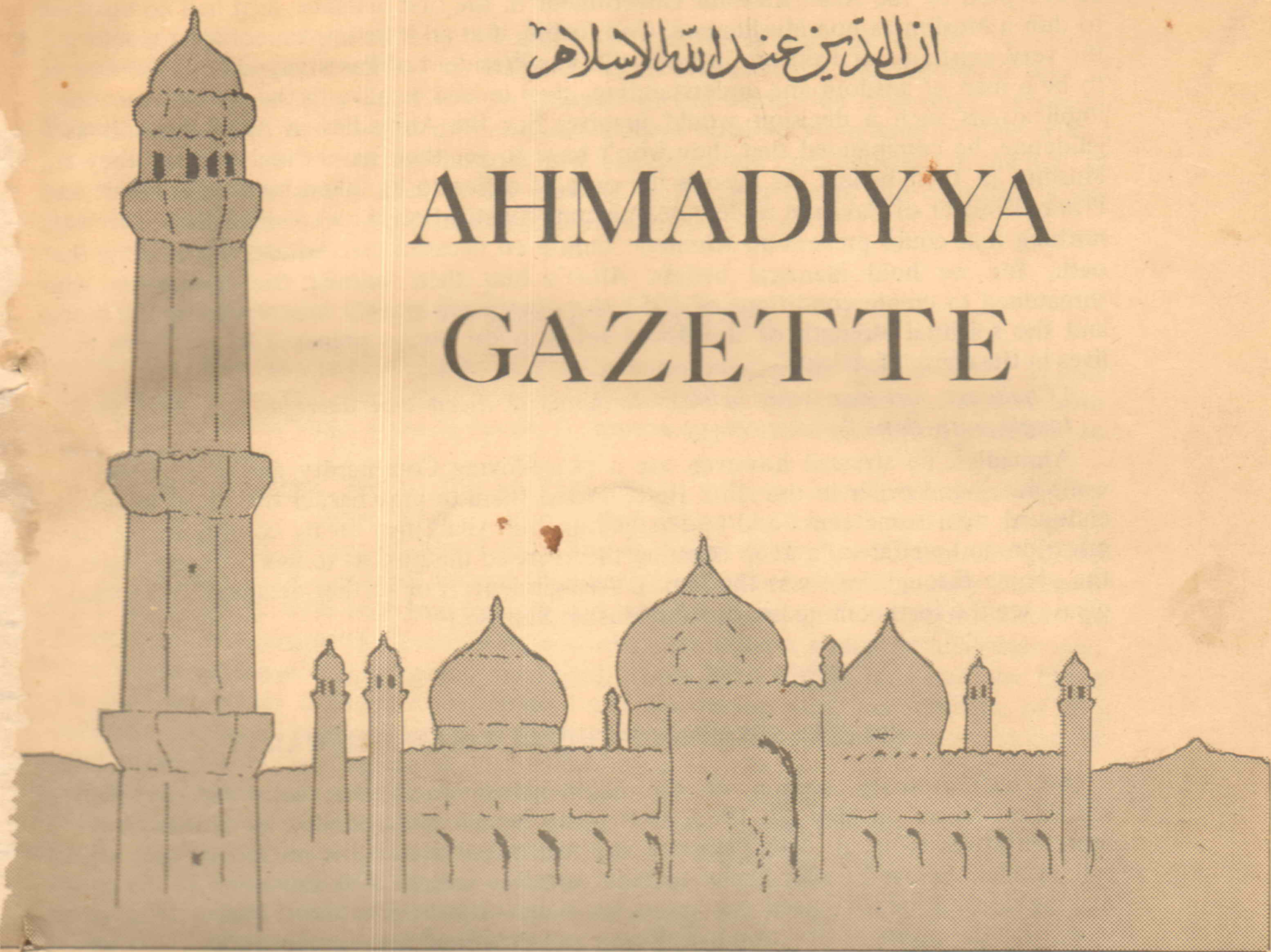


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# AHMADIYYA GAZETTE



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## FRIDAY SERMON OF HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH III / NOBODY DARE CALL US NON-MUSLIM

Here is a brief summary of a soul-stirring Friday sermon delivered at Rabwah by Hazrat Ameerul Momineen Khalifatul Masih III on May 4, 1973. Some nine or maybe twelve members (out of 25) of the Azad Kashmir Assembly had passed a recommendatory resolution urging the Azad Kashmir Government to treat the Ahmadies as a non-Muslim minority and to restrict the propagation of their faith and to require the Ahmadies to get themselves registered as a non-Muslim minority. Generally the revered head of our Community does not take notice of such stupid things, regarding them beneath contempt, but since this mischievous news item received a country-wide publicity and the Ahmadiyya Community sought advice of their spiritual leader as to the stand they had to take, the Hazrat gave clear cut instructions in his historic address to the Community.



The Khalifatul Masih hoped that the recommendation made by this group would not be accepted by the Azad Kashmir Government in the first instance, as it had no business to dub a Muslim as non-Muslim and, God forbid, if at all it be implemented, it would put the very existence of Pakistan in jeopardy. The President of Pakistan, whom he considers to be a man of wisdom and understanding, must indeed be alive to the consequences and implications such a decision would involve. For the Ahmadies in Azad Kashmir as a guideline, he commanded that they won't have to get their names registered as they are Muslims in their beliefs. As regards the oath of office to be taken by the President and Prime Minister of Pakistan under the Pakistan constitution, he explained that there was nothing that could prevent an Ahmady, should an occasion necessitate, from taking that oath, for we hold identical beliefs. Allah's lion then warned the miscreants who threatened to create conditions of 1953 that they were gravely miscalculating the moral and the spiritual strength of the Ahmadies who are always prepared to lay down their lives in the cause of Allah:

*"Challenge not one who belongs to God. O mean and decrepit fox, dare not tangle with lions."*

Ahmadies, he stressed however, are a peace-loving Community and as true Muslims want peace and order in the land. He exhorted them to pray harder that these people be endowed with some sense and understanding and Allah may create conditions for their salvation and welfare. To keep exerting therefore to the utmost to win over the hearts of the people through love was the Jamaat's assignment. (For further details of this sermon, please see the forthcoming issue of the Muslim Sunrise.)

### A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MAJLIS-I-MUSHAWARAT

An extraordinary session of the Majlis-i-Mushawarat was convened by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih on May 27, 1973, at Rabwah, which was attended by as many as 490 representatives from all over Pakistan who had responded to the immediate and urgent call of their beloved leader issued to them barely a couple of days earlier. In his epoch making address which lasted for about six hours, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III dwelt at length on the political situation in Pakistan and explained the circumstances under which the Jamaat voted for the P.P.P. He surveyed the political events in Pakistan since 1970 and assured the Jamaat that despite all that was and has been happening, final victory would be ours who are created to see Islam holding its sway in the world for which we have good tidings from God through the Holy Prophet Muhammad, on whom be peace and blessings of God. We are called Muslims by Allah and don't care for anybody calling us non-Muslims. He then informed the Jamaat of some of the nefarious designs of our opponents who were conspiring with men and money to undermine our efforts to carry the banner of Islam to the four corners of the globe. But we know that the ultimate victory will be ours and nothing should deter us from making sacrifices for the attainment of our goal. God has always helped us and will help us under all circumstances however hard and unfavorable to us at times they may appear to be. The address enthused new life into and confidence among the faithful and devout followers who had thronged to hear him speak.



## SAHIBZADA MIRZA MUBARAK AHMAD

Jamaats will be interested to know that Sahibzada Mirza Mubarak Ahmad, Vakil-i-Ala and Vakil-ut-Tabshir returned to Rabwah, from an extensive and successful tour of various countries on May 26, 1973. As incharge of the worldwide Ahmadiyya missions, Hazrat Mian Sahib has to visit different Ahmadiyya missions from time to time with a view to assessing their work on the spot and later to mould their activities in the light of his personal insight and is also on the lookout to discover places and countries where there are possibilities of creating new missionary centres.

### OUR MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

Our Missionary-in-charge, during the month under report, has been as active as ever organizing the Jamaats, delivering speeches, establishing and renewing contacts with office-bearers, identifying common concerns, discussing priorities and giving guidelines to our various chapters.

Imam Sharif Ahmad Bajwa paid his first official visit to Canada, accompanied by Choudhri Azim Ali (about whom we reported in our last issue) and the Amir of Washington Mission, Brother Amin. The Editor, Incharge of Dayton Mission, also joined him at Toronto. The Toronto Jamaat, numbering about a hundred, mainly Pakistani young men, gifted with zeal and fervour and happily alive to their responsibilities as members of the Ahmadiyya Community, accorded the mission a most cordial welcome. Imam Bajwa addressed, as previously arranged, in the local YMCA Hall, and was heard with rapt attention. In quite an impressive and convincing way, characteristic of our Missionary-in-charge, he brought home to the youthful gathering of brothers and sisters seated separately in two big rooms with a dividing screen, the necessity of holding on to the *rope of Allah (Hablillah)* and throwing their whole weight behind the auspicious shield of their Imam - Hazrat Khalifatul Masih, as one person, without conceding the slightest rift in their rank and file. The Toronto Jamaat naturally felt elated and rejuvenated at the impact the missionary made on them. The gathering also received short speeches from the three other visitors accompanying Imam Bajwa. Earlier, Barrister Abdul Aziz Khalifa introduced Brother Bajwa and his assistants in suitable words to the historic gathering of the Jamaat. In the evening, Brother Bajwa attended the meeting of the executive Committee arranged to receive help and guidance on certain pressing needs of their chapter.

The subsequent tour of midwest states by the Missionary-in-charge was equally thrilling. At Waukegan, the Ahmadies received him with open arms and true to traditions assembled in throngs to have the benefit of his speech, which left them inspired and renovated and also earned him glowing tributes. Brother Malik lavishly entertained the gathering and Brother Hakim and Brother Rashid, local and national Ameer respectively, realized to their joy and happiness that the efforts they had made in getting the brothers and sisters together had been amply rewarded. The delegation's visit to Zion and Chicago was equally fruitful.

The Dayton Missionary in response to the invitation from the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, delivered a lecture on Ahmadiyyat at Lucasville, Ohio, on June 17, 1973. During the two hour question and answer session, he was ably assisted by Brothers Qasim and Zafar. The text of the speech is being written and duplicated at the request of some of the more appreciative audience.



## RESOLUTION FROM CENTRAL LAJNA IMAILLAH ON THE DEMISE OF SISTER AMATUL ILAHI

This posthumous note in the form of a resolution on the death of Sister Amatul Ilahi, (as reported in the last issue of the Gazette) was received recently by the Missionary-in-Charge and the Imam of the Dayton Mosque. It reflects the position she occupied and the esteem she was held in, by the Central organization of Lajna Imaillah. The entire resolution, signed by as high a person as the revered President of the Central Lajna herself, is being reproduced below and will certainly bless and please the departed soul.

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We the members of the Executive Lajna Central express our deepest sorrow on the sad demise of our dear sister Amatul Elahee, the President of Lajna Dayton.

Sister Amatul Elahee was a pious woman, a hard working and sincere member of Lajna Imaillah U.S.A. She served Lajna Imaillah for thirty five years. She was the President of Lajna Dayton for ten years. She served the Lajna U.S.A. as local financial Secretary for four years, national recording Secretary for one year, national Secretary for Reformation and guidance for one year, Secretary of Local Education for four years and local Secretary of Nasirats for three years. She supervised and gave a helping hand to the arrangements of the first Annual Convention held in the States. Last year she attended the 50th Anniversary of Lajna as a delegate from Lajna U.S.A.

Her death is a great loss to Ahmadiyya Community and Lajna Imaillah. We convey our heartfelt condolences to Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III, Wakilut-Tabshir, Imam Jamaat U.S.A., President Central Lajna, President Lajna, U.S.A. and the members of Lajna Dayton.

May Allah Taala bless her soul and create enthusiastic and devoted members like her for the Lajna of U.S.A. Amen.

The copies of this resolution may be sent to:

1. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III.
2. Wakilut Tabshir
3. Missionary Incharge U.S.A.
4. President Lajna U.S.A.
5. Secretary Lajna Dayton.
6. Daily Alfazal
7. Tahrik-i-Jadid Magazine.

M. Siddiq

The President Lajna Imaillah



## AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT IN ISLAM CONVENTION 1973

The Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam will hold its annual national convention at Forest College, Lake Forest Illinois, from August 31 to September 2.

Jumma Prayers will be held Friday at 1:30 p.m. in Deerpath Hall. Weather permitting the prayers will be held outside the hall.

After Jumma Prayer, there will be reports from the various Majlis-i-Shura Committees. The committees will make preparations and outline ways and means to continue their working programs. It is important that every committee head or those emirs that were assigned committee responsibilities in Canada late last year attend the convention on Friday.

Room assignments at the convention will be made according to pre-registration. It is important that registration be made by families. Accommodations have been made for the separation of sexes. When registering please identify male or female.

Due to added expenditures and rising costs it will be necessary to charge \$7 a day for each adult (last year it cost \$5). All lodging fees must be paid in ADVANCE. Those who do not register and pay the fee in advance "CANNOT" be assured of a room.

It is expected that each emir will have complete information on each member, or family attending the convention from his mission.

Last year there were many late registrations that created inconveniences for the convention committee. At the close of the convention Sunday afternoon, the convention committee will not be responsible for lodging or food. Keys must be turned in Sunday afternoon.

If Lajna, Khuddam, or Ansar desire any additional time at the convention for meetings they should notify Rashid Ahmad, 742 N. 26th St., Milwaukee, Wis., 53233.

If there are any suggestions for this year's convention they should be mailed to Bro. Rashid. Further information on the convention will be relayed to each mission at a later date.

*(Hasan Hakeem, Convention Public Relations)*

## NUSRAT JAHAN RESERVE FUND AND AHMADI DOCTORS

The missionary-in-charge feels constrained to bring to the notice of the Jamaats in North America the urgency of its members submitting their pledges to the Nusrat Jahan Reserve Fund. Believers' steps always move forward and the Jamaats are expected to show greater zeal and spirit of sacrifice. Nusrat Jahan Fund was launched as a campaign for the propagation of Islam and in the prophetic words of the Promised Messiah. *"Islam shall spread and it shall triumph and prevail because Allah the most exalted willed it. But blessed are those who participate in its propagation."*

Likewise Hazrat Khalifatul Masih's earnest appeal for Ahmadi doctors prepared to serve in West Africa for a term of three years, reduced temporarily to a bare few months service on concessional terms still awaits effective response. Doctors in America and Canada, your Khalifa expects you to place Allah ahead of the worldly things. Where are you? He has to go ahead with his scheme of building clinics and medical centers and Allah has furnished this opportunity of helping His cause as a favor upon you. The victory of Islam is decreed in Heaven; it shall come to pass, whether you help or not. Where are you?



## AHMADIYYA CANADIAN MISSION, A BRIEF HISTORY

Brother Tahir Ahmad Bukhari, a very active and energetic member of the present Jamaat, is probably one of the pioneer Ahmadies to arrive in Canada about two decades ago. Brother Asghar Khan followed suit, according to information available. Regular Jamaat was formed in Toronto on the arrival of Mian Ataullah (May Allah be pleased with him and reward him for the services he rendered). Brother Khalil Ahmad had also joined by then. Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam was incorporated in Toronto in 1966 with the following as its originating directors: Mian Ataullah, Tahir Ahmad Bukhari, Dr. Sardar Hamid Ahmad, Asghar Hussain Khan. Mian Ataullah was also appointed the president of Toronto, and was subsequently replaced by Brother Bukhari, who was also the general secretary of the Canadian Missions.

The present setup is as follows:

National Amir:	Abdul Aziz Khalifa.	General Secretary:	Mubarak Ahmad Khan
Directors:	Abdul Aziz Khalifa	Financial Secretary:	Mian Muhammad Siddique
	Tahir Ahmad Bukhari		
	Mian Muhammad Siddique		

For Toronto proper we have the following:

Sahibzada Tahir Latif	President
Mubarak Ahmad Khan	Secretary
Mian Muhammad Siddique	Financial Secretary
Brother Munir Ahmad	Propaganda Secretary
Choudhary Khalil Ahmad	Secretary Islah-o-Irshad.

Toronto Jamaat is, by the Grace of Allah, the biggest individual Jamaat in North America (USA and Canada). Concerted and organized efforts of the young men who form the bulk of the Jamaat, in and outside the official circle, are bound to fructify and prove a source of inspiration for all of us. Montreal is another formally instituted Jamaat, while regular independent chapters are being formed at Hamilton, Ottawa, London, Sudbery, and Nova Scotia. The present strength of the Ahmadies in Canada is believed to be above two hundred, composed mainly of Pakistanis with sprinklings of various other nationalities. Sahibzada Tahir Latif, the local Amir and Abdul Aziz Khalifa, the national Amir, are both descendents of two of the very pious companions of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and as such deserve a special mention. Mr. Khalifa is apparently unimposing and shy but calm and dignified. We hope he will have a long and prominent role to play in molding his Jamaats into well-knit and disciplined units of our missions.

*PLEASE NOTE: Office bearers of all the important Jamaats in North America are requested to send us similar reports on the composition and working of their individual Jamaats for publication in the Gazette. Ed.)*



## KHUDDAMUL AHMADIYYA, NATIONAL RALLY

It has been reported that the following national office-bearers of Khuddamul Ahmadiyya gathered in Philadelphia on May 25-26, 1973, to discuss matters of importance concerning their organization:

Brother Malik Abdul Mannan

Brother Munir Hamid

Brother Zulfikar Yaqub

Brother Abdul Karim

Brother Jamilur Rahman

Brother Basharat Sabur

Brother Isa Abdul Jamil

Brother Dr. B. D. Usama

Brother Latif Ahmad

The two-day session thrashed out several problems with which the organization was beset and all the Khuddam are now looking forward to their national rally to be held at Dayton on July 7-8, 1973. Let us hope they will all make it a point to attend and enjoy the blessings of the proposed youth forum.

## CHILDREN'S SCHOOL

Sister Ayesha Hakim, President Lajna Imaillah Waukegan, Ill., has reported that under her supervision Lajna is initiating a summer school for Ahmadi children from July 15-22, 1973. She has requested the Jamaats in America, particularly in the midwest to strive to profit by the arrangements being made to educate their children in the tenets of Islam and Ahmadiyyat. Any money spent on the training and proper upbringing of the children is worth its value and the opportunity being provided by the Lajna should be considered as Godsend. The Dayton Missionary is expected to be on the teaching staff. Necessary data required by the Lajna, Waukegan, may please be provided to the sponsors by July 1, 1973.

## JAZAKUMULLAH

Brother Dr. Qazi Muhammad Barkatullah, Amir Jumaat Jackson, who is energetically stabilizing his Jamaat and is always in search of establishing contacts with pioneer ahmadies of America and strengthening fraternal bonds, has graciously donated an air conditioner to the Washington mission house, similar to the one he donated last year. We highly commend the spirit behind the offer. Jazakumullah.

## MANAGER

Sister Rehana Rafiq has been appointed manager of the Ahmadiyya Gazette and the Muslim Sunrise to be edited and published from Dayton, Ohio. Subscriptions, however, are to be sent to the Missionary-in-Charge, USA, at the following address:

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