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# AHMADIYYA GAZETTE

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## SUMMARY OF THE CONCLUDING ADDRESS OF HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH III

(Delivered on May 10, 1979, to the participants of the 25th Annual Educational Class conducted by Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Central from April 27—May 10, 1979, at Rabwah, Pakistan.)

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

The age in which we and you are born is the age of developments. These developments are of two kinds and they have divided mankind into two parts. There are worldly developments which have brought revolutionary changes in the lives of men. In this context Hazrat Khalifatul Masih described somewhat in detail the scientific progress, the day-to-day inventions and their effects on human life. He particularly pointed out man's landing on the moon and his efforts to reach stars and planets.

Afterwards, Khalifatul Masih, referring to the extraordinary means provided for spiritual progress in this very age, remarked

that the revolutionary changes which have resulted all over the world due to the material developments are proving helpful in the propagation of Islam. The invention of printing press has produced mass publication of books. The invention of telephone, telegraph, telex, radio and television has facilitated the works regarding the spread of Islam. God the Exalted wishes that man who in his efforts to reach the moon and the stars has been concerned to

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## OUR NEXT ANNUAL CONVENTION

Our next Annual Convention will be held in St. Louis, Mo., during August 31 — September 2, 1979. Look elsewhere in this Gazette for further details.

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find out the reality of the first heaven, should achieve the spiritual progress by accepting Islam and thus soaring high in spiritual firmament should reach the seventh heaven. In the early days there had been thousands of Muslims who, through the complete obedience of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be on him), reached the seventh heaven and even caused others to become the soaring birds of spiritual heaven.

Now God the Exalted has entrusted the responsibility of this memorable work on our and your shoulders to carry it out on a universal level. He desires to establish such a graceful society on the entire surface of the earth as may end human sufferings and troubles, and provide mankind with such spiritual pleasures and welfare that they may enjoy the heavenly life in this very world, and paradise may be their resort in the next world. This is called Islamic society. It is the task of you Ahmadiyya youth, Khalifatul Masih exhorted the participants, to establish this kind of society. You have to prove to the people of the world through your practical example that the life they are passing at this time is far lesser and despicable than to the life which, acting upon the teachings of Islam, they can pass in an Islamic society.

In this context, Khalifatul Masih explained some of those morals and qualities on which the foundation of Islamic society is determined. He particularly elucidated in detail the Islamic teachings and their subtleties and wisdom regarding truthfulness, equity and justice, fulfilment of promise, respect for the feelings of others, abstinence from circulation of others defects, shunning from backbiting, and observing honesty and trust. He also elaborated the grace of the society which is established through these morals.

Islamic society is such a graceful society, Khalifatul Masih continued, that if you could mould yourselves into an embodiment of practical example of Islamic teachings, and thus succeed in showing to others the glimpse of Islamic society in your lives, then the people of the world themselves effected by it would be automatically drawn towards Islam and its graceful society.

Addressing the students in particular, Khalifatul Masih said: Do not think yourselves mere children; rather consider yourselves as the ones who have to bring the world towards Islam and have to establish the Islamic society in the entire world by presenting practical example of everlasting and unparalleled teachings of Islam. May Allah enable us to witness in our lives the establishment of that graceful Islamic society on the surface of the earth which may turn this world into paradise and mankind may inherit paradise in the next world too. (The Daily Alfazl, May 13, 1979. Translated by Ata Ullah Kaleem, Regional Missionary, West Coast Region).

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#### A Note from the Printers

While we were putting this issue together, our typesetting computer was acting up, sometimes printing capital letters as lower case letters and sometimes not printing numerals, etc. We have tried to catch these errors but some errors may have been left in by omission. We apologise for this.

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## PRONOUNCEMENTS OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH ON TRAVEL

A man submitted a written question that he had to travel to and fro to about 10-15 miles and whether it should be considered travel and what should be done for prayers? Hazrat-i-Aqdas said, "My religion is that one should not overburden oneself. Travel, even if it is for three miles, should be considered in terms of travel and prayer reduction. Often with friends we travel 2-3

miles for a walk but nobody thinks it is travel. However, when one starts with an intent for travel, he becomes a traveller. Shariat is not based on time and travel as commonly understood should be taken intrinsically. And as you follow the orders of God, in a similar way follow His sanctions. Obligations are from God and sanctions are also from God. (Feb. 14, 1901)

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## PROCLAMATION ON THE ADVENT OF MUSLEH-E-MAUD GOD IS SPEAKING THROUGH MY TONGUE

(Excerpts from a speech of Hazrat Musleh-e-Maud, delivered at Lahore on March 1, 1944, to thousands of people of all faiths and denominations.)

"Today I swear before this congregation, as falsely swearing in the name of God is of the condemned, and whosoever flouts God cannot escape His wrath, that God has informed me in this city of Lahore at 13 Temple Road at the house of Sheikh Bashir Ahmad Advocate, that I am the culminator of the prophecy of Musleh-e-Maud and that I am the Musleh-e-Maud through whom Islam will reach to the corners of the earth and the Unity of God shall be established.

God has given me those swords which will cut the unbelief in a moment. God has given me those hearts who are ready for sacrifice at my voice. If I ask them to jump into the ocean they will jump into the ocean. If I ask them to drop themselves in ovens they will burn themselves in ovens. If suicide was not forbidden, if suicide was not illegal in Islam, then I could have shown you an instance that one hundred men of Jamaat were ordered by me to commit suicide by putting a dagger in their stomachs and they would have died by the dagger. God has raised us for the support of Islam. God has raised us to raise the name of the Prophet of God.

O people of Lahore, I give unto you the message of God. I call you to that eternal

God who has created you all. Do not think that I am speaking of my own. At this moment I am not speaking, instead **God is speaking through my tongue**. In opposition to me, whosoever raises a voice against Islam his voice will be curbed. But God will establish a majestic foundation for the support and progress of Islam through me. I am a human being. I can die today and I may die tomorrow. But it can never happen that I fail in my purpose for which God has raised me. If the world at any time witnesses that Islam has been conquered, if the world ever sees that my believers were overpowered by those who did not believe in me, then undoubtedly take me as a liar. But if the news came out true then think yourself what would be your end that you heard God's voice through my tongue but even then did not accept it."

[This speech which was also heard by the Editor, left such indelible marks that will be remembered for long. To thousands of men reached the words from Hazrat Musleh-e-Maud, "At this moment I am not speaking, it is God who is speaking through my tongue". Each and every word of this remarkable speech touched the hearts. We are witness to it.—Ed]

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**THE NEXT ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT IN ISLAM**

August 31, September 1, September 2, 1979, at Southern Illinois University

The St. Louis Jamaat is happy to announce that the next Annual Convention of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam will be held at the beautiful rural campus of Southern Illinois University, August 31–September 2, 1979. The campus is located among wooded rolling hills surrounding a crystal blue lake, approximately 30 minutes East of St. Louis, Mo. Southern Illinois University is a recently built, ultra modern campus. All housing and meeting facilities are fully air-conditioned.

The registration fee per adult is \$41.50. This includes room for two nights, linen, six meals and a share in the expenses of the meeting facility fees. Registration fee and housing accommodations for children under twelve are free. However, the price of six meals for children under 11, is \$11.00.

Parents may use their own discretion in determining eating arrangements for infants and toddlers.

We urge you **STRONGLY** to register early. Earliest possible registration is crucial in allowing us to guarantee the best possible accommodations.

Send a **MONEY ORDER, NO CHECKS**, made payable to:

The Ahmadiyya Convention Fund  
4895 Calvin Avenue  
St. Louis, Mo. 63115

For further details on the convention, watch for information in the upcoming Ahmadiyya Gazette or call:

1-314-61-9783

Note: In the event of emergency situations, the registration fee is refundable.

(Munir Ahmad, President, St. Louis)

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**JAMAAT ACTIVITIES REPORTS****CENTRAL CALIFORNIA:**

With the arrival of the Missionary for the West Coast Region and the establishment of the regular Mission House at 3336 Maybelle Way, Oakland, Ca., the activities of the Jamaat have been considerably enhanced. The attendance in the Friday Services has increased and the weekly meetings have attracted more members than ever before.

In the weekly meetings *Dars* of the Holy Quran and that of the Promised Messiah's book *Fathe Islam* (Victory of Islam) is given by the President of the Jamaat. In each meeting the lesson of *Salat* (prayer) along with the translation is taught by the Missionary Incharge to all members, male or female, young and old. A class for teaching *Yassarnal Quran* and the Holy

Quran has also been started, wherein children and adults take lessons at times convenient to them.

After the general meetings, the Lajna hold separate meetings.

**MERCED, CALIFORNIA****JESUS WAS BELOVED OF GOD**

Jesus Christ (peace be on him) was a beloved of God, so God saved him from an accursed death on the Cross. This has been declared here by Maulana Ata Ullah Kaleem, the Missionary Incharge, West Coast Region.

Maulana Kaleem was replying to a question put to him after he had addressed an audience of multifarious races adhering to different creeds on the subject of *The New*



*Noah's Ark—An Invitation to the Religion of Islam*, at the Florence Villa Apartment Lounge on May 13, 1979.

Maulana Kaleem, citing various references from the Bible satisfied the questioner beyond any shadow of a doubt that Jesus Christ, peace be on him, being a beloved Prophet of God, did not die on the cross, did not become accursed and ultimately was saved in accordance with his own prophecy, purporting the resemblance of his case with that of prophet Jonas, mentioned in Matthew 12:39.

The credit of arranging the public lecture goes to our brother Alhaj Abdul Raqib Wali who did his best in distributing the invitations and posting the posters on appropriate places. May Allah reward him with the best reward. Amen!

#### DETROIT, MICHIGAN

In March 1978, the Khuddam worked hard for a couple of weekends and in the evenings during the week to clean and renovate our mosque. Brother Wahhab donated a beautiful red carpet for the mosque and also supervised the installation of the same. Renovation of the mosque is our on-going project and a lot more is yet to be done.

On March 23, 1979, Hazrat Masih Maud Day was celebrated. Twenty-six members attended the meeting. Classes were also started in March 79 to teach the Holy Quran and the basics of Islam and Ahmadiyyat.

On April 6, 1979, the monthly meeting was held in which fourteen members were present.

We are sorry to report that Br. Aftab Khan and family are leaving Detroit area to settle down in California. The Aftabs will be missed very much here. Br. Aftab has generously put some of his belongings on

sale in our mosque, the proceeds of which will go to the mosque fund. Jazakum Ullah.

By the grace of Almighty Allah, the members of our Jamaat have become active and they enthusiastically participate in various activities. As such we have decided to hold two meetings each month, one on the first Friday evening of the month at 8 p.m. and the other on the third Sunday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. This will enable all members to attend at least one meeting per month. Thus a meeting was held on Friday, May 4, at 8:00 p.m. in which twenty members were present. On Sunday, May 20, thirteen members assembled in our mosque about noon time and worked hard till 6 p.m. to clean and fix the mosque.

Special arrangements were made to celebrate the Khilafat Day in a befitting manner. All our efforts and prayers bore fruit and our Jamaat held one of the most successful and widely attended Khilafat Day meeting in our mosque at 2:00 p.m. All together more than sixty brothers and sisters attended this meeting, including five non-Ahmadi guests, five brothers and sisters from Toronto, Canada, and a delegation of four guests from Dayton, Ohio, headed by the Missionary M. Ibrahim, who was the principal speaker. After the meeting all the participants enjoyed a delicious meal.

On Friday morning, May 18, Mr. and Mrs. Syed Fareed Qadri had a beautiful and healthy baby boy. Our heartiest congratulations.

All brothers and sisters are requested to pray for the revitalization of the entire membership.

(Nasir M. Malik, Acting President.)

#### CLEVELAND, OHIO

By the grace of Allah the Cleveland Jamaat has been meeting regularly twice



monthly and our membership is slowly but surely increasing. We have at present 57 enrolled members (including children), who attend with varying frequency.

As is the case with most Jamaats, our Lajna is the most active group in our Jamaat. They have organized members as volunteers in local hospitals or homes for the elderly during Christian holidays when help is scarce and have sewn lap blankets for use by the patients. A fund raising garage sale had to be postponed due to inclement weather. Children's classes are held prior to each meeting. Qurans have been distributed to several local organizations. Our publications secretary has assembled an extensive selection of literature available for sale at all our meetings.

Several members attended Musleh Maud Day held in Pittsburgh recently. At each meeting one or two members present a talk to the general body on a different aspect of Ahmadiyyat, teachings of the Promised Messiah, or Islam in general. In this manner eventually all the members will have given a prepared talk. Lively discussions are usually assured due to our highly inquisitive membership and their divergent backgrounds.

At present our meetings are held at a local hotel. Insha Allah we hope to have a mosque of our own. A search committee is already investigating sites and requirements from headquarters. A local high school class has been invited to visit one of our meetings. Speeches will be delivered by some of the members, including some of those of school age, in hopes of more effectively relating some of those young minds.

Though our reports may not be frequent, we wish to assure all that the Cleveland Jamaat is alive and quite active, Alhamdo Lillah.

(Syed H. Rahman, Secretary).

## ST. LOUIS JAMAAT

The Jamaat regularly held Jumma Services throughout the month of May, every Friday at 1:30 p.m. Sunday meetings, which are also held regularly, include religious Friday at 1:30 p.m. Sunday meetings, which are also held regularly, include religious education classes and collective prayers. Under the direction of the President, religious education classes are also held regularly by families living in the Rosebud-Owensville, Missouri area. On May 14, the Jamaat held a tea in honor of Al-Haji Abu Bakr Kuroyi from Nigeria. Hajji Sahib enlightened the members on the progress of Ahmadiyyat in West Africa and exhorted them to step up the propagation of Islam in this country.

Jamaat propagation consisted of both collective and individual distribution of literature and handbills in the local Pine Lawn (Mosque area) and Downtown St. Louis area.

Khalifat Day was celebrated on May 27 by a large gathering of Ahmadis and guests were given by Bro. Munir Ahmad, Bro. Umar Faruq Qadafi and Bro. Abid Ali Bhuttar. were given by Bro. Peer Ahmad, Bro. Umar Faruq Qadafi and Bro. Abid Ali Bhuttar. The celebration concluded with collective prayers and Janaza Prayers for two recently deceased Ahmadis, Sis. Khadija Ahmad of Dayton, Ohio, and the father of Muhammad Ashraf Chughtai.

Reporting Secretary

## BALTIMORE, MD.

Apart from Friday Juma and Sunday Quran class, we are studying the book "Victory of Islam" also in our classes.

On Sunday May 20th visiting us was our dear Missionary Bro. M. M. Ibrahim of Dayton, Ohio.



On Sunday May 27th the Baltimore Jamaat celebrated Khilafat Day. Joining with us were the York, Dover Pa. and Washington Jamaats. We enjoyed some inspiring speeches. We had some Brothers from New York and New Jersey visiting us. Everyone enjoyed the program. The speakers were as follows:

- Bro. Tariq Sharif
- Bro. Hamid Ahmad Bhatti
- Bro. M. A. Rashid Yahya
- Bro. Abu Bakr
- Bro. Tahir Abdullah

Over one hundred attended our Jamaat Celebration, chaired by Bro. Abdul Hafeez, President, concluding with prayer by Bro. S. Muzaffar Ahmad.

ZUHR and ASR prayer was said at 2:30 P. M. and dinner was served at 3:00 P. M.

### CAROLINAS-VIRGINIAS

Our last monthly meeting was hosted by Dr. Laeeq Ahmed in West Virginia on Sunday, May 6, 1979. After recitation from the Holy Quran, the president, Dr. M. A. Ijaz enumerated some instances where his life has been affected by prayers. Rasheed Azam presented a brief account of the Jamaat's activities during the last six months. "We have made great progress both at individual and collective level; individually we are now more aware of the need to pray to be nearer to Allah and to discharge our obligations towards others," he emphasised. A public meeting in Asheboro was highlighted by other activities which included lectures on Islam at schools and churches and distribution of free literature on Ahmadiyyat.

This meeting was also attended, among others, by Syed Mir Mahmud Ahmad, the Missionary Incharge, who led the meeting to close with prayer. May Allah keep us steadfast on the right path, Amin.

### KHILAFAT DAY

Carolinas-virginias' Jamaat commemorated the Khilafat day on Sunday, May 27, 1979 in Asheboro. The meeting was attended by members from West Virginia, Virginia and North Carolina.

After recitation from the Holy Quran by Brother Laeeq Ahmad, the Acting President, Zia Azam gave a talk on Prophet Muhammed S.A.W.A. and the first four caliphs. Naweed Azam spoke about the Promised Messiah and his caliphs including Khalifatul Masih III, Hazrat Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad. (May Allah bless him with long and healthy life, Amin.) Rasheed Azam then addressed the audience explaining the meaning, the purpose and the importance of Khilafat, according to the Holy Quran, which Allah has promised to establish in Islam as He did during earlier prophets. Khilafat should serve as a pivot of unity in Islam and the Khalifa as spiritual head provides through self example guidance to the community and humanity as a whole for continued development and achieving nearness to Allah. The meeting ended with a prayer for the victory of Islam. May Allah keep us loyal to the Khilafat and Ahmadiyyat, the true Islam. AMIN.

Rasheed S. Azam Secretary.

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### NEWS & NOTES

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III, according to recently arrived (May 31, 1979) reports, is by the grace of Allah enjoying good health. Alhamdulillah.

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The next annual convention of the Ahmadiyya community in America will be held insha Allah at Edwardsville, Ill. under the auspices of ST. LOUIS jamaat. Participation in the national conference is, as we



all know, highly rewarding and the inconvenience of a long journey and expense involved shall not deter members of the Community from making the required sacrifice. Our annual convention is a reflection of our international gatherings held at Rabwah in Pakistan and entitles us to the share of blessings promised by the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) to its participants. No sacrifice is too great to win the pleasure of our God. Send money for registration at your earliest convenience.

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As announced in the last Gazette, induction of half an hour written test on the booklet '*Victory of Islam*' will form a feature of the program of the forthcoming convention. It is hoped sisters and brothers are already studying the English or the Urdu text of the book prescribed.

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It is with a deep sense of sorrow that we have to convey to our readers the passing away on May 24, 1979, of Sister Khadija Ahmad, President of Dayton Lajna. She was renowned for her piety and devotion to Ahmadiyyat. She brought up her children as true Muslims and was particularly anxious to learn and teach the Arabic text of the Holy Quran. Sister Khadija's name will go down in American Ahmadiyya history as one who obtained from the Governor of Ohio state, permission to post her picture on her driver's license, in purdah, in the teeth of opposition of the local authorities. May Allah bless her soul. ED.

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## LAJNA IMAILLAH

(We are pleased to print below the two activity Reports of the Lajnas of Lakes and Midwest regions. Both the reports are highly commendable. The one on Lakes Region particularly, we commend to our men's auxiliary organizations as a pattern and model for propagation of what Ahmadiyyat stands for. The talented sisters of the said region have shown to us the means and media through which the message of Ahmadiyyat can be spread across the country. The Dayton Lajna, true to its traditions demonstrated the true Islamic sisterhood and the assemblage met in a most congenial and faith-increasing atmosphere. One only wished the authorities had hauled in representatives from all over American Lajnas to give it a really national color. —ED.)

## GREAT LAKES REGIONAL LAJNA IMAILLAH

The Great Lakes Regional Lajna Imaillah of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam held its first regional conference for women on April 7, 1979, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Approximately 1000 letters of invitation with pre-registration forms were mailed to women in Racine, Milwaukee, and Kenosha, Wis.; and Chicago and Waukegan, Illinois. This included letters to women's civic and religious groups, family members of Ahmadiis, friends, and also other Lajnas. Many letters were posted in public buildings and passed out by hand. Press releases went out to all the media. The subsequent media coverage was tremendous, Alhumdu-lillah.

Radio response was most extensive: WLUM-FM, a Milwaukee station, broadcast a 30-minute interview on Sunday, April 1. Sisters Nusrat Jahan Bashir, national vice president, and Fatimah Nur Jawad, Great Lakes regional president, participated in the interview which was conducted by a



member of the WLUM staff (a Holy Quran was presented to this young lady after the taping of the interview). The in-depth interview gave the opportunity to present to the public information regarding the Ahmadiyya Movement, the Promised Messiah (PBOH), Lajna Imaillah, and the conference, Alhumdulillah. Another Milwaukee radio station permitted us air time in which to present the message in a short telephone interview.

TV coverage: Milwaukee television channel WITI-6 carried a live six-minute interview during their News at Noon program with Sis. Fatimah Nur Jawad on Friday, March 30. The interview was conducted by a station staff member, and the interview contained information about Ahmadiyyat and the regional conference. Moreover, Channel 6 has committed itself to devote a portion of a late April or early May edition of their People to People talk show to Ahmadiyyat with several Jama'at members being interviewed. Additional coverage was obtained by means of an ad regarding the conference during a commercial break in one of their popular early morning programs, A New Day, by TV4, WTMJ. Announcement of the conference was as reported, made on the local PBS station, WMVS-10, also.

Newspaper coverage included a listing of the conference in the "Community Happenings" section of the Milwaukee *Community Journal*. A two-column article was run, unedited, in the April issue of the University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee student newspaper *Invictus*.

Sisters from three states, including the national president of the U.S. Lajna, Sis. Rasheeda Saeed, attended the conference. Approximately 30 non-Muslim guests attended also. Members of other Muslim groups attended too.

The format of the conference was as follows: Five 10-minute lectures were presented. After the lectures were completed, members of the audience asked questions of the panel members, on Islam and Ahmadiyyat.

The visual display for the conference was centered around a large poster picture of the Promised Messiah (PBOH). This picture was specifically called to the attention of the audience. Free literature and materials for sale were provided for all attendees. The material for purchase included Holy Qurans and the booklets *What is Ahmadiyyat*, *Muhammad in the Bible*, and *Treasures of Al-Fatiha*. The guests took advantage of the display, Alhumdulillah, by taking much of the free literature and purchasing some of the items that were for sale including copies of the Holy Quran. Additionally, each guest was given a formal printed program by a member of the reception committee. The program included the message of the Promised Messiah and a list of the topics to be discussed along with the names of the panel members. The program included an evaluation sheet which facilitated audience feedback on the conference. The general opinion of the non-Ahmadi guests expressed via the evaluation form as well as vocally, was that the "next" conference should be longer.

The Conference entitled 'Invitation to Success', directed toward women and the importance of their role in the survival of mankind, was, by Allah's Grace, to say the least, a tremendous success.

All praise belongs to Allah, Lord of all the worlds.

#### MIDWEST LAJNA IMAILLAH

Love emanated from one sister to another and tears flowed in the Fazl Omar Mosque, Dayton as the weekend came to a



close. Sisters had assembled from St. Louis, Milwaukee, Waukegan, Racine, Chicago, Dayton, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh Lajnas to participate in the National Officer's Meeting Saturday May 19th, 1979, and Lajna's First Midwest Regional Gathering under the new Regional Plan, Sunday May 20, 1979. The words of the hadith, "If a person loves his brother, he should tell him that he loves him. (Gardens of the Righteous 386.)" were taken literally and sisters, overcome with emotion, demonstrated and generated their love.

Earlier the National President, Rashidah Saeed, had given a dynamic speech dwelling on the proper treatment and love that sisters should express towards each other, on allegiance and obedience to the Khalifa, on the responsibility of Lajna members, and on the upbringing of the younger generation. She closed her address with a story of hospitality dedicated to the Dayton Lajna from the "Parables of the Promised Messiah."

Following, Sister Siddiqua Sajid of Chillicothe, Ohio gave brief remarks stating that we all need more reminders concerning the upbringing of our children, expressed her pleasure in now residing near an active Jamaat and being able to attend the Regional and how she hoped to gain spiritual strength from her participation. She requested prayers and recited in Urdu and translated a poem of the Promised Messiah, entitled, "In Praise and Thanks to Allah". Her impromptu sentiments deeply touched the hearts of the attendees and spurred the emotional scene.

The meeting had opened officially around 11:00 a.m. Recitation from the Holy Quran was given by Sister Anisa Begum Waleed, Milwaukee. The pledge was led by Regional President, Attiyatus Sabur and recited by the sisters in unison: Sister

Sajida Arshad, Mason, Ohio recited a poem in Urdu from the *Psalms of Ahmad*. Sister Haleema Nasir, Milwaukee shared an uplifting reading on the "Renaissance of Islam." Sister Jameela Ali, Dayton spoke on "Muhammad, the Model Man". Emphasis was placed on his character, his kindness, gentleness, moral excellences and helpfulness toward his wives. Sister Aliyya Shaheed was next on the program. Her speech was about the Dayton Lajna and the Dayton Jamaat. She told of how the Dayton Lajna worked lovingly together, of their past sacrifices, and of their service and contributions to the Community while reminiscing about their history. Next Sister Saeed gave the main address followed by the comments from Sister Sajid.

Two announcements were made: (1) A request that the Sisters in Dayton visit and keep up the grave of Sister Amtul Elahee, who had contributed so much to Lajna and (2) Sister Hameeda Afzal, Jameela Afzal's mother, New York, has had her leg amputated to the knee. Prayers are requested. Prayers were also requested by the National President for the success of her visit to the East Coast next month. The meeting was closed with silent prayer followed by lunch and salat.

Sisters departed atinged with excitement and happiness. Many expressed 'thanks' and 'joy' in having attended and left with the intention of spreading "love" to all.

(Submitted by Rashidah S. Saeed)

## RECEPTION

A Receptional Tea was held May 19th, from 7-9p.m. at the Young Men Young Women Christian Association — facility honoring our guest visiting sisters to Dayton.

The evening was highlighted with a warm



welcome by Mrs. C. Ford, executive director of this facility who not only expressed her keen observations of specific Ahmadi Women but also praised Bro. Yusef Ali who is currently employed there.

Lajna local president's welcome speech dealt mainly with "Today is for doing", thus pointing out our responsibilities as Ahmadi women.

Aisha Shaheed

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## FROM THE PRESS

### HOW ENGLAND WAS LOST TO ISLAM?

(Reproduced from Dawn, Karachi Pakistan of 25-10-78)

Had powerful Moorish ruler Emir Mohammed Al-Nassir overlooked the fact that Islam forbids taking undue advantage of helpless people, England would have become a Muslim country in the 13th century — some 800 years ago.

Gabriel Ronay in his book "The Tarter Khan's Englishman" published by Cassel, disclosed that in 1213 King John of England sent a secret emissary of three persons to Moorish ruler Emir Mohammed Al-Nassir with offer of homage and promise that if England were to be received into the Arab fold King John would become the Emir's tribute-paying vassal and he along with his subjects convert to Islam.

Ronay came across verbatim account of secret emissary while researching for book on Robert Dad, London Catholic priest who was also one of the emissary sent to Al-Nassir and who was later ex-communicated and banished from England by King John for his role in the Magna Carta rebellion of 1215.

This forgotten episode of English history when King John offered to become Muslim along with his subjects was dutifully recorded by Saint Alban's chronicler of 13th century, Mathew Paris. There is little to question veracity of his account writes Ronay, because he heard it straight from those emissaries.

*Nassir's Rebuff:* Baron Thomas Har-

dington, head of King John's emissary, according to Paris accounts, was instructed by John to tell Emir Al-Nassir "great King of Africa, Morocco and Spain that he would voluntarily give up to him, himself and his kingdom, and if he pleased, would hold it as tributary for him and that he would also abandon Christian faith which he considered false and would faithfully adhere to law of Mohammed".

Baron Hardinton, who was accompanied by Baron Relp Fitznicholar and Catholic priest Master Robert de London handed King John's letter to the Emir and with the aid of an interpreter proceeded to convey with oratorical skill the richness of England's soil, fertility of its fields and skill of its people "who are handsome and ingenious, are skilled in three languages, Latin, French and English as well as in every liberal and mechanical pursuit".

Ronay describes Emir's reply as "exceptionally level headed" when he said, "I have never read or heard that any king possessing such prosperous kingdom, subject and obedient to him, would thus voluntarily ruin his sovereignty by making tributary to a country that is free by giving to a stranger that which is his own by turning happiness to misery and thus giving himself up to will of another conquered as it were without wound".

Upon his emissary's return to England,



King John "wept bitterly in being balked in his purpose".

Catholic priest, Master Robert de London later was excommunicated and banished from England as a result of his role in the Magna Carta rebellion. He went to Mongolia to become Tartar Khan's chief diplomat and later to return to Europe eventually as head of the Tartars that converted nearly half of Europe to Islam.

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# SHROUD TEST RESULTS 'DRAMATICALLY AFFIRMING'

George W. Cornell  
AP Religion Writer

American scientists who examined the ancient Shroud of Turin which supposedly wrapped Christ's body have not yet drawn final conclusions about it, but they say preliminary findings tend to validate it.

"All the evidence to date supports authenticity," says computer analyst Kenneth Stevenson of New Orleans, designated official spokesman for the team of about 30 scientists in various specialties.

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"At this point, in my opinion, it would be more of a miracle if it proves to be a hoax than if it proves to be genuine."

The team spent two weeks in Turin, Italy, last fall, running all sorts of the latest scientific tests on the cloth with its puzzling image of a man wounded in the way the Bible says Christ was.

The scientists regard their raw data as the most thorough ever amassed on the shroud, using the latest techniques.

However, with work going on at a half dozen different laboratories and institutes, some partial findings already have emerged, some of them considered of a dramatically affirming nature.

"I haven't seen anything yet that would lead one to think the shroud is not real," says chemist Robert Dinegar of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory in New Mexico. "I think the burden of proof is being pushed on the skeptics. (Jackson Citizen Patriot, Sunday, May 6, 1979.)

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