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describe our impressions in our future book since we don't want to turn our sketch completely into a catalog of "Who's Who." But whom we can't avoid mentioning here is charming Alise Agar, princess of the Bay area psychedelic community. We spent beautiful and joyful hours together with Alise and her elegant husband Bryan Whittine, a Jungian psychotherapist.

It was very interesting to us that, in general, the people from among the psychedelic community appeared to be the most friendly, open, personally developed and educated of those whom we met. In comparison, some representatives of the New Age movement seemed to be more superficial and sometimes involved in more personal problems. The people whom we met through MAPS were usually socially successful: they had good educations, good jobs, a wide spectrum of interests and social contacts. Plus they are just wonderful people. These observations support our research findings: correct use of entheogens induces positive changes in basic beliefs, life values and personality.

The topic of psychedelics appeared to be our secret password in America; in any place and any circle it immediately revealed for us interesting people. Psychedelics were not necessarily the main interest of these people but our knowledge and experience in this field formed the initial basis for their confidence in us. By this way, we met a lot of people in addition to those whom Rick and others had arranged for us to meet.

Concerning the country in general, there is still, unfortunately, masses and masses of people with a Budweiser consciousness. But we also see the arising of forces of ecological, spiritual and psychedelic consciousness which we hope will somehow determine a future America.

As for us, it seems we are on an endless journey. We can't stop travelling. It's beyond our control. ■

Note: To build rapport between the US and Russian research teams, MAPS contributed funds toward the travel expenses of Olga and Igor.

WHAT'S NEW IN PSYCHEDELICS ENCYCLOPEDIA, EDITION 3

by Peter Stafford

Ronin Publications' new version of *Psychedelics Encyclopedia* (in bookstores spring '92, \$24.95) contains all of the text and nearly all of the graphics of this book's 420-page second edition. An additional hundred pages deal with developments in the psychedelic field over the last decade. There are 230 illustrations.

The compound given the full-dress treatment this time is MDMA ("Ecstasy"). As for each of the nine psychedelic clusters described in edition 2, I recount MDMA's historic advance, its chemistry, physical effects, mental effects, and sources, forms and preparations. To illustrate my breakdown technique, the topics in the MDMA "mental effects" category are: predictability and reliability; power and subtlety; dosage considerations; general comments on psychotherapeutic use; rape, childhood abuse and post-war stress syndrome; couples in therapy; depression, suicide, autism, etc.; creativity; spiritual development; sensuality and sexuality; recreational use; and aftermath.

The editor this go-round is Dan Joy, who has largely specialized in psychedelic journalism. In a lengthy introduction, Joy comments about ketamine and a host of recently synthesized molecules that we will, no doubt, be hearing more about. He also offers thumbnail sketches of a dozen outstanding members in the current scene — both seasoned and newcomers.

This update includes obituaries for some of the (mostly) "great white shamans" who have died since the second edition went to press (1983). This is a reminder of how lucky some of us feel to have been alive while such giants of consciousness change have walked this earth. ■