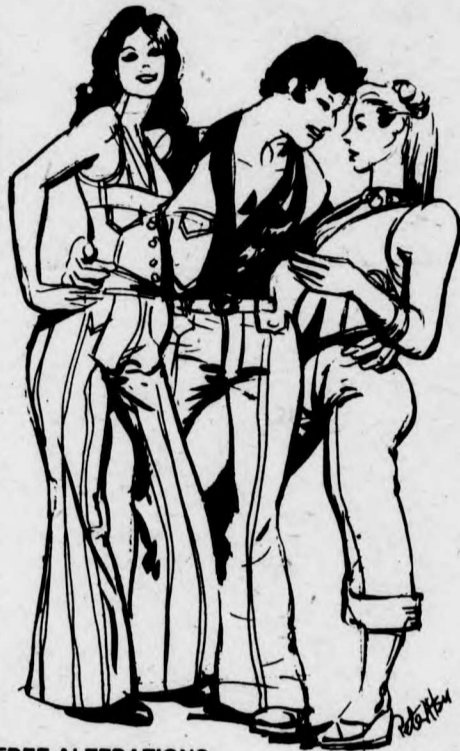


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Letters To The Editor

An endorsement for TM

In reply to the letter "What price TM?" (Excalibur, March 19) which acknowledges the benefits of TM but raises some questions about the financing of the TM organization, I enclose a letter from Senator David Walker which appeared in the Globe and Mail.

All Transcendental Meditation and Science of Creative Intelligence courses are taught systematically and uniformly under the auspices of Maharishi International Academy, the coordinating body for four other organizations (SIMS, IMS, SRM, and NISCI) which have historically offered these courses in Canada. Maharishi International Academy is a non-profit, charitable educational organization incorporated under the laws of Ontario and licensed to give courses in all Canadian provinces. As a charitable organization, annual financial reports must be submitted to both

the Ontario and federal governments. These reports are prepared by Coopers and Lybrand, an internationally known and respected firm of auditors. Coopers and Lybrand also act as auditors for all affiliated organizations of Maharishi International Academy throughout the world.

It should also be noted that Maharishi Mahesh Yogi has no legal or financial connections to any of the organizations, but rather acts in an academic advisory capacity to them in order to ensure the most effective and systematic teaching of the program throughout the world.

All funds received from course fees (\$115 for adults, \$60 for students) are used for the purpose of making this knowledge available to as many people as possible through the design and printing of explanatory material, developing videotape courses, and the cost and maintenance of local

teaching facilities. All administrative and teaching personnel of the Academy currently receive much less compensation than the average Ontario school teacher, but because of the great satisfaction received from teaching the Transcendental Meditation and Science of Creative Intelligence courses, they continue on despite current financial burdens.

All courses taught by Maharishi International Academy, because of their educational and training value, are recognized by the federal Government as tax-deductible expenses. It is hoped that this type of recognition will soon be extended so that our three levels of government in Canada will begin to train and hire Transcendental Meditation teachers through the Academy, so that course fees will be greatly reduced or not have to be charged at all.

David J. Walker

Member, Toronto World Plan Centre Advisory Council

In 1972 Maharishi inaugurated the World Plan to establish 3,600 TM centres worldwide and train 1,000 teachers for each centre so as to make TM available for everyone. This ambitious programme is now well underway but without government sponsorship the financial burden is very great, and hence it is necessary to charge a fee.

However, it should be emphasized that the goal of the World Plan is to make TM freely available to every citizen of the world as soon as possible.

In view of this a petition, which urges the government to consider sponsoring TM programmes in schools and businesses, is now available in the CYSF office so that anyone who would like to have TM taught at lower prices can make their contribution.

Ashley Deans
President, York S.I.M.S.

The great complaint

On the matter of Shelley Rabinovitch's complaint about the Alliance of Non-Zionist Jews using the graphic that she drew for the Alliance, I believe that there is a simple solution to this "controversy".

It seems to me that Shelley has a choice here. Either she asks for her name to be placed on the graphic as the artist or she may ask that the graphic no longer be used by the Alliance.

I am willing to do either and reiterate that her personal identification was removed from the graphic since I wanted to respect her right to remain independent of a Zionist or Non-Zionist position on Israel. I merely felt that I was acting in her interests. Perhaps the only significance of this whole matter is that it is impossible to remain independent or neutral on this question as is inevitably the case with any question.

Abie Weisfeld,
of the Alliance of Non-Zionist Jews

Monitor success

Thanks to all members of the York community who have made this year's Christian Science Monitor Week a big success. In case you missed it there are still a limited number of Monitors available in the CYSF office by the mailboxes.

Richard Walker,
President,
Christian Science Organization

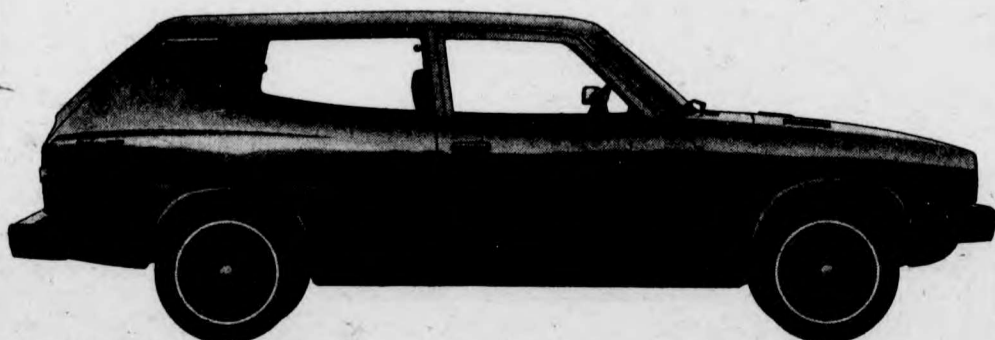
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