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Dalai Lama of Tibet To Speak At UCSC

The 14th Dalai Lama, spiritual and temporal leader of the Tibetan people, will give a free public address October 2, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, on the green below the east Field House on the University of California at Santa Cruz campus.

The event is co-sponsored by UCSC's Committee on Arts and Lectures and the Vajrapani Institute, a Tibetan Buddhist retreat center in Boulder Creek.

Following his remarks, the Dalai Lama will respond to written questions submitted from the audience.

Currently on a 41-day coast-to-coast tour of the United States, the Dalai Lama is the first in the centuries-old Tibetan succession ever to visit the North American continent. His itinerary includes 24 cities, where he is speaking at various institutions, visiting Buddhist groups, and meeting with prominent Americans to exchange ideas on religious, scientific, social and cultural topics.

He is accompanied by a staff of 12 associates and attendants, among them Tenzin Tethong of the Office of Tibet in New York City, Michael Van Walt of the Office of Tibet in The Netherlands, and Jeffrey Hopkins, a principal translator and editor of the English language editions of the Dalai Lama's published writings.

Now 44 years old, the Dalai Lama has lived in self-imposed exile in Dharmasala, India, for the past 20 years. He fled from Tibet in 1959 when Chinese communist troops which had invaded the country in 1951 took full control of the holy city of Lhasa.

Nicknamed "the roof of the world," Tibet is roughly twice the size of Texas and lies at an average altitude of 15,000 feet in the Himalayas.

The Dalai Lama, a Mongolian title meaning "Ocean of Wisdom," is recognized as the Tibetan leader of the 2,500 year-old Buddhist religion. The 14th Dalai Lama is believed by his followers to be the reincarnation of his predecessor.

According to legend, after the death of the 13th Dalai Lama in 1933, a delegation of high lamas from the holy city of Lhasa followed prophetic signs to the small village of Taktser in northeastern Tibet where, in a farmhouse envisioned by the regent of Tibet, they found a 2-year-old child who had been born in 1935 into a peasant family of farmers.

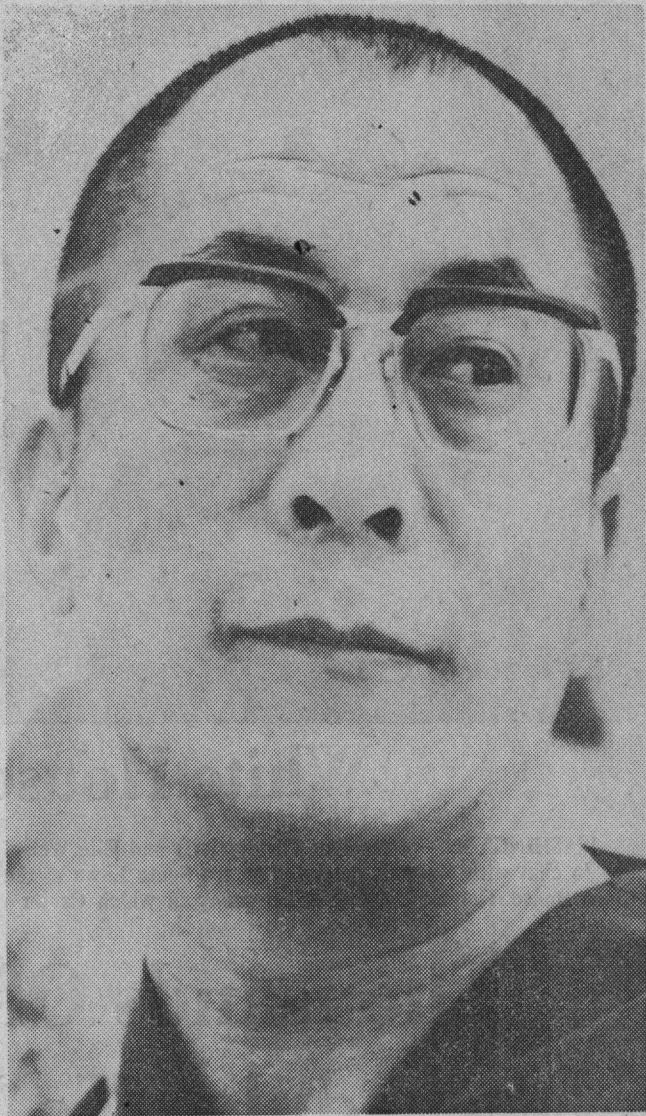
The child's body reputedly bore the eight marks which are distinctive to the Dalai Lama and he is said to have spoken with his examiners in the court dialect used only by residents of far-away Lhasa.

In a test of ancient custom, the youngster succeeded in picking out from an array of articles placed before him, those several possessions that had belonged to the previous Dalai Lama. These and other omens led the delegation to believe that they had found the incarnation of the Dalai Lama.

The child was taken to Lhasa in 1939 to begin his reign as the 14th Dalai Lama and began his education at the age of 6. He completed the Doctorate of Buddhist Philosophy (Geshe Lharampa degree) at age 25.

During his exile in India, the Dalai Lama has been involved in political issues concerning Tibet on an international scale, establishing institutions for the preservation of Tibetan identity and religion, giving teachings and initiations, and speaking out for better understanding of the religions of the world.

The Dalai Lama's writings, published in many languages throughout the world, include MY LAND AND MY PEOPLE, THE OPENING OF THE WISDOM-EYE, THE BUDDHISM OF TIBET AND THE KEY TO THE MIDDLE WAY, and TANTRA IN TIBET.



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Former Dean To Celebrate

Dr. Joseph L. Vredenburg, former dean of St. Justin's Seminary at Davis, California, will celebrate the liturgy at Mebarim Eastern Orthodox Fellowship's meeting Sunday at 8 p.m. at 4729 Scotts Valley Dr., Scotts Valley.

Pastor of the church is Shepherd Michael Zaharakis. Dr. Vredenburg has returned to the U.S. after a year of teaching and preaching at University of Samoa, Malua, Western Samoa.

Slides Of Crusades

On Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Maranatha Assembly of God Church in Scotts Valley will present the Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Morrison as guest speakers. They also will show slides of their recent missionary-evangelism crusades in Germany.

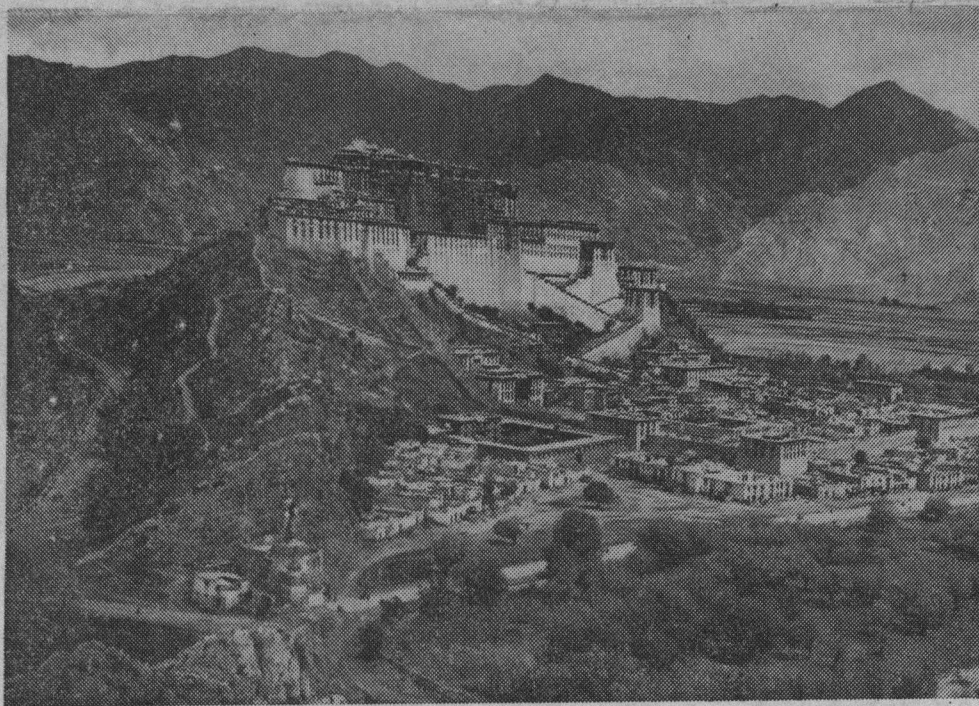
The Morrisons are the former founder-pastors of the valley church. For the past 11 years they have traveled extensively in the U.S. and overseas.

They recently returned from their fifth summer in Germany where they spoke in 12 churches and conducted two tent crusades. The public is invited to hear them speak. Maranatha is at 123 South Navarra Drive and the Rev. Von Duke Kelly is the pastor.

First Southern Baptist Church

Now meeting at the BPW Clubhouse, corner of Plymouth and Button Streets, are members of First Southern Baptist Church. Bible study is at 9:30 a.m. and the Sunday service is at 11 a.m.

A church training is at 6 p.m. Sunday with worship at 7. Pastor Warren Seiverson is in charge with associate pastor, Ernie Whittington.



Lhasa, The Holy City in Tibet