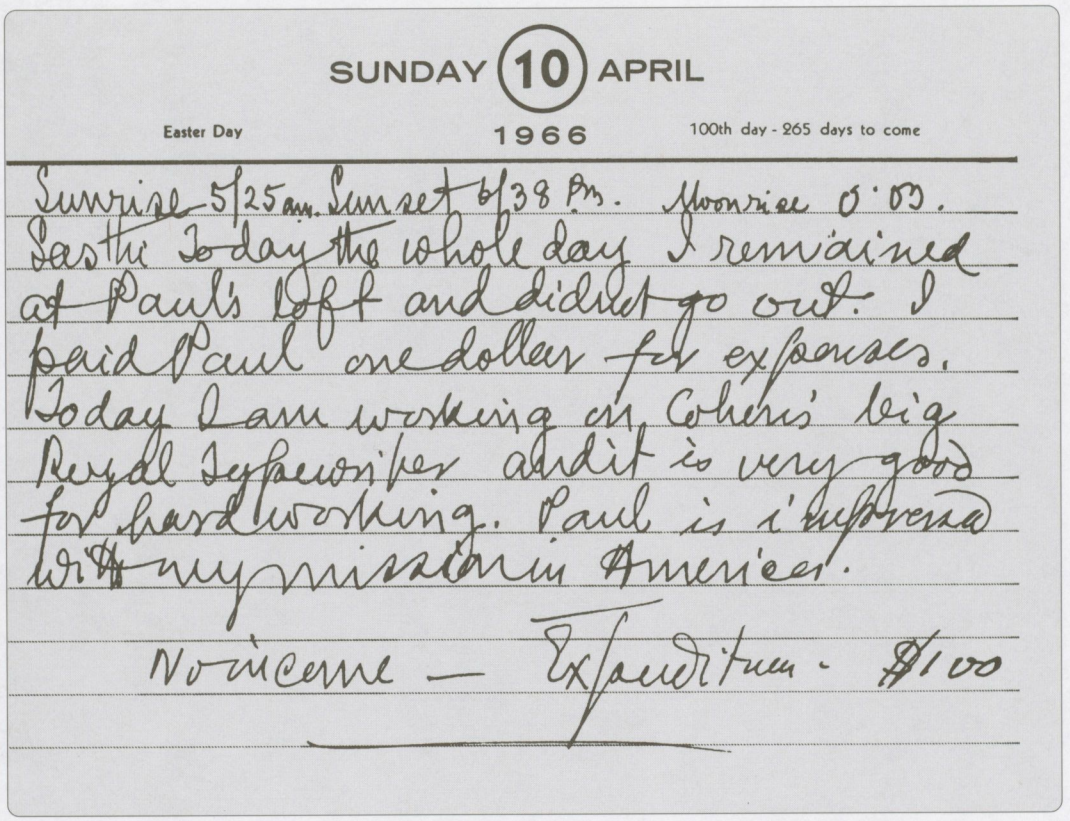

SUNDAY 10 APRIL

Easter Day 1966 100th day - 265 days to come

Sunrise 5/25 am. Sunset 6/38 P.m. Moonrise 0.03.
Sasthi Today the whole day I remained at Paul's loft and didnot go out. I paid Paul one dollar for expenses. Today I am working on Cohen's big Royal Typewriter and it is very good for hard working. Paul is impressed with my mission in America.

No income — Expenditure $1.00

Sunday 10 April

Sunrise 5/25 a.m. Sunset 6/38 P.M.
Moonrise 0.03.
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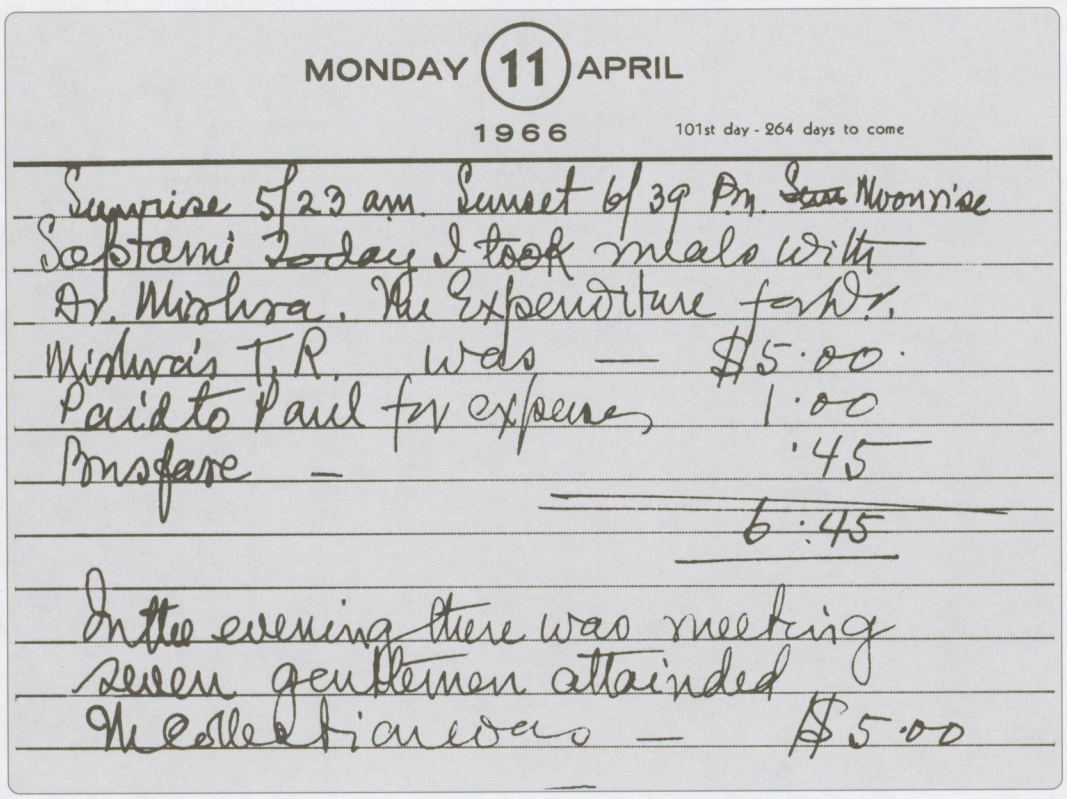

MONDAY 11 APRIL

1966 101st day - 264 days to come

Sunrise 5/23 am. Sunset 6/39 P.m. ~~Sun~~ Moonrise
Saptami Today I took meals with Dr. Mishra. The Expenditure for Dr. Mishra's T. R. was — $5.00.
Paid to Paul for expens 1.00
Bus fare — .45
6:45

In the evening there was meeting seven gentlemen attainded
The collection was — $5.00

Monday 11 April

Sunrise 5/23 a.m. Sunset 6/39 p.m.
Moonrise
Saptami. Today I took meals with Dr. Mishra.
The Expenditure for

Dr. Mishra's T. R. was —	$5.00
Paid to Paul for expenses	1.00
Bus fare	.45
	6.45

In the evening there was meeting seven gentlemen attainded

The Collection was — $5.00

Tuesday 12 April

Sunrise: 5/21 a.m. Sunset 6/41 P.M.
Moonrise 1.05 A.M.
Astami. Today I had been to New India House. Mr. Mukherji of Passport Department kept my undertaking and passport for necessary action
will return on Monday the 18th inst.

Paul paid for battery	$1.00
Bus fare	.30
Total Expenditure —	1.30

TUESDAY 12 APRIL

1966 102nd day - 263 days to come

Sunrise: 5/21 am. Sunset 6/41 Pm. Moonrise 1.05 Pm.
Astami: Today I had been to New India House. Mr. Mukherji of Passport Department kept my undertaking and passport for necessary action
Will return on Monday the 18th inst
Paul paid for battery $1.00.
Bus fare .30
Total Expenditure — 1.30

Wednesday 13 April

Sunrise 5/20 a.m. Sunset 6/42 P.M.
Moonrise 2/38
Navami: Today I received one letter from the chief assistant of the Governor N.Y.
Paul's T.R. is alright.
Expenditure —

Paid to Paul —	$1.50
Bus fare —	.75
Expenditure	2.25

In the evening eight ladies and gentlemen attended the meeting.
Income — $1.00

WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL

Thomas Jefferson—Born 1743 1966 103rd day - 262 days to come

Sunrise 5/20 am. Sunset 6/42 Pm. Moonrise 2/38.
Navami: To-day I received one letter from the chief assistant of the Governor N.Y.
Paul's T.R. is alright.
Expenditure -
Paid to Paul — $1.50.
Bus fare - .75

Expenditure 2.25
In the evening eight ladies and gentlemen attended the meting.
Income — $1.00

THURSDAY 14 APRIL

1966 104th day - 261 days to come

Sunrise — 5/18 am. Sunset 6/44 Pm. Moonrise 3/12 am
Dasami Elese paid ₹ $31.50 for books
Deposited with Bank $36.00.
Paid Paul for Expenses. 1.00
Bus & Subway fare .60.
37.60
Expenditure.
Income 31.50.

Thursday 14 April

Sunrise 5/18 a.m. Sunset 6/44 P.M.
Moonrise 3.12 a.m.
Dasami Elese paid $31.50 for books

Deposited with Bank	$36.00
Paid Paul for Expenses	1.00
Bus & Subway fare	.60
Expenditure	37.60
Income 31.50	

FRIDAY 15 APRIL

1966 105th day - 260 days to come

Sunrise 5/16 am. Sunset 6/45 Pm. Moonrise 3/39 am.
Ekadasi: Books delivered to Elese.
Two sets of books for sale in charge of Paul.
Expenditure Bus fare .60.
Mr. Anderson assistant to Governor met. He is little sympathetic. He says that I may expect some news from the Asia Society, New York.
Yolanda will take me to Ashram tomorrow at 2 P.M.
Collection in the meeting — $4.00

Friday 15 April

Sunrise 5/16 a.m. Sunset 6/45 P.M.
Moonrise 3/39 a.m.
Ekadasi: Books delivered to Elise. Two sets of books for sale in charge of Paul.

Expenditure Bus fare .60

Mr. Anderson assistant to Governor met. He is little sympathetic. He says that I may expect some news from the Asia Society, New York.

Yolanda will take me to Ashram tomorrow at 2 P.M.

Collection in the meeting — $4.00

Saturday 16 April

Sunrise 5/14 a.m. Sunset 5/46 P.M.
Moonrise 4.01 a.m.

Paid to Paul for Expenditure —	$2.00
Bus fare to 72.	.15
Dwadasi	2.15

To Yolanda took me to the Ashram and there was Keertan in the evening.

Dwadasi

SATURDAY 16 APRIL

1966 106th day - 259 days to come

Sunrise 5/14 a.m. Sunset 5/46 P.M. moonrise 4·01 a.m.
Paid to Paul for Expenditure — $2.00
Busfare to 72. .15
Dwadasi $2.15

To Yolanda took me to the Ashram and there was Keertan in the evening.

Dwadasi

Sunday 17 April

Sunrise 5/13 a.m. Sunset 6/47 P.M. Moonrise 4.21 a.m.

Today up to 5 P.M. I was in the Ashram Came back at 6/15 P.M. to 72. Paul was there. In the evening I came back at Bowery with the suitcase. one book due to Elsy was delivered to her in the Studio. (Triodasi)

Expenditure—	Bus fare —	.30
New expenditure Paid to Paul		.50
		.80

Book sale — $10.00

Treodasi

SUNDAY 17 APRIL

First Sunday after Easter 1966 107th day - 258 days to come

Sunrise 5/13 a.m. Sunset 6/47 moonrise 4/21 a.m.
To day up to 5 P.M. I was in the Ashram came back at 6/15 P.M. to 72. Paul was there. In the evening I came back at Bowery with the suitcase. one book due to Elsy was delivered to her in the Studio. (Triodasi)

Expenditure — Busfare — .30
New expenditure Paid to Paul .50
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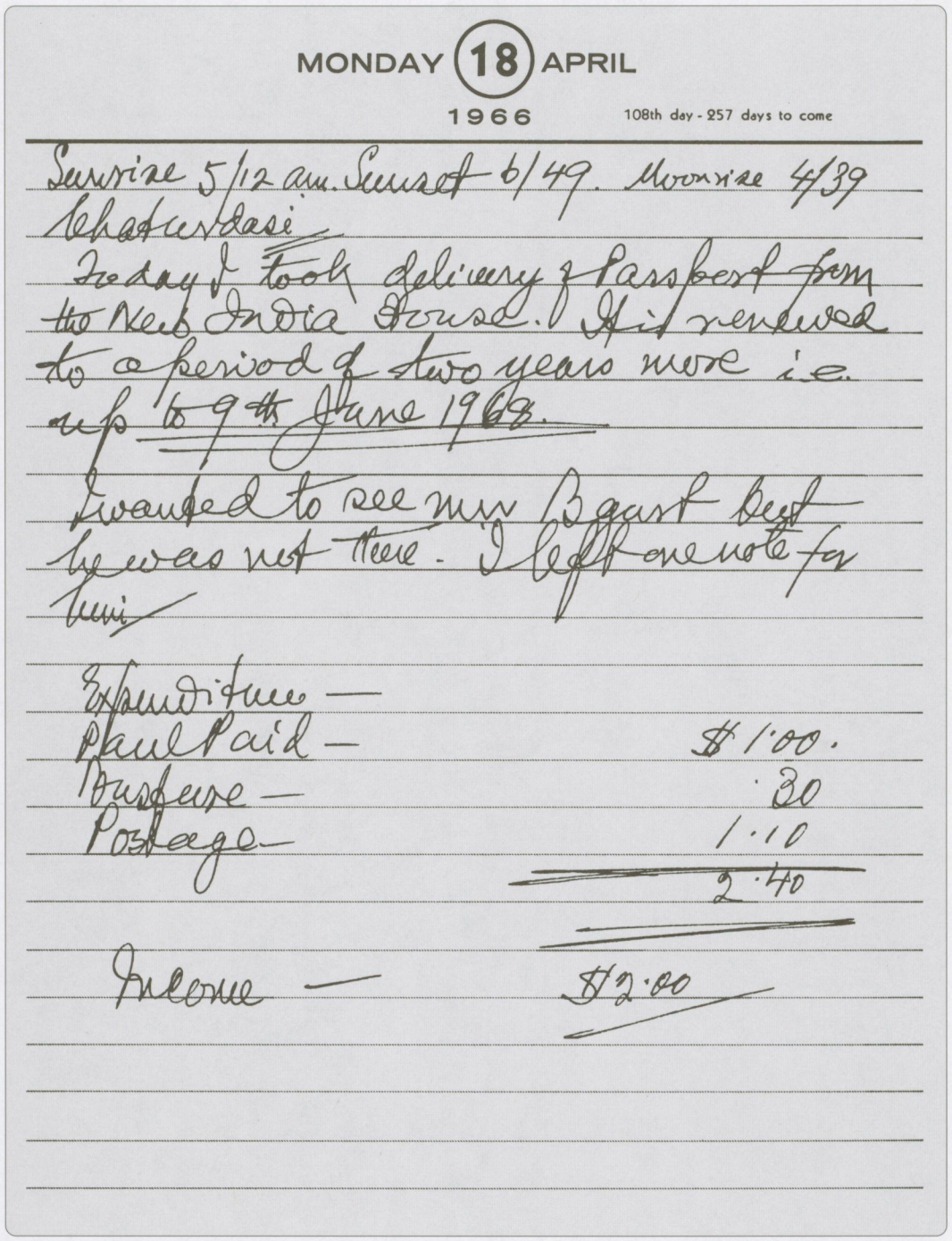
Book sale — $10.00

Treodasi


MONDAY 18 APRIL

1966 108th day - 257 days to come

Sunrise 5/12 a.m. Sunset 6/49. Moonrise 4/39
Chaturdasi

Today I took delivery of Passport from the New India House. It is renewed to a period of two years more i.e. up to 9th June 1968.

I wanted to see Mr Bogart but he was not there. I left one note for him.

Expenditure —
Paul Paid — $1.00.
Bus fare — .30
Postage — 1.10
2.40

Income — $2.00

Monday 18 April

Sunrise 5/12 a.m. Sunset 6/49.
Moonrise 4.39
Chaturdasi

Today I took delivery of Passport from the New India House. It is renewed to a period of two years more i.e. up to 9th June 1968.

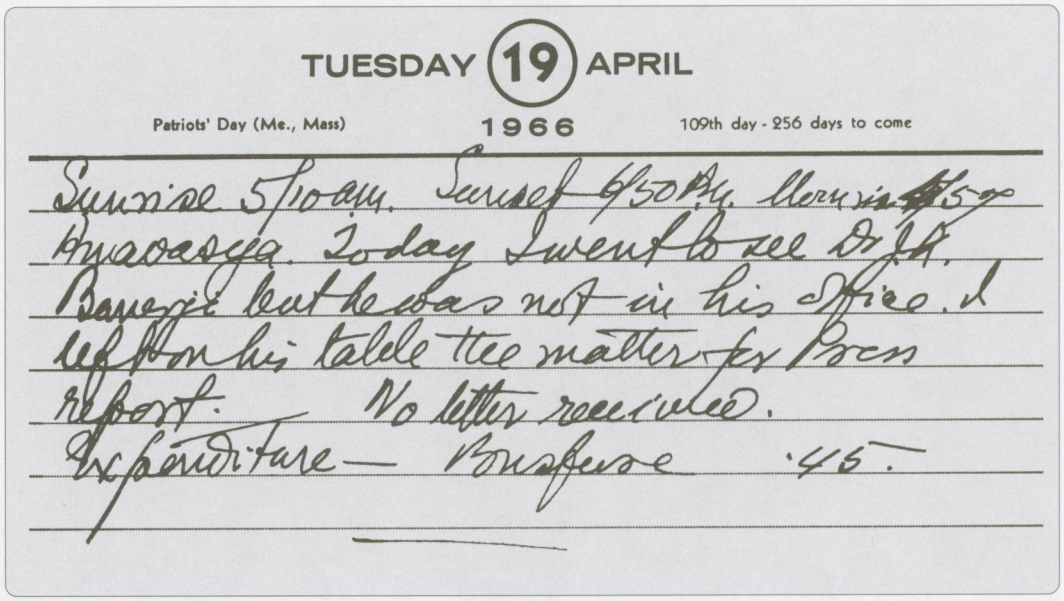
I wanted to see Mr Bogart but he was not there. I left one note for him.

Expenditure —		
Paul Paid —		$1.00
Bus fare —		.30
Postage —		1.10
		2.40
Income —	$2.00	

Tuesday 19 April

Sunrise 5/10 a.m. Sunset 6/50 P.M.
Moonrise 4.57
Amavasya. Today I went to see Dr. J.K. Banerji but he was not in his office. I left on his table the matter for Press report. No letter received.

Expenditure — Bus fare .45


TUESDAY 19 APRIL

Patriots' Day (Me., Mass) 1966 109th day - 256 days to come

Sunrise 5/10 am. Sunset 6/50 Pm. Moonrise 4.57
Amavasya. Today I went to see Dr. J.K. Banerji but he was not in his office. I left on his table the matter for Press report. No letter received.
Expenditure — Busfare .45.

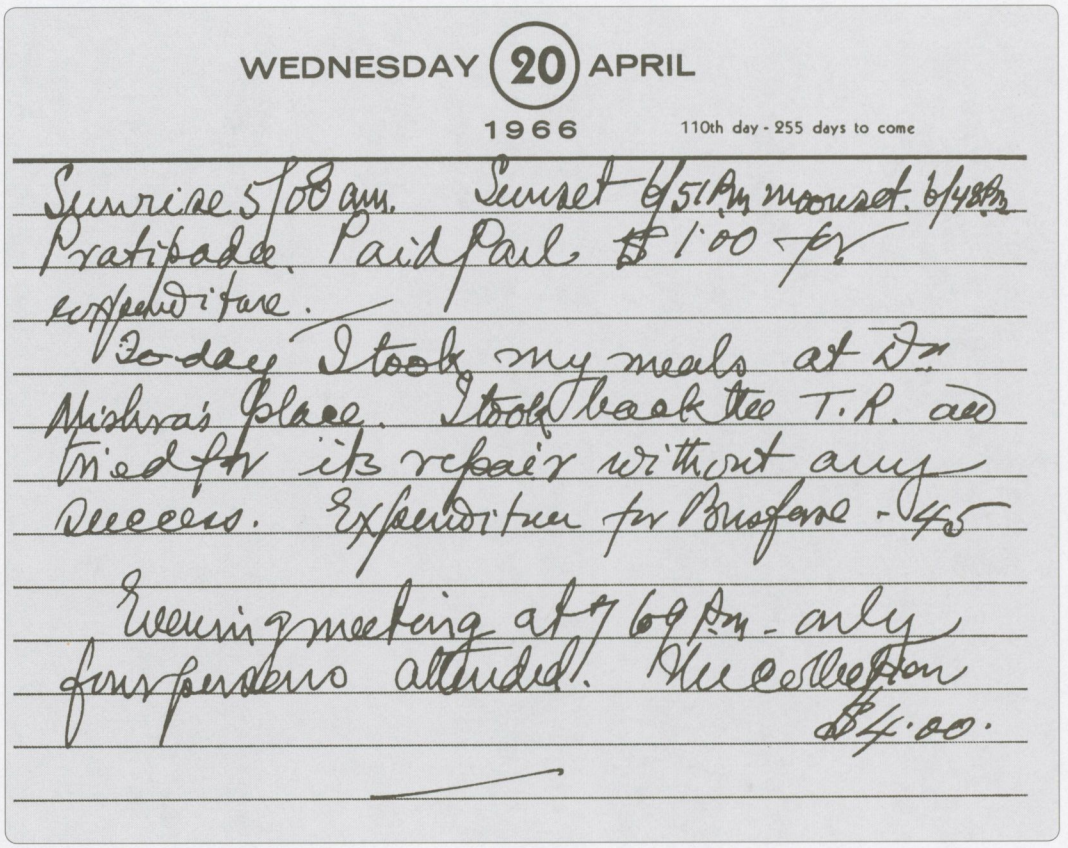
Wednesday 20 April

Sunrise 5/08 a.m. Sunset 6/51 P.M.
Moonrise 6/48 p.m.
Pratipada.

Paid Paul $1.00 for expenditure.

Today I took my meals at Dr. Mishra's place. I took back the T.R. and tried for its repair without any success.
Expenditure for Busfare — .45

Evening meeting at 7 to 9 P.M. only four persons attended. The collection $4.00.


WEDNESDAY 20 APRIL

1966 110th day - 255 days to come

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Evening meeting at 7 to 9 Pm - only four persons attended. The collection $4.00.

THURSDAY (21) APRIL

1966 111th day - 254 days to come

Sunrise 5/06 am Sunset 6/52 P.M. Moonset 7/58
Dwitiya.
Bus fare — .30.
Paul Paid. — $2.0
Expenditure — $2.30

Thursday 21 April

Sunrise 5/06 am Sunset 6/52 P.M.
Moonrise 7.58
Dwitiya.

Bus fare —	.30
Paul Paid —	$2.0
Expenditure —	$2.30

FRIDAY (22) APRIL

1966 112th day - 253 days to come

Sunrise 5/05 am. Sunset 6/53 P.M. Moonsets 9/09
Tritiya.
Bus fare. .45
Paul Paid $1.0
Expenditure. — $1.45
In the evening five gentlemen attended — Contribution $4.00

Friday 22 April

Sunrise 5/05 a.m. Sunset 6/53 P.M.
Moonsets 9.09
Tritiya

Bus fare	.45
Paul Paid	$1.0
Expenditure —	$1.45

In the evening five gentlemen attended – contribution $4.00

Saturday 23 April

Sunrise 5/04 a.m. Sunset 6/55 P.M.
Moonset 10/20
Chaturthi

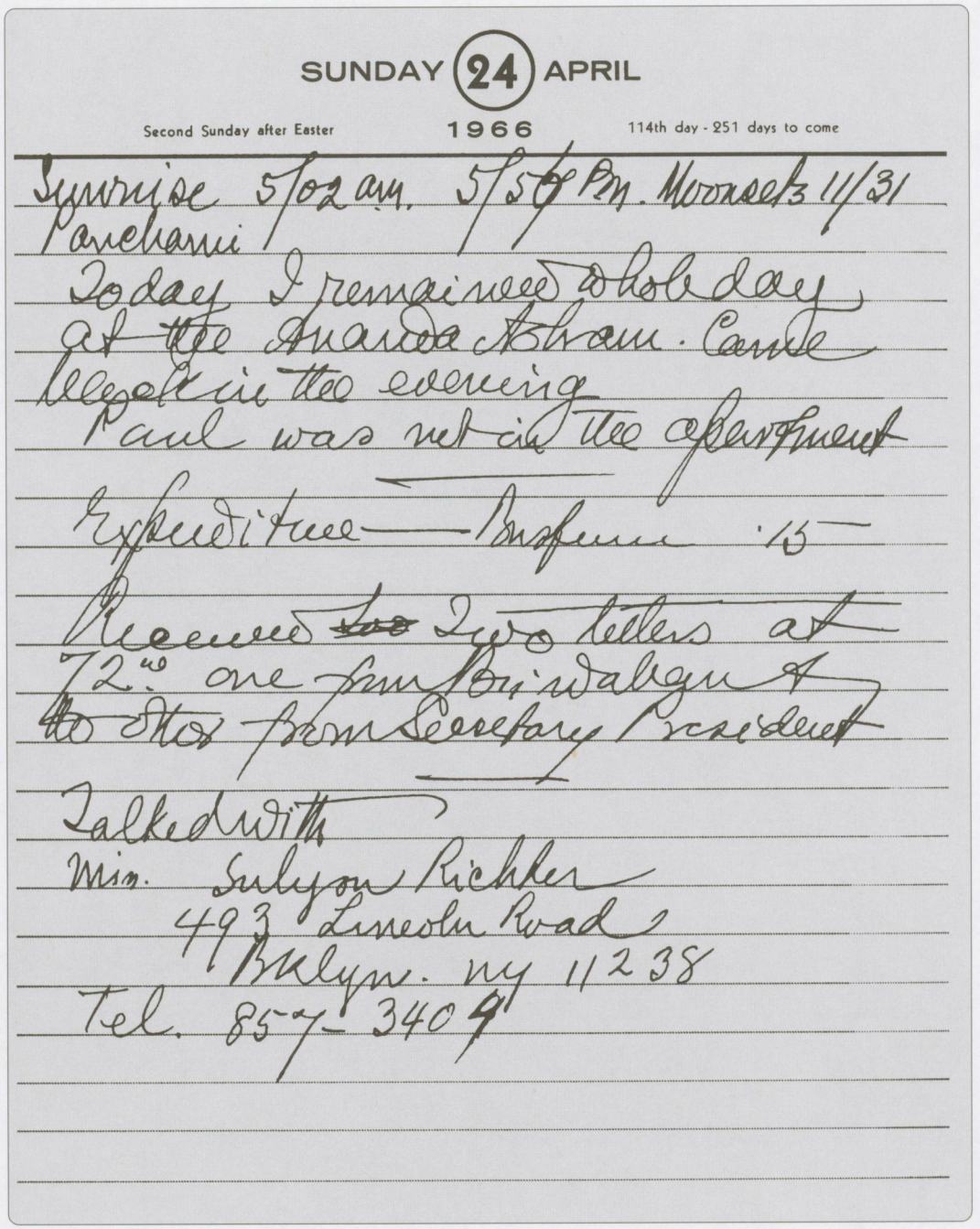
Paul Paid	$2.00
Bus fare —	.15
Expenditure —	2.15

Today I went to Ananda Ashram at noon—
Dr. Mishra paid all my expenditure for going

SATURDAY 23 APRIL
1966 113th day - 252 days to come

Sunrise 5/04am Sunset 6/55 Pm Moonset 10/20
Chaturthi
Paul paid $2.00
Bus fare — .15
Expenditure — 2.15
Today I went to Ananda Ashram
at Noon - Dr. Mishra
paid all my expenditure for going





SUNDAY 24 APRIL

Second Sunday after Easter 1966 114th day - 251 days to come

Sunrise 5/02 a.m. 5/56 P.M. Moonsets 11/31
Panchami
Today I remained whole day
at the Ananda Ashram. Came
back in the evening
Paul was not in the apartment

Expenditure — Bus fare .15

Received ~~two~~ Two letters at
72nd one from Brindaban
the other from Secretary President

Talked with
Miss. Sulyon Richter
493 Lincoln Road
Bklyn. ny 11238
Tel. 857-3409

Sunday 24 April

Sunrise 5/02 a.m. 5/56 P.M. Moonsets
11/31
Panchami

Today I remained whole day at the Ananda Ashram. Came back in the evening. Paul was not in the apartment.

Expenditure — Bus fare .15

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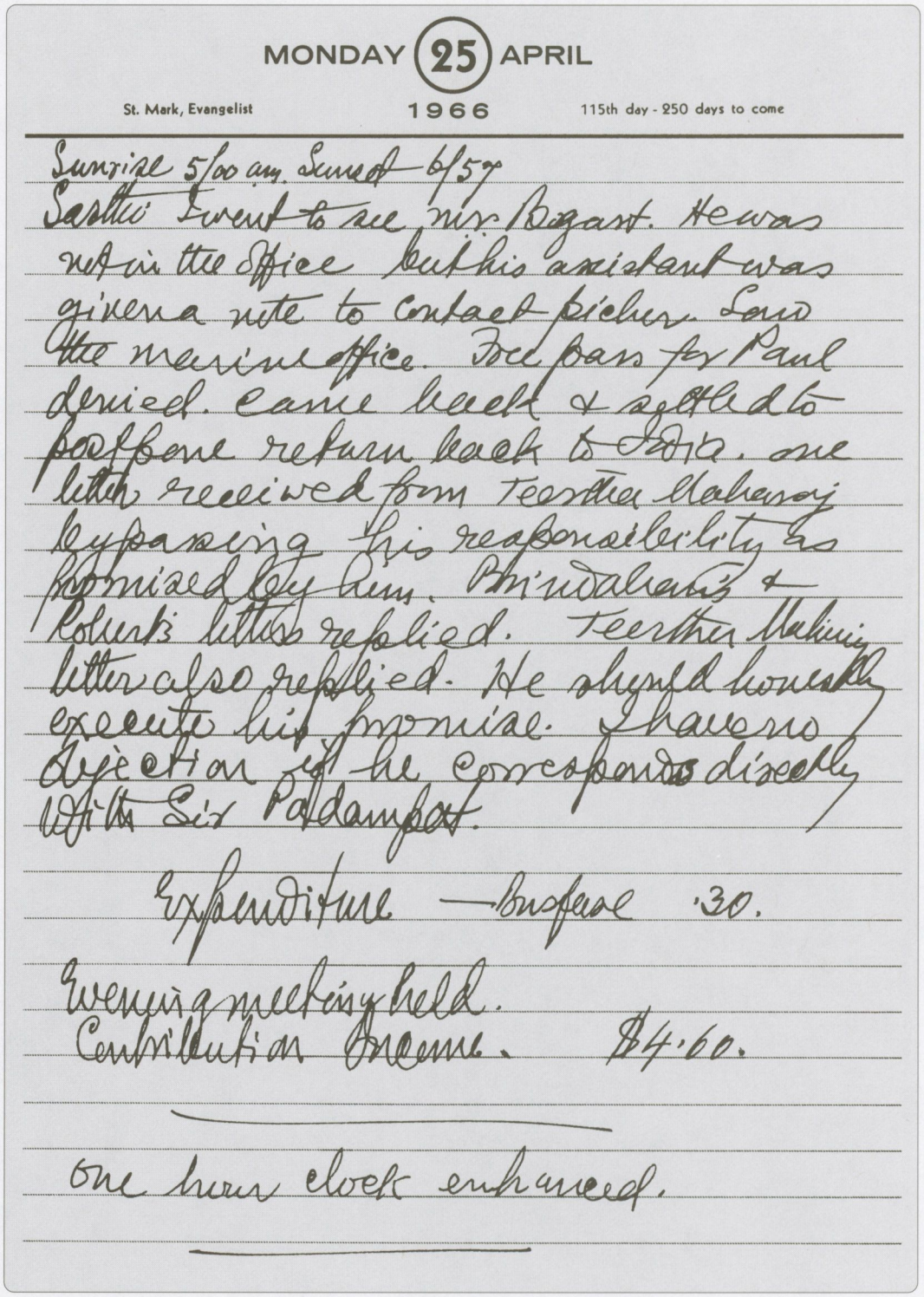
Monday 25 April

Sunrise 5/00 a.m. Sunset 6/57
Sasthi. I went to see Mr. Bogart. He was not in the office but his assistant was given a note to contact picher (?). Saw the marine office. Free pass for Paul denied. Came back & settled to postpone return back to India. One letter received from Teertha Maharaj bypassing his responsibility as promised by him. Brindaban's & Robert's letters replied. Teertha Maharaj letter also replied. He should honestly execute his promise. I have no objection if he corresponds directly with Sir Padampat.

Expenditure — Bus fare .30

Evening meeting held.
Contribution Income. $4.60

one hour clock enhanced.


MONDAY 25 APRIL

St. Mark, Evangelist 1966 115th day - 250 days to come

Sunrise 5/00 am. Sunset 6/57
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Expenditure — Bus fare .30.

Evening meeting held.
Contribution Income. $4.60.

One hour clock enhanced.

Tuesday 26 April

Sunrise 5/08 a.m. Sunset 6/49 Moonset 0/11 am
Saptami. Today I did not go out.

Paul paid for Expenditure – $5.00
no income today.

To Income of book — $5.00

TUESDAY 26 APRIL
1966 116th day - 249 days to come

Sunrise 5/08 am. Sunset 6/49 Moonset 0/11 am.
Saptami. Today I didn't go out.
Paul paid for Expenditure - $5.00
no income to-day.

To Income of book — $5.00

WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL
1966 117th day - 248 days to come

Sunrise 5/06 am. Sunset 6/50 Moonset 1/07 am.
Astami. Today whole day I didn't go out. one letter sent to Srimati Sumati Morarjee requesting to allow free passage for Paul.
Evening there was meeting six ladies and gentlemen attended
Income — $5.00.

Wednesday 27 April

Sunrise 5/06 a.m. Sunset 6/50 Moonset 1/07 a.m.
Astami. Today whole day I did not go out. One letter sent to Srimati Sumati Morarjee requesting to allow free passage for Paul.

Evening there was meeting six ladies and gentlemen attended

Income — $5.00

Thursday 28 April

Sunrise 5/05. Sunset 6/51. Moonset 1/52. Navami.

Expenses Paul paid $1.00

Today I brought all things from 72nd Street to Paul's loft.

THURSDAY 28 APRIL
1966 118th day - 247 days to come

Sunrise 5/05. Sunset 6/51. Moonset 1/52.
Navami.
Expenses Paul paid $1.00
To-day I brought all things form 72 nd Street to Paul's loft.

Friday 29 April

Sunrise 5/03. Sunset 6/52. Moonset 6/52. Dasami

Today I met Pitcher's secretary for informing the vacation of Room. She promised cheque on Tuesday afternoon.

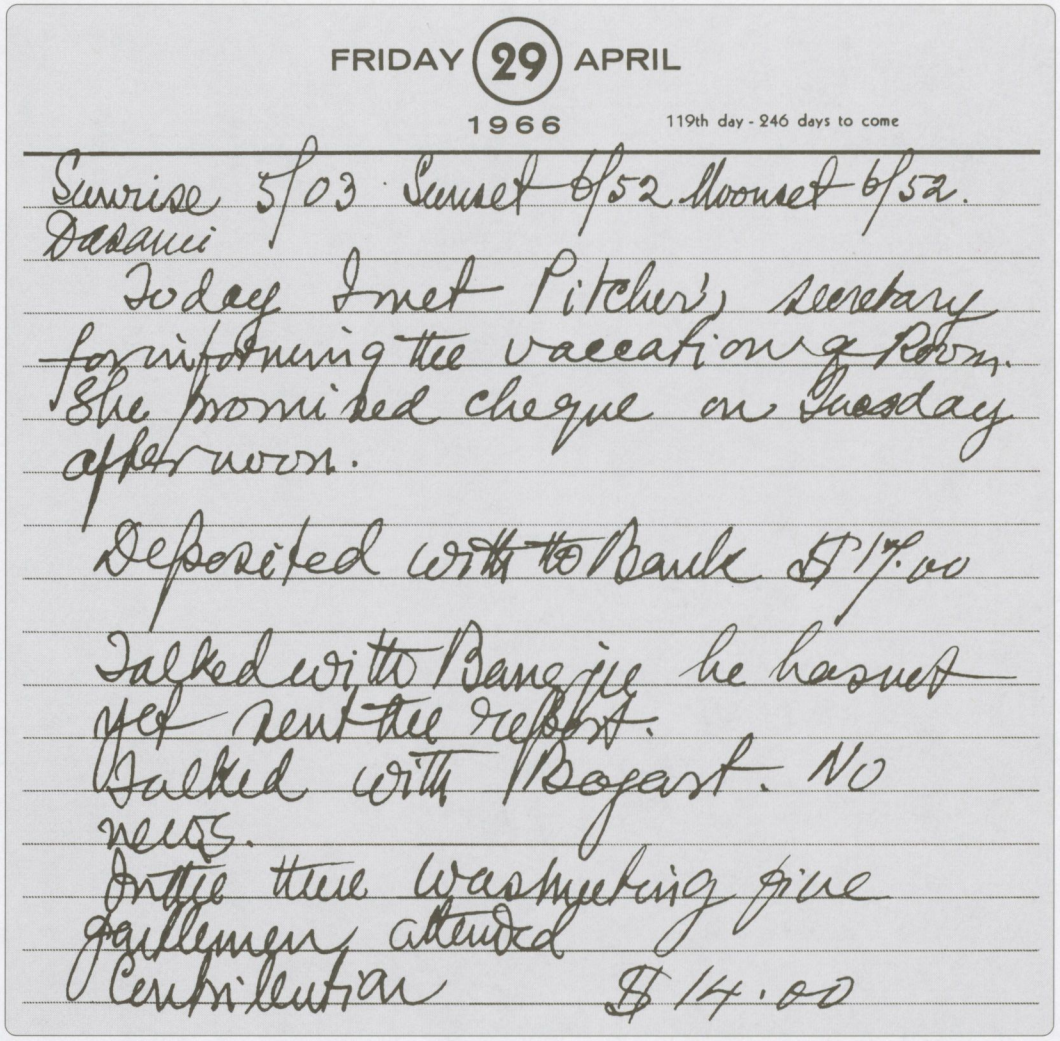
Deposited with the Bank $17.00

Talked with Banerjee he has not yet sent the report.

Talked with Bogart. No news.

In the there was meeting five gentlemen attended

Contribution $14.00

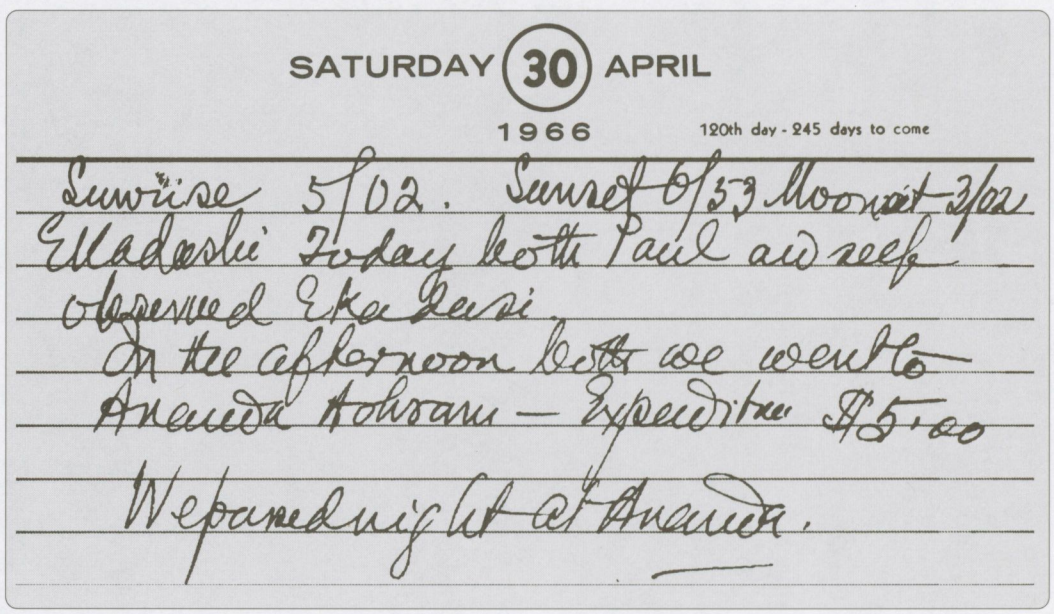


Saturday 30 April

Sunrise 5/02. Sunset 6/53. Moonset 3/02 Ekadashi Today both Paul and self observed Ekadasi.

In the afternoon both we went to Ananda Ashram — Expenditure $5.00

We passed night at Ananda.



MAY HIGHLIGHTS

Books

3 The Paragon book gallery man, Mr. Max met. He reported that they are selling the books.
7 Mr. Bill has kept my office copy of Back to Godhead for reading.
11 Paragon hopeless. They cannot sell books. Two sets of books taken by two gentlemen. They will pay by installment. One of them paid $5.00.
14 Letter to booksellers, Atmaram & Sons.
20 Mr. Raphael wants to sell books. I have given him instructions. Let me see what he can do.
21 One boy paid for the books (partly) $6.00.
28 One boy paid $6.00 for the book

Classes and Kirtanas

2 In the evening there was meeting only five gentlemen attended including Paul. Contribution $5.00. Mr. Carl brought his tape recorder, appearance gorgeous, action poor.
4 In the evening the meeting was nice. Seven gentlemen attended. Contribution received $6.75. Mr. Carl was very kind to give me over the Tape Record which is better than the one I have lost.
6 In the evening there was meeting and the contribution collected was $5.00.
7 In the afternoon there was meeting again for teaching Sanskrit and collection was $6.75. Tonight Keertan was very much appreciated by all in the Ananda Ashram.
9 In the evening there was meeting the attendance was large 14 ladies and gentlemen attended. But the collection poor only $5.00. Never mind it is growing.
11 Discussed with Carl about LSD. He is convinced about my arguments that there is no necessity of it for spiritual revealation. Nine or ten attended today's meeting. Contribution $8.00.
13 There was meeting in the evening. Attendance was poor. Contribution $4.00.
14 There was meeting at noon. Sanskrit class contribution $4.00. I went to Ananda Ashram there was Keertan in the evening.
16 In the evening there was meeting 10 ladies and gentlemen attended contribution $7.55.
18 In the evening there was meeting 12 ladies and gentlemen attended. Contribution $7.00.
20 In the evening there was meeting and although the attendance was with ten men the collection was only $4.00.
21 In the afternoon there was Sanskrit class. The attendance was ten but the collection was only $4.00. At 5/30 we started for Ananda Ashram. In the evening there was Keertan at the Ashram.
23 In the evening there was meeting the contribution was $8.00. The attendance was about eleven ladies and gentlemen.
25 In the evening there was meeting the attendance was about 18 heads the contribution $11.75. There was consultations about incorporation of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness.
27 In the evening there was meeting about 15 persons both ladies and gentlemen attended. The contribution was only $8.70.
28 In the afternoon there was Sanskrit class and about 10 persons attended. The collection was only $6.00.
30 In the evening there was meeting. About 10 students attended but the contribution was only $6.12. Myke brought his tanpura and it added to the tune of Samkirtan.

Letters and Contacts

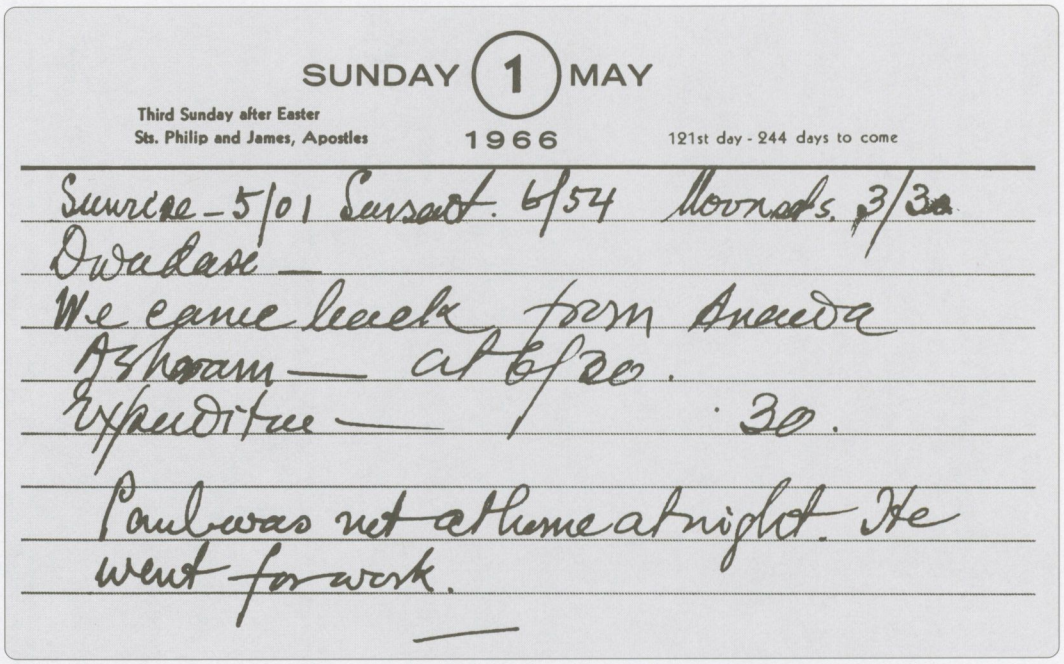
3 I delivered the keys of 72nd house to the secretary of the landlord. I also handed over to Dr. Mishra the keys of Studio 501.
5 Received one redirected letter from Brindaban.
9 Two letters received, one from Govinda Maharaj and one from Choksi refusing Paul's free passage. Mr. Carl has taken a copy of memorandum of Association etc for consultation.
10 Two letters received, one from Robert Nelson who tried Harper Row for publication. Two letters written to Brindaban and Captain Pandiya about khola, kartal, and harmonium.
11 One letter received from Chandra Sekhar. Saw Bowery branch of First City National Bank to transfer from 72nd branch.
Two letters posted through Paul.
12 Enquired about registration of the League of Devotees. Expenditure will be about $300.00.
14 Four letters posted to Chandra Sekhar, Suryakumar, Punjab National Bank Vrindaban, Atmarama & Sons booksellers.
16 Received one letter from Mangalniloy Brahmacary. Very encouraging. I have replied and assured him to get him here provided he works submissively.
18 One letter received from Atmasingh, Bombay.
19 One letter received from Mr. Paul C. Sherbert and he is replied also.
24 Two letters posted to Mr. Sherbert and the order to Cambridge University Press.
27 I saw a good apartment and lecture hall at 218 Park Row, Chatham Square.
28 Letter received from the Controller of Exchange Delhi.
An incidence extraordinary at 10 night when I was typewriting Paul became too much irritated and I stopped typing.
29 Carl came to dine with us. He is informed of last night's incidence.
30 Posted one letter to Sripad Teertha Maharaj.
Mr. Goldsmith agreed to join the International Society for Krishna Consciousness.
31 Registration to Indian Embassy.
Mr. Nelson agreed to become member of the association and paid $20.00 for month of June.
Letter received from Punjab National Bank Vrindaban.

Sunday 1 May

Sunrise 5/01. Sunset 6/54. Moonsets 3/30 Dwadasi

We came back from Ananda Ashram — at 6.30.
Expenditure — .30

Paul was not at home at night. He went for work.


SUNDAY 1 MAY

Third Sunday after Easter
Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

1966

121st day - 244 days to come

Sunrise - 5/01 Sunset 6/54 Moonsets 3/30
Dwadasi —
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Ashram — at 6/30.
Expenditure — .30.

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went for work.

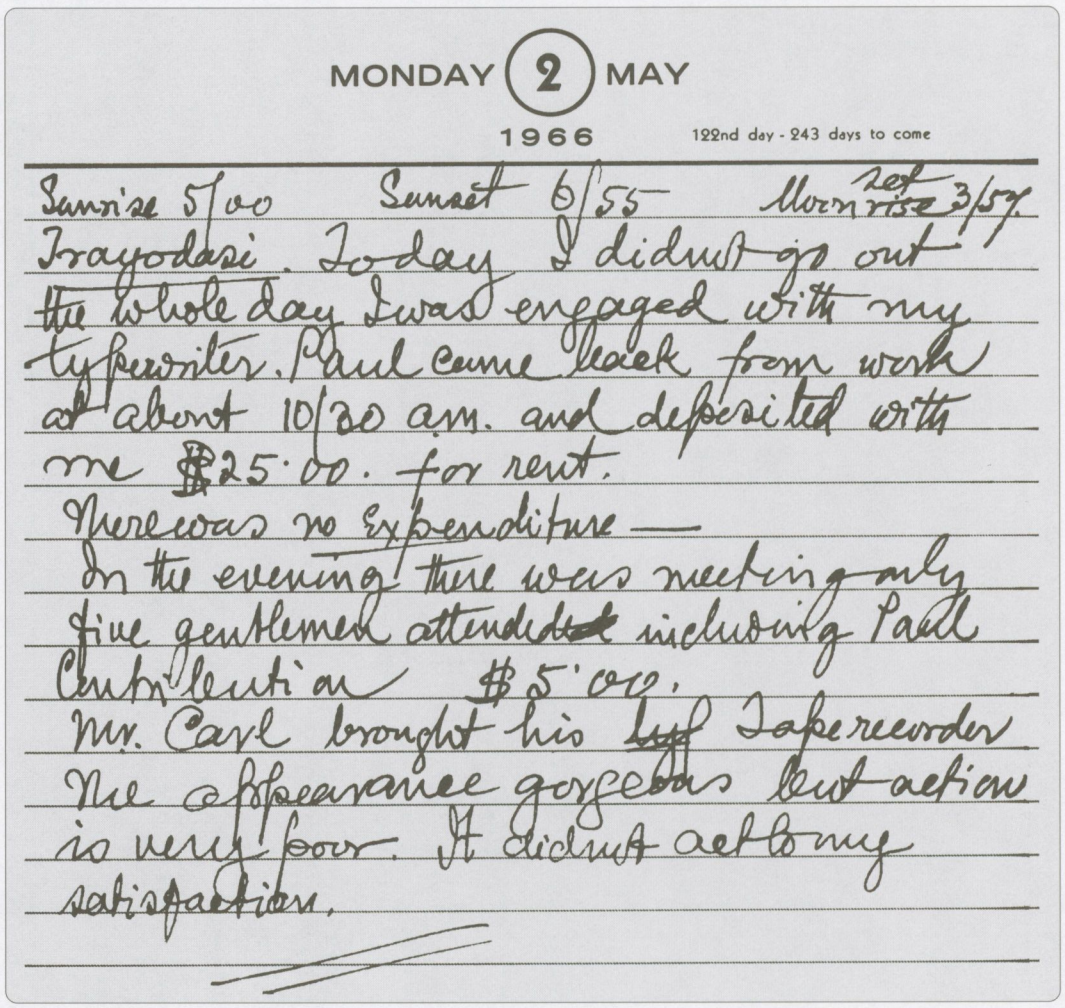
Monday 2 May

Sunrise 5/00. Sunset 6/55. Moonset 3/57. Trayodasi. Today I did not go out the whole day I was engaged with my typewriter. Paul came back from work at about 10/30 a.m. and deposited with me $25.00 for rent.

There was no expenditure —

In the evening there was meeting only five gentlemen attended including Paul
Contribution $5.00

Mr. Carl brought his Tape recorder the appearance gorgeous but action is very poor. It did not act to my satisfaction.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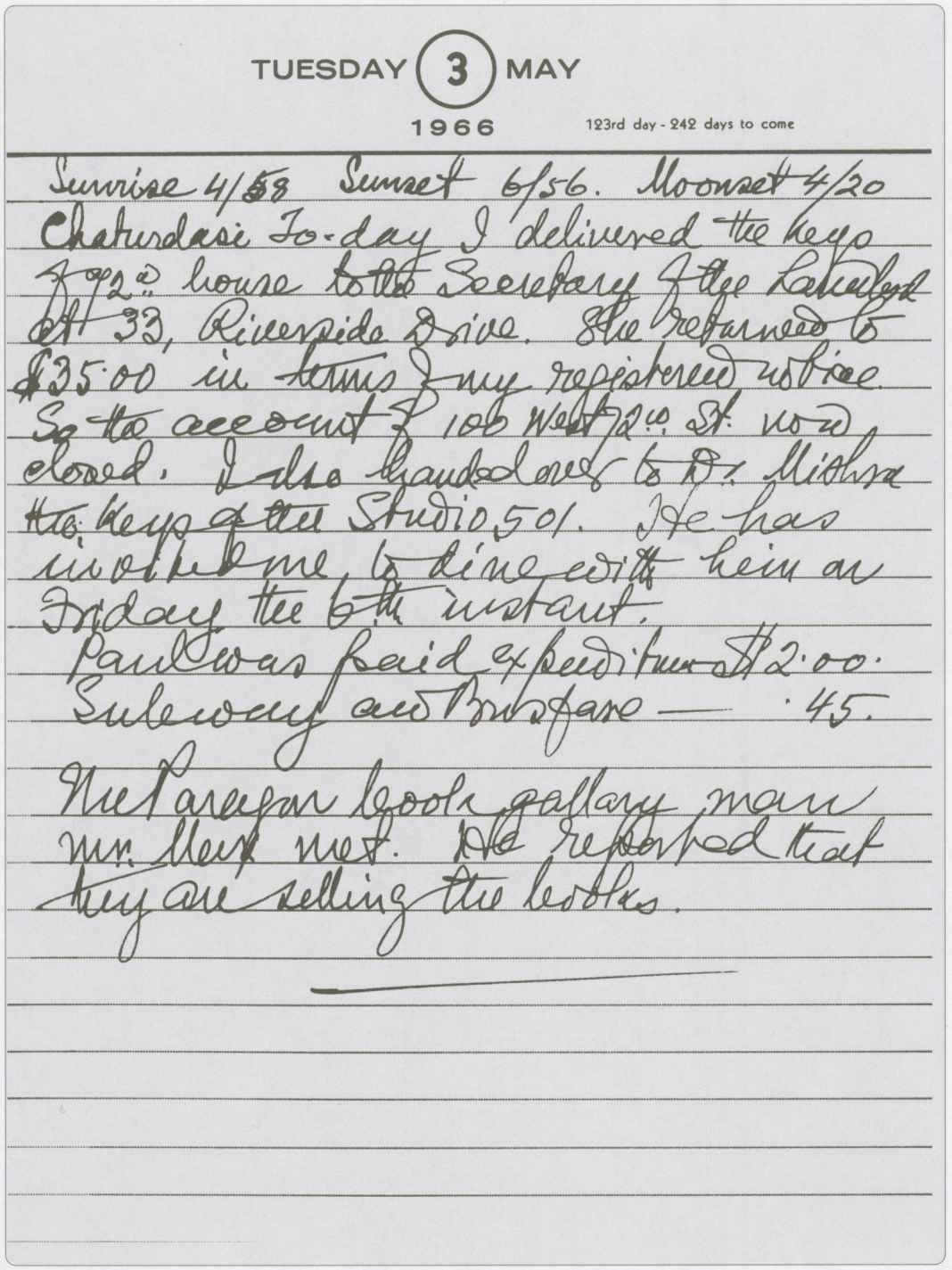
TUESDAY 3 MAY

1966 123rd day - 242 days to come

Sunrise 4/58 Sunset 6/56. Moonset 4/20
Chaturdasi To-day I delivered the keys
of 72nd house to the Secretary of the Landlord
at 33, Riverside Drive. She returned to
$35.00 in terms of my registered notice.
So the account of 100 West 72nd St. now
closed. I also handed over to Dr. Mishra
the keys of the Studio 501. He has
invited me to dine with him on
Friday the 6th instant.
Paul was paid expenditure $2.00.
Subway and Bus fare — .45.

The Paragon book gallary man
Mr. Max met. He reported that
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Tuesday 3 May

Sunrise 4/58. Sunset 6/56. Moonset 4/20 Chaturdasi. Today I delivered the keys of 72nd house to the Secretary of the Landlord at 33, Riverside Drive. She returned to $35.00 in terms of my registered notice. So the account of 100 West 72nd St. now closed. I also handed over to Dr. Mishra the keys of the Studio 501. He has invited me to dine with him on Friday the 6th instant.

Paul was paid expenditure	$2.00
Subway and Bus fare —	.45

The Paragon book gallary man Mr. Max met. He reported that they are selling the books.

Wednesday 4 May

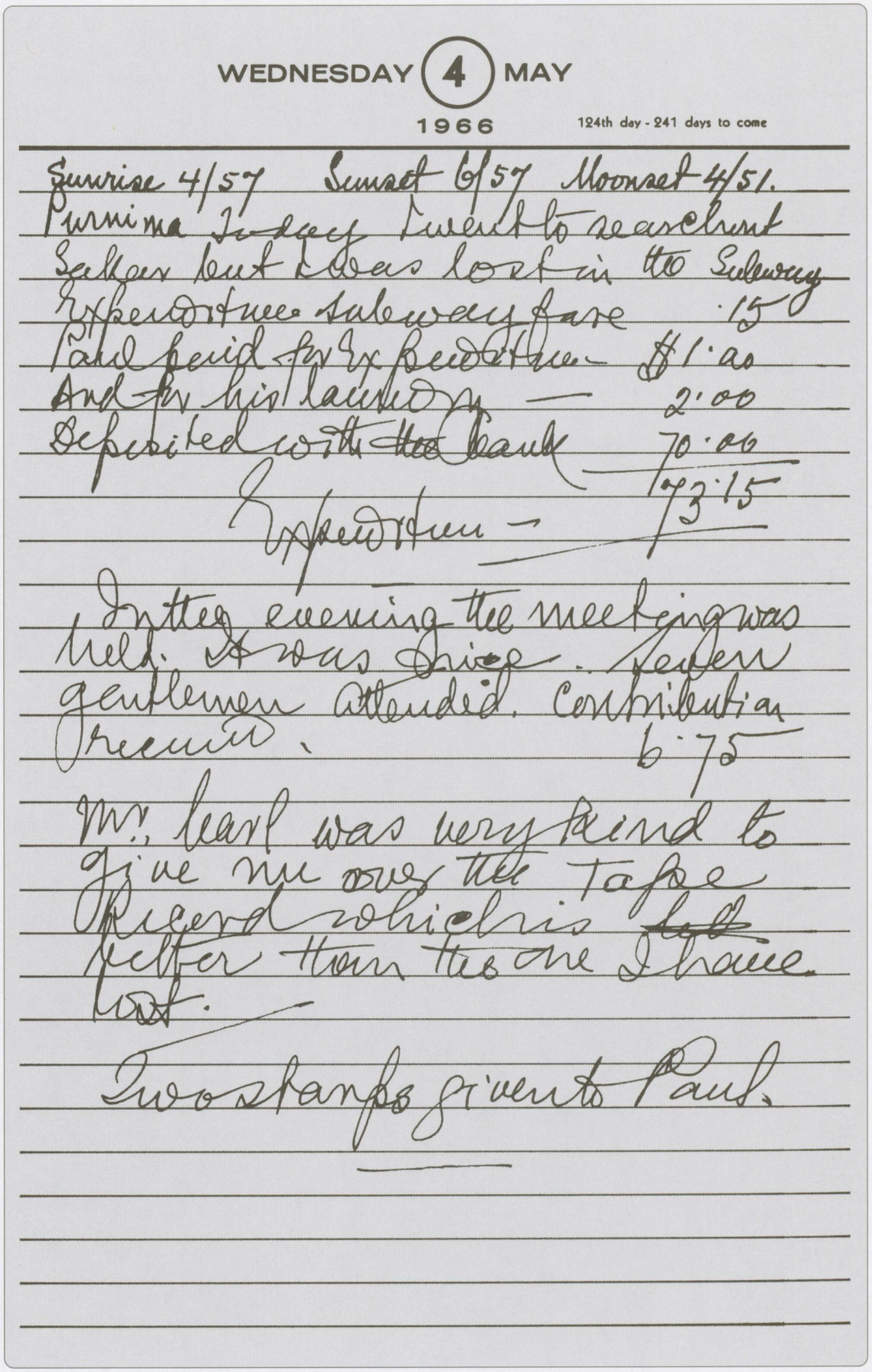
Sunrise 4/57. Sunset 6/57. Moonset 4/51. Purnima Today I went to search out Sakar but I was lost in the Subway

Expenditure subway fare	.15
Paul paid for Expenditure —	$1.00
And for his laundry —	2.00
Deposited with the bank	70.00
Expenditure	73.15

In the evening the meeting was held. It was nice. Seven gentlemen attended. Contribution received. 6.75

Mr. Carl was very kind to give me over the Tape Record which is better than the one I have lost.

Two stamps given to Paul.


WEDNESDAY 4 MAY

1966 124th day - 241 days to come

Sunrise 4/57 Sunset 6/57 Moonset 4/51.
Purnima Today I went to search out
Sakar but I was lost in the Subway
Expenditure subway fare .15
Paul paid for Expenditure — $1.00
And for his laundry — 2.00
Deposited with the Bank 70.00
Expenditure — 73.15

In the evening the meeting was held. It was nice. Seven gentlemen attended. Contribution received. 6.75

Mr. Carl was very kind to give me over the Tape Record which is better than the one I have lost.

Two stamps given to Paul.

THURSDAY 5 MAY

1966 125th day - 240 days to come

Sunrise 4/56 Sunset 6/58 Moonrise 8/12 P.M.
Pratipada
Received one redirected letter from Brindaban. I have already replied his former letter. He appears to be very much anxious about me always.
Paul is paid for expenditure $1.00.

Thursday 5 May

Sunrise 4/56. Sunset 6/58. Moonrise 8/12 p.m.
Pratipada

Received one redirected letter from Brindaban. I have already replied his former letter. He appears to be very much anxious about me always.

Paul is paid for expenditure — $1.00.

FRIDAY 6 MAY

1966 126th day - 239 days to come

Sunrise 4/55 a.m. Sunset. 6/59 P.M. Moonrise 9/23
Dwitiya. Today I did not go out. Paul was paid for expenditure. $2.00.
In the evening there was meeting and the Contribution collected was $5.00

Friday 6 May

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Moonrise 9/23
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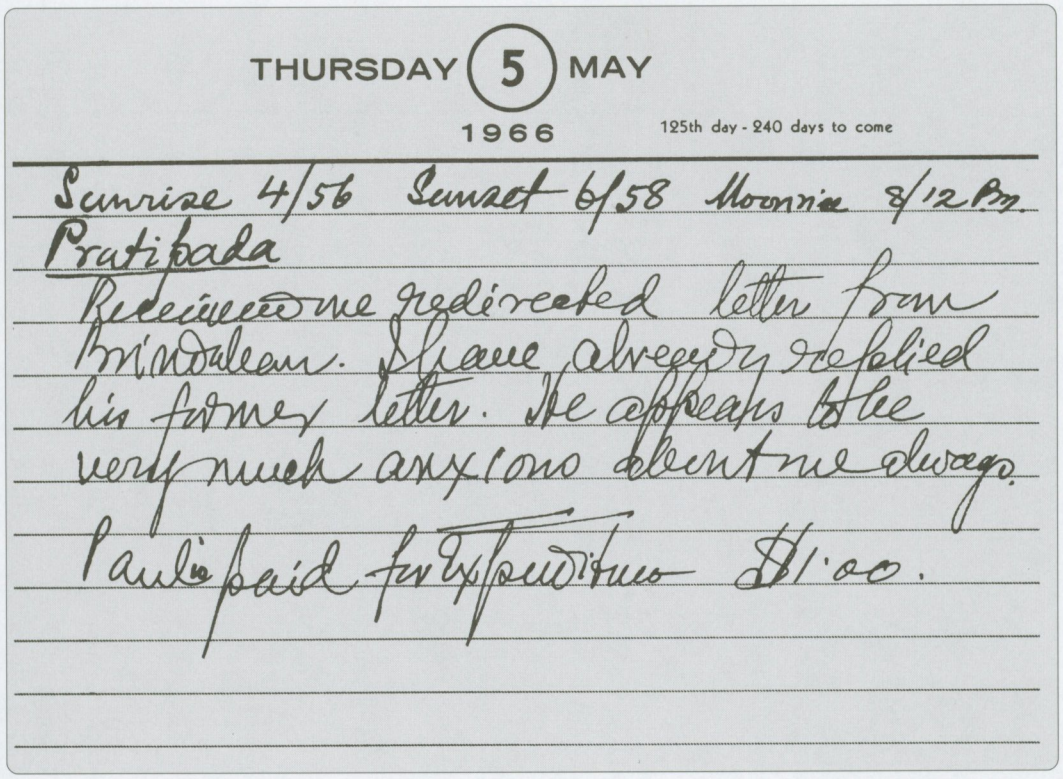
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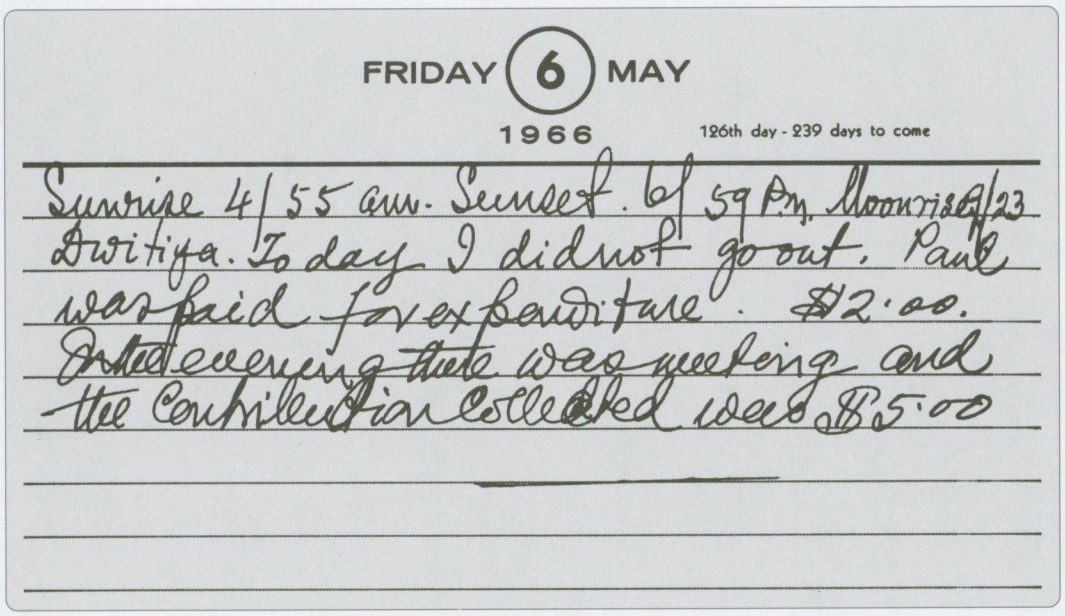
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In the evening there was meeting and the contribution collected was $5.00

Saturday 7 May

Sunrise 4/54 a.m. Sunset 7.00 P.M. Moonrise 10/29.
Tritiya

In the afternoon there was meeting again for teaching Sanskrit and contribution collection was $6.75

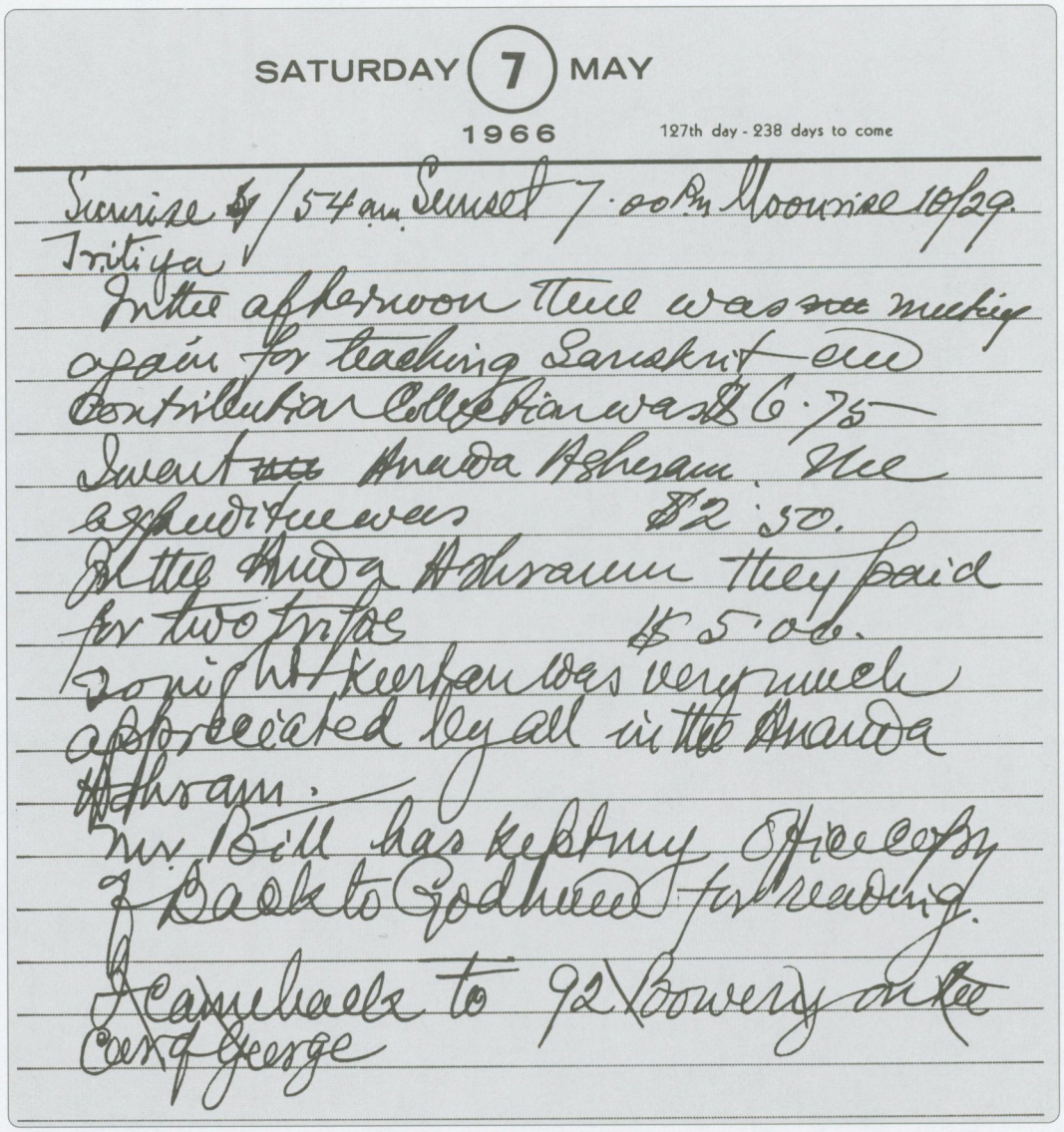
I went Ananda Ashram. The expenditure was $2.50

In the Ananda Ashram they paid for two trips $5.00

Tonight Keertan was very much appreciated by all in the Ananda Ashram.

Mr. Bill has kept my office copy of Back to Godhead for reading.

I came back to 92 Bowery on the car of George [crossed out]


SATURDAY 7 MAY

1966 127th day - 238 days to come

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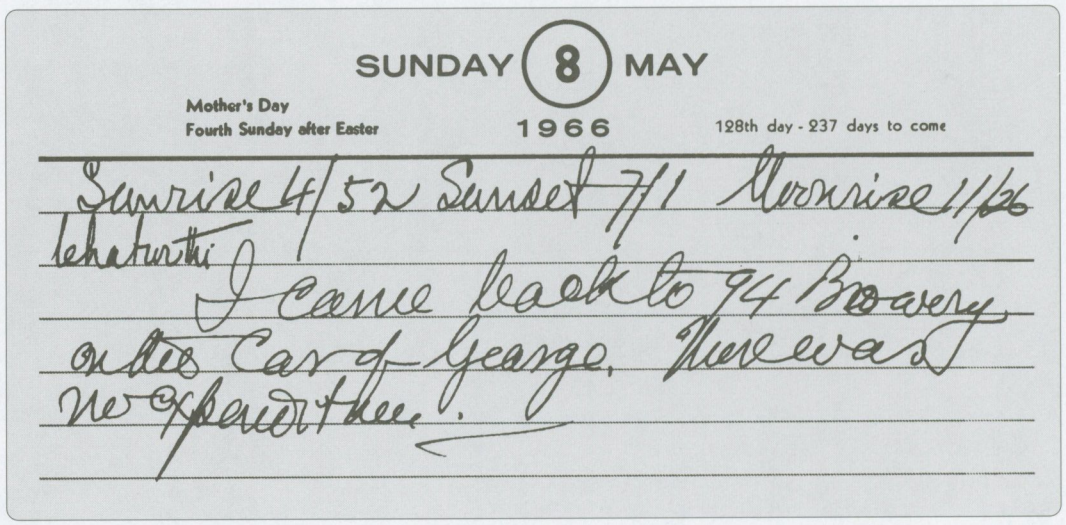
Mr. Bill has kept my office copy of Back to Godhead for reading.

I came back to 92 Bowery on the Car of George

Sunday 8 May

Sunrise 4/52. Sunset 7/1. Moonrise 11/26
Chaturthi

I came back to 94 Bowery on the car of George. There was no expenditure.


SUNDAY 8 MAY

Mother's Day
Fourth Sunday after Easter

1966 128th day - 237 days to come

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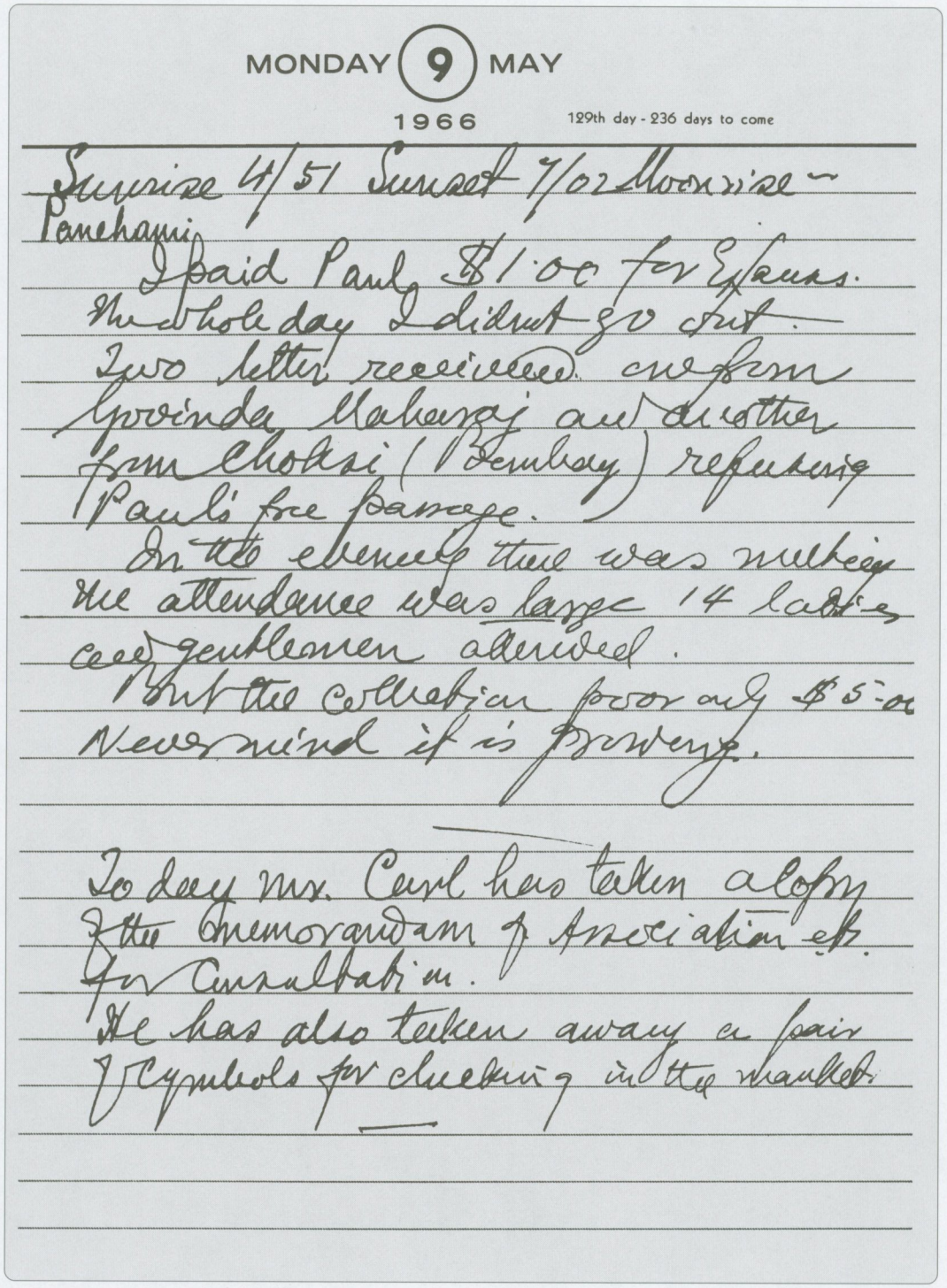
Chaturthi

I came back to 94 Bowery on the Car of George. There was no expenditure.


MONDAY 9 MAY

1966 129th day - 236 days to come

Sunrise 4/51 Sunset 7/02 Moonrise ~
Panchami

I paid Paul $1.00 for Expenses.
The whole day I didnot go out.
Two letter receiveed. one from
Govinda Maharaj and another
from Choksi (Bombay) refuseing
Paul's free passage.

In the evening there was meeting
the attendance was large 14 ladies
and gentleemen attended.

But the collection poor only $5.00
Never mind it is growing.

To day Mr. Carl has taken a copy
of the memorandam of Association etc.
for consultation.

He has also taken away a pair
of Cymbals for checking in the market.

Monday 9 May

Sunrise 4/51. Sunset 7/02. Moonrise– Panchami

I paid Paul $1.00 for Expenses. The whole day I did not go out. Two letter received. one from Govinda Maharaj and another from Choksi[3] (Bombay) refusing Paul's free passage.

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Today Mr. Carl has taken a copy of the memorandam of Association[4] etc. for consultation.

He has also taken away a pair of cymbals for checking in the market.

[3] One of the managers of Scindia Steam Navigation Co. in Bombay who helped Śrīla Prabhupāda obtain the free passage to America.

[4] Memorandum of Association for the League of Devotees, a religious organization established by Śrīla Prabhupāda in India.

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BOMBAY, 1. 5th May, 1966.

Ref. No.

Respected Shri Bhaktivedanta Swami,

I am directed by Smt. Sumati Morarjee to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 27.4.66. She is very much pleased to know your activities at New York.

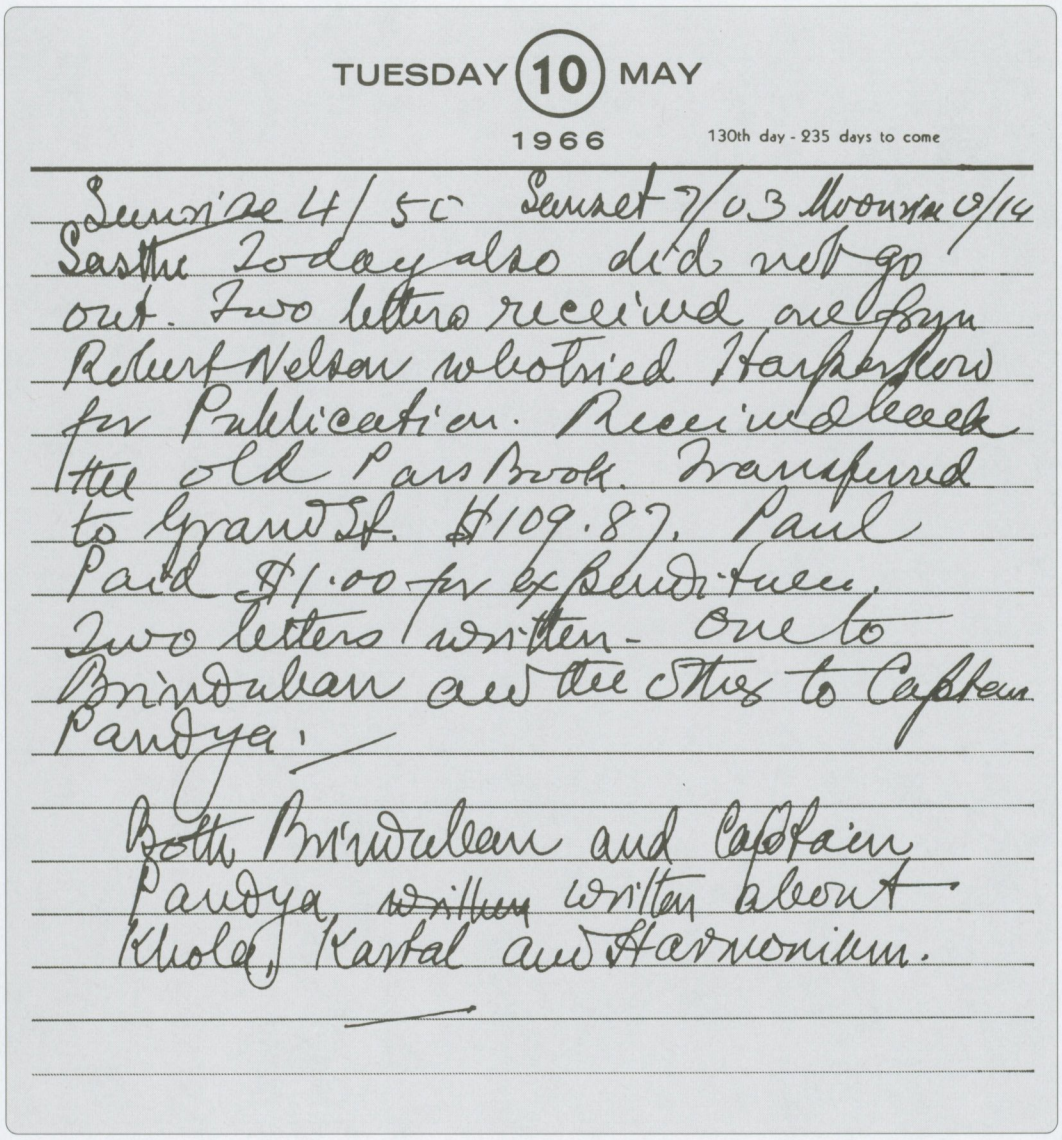
As regards passage to India, she regrets it will not be possible for her to aceede to your request to issue passage in favour of the boy to whom you propose to bring to India. Free passage will be issued in your favour only.

With pranams,

Yours sincerely,

(I.M. Choksi)

Shri A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami,
C/o. Mr. Paul Murray,
94, Bowery, New York
N.Y. (U.S.A.)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1966 130th day - 235 days to come

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[5] Musical instruments for *kīrtanas*. *Khola* refers to *mṛdaṅga* drum.

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Sunrise 4/49. Sunset 7/04. Moonrise 0/54 Saptami

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Two sets of books taken by two gentlemen they will pay by instalment. One of them paid $5.00.

In the evening there was meeting. Discussed with Carl about L.S.D. He is convinced about my arguments that there is no necessity of it for spiritual revealation.

There were nine or ten ladies gentlemen attending to-day's meeting.

Contribution — $8.00

I saw the Bowery Branch of the First City National Bank. They have transferred the amount from 72nd Branch. Deposited to-day $15.00.

Income — $13.00
Expenditure — $17.30

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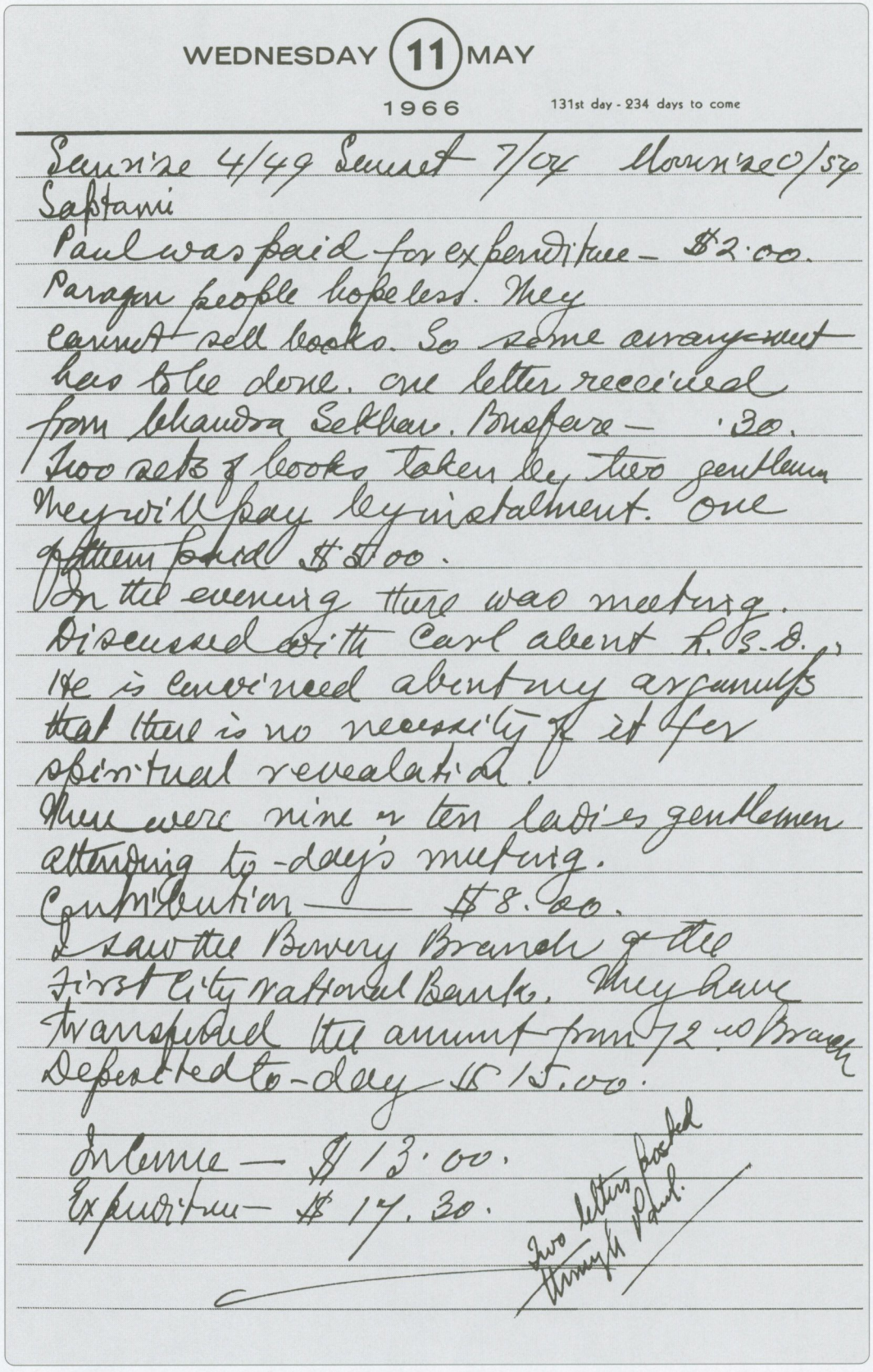
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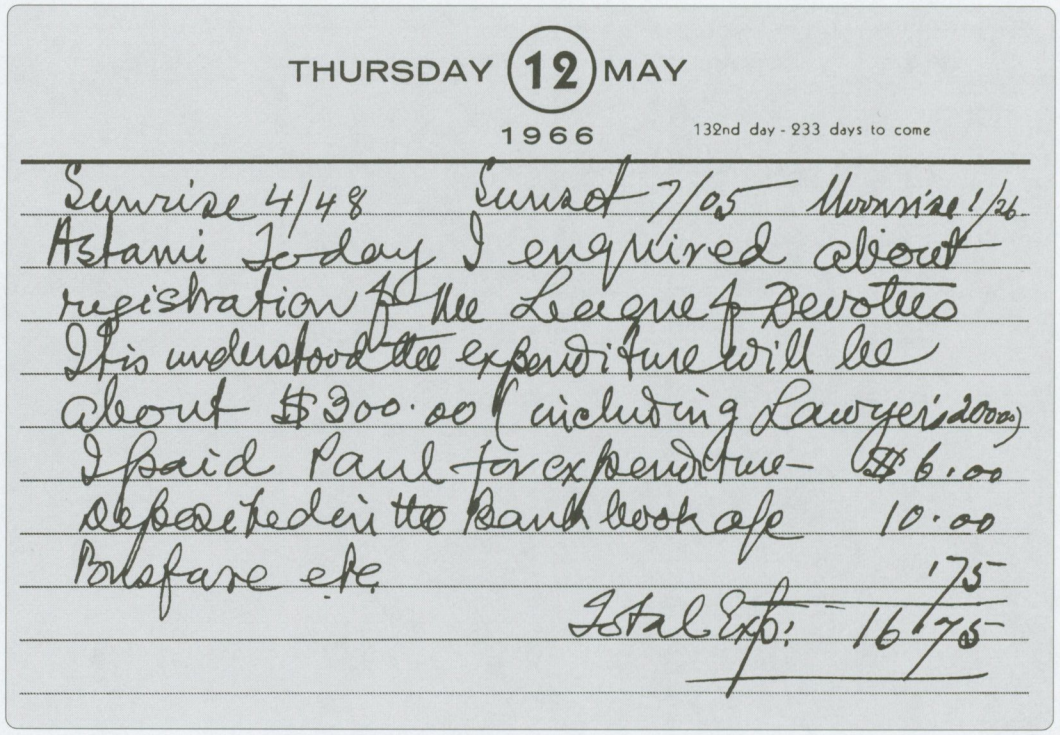
I paid Paul for expenditure —	$6.00
Deposited in the Bank book a/c	10.00
Bus fare etc.	.75
Total Exp:	16.75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1966 132nd day - 233 days to come

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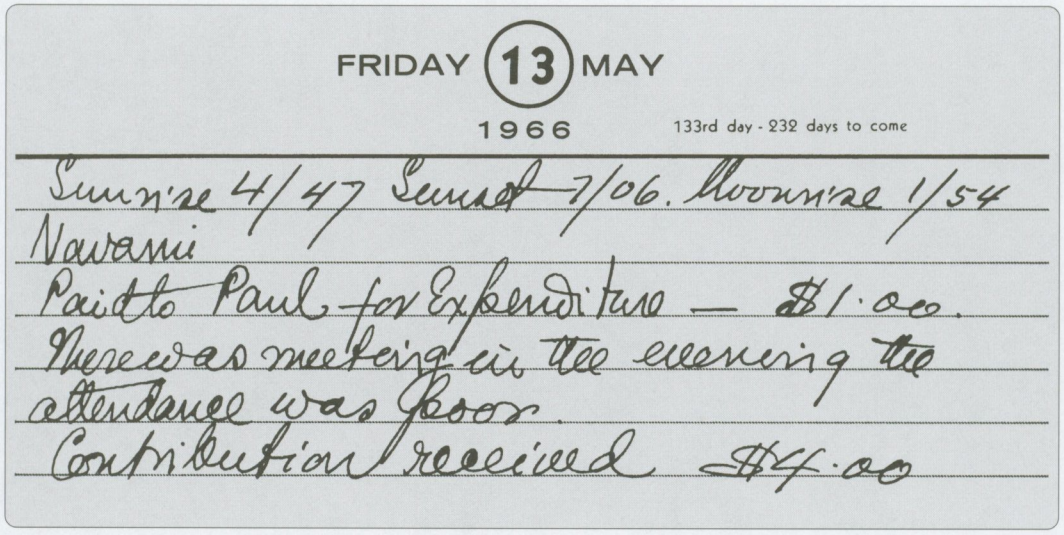
deposited in the Bank book a/c 10.00
Bus fare etc. 75
Total Exp: 16 75

Friday 13 May

Sunrise 4/47. Sunset 7/06. Moonrise 1/54 Navami

Paid to Paul for Expenditure — $1.00
There was meeting in the evening the attendance was poor.

Contribution received $4.00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1966 133rd day - 232 days to come

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SATURDAY 14 MAY

1966 134th day - 231 days to come

Sunrise 4/46. Sunset 7/07 Moonrise 2/18
Dasami
Paul was paid for Expenditure $1.00
There was meeting at noon
Sanskrit class Contribution $4.00
I went to Ananda Ashram
There was Keertan in the evening.

Four letter by air mail posted.
(1) Chandra Sekhar
(2) Suryakumar
(3) Agent Punjab National Bank
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SUNDAY 15 MAY

Rogation Sunday 1966 135th day - 230 days to come

Sunrise 4/45 Sunset 7/08 Moonrise
Ekadasi.
The whole day I was in
Ananda Ashram I came back
at 5 P.M. Yolanda brought
me back by her car. She
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Wednesday next.

Sunday 15 May

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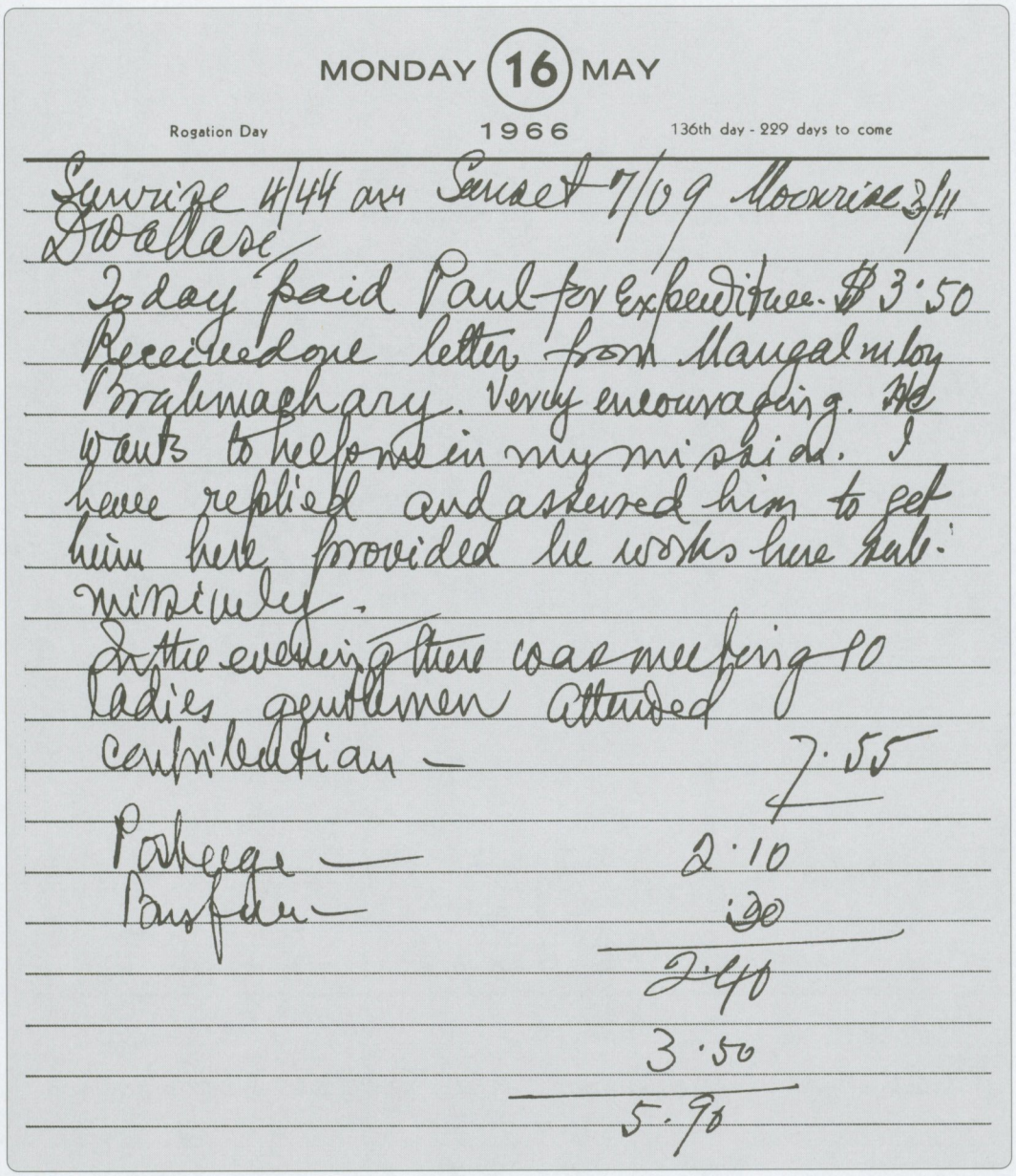

MONDAY 16 MAY

Rogation Day 1966 136th day - 229 days to come

Sunrize 4/44 am Sunset 7/09 Moonrise 3/11
Dwadasi
Today paid Paul for Expenditure $3.50
Received one letter from Mangalniloy
Brahmachary. Very encouraging. He
wants to help me in my mission. I
have replied and assured him to get
him here provided he works here sub-
missively.
In the evening there was meeting 10
ladies gentlemen attended
contribution— 7.55
Postage — 2.10
Bus fare — .30
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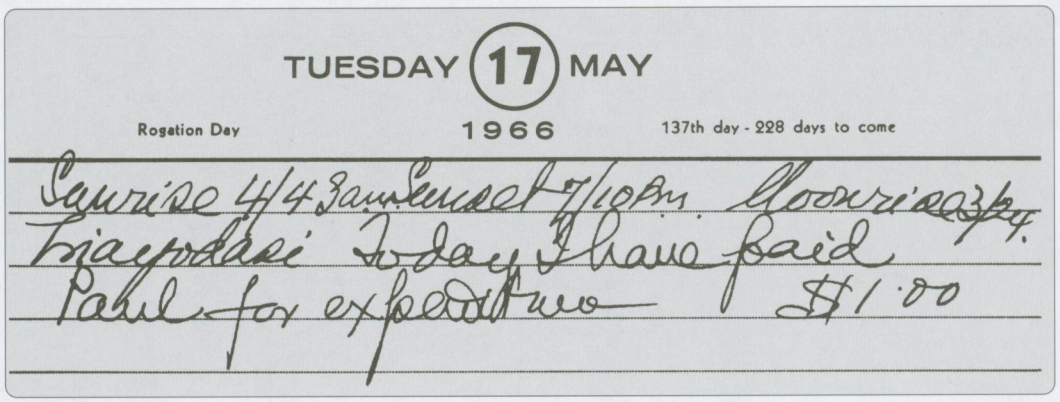


TUESDAY 17 MAY

Rogation Day 1966 137th day - 228 days to come

Sunrise 4/43 am Sunset 7/10 pm Moonrise 3/24
Triayodasi Today I have paid
Paul for expenditure $1.00

Tuesday 17 May

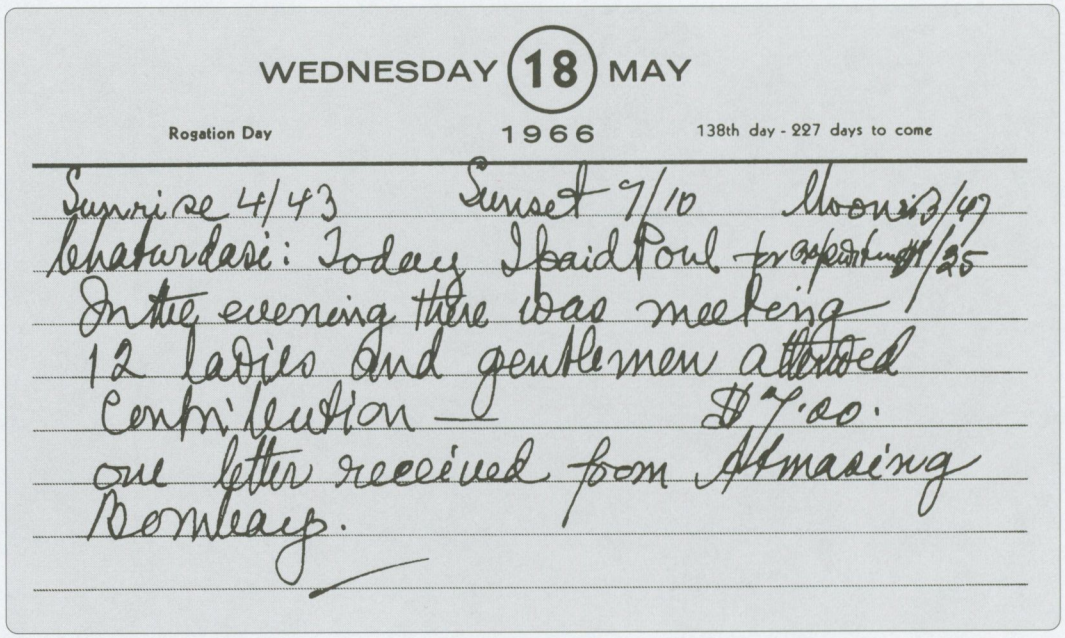
Sunrise 4/43 a.m. Sunset 7/10 P.M.
Moonrise 3/24.
Triayodasi Today I have paid Paul for expenditure $1.00

Wednesday 18 May

Sunrise 4/43. Sunset 7/10. Moonrise 3/47
Chaturdasi: Today I paid Paul for expenditure $1.25

In the evening there was meeting 12 ladies and gentlemen attended
Contribution — $7.00

one letter received from Atmasing Bombay.


WEDNESDAY 18 MAY

Rogation Day 1966 138th day - 227 days to come

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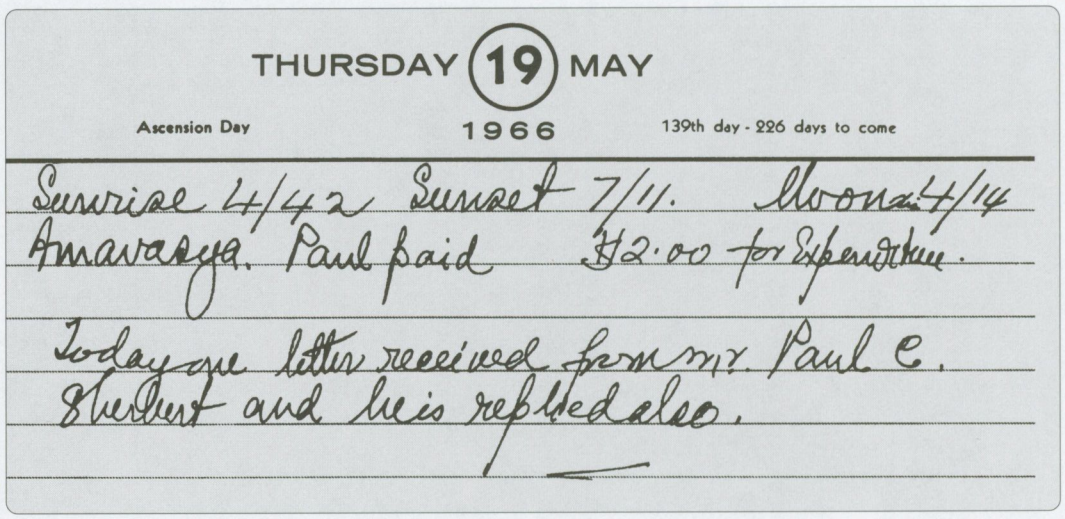
Thursday 19 May

Sunrise 4/42. Sunset 7/11. Moonrise 4/14
Amavasya. Paul paid $2.00 for Expenditure.

Today one letter received from Mr. Paul C. Sherbert and he is replied also.


THURSDAY 19 MAY

Ascension Day 1966 139th day - 226 days to come

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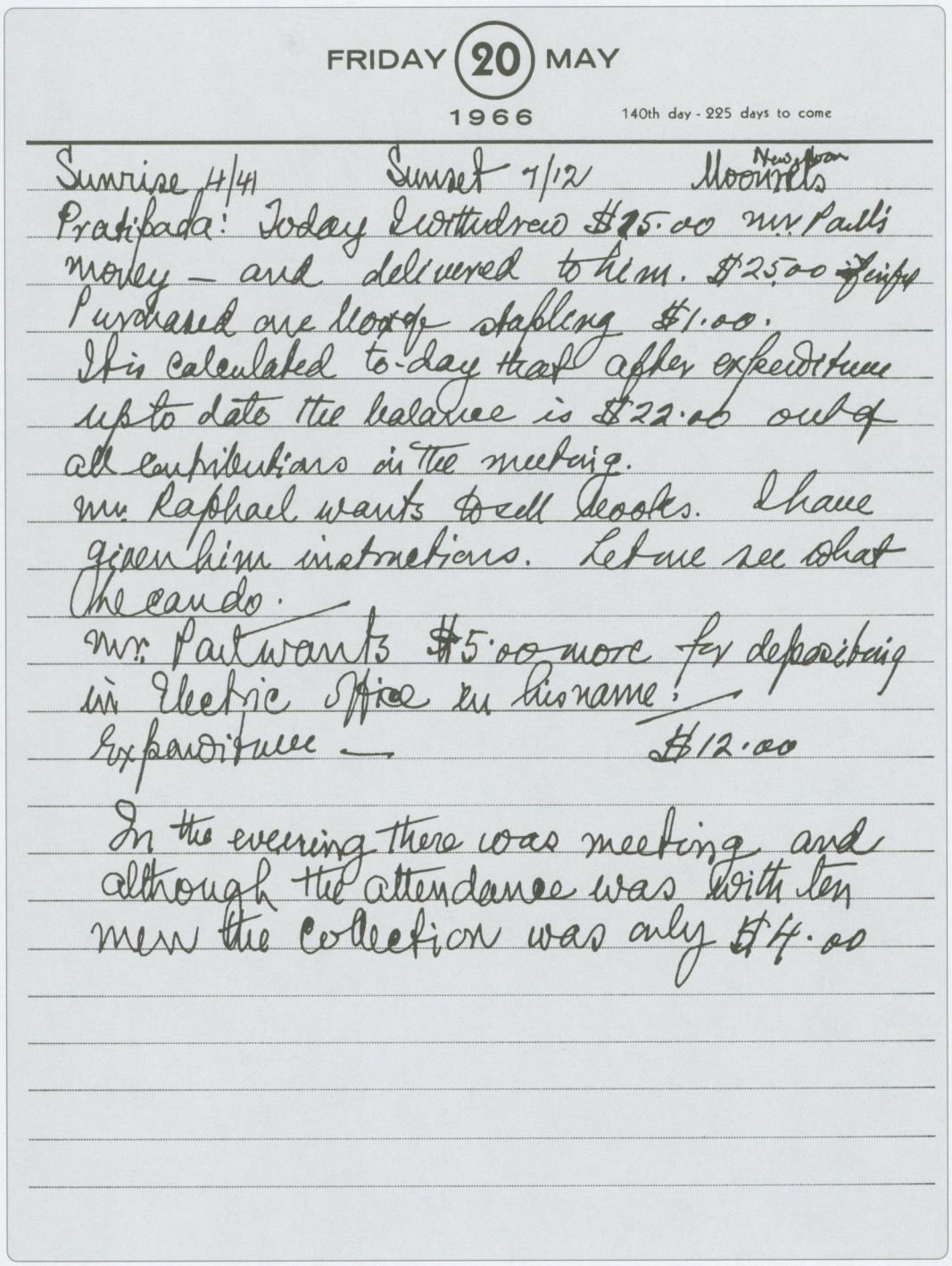

FRIDAY 20 MAY

1966 140th day - 225 days to come

Sunrise 4/41 Sunset 7/12 Moonsets New Moon

Pratipada: Today I withdrew $25.00 Mr Paul's money — and delivered to him. $25.00 in ful

Purchased one box of stapling $1.00.

It is calculated to-day that after expenditure up to date the balance is $22.00 out of all contributions in the meeting.

Mr. Raphael wants to sell books. I have given him instructions. Let me see what he can do.

Mr. Paul wants $5.00 more for depositing in Electric Office in his name.

Expenditure — $12.00

In the evening there was meeting and although the attendance was with ten men the collection was only $4.00

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[6] For further description of Raphael see *Śrīla Prabhupāda-līlāmṛta* Vol 2, *Planting the Seed.*

Saturday 21 May

Sunrise 4/40. Sunset 7/13. Moonsets 8/58
Dwitiya Paul was paid $1.25 for Expenses.

In the afternoon there was Sanskrit class.
The attendance was ten but the Collection was only — $4.00
one boy paid for the books (partly) $6.00

At 5/30 P.M. we started for Ananda Ashram.

Paul's land Lady came for rent; She is promised for rent paying on Monday.

He has kept with him $75.00 and I will have to return the balance of collection $25.00 on Monday to him.

In the evening there was Keertan at Ashram. It was nice as usual. There was dance of Balirama

Expenditure —	1.25
Income	10.00

SATURDAY 21 MAY

Armed Forces Day 1966 141st day - 224 days to come

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Income 10.00

SUNDAY 22 MAY

Sunday after Ascension 1966 142nd day - 223 days to come

Sunrise 4/39 Sunset 7/4 Moonsets 10/05
Tritiya. Both Paul and ~~me~~ I we were
at Ashram the whole day. We came
back at 8 P.M. It is seen that somebody
came in. Paul says the door was open.
There was electric table-lamp on. And
later on it was found that on paper
he has left one note with chalk as
"BLESSED". it is mysterious.
And later on it was found that $75.00
which was kept in Paul's Drawer
is taken away. I think the situation
not safe. We have to arrange for
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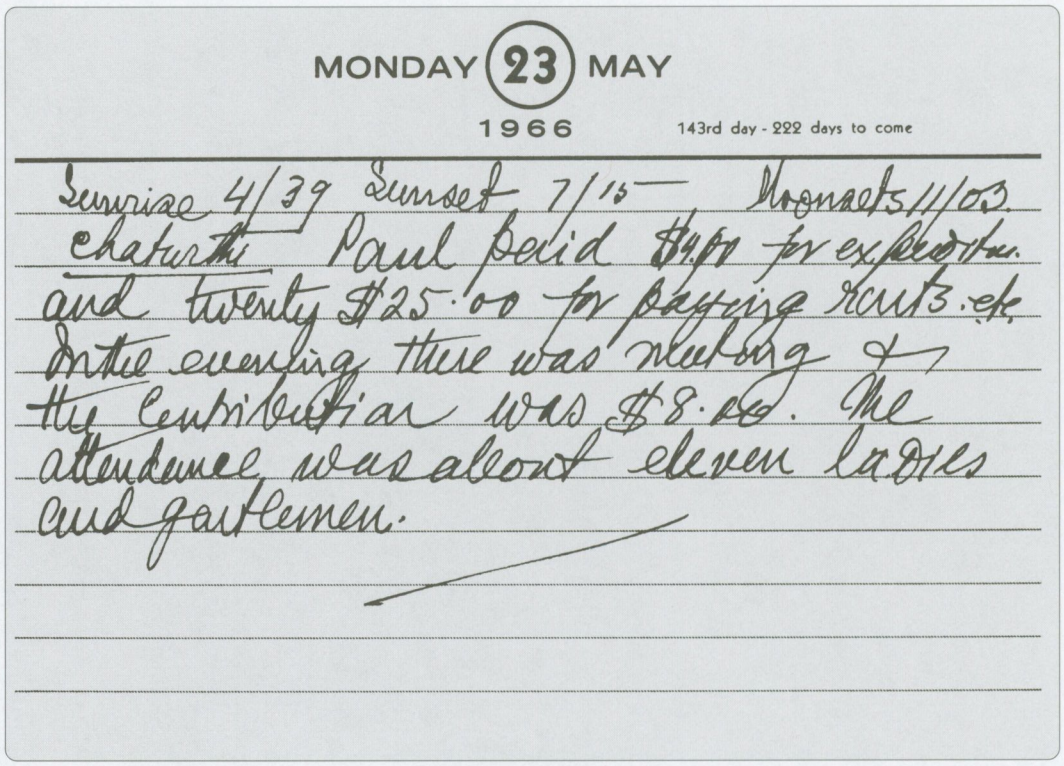
Monday 23 May

Sunrise 4/39. Sunset 7/15. Moonsets 11/03 Chaturthi. Paul paid $4.00 for expenditure and twenty $25.00 for paying rents, etc.

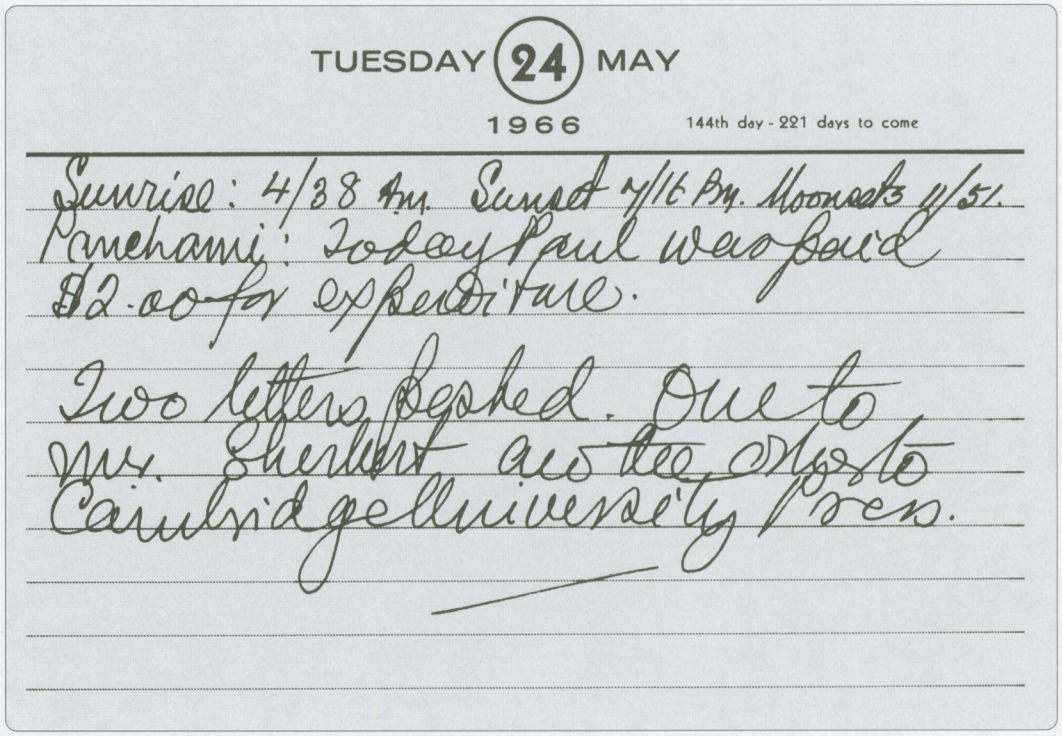
In the evening there was meeting & the contribution was $8.00. The attendance was about eleven ladies and gentlemen.



Tuesday 24 May

Sunrise 4/38 A.M. Sunset 7/16 P.M. Moonsets 11/51.
Panchami: Today Paul was paid $2.00 for expenditure.

Two letters posted. One to Mr. Sherbert and the other to Cambridge University Press.



WEDNESDAY 25 MAY

Feast of Weeks—Shebuoth (Jewish) 1966 145th day - 220 days to come

Sunrise 4/37 a.m. Sunset 7/17 P.M. Moonsets or Sasthis: Today Paul was paid for Expenditure $2.00.
In the evening there was meeting the attendance was about 18 heads. the Contribution $11.75.
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THURSDAY 26 MAY

1966 146th day - 219 days to come

Sunrise 4/36 a.m. Sunset 7/18 P.M. Moonsets 0/32 Saptami: Today I went to Dr. Mishra to dine with him.
The Expenditure was subway .30.
Today Paul showed his crazy mind but he was sorry later on for his breaking the keertan performances in the morning service.

Thursday 26 May

Sunrise 4/36 a.m. Sunset 7/18 p.m. Moonsets 0/32
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Friday 27 May

Sunrise 4/36 a.m. Sunset 7/19 Moonsets 1/05 Astami: Today Paul was paid $2.00 for expenditure. I saw a good apartment and lecture hall at 218 Park Row Chatham Square. Paul typed practically the whole day.

In the evening there was meeting about 15 persons both ladies & gentlemen attended. The contribution was only $8.70.

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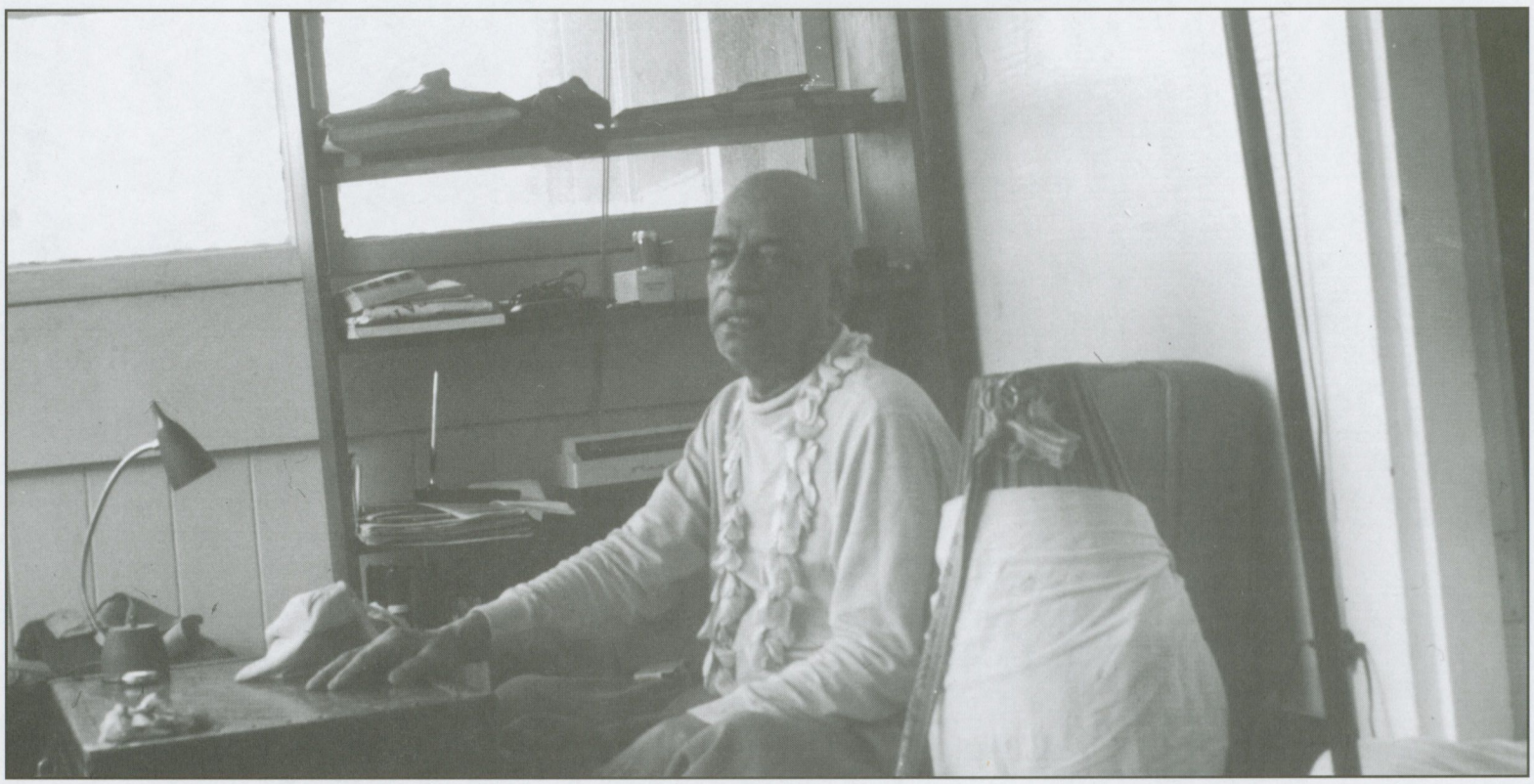

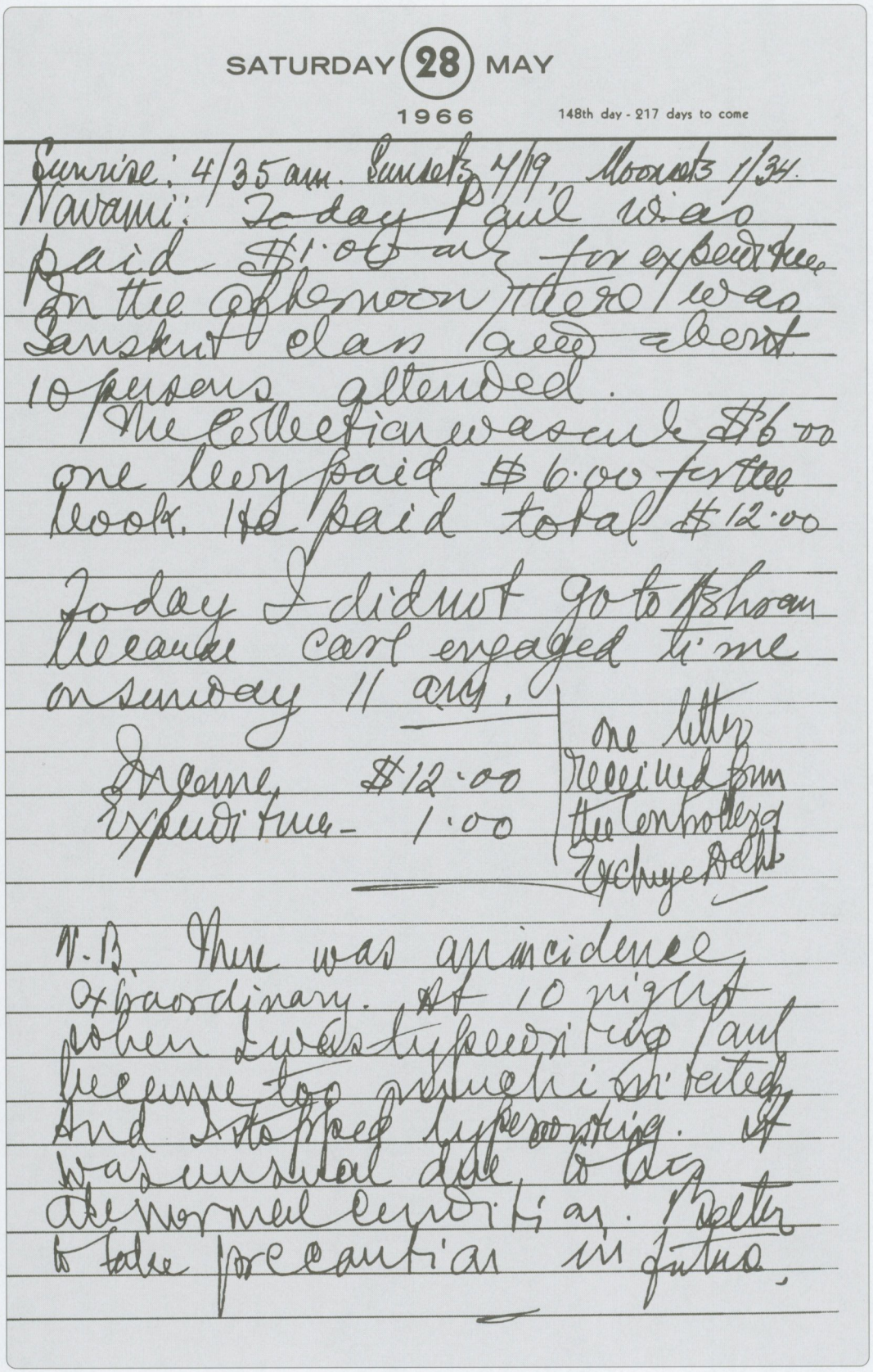
SATURDAY 28 MAY

1966 148th day - 217 days to come

Sunrise: 4/35 am. Sunsets 7/19, Moonsets 1/34.
Navami: Today Paul was paid $1.00 only for expenditure. In the afternoon there was Sanskrit class and about 10 persons attended.

The collection was only $6.00 one boy paid $6.00 for the book. He paid total $12.00

Today I didnot go to Ashram because carl engaged time on sunday 11 am.

Income	$12.00	one letter received from the Controller of Exchange Delhi
Expenditure –	1.00	

N.B. There was an incidence extraordinary. At 10 night when I was typewriting Paul became too much irritated And I stopped typewriting. It was unusual due to his abnormal condition. Better to take precaution in future.

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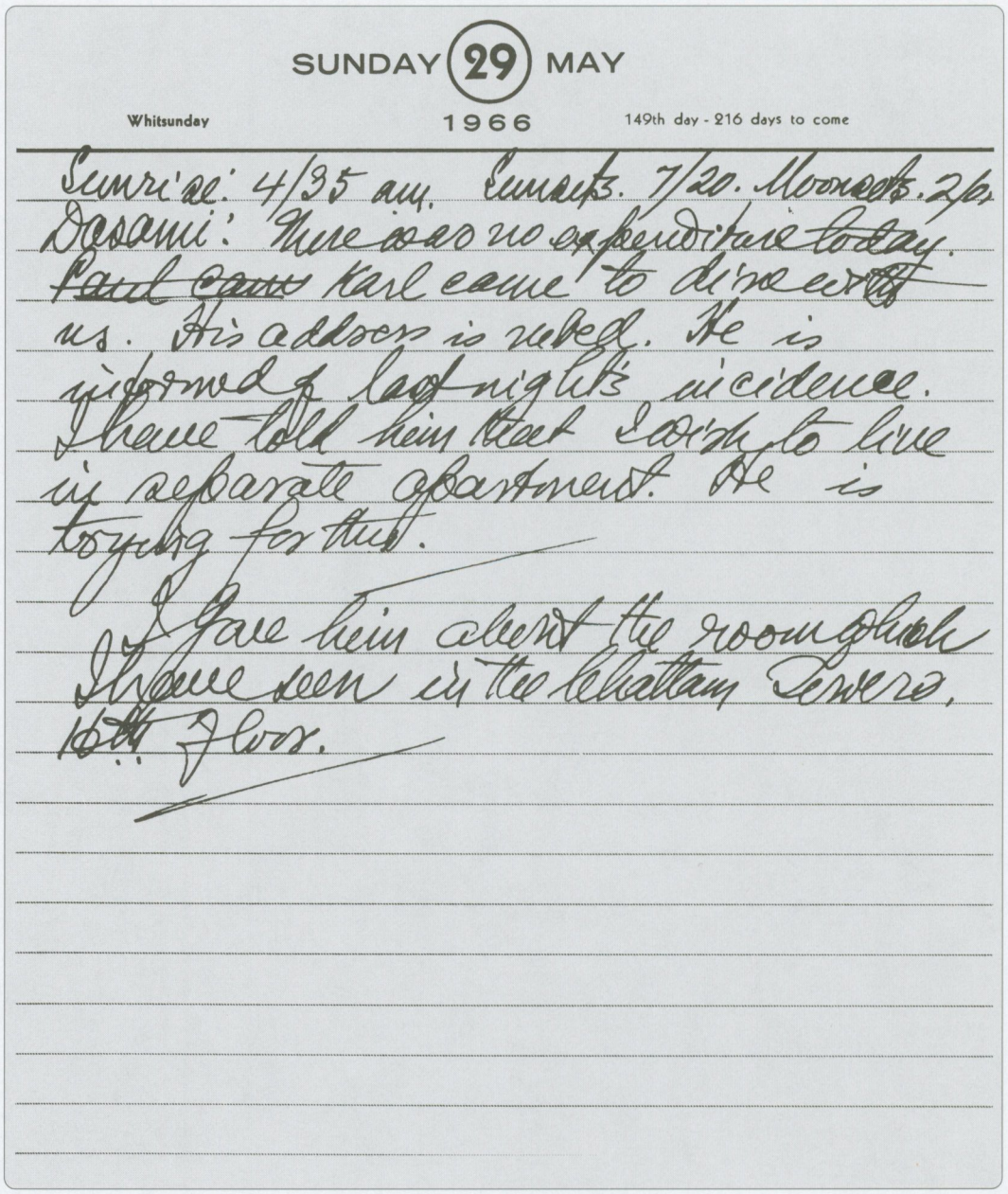
Sunday 29 May

Sunrise 4/35 a.m. Sunsets 7/20. Moonsets 2/01
Dasami: There was no expenditure today. Karl came to dine with us. His address is noted. He is informed of last night's incidence. I have told him that I wish to live in separate apartment. He is trying for that.

I gave him about the room which I have seen in the Chatham Towers. 16th Floor.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Whitsunday 1966 149th day - 216 days to come

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MONDAY 30 MAY

Memorial Day
Monday in Whitsun Week

1966

150th day - 215 days to come

Sunrise: 4/34 a.m. Sunsets 7/21 P.M. Moonsets 2/25
Ekadasi: Today Paul was paid $2.00 for expenditure. He did not purchase all the articles that was ordered to him. I posted one letter to Sripad Teertha Maharaj regarding seeing the Finance Ministry in India. The Finance Minister's letter will be registered to-morrow.

In the evening there was meeting. About 10 students attended but the Contribution was only $6.12¢.

Myke brought his tanpura and it added to the tune of Samkirtan.

Mr. Goldsmith has agreed to join the International Association for Krishna Consciousness.

Income $6.12
Expenditure $2.00

Monday 30 May

Sunrise: 4/34 a.m. Sunsets 7/21 P.M.
Moonsets 2/25
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Income	$6.12
Expenditure	$2.00

[6] Later Mukunda dāsa.

[7] The lawyer handling the incorporation of the society.

Tuesday 31 May

Sunrise 4/34 a.m. Sunsets 7/21 P.M.
Moonrise 2/25
Dwadasi: Today I paid Paul $2.00 for expenditure —

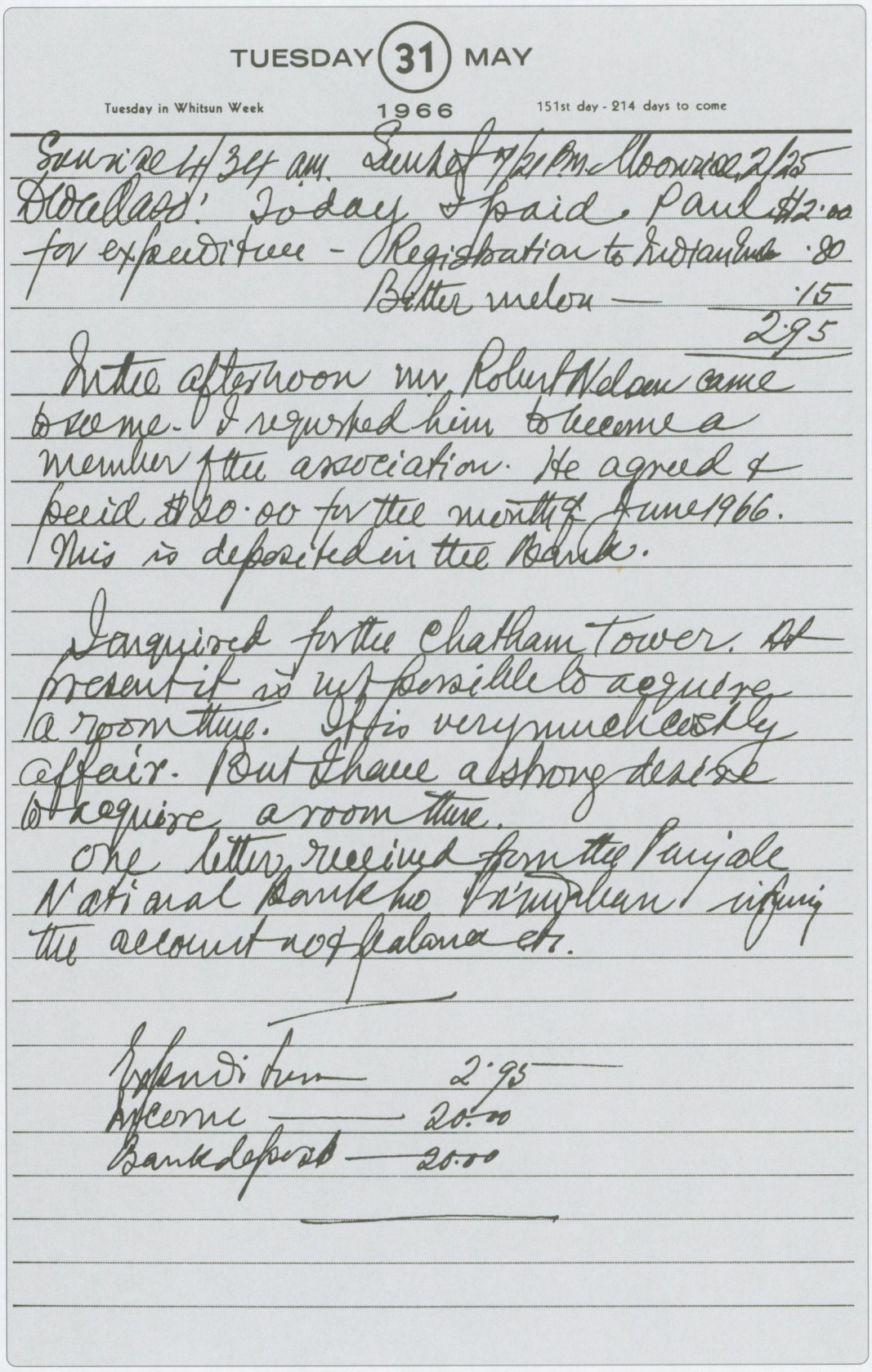
Registration to Indian Emb.	.80
Bitter melon —	.15
	2.95

In the afternoon Mr. Robert Nelson came to see me. I requested him to become a member of the association. He agreed & paid $20.00 for the month of June 1966. This is deposited in the Bank.

I enquired for the Chatham Tower. At present it is not possible to acquire a room there. It is very much costly affair. But I have a strong desire to acquire a room there.

One letter received from the Punjab National Bank Ltd Vrindaban informing (?) the account no & balance etc.

Expenditure	2.95
Income	20.00
Bank deposit	20.00



TUESDAY 31 MAY

Tuesday in Whitsun Week 1966 151st day - 214 days to come

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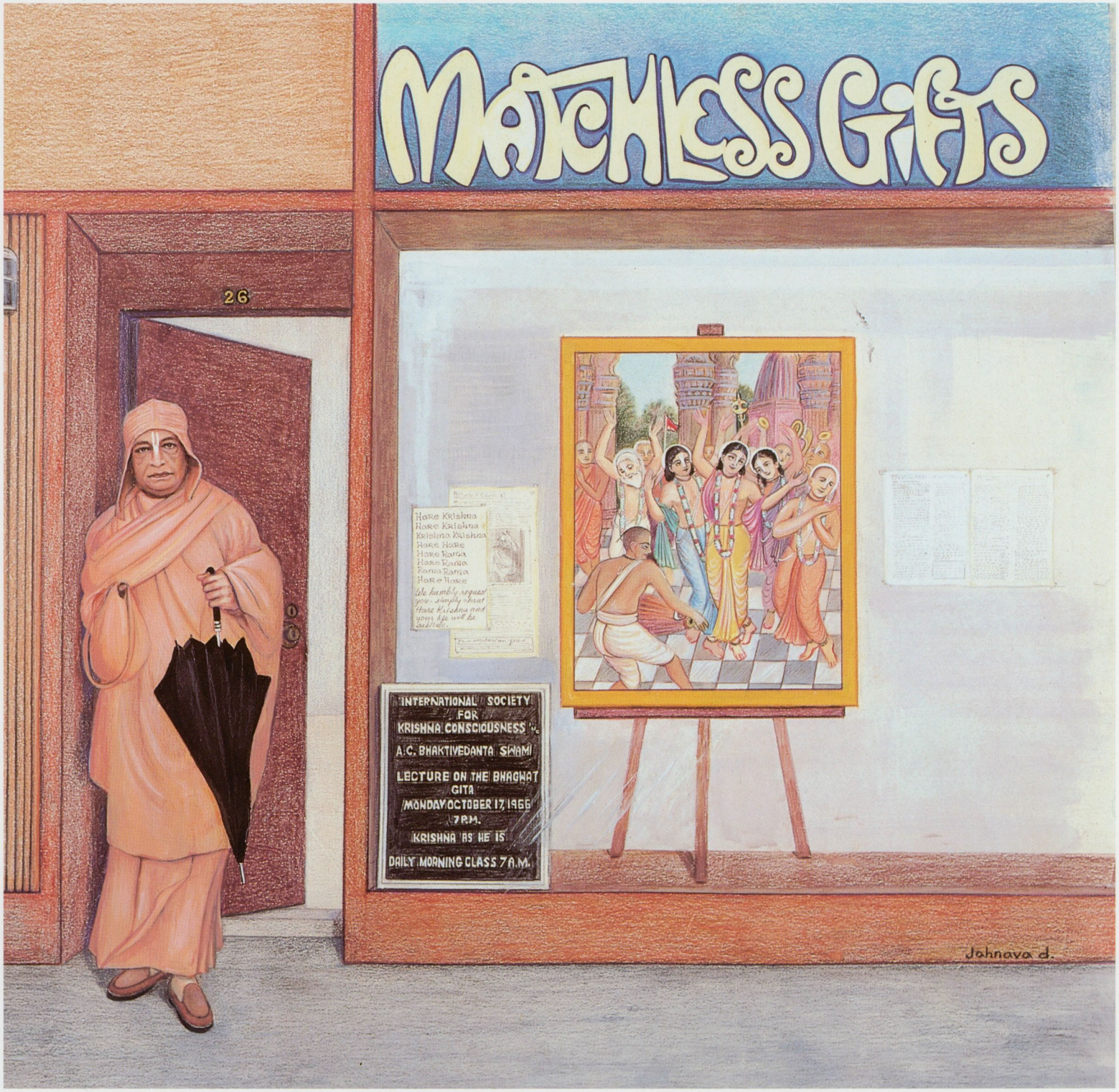
2.95

In the afternoon Mr. Robert Nelson came to see me. I requested him to become a member of the association. He agreed & paid $20.00 for the month of June 1966. This is deposited in the Bank.

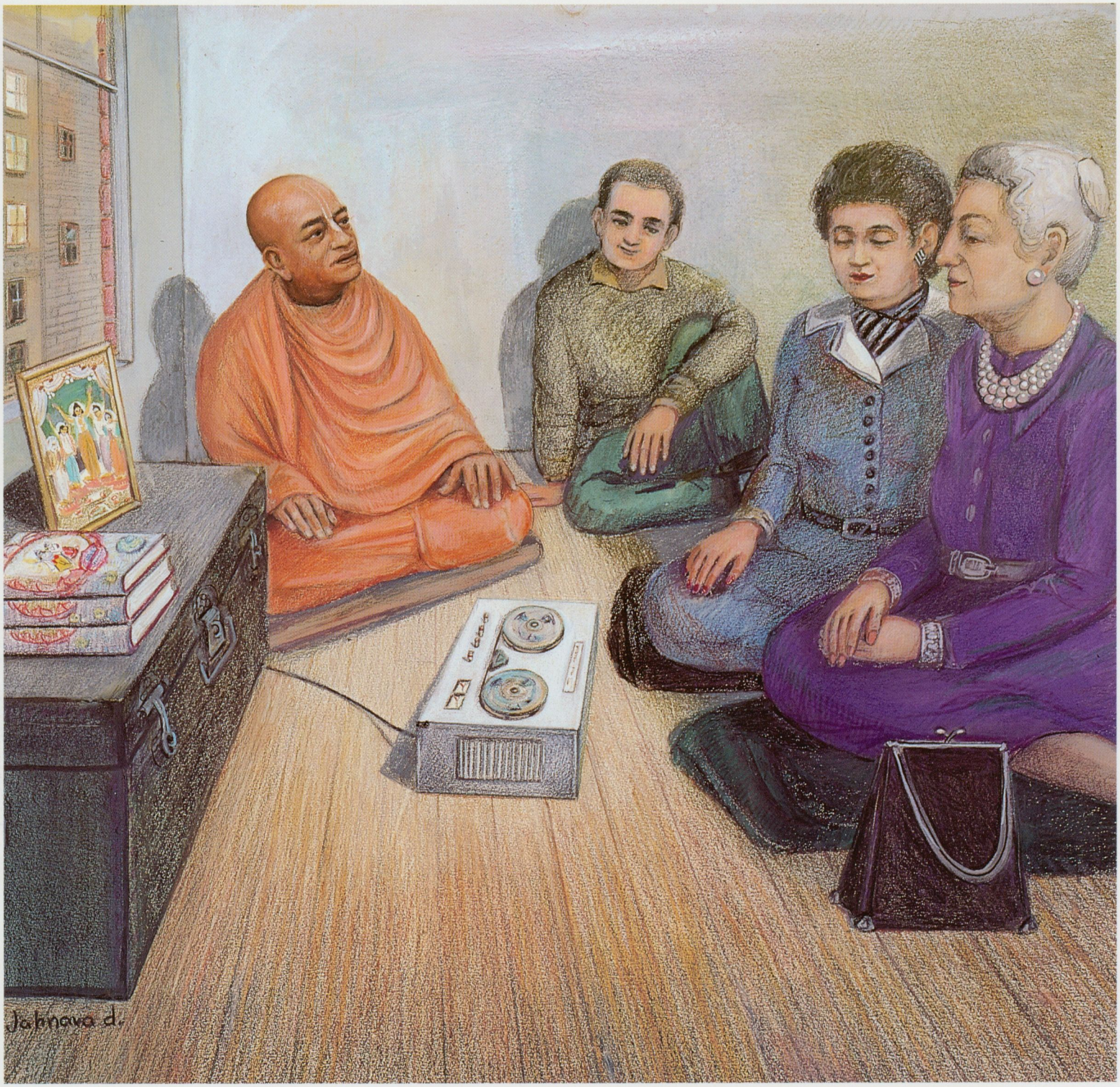
I enquired for the Chatham Tower. At present it is not possible to acquire a room there. It is very much costly affair. But I have a strong desire to acquire a room there.

One letter received from the Punjab National Bank Ltd Vrindaban informing (?) the account no & balance etc.

Expenditure 2.95
Income 20.00
Bank deposit 20.00



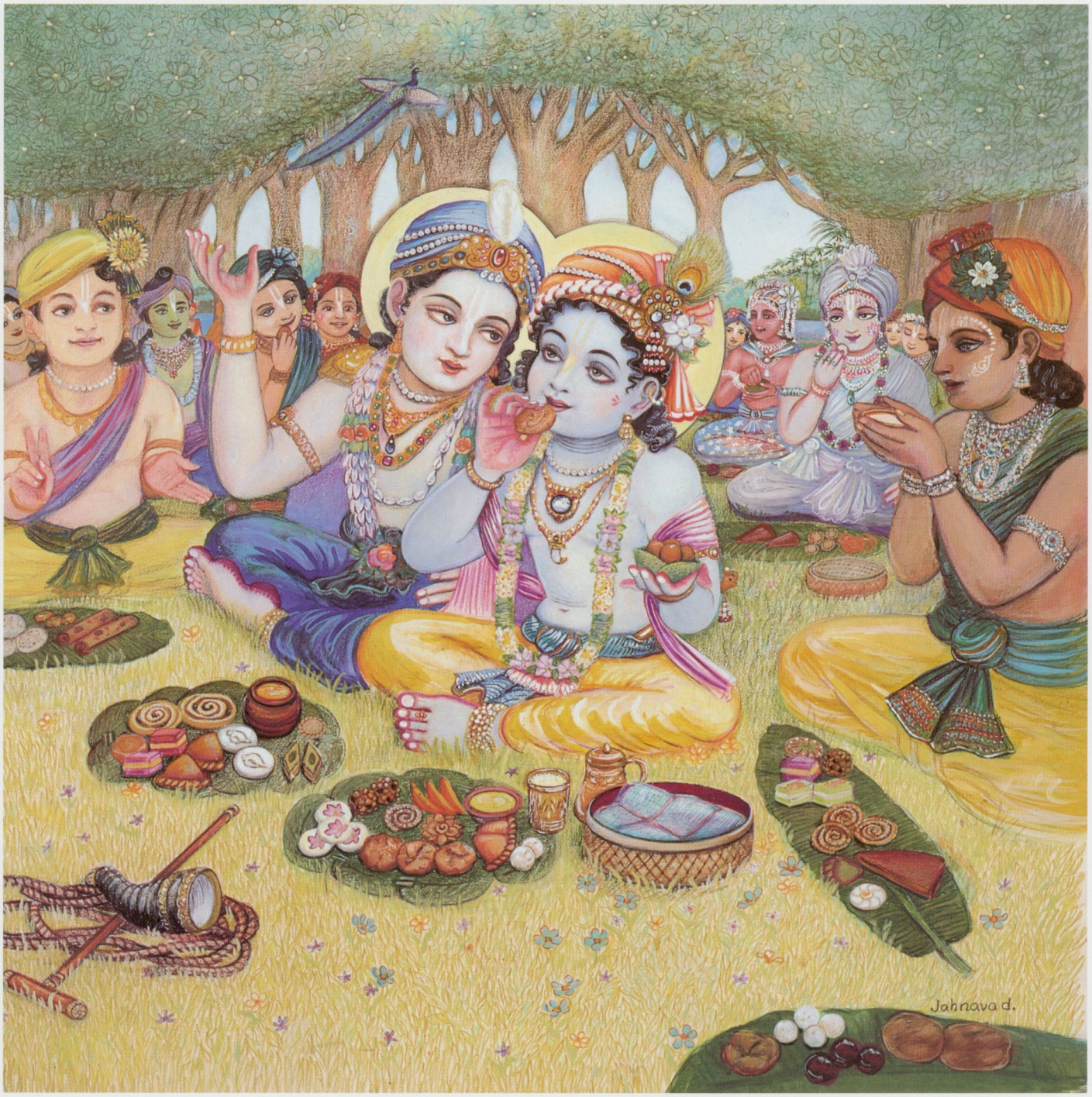
Friday, July 1: *"Today I entered the new house at 26 Second Avenue rear portion Room #B1. For my purpose it (is) all good. I do not (know) why Krishna is trying to establish me in New York. I am his servant's servant and therefor let His desire be fulfilled through my agency. In the evening there was meeting in the New Store. There was about eight men. Collection $5.50. Book Collection 4.00"*



Above and right:

Thursday, February 3: *N.Y. "Today there was a very nice demonstration of tape-record Samkirtan by me. It is all Grace of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Srila Haridas Thakur said that the transcendental sound of Hari Nama would even purify the heart of birds and beasts. Today this statement of Thakur Haridas is corroborated. These American can not understand even a word's meaning of the Sankirtan and yet they were so much attracted? It is all Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's power; there is no credit for me."*

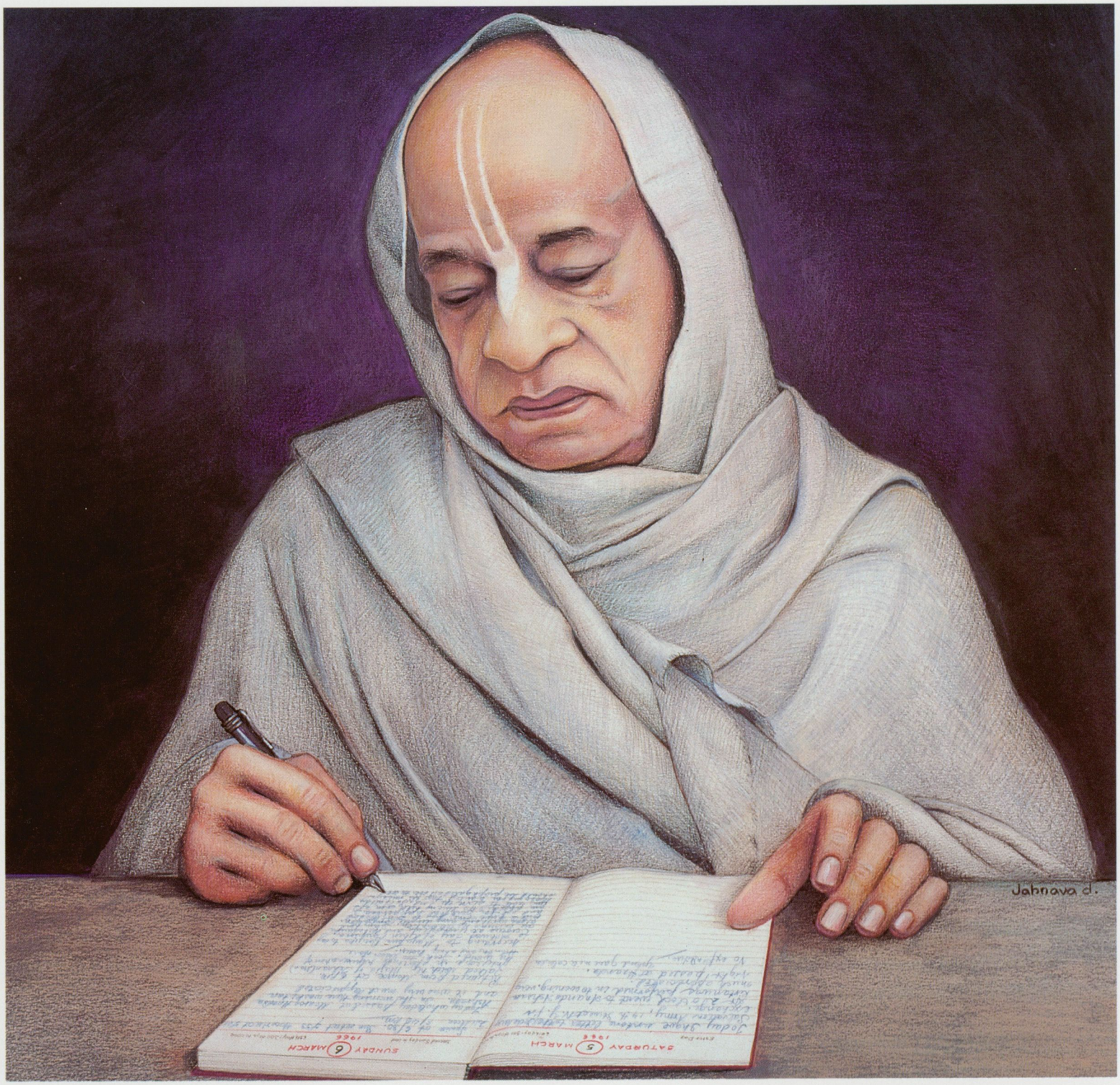

Jahnava d.



Above and right:

Thursday, January 20: *Sir Padampat Singhania replied. (Part of the text of the abovementioned letter reads as follows: "Lord Dwarkadish exhibited His opulence at Dwarka with 16,000 queens and it is understood that He built a palace for each and every queen. And the palaces were made with jewels and stones so that there was no necessity for artificial light in the palaces. So your conception of building a temple of Lord Krishna is in opulence. But we are residents of Vrindaban, and Vrindaban has no palaces like your Dwarka. Vrindaban is full of forests and cows on the bank of the Jamuna, and Lord Krishna in His childhood played the part of a cowherd boy without any royal opulence as you people, the inhabitants of Dwarka, are accustomed. So when the Dwarka walas meet the Vrindaban walas, there may be a via media."* Śrīla Prabhupāda-Līlāmṛta *Volume 2, p.42.)*





Above and right:

Sunday, March 6: *"According to Mayapur Panjika today is Adhivas day of Gour Purnima. Devotees at Vrindaban and Nabadwipa are enjoying the celebration. I am here alone without any devotee companion. But I have come here to serve the Lord and not for personal happiness. I am prepared to live in hell even if I am able to serve the Lord. Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu wanted that His mission should be propagated all over the world and that is my objective. I do not mind the inconvenience personally felt."*


Jahnava d.



Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu chanting the holy names. Śrīla Prabhupāda brought this picture with him from India on his trip to America in 1965.

JUNEHIGHLIGHTS

Books

2 On a/c books-$5.00.
4 Myke paid the balance for book $4.00.
6 Book collection (Raphael 3 taken) $4.00.
One gentleman has taken a set of books.
Altogether five sets distributed out of 16.
There is balance now 11 sets.
8 Book Collection—$4.00.
10 Book collection—$4.00.
12 Income book a/c 0.80.
13 There was book collection $2.00.
14 Book collection—$7.00.
17 Mr. Smith, Press representative, a friend of Karl came to see me. He took note of my activities. Took one set of book.
Book Collection—$16.00.
20 Book Collection—$1.25.
21 One letter written to Paragon Book Gallery.
22 Theosophical Lodge at 347 E. 72nd kept one set of book on approval.
Institute of Religions and Social Studies invited me to see at 10/30 a.m. with books.
Book Collection—1.00
23 One of books deposited with the Director of the Institute of Religions and Social Studies. It is settled that the Director will directly deposit the value in the Bank.
24 One Mr. Grant took one set of books. He desires to pay gradually.
Book Collection—$1.00.

Classes and Kirtanas

1 In the evening there was meeting. There was gathering of about 16 heads. Bob came with some flower and Sujee. I required some flour and Krishna sent it. Contribution $12.00. Lecture was very interesting.
3 In the evening there was class and it was the best than all previous classes. There was attendance about twenty and contribution was $19.00.
4 In the Sanskrit class the contribution was only $9.00.
6 In the evening meeting about more than 16 men and women attended. The meeting was interesting but the collection was poor: Contribution only $9.50.
8 There was meeting in the evening: about 16 persons attended one of which was a Chinese woman who became very much interested. The Collection was $11.00.
10 In the evening there was meeting 12 heads present, contribution only $8.00.
11 In the afternoon there was Sanskrit class five attended and contribution $2.00.
12 I cooked 12 twelve different item and all present more than sixteen ladies and gentlemen ate with great pleasure. It was all Grace of Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Contribution $3.00.
13 In the morning class discussion on friendship & discipleship with Mr. Paul.
In the evening attendance was nine only. Somebody paid in the basket $100.00. Total contribution $103.00
14 In the morning class Karl, Nelson and Paul attended class.
15 In the evening meeting there were about 12 heads. Contribution was $5.50 only. The other day $100.00 contribution made by Karl to be paid to Mr. Goldsmith for registration expenses.
17 In the evening there was meeting, collection only $7.00.
18 The Sanskrit class was poorly attended by two only. Contribution $2.00.
20 In the meeting sixteen persons attended and the contribution was only $9.00. One artist has drawn a picture of Sri Sri Radha Krishna.
22 In the evening there was meeting. The attendance was eleven but the Collection was only 7.50.
23 Mike proposed to become a Vaishnava and married with his girl friend.
24 In the evening there was meeting and attendance is about 12 and the contribution was only $6.40.

Letters and Contacts

1 Went to immigration and Naturalization office. They gave me one extension up to 17th September 1966. Mr. Goldsmith lawyer came to see me in connection with the Society registration.
A letter received from Harvey.
9 Received one letter from Secretary Sir Padampat that he is not at present interested in Temple Construction in New York. A laughing stock.
10 Invited to attend Eating function on Sunday 12th instant.
11 Received one letter from Mangalniloy and replied it.
12 J.N. Wankawala letter by air mail posted.
13 Two letters received, one from Chandra Sekhar and the other from the Indian Embassy Washington D.C. Good.
14 Karl deposited money at telephone office. It is expected that next week by Tuesday there will be telephone connection in my name. $40.00 paid by Paul for such deposit.
17 Mr Smith came to see me. His girlfriend gave me address: Prof. De Kurt Leidecker, Professor of Philosophy at Mary Washington College of Virginia specializing in oriental philosophy.
It is expected incorporation will take place after 6th July 1966.
18 One letter received from Brindaban and other letter received from Teertha Maharaj. Brindaban's letter replied and posted by Don.
20 One letter received from Mangalniloy.
21 Today telephone connection made. I talked with Mr. Bogart and Mrs. Leblanc. Enquired about Yolanda. Dr. Mishra twice attempted, no response.
22 My phone No. given to Theosophical Lodge. They will inform after consulting Madam Wadia.
24 One letter posted to Brahmachary Mangalniloy deprecating his views that talk of cooperation raised only after his coming in the country. In the morning I saw Mike's loft.

Wednesday 1 June

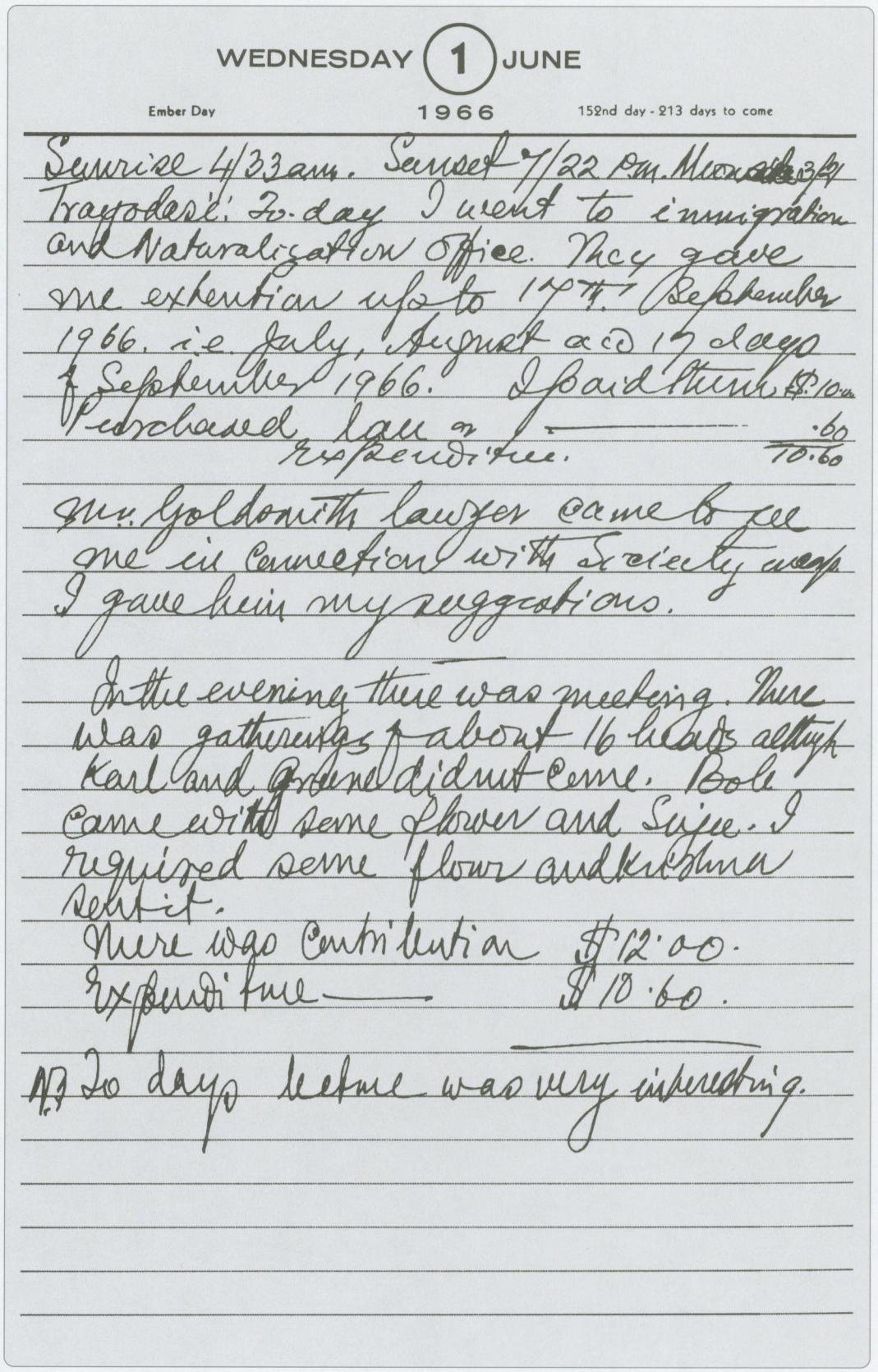
Sunrise 4/33 a.m. Sunsets 7/22 P.M.
Moonsets 3.21
Trayodasi: Today I went to immigration and Naturalization office. They gave me extention up to 17th September 1966. i.e. July, August and 17 days of September 1966. I paid them $10. Purchased lau or(?) .60
Expenditure 10.60

Mr. Goldsmith lawyer came to see me in connection with Society reg. (?) I gave him my suggestions.

In the evening there was meeting. There was gatherings of about 16 heads although Karl and Greene did not come. Bob came with some flower and Sujee. I required some flour and Krishna sent it.

There was contribution $12.00
Expenditure — $10.60

N.B. To days lecture was very interesting.



WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE

Ember Day 1966 152nd day - 213 days to come

Sunrise 4/33 am. Sunset 7/22 P.M. Moonsets 3/21
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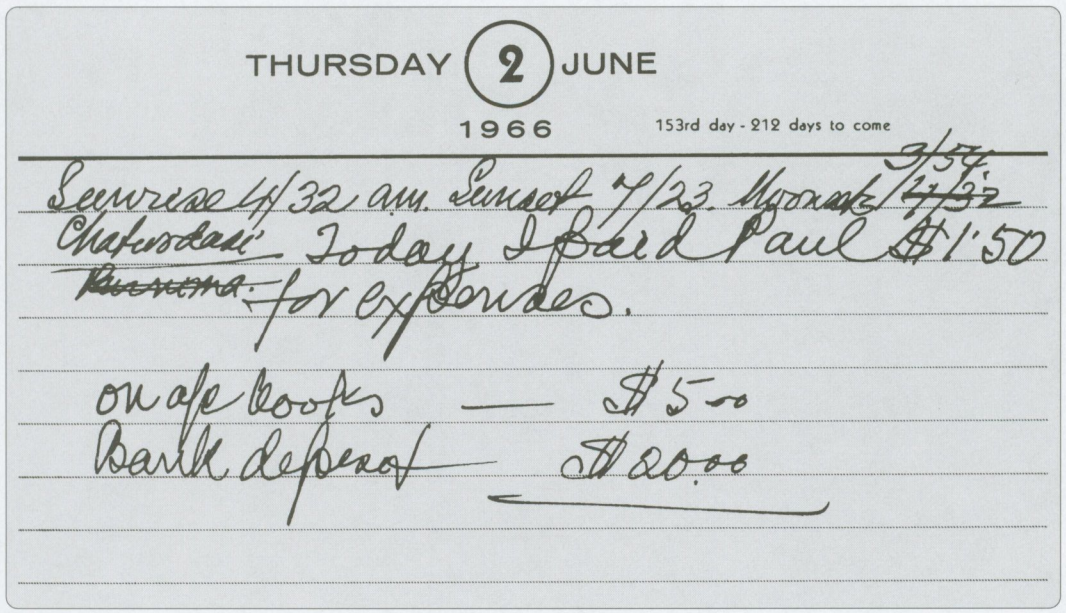

THURSDAY 2 JUNE

1966 153rd day - 212 days to come

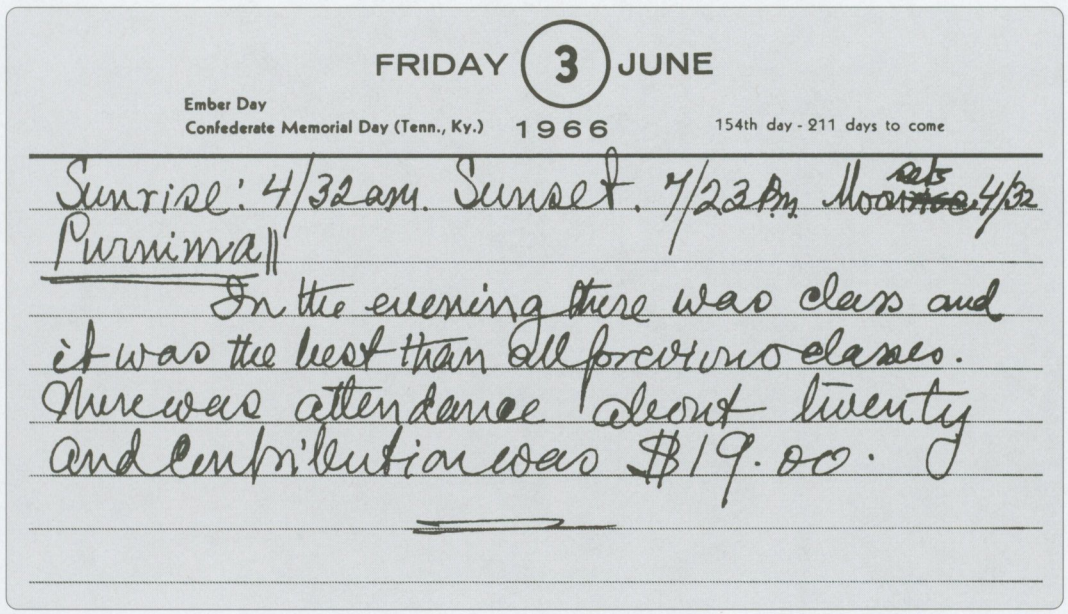
Sunrise 4/32 a.m. Sunset 7/23. Moonset 3/54
Chaturdasi Today I paid Paul $1.50
~~Purnima~~ for expenses.

on a/c books — $5.00
Bank deposit — $20.00

Thursday 2 June

Sunrise 4/32 a.m. Sunset 7/23. Moonsets 3/54.
Chaturdasi. Today I paid Paul $1.50 for expenses.

on a/c books — $5.00
Bank deposit — $20.00


FRIDAY 3 JUNE

Ember Day
Confederate Memorial Day (Tenn., Ky.) 1966 154th day - 211 days to come

Sunrise: 4/32 a.m. Sunset. 7/23 p.m. Moonset 4/32
Purnima

In the evening there was class and it was the best than all previous classes. There was attendance about twenty and contribution was $19.00.

Friday 3 June

Sunrise: 4/32 a.m. Sunset 7/23 P.M. Moonsets 4/32.
Purnima

In the evening there was class and it was the best than all previous classes. There was attendance about twenty and contribution was $19.00.

Saturday 4 June

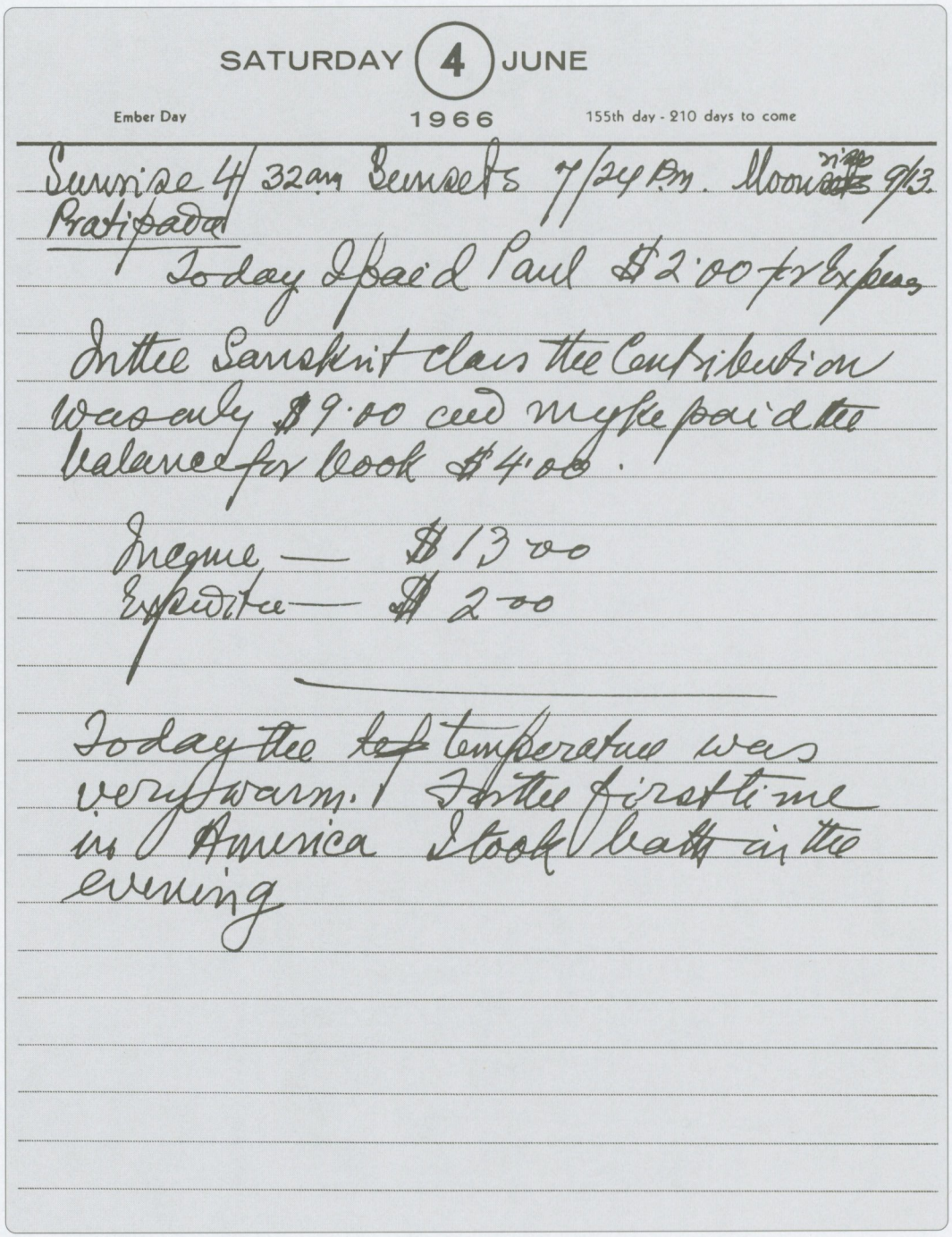
Sunrise 4/32 a.m. Sunset 7/24 P.M.
Moon rises 9/13.
Pratipada

Today I paid Paul $2.00 for Expenses

In the Sanskrit class the Contribution was only $9.00 and Myke paid the balance for book $4.00.

Income — $13.00
Expenditure — $2.00

Today the temperature was very warm. For the first time in America I took bath in the evening.


SATURDAY 4 JUNE

Ember Day 1966 155th day - 210 days to come

Sunrise 4/32 am Sunsets 7/24 P.m. Moon rises 9/13.
Pratipada
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SUNDAY 5 JUNE

Trinity Sunday 1966 156th day - 209 days to come

Sunrise. 4/32 a.m. Sunset 7/25 P.M. Moonrise 10/06
Dwitiya. The whole day was very hot
There was no expenditure neither any
income.
Paid to Paul
In the evening Expenditure — $1.00

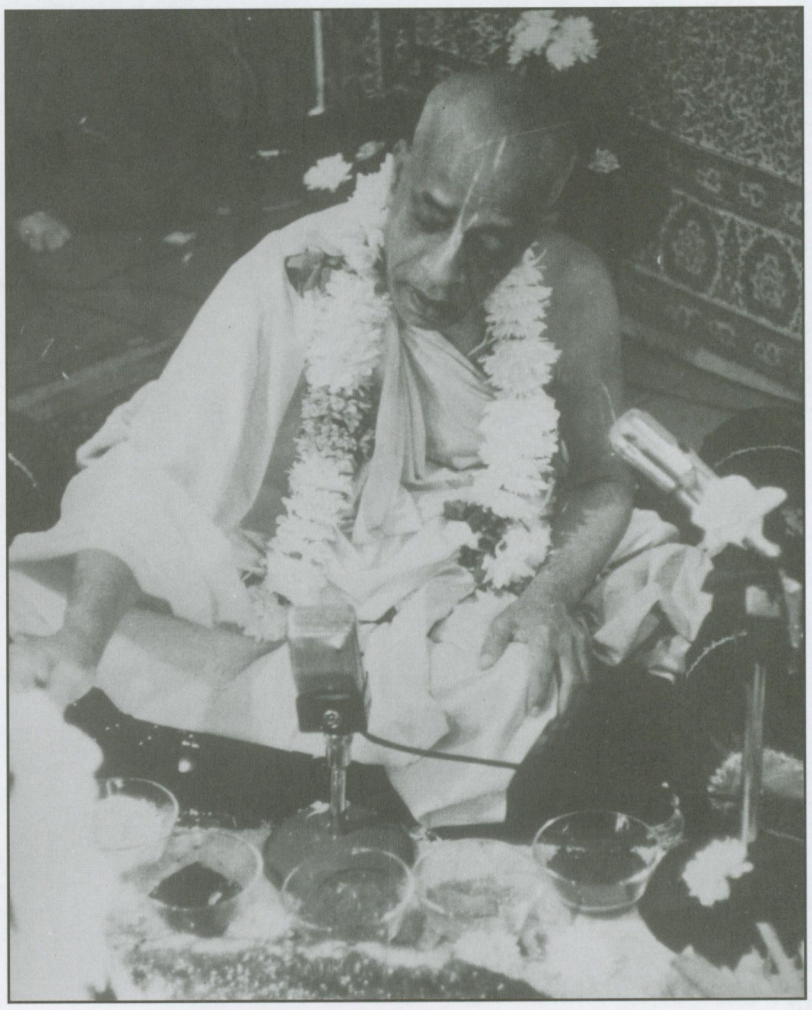
Sunday 5 June

Sunrise 4/32 a.m. Sunset 7/25 P.M.
Moonrise 10/06
Dwitiya. The whole day was very hot

There was no expenditure neither any income.

In the evening Paid to Paul Expenditure — $1.00





Monday 6 June

Sunrise: 4/32 a.m. Sunset 7/25 P.M. Moonrise 10/49.

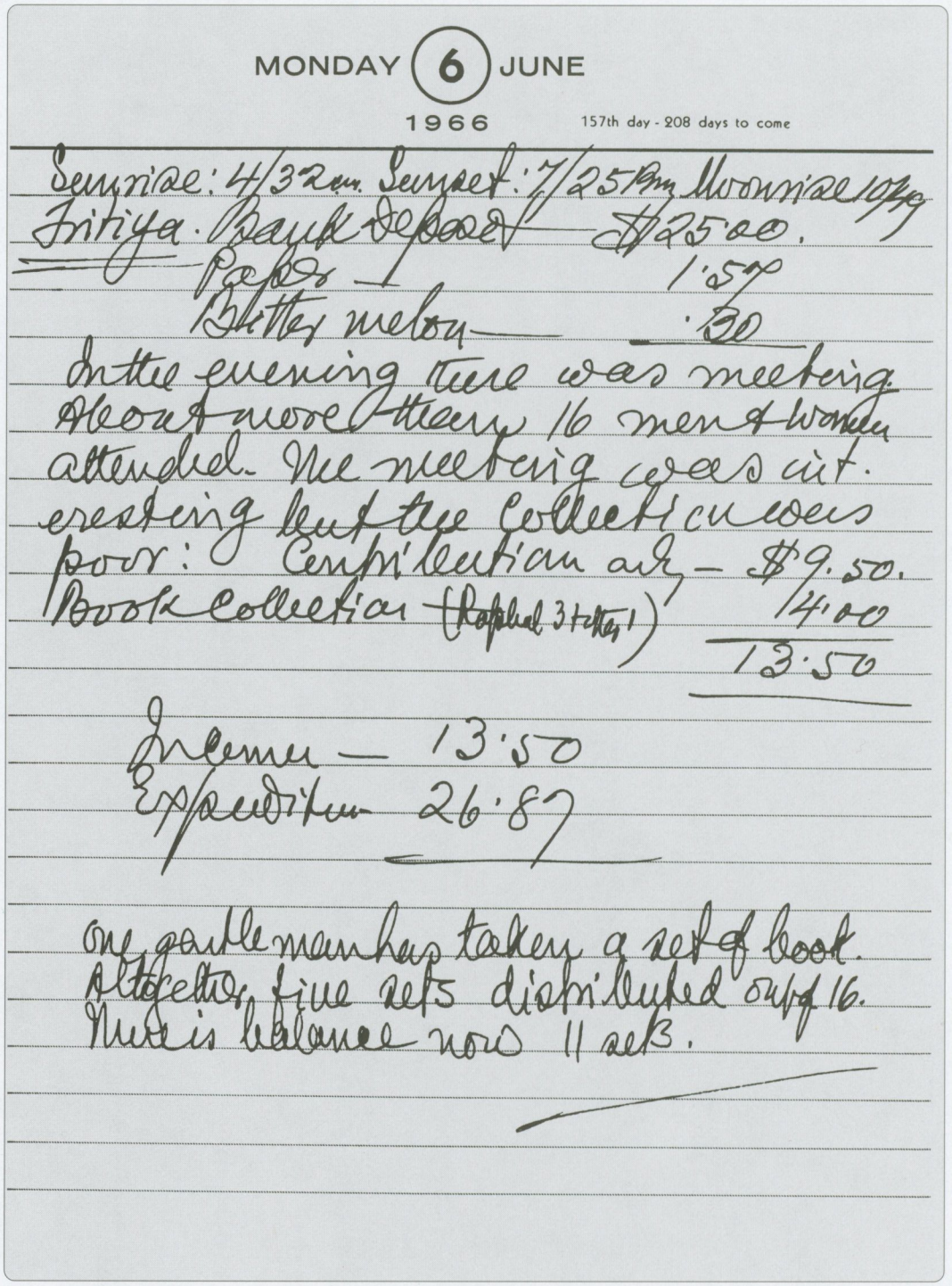
Tritiya.	Bank Deposit —	$25.00
	Paper —	1.57
	Bitter Melon —	.30

In the evening there was meeting. About more than 16 men & women attended. The meeting was interesting but the collection was poor: Contribution only — $9.50

Book collection (Raphael 3 taken)	4.00
	13.50

Income —	13.50
Expenditure	26.87

one gentleman has taken a set of book. Altogether five sets distributed out of 16. There is balance now 11 sets.


MONDAY 6 JUNE

1966 157th day - 208 days to come

Sunrise: 4/32 a.m. Sunset: 7/25 P.m. Moonrise 10.49
Tritiya. Bank Deposit — $25.00.
Paper — 1.57
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In the evening there was meeting. About more than 16 men & women attended. The meeting was interesting but the collection was poor: Contribution only — $9.50.
Book collection (Raphael 3 taken) 4.00
13.50

Income — 13.50
Expenditure 26.87

One gentleman has taken a set of book. Altogether five sets distributed out of 16. There is balance now 11 sets.

TUESDAY 7 JUNE

1966 158th day - 207 days to come

Sunrise: 4/31 am. Sunset 7/26 Pm. Moonrise 11/26
Chaturthi: Today in the morning Paul
was paid $1.35 plus $1.00 previous
I went to see Dr. Mishra & I dined with him
Expenditure - .30.
Two diems for telephone call — .20
Total Expenditure 2.85.
Bank deposit 15.00
17.85

Tuesday 7 June

Sunrise: 4/31 a.m. Sunset 7/26 P.M. Moonrise 11/26
Chaturthi:
Today in the morning Paul was paid $1.35 plus $1.00 previous. I went to see Dr. Mishra & I dined with him.

Expenditure —	.30
Two Diems for telephone call —	.20
Total Expenditure	2.85
Bank deposit	15.00
	17.85

WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE

1966 159th day - 206 days to come

Sunrise 4/31 a.m. Sunset 7/26 P.M. Moonrise 11/55
Panchami.

There was meeting in the evening: about 16 persons attended one of which was a Chinese woman who became very much interested.
The Collection was $11.00
Book Collection — 4.00
$15.00.

A letter receive from Harvey.

Wednesday 8 June

Sunrise 4/31 a.m. Sunset 7/26 P.M.
Moonrise 11/55.
Panchami

There was meeting in the evening: about 16 persons attended one of which was a Chinese woman who became very much interested.

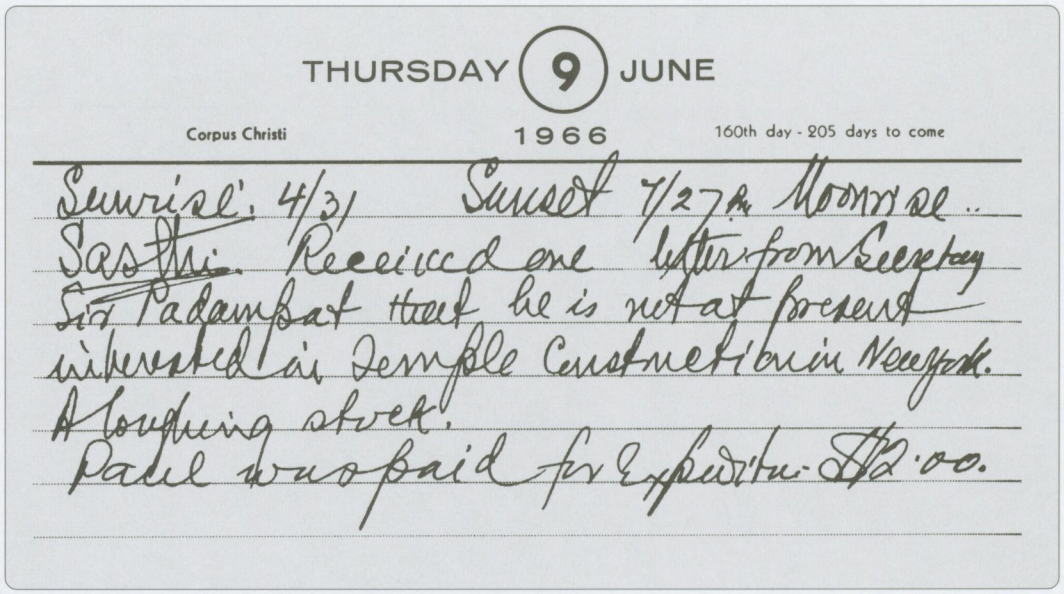
The Collection was	$11.00
Book Collection	4.00
	$15.00

A letter receive from Harvey.

Thursday 9 June

Sunrise: 4/31. Sunset 7/27 P.M. Moonrise.
Sasthi. Received one letter from Secretary Sir Padampat that he is not at present interested in Temple Construction in New York. A laughing stock.

Paul was paid for Expenditure $2.00


THURSDAY 9 JUNE

Corpus Christi 1966 160th day - 205 days to come

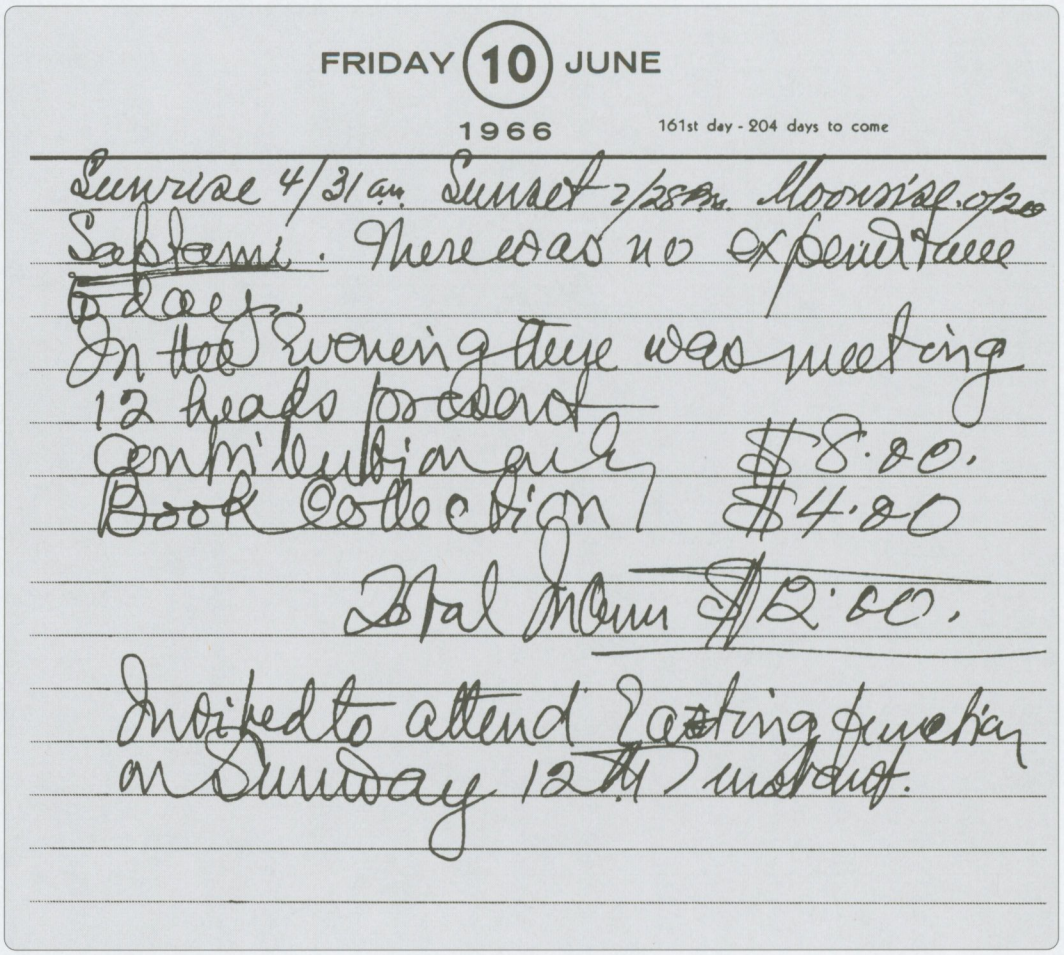
Sunrise: 4/31 Sunset 7/27 p.m. Moonrise ..
Sasthi. Received one letter from Secretary Sir Padampat that he is not at present interested in Temple Construction in Newyork. A laughing stock.
Paul was paid for Expenditure $2.00.

Friday 10 June

Sunrise 4/31 a.m. Sunset 7/28 P.M. Moonrise 0/20.
Saptami. There was no expenditure today. In the evening there was meeting 12 heads present

contribution only	$8.00
Book collection	$4.00
Total Income	$12.00

Invited to attend Eating function on Sunday 12th instant.


FRIDAY 10 JUNE

1966 161st day - 204 days to come

Sunrise 4/31 a.m. Sunset 7/28 p.m. Moonrise 0/20
Saptami. There was no expenditure today.
In the evening there was meeting
12 heads present
Contribution only $8.00.
Book Collection $4.00
Total Income $12.00.

Invited to attend Eating function on Sunday 12th instant.

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ORGANISATION

KAMLA TOWER · KANPUR

28th March, 66.

Sripad A.C.Bhaktivedanta Swami,
100 West 72nd Street,
Room 307,
NEW YORK,
N.Y.10023.

Dear Sir,

Sir Padampatji Singhania has received your kind letter of the 18th instant.

I, however, regret to write that Sir Padampatji is not interested in the scheme of building a Radhakrishna temple in New York at present.

In regard to the enquiry contained in the last para of your letter, Sir Padampatji duly received your books "Srimad Bhagwatam" from your Delhi Office.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Easwara Iyer)
Secretary to
Sir Padampatji Singhania.

TELEGRAM: "LALJUGGI" TELEPHONE: 32454

Śrīla Prabhupāda mentions this letter on June 9, although the letter is dated much earlier.

Saturday 11 June

Sunrise: 4/31 a.m. Sunset 7/28 P.M.
Moonrise 0/44.
Astami: Today I paid Paul $2.00
and Karl — $20.00
Total Expenditure — $22.00

I received one letter from Mangalniloy and replied it.

Afternoon there was Sanskrit class five attended and contribution — $2.00

One letter written to J.N. Wankawala for confirmation.

SATURDAY 11 JUNE

St. Barnabas
Kamehameha Day (Hawaii)

1966

162nd day - 203 days to come

Sunrise: 4/31 am Sunset: 7/28th Moon rised 44
Astami: Today I paid Paul $2.00
and Karl —— $20.00
Total Expenditure — $22.00

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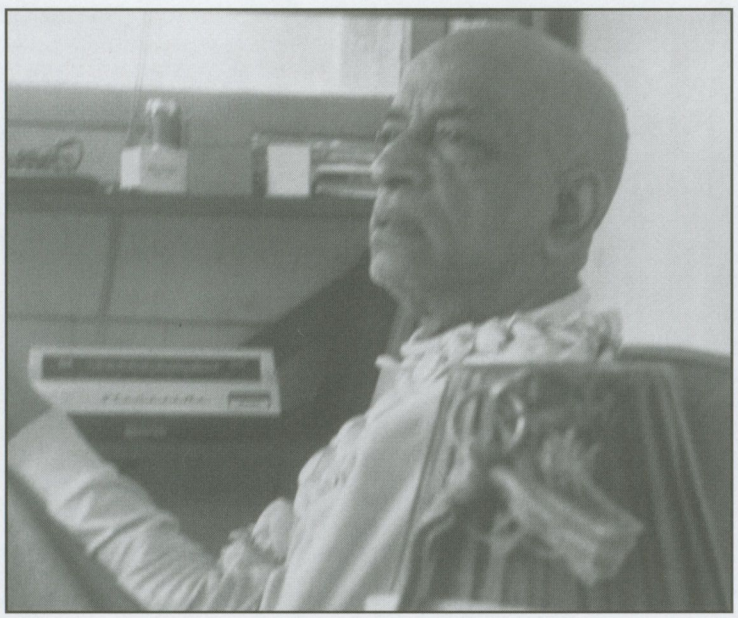

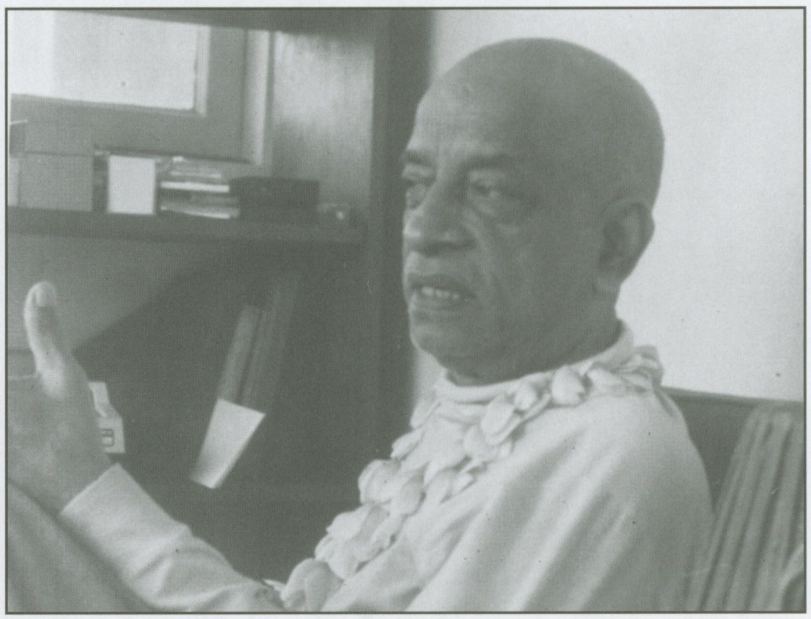

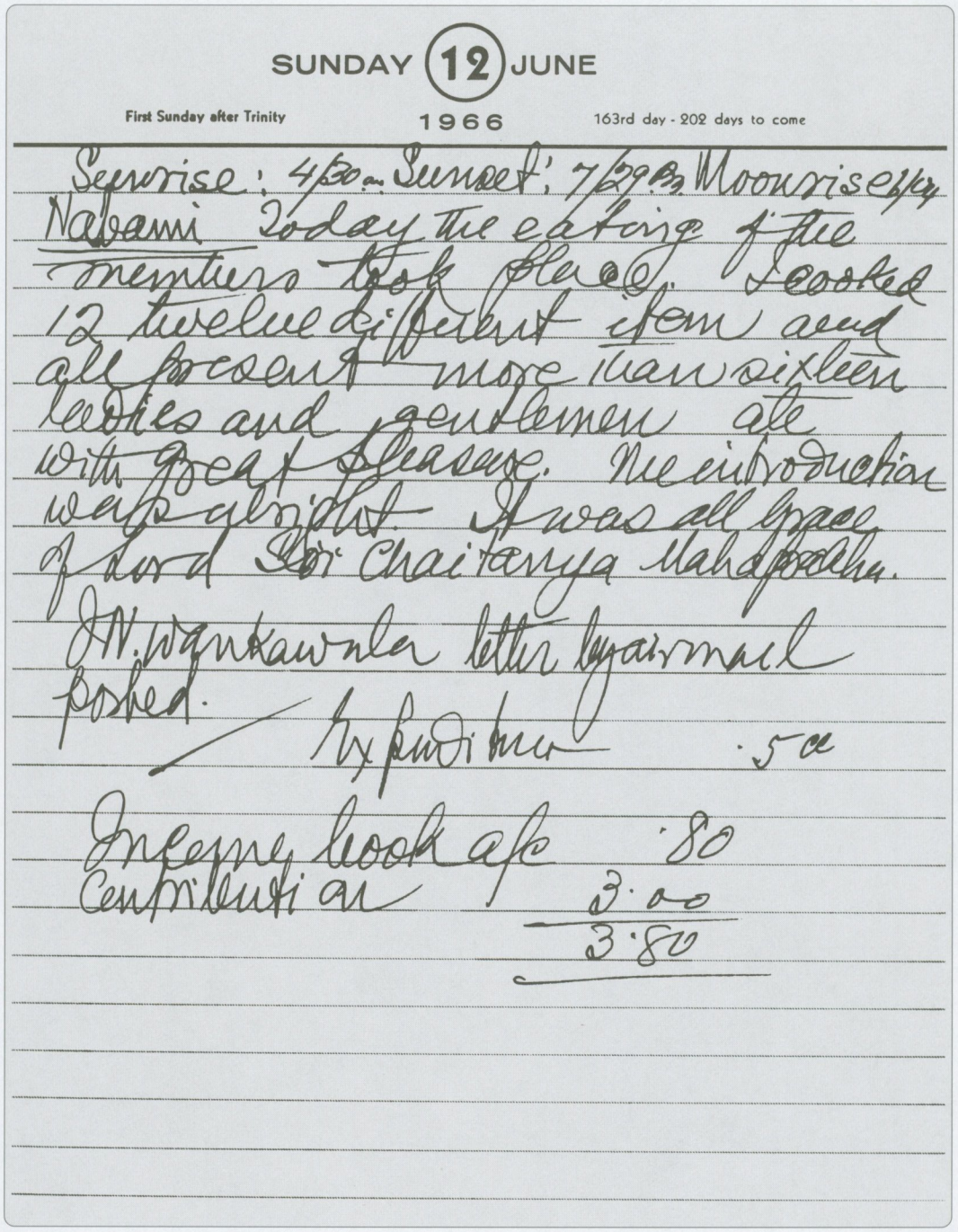
SUNDAY 12 JUNE

First Sunday after Trinity 1966 163rd day - 202 days to come

Sunrise: 4/30 a.m. Sunset: 7/29 P.M. Moonrise 1/04
Navami Today the eating of the members took place. I cooked 12 twelve different item and all present more than sixteen ladies and gentlemen ate with great pleasure. The introduction was alright. It was all Grace of Lord Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.

J.N. Wankawala letter by air mail posted.

Expenditure .50

Income book a/c .80
Contribution 3.00
3.80

Sunday 12 June

Sunrise: 4/30 a.m. Sunset: 7/29 P.M. Moonrise 1/04.

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J.N. Wankawala letter by air mail posted.

Expenditure	.50
Income book a/c	.80
Contribution	3.00
	3.80

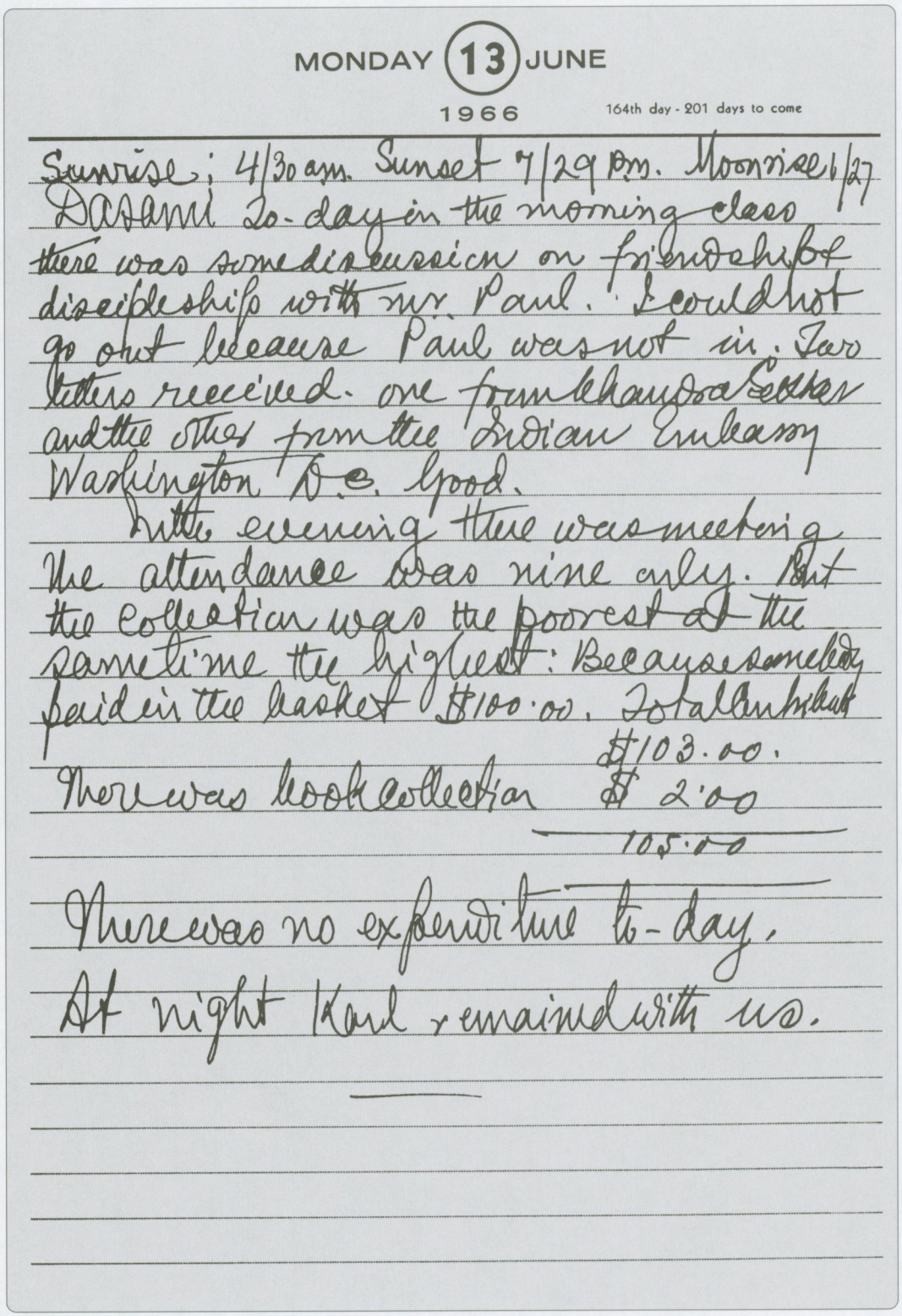
Monday 13 June

Sunrise: 4/30 a.m. Sunset 7/29 P.M.
Moonrise 1/27.
Dasami To-day in the morning class there was some discussion on friendship & discipleship with Mr. Paul. I could not go out because Paul was not in. Two letters received, one from Chandra Sekhar and the other from the Indian Embassy Washington D.C. Good.

In the evening there was meeting The attendance was nine only. But the collection was the poorest at the same time the highest: Because somebody paid in the basket $100.00. Total contribution $103.00
There was book collection $2.00
$105.00

There was no expenditure to-day.

At night Karl remained with us.


MONDAY 13 JUNE
1966 164th day - 201 days to come

Sunrise ; 4/30 am. Sunset 7/29 pm. Moonrise 1/27
DASAMI To-day in the morning class there was some discussion on friendship of discipleship with mr. Paul. I could not go out because Paul was not in. Two letters received. one from Chandra Sekhar and the other from the Indian Embassy Washington D.C. Good.

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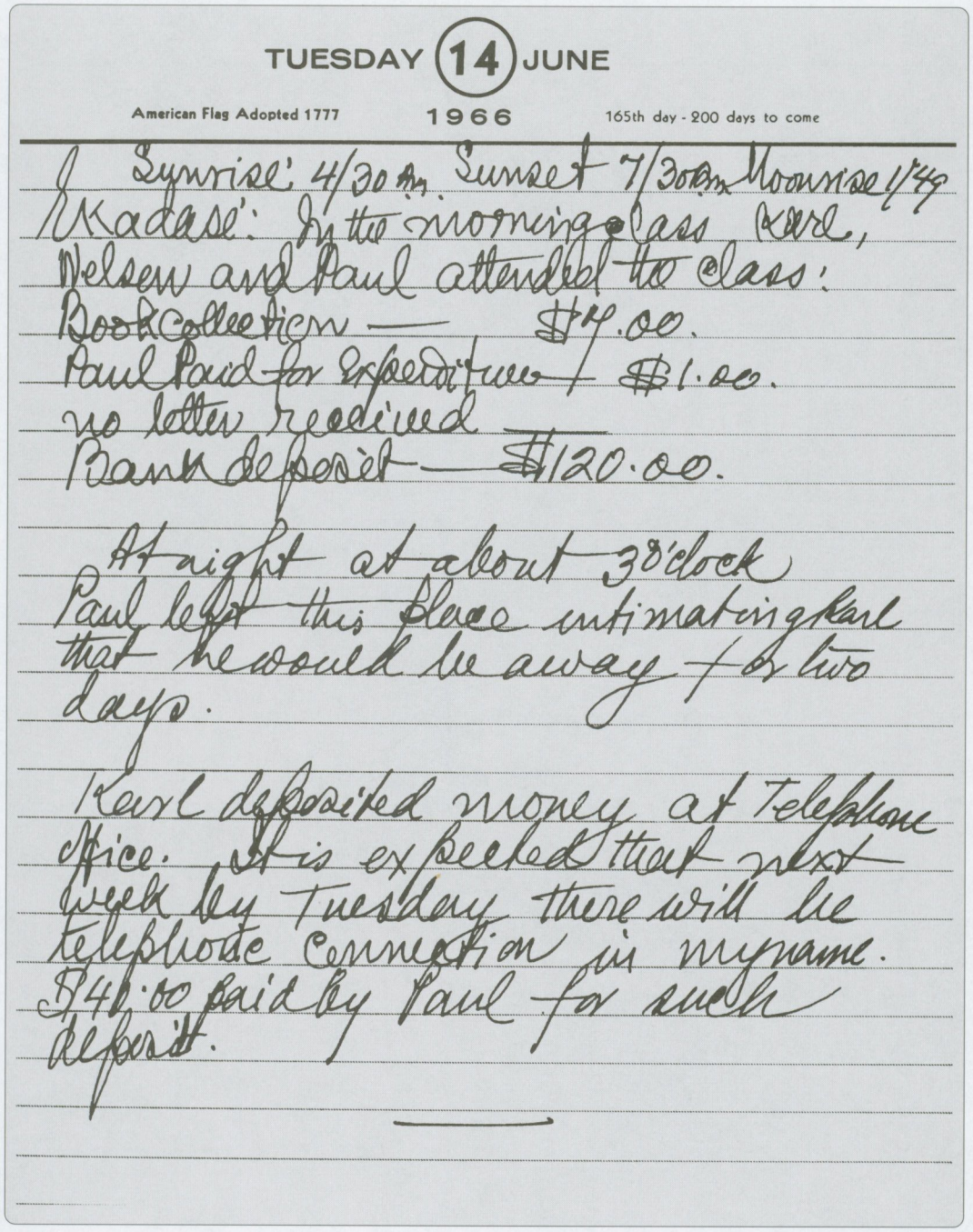

TUESDAY 14 JUNE

American Flag Adopted 1777 — 1966 — 165th day - 200 days to come

Sunrise: 4/30 a.m. Sunset 7/30 p.m. Moonrise 1/49
Ekadasi: In the morning class Karl, Nelson and Paul attended the class:
Book collection — $7.00.
Paul Paid for expenditure — $1.00.
no letter received
Bank deposit — $120.00.

At night at about 3 o'clock Paul left this place intimating Karl that he would be away for two days.

Karl deposited money at Telephone office. It is expected that next week by Tuesday there will be telephone connection in my name. $40.00 paid by Paul for such deposit.

Tuesday 14 June

Sunrise: 4/30 a.m. Sunset 7/30 P.M.
Moonrise 1/49.
Ekadasi: In the morning class Karl, Nelson and Paul attended the class:

Book collection —	$7.00
Paul Paid for Expenditure	$1.00
no letter received	
Bank deposit —	$120.00

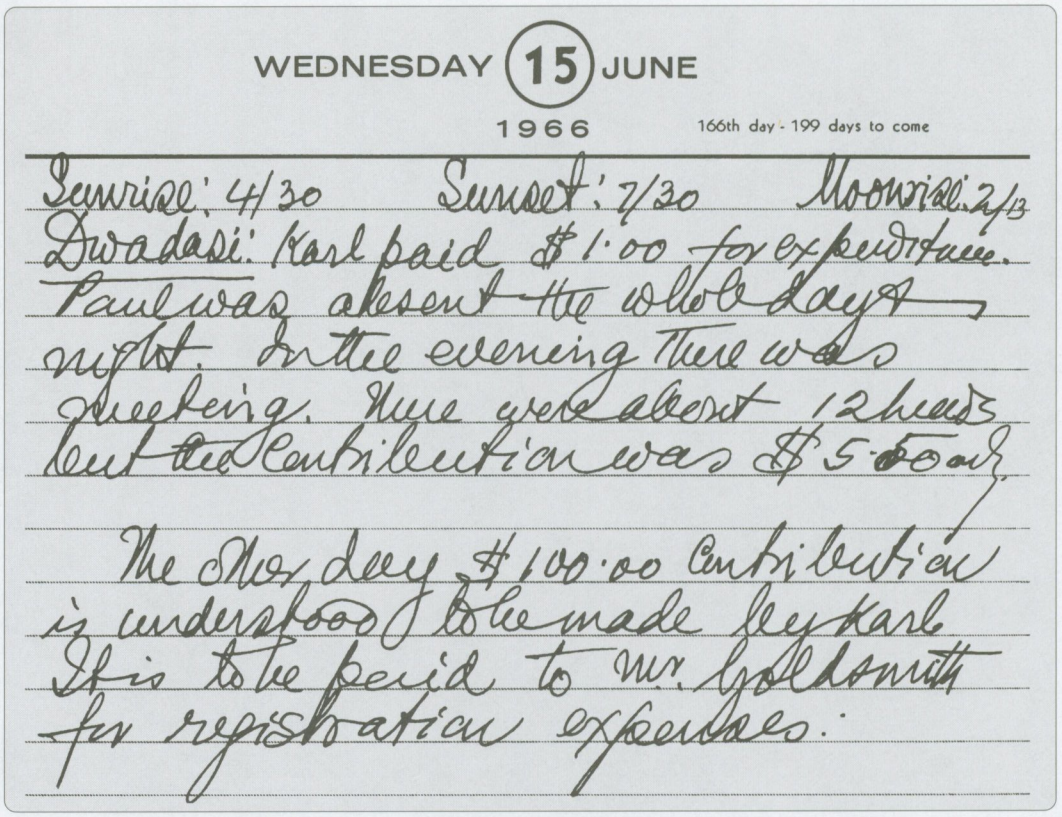
At night at about 3 o'clock Paul left this place intimating Karl that he would be away for two days.

Karl deposited money at Telephone office. It is expected that next week by Tuesday there will be telephone connection in my name. $40.00 paid by Paul for such deposit.

Wednesday 15 June

Sunrise: 4/30 Sunset: 7/30 Moonrise 2/3.
Dwadasi: Karl paid $1.00 for expenditure. Paul was absent the whole day & night. In the evening there was meeting. There were about 12 heads but the contribution was $5.50 only.

The other day $100.00 contribution is understood to be made by Karl. It is to be paid to Mr. Goldsmith for registration expenses.

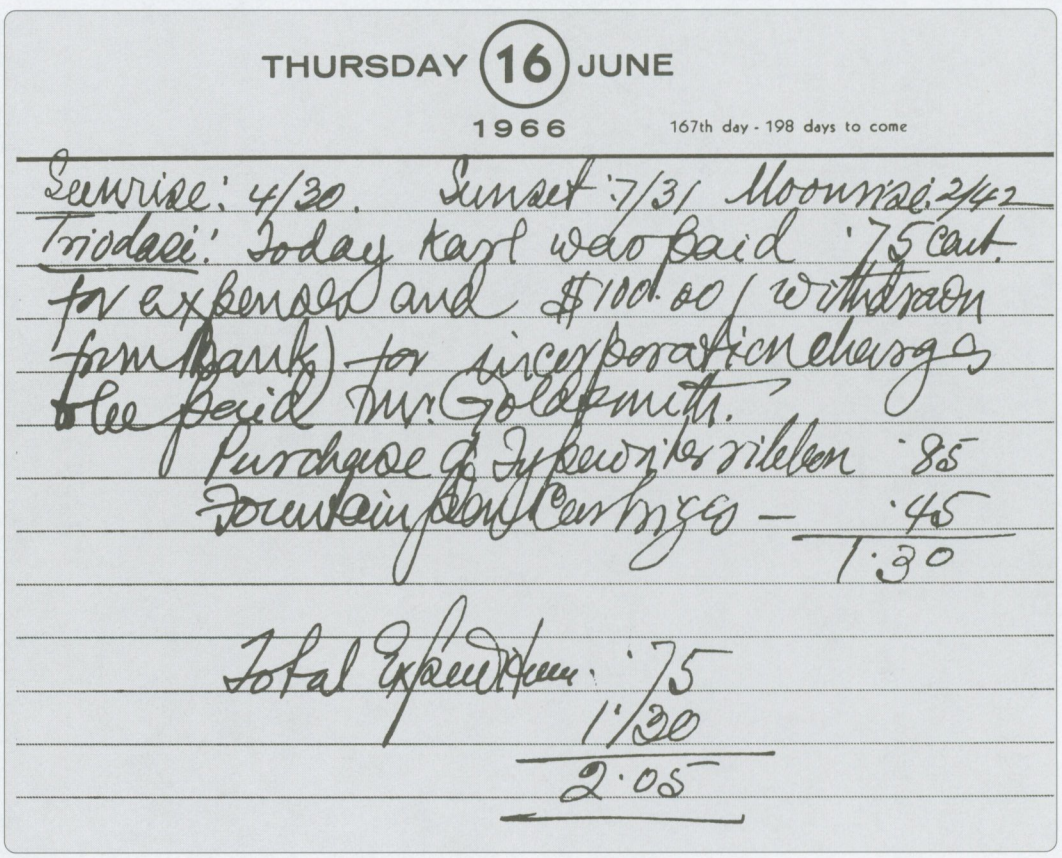


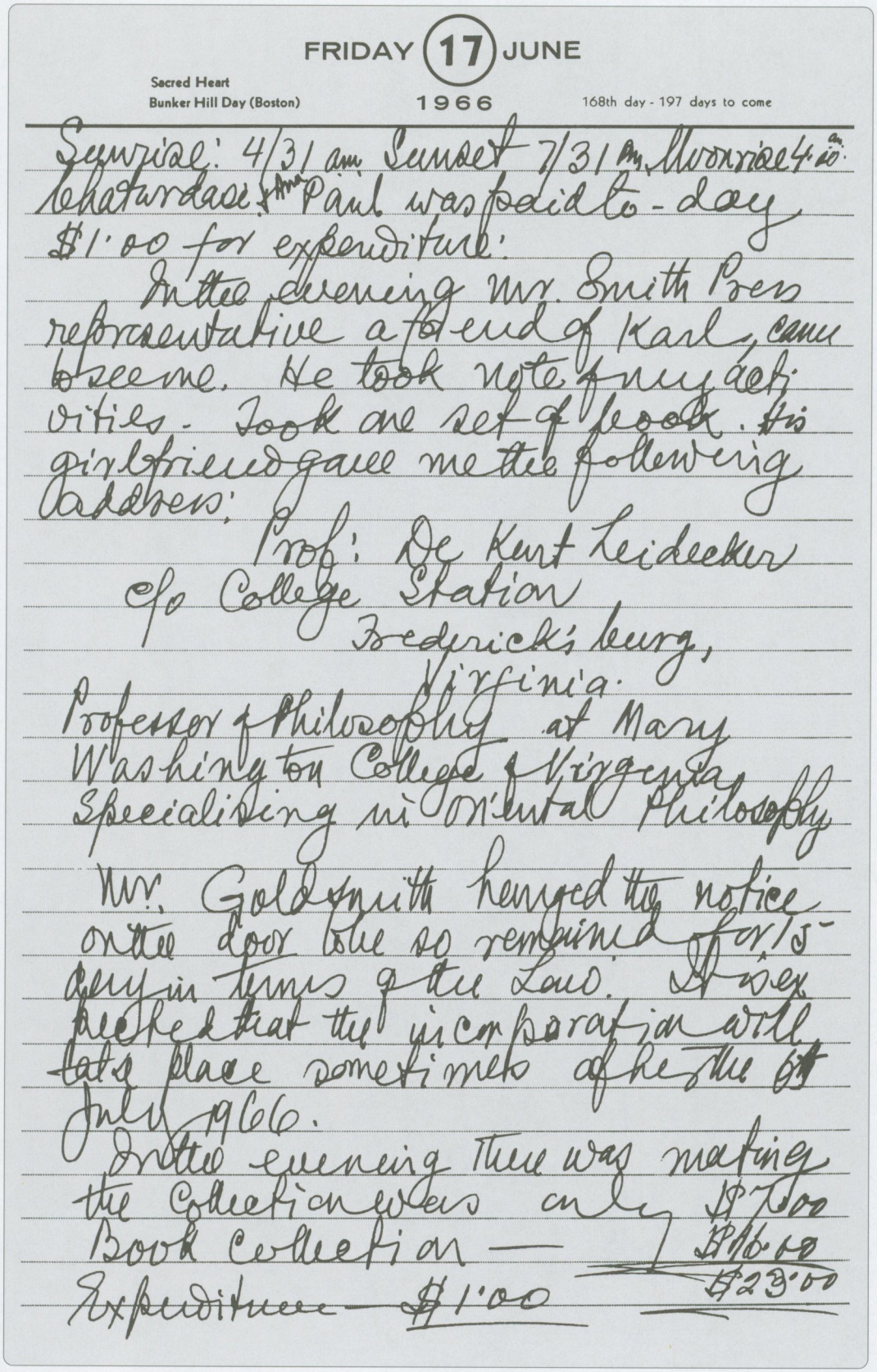
Thursday 16 June

Sunrise: 4/30 Sunset 7/31 Moonrise 2/42.
Triodasi: Today Karl was paid .75 cent for expenses and $100.00 withdrawn from Bank for incorporation charges to be paid Mr. Goldsmith.

Purchase of Typewriter ribbon	.85
Fountain pen cartridges —	.45
	1.30

Total Expenditure	.75
	1.30
	2.05





FRIDAY 17 JUNE

Sacred Heart
Bunker Hill Day (Boston)

1966

168th day - 197 days to come

Sunrise: 4/31 am. Sunset 7/31 pm. Moonrise 4.00 am.
Chaturdasi & 1st Paul was paid to-day $1.00 for expenditure.

In the evening Mr. Smith Press representative a friend of Karl, came to see me. He took note of my activities. Took one set of book. His girlfriend gave me the following address:

Prof: De Kurt Leidecker
c/o College Station
Fredericksburg,
Virginia.

Professor of Philosophy at Mary Washington College of Virginia Specialising in Oriental Philosophy

Mr. Goldsmith hanged the notice on the door to be so remained for 15 day in terms of the Law. It is expected that the incorporation will take place sometimes after the 6th July 1966.

In the evening there was meeting

the collection was only	$7.00
Book Collection —	$16.00
	$23.00
Expenditure —	$1.00

Friday 17 June

Sunrise: 4/31 a.m. Sunset 7/31 P.M. Moonrise 4/00 a.m.
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Expenditure —	$1.00

Saturday 18 June

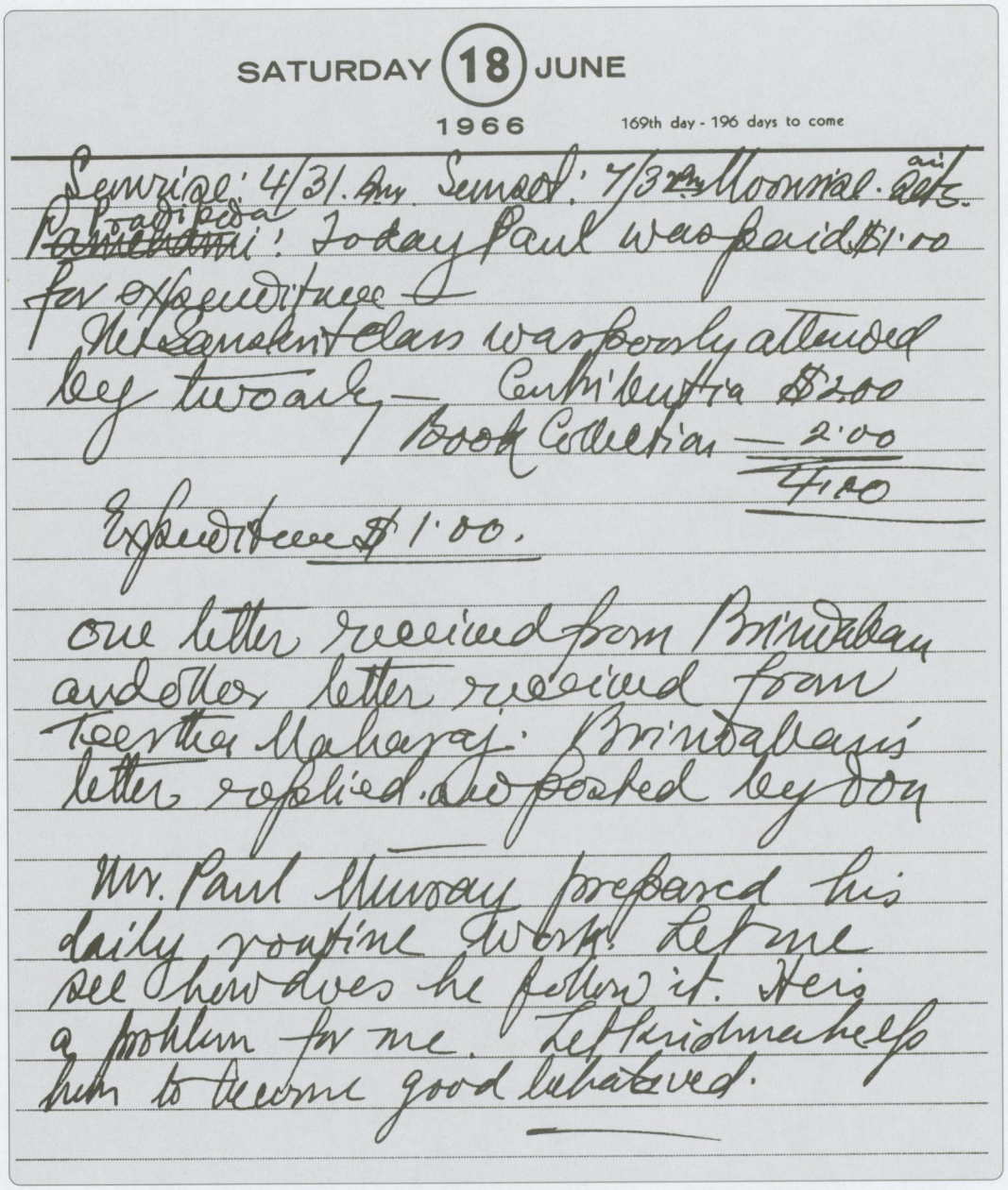
Sunrise: 4/31 a.m. Sunset 7/32 P.M. Moonrise and sets.
Pratipada. Today Paul was paid $1.00 for expenditure.

The Sanskrit class was poorly attended by two only — Contribution $2.00
Book Collection — 2.00
4.00
Expenditure $1.00

one letter received from Brindaban and other letter received from Teertha Maharaj. Brindaban's letter replied and posted by Don[8]

Mr. Paul Murray prepared his daily routine work. Let me see how does he follow it. He is a problem for me. Let Krishna help him to become good behaved.

[8] For further description of Don see *Śrīla Prabhupāda-līlāmṛta* Vol 2, *Planting the Seed*.



SATURDAY 18 JUNE
1966
169th day - 196 days to come

Sunrise: 4/31 Am. Sunset: 7/32 Pm. Moonrise and sets.
~~Pamehami~~ Pratipada: Today Paul was paid $1.00 for expenditure.
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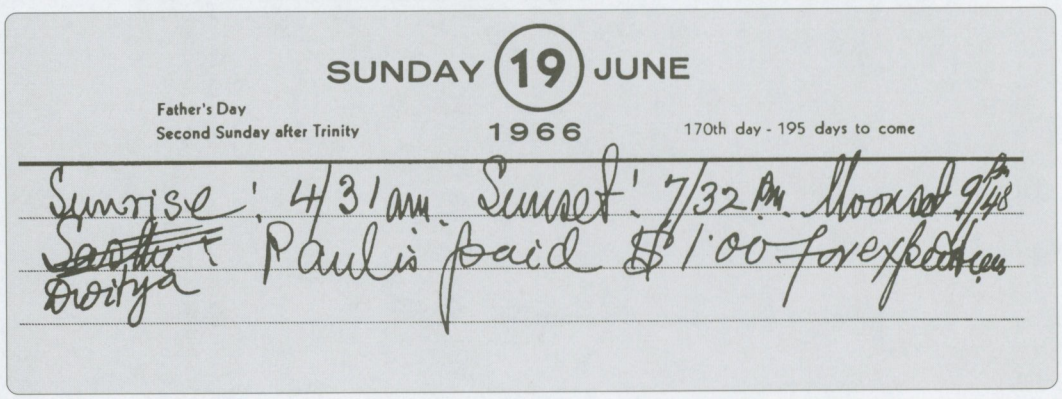
Sunday 19 June

Sunrise: 4/31 a.m. Sunset 7/32 P.M.
Moonset 9/48 a.m.
Dwitya. Paul is paid $1.00 for expenditure.



SUNDAY 19 JUNE
Father's Day
Second Sunday after Trinity
1966
170th day - 195 days to come

Sunrise: 4/31 am. Sunset: 7/32 Pm. Moonset 9/48 Pm
~~Sasthi~~ Dwitya: Paul is paid $1.00 for expenditure

MONDAY 20 JUNE

1966 171st day - 194 days to come

Sunrise: 4/31. am. Sunset. 7/32 Pm Moonset 9/48 Pm
~~Saptami~~ Today I paid for purchas $1.50.
Tritiya Purchased Stationery — 1.61
Deposited in the Bank 20.00
$23.11

In the there was meeting: sixteen persons attended and the Contribution was only $9.00
Book Collection — 1.25
10.25

one artist has drawn a picture of Sri Sri Radhakrishna. So I have hanged over the present Lord Chaitanya's picture. It is looking nice.

One letter received from Mangalniloy.

Post office man has called on Thursday for Post Boxes.

Expenditure — 23.11
Income — 10.25

Monday 20 June

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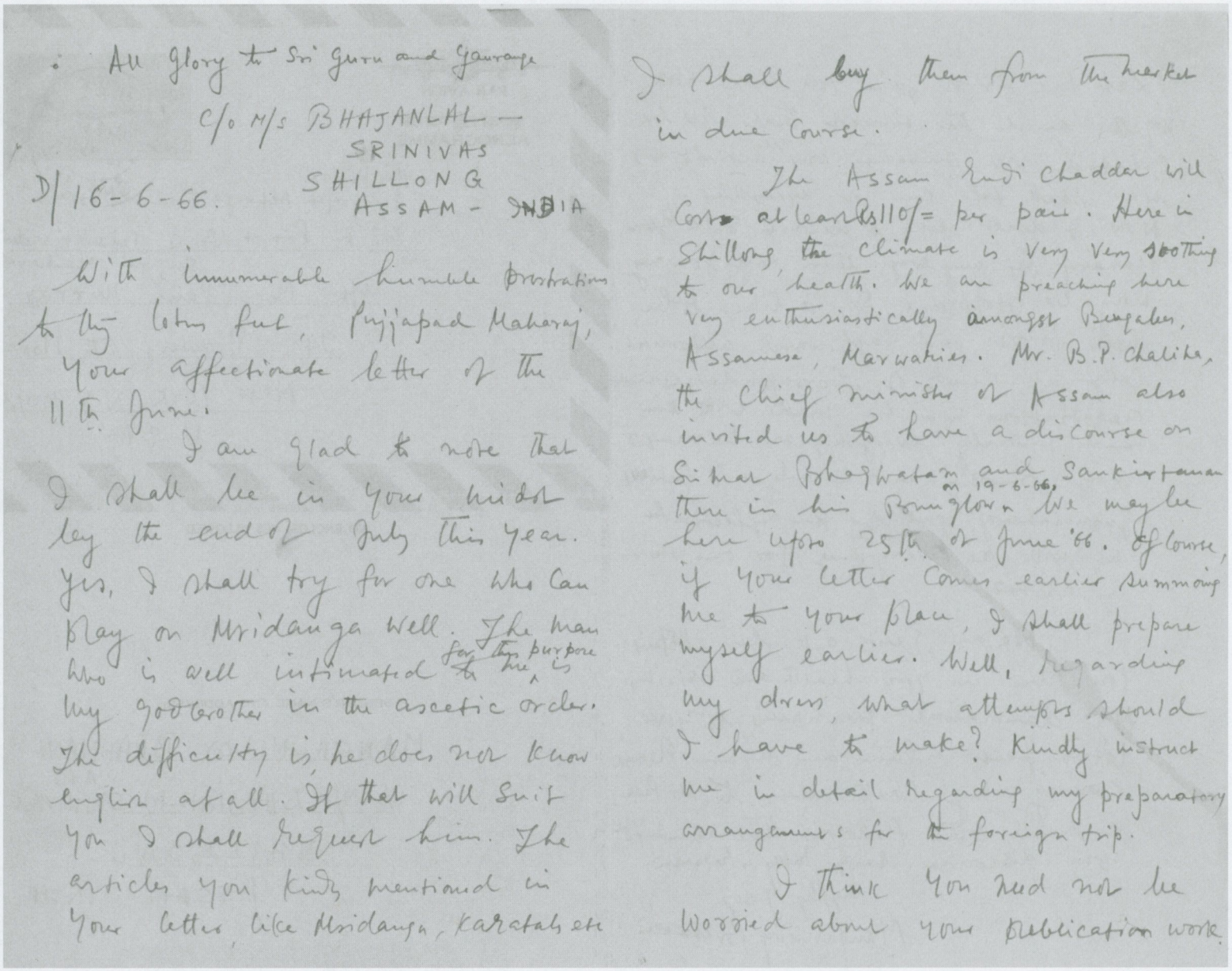

: All Glory to Sri Guru and Gauranga

c/o M/s BHAJANLAL —
SRINIVAS
SHILLONG
ASSAM - INDIA

D/16-6-66.

With innumerable humble prostrations to thy lotus feet, Pujyapad Maharaj, Your affectionate letter of the 11th June.

I am glad to note that I shall be in your midst by the end of July this year. Yes, I shall try for one who can play on Mridanga well. The man who is well intimated to me for the purpose is my godbrother in the ascetic order. The difficulty is, he does not know english at all. If that will suit you I shall request him. The articles you kindly mentioned in your letter, like Mridanga, Karatals etc I shall buy them from the market in due course.

The Assam Endi chaddar will cost at least Rs110/= per pair. Here in Shillong the climate is very very soothing to our health. We are preaching here very enthusiastically amongst Bengalees, Assamese, Marwaries. Mr. B.P. Chaliha, the Chief Minister of Assam also invited us to have a discourse on Srimat Bhagwatam and Sankirtanam on 19-6-66, there in his Bunglow. We may be here upto 25th of June '66. Of course, if your letter comes earlier summoning me to your place, I shall prepare myself earlier. Well, regarding my dress, what attempts should I have to make? Kindly instruct me in detail regarding my preparatory arrangements for the foreign trip.

I think You need not be worried about your publication work.

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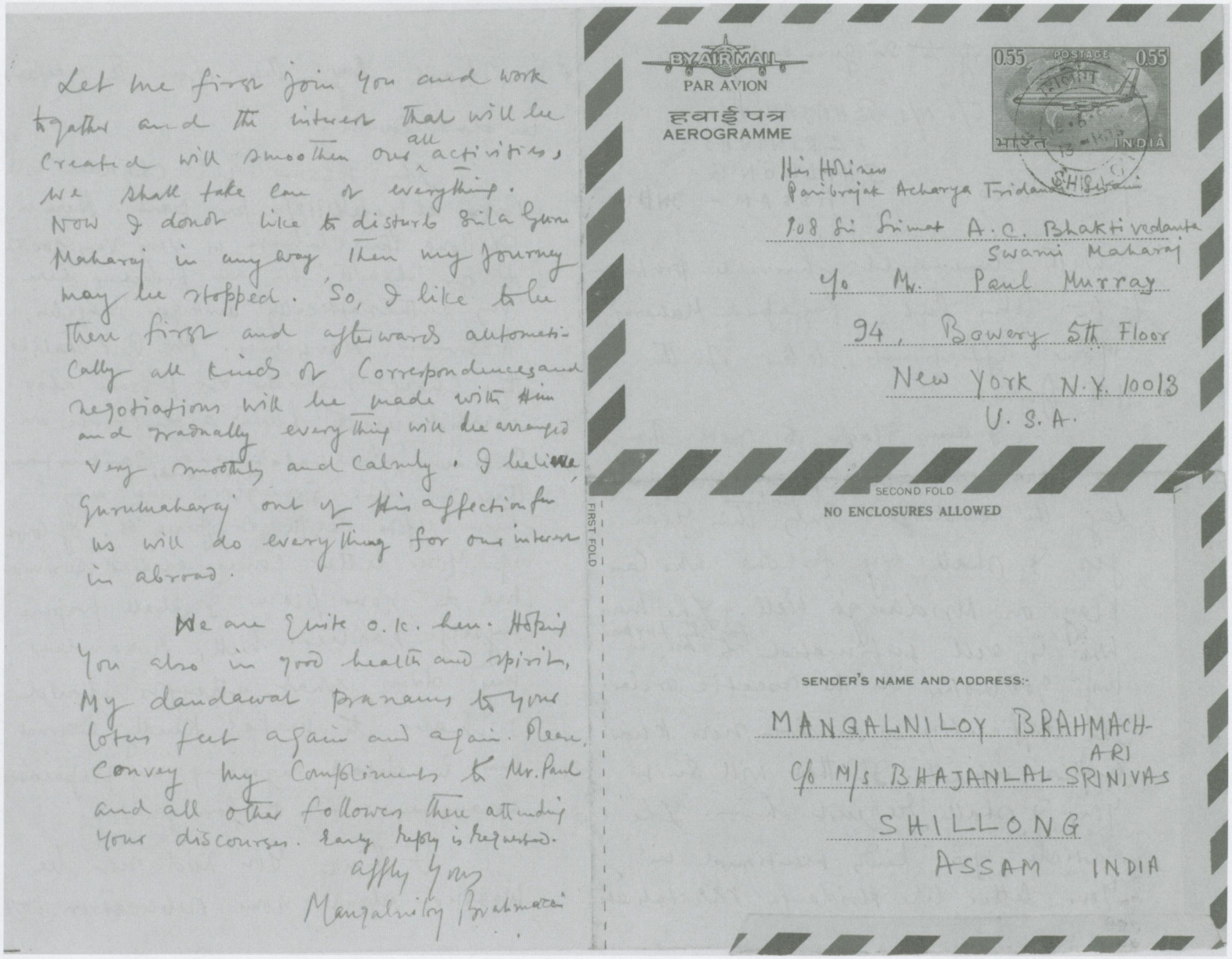
Let me first join you and work together and the interest that will be created will smoothen our all activities, we shall take care of everything. Now I do not like to disturb Srila Guru Maharaj in any way then my journey may be stopped. So, I like to be there first and afterwards automatically all kinds of Correspondences and negotiations will be made with him and gradually everything will be arranged very smoothly and calmly. I believe Gurumaharaj out of his affection for us will do everything for our interest in abroad.

We are quite O.K. here. Hoping You also in good health and spirits, My dandawat pranams to your lotus feet again and again. Please convey my Compliments to Mr. Paul and all other followers there attending your discourses. Early reply is requested.

affly yours
Mangalniloy Brahmacari

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Swami Maharaj
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New York N.Y. 10013
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SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:-
MANGALNILOY BRAHMACHARI
C/o M/s BHAJANLAL SRINIVAS
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Mangalniloy Brahmacari

Tuesday 21 June

Sunrise: 4/31 a.m. Sunset 7/31 P.M. Moonset 0/5
Chaturthi. Today I paid to Paul $5.00 for purchases.

Karl paid me $30.00 for paying rent. To-day telephone connection is made. I talked with Mr. Bogart and Mrs. Lablanc. Enquired about Yolanda. Dr. Mishra twice attempted but there was no response.

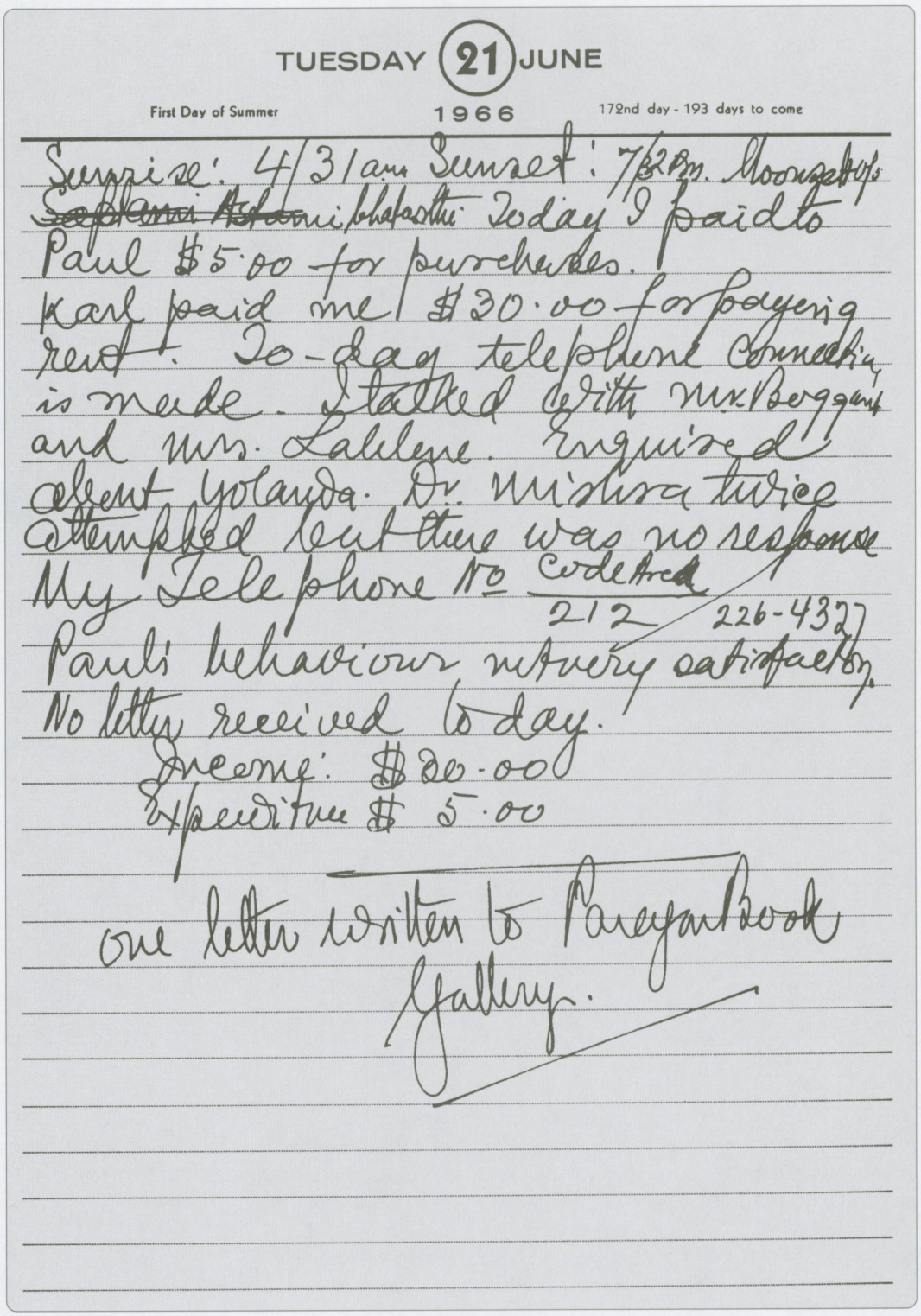
My telephone No. Code Area
212 / 226-4327

Paul's behaviour not very satisfactory.

No letter received today.

Income:	$30.00
Expenditure	$ 5.00

One letter written to Paragon Book Gallery.



TUESDAY 21 JUNE

First Day of Summer 1966 172nd day - 193 days to come

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Gallery.

WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE

1966 173rd day - 192 days to come

Sunrise: 4/32 a.m. Sunset: 7/33 P.m. Moonset: 11/08 a.
~~Panchami~~ Panchami Today Paul was paid $2.25 for expenses. Withdrawn from Bank $65.00 and sent to the Landlady $100.00 by m.o. cheque Commission paid .25¢

Theosophical Lodge at 347 E 72 to kept one set of book on approval My phone No 226-4327 given to them They will inform after consulting madam Wadia of Bombay who is now at New York. Bus fare .30

No letter received to-day.—
Institute of Religions & Social Studies at Broadway 122 St. Junction 6th Floor invited me to see at 10/30 a.m. with books.

In the evening there was meeting the attendance was eleven but the Collection was only 7.50
Book Collection — 1.00
8.50

Expenditure — 2.25
35.00
.25
.30
37.80

Wednesday 22 June

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Moonset 11/08
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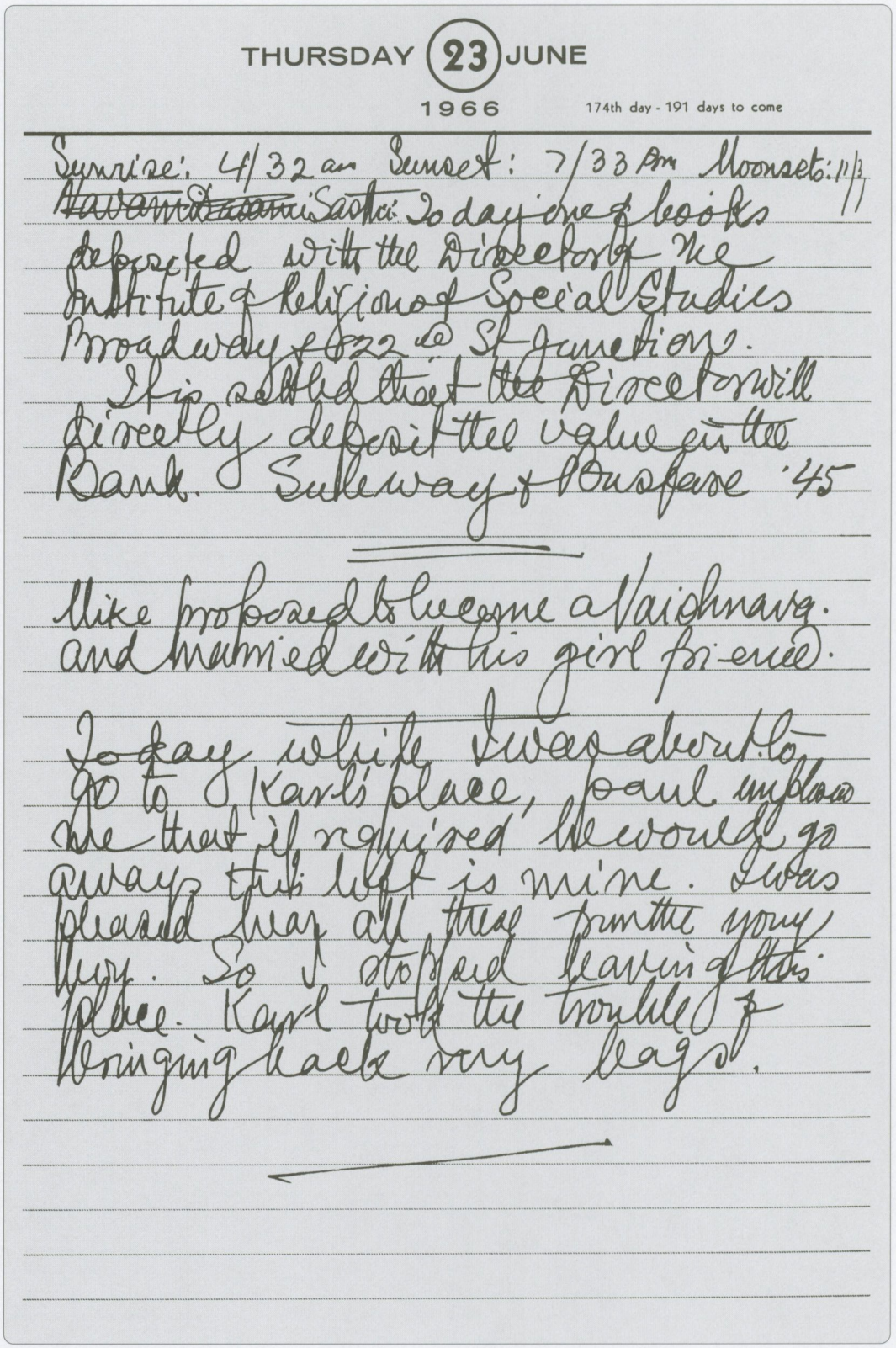
Thursday 23 June

Sunrise: 4/32 a.m. Sunset: 7/33 P.M.
Moonsets 11/37
Sasthi. Today one of books deposited with the Director of the Institute of Religions & Social Studies Broadway & 122nd St. Junction. It is settled that the Director will directly deposit the value in the Bank.
Subway & Bus fare .45

Mike proposed to become a Vaishnava and married with his girl friend.

Today while I was about to go to Karl's place, Paul implored me that if required he would go away this loft is mine. I was pleased hear all these from the young boy. So I stopped leaving of this place. Karl took the trouble of bringing back my bags.



THURSDAY 23 JUNE
1966
174th day - 191 days to come

Sunrise: 4/32 am Sunset: 7/33 pm Moonsets: 11/37
~~Navam Dasami~~ Sasthi: Today one of books deposited with the Director of the Institute of Religions & Social Studies Broadway & 122 St Junction.
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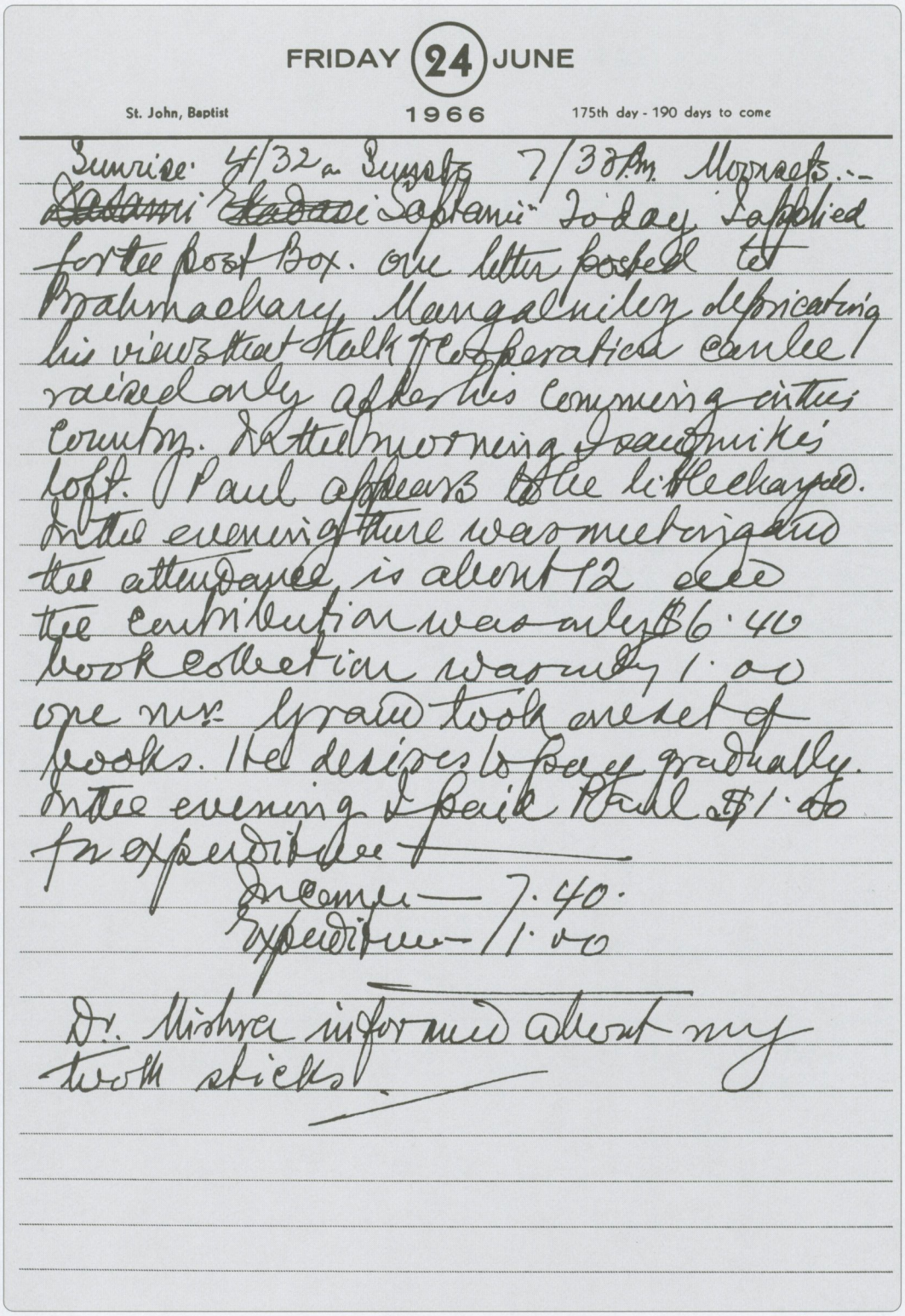
FRIDAY 24 JUNE

St. John, Baptist 1966 175th day - 190 days to come

Sunrise. 4/32 a. Sunset 7/33 P.M. Moonsets.--
~~Saptami~~ ~~Saptami~~ Saptami. Today I applied for the Post Box. One letter posted to Brahmachary Mangalniloy depricating his views that talk of Cooperation can be raised only after his comming in this country. In the morning I saw Mike's loft. Paul appears to be little changed. In the evening there was meeting and the attendance is about 12 and the contribution was only $6.40 book collection was only $1.00 one Mr. Grand took one set of books. He desires to pay gradually. In the evening I paid Paul $1.00 for expenditure.

Income — 7.40.
Expenditure — 1.00

Dr. Mishra informed about my tooth sticks.

Friday 24 June

Sunrise: 4/32 a.m. Sunset: 7/33 P.M.
Moonsets
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Expenditure —	1.00

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Saturday 25 June

Sunrise 4/32 Sunset. 7/33 Moonsets 0/05
Astami

SATURDAY 25 JUNE

1966 176th day - 189 days to come

Sunrise 4/32 Sunset. 7/33 Moonset. 0/05
Ekadasi Astami

Sunday 26 June

Sunrise 4/33 Sunset 7/33 Moonset. 0/30
Navami

SUNDAY 26 JUNE

Third Sunday after Trinity 1966 177th day - 188 days to come

Sunrise 4/33. Sunset 7/33 Moonset. 0/30
Dvadasi Navami

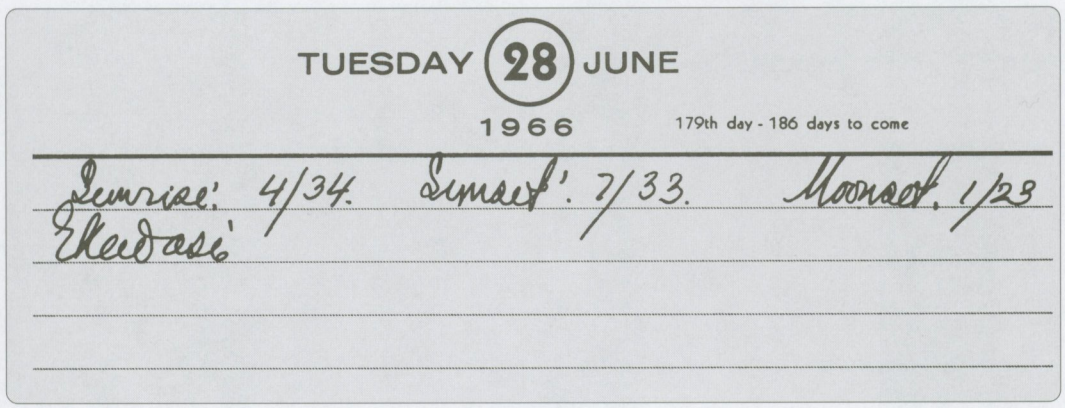
Monday 27 June

Sunrise 4/33 Sunset 7/33 Moonset. 0/55
Dasami

MONDAY 27 JUNE

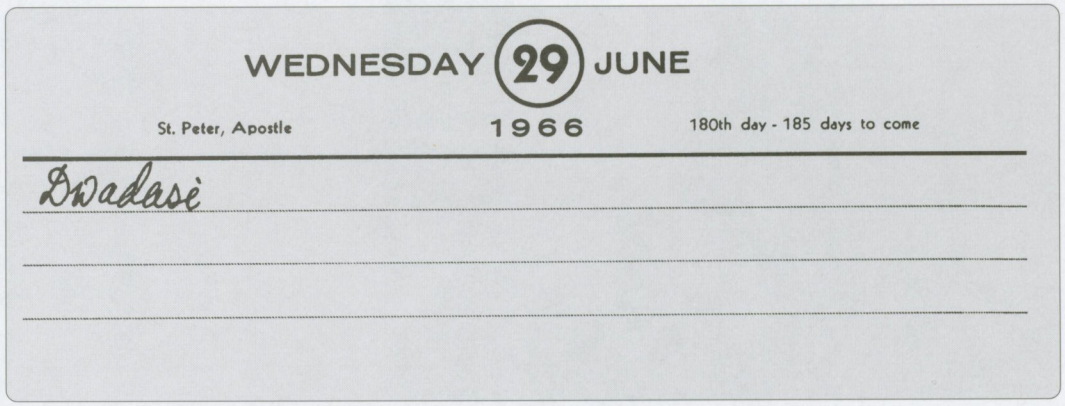
1966 178th day - 187 days to come

Sunrise: 4/33 Sunset: 7/33 Moonset. 0/55
Dasami.



Tuesday 28 June

Sunrise: 4/34. Sunset: 7/33. Moonset. 1/23
Ekadasi



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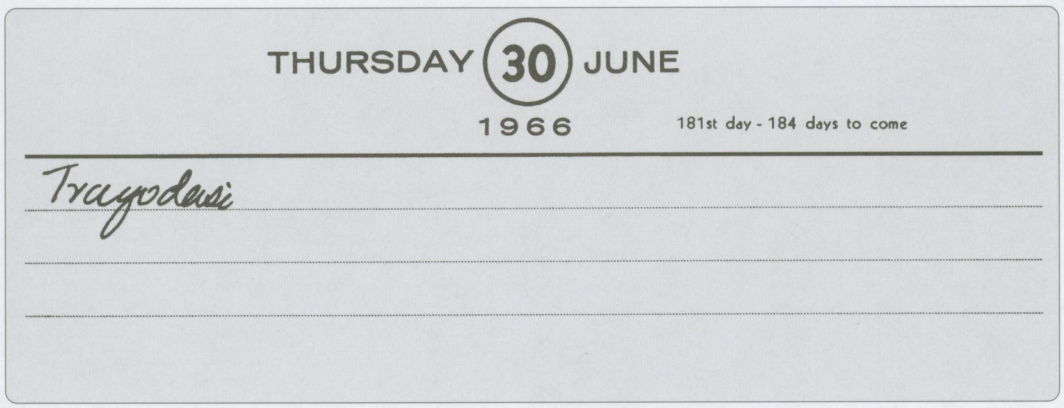
Dwadasi



Thursday 30 June

Trayodasi

Right: This article in the Village Voice *of June 30, 1966 was the first about Śrīla Prabhupāda to appear in a New York newspaper.*

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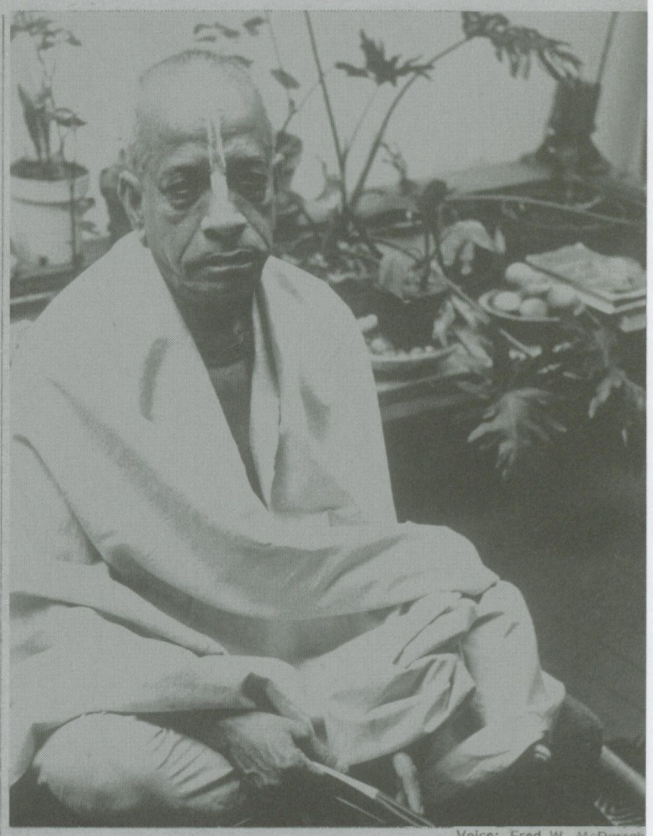

Voice: Fred W. McDarrah

SWAMI BHAKTIVEDANTA

THE MEETING of the mystical West and the practical East comes alive in the curious contrast between A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami and his American disciples. The Swami, a cultivated man of 70 with a distinguished education, is here for a year to preach his gospel of peace, goodwill, nearness to God, and more practically to raise money for his American church. The practical side of the Swami's nature inspires his American followers far less than the mystical.

Like his teachings, the Swami is sensible and direct. His main teaching — not connected with any religion, although he is a Hindu — is that mankind may come closer to God by reciting His Holy Name. This is more than a mystical process, as a line in his pamphlet indicates: "And when shall all the holes of hairs on my body have eruptions by the recitation of Your Name."

During services last week, the Swami sat cross-legged in his temporary headquarters in a tiny Chinatown loft. A dozen or so disciples helped out with chanting and cymbals.

Despite the fact that the Swami came to America to seek out the roots of godless materialism — a disease, he says, that has already enveloped India—he is a realistic man. "If there is any place on earth with money to build a temple, it is here."

Swami Bhaktivedanta leads a monastic life. He is a strict vegetarian and will permit no woman to touch his food. His only drink is milk — the "miracle food for babies and old men." He has translated 60 volumes of mystic lore from Sanskrit into English to aid in his teaching mission.

The Swami wishes to found in America the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, which will be open for anyone — including women — to join. They will meet next on Friday evening; the curious may call WA 5-2648.



Left: Śrīla Prabhupāda riding the subway. (This photo did not appear in the article reproduced on this page.)



CHAPTER THREE

26 SECOND AVENUE

JULY 1 through NOVEMBER 4 1966

26 SECOND AVENUE SUMMARY

July 1 marks the day Śrīla Prabhupāda takes possession of the storefront and one of the rear apartments at 26 Second Avenue. He immediately conducts regular classes. Mr. Goldsmith finalizes the incorporation of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness.

Entries in this section are abbreviated, as compared with the previous sections. This perhaps results from Śrīla Prabhupāda's being absorbed with the active beginnings of his movement. These events are elaborately discussed in the *Śrīla Prabhupāda Līlāmṛta*.

On July 15 Śrīla Prabhupāda trains one of his followers to keep the accounts until the end of August, when Śrīla Prabhupāda resumes this practice.

Notable occurrences are the initiation of Brahmānanda, Acyutānanda, Satsvarūpa and Kīrtanānanda, the purchase of the first two mimeograph machines and subsequent publication of the first Western edition of *Back to Godhead*, the beginning of Śrīla Prabhupāda's relationship with Allen Ginsberg, and the hiring of Judson Hall to hold a lecture program.

There are problems with the immigration authorities after they refuse to renew Śrīla Prabhupāda's visa because he has been in the U.S. for more than one year. On September 27, a collection is held to defray the legal costs, and Allen Ginsberg donates $100.

Śrīla Prabhupāda still wants to acquire a large building for a temple and preaching purposes. On October 31 there is a $1300 donation to the building fund by Brahmānanda, and the November accounts section (See page 206) shows a loan for $5,000 from a donor named Jonathan, a friend of Ravindra-svarūpa dāsa, on November 1.

JULY–NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

July

1 Today I entered the new house at 26 Second Avenue, Room #1B. In the evening there was meeting in the New Store.
In the evening meeting there were 8 men, collection $5.50, book collection $4.00.
6 In the meeting at 26 Second Street Store, it is settled that the Society shall be incorporated and the name shall be International Society for Krishna Consciousness. Eleven trustees were agreed.
7 Saw Mr. Goldsmith. He has paid $10.00. The papers of the meeting were handed over to him. The Society shall be registered by the next week. He says everything is alright.
8 There was about twenty men attending. It is encouraging. The collection was $15.00. One boy Gerald was very much interested.
9 In the Sanskrit Class Mrs. Carol paid $5.00.

September

1 Income Mrs. Carol $10.00.
Mr. Gardiner wants to increase the rent to $71. He came and got it signed by me before the trustees.
19 Powdered milk introduced today.
22 To four boys Bruce, Charles, Steve and Keith initiated with Harinama.
Donald sent some apples by post. Thanks.
23 Visa office sent their decision not to extend further stay to me. All the members startled. They want me to stay. We went to perform Kirtan out of New York City and it was nice. We are invited by the Ananda Ashram.
26 Today the Trustees resolved that legal steps should be taken for my stay. They are prepared to spend up to $500.00 for this purpose.
27 Collection for lawyer taken (Ginsberg $100.00).

October

7 Fundraising for Rupanuga Vidyapitha. Steve (Satyasvarupa) donated $100.00 [Memoranda section].
8 By 2 Mimeograph $150.00.
19 There is hope to purchase the house.
20 Today first hearing was done in the matter of my visa extension. It will be heard again on 10/28/66 at 9 a.m.
23 Gargamuni and Ranchordas are given Harinama today.
Back to Godhead published again today.
24 Back to Godhead appeared in shape. Price 15c.
Book Collection $30.00.
28 Today to attend Immigration. Contact Ypsilantin.
31 By Judson Hall $135.00.

November

1 Received loan from Jonathan and deposited in bank $5,000.00 [accounts section].

Friday 1 July

Chaturdasi: Sunrise 4/35 Sunset 7/32 Moonsets 4.01
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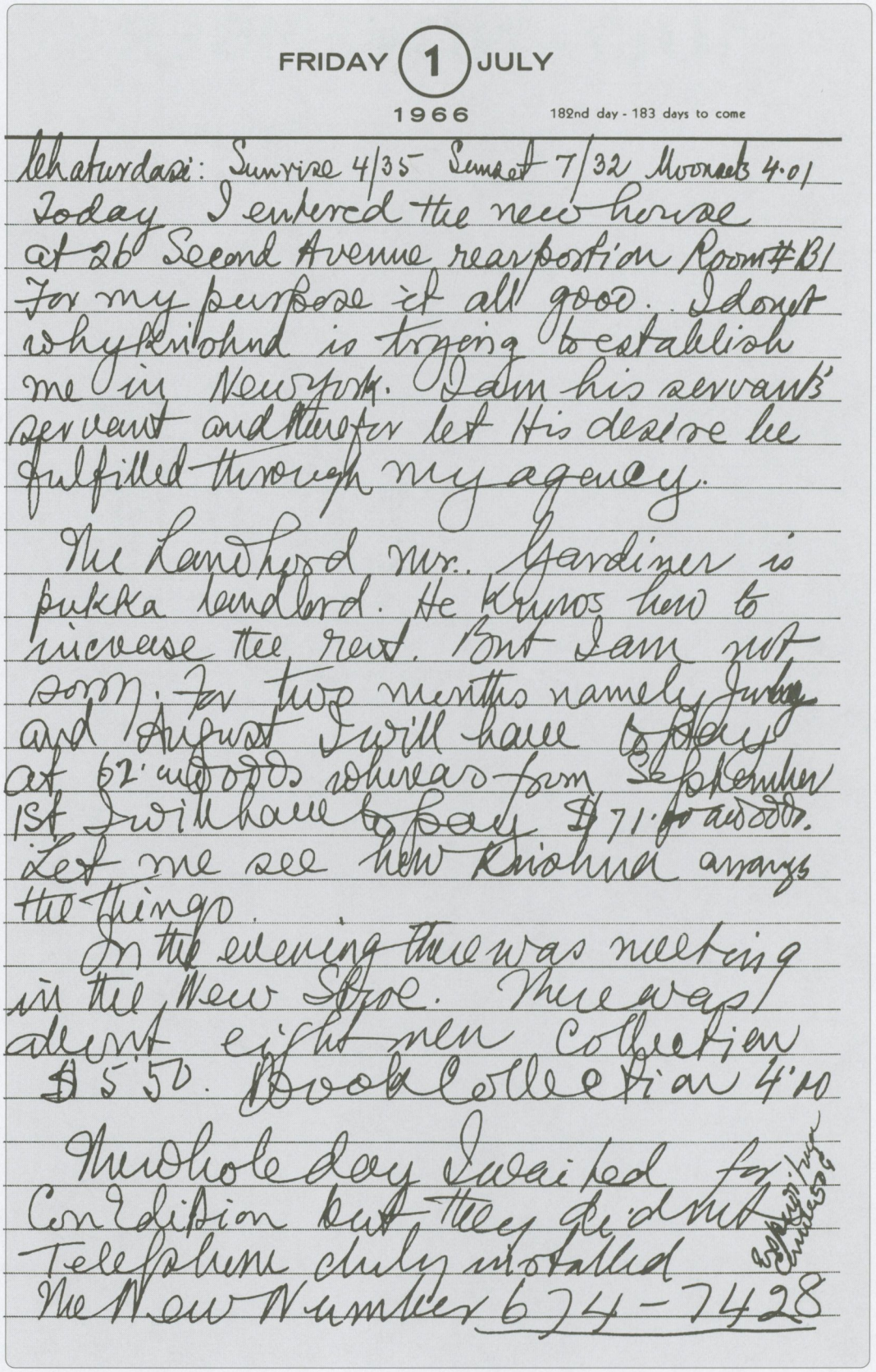
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SATURDAY 2 JULY

1966 183rd day - 182 days to come

Purnima. Sunrise 4/36 Sunset 7/32 Moonrise 8/45-
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Saturday 2 July

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SUNDAY 3 JULY

Fourth Sunday after Trinity 1966 184th day - 181 days to come

Pradipada: Sunrise: Sunset ?.

Sunday 3 July

Pradipada: Sunrise: Sunset (?).

MONDAY 4 JULY

Independence Day 1966 185th day - 180 days to come

Dwitya
Sunrise. Sunset Moonrise:

Monday 4 July

Dwitya
Sunrise. Sunset Moonrise:

TUESDAY 5 JULY

1966 186th day - 179 days to come

Tritiya
Sunrise Sunset. Moonrise.

Tuesday 5 July

Tritiya
Sunrise Sunset Moonrise

Wednesday 6 July

Chaturthi
Sunrise: Sunset: Moonrise:

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Society Collection:

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Eleven Trustees were agreed.

[1] Later initiated as Rāya Rāma dāsa

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1966 187th day - 178 days to come

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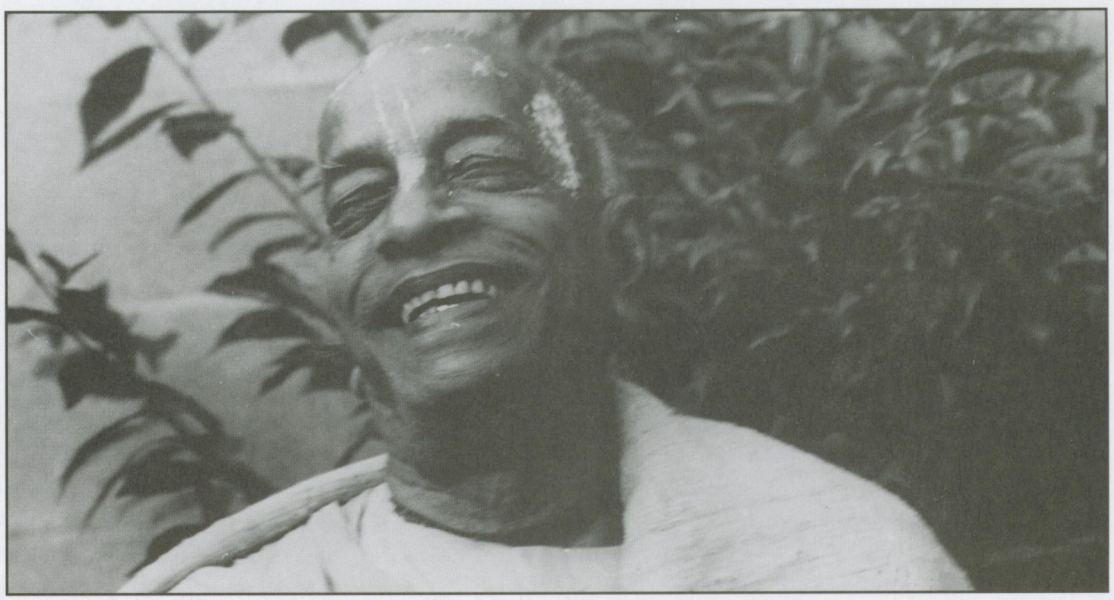

THURSDAY 7 JULY

1966 188th day - 177 days to come

Panchami
Sunrise: 4/38. Sunset. 7/31 Moonrise 10/49
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Less 20.00
20.00
Add 10.00
$30.00 for Society

Bus fare — .30

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Expenditure — $2.00

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CONSTITUTION OF ASSOCIATION

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2. The headquarters of the Society are located at Radhakrishna Temple, 26 Second Avenue, New York City, 10003, USA.

3. The objectives for which the Society is being established are:
(A) To educate the greater human society in the techniques of spiritual life as the basis for a balanced psychic and biological development, and thereby achieve for the first time in human society a real peace and unity among the contending forces in the world today.
(B) To propagate the Sense of Godhead, the all attractive Personality of primal and eternal Form, as He Himself revealed in His own words in the Bhagavad Gita, The Holy Scripture of the Lord Sri Krishna, the Godhead.
(C) To bring together individuals in a Society, regardless of nationality and irrespective of creed or caste, in order to develop a nearness to the Godhead and thereby the idea that within the members and humanity-at-large there is an infinitesmal soul-spirit that is part and parcel in quality with the Godhead, and that all life is meant for the satisfaction of said Godhead, the Supreme Soul.
(D) To encourage the teachings of Lord Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu who demostrated practically the transcendental process of approaching the absolute Personality of Godhead by His acts of congregational chanting of the holy name of God, a process known as Samkirtan.
(E) To prove by active work and preaching that Lord Sri Krishna is the only enjoyer of all the outcomes of individual and collective sacrifice, penance, meditation, arts, culture, science, because He is the Supreme Proprietor of the whole universe, eternally apart of Him everyone knows Him as a friend. Real peace can be attained when this is realized, in fact.
(F) To assist whenever and wherever possible in the building of a social structure on the real foundation of spiritual progress and establishment of peace and unity between men throughout the world.
(G) To attempt to save men individually from the chain of victimization the ongoing trend in modern civilization operates by, in the name of ideologies of false sentiment, so that Man may again be a free soul, to act and live freely with spiritual vision. This is possible by individual spiritual initiation, Diksha, when a man can see everything in Godhead and Godhead in everything.
(H) To further toward realization this highest truth as revealed by Lord Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu and the six Goswamins headed by Srila Rupa and Santana Goswamins.
(I) To have for its objectives amongst the others four principles which the Goswamins had in view. They are the following:
1. To erect a holy place of transcendental pastimes as well as a place where members of the Lord Sri Krishna can flourish.
2. To propagate all over the world in the form of missionaries the process of devotion, the transcendental service to the Godhead, and to make known that this devotional service is the main function of the human being.
3. In order to accomplish this, to adopt proselytizing methods of peaceful means and to establish a broader society of association for all members, including scholars and admirers, to engage in this service as put forth in the Srimad Bhagwatam.

4. To install, wherever it is possible, the worship and temple of Radhakrishna and that of Sri Chaitanya, and to give facility to everyone to become trained in the modes of Archan or preparatory principles of devotional service.

(J) To introduce to the members of the Society and humanity-at-large a simpler and more natural purpose in life by means suitable to the particular place and time, and as enjoined in the Bhagavad Gita.

(K) To organize educational programs, such as classes and lecture tours, and to institute services, such as mailing, for the benefit of the members of the Society and humanity-at-large.

(L) To publish periodicals, books and/or pamphlets in all important languages in order to reach human society and give an opprotunity to same to communicate with the Society.

(M) To invoke the quality of goodness particularly in every member of the Society, individually by the process of Diksha and by establishing one in the status of a Brahmin (good and intelligent man) on the basis of truthfulness, knowledge and faith in the transcendental service of the Lord.

(N) Among the secondary objectives of the Society, it shall undertake the following activities:

1. To revive the scientific system of social orders of classification based on intelligence, martial spirit, productivity and common assistance, generally known as the four castes with reference to quality and worth for the common cause of world society.

2. To discharge as a matter of course the vitiated system of supremacy of one man over another by false prestige of birthright or vested interests.

3. To popularize the vegetable-grain diet under approved methods in order that full value of protein, carbohydrate, fat and vitamin benefit may be derived therefrom.

4. To discourage intoxicating or addicting habits of all descriptions and dimensions and to expose such persons thus afflicted to approved methods of spiritual realization.

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
February 9

Raymond Marais
Michael A. Grant
Robert Lefkowitz
James S. Greene

Friday 8 July

Sasthi.
Sunrise: 4/38 Sunset. 7/31 Moonrise: 11/08.

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Sunrise: 4/39 Sunset: 7/31 Moonrise: 11/08

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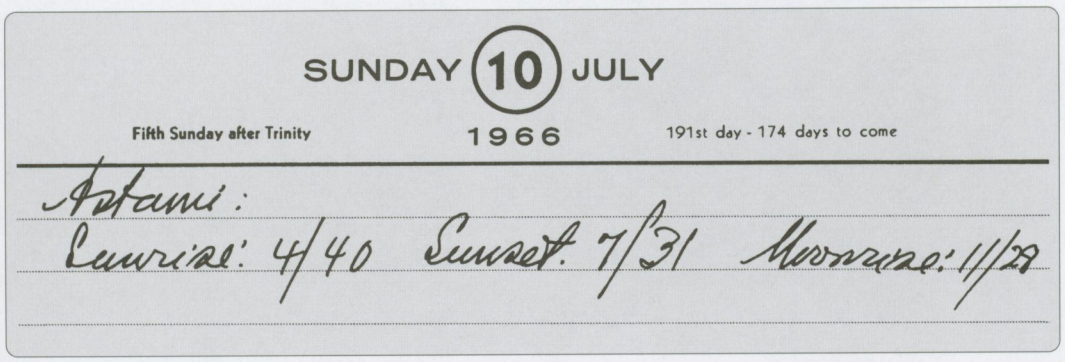
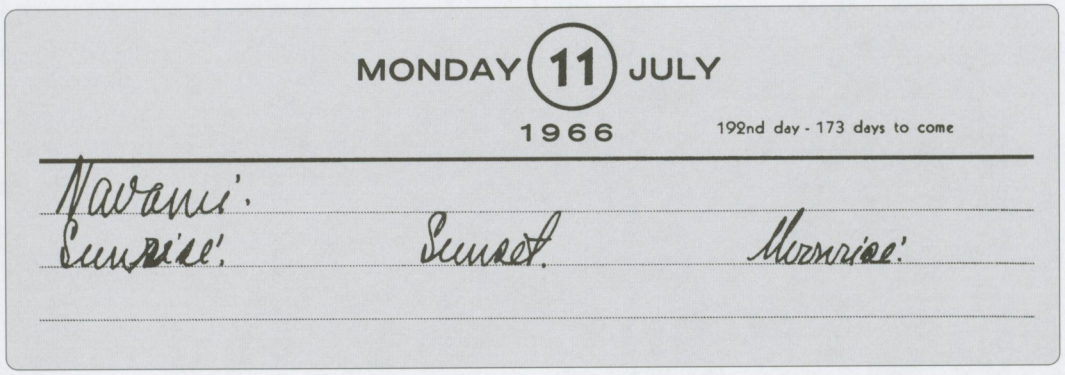


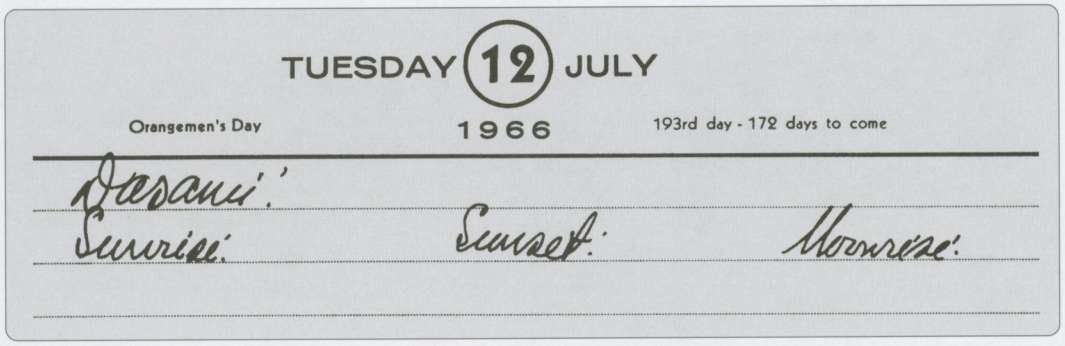
Sunday 10 July

Astami:
Sunrise: 4/40 Sunset. 7.31 Moonrise: 11/28



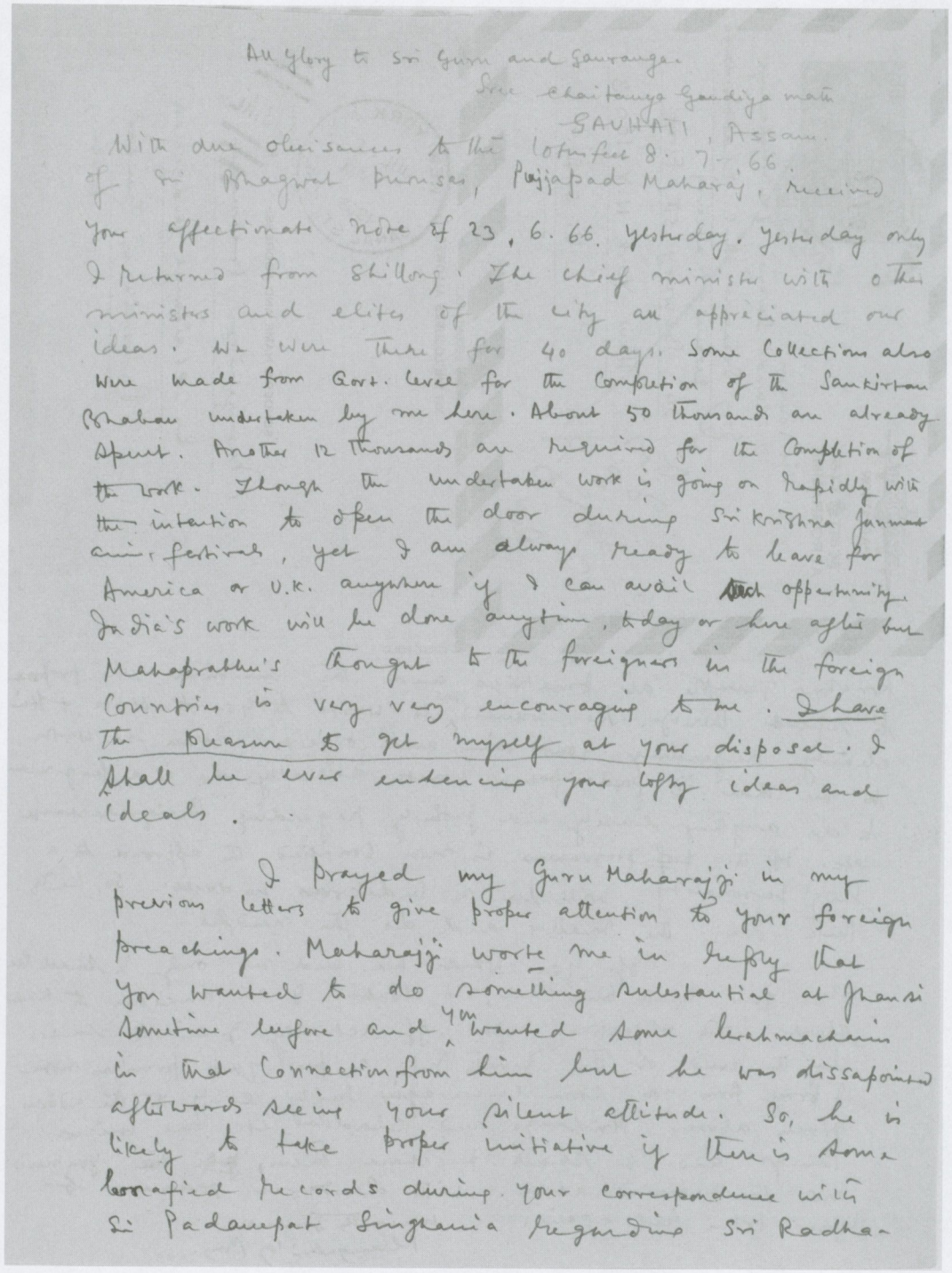
Monday 11 July

Navami:
Sunrise: Sunset: Moonrise:



Tuesday 12 July

Dasami :
Sunrise: Sunset: Moonrise:



All Glory to Sri Guru and Gauranga.
Sree Chaitanya Gaudiya math
GAUHATI, Assam.
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Śrīla Prabhupāda does not mention this letter in the diary so we have included it here at the date of sending.

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8.7.66

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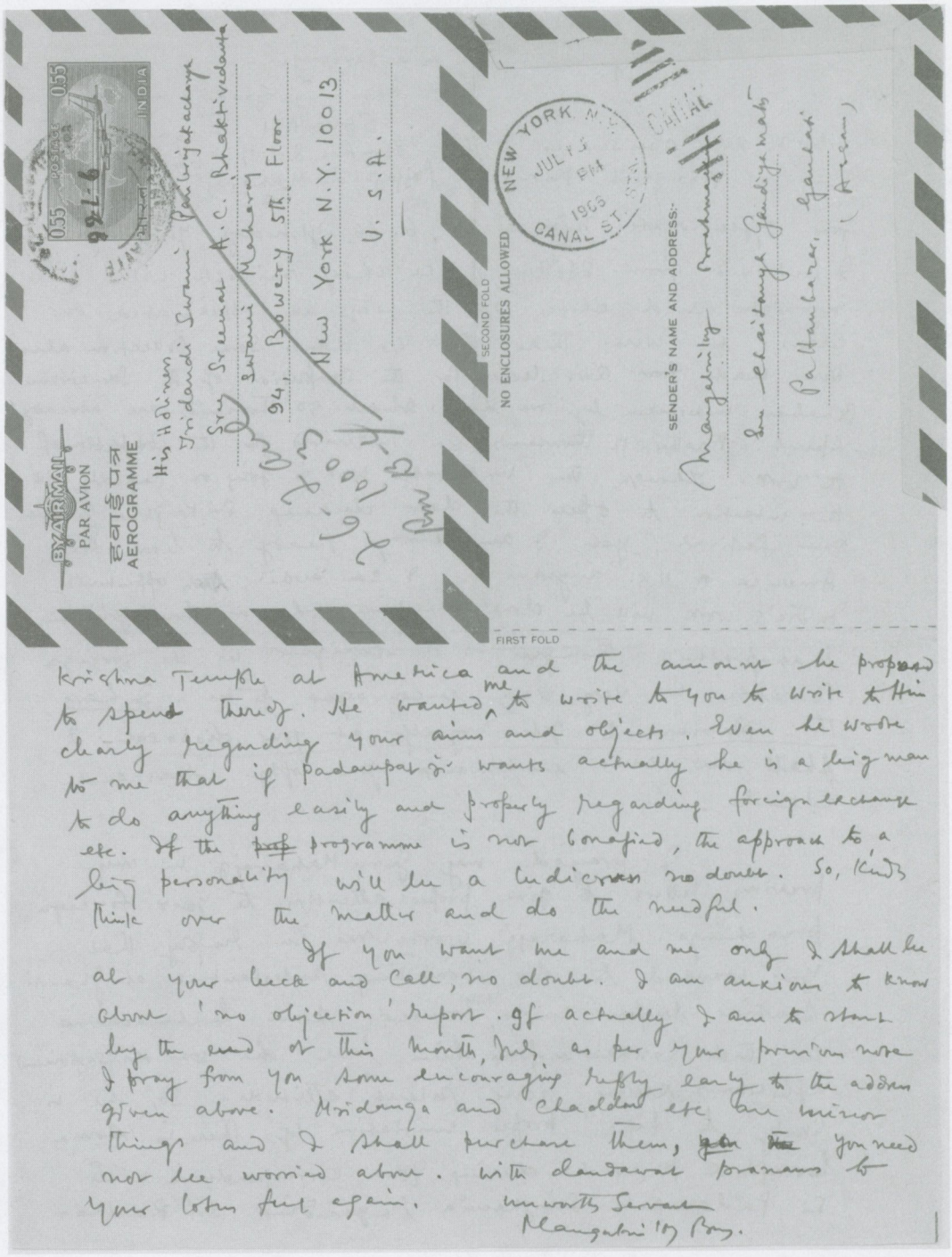
foreign exchange etc. If the programme is not bona fide, the approach to a big personality will be a ludicrous no doubt. So, kindly think over the matter and do the needful. If you want me and me only I shall be at your beck and call, no doubt. I am anxious to know about 'no objection' report. If actually I am to start by the end of this month, July as per your previous note I pray from you some encouraging reply early to the address given above. Mridanga and chaddar etc are minor things and I shall purchase them, you need not be worried about. With dandawat pranams to your lotus feet again.

Unworthy servant,

Mangalniloy Bry.



CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

OF

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS, INC.

(Pursuant to the Religious Corporation Law of the State of New York)

We, the undersigned, for the purpose of forming a corporation pursuant to the Religious Corporation Law of the State of New York, do hereby make, subscribe and acknowledge this certificate as follows:

FIRST: The name of the corporation shall be INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS, INC.

SECOND: The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

(a) To systematically propagate spiritual knowledge to society at large and to educate all peoples in the techniques of spiritual life in order to check the imbalance of values in life and to achieve real unity and peace in the world.

(b) To propagate a consciousness of Krishna as it is revealed in the Bhagawat Gita and Srimad Bhagawatam.

(c) To bring the members of the Society together with each other and nearer to Krishna, the prime entity, and thus to develop the idea, within the members, and humanity, at large, that each soul is part and parcel of the quality of Godhead (Krishna).

(d) To teach and encourage the Samkirtan movement, congregational chanting of the holy name of God as revealed in the teachings of Lord Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.

(e) To erect for the members, and for society at large, a holy place of transcendental pastimes, dedicated to the personality of Krishna.

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(f) To bring the members closer together for the purpose of teaching a simpler and more natural way of life.

(g) With a view towards achieving the aforementioned purposes, to publish and distribute periodicals, magazines, books and other writings.

THIRD: The corporation shall have the power, either directly or indirectly, either alone or in conjunction or cooperation with others, to do any and all lawful acts and things and to engage in any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful, suitable, desirable, or proper for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering, or attainment of any or all of the purposes for which the corporation is organized, and to aid or assist other organizations whose activities are such as to further, accomplish, foster, or attain any of such purposes. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the corporation shall exercise only such powers as are in furtherance of the exempt purposes of organizations set forth in Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as the same now exist or as they may be hereafter amended from time to time.

FOURTH: The corporation is not organized for profit, and no part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual. In the event of the liquidation or dissolution of the corporation, whether voluntary or involuntary, no member shall be entitled to any distribution or division of its remaining property or its proceeds, and the balance of all money and other property received by the corporation from

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any source, after the payment of all debts and obligations of the corporation, shall be used or distributed, subject to the order of the Supreme Court of the State of New York as provided by law, exclusively for purposes within those set forth in Article SECOND of this certificate and within the intendment of Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and its Regulations as the same now exist or as they may be hereafter amended from time to time.

FIFTH: The operations of the corporation are to be conducted principally within the State of New York.

SIXTH: The principal place of worship of this Society is intended to be located at No. 26 Second Avenue in the City, County and State of New York.

SEVENTH: The number of trustees of the Society shall be nine.

EIGHTH: The names and addresses of the trustees until the first annual meeting of the corporation are as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS
MICHAEL GRANT	110 Bowery, New York, N. Y.
JAN OSLUND	110 Bowery, New York, N. Y.
JAMES S. GREENE	324 East 6th Street, New York, N. Y.

The names and addresses of the trustees until the second annual meeting of the corporation are as follows:

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NAME	ADDRESS
PAUL GARDINER	38 East 76th Street, New York, N. Y.
DONALD W. CHAPDELAINE	26 Second Avenue, New York, N. Y.
RAYMOND MARAIS	26 Second Avenue, New York, N. Y.

The names and addresses of the trustees until the third annual meeting of the corporation are as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS
KARL YEARGENS	218 Centre Street New York, N. Y.
RAPHAEL BALSAM	26 Second Avenue, New York, N. Y.
ROBERT LEFKOWITZ	1847 49th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

NINTH: The first annual meeting for the annual election of trustees shall be held on July 6, 1967, at 7:00 P.M. at No. 26 Second Avenue, in the City, County and State of New York.

TENTH: The matters set forth in paragraphs FIRST through EIGHTH of this certificate were determined at a meeting held for that purpose pursuant to Section 192 of the Religious Corporation Law on July 6, 1966 at No. 26 Second Avenue in the City, County and State of New York. Said meeting was held pursuant to due written notice as provided in Section 191 of the Religious Corporation Law.

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ELEVENTH: All of the subscribers to this certificate are of full age and all are members in good and regular standing of the church seeking incorporation through the filing of this certificate by admission with full membership therein in accordance with the rules and regulations thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have made, subscribed, and acknowledged this certificate of incorporation this 13th day of July, 1966.

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

Carol Bekar

Raymond Marais

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
SS:
COUNTY OF NEW YORK)

On the 13th day of July, 1966, before me personally came A. C. BHAKTIVEDANTA, SWAMI, RAYMOND MARAIS and CAROL BEKAR to me known and known to me to be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing certificate of incorporation and they severally acknowledged to me that they severally executed the same.

Steven J. Goldsmith

STEVEN J. GOLDSMITH
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK
No. 31-1489875
Qualified in New York County
Commission Expires March 30, 1967

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
SS:
COUNTY OF NEW YORK)

STEVEN J. GOLDSMITH, being duly sworn, deposes and says: That he maintains an office for the practice of law at Two Park Avenue, Borough of Manhattan, City and State of New York; that he is the attorney for the subscribers to the annexed certificate of incorporation of INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS, INC.; that he has made diligent search of the records of the Clerk of the County of New York, and as revealed by such search, that no prior corporation with the same or similar name as INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS, INC. has filed a certificate of incorporation in New York County. *The undersigned affirms this under penalty of perjury.*

Steven Goldsmith

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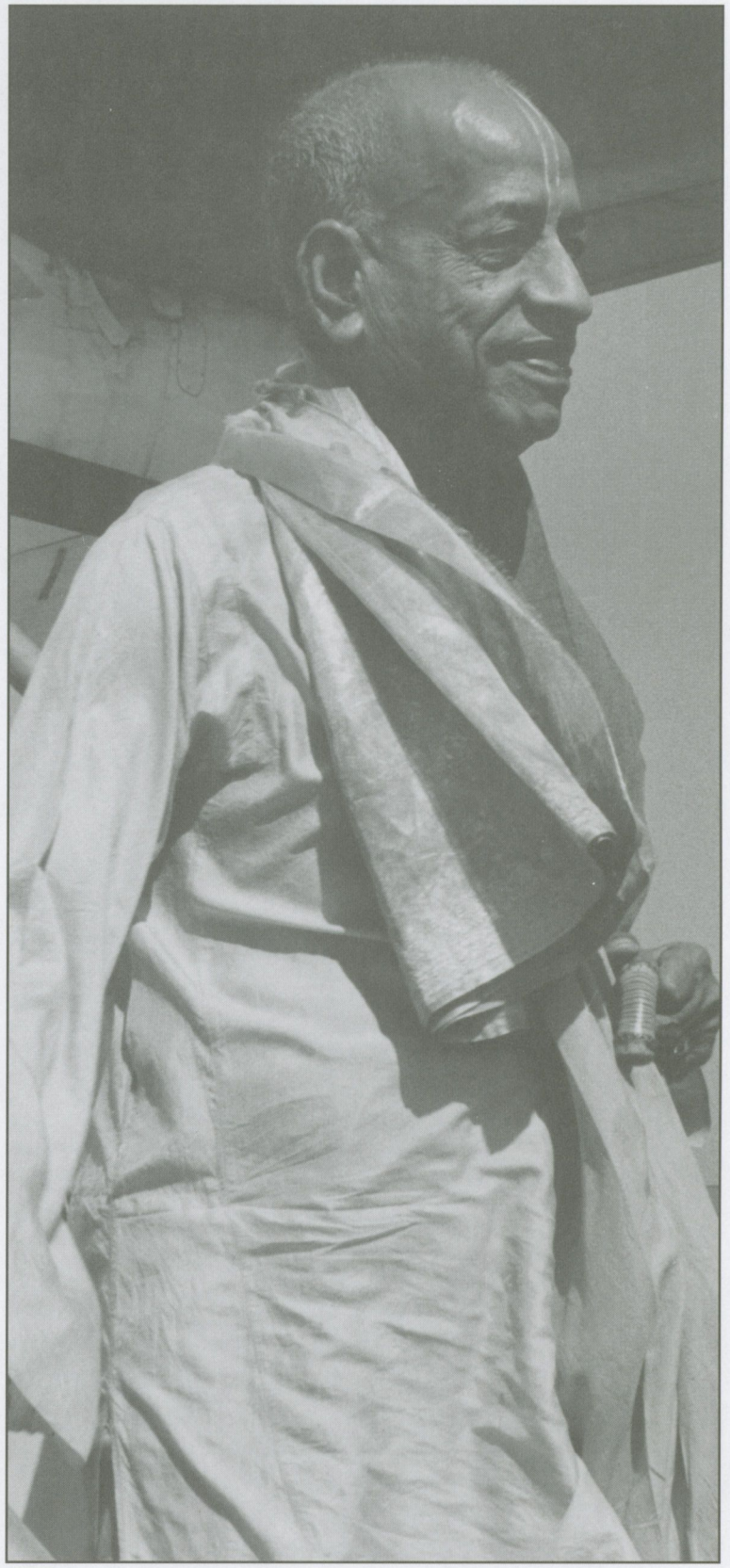

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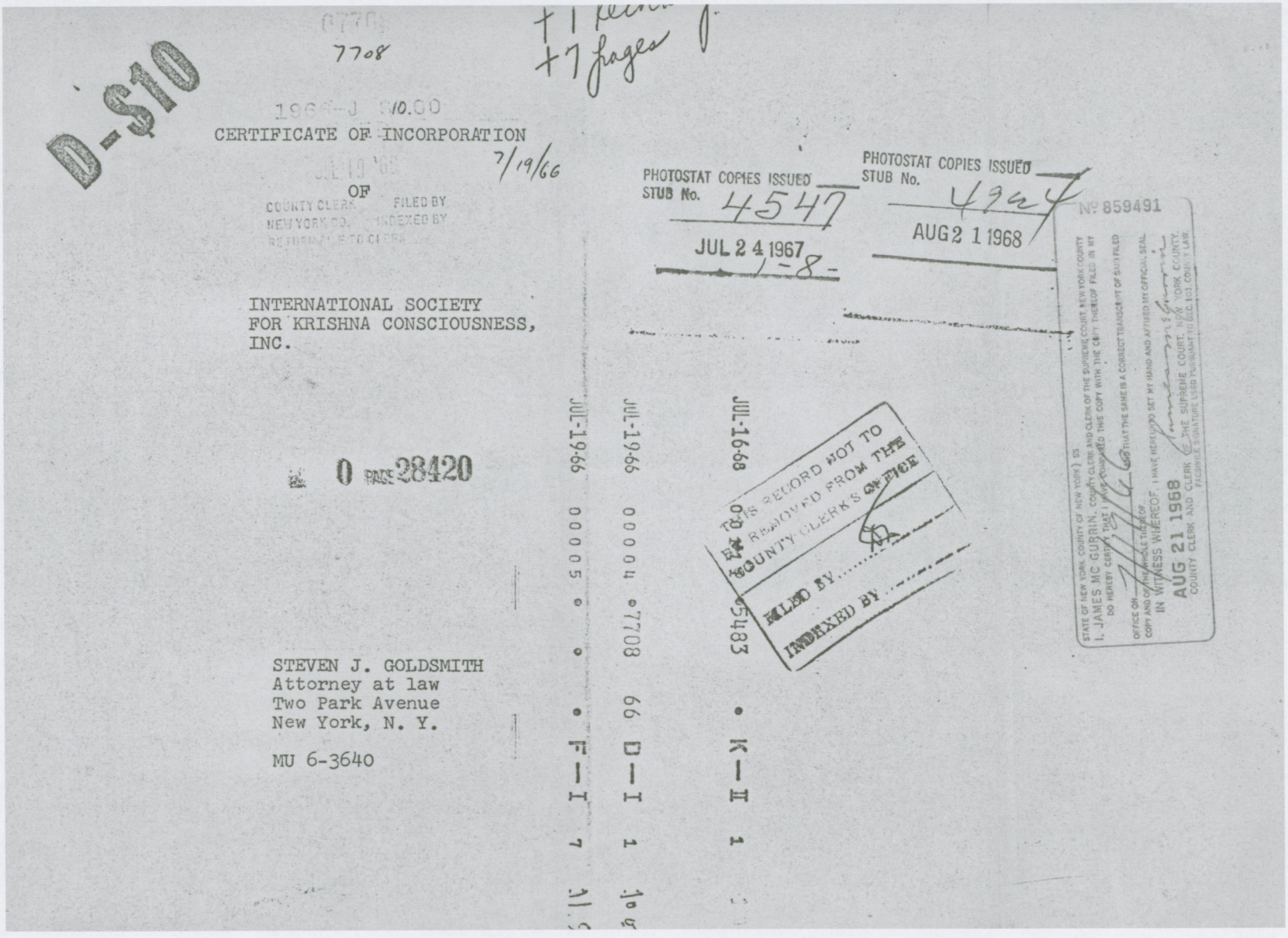

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED MY OFFICIAL SEAL.
AUG 21 1968
COUNTY CLERK AND CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT, NEW YORK COUNTY.
FACSIMILE SIGNATURE USED PURSUANT TO SEC. 103, COUNTY LAW.

WEDNESDAY 13 JULY
1966 194th day - 171 days to come

Ekadasi
Sunrise: Sunset: Moonrise:

Irene — 20
Bob — 10
Don — 10
Jan — 10
50
Former — 48
98

FRIDAY 15 JULY
St. Swithin's Day 1966 196th day - 169 days to come

- ✓ $92.50 - given to Superintendent for rent and balance of security on the store.
- .65 - milk & potato
- 1.00 - beer - fruit
- $94.15 expenditure

+ ✓ $10.00 - balance monthly dues from Don
+ 5.60 - general collection
$15.60 income

Former Balance 98.00
Income — 15.60
Total 113.60
Total expenditure 94.15
Balance 19.45

MONDAY 18 JULY
1966 199th day - 166 days to come

~~expenditure~~
income:
$7.00 - Raymond
9.34 - general collection
$16.34

expenditure:
2 aluminum dishes $1.80

Former Balance 19.45
Days income 16.34
also " 4.00
39.79
Expenditure — 1.80
Balance 37.99

WEDNESDAY 20 JULY
1966 201st day - 164 days to come

expenditure:
$1.75 - postage, etc.

income:
$6.75 - general collection

Balance B.F. 37.99.
Income — 6.75
44.74
Less Expenditure. 1.75
Balance. 42.99

Note: Śrīla Prabhupāda begins to train up one of his followers to keep the accounts. He makes no further entries until August 30.

TUESDAY 30 AUGUST

1966 242nd day - 123 days to come

Ex:		In:	
Cleaner —	$1·05	Income -	
Nelson —	1·20	Stanley Mosher —	$20.00
	2·25		20·00

Balance B.F. — 131·51
Income — 20·00
151·51
Expn — 2·25
B.C. 149·26

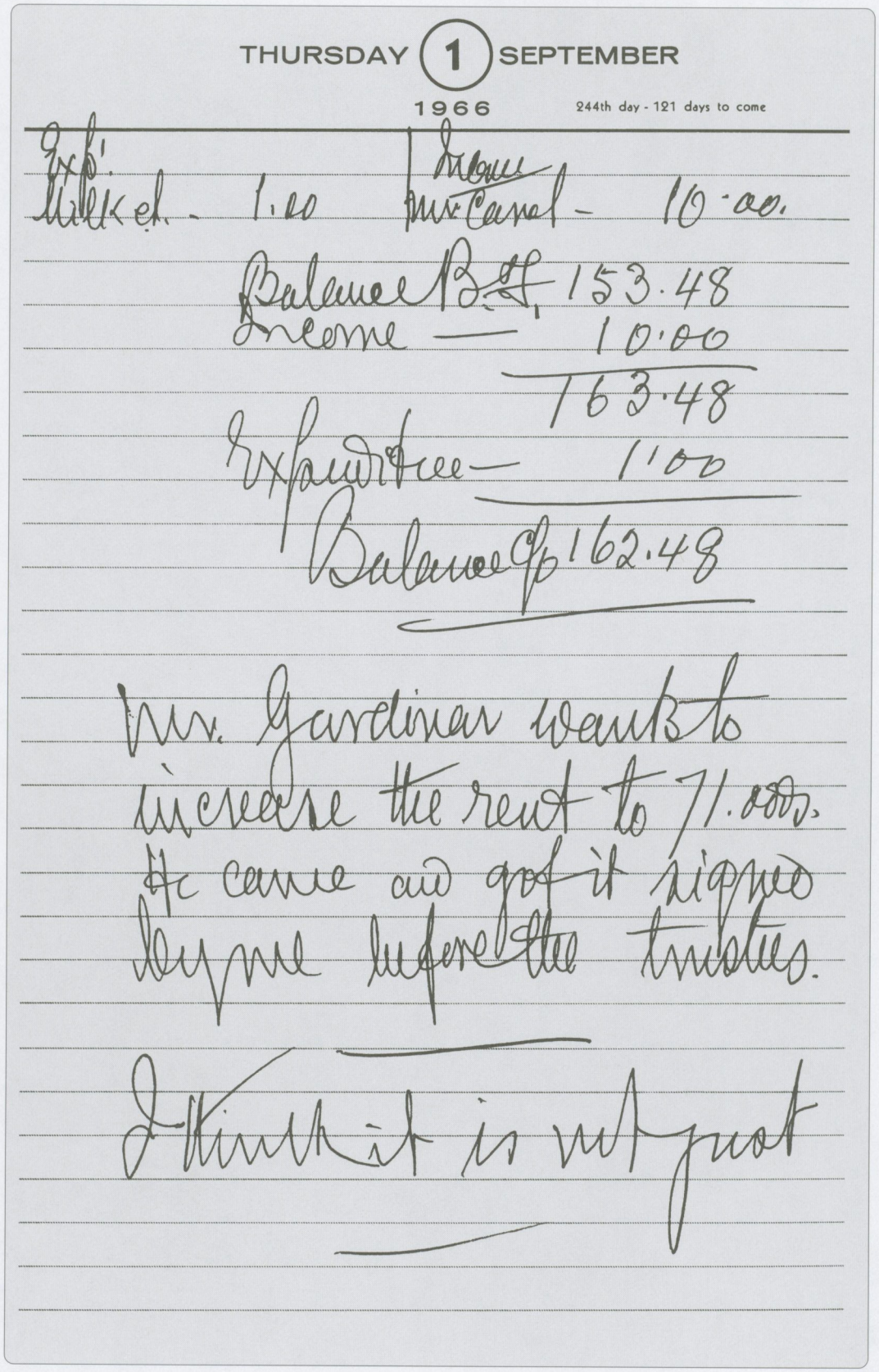
WEDNESDAY 31 AUGUST

1966 243rd day - 122 days to come

Ex		In	
Milk	·28	Gurbell -	7·30
Son —	2·00		
Fruit -	·60		
Washing -	·20		
	3·08		

Balance - B.F. 149·26
Inc — 7·30
156·56
Expn - 3·08
B.C. 153·48





Thursday 1 September

Exp:		Income	
Milk etc.	1.00	Mrs. Carol –	10.00

Balance B.F.	153.48
Income —	10.00
	163.48
Expenditure —	1.00
Balance c/o	162.48

Mr. Gardiner wants to increase the rent to 71. odds. He came and got it signed by me before the trustees.

I think it is not just.

FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER
1966 245th day - 120 days to come

To Balance B.F.	62.48	
To Justice Stephen	20.00	
To Evening Collection	9.41	
	191.89	
By Milkman.		1.25

Total 191.89.
Less. 1.25
B/C. 190.64

SATURDAY 3 SEPTEMBER
1966 246th day - 119 days to come

To Balance B.F.	190.64	
To Cash Grocer	20.00	
By Purchase		1.00.
By Sundries		.40
By Balance c/o		209.24
	210.64	210.64

SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER
Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity 1966 247th day - 118 days to come

To Balance B.F.	209.24	
To Collection	2.48	
By milkman.		1.00
By Balance c/o		210.72
	211.72	211.72

MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER
Labor Day 1966 248th day - 117 days to come

To Balance B.F. 210.72
Balance C.O. $211.72

expenditure:
$1.40 - food

income:
$2.40 - general collection

Balance B.F. $210.72
expenditure 1.40
$209.32
income 2.40
Balance C.O. $211.72

TUESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

1966 249th day - 116 days to come

Details	Income	Expenditure
~~Income~~		
To Balance B.F.	211.72	
By Rents paid both for Apt & Stores		196.99
By Paint		1.20
By Raymond —		1.00.
To cash from Raymond	8.44	
By Telephone bill Aug 13th 66		6.44
By Purchase paint		2.50
By Balance c/o		12.03
Total	220.16	220.16

WEDNESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

1966 250th day - 115 days to come

To Balance B.F.	12.03	
By Brisbane —		00.40
To Collection —	7.50	
By Balance c/o		19.13
Total	19.53	19.53

THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

1966 251st day - 114 days to come

To Balance B.F.	19.13.	
By Sundry Expenditure		1.00
By Balance		18.13
	19.13	19.13

FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

1966 252nd day - 113 days to come

To Balance B.F.	18.13.	
By Collections Exp —		2.00
To Collection —	7.40	
By Balance c/o		23.53
	25.53	25.53

SATURDAY (10) SEPTEMBER

1966 253rd day - 112 days to come

To Balance B/F	25.53.	
To Collection	37.00	
By Sundry Exp		2.00
To Collection	7.00	
By Balance		67.53
	69.53	69.53

SUNDAY (11) SEPTEMBER

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity 1966 254th day - 111 days to come

To Balance B/F	67.53	
By Sundry Expenses		1.00
By Balance C/o		66.53
	67.53	67.53

MONDAY (12) SEPTEMBER

Old Defenders' Day (Baltimore, Md.) 1966 255th day - 110 days to come

To Balance B/F	66.53.	
By Consideration due to Visa [illegible]		10.00
By Postage		40
~~By Balance~~		
To Collection	15.00	
To	8.40	
By Balance C/o		79.53
	89.93	89.93

TUESDAY (13) SEPTEMBER

1966 256th day - 109 days to come

To Balance B/F	79.53.	
By Cash to Keith		2.00
To Collection Mr Bde	31.00	
By Balance C/o		108.53
	110.53	110.53

Dr. Edward Harnick Psychiatrist
asked for one set of Books Bhagavatam

Wednesday 14 September

[Accounts]

Dr. Edward Harnick[2] Psychiatrist supplie one set of books Bhagawatam through Keith

Dr. Edward Harnick
c/o Einstein Psychiatric Institute
11 West 73rd Street
N.Y.C.

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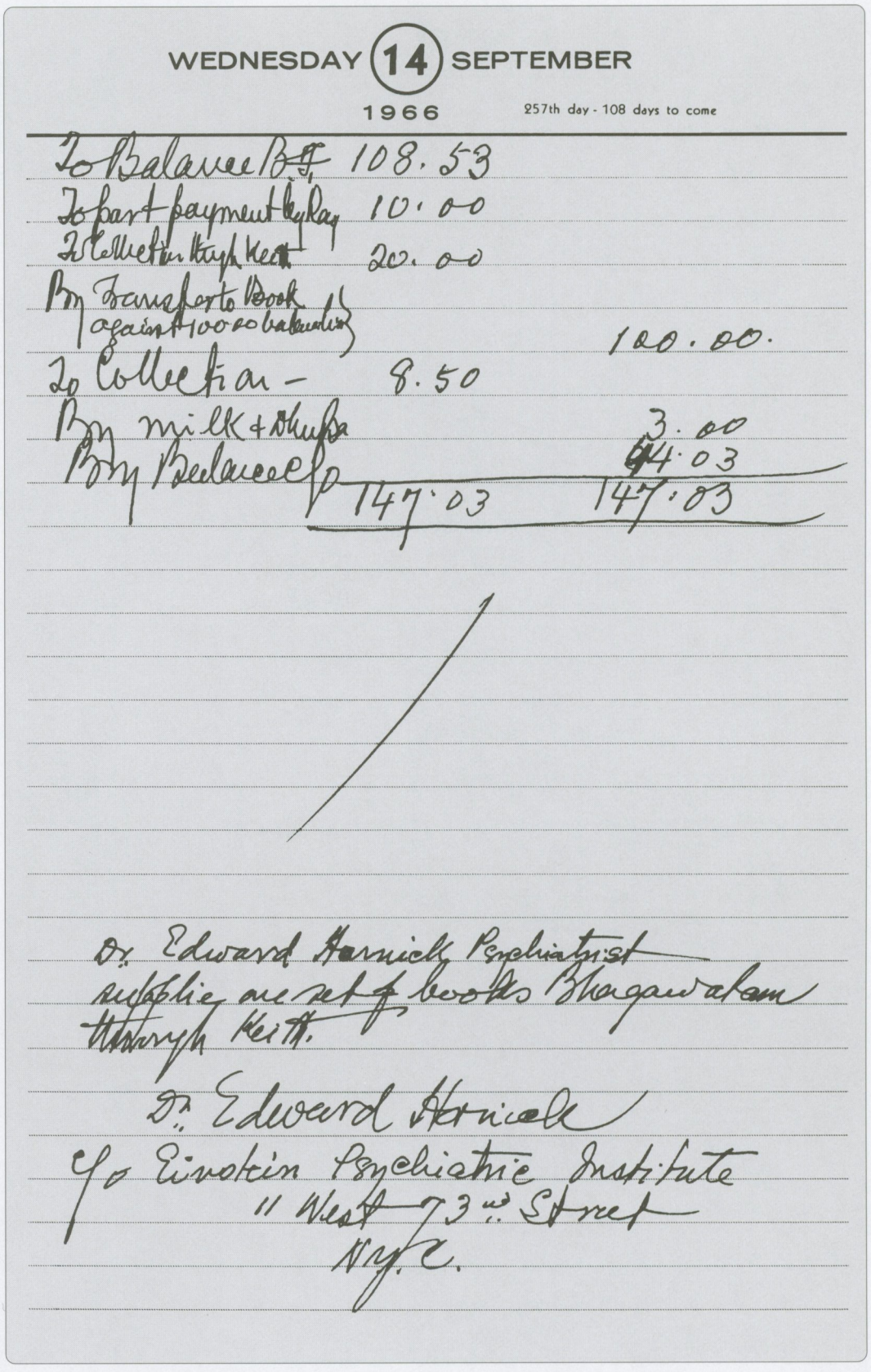
[2] Dr. Harnick is mentioned below in an excerpt from an interview with Allen Ginsberg for *Śrīla Prabhupāda-līlāmṛta* given around 1979.

Allen Ginsberg: "Peter Orlovsky and I met Harnick at a group that I knew called the GAP, Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry. We had been to their conference. They had invited us to talk about hippies and they wanted to know what was this generation thing. It was like a breakthrough between the poets and the new culture and the psychiatry groups. So we'd given a big poetry reading and made friends with a lot of them, and sang Hare Kṛṣṇa with them, the whole thing.

"Over the years Harnick and I developed a pleasant friendship and worked out an arrangement that if I knew anybody particularly gifted among the younger generation that was getting screwed up in the Lower East Side for drugs or busts or madness or whatever, that rather than have them go through the whole horror mill of Bellevue and not know what to do, to put them in touch with him and the Einstein Clinic, so he could intervene to make sure that they had a safe refuge. When Kīrtanānanda's case came up, at that time he wasn't the only one in trouble. There were a lot of hippies going through the same problem, wandering the street, flipping out. It was a question of finding a psychiatrist who had a little political clout in the New York psychiatric community among the hospitals, whom we could talk to and explain what the situation was, that this guy was a devotee practicing traditional Vaiṣṇava practice, and that's why he looked so funny in the American context, but it was all right, he wasn't crazy, he was just doing his thing. Harnick was good. He picked up fast and could intervene."



WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

1966 257th day - 108 days to come

To Balance B.F.	108.53	
To part payment by Ray	10.00	
To Collection through Keith	20.00	
By Transfer to Book against 100.00 balance		100.00
To Collection –	8.50	
By milk + dhupa		3.00
By Balance c/o		44.03
	147.03	147.03

Dr. Edward Harnick Psychiatrist supplie one set of books Bhagawatam through Keith.

Dr. Edward Harnick
c/o Einstein Psychiatric Institute
11 West 73rd Street
N.Y.C.

THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

Rosh Hashonah
First Day of Jewish New Year

1966

258th day - 107 days to come

To Balance B.F.	44.03.	

FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

Rosh Hashonah
Second Day of Jewish New Year

1966

259th day - 106 days to come

To Balance B.F.	44.03.	
By Subway Bole.		0.40
To Sundry Collect.	12.00	
By Balance C/o		55.63
	56.03	56.03

SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

U. S. Constitution Adopted 1787

1966

260th day - 105 days to come

To Balance B.F.	55.63.	
To Collection Bole.	3.00	
By Howard Cash.		1.00
By milk —		0.50
By Balance C/o		57.13
	58.63	58.63

SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

1966

261st day - 104 days to come

To Balance B.F.	57.13.	
By Loudspeaker par (Hip)		00.50
By Travelling (Brahmin)		10.00
By Stryadhisha —		00.40
By Balance C/o		

SECOND AVENUE SAMADHI

Standing outside the storefront
of Swamiji's Society
for Krishna Consciousness,
I look up and down
Manhattan's Second Avenue
at derelicts
Puerto Ricans
and
sundry fruitive laborers
and wonder.

Hare Krishna, I think
and look at the
COSMOS PARCELS EXPRESS CORPORATION
sign
across the way
like the very
cosmos itself
in its white and green
aggression,
and at the
Gonzales Funeral Home and
Weitzner Brothers Memorials Corporation's
heavy tombstones
broadcasting death
to all,
and at the
Red Star Bar's
Seagram's 7 sign blinking
red and yellow relief for
exhausted karmis, poor
fruitive laborers.

Hare Krishna, I think,
and walk down the sidewalk
past the revolving
red, white and blue
Mobil Gasoline Sign
buzzing and ringing bells of gas pumps
feeding the dumb, steel chariots
of Detroit.

Hare Krishna, Hare Rama, I think,
Wondering what Swamiji
must think
of (God bless) America,
and walk on down
the sidewalk's silent
cigarette butts
that stare up like
little crushed universes
of capitalism.

SECOND AVENUE SAMADHI 2

And think
Hare Krishna
on the corner of Houston Street
and Second Avenue
where I stand a long time
thinking
Hare Krishna,
hands in my pockets and
watching
the dying sunlight fade
over buildings and off
the far silver parapets
of the
Brooklyn Bridge
that reaches over
the river
like an altar
to Krishna.

--Hayagriva Das Brahmachary
(Howard Wheeler)



Hayagrīva dāsa (with beard) chanting with Śrīla Prabhupāda in Golden Gate Park in San Francisco in 1967. He is mentioned (opposite) by his Christian name, Howard, on September 17.

MONDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

1966 262nd day - 103 days to come

To Balance B.F.	57.13	
To Contribution by Steve	100.00	
x To " by Don ch. Sept. Ag.	40.00	
x To " " for loan	2.00	
By Sundry Purchase		2.62
To General Collection	18.00	
By Balance c/o		214.51
	217.13	217.13

Powdered milk introduced today.

x Book a/c $6.00

Steve - later Satsvarūpa dasa

TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

1966 263rd day - 102 days to come

To Balance B.F.	214.51	
To Collection through Bale	30.00	
By Cash for Flour		9.00
By Cash paid to Keith		2.00
By Purchase of Cables		.40
By Balance c/o		233.11
	244.51	244.51

To see Mr. Edward Uhlan
386, Park Avenue S. at 10/30 am.
Met him
maybe some utility

WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

Ember Day
St. Matthew, Evangelist

1966 264th day - 101 days to come

To Balance B.F.	233.11	
To Collection through Bale	71.00	
To General Collect.	1.00	
By Sundry Expn.		2.00
By Balance c/o		303.11
	305.11	305.11



Thursday 22 September

[Accounts]

To four boys Bruce, Charles, Steve and Keith[3] initiated with Harinama.

Donald sent some apples by post. Thanks.

[3] Brahmānanda dāsa, Acyutānanda dāsa, Satsvarūpa dāsa and Kīrtanānanda dāsa.

THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

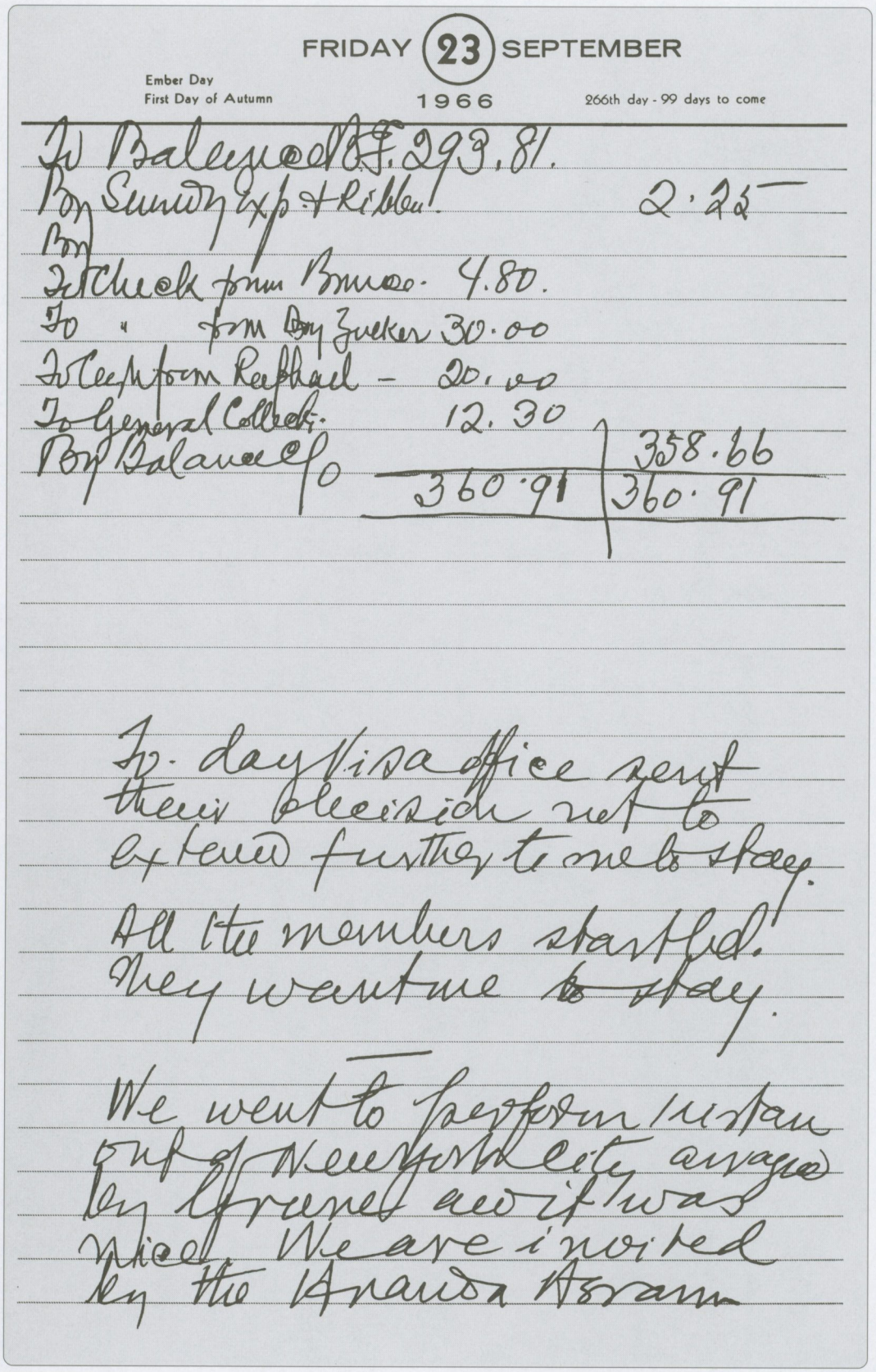
1966 265th day - 100 days to come

To Balance B.F.	303.11.	
By Radhastara Exp.		10.00
To Sundry Collch	1.00	
By Potato —		.30
By Balance C/o		293.81
	304.11	304.11

To four boys Bruce, Charles, Steve and Keith initiated with Harinama.

Donald ~~set~~ sent some apples by post. Thanks.





FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

Ember Day
First Day of Autumn

1966

266th day - 99 days to come

To Balance B.F. 293.81.
By Sundry Exp & Ribbon. 2.25
By
To Check from Bruce. 4.80.
To " from Dry Zucker 30.00
To Cash from Raphael - 20.00
To General Collecti. 12.30
By Balance C/o 358.66

360.91 | 360.91

To-day Visa office sent their decision not to extend further to me to stay.

All the members startled. They want me to stay.

We went to perform Kirtan out of New York City arranged by Greene and it was nice. We are invited by the Ananda Asram

Friday 23 September

[Accounts]

Today Visa office sent their decision not to extend further to me to stay.

All the members startled. They want me to stay.

We went to perform Kirtan out of New York City arrange by Greene and it was nice. We are invited by the Ananda Asram

SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

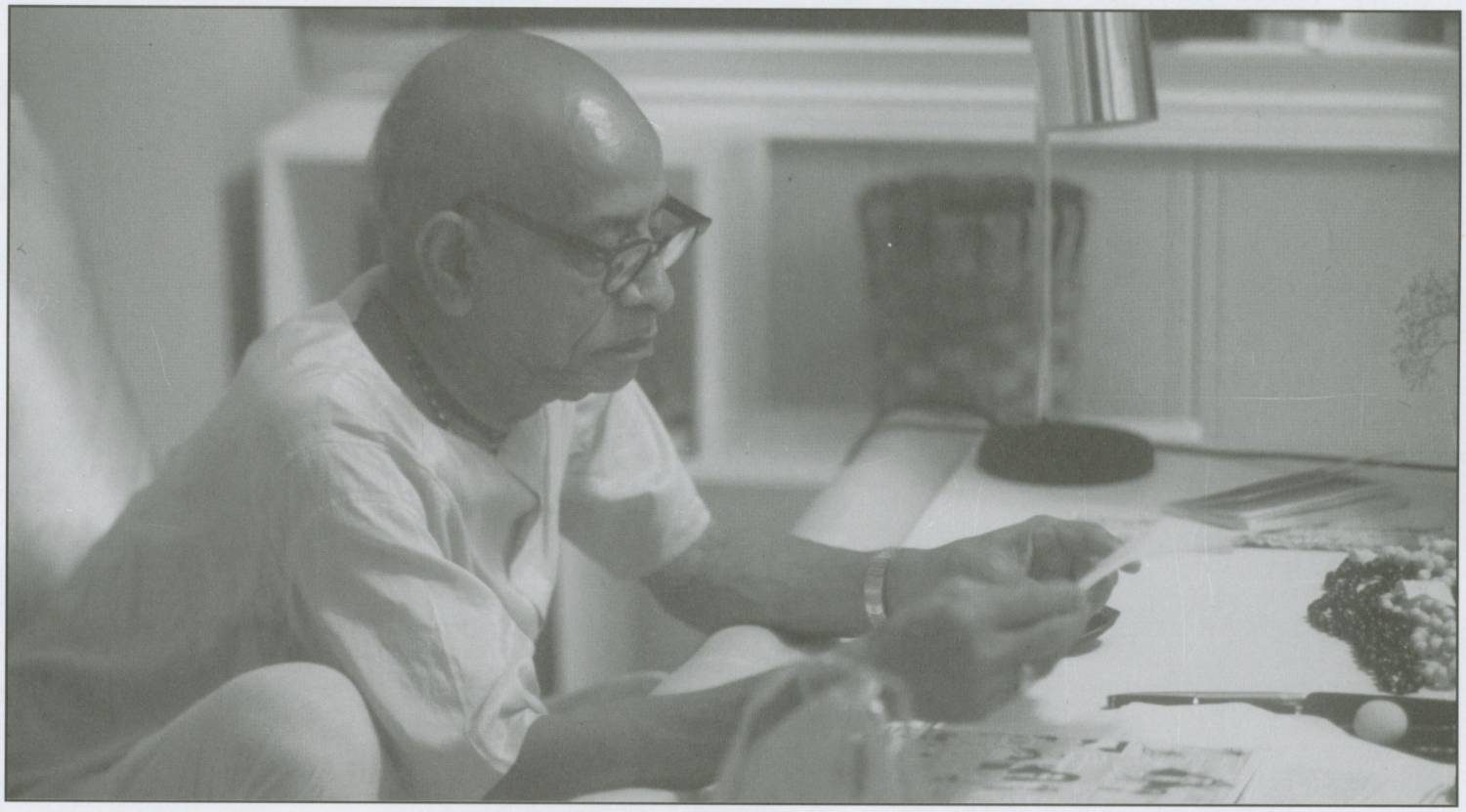
Ember Day
Day of Atonement—Yom Kippur 1966 267th day - 98 days to come

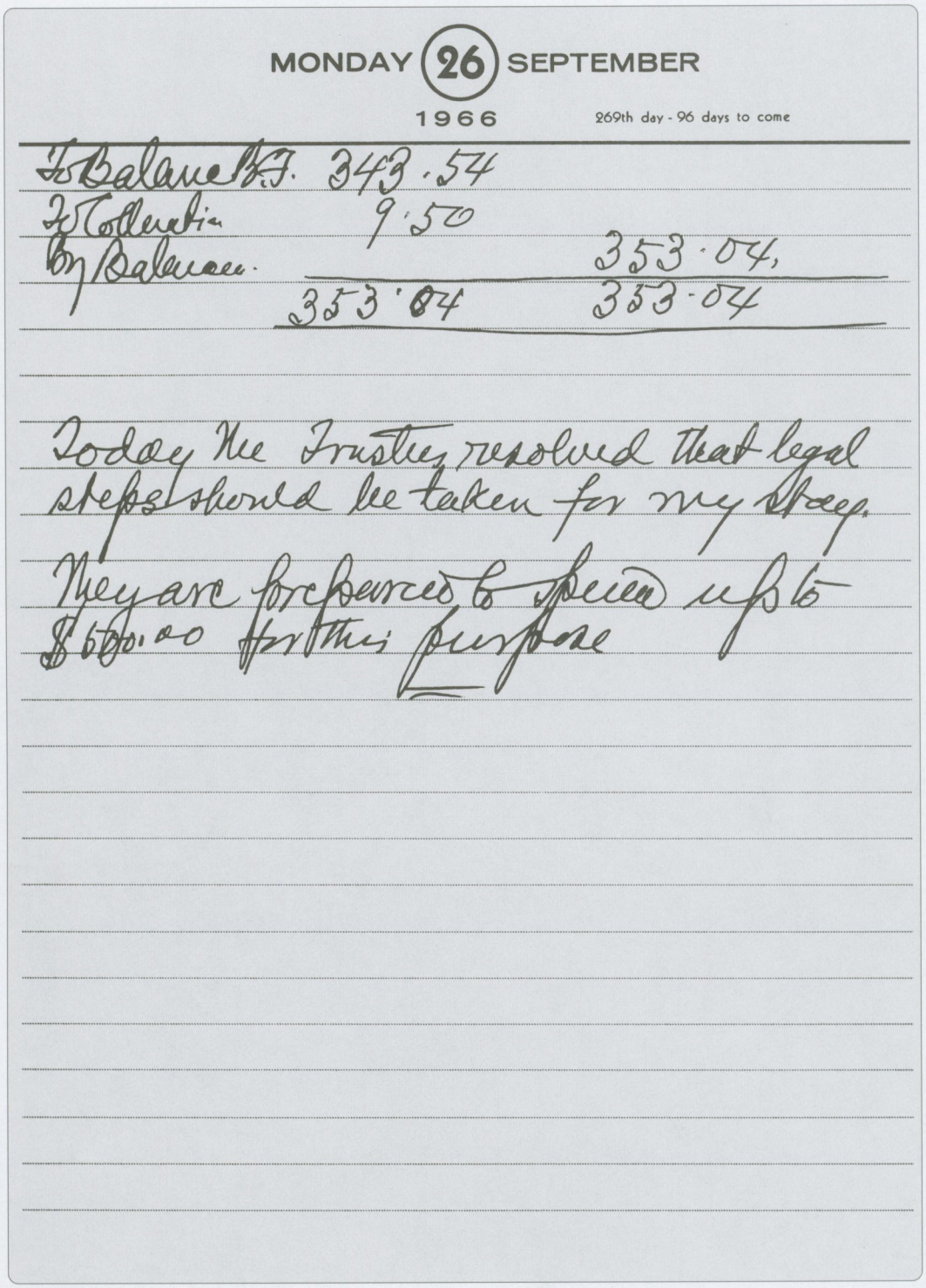
To Balance B/F	358.66	
To Contributions Stew.	20.00	
By Sundry Exps.		1.00
By Balance c/f		377.54
	378.66	378.66

SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity 1966 268th day - 97 days to come

To Balance B/F.	377.54	
By Rent due for Nov.		24.00
By Balance c/f		343.54
	377.54	377.54




MONDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

1966 269th day - 96 days to come

To Balance B.F. 343.54
To Collection 9.50
By Balance c/d 353.04
353.04 353.04

Today the Trustees resolved that legal steps should be taken for my stay.

They are prepared to spend up to $500.00 for this purpose

Monday 26 September

[Accounts]

Today the Trustees resolved that legal steps should be taken for my stay.

They are prepared to spend up to $500.00 for this purpose

TUESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

1966 270th day - 95 days to come

To Balance B.F.	353.04.	
To Collection for Lawyer.	95.00	
By mo. for Lawyer.		200.00
By Do Commun -		.20
To Coll for Law Green -	35.00	
To " " " Moskowitz -	35.00	
To " " " Ginsburg -	100.00	
To " " " Greg -	20.00	
By Bonsfure to Bole		00.40
By Butter purchase -		.25
By Balance c/o		437.19
	638.04	638.04

WEDNESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

1966 271st day - 94 days to come

To Balance B.F.	437.19.	
To Collection by Bole	20.00	
To " by Bonce	9.00	
To Coll for Lawyer Stanley	151.00	
By Sundry purchase.		3.15
To Collection Lager Check	25.00	
To General Collection	10.00	
By Balance c/o		649.04
	652.19	652.19

Excerpt from an interview with Allen Ginsberg for *Śrīla Prabhupāda-līlāmṛta* given around 1979.

Allen Ginsberg: "Swami Bhaktivedanta was having difficulty getting a permanent visa. He had a lawyer whom I met. He seemed like a naive local lawyer. Maybe somebody he'd [Śrīla Prabhupāda] met from Ananda [Ashram].[4] I couldn't figure the guy out. I met him in the Jewish vegetarian restaurant a couple of times and talked with him on Second Avenue. At that time I was having problems with the narcotics bureau, which was trying to set me up for a bust, and that year, J. Edgar Hoover put me on the dangerous security list, and the narcs made several attempts to frame me. So I went to Robert Kennedy's office in Washington to put counterpressure and complain, and to warn them that someone might bring marijuana into my apartment, bust the door down, and accuse me of having it. I had a long talk about this with Kennedy. Later, I'd gone back to see his secretary, and he came back into the office in his shirt sleeves to see one of the secretaries. I said, "Oh, there's something I forgot. I was going to sing you a little song." He said, "Okay, I got a minute." So I sang about eight verses of Hare Kṛṣṇa *mantra* and he said, "What's that?" And I said, "When you hear this, it's supposed to bring immediate liberation." So he said, "Well, the guy up the block needs it more than I do," pointing up to the White House when Johnson was running the Vietnam war. That was Kennedy's introduction to Hare Kṛṣṇa.

"Later on, when the Swami was having trouble, he asked around everybody who could help, and I said, "Well, let's see now. We could write to Kennedy." It's just a normal thing, you know. That's what senators are for. In this case Kennedy knew who I was and I knew Kennedy's people, or I was somewhat a celebrated literary figure, so if I wrote a letter saying this swami was good it would be taken seriously. So I wrote Kennedy a letter saying here was this nice swami who was really doing something interesting, bringing Hare Krsna, and his work could only be good; and if he was having trouble, that could only be bad. Is there anything they could do to facilitate and make sure that he didn't have any difficulties? That he really was a legitimate swami, and was doing something great. I don't know if it helped or not."

[4] The lawyer had originally been referred by Raymond Marais (Rāya Rāma dāsa).



Allen Ginsberg with Śrīla Prabhupāda at 26 Second Avenue.

THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

St. Michael and All Angels
First Day of Tabernacles—Succoth

1966

272nd day - 93 days to come

To Balance B.F.	649.04	
By cheque sent to India for Deity		202.00
To Coll for law by Mrk.	35.00	
To " for Bonspan "	5.00	
To " by Contributor by Mr.	10.00	
By milk & Banana		.80
By mosquito Curtain		3.00
To cheque from a friend	30.00	
To Cashley Steve	40.00	
To Coll from by Walli	35.00	598.24
	804.04	804.04

Walli - later Umāpati

FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

1966

273rd day - 92 days to come

To Balance B.F.	598.24	
By Sundry Purchase		2.00
By Postage as on 29.		1.75
To Balance by Chute	10.00	
To General Collect.	6.00	
By Expenses on drapery		5.00
By Balance c/o		605.49
	614.24	614.24

SATURDAY 1 OCTOBER

Missouri Day (Mo.)

1966

274th day - 91 days to come

To Balance B.F.	605.49

MONDAY 3 OCTOBER

1966

276th day - 89 days to come

To Balance B.F.	605.49	
By Rent paid for Oct.		196.99
" Do Commun (Bank)		.20
" Sundry Expenses		1.00
To Bonus	100.00	~~100.00~~
" General Coll.	4.80	
By Balance		532.10
To Monthly Sidley Cent.	20.00	
	730.29	730.29

Charles
Book a/c Coll - $17.00

TUESDAY 4 OCTOBER

St. Francis of Assisi 1966 277th day - 88 days to come

To Balance B/F	532.10	
To Subscription by Stan	20.00	
To " " Moskow	20.00	
By Sal etc.		5.00
By Advance to Poen.		10.00
By Millet Vegetables		1.50
To subscription by Mike	20.00	
By Postage		6.25
To Subscription Rakhas	20.00	
By Balance c/o		589.35
	612.10	612.10

THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER

Details 1966 279th day - 86 days to come

Details	Income	Expenditure
By Millet potatoes		1.00
By Stencil mimio.		3.00
By Typewriter Ribbon		1.00
To Balance B/F.	593.85	
By Balance c/o		588.85
	593.85	593.85

Mimeograph stencil purchased for machine that was to produce the first *Back to Godhead* magazines later that month.

FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER

1966 280th day - 85 days to come

Details	Income	Expenditure
To Balance B/F.	$588.85	
By Salt + Butter		~~75.75~~
To Contribution		
by Stephen G.	20.00	
To general roll.	8.34	
from carfare		.80
~~To Balance B/F~~	$617.19	1.55
By Balance c/o		615.64
	617.19	617.19

SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER

1966 281st day - 84 days to come

	Income	Expenditure
To Balance B/F.	$615.64	
By Vegetables etc		1.50.
By 2 Mimeograph.		150.00
By Sugar etc		5.00
By Stanley's Cloth		4.00
By 20 Subscriptions		.40
By Balance c/o		454.74
	615.64	615.64

$150 for 2 mimeograph machines. Stanley — later Stryadhīśa dāsa

SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity 1966 282nd day - 83 days to come

Details.	Income	Expenditure.
To Balance B.F.	454·74	
To Don's Subs. for Sept.	20·00	
To Green's Subs. for Sept.	20.00	
By Sundry Exp.		1.00
By Balance c/o		493·74
	494·74	494·74

MONDAY 10 OCTOBER

1966 283rd day - 82 days to come

Details	Income.	Expenditure.
To Balance B.F.	493·74	
By Duplicator Bk etc		12·00
By Potato etc.		1·00
By Peanut etc		2·50
By Fur Elders.		53·00
By News Offset.		3·00
By Brisfare		·40
To Subscrip Hawy Sept.	20.00	
To General Coll.	20·50	
By Balance c/o		462·34
	534·24	534·24

c/o Book Collection $17.00

TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER

1966 284th day - 81 days to come

To Balance B.F.	462.34	
By Purchase of Flour		17.00.
By Sundry Exp.		1.25
By Balance —		442·09
By Postage —		2.00
	462·34	462·34

WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER

Columbus Discovered America 1492 1966 285th day - 80 days to come

To Balance B.F.	442.09.	
To Cash by Steve	20	
To Cash by Bob.	30	
To General Collect	15·36	
By paper adm.		10·00
By Balance		497·45
	507·45	507·45

Swami's Flock Chants in Park to Find Ecstasy

50 Followers Clap and Sway to Hypnotic Music at East Side Ceremony

By JAMES R. SIKES

Sitting under a tree in a Lower East Side park and occasionally dancing, 50 followers of a Hindu swami repeated a 16-word chant for two hours yesterday afternoon to the accompaniment of cymbals, tambourines, sticks, drums, bells and a small reed organ.

Repetition of the chant, Swami A. C. Bhaktivedanta says, is the best way to achieve self-realization in an age of destruction.

While children played on Hoving's Hill—a pile of dirt in the middle of Tomkins Square Park—or bicycled along the sunny walks, many in the crowd of about 100 persons standing around the chanters found themselves swaying or clapping hands in time to the hypnotic, rhythmic music.

"It brings a state of ecstasy," said Allen Ginsberg, the poet, who was one of the celebrants. "For one thing, the syllables force yoga breath control; that's one physiological explanation."

The ecstasy of the chant, or mantra — "Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna, Hare Hare, Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama, Rama, Hare Hare"—has replaced LSD and other drugs for many of the swami's followers, Mr. Ginsberg said.

Drugs Are Replaced

He explained that Hare, pronounced HAH-ray, is the name for Vishnu, a Hindu god, as the "bringer of delight." Rama, pronounced RAH-mah, is the incarnation of Vishnu as the prince of responsibility. Krishna is the God-narrator of the Bhagavad-Gita, one of the chief Hindu religious books. The chant



The New York Times (by Allyn Baum)

Two youths are stirred to dance at concert presided over by Swami A. C. Bhaktivedanta in Tompkins Square Park.

taken so much risk," he said. He arrived in the United States in September, 1965.

The swami, whose title is equivalent to the reverend, conducts chanting and gives lectures at his International Society for Krishna Consciousness, Inc., a storefront at 26 Second Avenue, between First and Second Streets, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7 to 9 P. M. and every morning at 7 A. M. He has scheduled another session in the park at Seventh Street and Avenue A on Sunday at 2 P. M.

His followers were said to include a lawyer, a mathematics professor and several teachers and social workers, as well as full-time devotees.

Below: the continuation of the first column of the article.

religious books. The chant therefore names different aspects of God, Mr. Ginsberg said.

Another celebrant, 26-year-old Howard M. Wheeler, who described himself as a former English instructor at Ohio State University now devoting his full time to the swami, said: "I myself took 50 doses of LSD and a dozen of peyote in two years, and now, nothing."

The swami orders his followers to give up "all intoxicants, including coffee, tea and cigarettes," he said in an interview after the ceremony. "In this sense, we are helping your Government," he added.

However, he indicated, the Government apparently has not appreciated this help sufficiently, for the Department of Immigration recently told Swami Bhaktivedanta that his one-year visitor's visa had expired and that he must leave, he said. The case is being appealed.

The swami, a swarthy man with short-cropped grayish hair who was clad in a salmon-colored robe over a pink sweater, said that when he first met his own teacher, or guru, in 1922, he was told to spread the cult of Krishna to the Western countries through the English language. "Therefore, in this old age [71], I have

FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER

1966 287th day - 78 days to come

To Balance B.F.	~~497~~ 466.35	
To Vrindaban Iskon -	50	
To Contribution -	10	
To General Cert.	9.45	
To morning "	6.00	
By Payment to Howard.		3.00
By Purchase of Paper -		50.25
By Rebaudy -		10.00
By Stoap chang.		.42
By Tankara -		4.00
By Balance		474.13
	541.80	541.80

25 with Rayman

MONDAY 17 OCTOBER

1966 290th day - 75 days to come

To Balance B.F.	474.13	
By Cash of Rajiz for Expedition -		25,00
To Horse Cart by Steve -	210.00	
To Doby Greg.	100.00	
To General Cell	22.05	
By Balance c/o		681.00
	706.18	706.18

Greg — initiated Gargamuni dāsa on October 23.

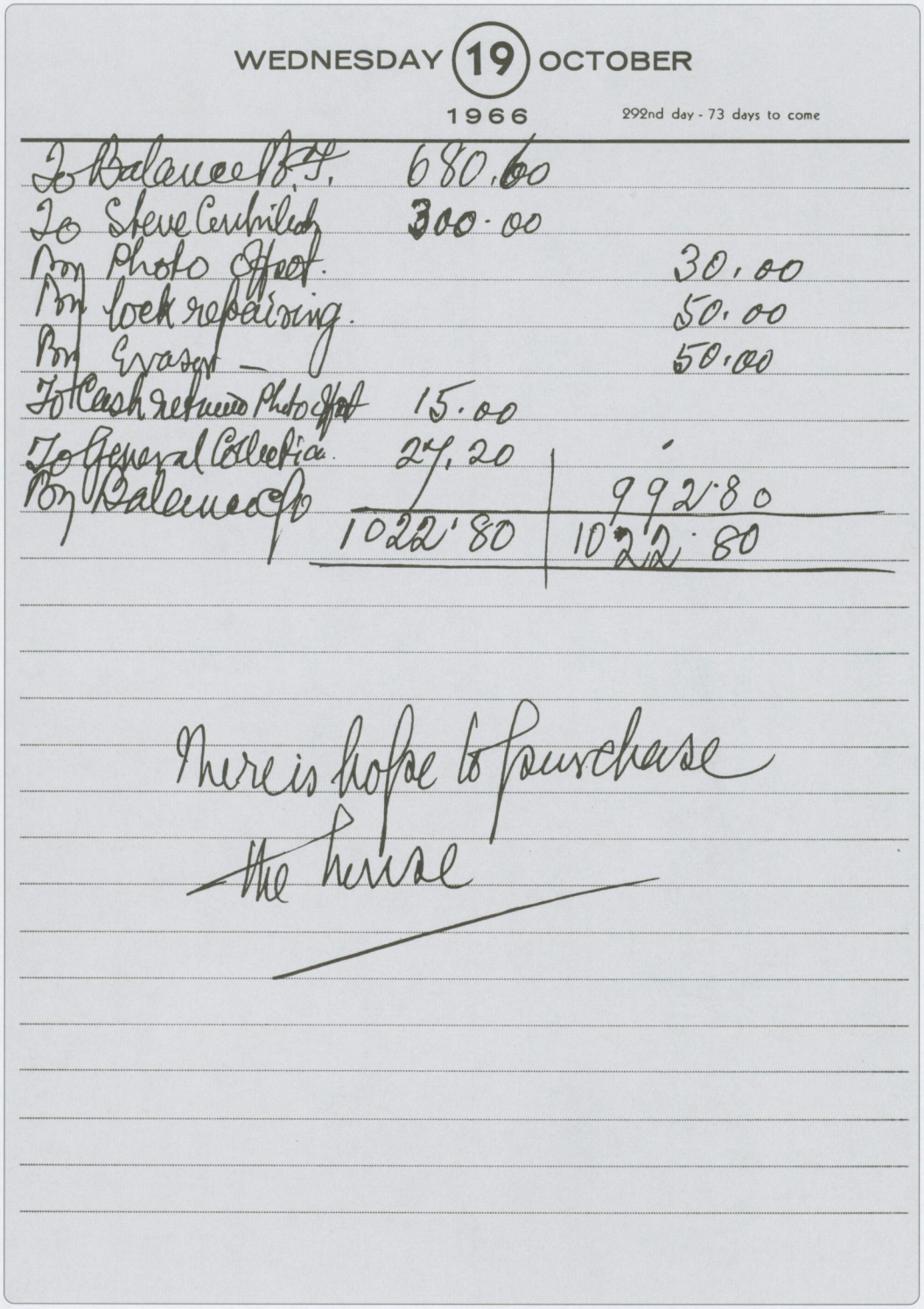
TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER

St. Luke, Evangelist
Alaska Day (Alaska)

1966 291st day - 74 days to come

To Balance B.F.	681.00	
By Bus fare -		00.40
By Balance c/o		680.60
	681.00	681.00




WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER

1966

292nd day - 73 days to come

To Balance B.F.	680.60	
To Steve Cerbulis	300.00	
By Photo Offset.		30.00
By lock repairing.		50.00
By Eraser —		50.00
To Cash returns Photo Offset	15.00	
To General Collection	27.20	
By Balance c/f		992.80
	1022.80	1022.80

There is hope to purchase the house

Wednesday 19 October

[Accounts]

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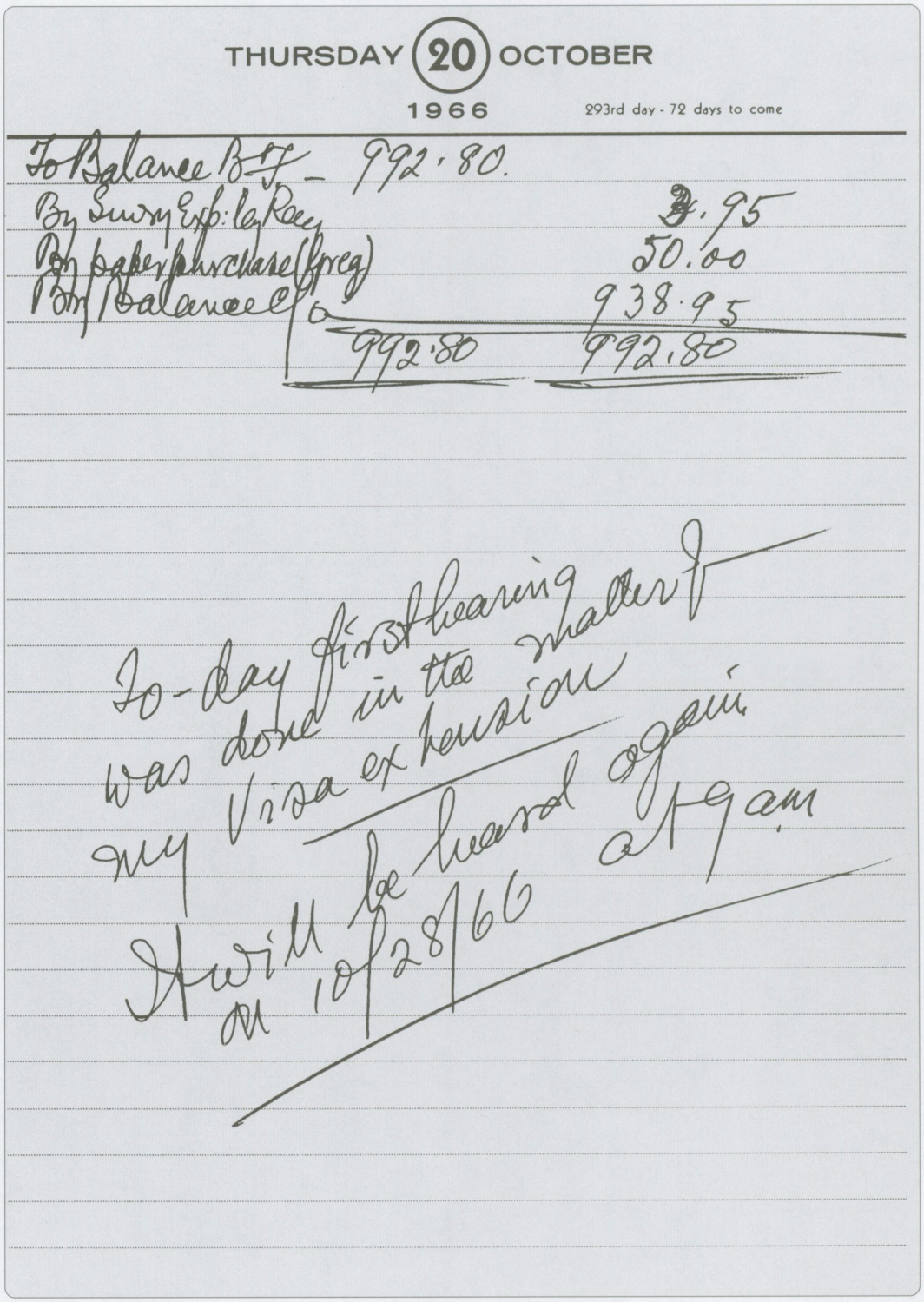
Thursday 20 October

[Accounts]

To-day first hearing was done in the matter of my Visa extension

It will be heard again on 10/28/66 at 9 a.m.



THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER

1966

293rd day - 72 days to come

To Balance B.F.	992.80.	
By Surry Exp: by Rec		3.95
By paper purchase (freq)		50.00
By Balance c/o		938.95
	992.80	992.80

To-day first hearing was done in the matter of my Visa extension

It will be heard again on 10/28/66 at 9 a.m.

FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER

1966 294th day - 71 days to come

To Balance B.F.	938.95	
By Sundry Cash of Ray		50.00
By Sundry Cash with Ravell		25.00
To Contributed by Steve	100.00	
To " by Charlie	10.00	
To Collection by Larry	6.00	
To General Coll.	14.00	
By Balance c/o		993.95
	1068.95	1068.95

Book Collection

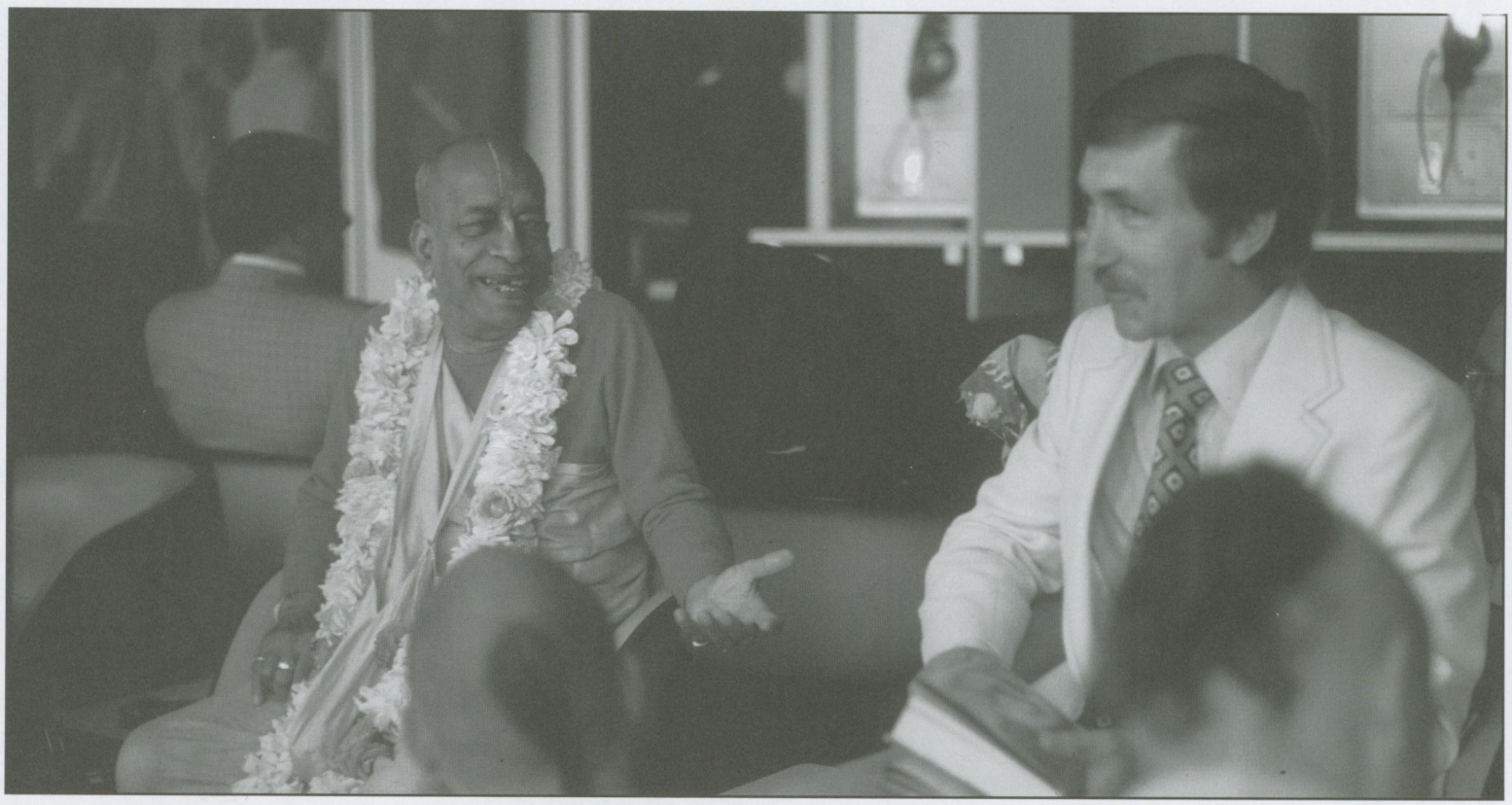
$25/55

SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER

1966 295th day - 70 days to come

To Balance B.F.	993.95	
By Travelling (Barbara)		10.00
By Bus Stratchie		00.40
By Repair (Umfreti)		00.50
By Balance c/o		983.05
	993.95	993.95

Book collection $21/-



Sunday 23 October

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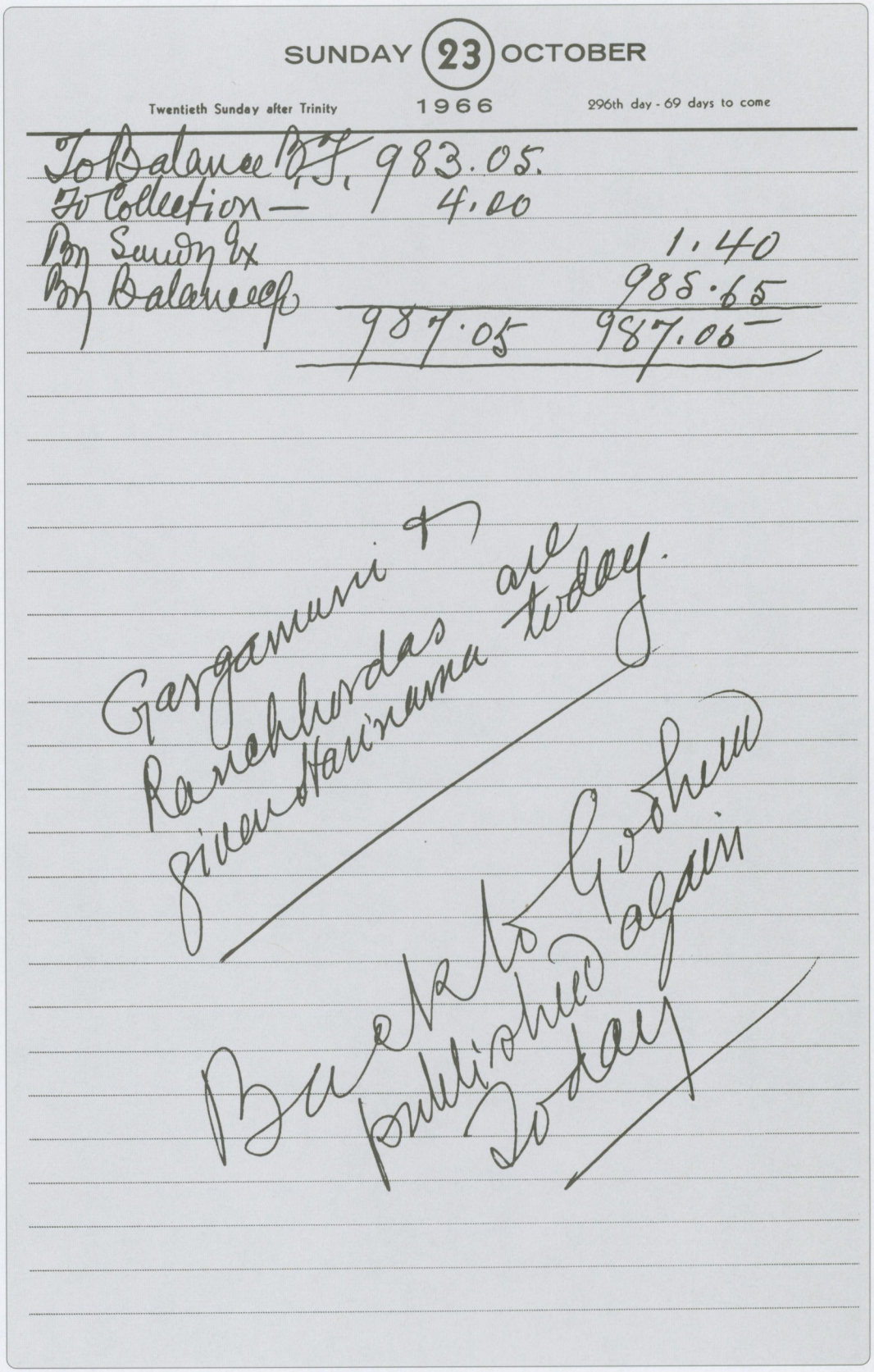
Gargamuni & Ranchhordas are given Harinama today.

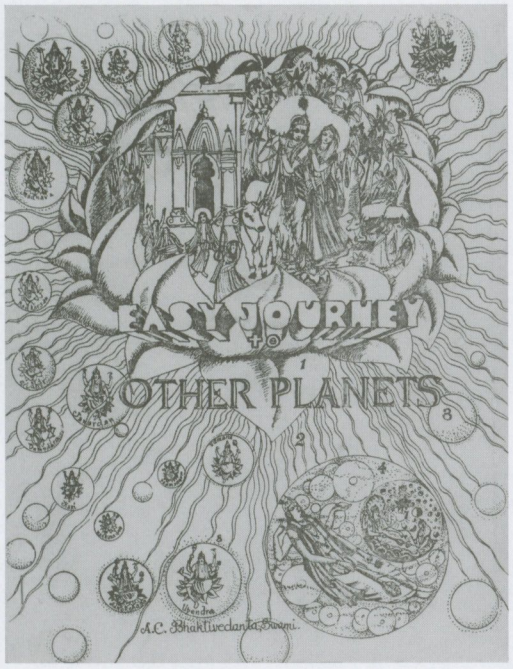
Back to Godhead published again Today

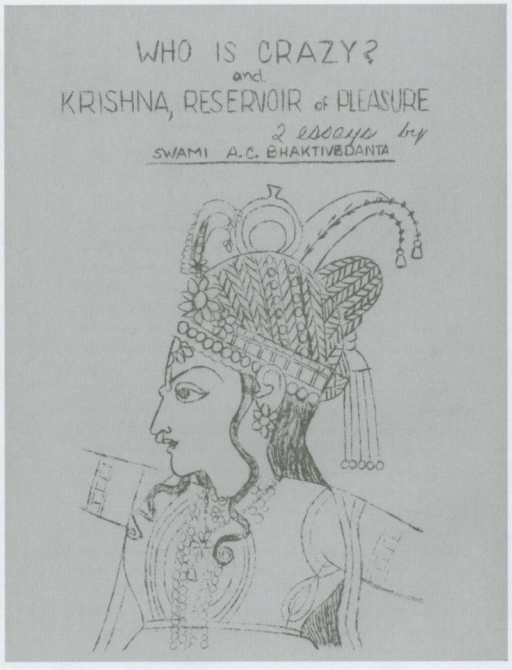


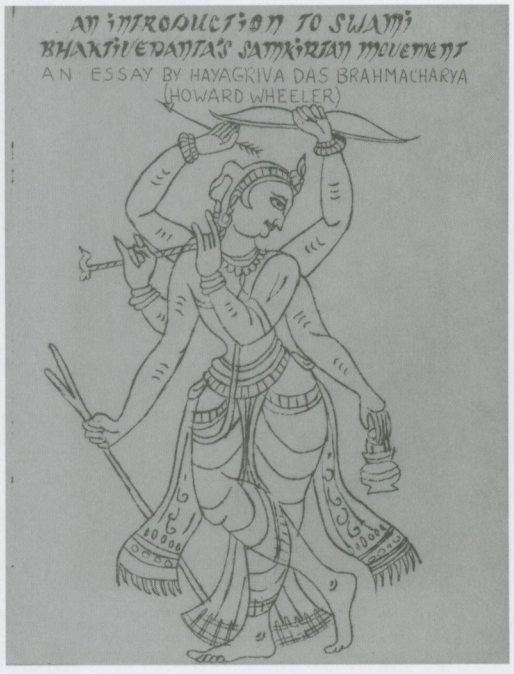


Above: A copy of the first issue of Back to Godhead *published in America, which appeared on October 23, 1966.*

Below: The covers of other publications printed on the mimeograph machines purchased on October 8, 1966.







Monday 24 October

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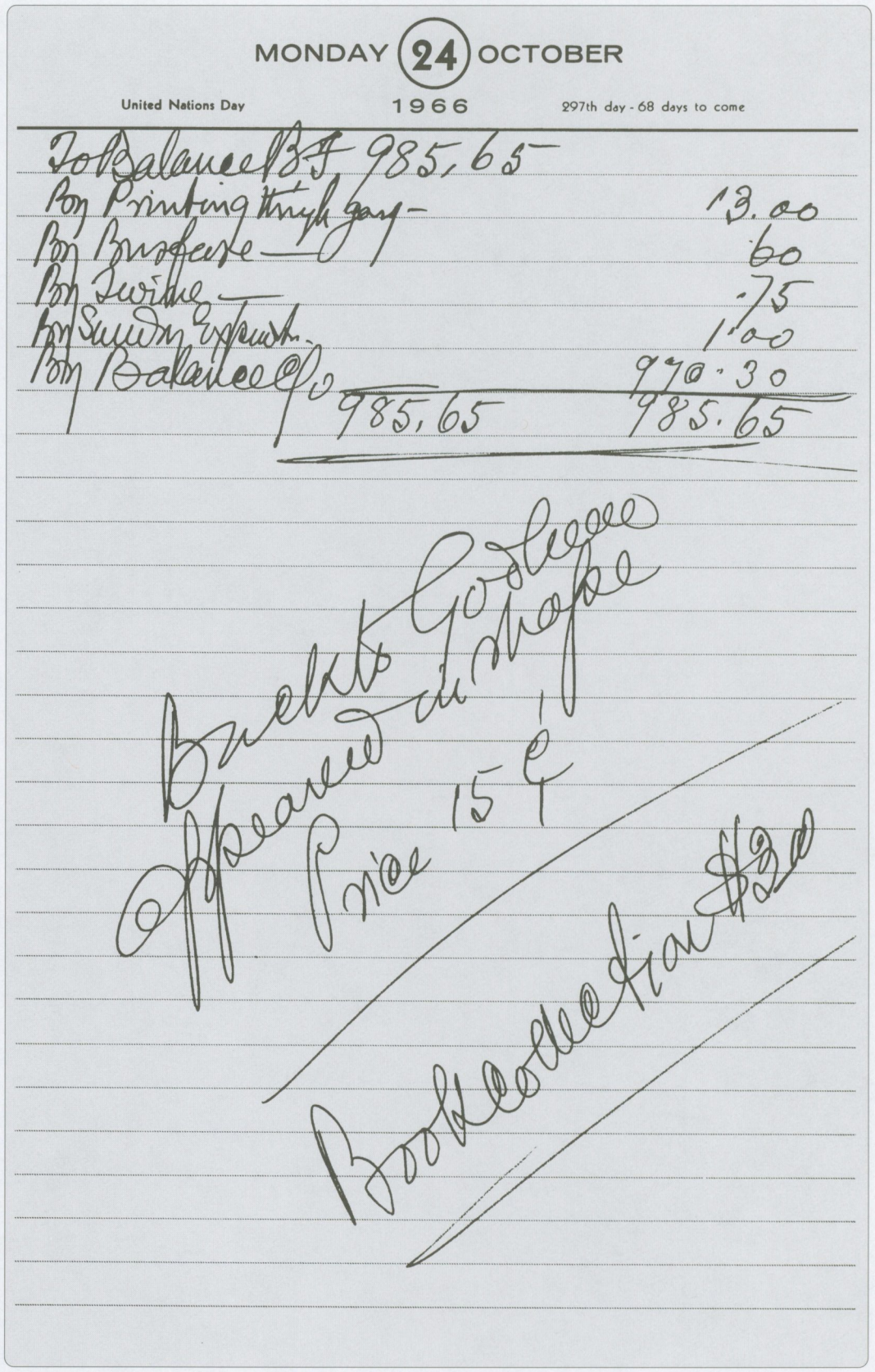
Back to Godhead appeared in shape
Price 15 ¢

Book Collection $3.00



TUESDAY 25 OCTOBER

1966 298th day - 67 days to come

To Balance B.F.	970.30.	
To General Collon 24	3.50	
To Collection Bole -	14.00	
By Cash to Raymo.		25.00
By Keith for Cheque.		4.00
To Donation Cash	10.00	
By Photo Effect Ptg.		22.00
By Balance c/o		946.80
	997.80	997.80

Books are being sold.

WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER

1966 299th day - 66 days to come

To Balance B.F.	946.80.	
By Purchase by Keith		2.00
By Postage -		5.00
To General Coll.	7.75	
By Balance c/o		947.55
	954.55	954.55

THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER

1966 300th day - 65 days to come

To Balance B.F.	947.55	
By Tapes -		20.00
By Postage.		5.34
To Cash returns Circuit	5.00	
To Contribution for hand by Romeo -	35.00	
By printing		2.10
By Balance c/o		960.11
	987.55	987.55

Book collection $43.00

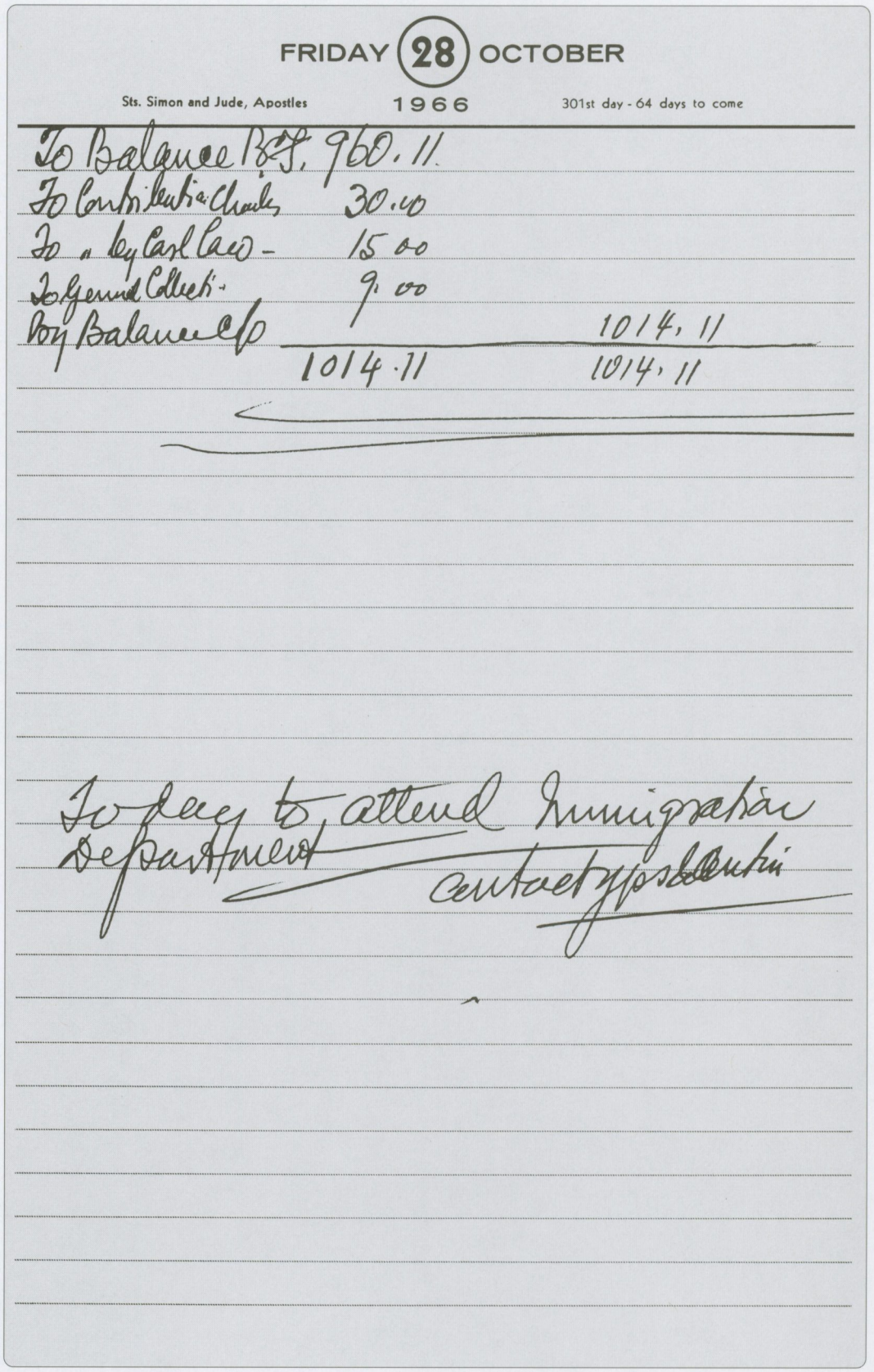


Friday 28 October

[Accounts]

Today to attend Immigration Department. Contact Ypsilantin[5]

[5] The lawyer hired by Śrīla Prabhupāda to work on his immigration papers. See September 27 account by Allen Ginsberg.



FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER

Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles 1966 301st day - 64 days to come

To Balance B.F.	960.11	
To Contribution Charles	30.00	
To " by Carl Caro -	15.00	
To General Collection	9.00	
By Balance c/o		1014.11
	1014.11	1014.11

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This is the earliest letter the Bhaktivedanta Archives has on the new society's letterhead. The letter is to Janis (later Janardana dāsa) who was helping to establish a center in Montreal.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS, INC.
TWENTY-SIX SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10003 TELEPHONE: 674-7428

ACHARYA: SWAMI A. C. BHAKTIVEDANTA
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CARL YEARGANS
RAPHAEL BALSAM
ROBERT LEFKOWITZ
RAYMOND MARAIS
STANLEY MOSKOWITZ
MICHAEL GRANT
HARVEY COHEN

October 29, 1966

My dear Janis,

I thank you for your letter of 25th instant and I have noted the contents carefully. I have complete agreement with for the arrangement that you desire to make in connection with the Exhibition at Montreal. Yes we shall go in a batch for performing the Kirtan ceremony both in the exhibition pandal as well as in the University Hall and you can arrange in that way.

Here things are improving and people in New York taking in importance the Kirtan movement. The enclosed paper and newspaper cutting will give you an idea. We have already published some new literatures namely Krishna Reservoir of All Pleasure, Who is Crazy? Introduction to Bhagavad Gita, Back to Godhead, etc and our Society is coming in prominence daily. We are just trying to purchase a property in New York at $90000.00 and the students are taking the responsibility. Thus I think there is good prospect for this Society being an World organisation and you must try to have a centre at Montreal as soon as possible.

Under seperate post parcel I am sending you all the above newly published literatures and I shall request you to enlist as many subscribers for Back to Godhead Magazine because we have to submit at least 200 subscribers names to the postal authorities for getting the concessional rates.

I am glad to learn that you are chanting regularly and I hope you are gradually getting some enlightenment in Krshna Consciousness. Our path is genuine sublime and easy. So there must be an world wide organisation for pushing the movement in the Human society so much afflicted by material advancement only. This is only medium to save the people from ruination.

As my representative you can see Mr. Luthra and arrange things as you think best. Whatever arrangement you will make on behalf of the Society will be accepted by us.

I understand that you have done some French redition of my writings including the essay which you have taken with you. I have now about 150 sets of Bhagavatam with me. Please let me know if you have already sold the sets that you have taken from here. Hope you are well with my good wishes for you and your wife.

Yours affectionately

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

Enclosure - 3

SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER

1966 302nd day - 63 days to come

To Balance B.F. 1014.11.

MONDAY 31 OCTOBER

Hallowe'en—Reformation Day 1966 304th day - 61 days to come

To Balance B.F.	1014.11.	
By Judson Hall		135.00
By Purchase of paper -		10.00
To building fund by Brahmanda	1300.00	
To general Coll.	7.00	
By Balance c/o		2176.11
	2321.11	2321.11

TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER

All Saints' Day 1966 305th day - 60 days to come

To Balance B.F.	2176.11	
By Raymond for Expt -		21.40
By Balance c/o		2154.71
	2176.11	2176.11

WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER

All Souls' Day 1966 306th day - 59 days to come

To Balance B.F. -	2154.71	
By Deposit for House Purchase -		2150.00
To Collection -	5.75	
By Balance c/o		10.46
	2160.46	2160.46

THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER

1966 307th day - 58 days to come

To Balance B.F. 10.46.
To Postage by Grant 5.00
To Contributi-ly Rey 20.00
To Cash drawn
from Bank — 75.00
By Repairing Glass
Window of Store 75.00
By Purchase of Stamp. 20.00
By Payment to Don 5.00
By Postage — 3.00
By Balance c/o 7.46
110.46 110.46

FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER

1966 308th day - 57 days to come

To Balance B.F. - 7.46



Deity installation in 1968 at 26 Second Avenue.

NOTICE

All initiated devotees must attend morning and evening classes.

Must not be addicted to any kind of intoxicants including coffee, tea and cigarettes.

They are forbidden to have illicit sex-connections.

Must be strictly vegetarian.

Should not extensively mix with non-devotees

Should not eat foodstuff cooked by non-devotees

Should not waste time in idle talks nor Engage himself in frivolous sports.

Should always chant and sing the Lords Holy names

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare,

Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare.

—

Thank you,

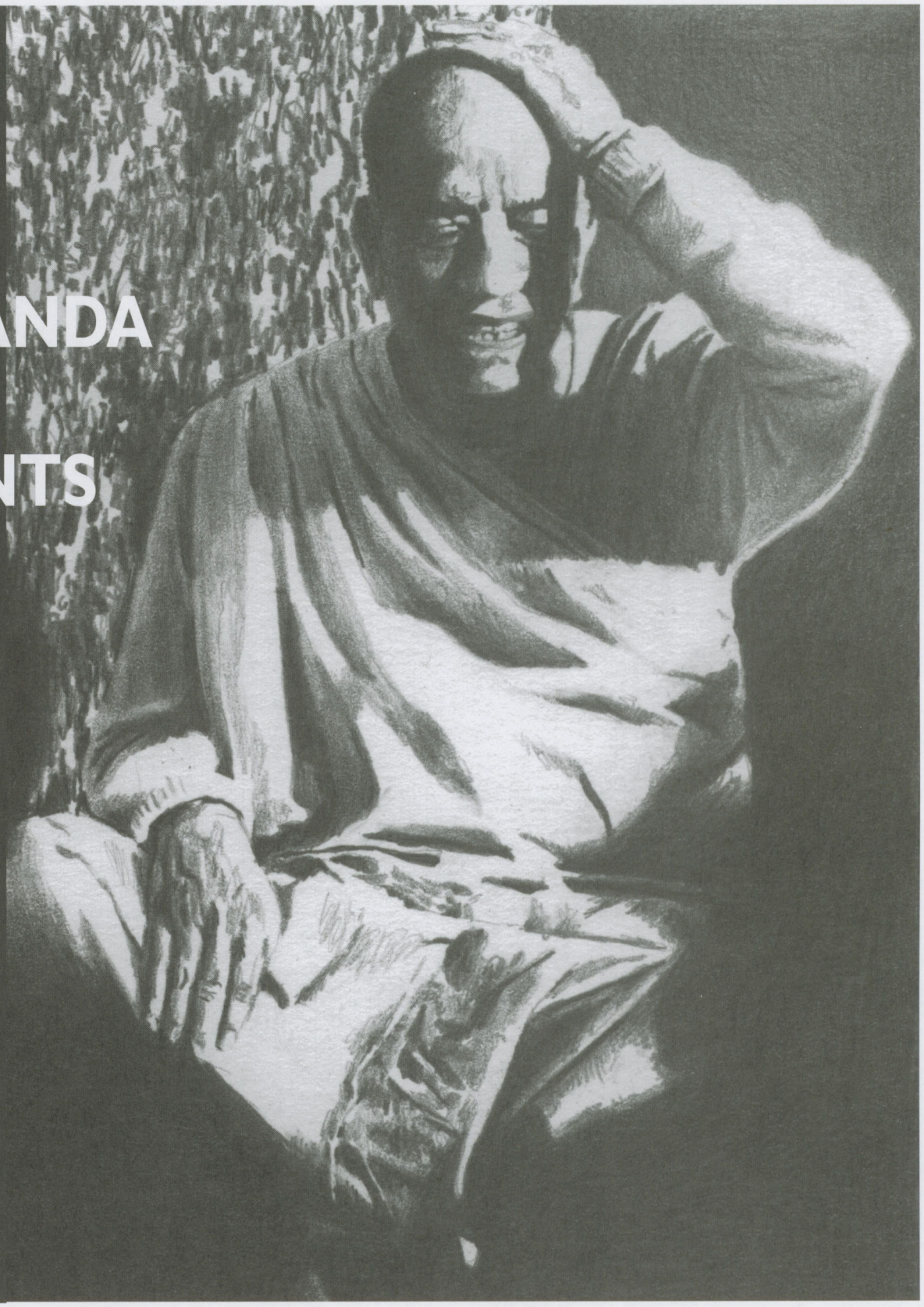
International
Society for Krishna Consciousness
26 Second Avenue
New York N.Y.

Dated Nov: 25, 1966

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
Acharya.

CHAPTER FOUR

MEMORANDA AND ACCOUNTS





July, 1976. Śrīla Prabhupāda, on the roof of the Temple, during his last visit to New York.

MEMORANDA

a/c Book Stock at Paragon 25 sets

Date.	Particulars.	Taken.	Supplies.	Balance
19/1/66.	To books Taken before (1+2+3) 5 sets.		-	20 sets.
"	To " Taken Today	2 sets	-	18 sets.
29/1/66	To " " "	2 Sets	-	16 sets
4/2/66	To " " "	2 Sets	-	14 sets.
18/2/66	To " " "	2 Sets	-	12 Sets.
8/3/66	By books received from Ohio as per Telephonic talks.		25 Sets.	37 Sets.
9/3/66.	By Correction to 35		10 Sets	47 "
"	To Book Taken Today	2 Sets.		45 "
"	Adjusted original Stock 25 Plus present — 20 45.			
11/3/66	To books Taken Today	4 sets.		~~41~~ 39 "
14/3/66	To books Taken Today	16 sets.		25 "

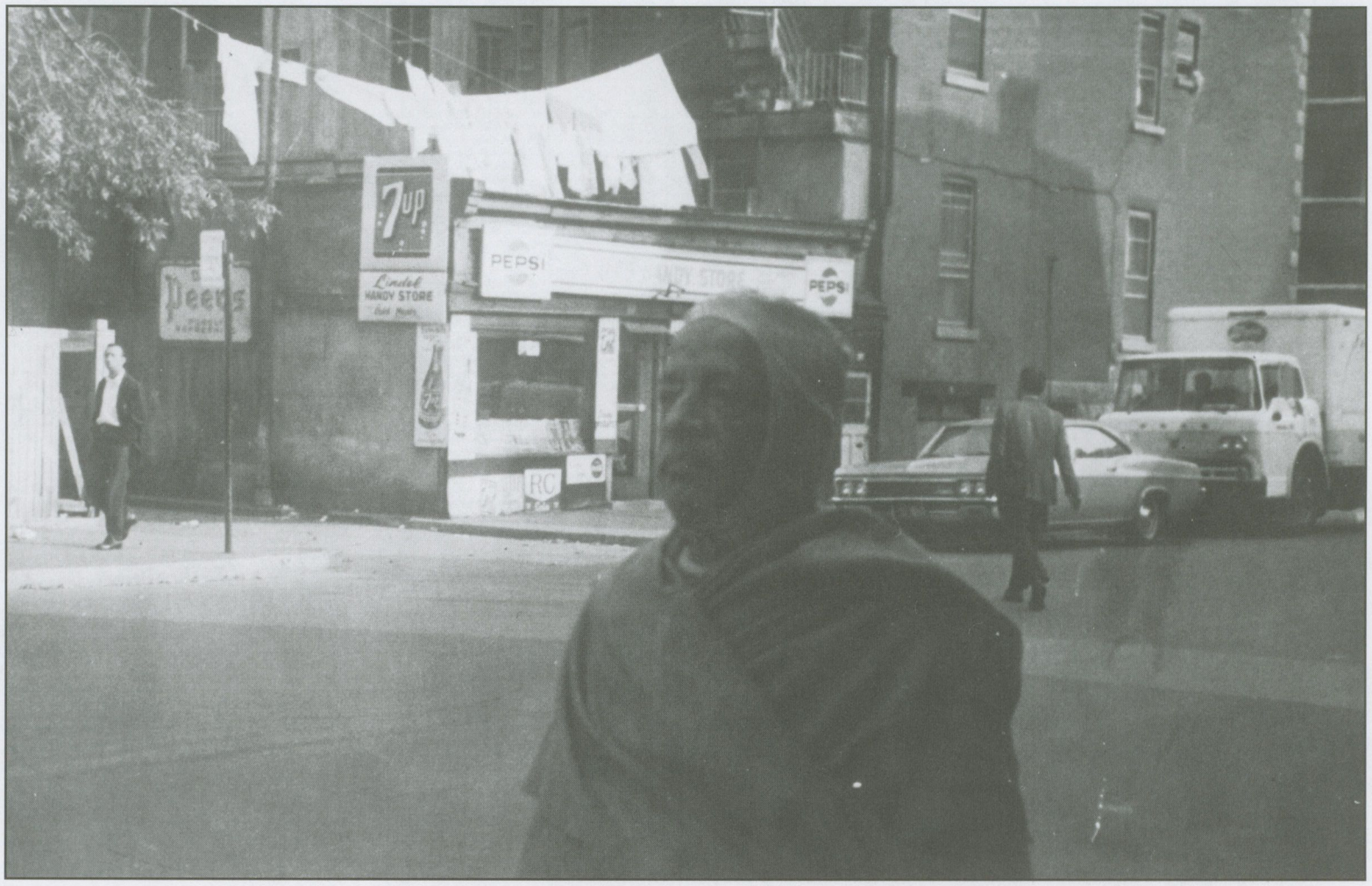
These 25 sets kept with them in terms sales a/c.

MEMORANDA

a/c Book stocks at Butler c/o Agarwal. 200 Sets

Date.	Particulars.	Taken.	Supplied.	Balance
10/10/65	By books deposited.		200 Sets.	200 Sets
11/10/65	To " Taken.	5 Sets.		195 "
Nov.	To " Taken, Orientals	10 "		190 "
Dec.	To " " Paragon.	25 "		165 "
March 8'66	To " " Paragon.	25 "		140 "
" 9	To " " Correction	10 "		130 "

New York, 1968



MEMORANDA

New York N.Y. Dt February 23, 1966

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to inform you that the classes which I am holding now, may be called the initiation classes for developing The International Institution for God consciousness.

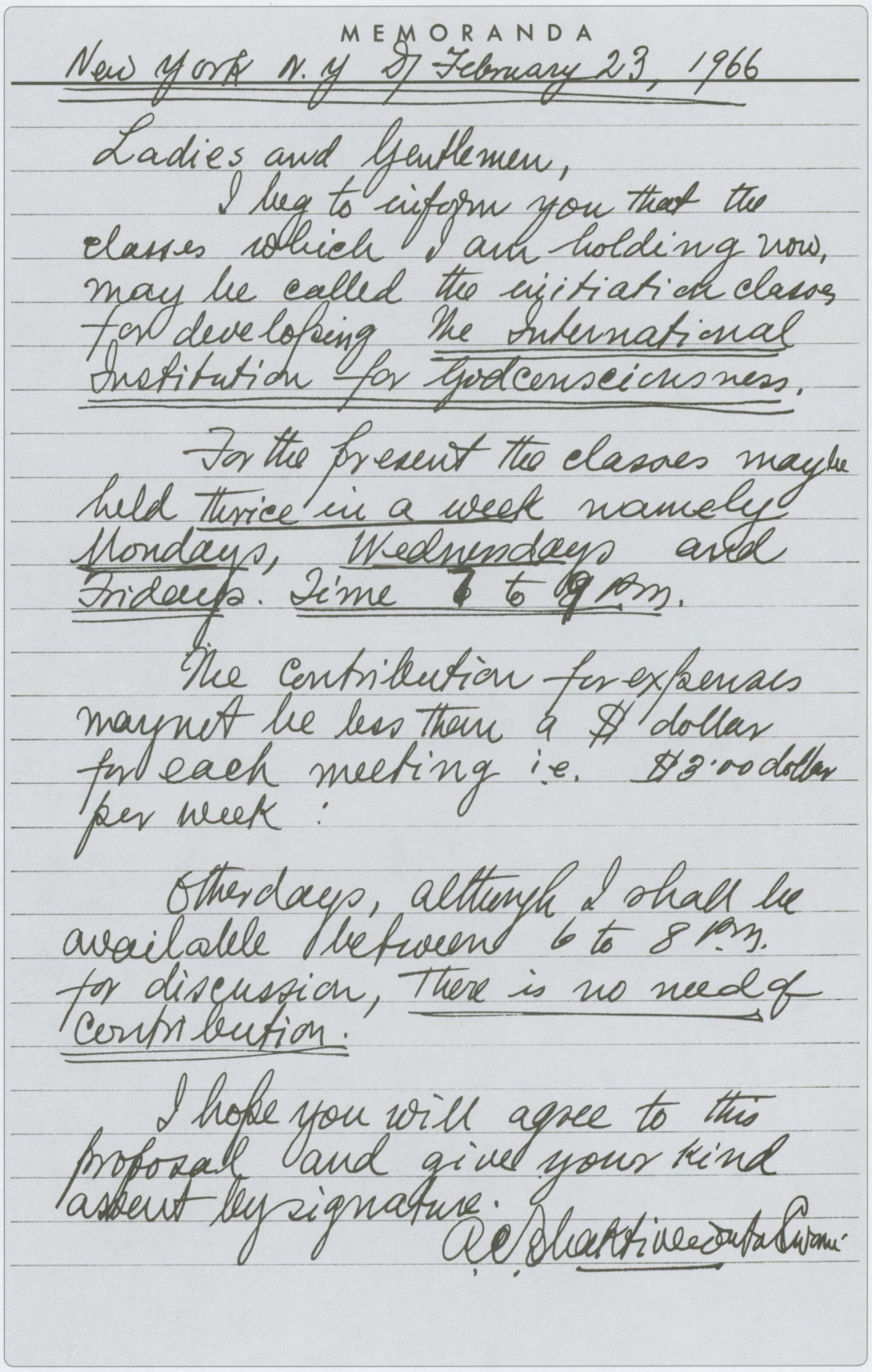
For the present the classes may be held thrice in a week namely Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Time 7 to 9 P.M.

The contribution for expenses may not be less than a $ dollar for each meeting i.e. $3.00 dollar per week.

Other days, although I shall be available between 6 to 8 P.M. for discussion, there is no need of contribution.

I hope you will agree to this proposal and give your kind assent by signature.

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami.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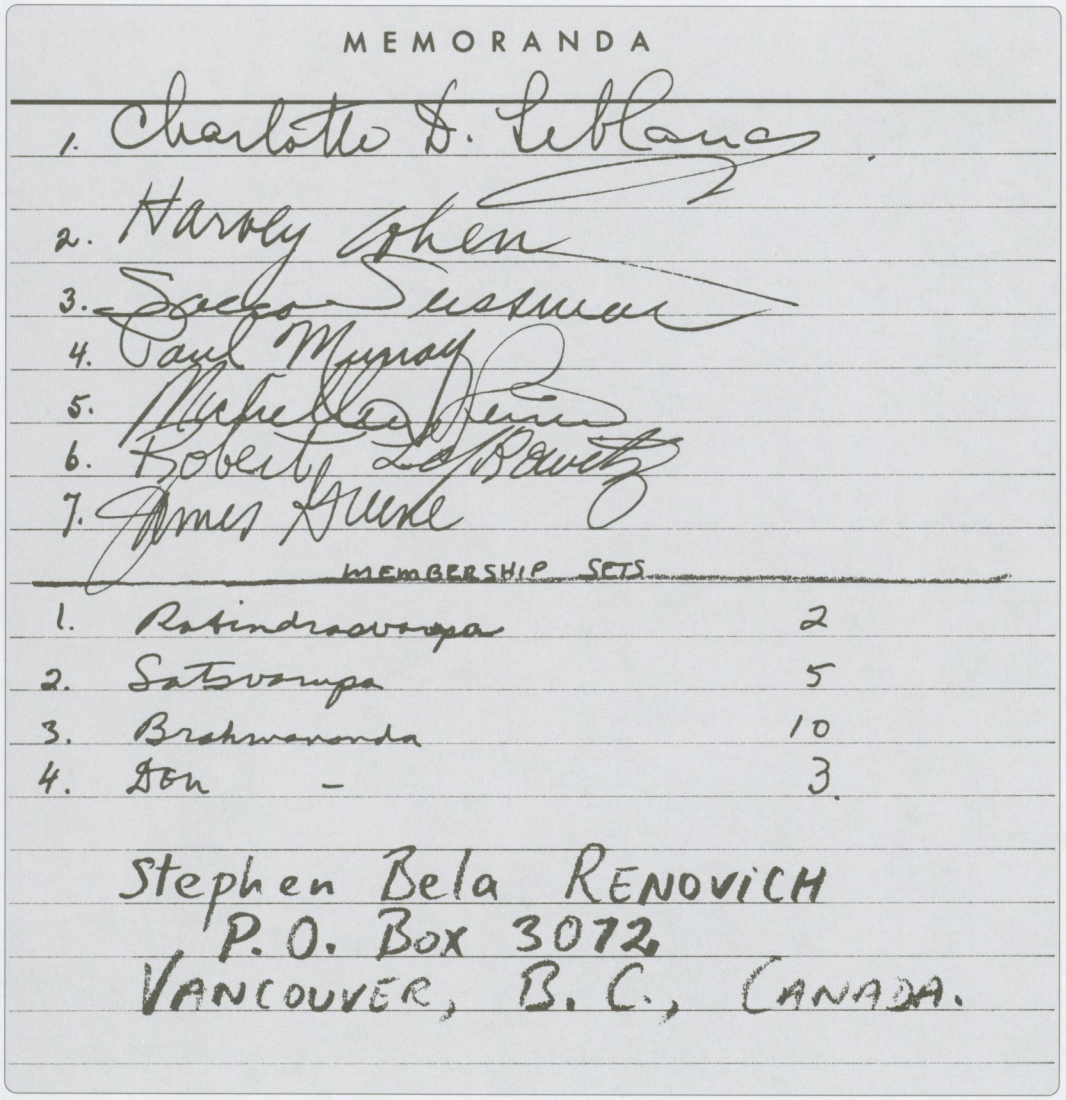

MEMORANDA

1. Charlotte D. Leblanc
2. Harvey Cohen
3. Sacha Sussman
4. Paul Murray
5. Michelle Henri
6. Robert Lefkowitz
7. James Greene

MEMBERSHIP SETS

1.	Ratindrasvarupa	2
2.	Satsvarupa	5
3.	Brahmananda	10
4.	Don -	3.

Stephen Bela RENOVICH
P.O. Box 3072,
VANCOUVER, B.C., CANADA.

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2. Harvey Cohen
3. Sa(?) Sussman
4. Paul Murray
5. Michelle Henri (?)
6. Robert Lefkowitz[1]
7. James Greene

[OTHER WRITING NOT BY SRILA PRABHUPADA]

[1] Later initiated and given the name Ravindra-svarūpa dāsa

MEMORANDA

October 7th 1966. Friday

Fund raising for Rūpānuga Para Vidya Pitha Vrindaban began today.

Steve (Satyasvarūpa donated $100.00.)

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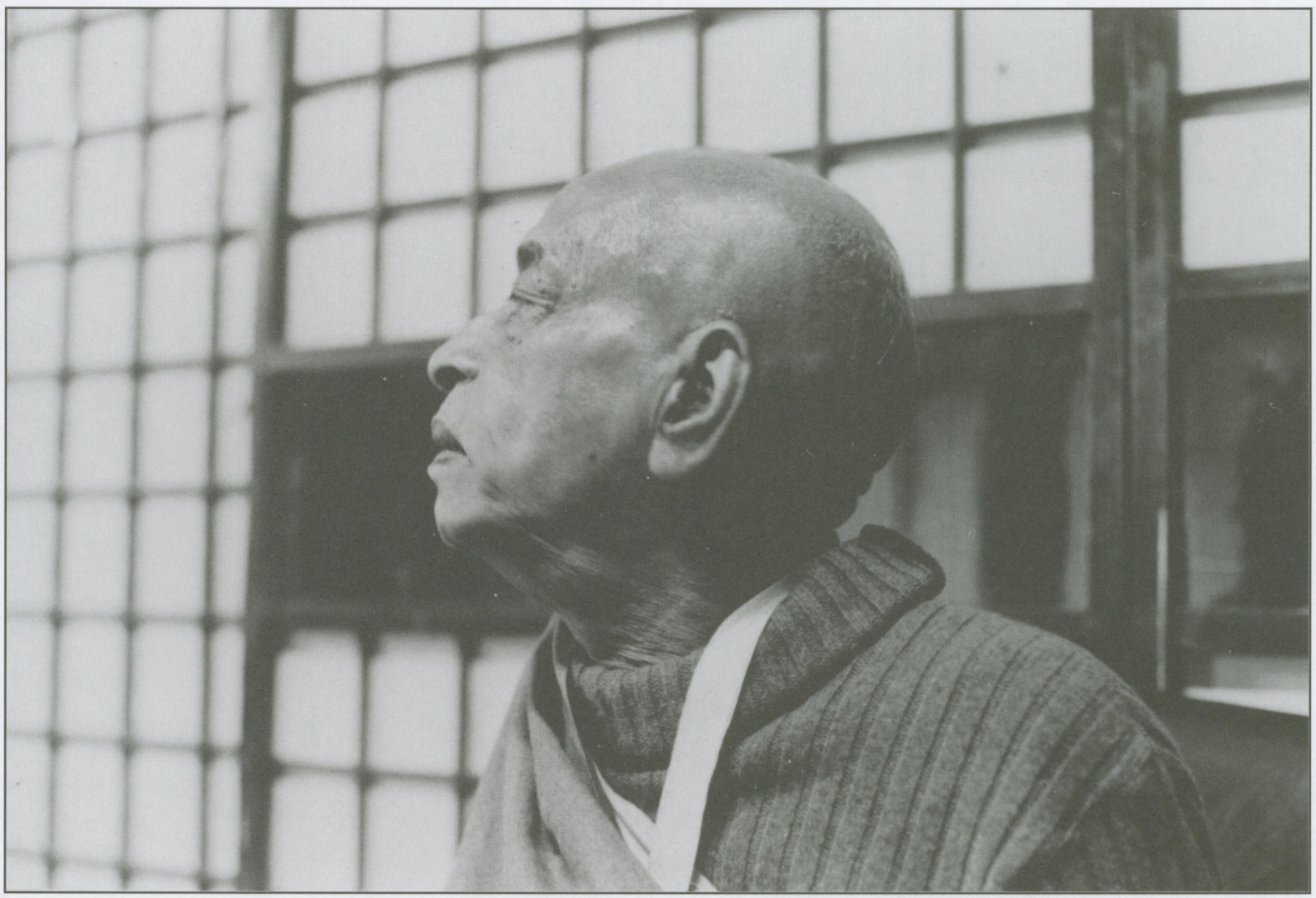


~~EARNINGS AND WITHHOLDING TAX~~

Savings a/c First National City Bank, 72 nd Branch.

Date	Transactions	Dr	~~Cr~~ Earnings	Balance
March 8th '66.	To amount deposited	50 00		50 00
" 15th	To " "	25 00		75 00
" 17th	By cash drawn for rent		70 00	5 00
" 28th	To amount deposited	35 00		40 00
" 30th	To Amount deposited	16 80		56 80
April 1st	To interest accrued.	.07		56 87
" 14th	To Cash deposit	36 00		92 87
" 29th	To Cash deposit	17 00		109 87
May 4th	To Cash deposit (G.S.)	70 00		179 87
" 11th	To " " "	15 00		194 87

Account Transferred to Bowery Branch.

A/c No 04201 60131

May 11th	To Balance B/F	194 87		194 87
" 12th	To Cash deposit	10 00		204 87
" 20th	By withdrawal		15 00	189 87
June 2nd	To deposit	20 15		210 02
as on May 31	To "	20 00		230 02
June 6th	To "	25 00		255 02
" 9th	To "	15 00		270 02
" 14	To "	120 00		390 02
" 16	By payment to Karl Fuchs		100 00	290 02
" 20	To deposit	20 00		310 02
" 22	By payment for Rent		65	245 02

New York. JANUARY

Date	Item	Rec'd	Paid	Bal.
19th	"B.F.	129 71		
"	By Busfare 5th Ave + Brooklyn.		60	129 11
20th	By Postage —		50	128 61
21st	By Postage etc		1 15	127 46
22nd	By Salt etc -		37	127 09
24th	By Busfare —		30	126 79
26th	By Sundry expenses -		74	126 05
26th	To sales of book	17 ~		143 05
27th	To " "	16 ~		159 05
28th	By Sundry Expenses.		72	158 33
29th	By " "		56	157 77
30th	By " "		51	157 26
31st	By Busfare —		30	156 96
		162 71	5 75	
31st	c/o Balance.		156 96.	

New York FEBRUARY

Date	Item	Rec'd	Paid	Bal.
1st	To Balance B/F.	156 96.		
"	By Sundry Expenditure		30	156 66
2nd.	By Expenditure.		55 05	101 61
3rd	To book sold	13 -		114 61
4th	By expenditure —		30	114 31
5th	By "		74	113 57
7th	By "		71	112 86
8th.	By "		2 10	110 76
9th	To Book sold.	16 80		
"	To loan from Cohen	23 20		
"	By rent paid + deposit		140 00	
"	By Expenditure		30	
"	" "		43	10 03
10th	By Expenditure		28	
11th	By Expenditure -		20	9 55
12th	By Expenditure -		60	8 95
13th	By Expenditure —		1 25	7 70
16th	By "		30	7 40
17th	By "		30	7 10
18th	To Income —	1 00		8 10
"	By Expenditure -		15	7 95
19th	By "		40	7 55
21st	To Income —	3 00		10 55
23rd	To "	6 00		16 55
"	By Expenditure		30	16 25
		219 96	203 71	

FEBRUARY

Date	Item	Rec'd	Paid	Bal.
24th	To Balance B/F.	16 25		
"	To Income	1 00		17 25
28th	To "	1 00		18 25
"	By Expenditure —		30	17 95
	c/o	18 25	— 30	17 95

New York.

MARCH

Date	Item	Rec'd	Paid	Bal.
1st	To Balance B/F.	17 95		
"	By Expenditure—		— 50	17 45
"	To Income —	— 15		17 60
2nd	To Income—	3 00		20 60
"	By Expenditure—		— 80	20 20
3rd	By "		— 46	19 84
"	To Income —	1 00		20 84
4th	To "	9 00		29 84
7th	To "	28 00		57 84
"	By Expenditure—		1 15	56 69
8th	By "		50	6 69
9th	By "		— 60	69
"	To Income —	13 00		19 9.
10th	By Expenditure—		— 30	18 79
11th	By "		1 30	17 49
"	To Income —	2 00		19 49
14th	To "	17 00		36 49
"	By Expenditure—		11 30	25 19
15th	By "		25 ..	00 19
16th	To Income—	3 00		3 19
17th	By Expenditure		00 62	2 57
18th	To Income—	4 00		6 57
19th	To Income—	1 00		7 57
21st	To Income	2 00		9 57
23rd	To Income —	5		14 57
		106 10	91 53	1457

MARCH

Date	Item	Rec'd	Paid	Bal.
23rd	To Balance B/F. —	14 57		6 14 57
25th	To Income —	22 00		36 57
26th	By Expenditure-		30	36 27
28th	By Expenditure —		25 00	11 27
29th	To Income	16 80		18 07
30th	By bank deposit		16 80	1 27
31st	By Expenditure —		80	47
	c/o	53 37	52 90	47

New York.

APRIL

Date	Item	Rec'd	Paid	Bal.
1st	To Balance B/F.	47		47
"	To Income —	11		11 47
"	By Expenditure-		30	11 17
2nd	By Expenditure —		15	11 02
4th	By Expenditure-		30	10 72
6th	By "		15	10 57
8th	By "		30	10 27
"	To Income —	5 00		15 27
9th	By Expenditure -		2 30	12 90
10th	By Expenditure -		1 00	11 90
11th	By Expenditure -		6 45	5 45
"	To Income -	5 00		10 45
12th	By Expenditure -		1 30	9 15
13th	By "		2 25	6 90
"	To Income -	1		7 90
14th	" "	31 50		39 40
"	By Expenditure -		37 60	1 80
15th	By "		60	1 20
"	To Income —	4		5 20
16th	By Expenditure -		2 15	3 05
17th	By "		80	2 25
18th	By		2 40	~~2 85~~
"	To Income (17)	10 ..		~~47 85~~
"	" "	2		11 85
19th	By Expenditure -		45	1140
		69 97	58 50	11 47

APRIL

New York)

Date	Item	Rec'd	Paid	Bal.
Apl. 20th	To Balance B/F.	11 47		
" "	To Collection —	4		15 47
" "	By Expenditure—		145	14 02
" 21	By "		2 30	11 72
" 22nd	By		145	10 27
"	To Income —	4.		14 27
23	By Expenditure -		215	12 16
24	By Expenditure —		45	11 97
25	By Expenditure -		30	11 67
"	To Income —	4 60		16 27
26	By Expenditure -		5 00	11 27
"	To Income —	5 ..		16 27
27th	" "	5 00		21 27
28th	By Expenditure.		1 00	20 27
29th	By Expenditure Bank		17 00	3 27
"	To Income	14 00		17 27
30th	By Expenditure.		5 00	12 27
		48 07	35 75	12 32

New York MAY

Date	Item	Rec'd	Paid	Bal.
1st	To Balance B.F.	12 32		12 32
"	By Expenditure —		— 30	12 02
2nd	To deposit by Paul	25 00		
"	To Income —	5 00		42 02
3rd	" "	35 00		77 02
"	By Expenditure -		2 45	74 57
4th	By Expenditure		73 15	1 42
"	To Income —	6 75		8 17
5th	By Expenditure —		1 00	7 17
6th	By Expenditure —		2 00	5 17
"	To Income —	5 00		10 17
7th	" "	11 75		21 92
"	By Expenditure —		2 50	19 42
9th	By Expenditure -		1 00	18 42
"	To Income —	5 00		23 42
10th	By Expenditure —		1 00	22 42
11th	By Expenditure —		2 30	20 12
"	" "		15 00	5 12
"	To Income —	13 00		18 12
12th	By Expenditure -		16 75	1 37
13th	By "		1 00	37
"	To Income -	4		4 37
14th	To "	4		8 37
"	By Expenditure	1		7 37
16th	By Expenditure -		5 90	1 47
"	To Income	7 55		9 02

New York MAY

Date	Item	Rec'd	Paid	Bal.
17th	B.F. —	9 02		9 02
18th	To income —	7 00		16 02
"	By Expenditure -		1 25	14 77
17th	By "		1 00	13 77
19th	By "		2 00	11 77
20th	By "		11 77	nil
"	25 Centavitella.	4		4 .
21st	25 Bonds pumpkin	10		14 00
"	By Expenditure -		1 25	12 75
23	By "		4 00	8 75
"	To Income —	8 "		16 75
"	" Withdrawn from Bank	10 "		26 75
"	By Payments Ref.		25 00	1 75
24	By Expenditure -		1 75	nil
"	To Income —	11 75		11 75
25	By Expenditure —		2 "	9 75
26	By Expenditure —		30	9 45
27th	By "		2 00	7 45
"	To Income —	8 70		16 15
"	By deposit in Bank		10 00	6 15
28th	By Expenditure —		1 00	5 15
"	To Income —	12 "		17 15
30th	To "	6 12		23 27
"	By Expenditure -		2 00	21 27
31st	By		22 95	18 32
"	To Income —	20 "		



JUNE

Date	Item	Rec'd	Paid	Bal.
1st	To Balance B/F.	18 32		18 32
"	To Income —	12 00		30 32
"	By Expenditure —		10 60	19 72
2nd	By Expenditure.		1 50	18 22
"	To Income —	5 00		23 22
"	By Bank deposit		20 00	3 22
3rd	To Income —	19 00		22 22
4th.	To Income —	13 00		35 22
"	By Expenditure —		2 00	33 22
5th	By Expenditure —		1 00	32 22.
6th	By "		26 87	5 35
"	To Income —	13 50		18 85
7th	By Expenditure —		17 85	1 00
8th	To Income —	15 00		16 00
9th	By Expenditure —		2 00	14 00
10th	To Income —	12 00		26 00
11th	" "	3 00		29 00
"	By Expenditure —		22 00	7 00.
12th	By		05	6 95
"	To Income —	3 80		10 75
13th	To "	105 00		115 75
14th	To "	7 00		122 75
"	By Expenditure —	~~12 00~~	120	1 75
15th	By		1	1 75
"	To Income —	5 50		6 25

JUNE

Date	Item	Rec'd	Paid	Bal.
16th.	To Balance B/F.	6 25		6 25
"	By Expenditure —		2 05	4 20
17th	By Expenditure —		1 00	3 20
"	To Income —	23 00		26 20
18th	To Income —	4 00		30 20
"	By Expenditure —		1 00	29 20.
19th	By Expenditure —		1 00	28 20
20th	By Expenditure —		23 11	5 09
"	To Income —	10 25		15 34
21st	To Income —	30 00		45 34
"	By Expenditure		5 00	40 34.
22nd	By Expenditure -	~~37 80~~	37 80	2 54
"	To Income —	18 50	80	11 04
23rd	By Expenditure -		45	10 59
24th	By Expenditure —		1 00	9 59
"	To Income —	7 40		16 99

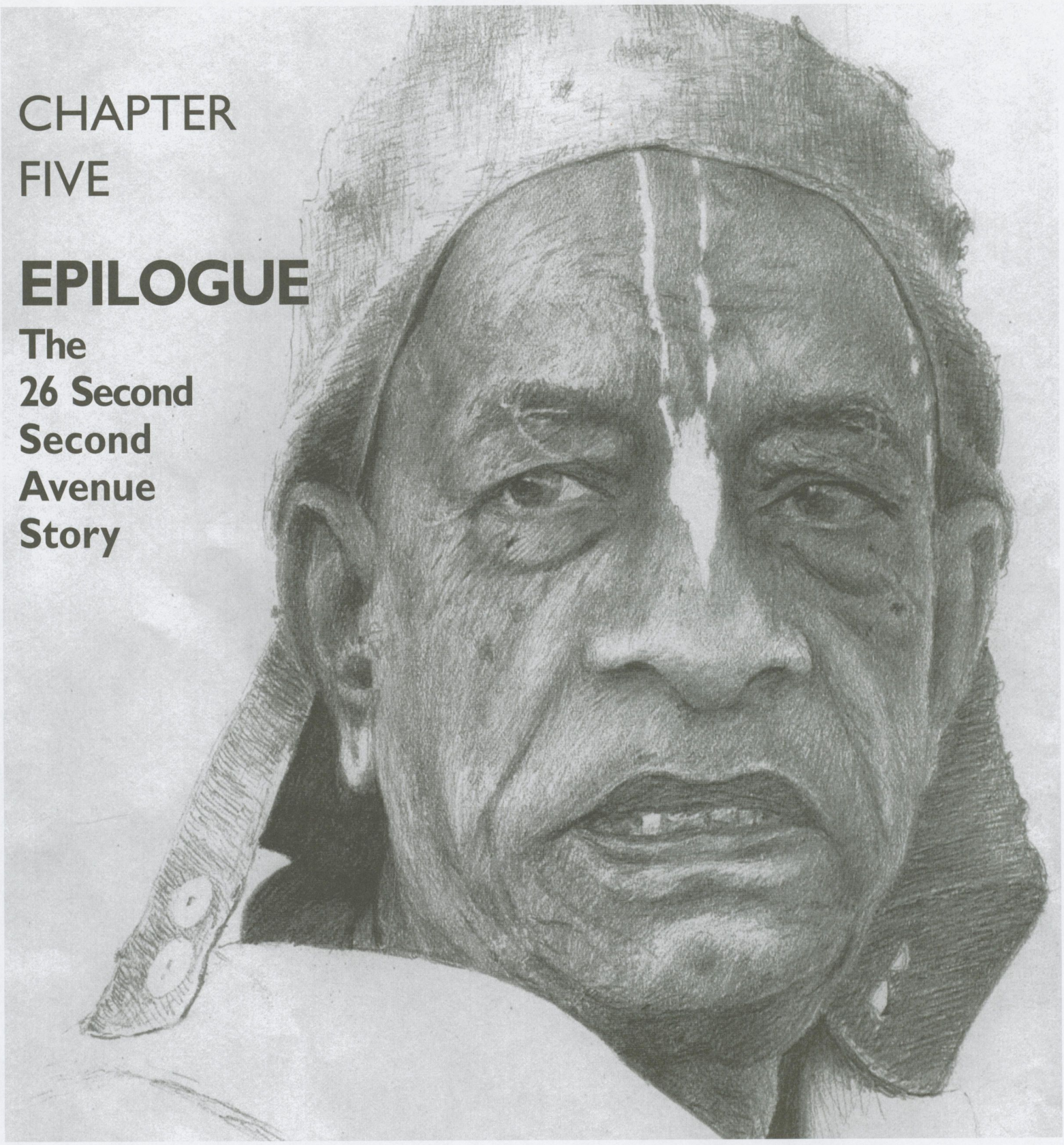
JULY

Date	Item	Rec'd	Paid	Bal.
6th	To balance B/F.	27 00		27 00
"	To Income	8 00		35 00
"	By Expenditure -		18 00	17 00
7th	By Expenditure —		2 00	15 00
8th	To Income —	15 00	0	30 00

NOVEMBER

International Society Bank a/c

Date	Item	Rec'd	Paid	Bal.
1st	To received Loan from Jonathan ac Deposited in Bank	5000 00		5000 00
2nd.	To Deposit cash —	2150 00		7150 00
3rd.	By withdrawal		75 00	7075 00
4th	By withdrawal -		5 70	7069 30



CHAPTER
FIVE

EPILOGUE

The 26 Second Second Avenue Story

Śrīla Prabhupāda lived at 26 Second Avenue from July 1966 to January 1967. During that time he transformed the storefront into the first Kṛṣṇa conscious temple in the West, attracted a number of young followers, incorporated the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, and initiated 19 students. From these modest beginnings, the Hare Kṛṣṇa movement spread throughout the world.

One of Śrīla Prabhupāda's first initiates in New York, Mukunda dāsa, went to San Francisco. In early January 1967 he invited Śrīla Prabhupāda to bring the message of Kṛṣṇa consciousness to the throngs of young people gathering in the Haight-Ashbury district. Mukunda dāsa had located the New York storefront at 26 Second Avenue for Śrīla Prabhupāda, and now he wrote that he and several others had rented a storefront on Frederick Street in the Haight-Ashbury and were converting it into a temple. Because Śrīla Prabhupāda had come to the West on the order of his spiritual master to preach *bhakti-yoga*, devotion to Kṛṣṇa, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, he was prepared to go wherever Kṛṣṇa led him.

The *Śrīla Prabhupāda Līlāmṛta*, the official biography of Śrīla Prabhupāda, recounts his departure from 26 Second Avenue on January 17: "Prabhupāda looked at his watch. He put on his tweed winter coat and his hat and shoes, put his right hand in his bead bag, and continued chanting. He walked out of the apartment, down the stairs and through the courtyard, which was now frozen and still, its trees starkly bare without a single leaf remaining. And he left the storefront behind." Although Śrīla Prabhupāda returned several months later, 26 Second Avenue was no longer his main residence.

In ŚrīlaPrabhupāda's absence his New York followers maintained his programs, holding *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* classes every morning and *Bhagavad-gītā* classes three times a week. The transcendental sound of chanting continued to attract young people, just as Śrīla Prabhupāda said it would. By 1968 the storefront at 26 Second Avenue could no longer accommodate the growing number of devotees who had joined. The landlord, Mr. Chutey, had respected Śrīla Prabhupāda and had tolerated the rousing *kīrtanas* and the comings and goings of young people while Śrīla Prabhupāda was present. But without Śrīla Prabhupāda's presence to smooth out relations, Mr. Chutey became less cooperative. When the lease expired, Mr. Chutey abruptly raised the rent. The devotees began searching for a new location. After several months, they found a place some blocks north, at 61 Second Avenue. In December, Śrīla Prabhupāda wrote Brahmānanda dāsa, the temple president, from Los Angeles. "You tried so hard to find a new temple but Kṛṣṇa did not approve so there was no temple. But now Kṛṣṇa wills it with simply a flick of the eye a temple has come to us better than we were hoping for." The new facility was large enough for fifteen to twenty devotees to live there, besides providing ample space for temple programs.

After the devotees vacated 26 Second Avenue at the end of December 1968, it became a second-hand furniture shop. By this time devotees had opened centers in San Francisco, Montreal, Los Angeles, Boston, Buffalo, and Santa Fe and on Śrīla Prabhupāda's instructions were intent upon extending the Hare Kṛṣṇa movement to England, Europe and beyond. Twenty-six Second Avenue had no part to play in their plans. Brahmānanda dāsa says, "In 1970, when we moved to Brooklyn (to the Henry Street temple), we forgot about Second Avenue."

Bohdan Porytko purchased the 26 Second Avenue buildings from Mr. Chutey in 1973. The storefront was converted into a storage place and remained as such for twelve years. However, even in its derelict state, the storefront became an honored place. New York devotees would drive visitors by 26 Second Avenue to point out the old temple. Nestor Porytko,



The original crew at 26 Second Avenue

who took over the management of 26 Second Avenue from his father, remembers, as a teenager in the mid-Seventies, seeing devotees bowing down their heads on the sidewalk in front of 26 Second Avenue.

In 1977 Śrīla Prabhupāda passed away, leaving his many followers with a poignant final lesson: to love and serve him in separation. Deprived of his presence, devotees sought Śrīla Prabhupāda in his books and recorded lectures along with their remembrances. Every moment spent in Śrīla Prahupāda's association became more precious; each object and place associated with him took on greater significance. *Śrīla Prabhupāda Līlāmṛta* describes the earliest days with Śrīla Prabhupāda at 26 Second Avenue as being simple and sweet. The storefront in which these pastimes occurred now became a place of special focus.

As the Hare Kṛṣṇa movement approached its twentieth anniversary in 1986, New York devotees grew to esteem the places associated with Śrīla Prabhupāda's pastimes in New York. Soon whenever visiting devotees would come to town, the local devotees would give them a tour of the Prabhupāda sites: the dock in Brooklyn where Śrīla Prabhupāda had disembarked from the *Jaladuta*, 94 Bowery, 26 Second Avenue, and Tompkins Square Park. Sometimes when visiting 26 Second Avenue, they would stand on the trash dumpster of the gas station and look over the wall (into the courtyard of 26 Second Avenue). Sometimes they would sneak in.

The notion arose among some devotees that 26 Second Avenue must be retrieved and preserved. Devotees were already treating it like a place of pilgrimage, so why not obtain it and convert it into a shrine? Because of Śrīla Prabhupāda's activities there, 26 Second Avenue qualified as a *tīrtha*, a holy place. It is in the Vaiṣṇava tradition that a place where a pure devotee lives is more important than the place where he was born. Tradition favored the effort, but recovering 26 Second Avenue was motivated by sentiment. In this place Śrīla Prabhupāda had tutored his young spiritual children, showing them how to wear their *dhotis* and *saris*. how to dance, and how to worship the Deity of Kṛṣṇa. The devotees felt compelled to reclaim it.

By 1985, 26 Second Avenue was again being used as an antique store. The sign above the door read "Rescued Estates." Sometimes devotees would visit the store, look about the narrow room cluttered with bric-a-brac and try to discern something of what it was like when Śrīla Prabhupāda had taught *Bhagavad-gītā* there.

In May 1990, an art dealer happened to visit the Brooklyn ISKCON temple. He was eyeing a display of photographs of the beginnings of the movement and noticed one of 26 Second Avenue. "I know the people who currently rent that place," he commented to the devotees. The devotees asked the art dealer to approach the current tenants to see whether they would be willing to relinquish the storefront.

The New York devotees became excited at the prospect of regaining 26 Second Avenue, but the art dealer did not immediately contact the owners of Rescued Estates. Some nine months later the owners of Rescued



Outside the new temple at 61 Second Avenue.

Estates called the New York temple. At first the owner of the building was not enthusiastic to rent the storefront to the devotees, but one of the partners from Rescued Estates persuaded him to allow ISKCON to take over their lease.

It was in April 1991 that 26 Second Avenue was secured. Years of neglect had left the storefront in poor condition. The floor had big holes and pits. The plaster was coming off the walls and the bricks showed through. Sheets of tin hung down from the pressed tin ceiling. Boards were screwed to the ceiling and wires hung down everywhere. The devotees raised $20,000 in donations to renovate the storefront. A grand opening was scheduled for July 11. A devotee who was a professional carpenter was contracted to complete the renovation within two months.

The devotee team pulled out the warped floor boards and laid a polished wood floor. They replaced the crumbling plaster walls with smooth sheet rock, built a drop ceiling, ripped out the tangled wiring and installed a new electrical system. Italian lighting fixtures were substituted for the bare light bulbs. They renewed the bathroom wall at the rear of the storefront, and arranged a new sink and toilet, tore out the rear windows of the temple room, constructed new ones, and set up an air conditioner.

The construction activity caused passersby to stop and peer inside. More than once the workers stopped their work to answer inquiries. "Who bought this place? The Kṛṣṇas are back? Far out."

The grand opening was on July 11, 1991, because it marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of the incorporation of ISKCON, which had taken place at 26 Second Av-



Courtesy ISKCON World Review



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Above right: Twenty-six years after it closed in the Sixties, devotees re-enter the storefront for the Grand Opening Celebration,

Below right: The regular harināma party gathers outside the storefront.



Courtesy *ISKCON World Review*

Devotees perform harināma on the Brooklyn Bridge

enue in 1966. A *harināma* procession of more than 100 devotees paraded from the Brooklyn temple across the Brooklyn Bridge and into Manhattan's Lower East Side. It took more than an hour to reach 26 Second Avenue.

Around mid-morning the *harināma* party arrived and the sidewalk outside 26 Second Avenue was crowded with jubilant, chanting devotees. After years of only offering obeisances from the sidewalk and peering from the street into a darkened warehouse, devotees were once again sitting cross-legged on the temple room floor and chanting. Everyone within the temple squeezed closer to the walls to make room. After speeches by the some of the older devotees who had been at the center in 1966, the devotees formed a *harināma* procession up Second Avenue to Tompkins Square Park.

The devotees were back—back in the neighborhood, back in the first Hare Kṛṣṇa temple, back in the mood of Swamiji's boys and girls. The storefront was once again resounding with the chanting of Hare Kṛṣṇa. Something hard to define had been regained. But devotees were not the only ones pleased to have the Hare Kṛṣṇas back on the Lower East Side. Neighbors, shopkeepers, fellow tenants in the building welcomed the devotees' return. A policeman said it was good to have Hare Kṛṣṇas back in the neighborhood and promised to watch the storefront when devotees were not there.

The grand opening went very smoothly but setting up regular activities at the storefront was a challenge. At first the devotees scheduled programs on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, which were the nights on which Śrīla Prabhupāda had held programs. In the beginning not many people would attend but gradually the attendance increased. Some older devotees began to attend the programs.

In 1993 activities at the storefront increased considerably when some devotee musicians involved in local bands began to congregate at the storefront. On program nights the quiet space would fill with young people. Young men and women with hair dyed primary colors, their bodies covered in elaborate tattoos, would become blissful through the chanting of Hare Kṛṣṇa. Just as Śrīla Prabhupāda's message had attracted musicians and the avant-garde in the Sixties, young people were being attracted by that same message almost thirty years later.

People began stepping forward to support 26 Second Avenue. The programs were attracting larger and more diverse crowds. Thursday was Prabhupāda Appreciation Night. On these nights young devotees, first-time



Evening classes resumed.

visitors, senior Prabhupāda disciples, and mature devotees who were rekindling their attraction for Kṛṣṇa would sit together and glorify Śrīla Prabhupāda. A small but enthusiastic band of devotees was bringing Śrīla Prabhupāda's teachings to the neighborhood where his movement began.

Outside New York City only a few devotees were aware of the preaching activities once again animating Śrīla Prabhupāda's first temple. In May 1994 the Brooklyn temple was compelled to cancel a reunion of Śrīla Prabhupāda's followers because of lack of funds. The event was to have corresponded with the twenty-eighth anniversary of the incorporation of ISKCON and would have been a natural time for large numbers of devotees to visit 26 Second Avenue. After a Friday program at 26 Second Avenue, several of the regulars voiced disappointment that the reunion had been canceled. Someone suggested, why don't we host the reunion? However, there were only six weeks to plan the event and send out announcements, the center had barely enough income to stay in operation, and who would prepare the *prasādam* feast?

Notwithstanding these problems, within two weeks invitations had been printed and sent to Prabhupāda disciples across the country. Flyers were sent to all east coast temples. A professional caterer and senior Prabhupāda disciple, agreed to prepare a *prasādam* banquet for the untold numbers of expected guests. Tables and chairs were rented. Brightly colored tents were borrowed from the Brooklyn temple. On July 13 devotees came from Philadelphia, Boston, and as far away as Florida. The staff was overjoyed to host nearly a hundred Vaiṣṇavas. Many of the guests shared their personal experiences of Śrīla Prabhupāda's association. Late in the afternoon one of the building's long-time tenants stopped by the storefront and spoke briefly to the devotees. He described living at 26 Second Avenue in the Sixties. The musical *Hair* and the Fillmore East were transforming the East Village. "So it was during this ferment when this whole neighborhood was changing that you all arrived. At first, it was very confusing, very noisy, the incense, and the whole bit. So everybody was very upset, including me—because I lived above the incense. It was strange to everybody in the beginning, but gradually most of the tenants began to settle down. The nice part about it was that my bedroom faces the apartment where he (Prabhupāda) lived, and I would see him reading in the courtyard at a little table or quietly walking by himself, I assume saying prayers. I remember him as a very kind, very gentle man, a very sweet person. I remember you all very fondly. You're an asset to the neighborhood and to the building itself. I'm glad you're here and hope you remember me as part of today's celebration." Śrīla Prabhupāda's qualities of purity and compassion were evident to anyone who came in contact with him.



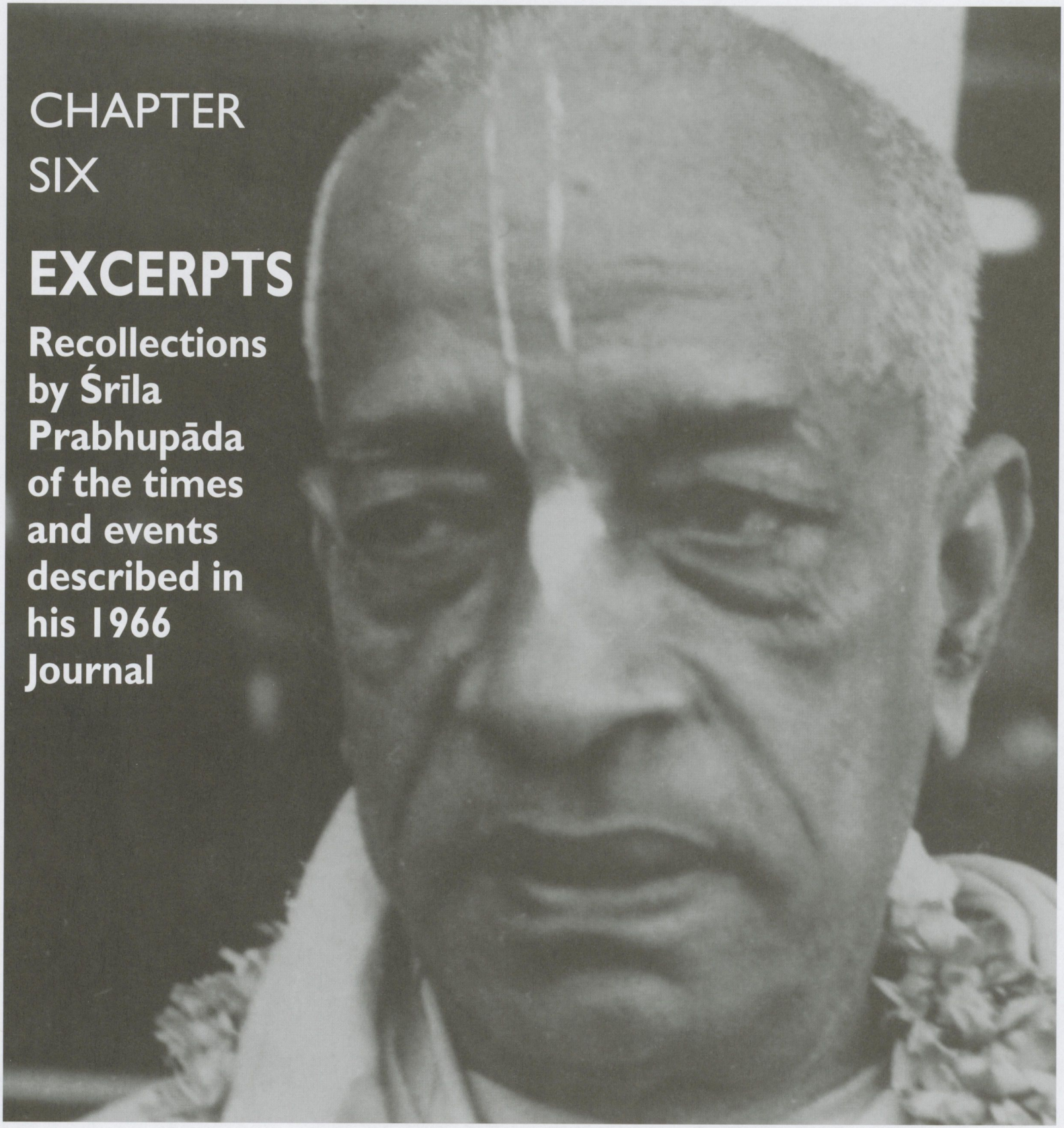
Evening kīrtana—happiness returns to Second Avenue.



1995: the first initiation ceremony at 26 Second Avenue since the Sixties.

The reunion and its coverage in ISKCON World Review brought 26 Second Avenue to the attention of a wider audience of devotees. Letters of congratulations and inquiry began to arrive. Some of them contained donations. Attendance at the programs was at an all time high. In 1995 the small center hosted its second Prabhupāda Reunion, and two hundred devotees attended. At present attendance at Friday programs regularly numbers as many as sixty devotees and visitors. Book distribution, home visits, and *Bhagavad-gītā* study groups have been added to the center's weekly activities. In 1995 the first wedding and initiation ceremonies since the Sixties were held at the center.

As part of the 1966 Centennial Celebrations, the center hosted another reunion the day after the New York Ratha-yātrā festival. Four hundred devotees attended the reunion and over one hundred took part in the *harināma* through the Lower East Side to Tompkins Square Park.



CHAPTER
SIX

EXCERPTS

Recollections by Śrīla Prabhupāda of the times and events described in his 1966 Journal

The following excerpts from Śrīla Prabhupāda's lectures, conversations and letters give further insights into the events described in his 1966 journal.

Excerpt from a letter to Sally Agarwal dated November 6, 1965

My dear daughter Sally,

I am so glad to receive your very affectionate letter of the 3rd instant and have noted the contents carefully. Yes I have got this nice typewriter by the Grace of the Lord and I am very much satisfied with it working. Before receiving your letter under reply I have sent two letters both to you and Gopala. I understand that you have received them. In one of them I have requested Gopala to dispatch 25 sets of books to Paragon Book Gallery and I am anxious to know if the books are already dispatched.

Regarding your reminder for my good cooking, I am very much thankful to you and next time when I shall go to your home, I must serve you with good lunches without fail. Now I am far away from you otherwise I would have at once gone to you and entertained you with such lunches. I am anxious to learn about the health of you all specially of your little children. How is your naughty daughter Kamla. Please offer them my love and blessings and so also accept both of you. Please write to me occasionally and as Gopala is not accustomed to reply promptly I shall henceforward write to you. Did you meet your good father and mother in the meantime? If you meet them please offer them my respectful regards. Both your father and mother are good souls and therefore you are a good daughter of your parents. I remember all of you always.

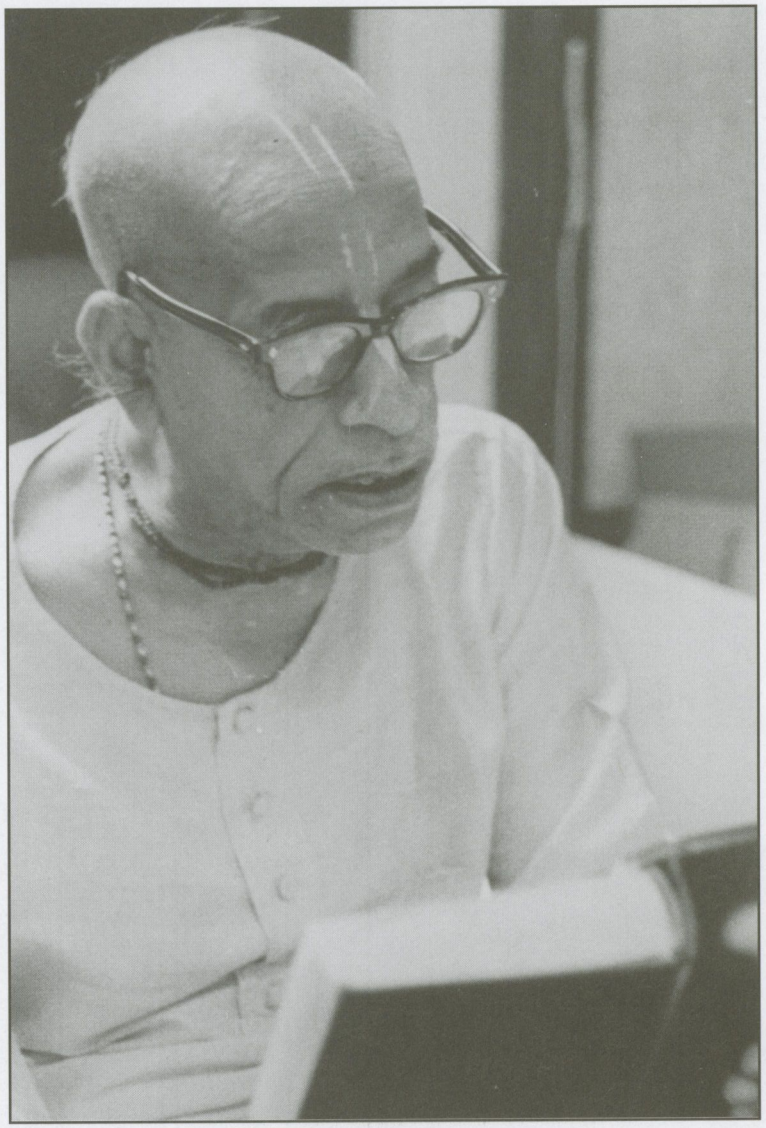
Please offer my good wishes to your friends who still remember me. I shall meet them again when I go to Butler. I like Butler more than New York and specially the quarters in which your home is situated. Had I had the means to rent a house independently I would have gone back again to Butler and hold my Bhagavatam discourses daily with good friends.

So far I have studied the American minds they are eager and apt to receive Bhakti Cult of Srimad-Bhagavatam because the Christian religion is based on the same principle. My mission is not turn any one from the affiliation of a particular religion but I want to let them know more knowledge about God and devotion.

Dr. Rammurti Mishra is also very kind gentleman and I am living very comfortably at his care. He is keen after looking my all kinds of comforts. I am negotiating with some booksellers and publishers and I hope I shall be able to settle something before I leave for the next station. I shall be New York still for a few days more and I shall let you know when I leave the station. I am so grateful to your kindness and surely I shall ask you if I need anything. I have left my hearth and home in India but here by the Grace of the Lord I have got good sons and daughter like you. So I do not feel any foreign complexion.

Excerpt from a lecture on *Bhagavad-gītā* Chapter 2 Text 11 given on March 4, 1966 when Śrīla Prabhupāda was living at the yoga studio of Dr. Mishra.

Prabhupāda: Just like at Vṛndāvana, at Vṛndāvana... That is practical. Now here I am sitting, New York, a very great, the world's greatest city, so magnificent city, but my heart is always hankering after that Vṛndāvana.
Woman: Yes.
Prabhupāda: Yes. I am not happy here.
Woman: Yes, I know.
Prabhupāda: I shall be very happy to return to my Vṛndāvana, that sacred place. "But then why you are...?" Now, because it is my duty. I have brought some message for you people. Because I am ordered by superior, my spiritual master, that "Whatever you have learned, you should go to



the Western countries, and you must distribute this knowledge." So in spite of all my difficulties, all my inconveniences, I am here because I am in duty. I, I... That is my personal convenience, if I go and sit down at Vṛndāvana, I shall be very comfortable there. And I'll be, I'll have no anxiety, nothing of the sort. You see? But I have taken all the risk in the old age because I am in duty-bound. I am in duty-bound. So I have to execute my duty in spite of all my inconveniences. That is the idea.

So this is the whole thing, the whole basic principle of spiritual advancement of knowledge. One should first be convinced that he is not this body. He is not this body. Then other spiritual knowledge will begin. This is the basic principle. You'll find it. You'll find it in the *Bhagavad-gītā* that this situation of spiritual life is called *brahma-bhūtaḥ*. Brahman. So

brahma-bhūtaḥ prasannātmā
na śocati na kāṅkṣati
samaḥ sarveṣu bhūteṣu
mad-bhaktiṁ labhate parām

So the, unless one understands himself, he also cannot understand God also. In his, in his misunderstanding position... Now, what Dr. Mishra is teaching is very nice because he is teaching that "Just first of all you know 'What I am, what I...' " That's very good. But that "what I am" can be known from the *Bhagavad-gītā* also, that "I am not this body. I am not this body." That knowledge, at least theoretically, one must accept, that "I am not this body."

Excerpt from a letter to Mangalniloy Brahmacari dated June 11, 1966.

Regarding the construction of the Temple here in New York and in other places, I have now decided to struggle for it to the end of my life and I am glad that you have decided to follow my instruction in this connection. I think I shall be able to finish this job even if the Government of India does not allow me any exchange. I am now trying to incorporate one corporation of the local friends and admirers under the name INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS INC Negotiation is going on with the Lawyer to formulate the scheme and as soon as this is incorporated I shall submit application for sponsoring you in this country.

There is enough money in this country and for temple we may not require to get exchange from India. The only thing is the people of this country must know that this is very important work and by such conviction enough money could be raised from the local people. I hope when you will come I shall get your full cooperation in this connection. Henceforward write in English language. Here English language is very much essential so try to have it practised fluently. You are educated and it will not be difficult for you.

There is another impediment for my staying here. My publication work is suspended. You know I have already published three volumes of my Srimad-Bhagavatam and further copies are ready for printing. Please let me know if your establishment can take charge of publishing these books or can manage the publication in my absence. Due to my absence from India the publication is stopped and therefore it disturbs my mind. This publication work is my main function. So at any rate I cannot stop it. I can stop my foreign activities but I cannot stop my publication work. Please let me know if there is any possibility of your institution to look after these affairs during my absence.

You have asked me to write something about Mr Paul. He is a young man of twenty three years old. He was attending my class at 72nd St. along with others and when there was theft case in my room he invited me to his residence. So I am with him and training him. He has good prospect because he has already given up all so called bad habits. In these country illicit connection with women, smoking, drinking and eating of meats are common affairs besides that other habits like using toilet papers after evacuating etc. But by my request he has given up 90% of his old habits and he is chanting Mahamantra regularly. So I am giving him the chance and I think he is improving. Tomorrow I have arranged for some Prasad distribution and he has gone to purchase some things from the market in the car of a friend. I shall inform him about you when he comes back. Here we have got a big hall and my classes are going on thrice in a week. The rent is $100.00 per month. I think when you come here we shall be able to organize the things more nicely. Please be in regular correspondence with me and offer my respects to Sripada Madhava Maharaja and if possible let me know if there is any possibility of our cooperation in this attempt of foreign propaganda. If so kindly let me know your opinion in this connection.

Excerpt from a letter to Mādhava Mahārāja dated August 1, 1966.

I have therefore very recently incorporated one organization very recently (within a fortnight past) under the name of INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS (Incorporated in U.S.A.) The Trustees of this organization are all American gentlemen headed by one of the leading lawyers of New York Mr. Steven J. Goldsmith B.Sc. M.A.B.L. who comes regularly in my weekly classes and chants the Mahamantra very devoutly.

Now the chance for preaching the cult of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu in the western countries like America and Europe is practically established and if the organization is properly managed I am sure there will be no dearth of financial facilities from the American citizens. But still I think this organization should have cooperation from all countries of the world specially of India and more specially from the Gaudiya Vaisnavas who are pledged to take the responsibility of preaching Caitanya cult in every village and town of the world. I am therefore inviting the first cooperation from my Godbrothers in this great adventure. I am very much hopeful of success of the attempt and I am seeking your good consultation if it is possible to have full sympathetic cooperation of my Godbrothers in India in this adventure. Sriman Brahmacari Mangalaniloy has already agreed to come here to assist me fully but I wish that each and every one of the different Gaudiya Math organizations may kindly send one person respectively to work under my direction in these foreign countries and thus become individually a member of the international organization abovementioned.

The qualification of such intending candidates must be that he must be able to speak in English or be well versed in playing khol or singing. If one is qualified with all the above qualifications it is very good otherwise he must be qualified at least one of them. So far their coming here I shall take all the responsibility for passage and maintenance. Would kindly consider this proposal immediately and let me know your decision per return of post?

[TEXT MISSING] ...for this cooperation programme. Śrila Prabhupāda wanted us to do everything in complete cooperation and thus I am inclined to have full cooperation in this great attempt of preaching in the foreign countries. All the camps of our various camps may at least cooperate in the matter of special activities and I may be able to provide any number of men who may be now inclined to come here and work under my direction. There is great possibility of Lord Caitanya's cult being preached amongst the younger section of the Americans and some of them are hearing me very seriously to accept the philosophy. Our men in the ideal line of activities chalked out by Śrila Prabhupāda will be great help to me and the persons who are now seriously attending my classes.

Awaiting to hear from you as early as possible with the list names of the persons who will come here from different camps.

I am asking people here to practice Krishna consciousness through music dance philosophy science religion and distribution of Prasadam. I am asking them to become freed from all sorts of anxieties by practicing the transcendental sound vibration of Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare etc and I am asking them to join the International Society for Krishna Consciousness Inc. My classes are being held thrice a week in the evening between 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. Hope you are well

Excerpt from an address to an Indian society in Columbus, Ohio on May 11, 1969.

Prabhupāda: So this *saṅkīrtana* movement was inaugurated in Bengal in India and in Navadvīpa. So in this sense the Bengalis are very fortunate that in their country this movement was inaugurated by Lord Caitanya, and He predicted that... Those who are Bengalis here present, they will understand.

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He predicted that "As many villages and towns there are all over the world, everywhere this *saṅkīrtana* movement will be preached." That is His future prediction. So by the grace of Lord Caitanya, this movement is already introduced in the Western countries, beginning from New York. Our first movement, the *saṅkīrtana* movement, was introduced in New York. I came in New York first, and I began to chant this Hare Kṛṣṇa *mantra* in the Tompkinson Park. Is that Tompkinson Park or Square?
Devotee: Tompkins Square.



Prabhupāda: Tompkins Square. So I was chanting there for three hours with a little small *mṛdaṅga*, and these boys, American boys, they assembled, and gradually they joined. And it is increasing. First of all it was started in New York in a storefront, 26 Second Avenue. Then we started our branch in San Francisco, in Los Angeles, in Santa Fe, in Buffalo, then here. We have got now twenty branches, including one in London and one in Hamburg. And in London, the boys—they are all American boys, American boys and girls—they are preaching. They are not *sannyāsī*, neither they are Vedāntist, neither they are Hindus, neither they are Indian. But they have taken this movement very seriously. Here one lady from London, she has come. She was very much praising about their movement. And in London *Times* there was an article. They said that "Kṛṣṇa Chanting Startles London." So we have got many followers now. All my disciples till now, at least in this country, they are all Americans and Europeans. They are chanting, dancing. They are issuing paper, *Back to Godhead*. Now we have published so many books, *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam, Bhagavad-gītā As It Is, Teachings of Lord Caitanya*.

Excerpt from a letter to Hanuman Prasad Poddar, dated February 5, 1970.

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.

Excerpt from a letter to Jayapatāka Swami dated July 10, 1970.

I am very glad to learn from your letter dated 2nd July that both yourself and Acyutananda went to Babu Ghat for chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa. I am very glad to learn it. The same process I adopted in your country when I started my *Saṅkīrtana* in Tompkins Square, New York. Kṛṣṇa was so kind to send to me all these boys and girls who are helping me now. Babu Ghat is a very nice place. Similarly, in front of Babu Ghat there is the Eden Garden that is also a very nice place. After all it is not the question of the place, but it is the person who chants which is important. A sincere soul like you, so much devoted to Spiritual Master and Kṛṣṇa is sure to be successful anywhere. So you adopt the same principle as we are doing here.

Excerpt from a lecture by His Divine Grace given in Gorakhpur on February 15, 1971.

Prabhupāda: So after publishing three parts of readings(?), then automatically, Guru Mahārāja gave me indication that "Now you can start for America." So some way or other, in 1965 I went to America, with great difficulty. But I took about two hundred sets of books. The customs clearance was done, I told them that "Oh, I am taking these books for distribution. Not for sale." Anyway, they passed, and with these books I reached America. And I was maintaining myself by selling these books for one year. There was no friend, and I was living in apartment with great difficulty. Still, the whole, I mean to say, stock, and my typewriter, my tape recorder—everything was stolen. In this way, I became very much depressed, and I was going to the shipping company, "When the next ship is going for, going to India?" So they gave me such and such date. Then I thought, "Let me wait for some time more. Then I shall return back." I had return ticket, of course. There was no difficulty.

In this way, 1966, by selling these books, I had only $200, and I dared to take one apartment and storefront. Storefront one $125 per month, and apartment $75. So I had only $200 dollars. So I advanced him $200. I did not know how to pay next month's rent. So I started in 1966, lecturing in a storefront and living in that apartment in 26 Second Avenue. Then gradually, these boys, American boys and girls, began to come. And then I started my *kīrtana* in (sic) Tompkinson Square. More and more, these younger Americans, they came to me, and things were organized. Then I registered this Kṛṣṇa Consciousness Society under religious act of New York in 1966, and gradually people took interest. People means the younger section. All the boys and girls, they were from sixteen... Not all sixteen, but there were sixteen. Kṛṣṇa dāsa was at that time sixteen years old. And... Between twenty to thirty. Only, I think, Keith—now Kīrtanānanda Mahārāja—he was at that time twenty-nine. Hayagrīva was, I think, twenty-nine. So in this way... This Hayagrīva, I met him on the street. After renting the apartment and storefront, when I was returning, this Hayagrīva, Professor Howard Wheeler, he was philosophically minded. So he asked me, "Swamijī, are you coming from India?" So I told, "Yes, I am coming from India." So, "Are you interested in Indian philosophy?" "Yes, sir." "So why don't you come? I have taken one storefront and apartment." So I came back. I showed him, "Here is my storefront and apartment. You come in the evening." So... (Hindi) So the Hayagrīva and Kīrtanānanda, Keith, and some other boys, I think, Satsvarūpa...

Pradyumna: Ravīndra-svarūpa?
Prabhupāda: Ravīndra, yes, yes, he was there.
Tamāla Kṛṣṇa: Mukunda.
Prabhupāda: Mukunda. In this way, five or six students used to come. Gradually, it developed. Then we started next branch in San Francisco,

next branch in Montreal, next branch in Buffalo, Boston. In this way... Now we have got forty-five branches. So practically, we began work from 1968. '66 I started, but... And '67 I became very much sick. So I came back to India, and again I went there in 1968. Practically, this propaganda work began vigorously from 1968. So from 1968, '69, '70, and this, '71. So three, four years, all these branches have grown up, and now practically, throughout the whole continent, Europe and America, they know what is Hare Kṛṣṇa *mahā-mantra*. Due it to our propaganda. Just like these boys. You have seen they are chanting and dancing. We send street *saṅkīrtana* even the most busiest quarter of New York, Fifth Avenue. And they go. The American boys, they are very daring. Sometimes police arrest them. And police is not harassing. The public and police, both, they are now sympathetic, that "Here is a movement which is actually genuine and very beneficial to our people." They are sympathetic. And even some of the Christian priests, they are also very sympathetic. They say that "These boys, American boys, they are our boys. They're so nice that they're mad after God, but we could not give them. Swamijī has given them." So they appreciate. Actually, these boys, they come from Christian family, Jewish family. There are many churches in America. I was surprised. When I first went to Butler, that's a small county, but I saw there about dozen of churches. So I thought the American people are very religiously-minded. And actually so. The history of the American people, mostly they came from England for this religious purpose. So they migrated in America for being religiously advanced.

So American people, I very much appreciate them. They are religious. They have got very good potency for understanding God consciousness. That is my opinion. And I do not know why I was inclined to go to America. It was also Kṛṣṇa's desire. Because I thought that "If this movement, Caitanya Mahāprabhu's movement... " Caitanya Mahāprabhu said that

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That is His prediction, that "As many towns and villages are there on the surface of the globe, everywhere, this message of Hare Kṛṣṇa *mantra* and Lord Caitanya's name will be there." So I thought that "I should go to America. If the American people take it seriously, then other people will take it." So actually, that is happening. These boys are so enthusiastic in preaching that on my word, they are going any part of the world. Any part of the world. They are prepared to go any part of the world. And just now I received one letter from my disciple Śrīmān Upendra dāsa. He does not know Hindi, and in the Fiji Island there are many Indians, but still, he is making propaganda. He's simply chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa *mantra* door to door. They are also husband and wife. And people are very much appreciating.

So my Guru Mahārāja's desire and Caitanya Mahāprabhu's prediction is now being fulfilled. At least, it has begun to be fulfilled. So it is a genuine movement, authorized movement, and India's original culture. So our appeal to the Indian people, that "You should take seriously about this movement and try to cooperate with us." That will be glorification for Indian culture. At the present moment, India is known as very poor, poverty-stricken country. People are under impression that "They are beggars. They have got nothing to give. They simply come here to beg." Actually, our ministers go there and, for some begging purpose: "Give us rice, give us wheat, give us money, give us soldiers." That is their business. But this movement, for the first time, India is giving something to them. It is not a begging propaganda; it is giving propaganda. Because they are hankering after this substance, Kṛṣṇa consciousness. They have enjoyed enough of this material consciousness. The material consciousness means to enjoy sex life and drink and have sufficient money. These three items, they have got sufficient, immense. There are... So far material comforts, oh, there is no conception in India how they are materially comfortable. Their roads, their cars, their machines... You cannot imagine how American roads are there. There are freeways. In America, there are freeways: without any stoppage you can run your car in seventy mile speed, and four cars going up and four cars going down. And road just like velvet. (laughter) Our roads... So there is no comparison of their materially advancement. So I always... When I run in some freeway... These boys run our cars. And you'll be very pleased that in each and every temple we have got at least four cars, nice. Especially one car for me and two cars for carrying them for *saṅkīrtana* movement. Very good arrangement. Better than any temple in India. If you go sometimes... I request you to go. But one condition: that you have to become Life Member. (laughter) But if you go, will be very much pleased in our temples. And this Dr. Rao... Perhaps you know, he is a professor in your Gorakhpur University. He was a research scholar, atomic research scholar. His wife is sitting here. So he's still. So he was very much captivated with the temple worship, and there he became my disciple.

Excerpt from morning walk conversation on January 21, 1974, in Hawaii.

Prabhupāda: Oh. (break) ...distributed big books, from the very beginning.
Bali-mardana: And *samosās*.[1]
Prabhupāda: And *samosās*, yes. (laughs)
Bali-mardana: One bookseller in New York.
Prabhupāda: Yes, Paradise. Paradise?
Bali-mardana: Yes, I think that is it. The woman was telling us.
Prabhupāda: Yes. She was very friendly. Mrs. Max Linder. Her husband is the proprietor, and she would call her husband, "Max, why don't you take these books," like this. She was friendly. And that Mr. Max was first-class businessman. He will extract as much profit as... (laughs) Hare Kṛṣṇa. It was sold. Practically, in the beginning, they were selling. I was getting some money. There was no other income. Another bookseller, Oriental.
Bali-mardana: Yes, Oriental.
Nitāi: Orientalia.
Prabhupāda: Orientalia, yes. That lady was secretary of Dr. Mishra.

[1] Śrīla Prabhupāda would offer *samosās* to the manager of the book store when he came to sell his books.

Excerpt from a morning walk conversation with His Divine Grace in Los Angeles on June 25, 1975.

(break)

Dr. Judah: ...devotees, I think a long time, haven't you?
Jayatīrtha: Yes, Brahmānanda was one of the original...
Dr. Judah: I've seen his picture so often times in the *Back to Godhead* magazine playing the *mṛdaṅga* drum.
Jayatīrtha: What is it, ten years, Brahmānanda? Or nine years?
Brahmānanda: Well, '66. August '66.
Dr. Judah: August '66. You are one of the very earliest.
Prabhupāda: Actually, I began this movement from July '66. I came in '65 but I could not do anything. I was loitering here and there. Actually, I began my preaching work from '66, June, July, I think, yes.
Dr. Judah: You must have been one of the hippies he converted there in Tompkins Park then.
Brahmānanda: Well, I wasn't quite a hippie. (laughter) There weren't hippies at that time. It was just beginning. So I had been to the university. I graduated NYU. But I'd been to India.
Dr. Judah: You had been to India?
Brahmānanda: Yes. I was planning on going back also. I wanted to take a further degree. I was applying for a Fulbright.
Dr. Judah: I see. (break)

Excerpt from a morning walk with His Divine Grace in Denver on July 1, 1975.

Brahmānanda: He has dedicated his book, "To the parents and to the devotees."
Prabhupāda: He has tried to pacify the parents.
Brahmānanda: Yes. Another parent is coming to see you today.
Prabhupāda: Oh, to accuse me? (laughter)
Brahmānanda: No, her son said she is very favorable. She's the mother of Parīkṣit.
Prabhupāda: Your mother was very angry upon us. (laughter) You know that? When she came to see me, I told, "Mrs. Bruce, can you give me some money?" (laughing) (Imitating angry woman's voice:) "I have given you two sons!" (laughter) She was very angry. "Still you want money?" (laughter) And "That's all right."
Tamāla Kṛṣṇa: You asked them to bow down to her?
Prabhupāda: No, I asked him to bow down to your mother.
Brahmānanda: Yes, at initiation.
Prabhupāda: After initiation.
Tamāla Kṛṣṇa: Did she like...
Prabhupāda: I gave her proper respect. Mother, after all, she is. She is fortunate mother. She has produced such nice sons. And I offered her respect, yes. Any of your mother and father, they are all very fortunate. And you are doing... giving the best service to your family. Our Nitāi's mother came. She looked very nice lady, yes. I think you are the first child.
Nitāi: Yes.
Prabhupāda: Therefore she looks young, not very old. Within forty?
Nitāi: Over forty, I think. Within fifty.
Prabhupāda: Oh. But she looks younger. And your grandmother?
Nitāi: She is eighty.
Prabhupāda: Oh.

Excerpt from conversation in car in Toronto on June 21, 1976

Prabhupāda: You have all got this experience. This is the only way. I started this movement on this determination, that they have nothing to give, simply by propaganda they are exacting so many people and befooling them. And I'll give them *prasāda*, nice chanting, and they will not come? They must come. This was my determination. And I began with this. So this is the only way. Give them chance "No talk, please come. Chant and dance with us and take *kṛṣṇa-prasāda* and go home."
Kīrtanānanda: I think it was just ten years ago when I first met you.
Prabhupāda: Yes. I never said that "You have to give up this, you have to do this." Never said. Then gradually *ceto-darpaṇa-mārjanam*. When the heart becomes cleansed, then little. There is no hopelessness. So many people have come, and they are coming. Both black, white, everyone is coming. There is no question of (indistinct). But you cannot expect that cent percent people will come; that is not possible. But even, even one-fourth percent people come to this, then it will be successful. Compared to the American population, what percentage we have got? Still they have made some impression, the Hare Kṛṣṇa movement. Literatures are selling, they are appreciating, learned circle. Takes some time, but if we stick to our principles and do not make any compromise and push on—in this way, I have given you instruction, it will never stop; it will go on. It will never stop. At least for ten thousand years it will go on. That is your... (indistinct) And this movement is meant for these fourth-class, fifth-class, tenth-class men. Not this movement is fourth class, fifth class. They are so fallen that they cannot be counted even third class, fourth class—tenth-class of men. Deliver them. *Patita-pāvana-hetu tava avatāra.* Caitanya Mahāprabhu's incarnation is for delivering these classes of men. Caitanya Mahāprabhu never meant to start this movement for high-class *brāhmaṇas*, sages, saintly persons—no. This class of men. For the all fallen. Don't be disappointed, go on, go on. Stick to the principles. When there was no response, I did not know where to live, where to eat. Sometimes at Dr. Mishra's, sometimes with some friend somewhere. Where to live. And I was going to inquire the shipping company when the next ship returning to India. Still I was renewing my visa: "Let us hope. Let us hope." In this way, we started Second Avenue in month of July, I think?
Kīrtanānanda: June or July.
Prabhupāda: Yes, June or July, yes, June. Then Hayagrīva and Kīrtanānanda Mahārāja, they came first. Before that, Mukunda came.
Hari-śauri: He's the oldest devotee? Mukunda? He's the oldest devotee?
Prabhupāda: Yes. There were others, they have left. That Mr. Green.
Kīrtanānanda: Jagannātha dāsa. I think you named him Jagannātha.

Prabhupāda: And Ravīndra-svarūpa.
Kīrtanānanda: Carl, Carl.
Prabhupāda: Carl, yes. He has left.

Excerpt from a morning walk conversation with His Divine Grace in New York on July 12, 1976.

Tamāla Kṛṣṇa: This is Seventy-second Street, Prabhupāda.
Prabhupāda: Yes, I know.
Tamāla Kṛṣṇa: You were going to show us that building.
Prabhupāda: Yes. Just on the corner of Amsterdam and Seventy-second.
Tamāla Kṛṣṇa: That means next street.
Rāmeśvara: They say when you go to the spiritual kingdom, you keep your same wife and your same children. That is their idea of marriage.
Prabhupāda: This is Amsterdam?
Tamāla Kṛṣṇa: No, Columbus Avenue. Next is Amsterdam.
Devotee (1): You walked here, Śrīla Prabhupāda?
Rāmeśvara: Right here is number one hundred.
Prabhupāda: Here is.
Devotee (1): There is one hundred.
Tamāla Kṛṣṇa: That's the building, Prabhupāda?
Prabhupāda: Yes.
Devotee (1): It says "Watergate." Watergate Hotel.
Tamāla Kṛṣṇa: Which floor did you live on?
Prabhupāda: And I was trying to purchase one house here.
Tamāla Kṛṣṇa: Which floor did you live on, Prabhupāda?
Prabhupāda: I think third floor. And there was an electrician, he was my friend, one Jewish gentleman.
Devotee (1): You would walk on this street?
Prabhupāda: Yes. There is one building with temperature, a gauge? Here it is. This is Broadway. I was taking bath here in a station. Sometimes I was taking the station(?)... I think this building is new. I was going to Dr. Mishra's apartment for cooking.
Tamāla Kṛṣṇa: What street did he live on?
Prabhupāda: He... Seventy-eighth. The Riverside corner. Yes, I was purchasing my goods from this store.
Devotee (1): Westend Superette.
Prabhupāda: They were charging, a little chili powder, twenty-five cents. In India it may be one anna.
Tamāla Kṛṣṇa: You were purchasing here.
Prabhupāda: Yes, because I was going to cook my food there, so whatever I needed, I used to...
Tamāla Kṛṣṇa: How come you didn't cook your food where you were living?
Prabhupāda: Huh? There was no place.
Tamāla Kṛṣṇa: What was it like there?
Prabhupāda: It was an office room. That building is meant for office, not for residences.
Tamāla Kṛṣṇa: You rented a room there?
Prabhupāda: Yes, I was paying seventy-two dollars a month.
Tamāla Kṛṣṇa: And where did you sleep? Was there a bed?
Prabhupāda: No, there was bed. There is toilet and water, but no bath and no cooking.
Devotee (1): Did you have to go there to bathe also?
Prabhupāda: Yes, I was taking bathing there.
Tamāla Kṛṣṇa: Where did you... Did you sleep on the floor?
Prabhupāda: Yes, I had little platform. So on that platform...
Tamāla Kṛṣṇa: You are the most bold person in the whole world, Prabhupāda.
Devotee (1): We will never be able to do what you have done.
Prabhupāda: Alone I was doing that. And then gradually one or two boys began to come.
Tamāla Kṛṣṇa: Did any of them come up here who are still with you now?
Prabhupāda: No.
Tamāla Kṛṣṇa: Only when you went downtown did the permanent men come. No one was visiting you up here? Hayagrīva?
Prabhupāda: No, they came there, Second Avenue.
Hari-śauri: Mukunda?
Prabhupāda: All of them.
Rūpānuga: That's amazing. How long were you there, Śrīla Prabhupāda?
Prabhupāda: Here? About six months. Then when my things were stolen, then one boy was coming, his name was Paul Murray, he invited me that "You come to my loft." He took me to Bowery Street.
Devotee (1): I met that boy in Amherst. He has a boutique; he sells clothing.
Tamāla Kṛṣṇa: You must have felt very bad when your things were stolen.
Prabhupāda: Yes, I felt little disappointed. But some friends, they offered me, "Never mind, you take my typewriter," somebody, "You take my tape recorder."
Tamāla Kṛṣṇa: Oh. Things were very easy here.
Hari-śauri: Not easy.
Rādhāvallabha: Kṛṣṇa always provides facilities.
Prabhupāda: So there was no difficulty. I got from other friends.
Tamāla Kṛṣṇa: So when you moved down to the loft...
Prabhupāda: That boy, I gave him, Haridāsa, who was in San Francisco?
Tamāla Kṛṣṇa: Yes.
Prabhupāda: So this Paul Murray... Haridāsa left New York, he went to San Francisco. His name was something else. What is this?
Tamāla Kṛṣṇa: It's a steel factory. This is near the Ratha-yātrā carts.
Prabhupāda: Oh. Steel factory, but very good house?
Tamāla Kṛṣṇa: Yes.
Hari-śauri: Paul Murray, he was the boy that went crazy?
Prabhupāda: Yes, he was LSD man.
Tamāla Kṛṣṇa: LSD man. He tried to attack you.
Prabhupāda: Not attack, but he showed some ferocious mood. I thought...
Devotee (1): Very dangerous.
Tamāla Kṛṣṇa: So you thought to leave right away.
Prabhupāda: Yes, immediately.
Tamāla Kṛṣṇa: You took all your things and went away.
Prabhupāda: Yes, I kept with Mukunda.
Tamāla Kṛṣṇa: And that boy was keeping meat in his refrigerator?
Prabhupāda: No, that is another boy, Yeargen.
Tamāla Kṛṣṇa: John Yeargens?



Prabhupāda: He's black.
Tamāla Kṛṣṇa: You were staying with him?
Prabhupāda: Yes.
Tamāla Kṛṣṇa: Wow. Your Godbrothers could never believe this. (laughter)
Devotee (1): So at that time you did not think that anyone would accept your philosophy.
Prabhupāda: That I was certain. At the beginning I was...
Rāmeśvara: Prabhupāda was certain that they would accept.

Excerpt from an interview with *Newsday* Newspaper in New York on July 14, 1976.

Prabhupāda: Give him chair. They... Give...
Rāmeśvara: These gentlemen are a reporter and a photographer from a very large newspaper in Long Island called *Newsday*. This is Mr. Kevin Layhart...
Prabhupāda: So they require chair?
Rāmeśvara: He's asking if you'd like a chair.
Interviewer: No, this is all right.
Rāmeśvara: This is Mr. Bill Semm. He's a photographer from their newspaper.
Prabhupāda: Thank you. Sit down. You have seen our books?
Interviewer: Yes, I have. You translated all of those. (pause) (break) ...I wonder if you could tell me how you came to founding the movement here in the United States.
Prabhupāda: I was ordered by my spiritual master to do this work, so on his order I came in 1965. That is the beginning of this. I came alone with no help, no money. Somehow or other (laughs) I started.
Interviewer: How did you attract people? You landed in New York...
Prabhupāda: My attraction is this chanting. That's all.
Interviewer: Did you stand on street corners and chant?
Prabhupāda: Yes, I had no magic. Just like others. They say some..., show some magic. I never showed any magic.
Interviewer: No, I understand that.
Bali-mardana: Tompkins Park.
Prabhupāda: By Tompkins Park I was chanting, and these boys gradually came. First picture was published by the *New York Times*. Then we started branches in San Francisco, in Montreal, Boston. And then Los Angeles. In this way...
Interviewer: So you just chanted in Tompkins Park, and people came?
Prabhupāda: Yes, I was underneath a tree. I think that picture was published by that *Voice*, very big article, published.
Interviewer: What did you have to offer then? If you were chanting in the park and I said "What are you doing? Why are you chanting? What's your thing here?"
Bali-mardana: He said what did you have to offer.
Rāmeśvara: He said, "If someone had come up to you while you were chanting and said, 'Why are you doing this? What are you offering?' How would you have replied?"
Prabhupāda: They came... Naturally they came and joined me and began to dance, that's all. That is the beginning.
Rāmeśvara: But what if they asked you, "What is this all about?"
Prabhupāda: No, this is for spiritual realization. If you chant, then, gradually, you realize yourself that you are a spiritual being; you are not this body. Then his spiritual life begins. Actually human life is meant for spiritual realization, and if one does not spiritually realize his identity, then he remains an animal. That is the difference between animal and man. Man is supposed to be spiritually realized.

Excerpt from and evening *darśana* with His Divine Grace in Tehran on August 10, 1976.

Prabhupāda: No, we have no attachment. We can sit down, in this nice building, we can sit down anywhere. We are not attached to this building; we are attached to push on Kṛṣṇa consciousness. That is our business. And unconditionally we can push on Kṛṣṇa consciousness. *Ahaituky apratihatā*. It is not that if we don't get a nice building as Atreya Ṛṣi has supplied, then we cannot push on. No. That is not Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Just like I began this movement underneath a tree in New York, (sic) Tompkinson Square, what is that?

Devotees: Tompkins Square Park.

Prabhupāda: I used to sit down there. There was no *mṛdaṅga*. A small *dundubi*. And I was chanting three hours—Hare Kṛṣṇa, Hare Kṛṣṇa. And people used to come.

Nava-yauvana: In a very bad neighborhood. Very low-class neighborhood.

Prabhupāda: Yes. Low-class, high-class, we don't mind. We chant Hare Kṛṣṇa, that's all. That 26 Second Avenue also not very good neighborhood.

Jñānagamya: It's the worst place in the country. (laughter)

Prabhupāda: But I did not know. Mukunda suggested this is good place, all right, live here. And actually happened to be good place. Gradually, all my disciples came. So I had no disturbance. I was living in the Bowery Street, and on my door these bums were lying with urine and wine bottles and everything. Still, they were so respectful. When I'll come, "Yes, you can enter. Please." (laughter) I had no quarrel with them. They were very kind. They welcomed me, they opened the door, "Please go." They also knew that "He's a harmless..." So, platform, if you remain on the spiritual platform, this material condition cannot hamper you. *Ahaituky apratihatā*. Then *yenātmā suprasīdati*, in that condition you can execute. First of all, we have to ascertain on which platform we shall stand. And if you want to stand on the spiritual platform, nothing can check it. That is not conditioned. So why not stand directly to the spiritual platform and make your life successful? That is our preaching. People in general, they do not know the importance of the spiritual platform. Therefore they prefer to stay in the material platform. They have no sufficient education.

Excerpt from a room conversation with His Divine Grace in Vṛndāvana on September 4, 1976.

Prabhupāda: So we shall follow strictly. Here is God. Take. Because if you are serious after God, here is God, take Kṛṣṇa. This is our philosophy. Hm? What is the answer? If he's serious about God. I think this paper wrote that, that *Village*? "We thought God is dead."

Hari-śauri: Greenwich Village.

Prabhupāda: East Village? That paper? Long ago.

Harikeśa: *Village Voice*. The *Village Voice*.

Prabhupāda: Aha, yes. They told first, that "We thought God is dead." And actually they were dancing in the name of God. Acyutānanda and Brahmānanda. You have seen the picture showing?

Hari-śauri: In this French *Back To Godhead*.

Harikeśa: Oh, that's Acyutānanda too! Oh!

Prabhupāda: They were the first candidates to dance with my *kīrtana*.

Harikeśa: I didn't know that was Acyutānanda. I recognize Hayagrīva but...

Hari-śauri: That's not Hayagrīva, it's Brahmānanda.

Harikeśa: That's not Hayagrīva?

Prabhupāda: No. Hayagrīva...

Hari-śauri: It's a picture of Brahmānanda and Acyutānanda dancing, and Prabhupāda's playing on tabla, and Kīrtanānanda sat down on the corner.

Harikeśa: Boy, was he skinny in those days! This is Brahmānanda? And this is Kīrtanānanda Swami sitting down?

Prabhupāda: Just Brahmānanda, Kīrtanānanda standing together.

Hari-śauri: Acyutānanda.

Prabhupāda: Oh, Acyutānanda.

Harikeśa: Acyutānanda. And Kīrtanānanda's sitting down.

Prabhupāda: Kīrtanānanda's sitting there?

Hari-śauri: Yes. He sat next to you. He's shaved up.

Harikeśa: They're so skinny.

Prabhupāda: This was published in *New York Times*.

Harikeśa: *New York Times*?

Prabhupāda: With picture. The other picture was published in *Voice, Village Voice*, yes. Yes. Big picture. One page. They felt something; otherwise, why they should publish? Appealed to them, that "Here is God."

Harikeśa: This is really a historic picture.

Prabhupāda: Underneath a tree I was sitting and speaking. That's all. And when I would come back from the park to my apartment, at least two dozen people will come with me.

Hari-śauri: Like a Pied Piper.

Prabhupāda: Huh?

Hari-śauri: There's a story in the West about a man called the Pied Piper. He went to one place and played the flute and all the children followed him away from the village. You're like the Pied Piper who went to the West, took all the children.

Prabhupāda: If you know French language you can read it.

Harikeśa: He knows French.

Prabhupāda: Ah, you know. What is written there?

Hari-śauri: The article is by Hayagrīva, and the heading, it says, "Are you from India?" That was when he met you on the street.

Prabhupāda: Yes, he first of all met me on the street and asked me this question. And I brought him, "Yes, I have taken one apartment here. You come here with me." Then I came back to show him the apartment. And from the next day they began to come, Kīrtanānanda and Hayagrīva.

Hari-śauri: Second Avenue apartment?

Prabhupāda: Yes. And this Umāpati. Then Satsvarūpa. They began to come regularly.

Harikeśa: Mukunda, you were already...

Prabhupāda: Yes, Mukunda was before that.

Hari-śauri: When was this, then, when Acyutānanda and Brahmānanda came. That was after...

Prabhupāda: This was in the park, Tompkins Square.

Hari-śauri: That was after Hayagrīva and...

Prabhupāda: No, simultaneous.

Harikeśa: This was the fall of 1966. October maybe.

Prabhupāda: Yes. I was going in the park on Sunday and began from three. Hare Kṛṣṇa, Hare Kṛṣṇa, that *dundubhi*. What is that, in the hand?
Harikeśa: A tom-tom.
Prabhupāda: Tom-tom. Yes.
Saurabha: He's explaining why you came to America and that in three years you spread the *mantra* all over the Western world.
Harikeśa: Yogeśvara has many pictures of this. I saw all of them once.
Prabhupāda: He is good collector.

Excerpt from a letter to Bhavānanda dāsa written September 9, 1976

Prabhupāda: New York is very much attractive for me because New York is the starting place of my activities in your country and when I had no place of preaching, one Armenian gentleman offered me a two storied building in Brooklyn with a nice hall downstairs for only $125 per month, but at the time I was paying only $70 for my apartment and I could not bear at that time to pay 125 dollars. That situation continued for at least one year and then I was bold enough to accept an apartment for $200. In this way the Society extended with so many branches and now you are paying $1,450 per month, so it is very encouraging. I thank you very much that you have already allotted a nice apartment for me, an entire first floor, so if I had the wings of a dove I could fly immediately to Brooklyn and enter my apartment. Anyway, in future I wish to go there. For the time being keep it nicely. By the grace of Krsna, wherever I go you all my disciples give me a very nice place for residing and in Calcutta also Sriman Acyutananda and Sriman Jayapataka, who are going to be Sannyasis tomorrow, they have given me a very nice apartment. So I am now 75 years old. I never thought how far I shall be able to travel such a long distance. But as people say I am still younger, then maybe sooner or later I shall come back to New York again.

Excerpt from a room conversation with His Divine Grace in Vṛndavana on September 30, 1976

Prabhupāda: One boy, he was coming to me. In that hundred, about one hundred seventy-first street, all my things were stolen. My tape recorder, typewriter. Fortunately they did not touch my manuscript that I was typing, typing my books. So some money was stolen. Then one boy, he was coming to me, he told me, "Please come to my place." A loft. Bowery Street. I did not know the Bowery Street was not a good quarter. All bums and drunks. When I see there, one Jewish friend, he had electrical shop, he told me, "Swamiji, you have gone to Bowery Street? Oh, it is not your place." I did not know that it is full of drunkards. But they were lying down in front of my door, but they were very respectful. When I'd go, these drunkards comes and they respectfully give me ways. And they would lie down on urine and something like that, on water. Then the boy who took me there... He was Murray. His last title was Murray. And he was taking LSD. So since I went there he did not go to work. Otherwise, he was working and getting daily twenty-five dollars, in some dock he was working. Since I went, he stopped working, and I had to pay 125 dollars for the loft. One lady was the landlord. So I was going on. Some people were coming. That Mukunda began to come, his wife, and another black boy, half-black. Yeargen, Karlāpati. I gave him name, Karlāpati. He was coming. Then one day that boy Murray, he showed some crazy features. So I thought it is dangerous to live with him. So I approached Mukunda. Mukunda had no place, still I asked him. So I kept my goods at Mukunda's house and went to live with Yeargen. That is another loft. So in this way, with great hardship—sometimes here, sometimes there—in this way, I got two hundred dollars by selling books, and then I asked Mukunda to find out an apartment. He found this apartment, 26 Second Avenue. One storefront down and one living quarters up. So I found it very convenient. Down I would lecture and hold *kīrtana*. So he charged 75 dollars per month for the apartment, small apartment. I think in a space like this room or less than that, everything is there. There was kitchen, there was shower, and two rooms. I think less than this. Two-thirds of this room and everything there. So I shifted there. And there I remained up to May 1967, I think. Then I got heart attack. Then I went to Stinson Beach. Then I could not improve my health. No, first of all, I went to San Francisco. There also I could not sleep at night. There was throbbing in the heart. Kīrtanānanda, he was serving me. So many difficulties. Then I came back to India in 1967 July. Here also not very much improvement. Then again I went to Los Angeles. There also one symptom developed. Always some sound in the ear, *gongongongongon*. It was so disturbing. Almost half-mad. And then Los Angeles. Then I think I went to Seattle. In this way, in the beginning there were so many difficulties. Montreal. I took Canadian citizenship. America I could not get. So one gentleman in the immigration department, he said, "Swamiji, you go to Canada and from there you try. It will be easier." Actually, it acted. The Canadian Consulate general was a black man, American black man. So in the consulate I applied for immigration, and he was sympathetic. He saw my *Teachings of Lord Caitanya* and he became attracted. So he settled up. "This gentleman must be allowed." So he expedited the matter within three months. And then I became immigrant in the U.S.A. Then again I came back in Los Angeles, and then we took that house, La Cienega.
Devotee: La Cienega Blvd.
Prabhupāda: That man also wanted to kick out after one year. Then we had no place. Then, by Kṛṣṇa's grace, we got this house present. At that time I got fifty thousand dollars. So I advanced them downpayment. And it is 225 hundred, thousand. I think they are still paying two thousand. Twelve years. How many years passed?
Hari-śauri: That was in '69?
Prabhupāda: Yes. '68 I got immigration and '69. It is a long history, checkered history. So preaching is independent. If you have got desire, you can preach in any circumstances and Kṛṣṇa will help you. I have practically experienced. I went to your country without any help, without any money. Alone. And gradually things developed.

Excerpt from a room conversation with Ram Jethmalani, Member of Parliament, on April 16, 1977, in Bombay

Prabhupāda: I was cooking in my hands. So for one man sitting I was cooking not less than for ten to fifteen men.
Tamāla Kṛṣṇa: What was the idea?
Prabhupāda: The idea is everyone wanted some food prepared by me. They wanted my preparation. All right, do it.
Tamāla Kṛṣṇa: All the devotees in the early days.
Prabhupāda: No, not devot... When I was doing here and there. Like Dr. Mishra's place.
Tamāla Kṛṣṇa: He was very fond of your cooking.
Prabhupāda: He got a good cook without paying. (laughs) And I had no other alternative. I liked it.
Tamāla Kṛṣṇa: Was he paying for the foodstuffs?
Prabhupāda: Oh, yes. He was giving his place and foodstuff. I was preparing and eating and giving them. I will not pay him, no. Everything he was paying.

Minutes

1st Meeting of the Trustees of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness
Held at 26 Second Avenue
August 8, 1966; 9:30 P.M.

Present: Carl Yeargans, Raphael Balsamo, Bob Lefkowitz, James Greene, Raymond Marais--trustees; and A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami and Stanley Zir--members in good standing.

Item1: Some powers of the trustees:

A. Number of trustees set at nine (9).

B. The trustees may call a meeting of the Society's general membership if they so choose by majority vote.

Item 2: Reading of the Constitution

The Constitution for the Society, drawn up and read by Carl Yeargans, is accepted unanimously by all present.

The Constitution is thereby adopted.

Item 3: More powers of the trustees:

A meeting of three (3) trustees is declared to constitute a quorum, with full authority.

Item 4: Meeting adjourned. Next meeting tentatively scheduled for two weeks from this date, in order to have the benefit of the attendance of all the trustees, to work on rules and regulations.

Minutes of the first Board meeting of ISKCON

A membership form for the new society printed in late 1966 on the mimeograph machine.



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actively practices these principles:

1) Spreading and propagating individual and universal love throughout the world through the practice of bhakti yoga.

2) Developing bliss in the individual through the rituals and practice of Hinduism under the guidance of a spiritual master (guru).

3) Instilling the Science of God (spiritual knowledge) through the carefully directed study of ancient scriptures,

4) Singing and playing Indian music (instruments provided), dancing, serving prasadem (spiritual food), and hearing the word of Krishna through our acharya and spiritual master, A. C. Bhaktivedanta, Swami,

5) Constructing the first Hindu temple in America.

All these principles are fully embraced by our members. One may become a tentative member merely by pledging to attend a meeting at our temple on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday evenings at 7:00 P.M. Mailing in the detached form below will both constitute your pledge to attend and install you as a tentative member by putting you on our mailing list. Our address is: THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS, 26 2nd Ave (between 1st and 2nd Streets), New York, N.Y. 10003.

I hereby pledge to attend a meeting on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday evening at 7:00 P.M. thus becoming a tentative member of the INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS and having my name added to the mailing list.

Name (Mr, Mrs, Miss).....
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October 11, 1966

Att: Radio and Television Stations, Newspapers and Magazines
New York City

Gentlemen:

The International Society For Krishna Consciousness is a recently formed group of New Yorkers, mostly in their twenties, who are interested in Indian philosophy and religion. Swami A. C. Bhaktivedanta, India's leading Personalist, eminent scholar, philosopher, and devotee of Lord Krishna (God) is teaching "the science of God" through his lectures on the Bhagavad-Gita, the "Bible" of Hinduism, and through "kirtan," group singing and chanting of the Holy Name of God.

The devotees of the Swami feel that his greatest contribution, aside from his presence, is his introducing "kirtan" to Americans. Kirtan is very catchy. Drums, cymbals, harmonium, tamboura, voices and other instruments are used, in addition to dancing. Krishna consciousness is a cross between Eastern mysticism and the sound and fury of Western revivalism.

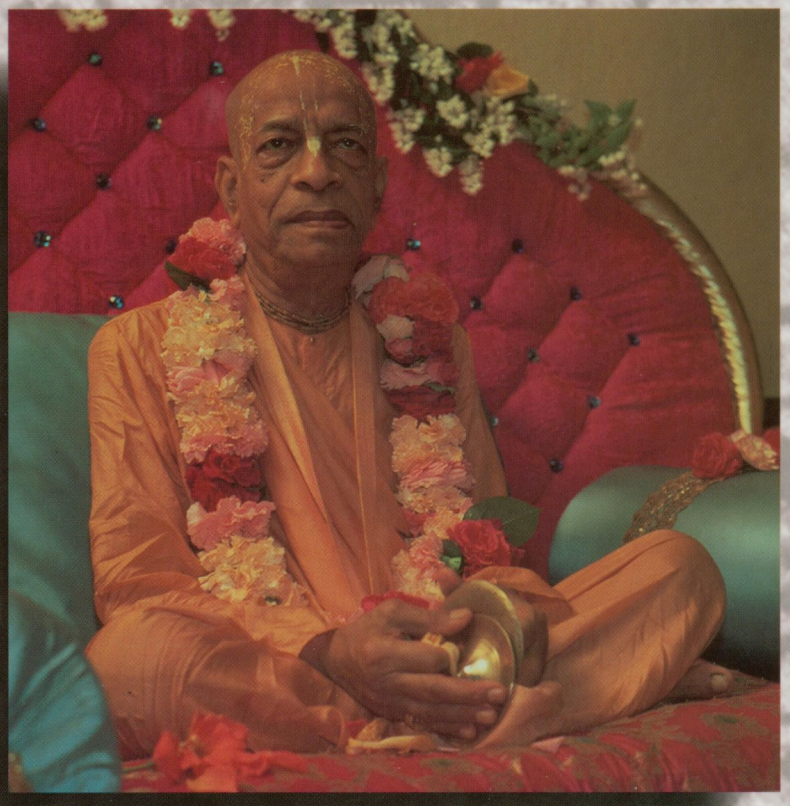
The time has come to broadcast by radio, television, newspapers and magazines both the message of the Gita and kirtan singing, chanting and dancing. Perhaps it would be possible for radio and television stations to sponser some time for kirtan and a talk by Swami Bhaktivedanta. We have held kirtans in New York City parks which have been successful as you can see by the enclosed reprint from Oct. 10th New York Times. We will be holding another kirtan in Tompkins Square Park next Sunday, Oct. 16th and here extend invitations to all New York City radio, television, newspaper and magazine concerns. It is necessary to reach a wider audience. With the current interest in spiritualism in America, your listeners, viewers and readers would be especially interested and would consider this a bold and different step that would be a blessing for all connected. After all, communications must be used to shout the good news of God and the Universe to all peoples. This transcendental kirtan is also an answer to LSD, which the Government is now trying to supress. We succeed in interesting searchers for the transcendental experience without the artificial aid of drugs. Krishna kirtan is not sectarian and is neither occult nor difficult: chanting "Hare Krishna" mantra on the Allen Burke TV Show, and the whole program was suddenly spiritualized, transformed. We must offer this on a wider scale. Only by becoming more God-conscious can real peace in the world be attained.

We thank you for your suggestions and welcome you to the park (at Avenue A and 7th Street) Sunday, October 16th.

Sincerely,

Howard Wheeler

The first press release sent to the media following the appearance of the newspaper article in the New York Times on October 10, 1966



Yes, from the very beginning I went to New York because I thought that Krishna Consciousness is the most important idea in the world, so let me go to that place, New York, which is the most important city in the world, and if I am able to do anything for Krishna and my Spiritual Master, even I am at the fag-end of my life, at least let me try for it there. So my dreams have all come true, and all of you nice boys and girls are getting the credit. When I was alone in your New York, I was thinking, who will listen to me in this horrible, sinful place? All right, I shall stay little longer, at least I can distribute a few of my books, that is some thing. But Krishna was all along preparing something I could not see, and He brought you to me one by one, sincere American boys and girls, to be trained-up for doing the work of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Now I can see that it is a miracle. Otherwise, your city of New York, one single old man, with only a few books to sell for barely getting eatables, how he can survive, what to speak of introducing God-consciousness movement for saving the humankind? That is Krishna's miracle. Now I can see it.

— Excerpt of a letter from Śrīla Prabhupāda to Sudāmā dāsa
December 23, 1972