

# 'They're Young Seekers, Not Hippies,' Says Poet Ginsberg

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"I don't like that word 'hippies,'" said Allen Ginsberg, the bearded poet.

"I think of these young people as seekers."

And that is the way he referred to them throughout a discussion of the religious aspects of the current hip scene in San Francisco, Berkeley, New York and elsewhere.

"The formal, ceremonial structure of the gathering at the Polo Field on January 14 was lost in most of the published and broadcast accounts," he said.

## HINDU MELA

"We... I mean Gary Snyder and the people from the Haight-Ashbury district and myself, who planned the first Human Be-In... went to considerable pains to follow the way in which a Hindu mela, or gathering of holy men and seekers, is conducted."

"The call for flowers, fruit,



ALLEN GINSBERG  
Wanted a ritual

incense, cymbals, tambourines was part of the atmosphere of ritual we wanted. We began by chanting a

special mantra, or incantation, for removing disasters. There was a purificatory circumambulation of the Polo Field, to drive away demons and bad influences."

## ROCK'N ROLL

Ginsberg noted that during the afternoon the Rosh, meaning "master"... Suzuki from the Bush Street Zen Buddhist-Temple sat in meditation on the platform, even while the Quicksilver Messenger Service, the Grateful Dead and the Jefferson Airplane rent the air with rock 'n roll music.

At the end of the afternoon, he recalled, the thousands of seekers, Berkeley activists, and members of the general public faced the setting sun while a closing mantras was chanted. Ginsberg then blew a conch shell horn brought here by Snyder from the Yamabushi Buddhist sect in Kyoto.

"They are the forest Buddhists," said Ginsberg. "Their yoga is walking around the mountains."

## SCALED PEAK

Snyder, who is a formal disciple of the Yamabushi, is a Sierra Club member, a former guide on Mount Hood; last year he took Ginsberg to the top of Glacier Peak in the Northern Cascades.

There is talk of repeating the Be-In next summer, said Ginsberg. Among the ideas being considered is to call the seekers and holy men together in the Sierra Nevada — possibly in Trillium Meadows; or at the annual Indian pow-wow at Gallup, New Mexico; or in the Santa Lucia Mountains, where the Zen Study Group is acquiring some property.

One of the eye-opening scenes at the Be-In was the arrival, welcoming and taming... temporarily, it turned out... of a group of Hell's Angels, the black-jacketed, iron-crossed motorcyclists with a ferocious reputation for belligerence.

The Angels looked sinister enough when they wheeled their cycles, motors sputtering noisily, around the rim of the Polo Field, their birds perched on the back with cigars in their mouths.

## INCENSE STICKS

But some young women from the Haight-Ashbury, long-legged beauties wearing beads, flowers, and bright colors, approached the Angels, gave them incense sticks and flowers to carry.

Presently spectators were mildly astonished to see Angels holding lost children on their laps, shaking tambourines to accompany the chanting of mantras, guarding the power line to the amplification system which had been "accidentally" cut early in the afternoon.

This honeymoon between Force and Love was too good to last and it didn't. Before the day was over the Angels, offended by some chance remark, fell to with their fists and booted feet in the accustomed Angel solution to disagreement.

Despite this, Ginsberg

thinks they are changing under the beatific influence of love, poetry, and psychedelism.

Contacts between the poet-psychedelists and the cyclists began last year after the Angels publicly threatened to roust the Vietnam Day Committee in Berkeley.

"Ken Kesey and Gary Snyder and I met with them on several occasions," said Ginsberg. "Once we all took LSD at Ralph Barger's house."

Barger is the head of the Oakland chapter of the Hell's Angels.

"Last December, after Bob Dylan's concert here, we all pow-wow'd together in San Francisco — Dylan, Joan Baez, the Angels, Kesey, and the whole poetic community," he said.

"We have made contact with them and showed that contact, in peace and friendship, is possible between the most disparate groups. We offer the same kind of peaceful friendship to all Americans."

"I don't like the word 'squares,' either. We are all human beings."

"How can we hurt people who show they love us? And how can they hurt us if we show we love them?"

The powerful effects of holiness and meditation on thousands of people was illustrated, said Ginsberg, by a remarkable thing which happened at the end of the Be-In.

"We appealed to the people to clean up all the litter on the Polo Field. I gave a speech about the practice of kitchen yoga," he said.

"Next day some of the Haight Street sponsors went back to make sure the field was clean. Later, park officials told us that so large a crowd had not left so little litter in a generation."

His implication was clear: A people who will pick up their litter, may also solve their larger problems.

## Sea Diver

## Found Shot To Death

A deep sea diver, Verdel Miller, 47, was found shot to death in his Berkeley home yesterday.

Police officers, alerted by a friend who hadn't seen Miller for several days, broke into his apartment at 1731 10th St. and found the body.

He had been shot in the head. The gun was in his hand. Police, who said Miller had recently been divorced, termed the death an apparent suicide.

## New School Aid

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — The U.S. Office of Education is beginning a new school aid program making nearly \$20 million available for loans to business, trade and vocational students.



## An Unscheduled 'Happening'

This dramatic photo, taken by an amateur photographer, shows one of three or four minor skirmishes occurring during the Human Be-In at Golden Gate Park last Saturday. These Hell's Angels were part of a 14-man contingent from that organization who attended the "happening." Police Lt. Barnaby

O'Leary, head of the general work detail, said no formal complaint was made by the victim of this assault (a picnicker) or by any other participant of the Be-In, and no arrests were made within the park. This skirmish was broken up by bystanders (see restraining hand on the right arm of one Hell's Angel, left) before the police arrived.

## Topless Through a Loophole

## N.Y.'s Burgeoning Bosoms

NEW YORK — (AP) — High administration officials said yesterday they are fearful a loophole in the law will result in additional — perhaps dozens — of new topless restaurants in the city.

A license department official conceded the loophole theoretically permits almost 4000 eating places to employ topless waitresses with apparent impunity.

The loophole results partly from a decision last week by a three-member criminal court panel which ruled that the Crystal Room in midtown and its waitresses, who wear only pasties above the waist,

did not violate the penal code.

Cabarets — those eating places with specifically defined types of entertainment — face action under license department regulations.

However, other eating places are not affected by the regulations. Those restaurants with liquor licenses face possible license revocation, but to date the state liquor authority has not been successful in prosecuting the Crystal Room.

The officials said coffee houses, particularly in Greenwich Village, are the real concern.

"After the criminal court decision, we were watching them and we were frankly surprised that last weekend we didn't have more topless girls in the city," an aide to Mayor John V. Lindsay said.

Corporation Counsel J. Lee Rankin, asked if the city could take any steps to prevent the spread of the bosomy phenomenon, said: "I don't see how we can stop them."

Rankin said the only real recourse the city has is to amend the state penal code so as to include a ban on the topless girls.

## Catholic

## Priest Weds And Resigns

NEW YORK — (UPI) — The Rev. James R. Doyer, treasurer of Assumption College, has excommunicated himself from the Roman Catholic church by leaving the Order of Assumption Fathers and marrying, a spokesman for the Order of Priests said yesterday.

The spokesman said no disciplinary action was planned.

Doyer, a native of Bristol, Conn., notified his superiors by letter in mid-November that he had left the order and married, the spokesman said.

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