

BATTALION CLASSIFIED

Thousands Gather to Hear Guru Speak in Astrodome

THURSDAY night the lights were on at the Houston Astrodome as if the Astros were playing a home game, but instead of the smell of hot dogs and the noise of a crowd, there was the aroma of incense and the sound of rock music.

A group of black youth are joking with each other all dressed in choicest Afro-American finery. A girl is leaning against a wall with her cheek resting on her folded hands, softly signing to herself.

usually decreasing no guru will gain wide acceptance if he is an old man who speaks in mystic tones. "Peace is infinite and continuous," he says. "All you need is wit in sight of you; all solutions to end the misery of the world."

The Guru Maharaj Ji, perfect master, source of peace in the world, was making his opening address for Millennium '73, "the most holy and significant event in human history."

The snack bars of the Astrodome have been transformed in units of "Divine Sales" where one can purchase a Guru Maharaj Ji T-shirt for \$2.75, a holy family poster for \$1.25 or stationery for \$1.00.

The people leaving the stadium scarcely notice them. Some walk along joking to each other. Others speak in hushed tones. Others are crying.

His press releases state that when, at age fifteen, he has six million followers and his Divine Light Mission operates in 37 nations on 6 continents.

The music builds to a crescendo. The choir sings "Hear him speak" and "We love him." The Lord's Prayer appears on the Astrodome scoreboard and then the words "When...When...When...When?"

A free exhibition of pocket billiards by the five-time world champion, Jimmy Caras will be provided in the Memorial Student Center Tuesday.

Approaching the huge domed stadium, strains of rock music can be heard blaring from the exits. The music is courtesy of Blue Aquarius, the Guru's band, a 56-piece orchestra accompanied by a 40-voice choir.

What is most striking about the young guru is the rapport he establishes with his audience. His followers are primarily young and he toys with rock music and "hip" language to relate with them.

Caras won the world championship in 1936, 1938, 1939, 1949 and 1967. He was national champion in 1962 and 1963.

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