

# Digging the Two Pauls In 'Maybe I'm Amazed'

By THE MISSION SINGERS

When Paul McCartney released his first solo album, simply called McCartney, and announced that he was leaving the Beatles, most people were amazed. After all, the group that is "more popular than Jesus" should at least be as permanent.

But it's not so, and although it's sad to see friends parting ways (they seemed our friends, didn't they?), still, we can't be too despondent when the statement of parting is such a great album as Paul McCartney has made.

The best song in it is Maybe I'm Amazed. It's a song with a meaning, not a message, and it's probably the meaning of Paul's life.

When Paul, the last "available" Beatle, married his "lovely Linda," thousands of impressionistic teen-age girls wrote that their lives had lost all meaning. Apparently, Paul found his meaning in Linda. If his teen fans no longer had anything to live for, McCartney finally had something to live for.

But who cares? Why should Paul McCartney's life be an example for the rest of the world? All the Beatles (John Lennon the least, Paul the most) have asked to be left alone; they spoof the many varied interpretations put on their songs. So why take McCartney, both album and man, as a model?

We do it because we believe in the idea: "By their fruits you shall know them." Paul McCartney says a lot of beautiful things in his new song, and by understanding his thoughts, we can understand our own lives better.

"Maybe I'm a man, maybe

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'MAYBE I'M AMAZED'

Baby, I'm amazed at the way you love me all the time.  
Maybe I'm afraid of the way I love you.  
Baby, I'm amazed at the way you pulled out of time,  
hung me on the line.  
Maybe I'm amazed at the way I really need you.

Maybe I'm a man, maybe I'm a lonely man who's in the middle of something that he doesn't really understand.  
Maybe I'm a man, maybe you're the only one who can ever help me.  
Baby, won't you help me understand?

Baby, I'm amazed at the way you're with me all the time.  
Maybe I'm afraid of the way I need you.  
Maybe I'm amazed at the way you help me sing my song,  
right me when I'm wrong,  
Maybe I'm amazed at the way I really need you.

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I'm a lonely man who's in the middle of something he doesn't really understand." That's quite an admission. To understand all that, and to know also that one needs someone to help him understand, is to be an honest man.

"Maybe I'm amazed at the way I need you." It's a love story, true; but it happens to everyone who is really alive. Everyone who's really alive gets struck by the thunderbolt, runs into someone who is the living end, someone who's "the only one who can ever help."

For, Maybe I'm Amazed is so much more than just an "I-love-you-yes-I-do" song. It's a love song by a person who knows what love is, who understands that "love knows no limit to its endurance, no end to its trust, no fading of its hope; it can outlast anything. It is, in fact, the one that still stands when all else has fallen."

The original Paul said that in a letter, when they were

called epistles. Maybe the two Pauls should get together.

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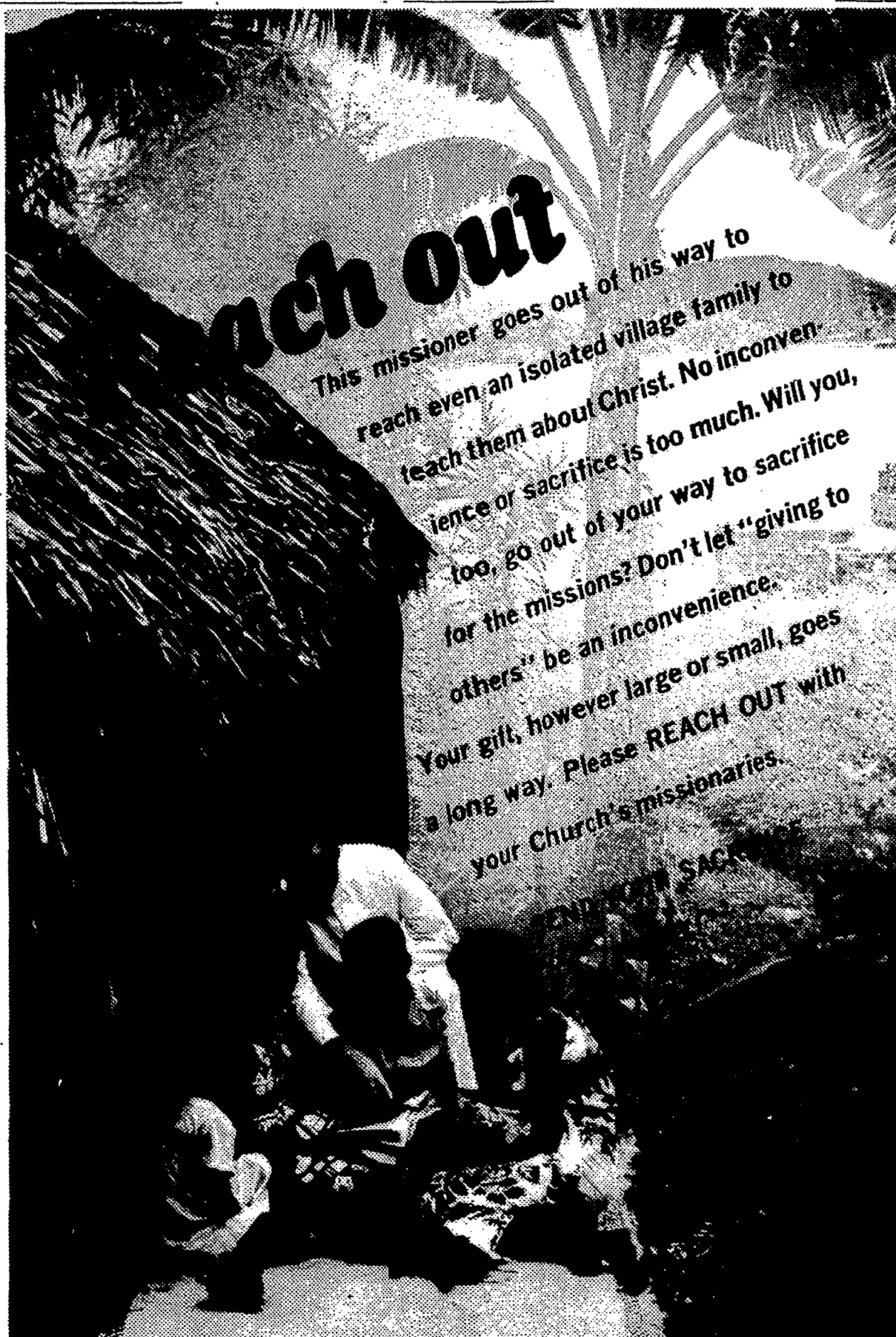
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