

Dr. Leary's religion

By THOMAS BUCKLEY
 "We have a blueprint and we're going to change society in the next 10 years." The speaker was Dr. Timothy Leary, the prophet of the psychedelic revolution. He made the statement last week after conducting the second public "celebration" of his new religion, the League of Spiritual Discovery, before a sell out crowd paying \$3 a head at a theater on the fringe of Greenwich Village. No drugs were supplied at services.

"Like every great religion of the past," Dr. Leary said, "we seek to find the divinity within and to express this revelation in a life of glorification and worship of God."

Such pronouncements have been made fairly often by a wide variety of self-proclaimed spiritual leaders. All but a few have been ignored or quickly forgotten. This would probably be Dr. Leary's fate as well, except for one fact: lysergic acid diethylamide, which along with peyote and marijuana forms the "sacramental substance" of the new religion, has produced enormously pleasurable and seemingly illuminating mental states for thousands of persons.

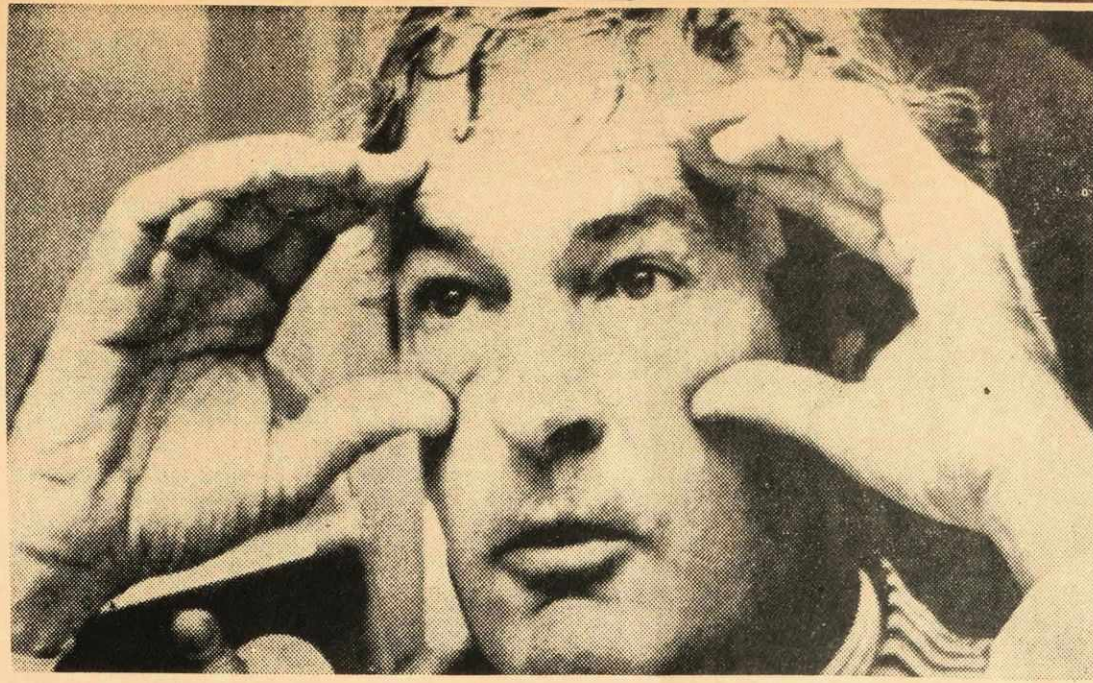
In the past couple of years descriptions of such "trips" to the inner world of the mind have become a staple of dormitory, coffee house and cocktail party conversation, particularly in the larger cities on the East and West Coasts. Scores of magazine articles and books have already

been published on LSD and the other hallucinogenic drugs. At the same time, the use of the drugs, as well as marijuana, which is usually described as a mild hallucinogen, has increased, despite their illegality, among the adventurous young, middle class and professional persons and the artistic and intellectual community.

AIM IS A GUIDANCE PROGRAM

Dr. Leary says that one of his reasons for formally establishing the League of Spiritual Discovery is to give shape and meaning to the psychedelic experience. Without such a program of guidance and meditation, he says, the spiritual energies released by the drug are wasted, and the experience becomes mere pleasure-seeking that can also turn out to be extremely dangerous. (LSD has in some cases triggered long-term psychotic reactions among borderline schizophrenics, and the possibility of permanent mental derangement and depression among ostensibly normal users remains a major concern.)

His other purpose, Dr. Leary says, is to bring about the legalization of psychedelic drugs and marijuana under Constitutional guarantees of freedom of religion. The league will seek a declaratory judgement on the rights of members to use drugs in their "shrines" at home, citing a 1964 ruling by the California Supreme Court, which said that use of peyote in a religious ceremony did not violate state narcotic



'TURN ON': Dr. Timothy Leary, shown here at narcotics inquiry in Pennsylvania, has founded a new religion—"The League of Spiritual Discovery." By no coincidence, LSD are also the initials of the hallucinogenic drug whose use Dr. Leary advocates.

laws. The court set aside the conviction of three Navajo Indians for using peyote, a psychedelic drug derived from cactus, because they were members of the Native American Church, an Indian sect that customarily uses the drug in its observances. The use of psychedelic drugs and marijuana is forbidden under a variety of state and Federal laws. Dr. Leary himself is appealing a marijuana-possession conviction in the Federal courts, for which the sentence could be 30 years plus a \$30,000 fine. On the other hand, an indictment that was handed up as a result

of a police raid on his headquarters in Millbrook, N.Y., was dismissed 10 days ago. Dr. Leary, a clinical psychologist who was dismissed from Harvard University in 1960 in a controversy that grew out of his asserted use of undergraduates in LSD experiments, appears to have changed his views at least a couple of times on the right of the public to use LSD.

The rallying cry of the League of Spiritual Discovery is "Turn on, tune in, drop out." By this, Dr. Leary means "to contact the many levels of divine energy that lie within your consciousness . . . to express and communicate your new revelations. . . to detach yourself harmoniously, tenderly and gracefully from worldly commitments until your entire life is dedicated to worship and search."

Dr. Leary does not regard his new religion as a replacement for other sects but as embracing all of them, in much the same way that Hinduism embraces other creeds.

Within a year, Dr. Leary says, the league, now numbered at 411 members, will have a membership of a million who will "turn on" with LSD every seven days (because it is not effective more often) but will have marijuana sessions an hour a day. The estimate of members seems on the high side, but, whether formalized or not, the increasing use of LSD poses social, medical and religious questions that do not seem to be receiving the attention they deserve.

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MLA's who tried to address the singing, chanting students were drowned out by loud jeers or cheers. Even deputy minister of education Dr. J.R. McCarthy was forced to back down to the noisy crowd, but not before he managed to say a few words. "Ladies and gentlemen," he said, "as a civil servant I'm not trying to pass the buck (jeers) but no student from Ryerson has asked me for information." "We're asking, we're asking," the students chanted.

"I don't see what I can do about it. I don't see how that will do any good," the minister said, pointing to the Scrap Sap posters that most students had changed to Crap Sap.

Commenting later on the demonstration, Dr. McCarthy said, "It's a good expression of democracy at work. I used to sit in the fifth row of these things when I was at Columbia University."

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Graham new coach

Vanguard of Tiger swim team returns

The swim team for 1966-67 boasts a new full-time coach in the person of Robert Graham. Coach Graham obtained his B.A. and M.A. in Physical Education

at Western and has concentrated mainly on his favored sport of swimming. In coming to Dalhousie, he anticipates a rewarding challenge, with the full understanding that the Maritimes are notoriously weak in this great aspect of Canadian intercollegiate athletics, but as he states, "Impressively strong for a small contingent."

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The coach hopes to attract a new spirit in part by innovating several different items to the tournament agenda. One of these is a relay carnival, in which all the Maritime colleges will be invited to enter their best in the relay line. Another idea is an All-Star meet at which Graham

hopes Mount Allison, Mount St. Vincent, U.N.B., and Dalhousie will participate. The Athletic Department also announces that RECREATIONAL SWIMMING will be held for all Dal students at the YMCA every Monday from 8:00-9:00 P.M. All you need is your student card and some sort of suit.

Beginning October 18, a RED CROSS WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTORS COURSE will be held from 7-9 P.M., each and every Tuesday. Those interested are asked to sign up at the Athletic Department.

Tigers re-write records

By BOB TUCKER

TIGERS WIN!

The Dalhousie Tigers have consummated what amounts to be the greatest Canadian intercollegiate sports triumph of the decade. Complemented by an 80% student-fan turnout, the first Varsity Tiger team in the sport's history this weekend completely overwhelmed all Maritime Conference competition and left a wash of records in its wake.

Over the week-long weekend, the Dalhousie team came up with a precedent-setting performance not likely to be equalled in time. During the competition, only one university managed to score on the Bengals, that happening when the scorekeeper erroneously credited the University of King's College Scholastic Institution with an irrevocable point - due evidently to some abstruse confusion regarding seating space for unseated patrons.

Several Tiger players were interviewed after the sweep and most were satisfied with the results. One unnamed player confessed that the team had agreed to withdraw from play had they been beaten in one of their decisions.

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