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OF LOVE!

PLEASE TAKE SOME OF THIS WITH A 'ORAIN OF SALT --REMEMBER WE DIDN'T WRITE 'EM! A FEW CHANGES AND DELETIONS WERE MADE FOR SECURITY.

FATHER DAVID, PASTOR OF THE NEW RELIGIOUS SECT

SPECIAL COVER STORY:

# LOVE IS THE SOLUTION TO ALL THE PROBLEMS OF THE WORLD



THEY ALLOW THEIR GIRLS A FREE AND UNIVERSAL LOVE

THEY ARE PLANNING ON STAYING HERE NOTWITHSTANDING THE DIFFICULTIES CAUSED BY THEIR "ENEMIES"

(With some changes and deletions for security . -- As usual, these articles also include some things I did not say and a few twists .--And don't believe everything you read in the papers! -- Love, Dad.)

(From our correspondent Richard Peytavi:)

THREE YEARS HAVE ALREADY PASSED lished the past Tuesday that it since the family of Father David who calls himself the Pastor of the love of God has established himself here. But it is precisely in these days that they have come out to public of this group that is half-a-commun- er. We'll just stick to the actual ity, half-a-religious-sect is the way that they have of making new members. A very unusual way until now in this part of the world.

SOME BEAUTIFUL GIRLS THAT COME EVERY NIGHT TO A DISCOTEQUE where they show themselves to be very generous with their "friends" -- this is the word that the pastor uses to

designate the new members. Who pays for all this? Our newspaper pubcould be the CIA or the Mafia, David laughs when we remind him of this.

ANYWAY, WITH THE ONLY INTENTION BEING TO CLARIFY everything that's possible about this community, we light. Maybe the most original thing have had an interview with its leadtranscription of what he has told us leaving up to every reader the freedom to judge according to his own conscience.

> DAVID, THE PRESS IN THESE DAYS HAS PUBLISHED A LOT ABOUT YOUR GROUP. Would you please tell us yourself what it really is.

"THIS IS A VERY GENERAL QUES-

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TION. Maybe it's too much to pretend to know it all. Well, we are a family. At the beginning we began with two sons and two daughters teaching them basically the Bible, Later, the friends of my children joined

I HAVE A LOT OF FAITH IN GOD AND IN CHRIST, Our doctrine includes equally Catholics and Protestants. We in our community try to help especially those young people who have problems with drugs or that suffer any one of the social illnesses of this type. In the beginning our work developed in California among the hippies."

WHY DO YOU USE GIRLS AND THE SEXUAL ATTRACTIVENESS that woman has to conquer your new members?

"THIS IS THE BEST WAY TO AT-TRACT MEN. Don't you like the pretty women? It is obvious that what we care for is to achieve the end without taking in any way into considera- them the love of God. "The love of tion the means that we have to use to reach it. (I never said this!) This way of attracting people with women is very new for us. I wasn't using it when I was helping the hippies in California, so as to get them off drugs, I decided to dedicate myself to this because the doctors advised that I should rest because of my health. I couldn't find a better way to invest my assets.

"I CAME HERE BECAUSE OF A PLAN OF GOD, One night while I was sleeping I saw in a dream the name of this place. I knew the general area because of my study of history, but I had never heard of this particular name, -- I didn't know what it was. So I got up and I grabbed a book of maps and opened it. I was greatly surprised when I found out that the same word figured on the same page to where I opened the book, it was in fact right on the top of my thumb! CHRIST WHAT WAS THE GREATEST THING. Therefore, I turned to my wife and I told her that a miracle had just taken place! Since then I decided to come here and here I will contin- law against this law -- love and sex

ue, God willing, Relaxing and dancing are very good for my health and I like very much to dance, I was a musician for twelve years."

DO THE GIRLS VOLUNTARILY LET THEMSELVES BE USED FOR ALL OF THIS?

"THEY ARE PART OF MY FAMILY. Every night my wife and myself used to dance, and when I felt a little tired I used to tell her: See that man that is lonely there, go and comfort him. My daughters do something like this, they dance with them and try to make them a little bit happy." David evaded the answer when I asked why they did not come out to public light even after 3 years of life here.

"I LIVE HERE". HE SAID. "EVERY-THING BEGAN WITH MY WIFE, When I am tired she dances with another man." Later David declared that in this way he is only expecting to make the hearts a little happy and to show Jesus Christ is the solution to all the problems of the world", he said.

DO THE GIRLS IN YOUR FAMILY HAVE INTIMATE RELATIONS with the friends that they win over?

"THIS IS ONLY THEIR BUSINESS AND I DON'T INTERFERE IN THEIR PRIV-ATE LIVES, If they both want to, I do not see why they shouldn't have any such relationship. That is their business and not mine. Of course our doctrine admits that one can come to the point of having these relationships as many times as they want. I don't see any reason why it should not be so."

SINCE YOU ARE FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST, DON'T YOU THINK THAT THIS IS RUNNING INTO ADULTERY, since these sexual relationships take place many times, almost always, among married people?

"IN NO WAY, WHEN THEY ASKED HE ANSWERED THAT IT WAS LOVE, Love, to love God and one's neighbours. Also He declared that there was no

are the creation of God. The Bible says it very clearly: 'God is love'."

DON'T YOU BELIEVE THAT THE KIND OF LOVE THAT THE BIBLE TALKS ABOUT IS ANOTHER LOVE, quite different and very much deeper than the simple love of sex?

"IT'S ALL PART OF LOVE AND THEREFORE THE CREATION OF GOD. Before the fall of man when he lived in the Garden of Eden, God told him and his wife, 'Grow and multiply and replenish the earth.' This in no way can be considered sin. Sex is part of life."

DO YOU BELIEVE THAT A DOCTRINAL MESSAGE CAN DEVELOP ITSELF IN A NIGHTCLUB, where one goes to look for easy relaxation and happy living?

"WHY NOT? JESUS CHRIST VISITED
THE POOR PEOPLE, the publicans and
the women with a bad reputation. He
said to His enemies, the false religious people, 'The sinners and
the drunkards and the whores will
enter the Kingdom of God before you!"

DID YOU EVER CONSIDER WHAT YOUR DAUGHTERS DO AS RELIGIOUS PROSTITUTION but however prostitution above all?

"NEVER, NEVER, NEVER! IT'S ONLY LOVE. A sincere way to love and nothing more. To love God. There are many types of love. The one of the mother for her children, the one of husband and wife, and the one existing between a man and a woman. And to sum it all up it is still the same love that Jesus preached. He said, 'Go into all the world and preach the Gospel.' To all the world, which means it has to be done in the street, in a club, in a restaurant, in a bar, in your house, in a church and in all the world."

THE FAMILY HAS 70 MEMBERS HERE. They are installed in 70 countries around the world and they have about 736 homes all over the world. Here they specifically have established ten homes. They are also established in other places of this country but the pastor didn't specify which were

these places, neither did he give us other details that we were interested in

WHEN I ASKED THE PASTOR HOW
WAS IT POSSIBLE that they had such
a secure means of support without
belonging to an international organisation of very great strength,
he answered us that he had made good
investments and that now he had investments all around the world except here. Later he affirmed that
"the method of dancing" was quite
new for them and up to a point quite
unique only to here.

HE ALSO AGREED that for sure they are used to paying the drinks for some that come to dance with them. "It's logical that we invite our friends like anybody else would. Our friends are all those that love us."

DO YOU HAVE ENEMIES?

"LOVE ALWAYS HAS ENEMIES. Jesus Christ was perfect and of course He had enemies. We have enemies because many people do not like love. I'm sorry for them. The Bible says that the Devil is the Lord of the Flies, and like the flies, our enemies can only bother us a bit and do nothing more."

THE FAMILY HAS MULTIPLIED because the daughters of the Pastor already have 30 children, which in three years is not bad. They declare themselves totally against abortion and birth control. They are also against divorce. The Family is planning on continuing to live here notwithstanding the criticisms made against them by their adversaries.

NOW THIS SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY
MEETS IN TWO NIGHTCLUBS during the
nights here, and because of the high
level of these clubs we suppose that
this kind of love that they preach
can only be for the more wealthy
social classes. Right now you can
count among them various personalities of "high class" belonging to
this touristic city.

### RELIGION AND SEX AMONGST THE STRANGE SECT

\*\*The "priestesses of love" invite the "neophytes" and between a drink and a dance they quote verses of the Bible \*\*They have sexual relationships in complete promiscuity, all 70 people that make up the "family" \*\*The "spiritual father", David, says that he chose this place because of "divine inspiration"

THE WEIRDEST HAPPENINGS THAT HISTORY HAS EVER RECORDED have taken place in the last years and are still taking place in the name of religion and especially in the name of the Christian religion. This is not a new version of the Trojan horse or of some radicals in the style of Bishop Lefebre, nor any other kind of schism, but it's a new sect that calls itself religious and uses the Gospels.

THIS SECT IS CALLED "THE FAMILY OF LOVE" and they have established their home fires, their "Vatican", as an informer has told us, in one of the major touristic cities of our area. The press has tried to investigate the true motives that move this strange sect to behave in a way that in all aspects seems suspicious, without having up until now come to any definite conclusions.

SO THAT OUR READERS MAY HAVE AN OPINION on this original "family" we are going to summarise what we have been able to find out up until now about them. It is clear that something very strange is hidden behind it even if up until now it has been impossible to discover in what the mystery consists.

BETWEEN A DRINK AND A DANCE, THE BIBLE. Anyone who wants to can go to a restaurant or dancing club that exists in our neighbouring touristic city, and he will be easily approached by an attractive woman that will invite him to dance and to take one drink -- or perhaps several -gratuitously.

AFTER STRIKING UP A CONVERSA-

TION and "getting in heat" she introduces some members of the Family. Then they move on to a subtle interrogatory to end up talking about religion. But if you ask them if they belong to some religious sect or if they profress a doctrine they say no;

THEY LOVE JESUS AND THEY READ THE BIBLE. And all this between a drink and a dancing step, all this surrounded by the sounds of a sticky sweet and insinuating music. And if your interchanging of opinions prolongs itself, which happens very often because the milieu is intriguing and cozy at the same time, they pay homage to their new friend with a copy of the Gospel. When they have to talk among each other they communicate with whispers in the ear so that the guests cannot understand what they are talking about.

ON THE OTHER HAND THE CULTURAL LEVEL OF THESE SEDUCING YOUNG GIRLS is extremely low, while the boys are intellectuals and even presumably have titles of nobility. It is forbidden to talk politics and if you try to talk about it they answer evasively. They declare that they are not worried about the past nor the future, only the present and how to live it in the best way possible without any kind of worry and with full sexual freedom.

ABOUT 70 PEOPLE. It seems, according to private investigations that it has been possible to conduct on them, that there are 70 members forming the "Family of Love" and they live in eight homes, two of which are chalets.

THE NATIONALITY OF THESE INDIV-IDUALS is Italian and Americans and some South Americans and local boys, and mostly Northern European women. It looks like their proselytising work is having success among the English that visit or reside there,

THEIR WAY OF LIFE HOWEVER, IS GREATLY SHOCKING: apart from their presence in the above mentioned public hall where they are used to reserving "their corner", they reside in large old homes; they have in-

discriminate sexual relationships without the existence of married couples among them and during the time that they have been there, 12 children have been born to this strange family, all of them registered at the civil registry and with local nationality.

OUTSIDE THE DOORS OF THESE MAN-SIONS, situated in the outskirts, brand new Mercedes are parked and they swim completely naked in their pools with of course great scandal to their neighbours. Those that proselytise, between a dancing step, a paragraph of the Bible and a drink, establish intimate relationships with them. As far as the rest is concerned, the police haven't had any reason to intervene because it has not been proven that they make use of drugs, nor has any other notorious scandal been proven.

WHERE DO THEY GET THEIR MONEY FROM? The "spiritual father" of this family, who is called David, lived before in London and he came here a few years ago because of divine inspiration according to his own declaration to a correspondent of "The Day". He also said that he had no other reason for having chosen this place as his residence other than he was in a delicate state of health and one night while praying and asking God where to go, in that same instant he had a vision of the name of this place in luminous letters.

HE ASSURES US ALSO THAT HE DOES NOT BELONG TO THE C.I.A. or the Mafia -- a question that has always to be asked -- nor do any of the members of his family; and that if they don't work and neither does he, this is because he has enough money to support all the "family", his "sons", ence. And this is all for now, He declared to have many businesses outside of this country that give him enough money to do this.

ANOTHER THING THAT LOOKS SUS-PICIOUS is the fact that this group prefers to capture people of a medium or low cultural level with which they are used to having long conversations about things that

they don't want to make any comment about afterwards. After some time that you have been having a certain friendship with them they invite you to come to one of their chalets where you can have intimate sexual relationships with the couple you are appointed to.

WE ALSO KNOW that they take information and all kinds of data about the people that they deal with, either because they have danced with them, had a drink with them, or had relationships with them the night before.

NO ONE KNOWS WHAT THEIR AIM IS. What is sure about the "Family of Love", as they call themselves, is that no one believes the arguments about their strange behaviour and form of living, But even more mysterious are the purposes that they have and where they get the money that they spend in their proselytising work.

SOME SAY IT IS A MIXTURE OF SEX AND RELIGION, more of the former than the latter; or that there is a possibility that they are studying about our area; character, typology and ideology of its peoples, but the truth is that no one definitely knows what it's all about and that its activities have created a climate of expectation and intrigue.

WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FIND OUT, on the other hand, that a similar group had some problems in another city, and that even one of the girls of the "Family" was tried for fomenting prostitution and giving public scandal. It is also said that something similar to this sect exists in another area as well, even though we don't have concrete evid-

THE MATTER IS SUFFICIENTLY IN-TRIGUING to awake the curiosity that exists today around it. It seems that many people have been going to that city looking for these "Priestesses of Love" since this matter has been published in the press. And they continue practicing their "liturgy": the "dolce vita". --M.I.R.

## LETTERS TO THE NEWSPAPER

THEY ACCUSE US OF BEING SENSATIONALISTS

Mr. Director:

IT IS WORTH IT TO AFFIRM THAT I DON'T BELONG TO THE CIA, nor to the Mafia, nor any group of mystics ...or luxuriants, although inside we all have a little of all of these things.

IN ENGLAND, FROM WHERE I HAVE JUST COME after many years of absence, they were accustomed to say, with undoubtable irony, that certain tention to whoever tries to extract sectors "saw red underneath any rug". information from them about certain As it appears, the way it is done here, they prefer to talk in a vague and not very factual way of the "agents of the enigmatic American secret services" and of the Mafia.

could be that the reporter that pre- level .. . By disgrace, the persons pared the hardly acceptable report about the strange sect that has appeared in our city has reason and that the CIA and the Mafia are acting in our area. But without fail, the evidence that is presented in the article leaves a lot to be desired, especially when you are "with four more drinks and happier than New Years Eve".

IT SEEMS, OF COURSE, STRANGE THAT THEY TALK ABOUT RELIGION while they are dancing closely. But it is not at all strange that the young girl asks questions like, "Where do you work? What is your name? What do teques, particularly having in acyou think about this, and about that? . . . "

IT ALSO SEEMS EQUALLY STRANGE that, during the same dance, they offer to you a copy of the Gospels, but it doesn't seem at all strange, in a city like ours, that blondes or brunettes appear to one as if "emerged" (!) from the earth.

IT SEEMS AUTHENTICALLY STRANGE, particularly for any one of our nationality, that the husband of the blonde in question is not offended to see his wife dance with others ised information and people that

one night after another ... Without fail though, who could be surprised in our city of the existence of "Mercedes" cars or of enormous mansions in the outskirts of the city. or of the spending of money?

YOU HAVE TO CONSIDER IT STRANGE that the blonde or the viking or brunette has to prepare informs about people that they have danced with or had relations with ... It fits though, within all reason, that the waiters in the discoteques fulfil their job and don't pay atclients of the establishment.

IT ISN'T STRANGE either that the supposed Italian head of the organisation possesses superior studies, nor that the sect prefers IT COULD BE THAT IT IS TRUE, it persons of a medium or low cultural with a higher cultural level continue being the minority and, on the other hand, a local religious organisation for rich people has already been working for many years.

> FINALLY, AND STILL ADMITTING IT UNDOUBTEDLY STRANGE ABOUT SOME OF THESE POINTS brought out by the reporter, isn't it maybe exaggerated and sensationalist to affirm that they manipulate the people, and they play with them, they withdraw all types of information from them and they buy the friendship of the waiters and owners of the discocount that -- in the words of the author of the report -- "they come partly from Italy and part from the USA, although we can find some South Americans and various of other nationality"? If the major part of them are foreigners and if the "sect" prefers persons of a lower or middle cultural level, what type of information can they extract from them, information that might be of some use to some companies that, for their own reasons, gather special

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could give it to them?

IF WE WANT THE CULTURAL LEVEL OF OUR POPULATION TO RISE, it is essential that the press presents solid and well founded information. Because sensationalism, the same as the American police movies, doesn't take us anywhere.

-Joachim P. Blasco.

"THE DAY" -- February 13, 1977

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

ABOUT THE "SECT OF LOVE"

Mr. Director:

WOULD YOU BE SO NICE AS TO PUBLISH THESE LINES, if you considyourself so attracted by the Leader of the Sect of Love, maybe you won't means, I make a call to create a think it so convenient.

I AM ONE OF THE MANY WOMEN a little bit like the woman that did a television program in which she confessed her youthful life, and like the man she was confessing her days I am more sensitive because of the holidays that have begun; on top of it all they come to us with that Sect of Love, without clearing up

(Translation by Alfred)

the concept of the difference between carnal sexual love and with the spiritual.

THEY DISPLAY THEMSELVES TO GIVE LOVE AND HAPPINESS to whoever comes to them, above all those saddened er it opportune? Well, after feeling husbands.--But what about us women? From your newspaper and by this Sect of Love for saddened women who have endured patiently like our mothers have taught us.

WE THANK YOU FOR PUBLISHING THIS LETTER, the sooner the better. to see if we can commence and begin life to, and especially during these to put it into effect in these days,

> A regular reader greets you, -- Marion and her two girlfriends

"THE DAY" -- February 18, 1977

(We even made it in the cartoons!)



(The following are excerpts from:)

#### ABOUT THE BIBLE

SPEAKING WITH RESPECT so as to be respected. I don't get involved in the interests of anyone nor that each one prays to his saint of devotion: to St. Cayetano, to Buddah or to Confucius, who, told briefly, are all three independent, they give favours, and they save us from a lot of confusions.

WRATEVER RELIGION -- be it theist or pantheist, or atheist like Buddhism, that teaches mankind to separate himself from the things of this world and infuses in man loyalty to the integrated principle of the universe -- it results in anathema in that the dictator requires of his subjects a profound attachment, under the form of a frantic nationalism, and a loyalty that is concentrated in him and in the State that he governs.

THE DICTATORS, AND IN GENERAL THE POLITICIANS, CAN'T UNDERSTAND THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL to universality and to solitude. They demand that all men be passionately social and parochial. Every species of animal lives within his own universe that he has excavated from the real world, in accordance with his organs of perception and with his intellectual faculties. In the case of man, his intellectual faculties have developed so much, that, different from the other animals, he is capable of inferring the existance of a more amplified world, that includes his own universe.

IT WAS A PREMONITION -- to say it one way -- the truthful story that I recounted to my readers, and that I titled "Iconoclast". In it, and it has been 70 years exactly, was a skinny man, and clothed always with a cape, his house was the "Family of Love", veneration to Christ and the reading of the Bible.

AND IT IS NOW, AFTER THESE 70 YEARS--I repeat--that we have here

Father David, spiritual head of the sect that he founded and that is called "The Family of Love": adoration to Christ and the reading of the Bible: Iconoclast.

(Translation by Ready)

IN THE STORY I TOLD I SAID THE TRUTH: I was a witness of how that man who we called "The man with the cape", celebrated Holy Week in 1908 in his own house playing a lute with accompaniment of a small flute, genuflected before a cross and read the Bible in my presence.

FOR MY AGE, I DIDN'T AS LET HAVE UNDERSTANDING OF THESE THINGS and as soon as he recommended that by reading the Bible I would have enough as a good Christian, I gathered the sufficient money to acquire the Holy Bible that contains the sacred books of the Old and New Testament, revised in accordance to the original Hebrew and Greek, edited by the Bible Society. Nevertheless and following the customs "of years before", I read the Bible and assist in the processions.

--By Michael B. Salas

"THE DAY" -- February 11,1977

(From the humour column:)

As the news keeps piling up, Father David is going to have to inhabit a lot more houses.

Because, be careful there are some here that are thirsty for love!

And it isn't because of the years of shyness that we have had to endure.

HUMOUR without bad intention

#### "THE FAMILY OF LOVE"

--By news spread with enormous profusion I found out that a new religion has been created.

If of religion we look it's accepted clean and perfect we should treat it with happiness, an attractive and new sect.

The Most High as its boss (and this they don't say in joke), our touristic city he appointed for their Rome.

The name of the sect is "The Family of Love" and they show this name with the maximum of fervor.

According to what they say to the press, with the aim to show this they have for a meeting place a popular night club,

If they see you sitting alone and with a look of boredom, a girl of the sect will immediately approach you.

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She will ask you what is happening and wanting to encourage you she comforts you with her phrases and takes you out to dance.

And if to encourage you your attitude appears little, you soon leave dancing and she invites you for a drink.

The money is no problem, because according to how things are described, they have already bought here some three or four villas.

-- Man!: "First", a "second", then I "third" in this inquiry, Where do they live?

--In the "four" of the "villas" of the "sect".

--- What a charade most curious and what a sect with great merit? I'm going to that city to see about being a proselyte.

--So many thousands there are that want to put their hand in and even up to the shoulder that they form long lines.

-- Can't I ask for a number?

MONCHO



#### LETTERS TO THE DIARY

#### THE SECT FASHION

Mr. Director:

A FEW DAYS AGO, WE READ IN THE LOCAL PRESS ABOUT A STRANGE SECT, based, it doesn't seem bad to us, on love. This is nothing new if we think about Jesus Christ, one of His highest principles was precisely Love. But what class of love? Without wanting naturally to enter into details about this sect where, it appears, they confuse this love with the worldy or physical, that is to say, free love or promiscuity, and this, as was said in the past, is repugnant to us.

THE THING IS THAT FOR MANY
YEARS NOW, MANY SECTS HAVE PROLIFERATED HERE. Like, for example, the
one mentioned before about love that appears to have its epicentre in our city, which is a place that is, as the eroticism are at the head of is known, very picturesque, especial—everything imaginable, we say that wan needs by himself to embark on

LIKE, FOR EXAMPLE, WE ALSO HAVE THE JEHOVAHS WITNESSES that, it appears, seem to have had a lot of followers here, precisely among people, even, that have already been baptised by the Catholic rituals and have no doubt in returning to be baptised. These say that the Earth is dominated by Satan, and, according to what they say, they are the messengers of the "Divine Will".

SO WE HAVE A COMPLETE ASSAULT IN OUR HOUSES, where with the Bible in hand, they try to explain how close the end of the planet is. Later in the conversation, if you are willing to listen to them, you will find yourself wrapped up without remedy. Of course, this is the case, when they meet someone that wants to listen to them, only in this case.

THE BIGGEST DANGER to our modest discernment is precisely the manipulation of the Bible like that among people that have not read the Bible ever, or very few times, or have been instructed very little.

BUT WHERE HAS THIS MULTINATION— AL ASSEMBLY STARTED? Everything begam in 1870 when Taze Tussell believed he had the key to the second coming of Christ to the Earth. And later with the enormous echo of publicity, he applied the system of "door to door" propaganda and today it still is the procedure of these sects.

THIS IS THE WAY OF THE ZEN, or of the Yoga, also, the so-called Unification Church that started in Korea, and from there passed on to Japan, and comes to the attention of our land; "the divine principles" contain a lot of imagination and are completely apart from the Christian faith.

IN THIS WORLD OF TODAY WHERE
SO MANY SECTS AND RELIGIONS ARE
SPEAKING, where the pornography and
the eroticism are at the head of
everything imaginable, we say that
man needs by himself to embark on
another type of ideology. He could
be reduced himself to nothing more
than the "dance of the words", in
the form of "the dance of the
death" in the Middle Ages. Words
that for a moment make you jump,
dazzle a few and then disappear.

THE SAME COULD HAPPEN, for example, with the play of words in political-religion, like we hear said, "leftist catholics or rightist catholics". But to our modest judgement we believe that the rule will be, without fail, a total faith. "The Catholic faith is of such character and nature, that nothing could be added to it, nor taken away, you either profess it in whole, or you reject it in whole." So that way we can say, "Christian is my name, and Catholic my last name".

-- Carmen P. Louis.

"THE DIARY" -- February 19, 1977

The Local Branch
of the "Family of Love"

"OUR GIRLS ARE NOT PROSTITUTES"

--"They do everything thinking about God"

--Do they use their women to gain new disciples? --Too many Biblical answers

YESTERDAY, A MEMBER OF THAT RE-LIGIOUS SECT CALLED "FAMILY OF LOVE" that lately has been largely and extensively talked about because of its activities in various dancing halls of one of our cities, got in contact with "The Diary". He told us that his intention was none other but to clear certain points and to explain better the basic principles of his faith.

WE WENT TO THE INTERVIEW with the intention of knowing something more about this sect as we were really interested to know which is this faith that they proclaim and that they are following here in our area. For this reason their public activity, in so far as sexual activity, for us had less importance since we believe that this point has been sufficiently debated. Moreso than ever, since what we could call the superior of the congregation has already talked about this topic in our pages.

BUT WE WERE IN FOR QUITE A FEW SURPRISES. The first one was that even though it was their initiative to ask for an interview with us, still they denied us any possibility of taking pictures of them. Strange way of behaviour for men that declare themselves to have decided to follow Christ without caring about the opinions of anyone, and who had called on us so that they could give us testimonies of their faith on this newspaper.

JAMES AND TIMOTHY, THEIR WAR NAMES, according to their own words, prepared themselves to explain to us their position and to answer our

questions. It was obvious that a third man, who passed almost unknown, and who was trying to keep himself in the most absolute secrecy, was following them. This third man assured us that he did not belong to the congregation and did not believe in its doctrine. However, he behaved like a perfect overseer, correcting, underlining, and even explaining with authority when this was necessary.

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OUR SHOCK DID NOT CEASE, when after having threatened to leave if we were not going to follow the conditions set down by them, when everything seemed agreed upon, after quite a long time of preparation, they pull out a tape recorder ready to tape our conversation. We did not raise any problems to this and we finally started our interview. Of course rather than an interview, what we had was more like playing a dialectic handball game. The same thing happened again and again: Question from the reporter and an answer with a Biblical text included. A real punishment, Judge for yourselves:

"THE WORLD IS IN UTTER DARK-NESS and Jesus is the Light."
--"We say: Thank You, Lord, because You've done so much for us."
--"We have to look first to the Kingdom of God."
--"The ways of God are not the ways of men."

WE TRIED ALL KINDS OF ANGLES to see if we could seriously come up with some kind of a coherent answer. Everything was useless. When we protested they answered:

"DO YOU EXPECT RATIONAL ANSWERS
for things that don't have other explanations besides faith?" We
weren't even looking for an extensive amount of rationality, but if
they had called us we thought it
was for something more than to just
tell us to read the Bible, since
this is what makes people happy.

ONE OF THEM WAS ALREADY ABOUT

TO STOP THE CONVERSATION. But what we had heard was actually unpublishable. The question kept spinning in our minds, "Why on earth have they called on us?" It seemed like they, too, were expecting a concrete question. When we were about to go away with a hot head and freezing feet, then they decided to talk.

"WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A TOPIC THAT THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS GREATLY INTERESTED IN. The topic that is talked about a lot," Finally, just what we had deliberately tried to forget, in our preoccupation to take the conversation seriously, came to light: the sexual relationships that "for better serving God" the sisters entertain. And even if we insisted on making this clear they always tried to talk about the relationships of their women, even if they recognise that the law has the same power on everybody.

"THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT THING". they said. "If Jesus gave His life for us, what is it to give our body or one of its parts to give glory to Him and save a soul!" -- And what about, if because of the lure of a beautiful woman that is within hands reach, a movement of tourists starts to arise in the nightclubs here?

sheep will come out for His fold! Many people approached Jesus for the bread and for the fish, and if they now do it because of the girls, the drinks and curiosity, may they be welcome!" It appears that the congregation uses its women to make new disciples? Then a curious incident happened -- the first answer, concretely from James was the following: "I don't know," As short as this. But the overseer, that did not belong to the congregation, corrected: "What he meant to say was another thing", and on his hint James clarified, "We are not actually proselytising, we must not give our body alone."

OF COURSE, YOU HAVE TO GIVE

YOURSELF COMPLETELY, right? "Yes, the girls give their souls with their body, they are not prostitutes." But it was afterwards that we were left with our mouths wide open in astonishment. Read on, read on,

"WHEN WE MAKE LOVE WE ARE THINKING ABOUT GOD," Normally one would get really upset about this kind of a relationship, but from what we investigated further it wasn't that we had heard wrongly. confirmation was immediate:

"WHATEVER A CHRISTIAN DOES HE DOES IT TO THE GLORY OF GOD, Even in this, of course." Then precisely our mysterious third man wants to make something clear: "The fact of the sexual relationships has a much more exceptional character than what the public may possibly believe. The reasons for these relationships are much deeper and spiritual."

THIS WAS THE END OF A GRIEVOUS CONVERSATION, The handball game had ended. We recognised ourselves as the vanquished because of our mental exhaustion. So just to shed more light on what we saw and heard we are going to add this last paragraph:

IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT OUR "GLORY TO GOD, if from this many SPEAKERS HAVE THE SLIGHTEST INTER-EST IN TRYING TO CONVINCE THE PUB-LIC that this matter of their girls' relationships is something exceptional, but rather this last statement sounded more like a publicity stunt exactly in the opposite sense. Most probably that story about a woman's lure to win new proselytes wasn't so off the track. You'll see that if this goes on like it is, the visit to the practitioners of this "Family of Love" will be included by the tourist agencies in their organised sightseeing tours. And this is because in our city they don't know what to invent anymore to attract the tourists and their foreign currencies.

-- F. Becerril.

Program: Over the Table

THIS IS A REPORT ON A TOPIC THAT HAS CAPTIVATED A LOT OF ATTEN-TION AND CURIOSITY, not only here in our city, where it has appeared and is now situated, but in all our area. We are talking about the Family of Love, about which the press of the area has already talked about a lot, but, however, we feel that it is of great interest to present for you here the first sound track of Father David, that leads, as most people know, the above mentioned Family, about his ideas and preoccupations.

A GREAT FRIEND OF OURS BROUGHT US TO THIS INTERVIEW, introduced us, plenty of our language. explained to us and sometimes translated for us: Edmund Rodano, a writer who has been for a number of years a resident here. Thank you one its purposes? "I'm sorry my more time, friend Edmund.

WE DIVIDED IN THREE MAIN FUNDAMENTAL the language of your country be-PARTS: The Bible and love as a starting point; the ritual in the Family, how to enter it, the concept best country in the whole world, -of evil, power and the Devil; and lastly the topic of the last days and the role of our area in these in the opinion of Father David.

(Soft Musical Interlude)

IN THE FIRST PLACE WE WANT TO SAY THAT WE WERE RECEIVED WITH GREAT AMIABILITY by Father David and his family. This meeting took place in a very cordial atmosphere, Like we told you, we started talking about the Bible and love, Father David, bright eyes, brown cape and stick, answered our questions in the following manner in a cozy corner of a local hotel.

THE BIBLE, DO YOU BELIEVE THE BASIC PRINCIPLE OF IT ALL IS LOVE, FATHER DAVID? "I'm sorry that there isn't time to say all of the many verses about love, but one of our favourite verses in the Scriptures is in St. John when he says, 'God is love.' Love, love, love everywhere. But all the world does not know what love is." What are your personal feelings about love? How does Father David define love?

"THERE ARE MANY KINDS OF LOVE; love of God for the world, of the parents for their children, love of the children for their parents, love in the families, brothers for their brothers, love of friends, love of man for woman, love of married couples, of fiancees." At the beginning we were counting on the presence of an interpreter, but during the development of the interview we didn't need one because Father David, as you can see, knew

FATHER DAVID, COULD YOU TELL US IF THE FAMILY OF LOVE HAS A CER-TAIN PROGRAM to fulfil and what are speech is a little poor, but I'll THE INTERVIEW WITH FATHER DAVID try to speak for your listeners in cause now it's my country, thank the Lord, because I think it's the Because God sent me here!

> "THIS PROGRAM IS ONLY THE PRO-GRAM OF JESUS CHRIST and of God. When God created the universe and the world, everything was made to show His love for mankind. This is the program of God to show His love for us."

(Soft Musical Interlude) WE ARE GOING TO PASS NOW TO THE POSSIBLE RITUALS in the Family of Love, to the existence of the Devil, the concept of evil, and of power. Are there rituals in the Family, Father David?

"NO, NOTHING, ONLY JUST LIKE JESUS CHRIST, He didn't have many rituals, oh, just a few like communion, a supper. But what He most talked about and what He mostly proclaimed was love. Always He taught love to the people." And why do you think that even notwithstanding this, (that Jesus Christ always

taught love), why do many people close themselves up only in rituals?

"MANY PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND LOVE, many people have a lot of pride, Pride is of the Devil, I think the most beautiful love is the kind of love of a mother for her child, the father for his children. This is a kind of love that's very easy to understand. But the love of God for His children also possible to understand easily, because it's the love of our Father in Beaven for His children; it's the same love of a father."

WHEN AND WHY AND HOW DO YOU ENTER IN THE FAMILY OF LOVE? Do you have to fulfil certain qualities to be able to enter into the Family?

"THE FAMILY OF LOVE INCLUDES ALL THE CHRISTIANS IN THE WHOLE WORLD that believe in Jesus Christ, in God, in the Bible and in love. If you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God and you believe in God, then you believe in love, because God is love. This is sufficient to enter into the Family of Love. You have to believe in God, Jesus Christ if jokingly, this question, Father David, does the Devil exist and what is evil for Father David?

"EVIL IS EVERYTHING THAT IS NOT LOVE. Everything in the world that is not love is very much evil, just like violence and--how do you say -- wars; everything that is without love is evil." And what is power for Father David?

WHAT IS YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF POWER? "What power?" Well, the power that is, that many times dominates and governs men. The one which most often rules mankind.

"OH, THE GOVERNMENTS -- the Bible says and St. Paul says that the police for instance are the ministers of God. He says it five times. And they are to keep the peace among the people, and he says it is necessary to obey governments for peace among

(Soft Musical Interlude) THE THIRD ANGLE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TRIANGLE IS THE ONE OF REVELATIONS. You can't get away today from a conversation where in some way the argument of the end of the world comes up. It seems like always man had a special respect for the round figures of the calendar -- let us remember in our Middle Ages, especially the year 1000, when also people were waiting for the end. On the other hand we are also under the influence of an Aquarian Age and of another round figure, the year 2000. What could this all mean? What significance or what signs are these for Father David?

"OH YES, IT'S TRUE, certainly, because the Bible says in many of its books that when we are close to the end many things will happen, and now all the world is in a lot of confusion economically and the governments have a lot of problems.

"THE BIBLE SAYS THAT THERE WILL BE IN THE LAST TIME A VERY IN-TELLIGENT MAN with a lot of wisdom, and love," We are going to ask, even but a man with the Devil inside him, This man, just like Jesus Christ was the Son of God, this man is the son of the Devil, and he is very intelligent, and will be the leader of all the world, but he is an Antichrist, all Anti-christ. First he will help the economic world and have the solution to many problems. He will do a lot of good things, but when he will have the whole world in his hands he will immediately say, 'Now it is necessary to adore me. Don't worship God anymore, Jesus Christ or any other religion. only me -- I am God!"

THEN FATHER DAVID EXPOUNDED ON HIS IDEAS, but here, yes, his language fell short. But certainly Edmund gave us right away an exhaustive resume of his answer. And he also talked with Father David of the possible role that our land may

have in the last times. Edmund:
"More or less Father David wanted
to say the following and I'll try
to summarise it.

AN ANTICHRIST WILL APPEAR IN
THE WORLD THAT WILL IMPOSE HIS DICTATORSHIP on the whole world and
his power will last for 7 years.
The first 3½ years will be euphoric
and prosperous and humanity will
think it has reached an ideal status. But when that dictatorship will
be felt in all the world, that
ruler will oblige people to worship
him. And then the disagreements and
rebellions will begin and there
will be 3½ years of hardships and
of bad living.

IT IS THEN WHEN CHRIST WILL APPEAR to impose His real message of peace and love and the Kingdom of Heaven will come on the Earth. Father David says that this period of love, peace and prosperity will last more or less a thousand years. And now I would like to know, Father David, what will happen in the world after those thousand years?"

"EVERYTHING WILL BE HEAVEN ON EARTH. All peace all over the Earth and a great time for an eternity of love for everyone. Yes, yes, after the thousand years, here a new world and a new heaven and a new time for love!" Edmund:

"WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF THIS LAND, ESPECIALLY OUR OWN AREA, IS INCLUDED IN A SPECIAL WAY in a possible movement or resurrection of a new Christian life?" "Yes, I think for sure, very much so. In fact, many years ago prophets, in the ancient times, said that at the end of the world this land will be the spiritual center of all the world. I don't know how this is possible, but all things are possible with God, that's what the Bible says, ha!" "Then, Father David, we who live in this land should then consider ourselves privileged human beings. And you it seems encourage us to

continue to live here?"

"YES, I BELIEVE THAT FOR SURE, because this land is the best place in all the world because God sent me here. And when I asked God which was the best place for my vacation, for my retirement, I saw in my dream a word, the name of this land, written for the first time. Never in my life had I heard this word. I was thinking for a place for my vacation. And I asked for my mapbook and this is the place, here!"

(Soft Musical Interlude)
HERE ENDS THIS REPORT ABOUT
THE FAMILY OF LOVE, a very peaceful meeting where everything was said with clarity and deep comprehension. We are very thankful for this interview to Father David, and to the Family of Love, and also, why not, the hearty collaboration of Edmund Rodano. And we'll finally end with a musical theme that was composed with the collaboration of some of the members of the Family, its title is: "Un Amore Grande". (Angelo's

Italian record is fully broadcasted.)

(P.S. So Dreve you have it! —

- LOVE IS NEWS! - PTI!

- And it's still making news!

- There's more to come, D.V., including a TV interview more articles
and our court appearance for

"Public Scandal"—ha! If anyone
made a public scandal of it, it was
the news papers—not I! - PTI!

But Aun jot The message across

the news reached all Europe or maybe more, Mundreds were saved locally and are still carrying on, from 200 leading business men to over 200 callege catacombers! Hallelujah!

Then church & gorcommental persecution began, our job was done by we had to flec!—But they can't stop Love!

Try it!—You'll Love !! - Alad 19/3/97)