

KRISHNA VENTA LOOKS AT BRITAIN

Arriving by air from Los Angeles, evangelist Krishna Venta, self-styled "New Messiah" and his wife, surprise Londoners on a Spring morning in St. James' Park. Shoeless, and garbed in powder-blue robes, the gospelseller (who says he lived nearly 2,000 years ago), is making a world tour to meet "the Common People." He claims 80,000 followers in America, a few in Britain, two million in the rest of the world. Having enquired after the King's health, Krishna and his 34-year-old wife Ruth, the mother of his four children, walk to the Abraham Lincoln Statue. There, he salutes the Kentucky lawyer-President whose ideals of equality he endorses. From his 30-pound-a-week service flat in London, the evangelist will later travel to Paris, thence to Rome for an audience with the Pope.