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## BLESSINGS OF GRAND PROJECT—AHMADIYYA CENTENARY JUBILEE

Hazrat Ameerul Momineen, Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih III, in his address describing the blessings of the grand project — Ahmadiyya Centenary Jubilee — launched by him five years ago in 1973; a gist of his description is given below for the benefit of the members. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III said:

The Jamaat-i-Ahmadiyya has been established in this Age for the dominance of Islam. In order to achieve this object, and as a program for the ushering in of the second century of the Jamaat-i-Ahmadiyya's existence, the grand project of Ahmad-iyya Centenary Jubilee was launched.

In accordance with the verse of the Holy Quran, *Le Yuzherahoo Alad Deene Kulle-hee* (that He may cause it to prevail over all religions, (61:10)), the sayings of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be on him), various visions of the Ummat's saints

and the revelations of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) we have come to the conclusion that the second century of the Jamaat-i-Ahmadiyya's existence shall be the century of Islam's dominance all over the world.

"In order to cope with the Jamaat's responsibilities to a certain extent, I did launch the project of the Centenary Jubilee," Ameerul Momineen reiterated, and pronounced that through it we shall try to construct Mosques and mission houses in each country of Europe, and disseminate the translations of the Holy Quran all over the world." Narrating various faith inspiring cases and events of his recent tour of Europe, Khalifatul Masih disclosed that the world demands of us (and day after day the intensity of this demand increases) that we should present before them the beautiful teachings of Islam, and provide them with

**THE KHALIFATUL MASIH'S HEALTH.** The latest reports received through the Daily ALFAZL regarding the health of Hazrat Ameerul Momineen Khalifatul Masih III indicate that he is in good health, by the Grace of Allah. Members are requested to continue praying for his healthy, long and successful life for the cause of Islam. Ameen!



the translations of the Holy Quran.

“As we believe, standing on sure knowledge, that we have been raised for the dominance of Islam, hence, it is our obligation to exert every possible effort and sacrifice to the best of our capabilities and capacities. It is the promise of God,” Khalifatul Masih remarked, “that if we offer sacrifices to the extent of our strength, He Himself would make up the difference that lies between our capacity and that of our needs. Therefore, it is our responsibility to

continue struggling as best as we can for the dissemination of the Holy Quran and the preaching of Islam.”

Khalifatul Masih also announced that our Jamaat has recently published the Arabic text of the Holy Quran, free from all mistakes, through the Grace of Allah, on the pattern script of the well known primer — Yassarnal Quran — for the reading of the children. It is sold at a nominal price, and members can obtain it for their children.

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### EXTRAORDINARY SUCCESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON KASR-I-SALEEB — BREAKING OF THE CROSS

In this address, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih related the description of the International Conference on *Kasr-i-Saleeb*, held in June 1978, sponsored by the London Mosque under the auspices of the Centenary Jubilee Project. Judging from its impact in the world press and world of religion, this conference, through the Grace of Allah the Exalted, has met with extraordinary success. Describing the various aspects of its success, Khalifatul Masih stated that the Church has been greatly perturbed due to this Conference. Despite our repeated invitations for the dialogue, and despite the fact that the priests did express their willingness to hold it in the beginning, now they are not prepared to respond to it. The research planned to be made on the Shroud of Jesus (peace be on him) announced earlier has also been postponed on the announcement of our Conference. They have issued the statement that even if the research is carried out, its results would be

released only after thirty years. No doubt, the Christian priests have refused to hold the dialogue. Khalifatul Masih continued that he is hopeful that the time will come when the masses of Christianity will force their priests to have the Dialogue with us; Insha Allah.

On this occasion, Khalifatul Masih also pointed out that his inspirational address delivered at the International Conference on *Kasr-i-Saleeb* proved extraordinarily effective. He even played a portion of the address from the tape recording to the gathering, which greatly enhanced their faith and fidelity. In this address, explicitly describing the deliverance of Jesus from death on the cross, Khalifatul Masih has preached to the people of Europe and has invited them to come under the banner of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be on him).

Finally, Khalifatul Masih remarked that our spiritual eye is seeing the signs of



Islam's dominance on the horizon. Nevertheless, it demands sacrifices from us. We have to sacrifice our time, and to offer humble and earnest supplications to achieve this end. It is only through this way that the world will recognize one God and their greatest benefactor, Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa (peace and blessings of God be on him) and could become a single Ummat under the banner of Islam. *Insha Allah Ta'ala!* (The Daily Alfazl, October 30, 1978).

All the Presidents are requested to read these extracts to their members and to exhort them to redeem their 5/15 part of their pledges towards Ahmadiyya Centenary Jubilee Fund before its financial year ends in February 1979. Those members who have not yet taken part in this blessed scheme should be urged to do so and their pledges should be forwarded to the Washington Headquarters for transmission to Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III.

Ata Ullah Kaleem, Imam.

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### ISLAM REFUTES INHERITANCE OF SIN DOCTRINE

WASHINGTON, DC.

Islam does not admit that sin is innate in our nature and that we are by our own actions incapable of freeing ourselves from this bondage. "It categorically refutes the inheritance of sin", declared Imam A.U. Kaleem addressing the students of the history department at the University of the District of Columbia.

"Sin, according to Islam," Imam Kaleem continued, "is not in man's nature, but an individual's acquisition after his birth. We are therefore named Muslims — obedient to the law. And what is sin? Simply disobedience. Hence, one who is a true Muslim is sinless. Sin is an acquired thing and can be purged. I am surely a son of God, and the beginning words of the Lord's prayer teach me to believe so. I may become prodigal but I can claim my heritage, and become His 'begotten'. How can I be in union with God if sin is in my nature? If I cannot be free from it to be at one with the great sinless Creator, then this doctrine is not sensible and cannot be compassed. It is in this respect that the Book of Islam conferred the highest boon on the human race. It was to create in man the consciousness of possessing the highest capabilities and to open before his eyes a prospect of unlimited progress," the Imam concluded.

At the close of his speech, the students asked a number of questions which were answered accordingly. The students were given free literature — Muhammad in the Bible, A Message of Peace and a Word of Warning, Why I believe in Islam, and The Contribution of Islam to the Solution of World Problems.

A set of 50 books on Islam, including the Holy Quran translated in English with short commentary, Introduction to the Study of the Holy Quran, the Life of Muhammad, Ahmadiyyat or the True Islam, Jesus in India, and Invitation to Ahmadiyyat, was presented to Dr. Muhammad Al-Khawas, the Professor of History, to be forwarded to the University library.

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**SUMMARY OF INAUGURAL ADDRESS BY HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH III  
AT THE ANNUAL MAJLIS KHUDDAMUL AHMADIYYA RALLY, OCTOBER 20, 1978**

After reciting *Tashahud*, *Ta'awwuz* and *Sura Fateha* Hazrat Ameerul Momineen, Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih III said:

“At the very outset I express my gratitude to the Government for permitting Khuddamul Ahmadiyya this year to hold their Annual Rally once again in an open plain as they held it in the past (five years ago). May Allah give a good reward to those officials who decided to issue the permit. Ameen!

I have recently returned after being away from the country for a considerable period, and I am glad to observe that in the view of the government, the country's affairs have been improved to such an extent that with its permission there has been held a Rally of Tableeghi Jamaat, then there was a Sunni conference in Multan which also concluded in peace, and now our short Rally is being convened. These meetings indicate that the wrong type of atmosphere, which was created in the country, is disappearing and the state of affairs is taking a far better shape than in the past. *Alhamdo Lillahe Ala Zaleka.*

In this age, in accordance of the glad tidings of Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa (peace and blessings of God be on him), Khalifatul Masih remarked, God the Exalted has adopted the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) and his Jamaat as a useful tool to make Islam dominant in the entire world and in all the corners of the surface of the earth. There had occurred a lot of basic flaws, Khalifatul Masih continued, in the civilizations of those nations who are called civilized and developed as far as temporal power is concerned and whose copying is a matter of pride with a few people. For instance, they respond to injustice with injustice, and thus an unlimited circle of tyranny and oppression ushers in. This was the very weakness that

caused the last two Great Wars, and it is due to this same flaw that the danger of a third Great War is being felt.

Contrary to this, Khalifatul Masih stated, there has been recorded this unprecedented event of human history that the people of Mecca thoroughly tyrannized the Holy Prophet (peace and Blessings of God be upon him) and his companions for a good thirteen years and tried to change the ideas of their hearts with the force of arms. Yet, when God the Exalted granted dominance to the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him) he pardoned all these oppressors and thus showed the world that the way to eradicate injustice from the world is exactly this — continue bearing tyranny with patience, and pardon the enemy when God grants the victory.

The second flaw of the Western nations, Khalifatul Masih continued, is that they certainly adulterate truth by mixing it with falsehood. This weakness, too, causes a lot of defects.

Relating various faith inspiring examples of his interviews with the journalists in the different Press Conferences held during his recent tour of Europe, Khalifatul Masih pronounced, that in reality there is only a single way to secure oneself from destruction and corruption. It is to adopt the teachings presented by the Holy Quran and Islam. Consequently, as he described the beautiful teachings of Islam to the people of the West, they had to confess that these are the teachings which could establish peace in the world. A few of them spontaneously enquired about the arrangements we have made to convey this excellent and beautiful teachings to their masses.

The essential thing to win the hearts of the Western people for Islam, Khalifatul Masih emphasized, is to mould our practical example in accordance with Islam. The ninety year history of our Jamaat is as



clear as an open book. As a community, through the grace of God, following the teachings of Islam, we never have taken part in any strike nor have we been entangled in any mischief. We are even accustomed to bearing tyranny with patience. Even our protest is only at one door and that door is that of Allah the Exalted. There cannot be traced a single instance in our history that we had denied help even to an enemy when he asked us for it.

Finally, stressing upon a few aspects of Islamic teaching, Khalifatul Masih exhorted the Khuddam by saying that Islam enjoins not only to adopt truth but to adopt the straightforward word. It means that there should not be any perplexity and dodging in our speech. Again, Islam stresses the establishment of honesty. It means the rights and obligations established by God the Exalted must be carried out. It is essential for Khuddamul Ahmadiyya to acquire a high position by adopting these first-rate Islamic morals. The dominance of Islam in the world cannot be made by mere

lip service. It is possible only by serving the creatures of God selflessly and by winning the hearts with the love and affection that Islamic teachings demand. It is only through this way that we can acquire the love of God. For one who gets the love of God, then, what else is left there that he has to look after?

Allah the Exalted has disclosed to the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) in a revelation: *Jei Toon Mera Ho Rahen Sab Jag Tera Ho*, If you become mine, the entire universe will be put at your disposal. It is the duty of each Ahmadi that he should never contaminate himself through any disturbance and mischief; he should become a superior model of Islamic morals, he should always adopt truth and straightforward word and continue struggling to achieve the love of God by subscribing to the rights of God and those of His fellow beings. May Allah the Exalted empower us to do so. Ameen!

(The Daily Alfazl, October 21, 1978. Translated by A.U. Kaleem)

### SACRIFICES OF ABRAHAM, ISHMAEL AND HAGAR CELEBRATED

This year, throughout the world, November 11 was the day of commemoration of the sacrifices of Abraham, Ishmael and Hagar (peace of God be upon them).

In the USA, members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community celebrated the day throughout the country by offering prayers and sacrificing sheep or cattle. It is the festival which falls on the day following the Hajj, the Muslim Pilgrimage to Mecca.

Mecca was the place of settlement for Ishmael and his mother, Hagar, in the wilderness of Paran (Genesis 21:21). God accepted the sacrifices of Abraham, Ishmael, and Hagar (Peace of God be upon them) and heard their prayers by making Mecca the Holy City of Islam, where the world's greatest international religious gathering takes place every year.

Even in Pre-Islamic times, the great sacrifices of Abraham, his son, and wife were commemorated by the Arabs there, and this fact is certain proof that the wilderness of Paran was the very land of Mecca.

In Washington, DC, Imam A.U. Kaleem led almost 100 members in Eid-ul-Azha Prayers at the American Fazl Mosque. In his sermon after the prayers, the Imam exhorted his congregation to follow the examples of Hazrat Ibrahim, Hazrat Ishmael and Hazrat Hajirah, in submitting themselves entirely to God.

In New York, Philadelphia, and Dayton, the prayers were led by Imam Masud Ahmad, Deputy Imam M.A. Rashid Yahyah, and Imam M.M. Ibrahim, respectively, after which they explained the significance of the occasion in their sermons.



## JAMAAT REPORTS

### CHICAGO, III.

The Jamaat held its regular meetings. The Quranic classes and prayers lessons were conducted by Br. Abu Bakr Salahuddin. Friday Services were observed accordingly with attendance of 12 members in general.

The Jamaat hosted the Regional Conference attended by the Jamaats of Milwaukee and Kenosha, and of course the members of the Chicago Jamaat. It did attract the passersby who heard the message of Islam. The Conference was addressed by Imam M.M. Ibrahim, the Regional Missionary; Alhaj Muzaffar Ahmad Zafr, the National President; Br. Rashid Ahmad, the Regional President; Br. Ali Raza, the President of Kenosha, and Abdul Kabeer Haque, the President of Chicago Jamaat.

Br. Muhammad Aziz Ahmad and his wife have been blessed with a baby girl. May Allah enable the parents to bring up the child as a true Ahmadi Muslim. Ameen!

### DETROIT, Mich.

An extraordinary meeting of the Jamaat attended by the members, the non-Ahmadies and the non-Muslims, was addressed by the distinguished speakers.

Br. Hanif explained the importance of preaching Islam and Ahmadiyyat and stressed upon the members to become active in religious propagation.

Imam M. M. Ibrahim, the Regional Missionary, reminded the members their duties towards Ahmadiyyat, the True Islam. He exhorted them to hold the oath of allegiance to Ahmadiyyat and be regular in paying their subscriptions in accordance with the prescribed rate.

Alhaj Muzaffar Ahmad Zafr, the National President, gave an excellent speech on the duties and responsibilities of the Jamaat's members.

In his Chairman's remarks, Br. Abul Fazl, the President of the Jamaat, advised

all the members to act on the path of true Islam, the Ahmadiyyat.

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## NEW YEAR OF TAHRIK-I-JADID LAUNCHED

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III has launched the new year of Tahrik-i-Jadid pledges for 45th, 35th, and 14th years in accordance with the periods the members participated in this blessed scheme. Hence the Presidents are requested to exhort the members to redeem their pledges of the last year, and get from them their pledges for the new year and forward them to this office for onward transmission to the International Headquarters, Rabwah, Pakistan. *Jazakum Allaho Ahsanul Jaza.*

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## IMAM KALEEM TOURS WEST COAST

### WASHINGTON, DC:

Imam A.U. Kaleem has returned to the Washington Headquarters after his fortnight tour of the West Coast Jamaats. The tour took him to Seattle, Washington; Portland, Oregon; San Francisco and Los Angeles, California; and Tucson, Arizona.

In all these places, the Imam addressed the Jamaat meetings and reminded the members of their obligations and responsibilities as true followers of the Promised Messiah (peace of God be upon him) and exhorted the congregations to carry them out accordingly.

During his tour of San Francisco, Imam Kaleem delivered a number of speeches at different locales including one at San Mateo College, and thus conveyed the message of Ahmadiyyat, the True Islam, to various peoples.

Imam Kaleem explained a few points regarding Islamic teachings to Dr. Cronin's Theology classes at Union College in Los Angeles. He also held a stimulating, two hour discussion with priests of the Mormon Church. *Alhamdo Lillah!*

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## IMPORTANCE OF MOSQUES AS RELATED BY THE PROMISED MESSIAH

The Promised Messiah, peace be upon him, says:

“It is very important for our Jamaat to build mosques. A Mosque is a house of God. To lay down the foundation for the progress of our Jamaat in any particular town or city, it is very essential to build a mosque there. If you desire to spread Islam in any area where there are a few Muslims or no Muslims at all, you should make first of all a mosque there, then God himself will bring in many Muslims. But there is one condition to it. The Mosque should be made just for the sake of God with complete sincerity of heart; discrete and selfish motives or any mischief should not be in heart. Then God will bless it.

“It is not essential that a mosque should be an impressive and concrete building. You may start by demarking a piece of land for the purpose of a mosque with a shelter strong enough to protect against the severity of weather. Allah the Exalted does not like formal decorations. The mosque of

the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him, was simply made of branches of date trees, and stayed like that for many years. Then in the time of Hazrat Usman (Allah be pleased with his soul) who was fond of buildings, it was given a concrete form. I always think it interesting that the names of Usman and Sulaiman rhyme together. Perhaps this resemblance in names made him do so. Anyhow, each Jamaat should have its own mosque and an Imam who should exhort others for righteousness. All the members of that Jamaat should say their prayers in congregation in that mosque. There is a great blessing in unity and community. If the members are scattered here and there, it leads to disorderliness. Now is the time when the importance of togetherness and unity should be fully realized and trivialities be ignored so that the Jamaat may progress.” (*Malfoozat: Pronouncements of the Promised Messiah*, Vol. 7, p. 119. Translation by Mubashir Ahmad, Washington, DC)

## ISLAMIC GOD DOES NOT PERMIT INTERMEDIARY

SAN MATEO, Cal.

God in Islam does not permit an intermediary between Himself and His creatures, stated Imam A. U. Kaleem during his tour of the West Coast. He was addressing students in the philosophy department at San Mateo College on the subject: *The Islamic Conception of God*.

“All prophets occupy the position of guides”, Imam Kaleem continued, “but none of them can serve as an intermediary. For, the welfare of the Prophets and of those for whose guidance they are sent is equally dear to God. One may, on account of his purity and righteousness, attain nearer to God than his fellow creatures; but

however near he may be and whatever eminence he may possess, he cannot shut the gates of advancement on others. It is open at all times to attain the highest point of advancement. The gates of heaven are open to all those who knock.”

At the close of the speech the students and their professor, Dr. Fellows, asked a number of questions to which the Imam replied to their satisfaction. Copies of Islamic literature—*Why I Believe in Islam*, *My Faith*, and *A Message of Peace and a Word of Warning*—were distributed to the students. Dr. Fellows was presented with a copy of the Holy Quran, Arabic text with English translation.



**MIR MAHMUD AHMAD NASIR — THE NEW MISSIONARY INCHARGE****WASHINGTON, DC:**

Mir Mahmud Ahmad Nasir is taking over the charge of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam. He succeeds Imam Ata Ullah Kaleem, who has been called back to the International Headquarters, Rabwah, Pakistan.

Mir Mahmud, a regular speaker at our Jalsa Salana, Rabwah, Pakistan, is the youngest son of Mir Muhammad Ishaque (May Allah be pleased with him) who was a great scholar of Hadith of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him), a theologian and a companion of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) as well as his brother-in-law.

Prior to his present appointment, Mir Mahmud Ahmad Nasir has been serving the cause of Islam as Professor of Comparative Study of Religions in Jamia Ahmadiyya Theological Seminary, Rabwah, Pakistan, for almost 21 years. He is a brother-in-law

of Hazrat Ameerul Momineen, Khalifatul Masih III.

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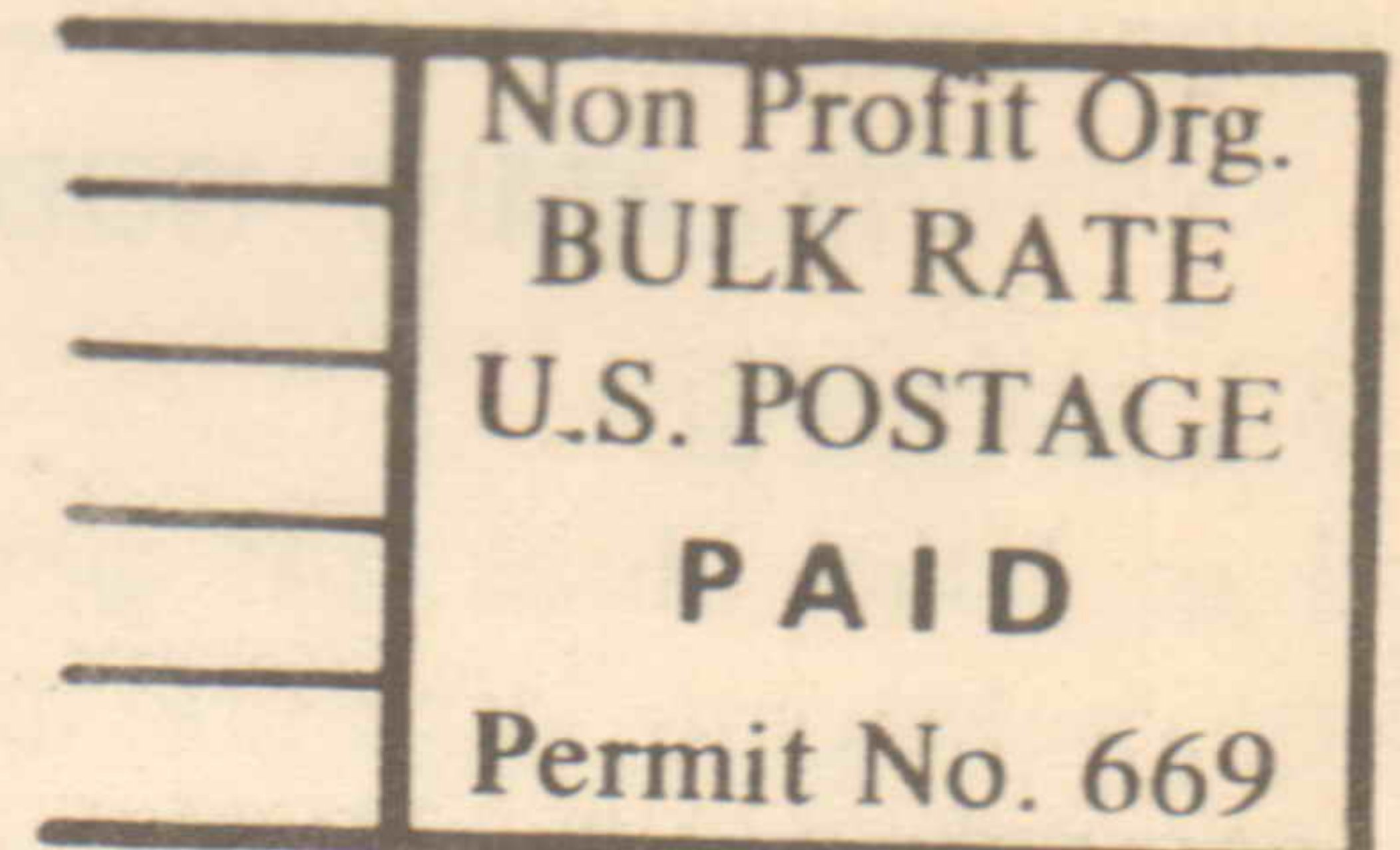
**MAJOR HAMID ARRIVES  
NEW YORK:**

Major Abdul Hamid, who had been a missionary in the USA for a number of years, has returned to take over the charge of the New York Mission from Imam Masood Ahmad. Imam Masud Ahmad is returning to Pakistan after three and one half years of meritorious service for Ahmadiyyat, the True Islam.

Prior to his return to the USA, Major Hamid had served the cause of Islam for five years in Japan. It is worth mentioning that it was he who initiated and completed the project of building the Fazl-i-Umar Mosque in Dayton, Ohio.

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