

From the West Dr. Bernard Jensen of the Hidden Valley Health Ranch in Escondido, California; Dr. Theodore Heline of the New Age Interpreter; Ernest N. Burmester, psychologist and author; Lottie Von Strahl, outstanding sensitive; Robert De Luce, astrologer; Olive C.B. Pixley of London, Christian occultist and author; Marie de Vrahnos from Lourdes; Paul du Marchie Van Voorthuysen, internationally known mystic, photographer and world traveller; Mir Bashir, lecturer and consultant on the Art of Hand Analysis from London and India; Dane Rudhyar, musician, astrologer and author; Ivan Markoff, Orientalist and Director of the Life Unfoldment Association; Irma Glen, minister, organist and composer; Douglas Law, young philosopher and radio broadcaster on world-religions; and Dr. Wesley La Violette, musician composer, poet, author and philosopher.

Among the artists of both East and West who have performed for our functions there is Bhupesh Guha, classical Indian dance-artist of concert, film, and television, with his company of Arun+ Devi, Felise Frank and others; Helen Cartwright, Oriental dancer and teacher with her pupils; Kamala, Arjuna and Hasamurti; Radh Fairfield, classic Indian dancer, teacher and minister; Indra Devi, Indian dancer, Yoga teacher and author on Yoga techniques for the West; Balakrishnan, classical Indian musician and also teacher of Yoga Exercises and Breathing; Hedwiga Reicher, noted Actress and dramatic Director; and Ruth St Denis, the Great Lady of the Dance and Lover of the Oriental art, dance, poetry and mysticism.

Many others could be named and many others are scheduled to come in the coming months and years. There are also the fine friends and enthusiastic students who have been invaluable help in forming a happy home and peace-shrine for the spreading and meeting of the cultural and spiritual values of both East and West.

In August 1954 the East-West Cultural Center moved to 3028 West 7th Street, where there was a larger hall to rent for the lectures and classes and for the library that had been increased. But after a year even this place became too small for the steadily growing interest and expansion of the work. So on November 24th, 1955, thru the generous assistance of friends and students, the Center moved into a home of its own where the spreading and linking of the cultural and spiritual treasures of East and West continued. This address is 1162 No. St Andrews Place, Hollywood 38, Calif.

The new large hall could hold the Library as well as a stage which was built and decorated so that programs of all kinds could be presented. Indian Dance Evenings, Moving Pictures of Eastern Lands, Dramatic Readings and Plays from the great literature of the world and especially from Sri Aurobindo's Epic Poem of "SAVITRI", Indian Luncheons and Dinners, Bazaars and Easter Flower Festivals, Informal Teas, Social Evenings with students of different colleges, Open Houses with programs stressing themes on various spiritual and artistic lines, and lectures and classes of many kinds are among the many functions that fill the schedule of the E.W.C.C. A patio also provides for gatherings in the summer evenings.

A Children's Group in the Wisdom-Truth of all times, sages, countries is taught thru story, music, art, dance, flags and quotations. During the morning hours there are children who come for special teaching and guidance. In the early afternoon and evening hours private instruction is given in various subjects according to the demands and interests of students. The Center has also become a general information center on India, and calls and visits and inquiries flow in constantly.

The spiritual heart of this East-West Cultural Center is the JYOTI-ASHRAM (Holy Center of Spiritual Light). Here the sadhana and tapasya (the conscious self-perfection and the kindling of that burning zeal that conquers opposing forces) are carried on in heart, mind and work. The challenge as given by Sri Aurobindo is:

"Regard your life as given you only for the divine work and to help in the divine manifestation. Desire nothing but the purity, force, light, wideness, calm, bliss of the divine consciousness and its insistence to transform and perfect your mind, life and body. Ask for nothing but the divine, spiritual and supramental Truth, its realisation on earth and in you and in all who are called and chosen and the conditions needed for its creation and its victory over all opposing forces."