

# FAMILY OF GOD DIARY



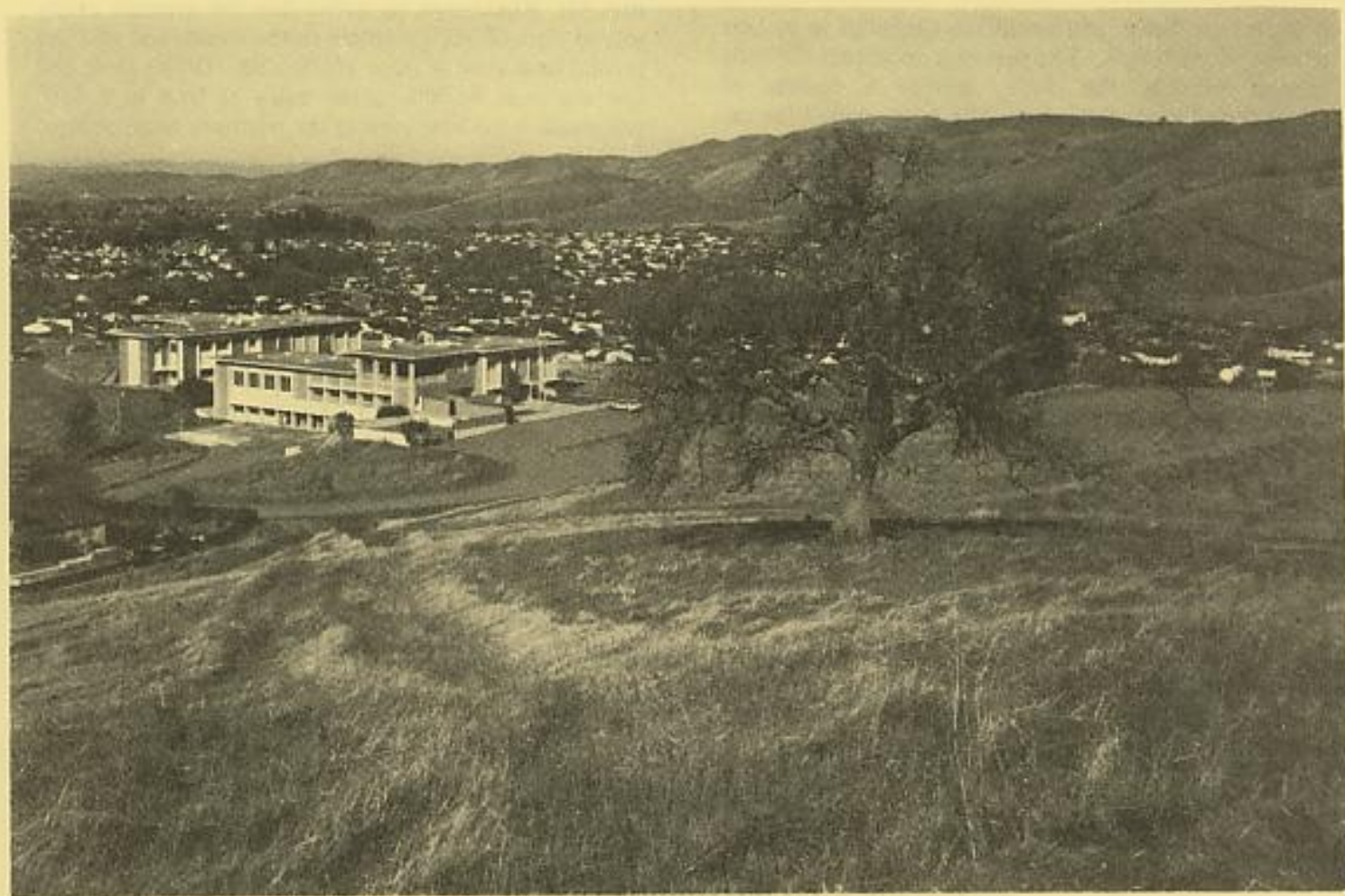
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## A SPECIAL, SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

This lovely site, nestled at the foot of Mt. Diablo in Northern California, is now a vital part of our efforts to further the dawning spiritual renaissance on this precious planet of ours. We first saw the property December 16, began nego-



tiation to purchase it on December 22 (which happens to be Vern's birthday), and after lightning fast negotiations each and every day (I'm tempted to say each and every hour as closer to the truth), completed final arrangements on January 10, and took possession of the keys on January 12. (Vern is only just beginning to recover physically from the hectic events he just lived through while negotiating this purchase.) Located a thirty-minute drive east of Berkeley, this property is on a hill with a view of the Suisun Straits and San Francisco Bay to the southwest, Mt. Diablo to the southeast, and is directly adjacent to a wild bird sanctuary which leads into Mt. Diablo State Park. (The first day we saw the property, a meadowlark greeted our arrival and a hawk circled lazily on the air currents.)

Our plan is to retain our present quarters in Berkeley and expand slowly into the new space. We will have plenty of room for growth—there are 75 rooms and the building is on a twenty-five acre plot! The kitchen is built to serve 400 people with ease. (However, the cupboards are bare, so we will build up to that level only after we acquire adequate cutlery!) The structure



is sound and basic, and awaits our decisions as to how to develop each area. The previous occupants did little beyond painting the walls, leaving a bundle of undeveloped potential (pardon the redundancy) for us, which is eminently satisfactory. We have several subcommittees already at work developing preliminary plans for coordinating and organizing the whole project. One of the first departments to transfer to the new property will be the Multi-Media Division, which has been housed to date in David and Sue Kantor's home, and which is now bulging the seams of their house.

The beautiful old spreading oak on the hill—our hill—has already become one of our favorite spots on the property. Continuing up the hill behind the oak, one reaches the edge of our property and the beginning of the bird preserve, which merges into Mt. Diablo State



Park which includes over 400 miles of horse trails. David Kantor did some research and reported to us that Mt. Kilimanjaro in Africa has the greatest unobscured vista of any mountain in the world, and that the second best view is from Mt. Diablo. On its peak one can see over 40,000 square miles of land in a 360° panorama—the best view in the northern hemisphere.

We look forward to years and years of sharing the enjoyment of this site with our friends across the planet, and it is our vision that long after we have gone on from this life to other adventures in starry eternity, this site will be an ongoing valuable center for the spiritual renaissance.

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