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SPAIN WILL SOON HAVE ITS FIRST MOSQUE FOUNDATION STONE LAID BY KHALIFATUL MASIH III

LONDON, U.K.: In accordance with a cablegram despatched from London by Sahibzadah Mirza Anas Ahmad, Private Secretary to Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III, the foundation stone of the first mosque to be built in Spain after Seven Hundred years has been laid by Hazrat Ameerul Momineen Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad Khalifatul Masih III.

The following is the text of the cablegram:

PRAISE AND GLORY BE TO ALLAH WHO HAS BY HIS GRACE CREATED AN OCCASION OF GREAT JOY FOR THE WORLD OF ISLAM AT THE END OF THE FOURTEENTH CENTURY OF HIJRAH TODAY WHEN THE FOUNDATION STONE WAS LAID AT 3:30 P.M. ON THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER 1980 OF THE FIRST MOSQUE TO BE BUILT IN SPAIN AFTER SEVEN HUNDRED YEARS. ALLAHO AKBAR. THIS GREAT EVENT IS THE FORERUNNER OF AN EXTRAORDINARY REVOLUTION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD OF ISLAM. THE HEAD OF THE AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT HAZRAT HAFIZ MIRZA NASIR AHMAD ARRIVED AT THE SITE OF THE PROJECTED MOSQUE AT PETER ABAD IN SOUTHERN SPAIN AFTER A LONG JOURNEY. HE WAS WELCOMED AT THE SITE BY A GROUP OF MUSLIM MISSIONARIES OF ISLAM WHO HAD ARRIVED FROM DISTANT TERRITORIES OF AFRICA, AMERICA ASIA AND EUROPE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS BLESSED CEREMONY. A LARGE NUMBER OF HIGH DIGNITARIES WERE ALSO PRESENT ON THE OCCASION. WHILE THE AUGUST PERSONAGE WHO WAS TO LAY THE FOUNDATION STONE WAS GETTING READY TO DO SO PARTICIPANTS WERE OCCUPIED IN HUMBLE SUPPLICATION TO GOD THE ALMIGHTY AND EXALTED. THEY WERE DEEPLY MOVED AND GAVE EXPRESSION TO THEIR INTENSE JOY AT BEING PRESENT ON THIS BLESSED OCCASION. IN DEVOTED PRAISE AND GLORIFICATION OF GOD ALMIGHTY THEY HUMBLY SUPPLICATED IN THAT THIS PROJECT MAY PROVE TO BE AN EFFECTIVE MEANS OF ESTABLISHING THE SUPREMACY OF THE UNIVERSAL ISLAMIC BROTHERHOOD THE GOD ALMIGHTY HAD DECREED THROUGH THE HOLY PROPHET OF ISLAM AND HIS GREAT SPIRITUAL SON THE PROMISED MESSIAH AND MAHDI. THE SITE OF THE MOSQUE IS JUST OVER TWO HUNDRED MILES SOUTH OF MADRID ALONG THE HIGHWAY A FEW MILES SHORT OF THE FAMOUS HISTORICAL TOWN OF CORDOBA. THE AREA OF THE SITE PURCHASED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE HEAD OF THE AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT IS JUST OVER ONE AND A HALF ACRES.

THE PLAN OF THE MOSQUE HAS BEEN PREPARED UNDER HIS DIRECTION AND HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SPAIN WHOSE GRACIOUS ATTITUDE TOWARD THIS BLESSED PROJECT WAS ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE HEAD OF THE MOVEMENT. HE PRAYED THAT THE PEOPLE OF SPAIN MAY BE BESTOWED EVERY TYPE OF BLESSING AND MAY BE GUIDED BY DIVINE GRACE AND MERCY TOWARDS THE PATH WHICH LEADS STRAIGHT TO HIM. FOLLOWING THE BLESSED EXAMPLE OF THE HOLY PROPHET PEACE BE UPON HIM HE ANNOUNCED THAT THE HOUSE OF ALLAH THAT WOULD BE CONSTRUCTED ON THIS SITE WOULD BE OPEN FOR THE WORSHIP OF THE ONE WITHOUT ASSOCIATES FOR ANY ONE. HE STRESSED THAT ISLAM IS A RELIGION OF PEACE AND DIRECTS THAT ITS MESSAGE SHOULD BE CONVEYED PEACEFULLY. HE POINTED OUT THAT THIS HOUSE OF ALLAH WILL CONTINUE TO URGE EVERY ONE TO THE SINCERE SERVICE OF THEIR FELLOW BEINGS WITHOUT ANY DISCRIMINATION PURELY FOR THE WINNING OF GOD'S PLEASURE AND ACHIEVING COMMUNION WITH HIM. IN CONCLUSION HE PRAYED EARNESTLY AND FOR LONG FOR ACHIEVEMENT OF THE PURPOSE AND OCCUPIED HIM.

SELF WITH THE PRAISE AND GLORIFICATION OF GOD. THE LOCAL RESIDENT WHO ATTENDED IN LARGE NUMBERS EXPRESSED THEIR GOODWILL BY CHEERING THROUGHOUT THE CEREMONY WHICH LASTED NEARLY THREE HOURS. IN VIEW OF THIS REVOLUTION WHICH HAS BEEN INAUGURATED IN SPAIN AFTER THE LAPSE OF SEVEN CENTURIES IN THE SHAPE OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MOSQUE ALL AHMADIYYA COMMUNITIES AROUND THE GLOBE HAVE OFFERED SACRIFICES AND GIVEN ALMS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE HEAD OF THE MOVEMENT AND HAVE OFFERED SPECIAL PRAYERS GIVING EXPRESSION TO THEIR JOY ON THIS BLESSED OCCASION. ALL PARTICIPANTS HAVE CONVEYED THEIR PERSONAL FELICITATIONS AND ALSO ON BEHALF OF THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES TO THEIR BELOVED IMAM ON THIS GREAT HISTORIC AND BLESSED EVENT. THE PROCEEDINGS ENDED WITH A PRESS CONFERENCE. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WERE SERVED.

MIRZA ANAS AHMAD

KHALIFATUL MASIH ADDRESSES THE PRESS

By the grace of Allah, the Press Conference given by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III on Thursday 14th August proved to be an outstanding success. Hazur, accompanied by his Private Secretary, Mirza Anas Ahmad Hazrat Ch. Muhammad Zafrulla Khan and Maulana Sheikh Muharak Ahmad, gave the Press Conference at the Cafe Royal in Regent Street, London, where over 60 journalists and press photographers were present. Those present represented news agencies the world over.

The Conference started at 12:30 p.m. with a vast range of questions asked concerning the programme of our Movement and its views on a host of topics relating to events in Iran, Afghanistan, Israel, Ireland and Islam in general. After the first session which lasted till half past two, Hazur mingled with the journalists and gave individual interviews to representatives of LBC and BBC Radio.

The context of these interviews were broadcast the same day by LBC and BBC on

several occasions. Reports on the conference appeared in the Guardian (see elsewhere in the Gazette), The Daily Jang, The Birmingham Post and the Irish Sunday World. A most welcome new development which resulted from this Press Conference was that for the first time a newspaper in the Middle East reported on the activities of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam. This report appeared in the popular Kuwaiti daily "The Arab Time."

FROM THE PRESS

WORDS ON THE END OF THE WORLD

Martyn Halsall meets the leader of a Muslim sect which claims 10,000 followers in Britain.



Christian and Muslim leaders seeking a basis for further talks could usefully have spent some time in a London hotel yesterday in the company of Mirza Nasir Ahmad.

He was talking about the Ahmadiyya, the Islamic sect which he leads. In the tradition of Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses, who send shivers down more orthodox ecclesiastical spines with claims of final revelations and forecasts of the Apocalypse he spoke of his movement's supremacy and of the end of the world.

"We are not only piling up sophisticated weapons of destruction but problems we are not able to solve, and the number of such problems is increasing," he said. "I foresee a time when you see the problems but cannot see the solutions to them, and

that is my time and Islam's time."

The sect was founded 92 years ago and has never been far from controversy. Much of this surrounds its claim to exclusivity. The movement claims the privileged seventy-third position in the 73 sects of Islam; that of the true defender of the faith at any one time.

But the Ahmadiyya movement goes further than this, claiming its special relationship to the faith is guaranteed until the end of the world, in between 1,000 and 1,100 years' time. It has been foretold, the sect claims, that the chosen sect in the present, 14th century "will remain the seventy-third until Doomsday."

As the chosen sect, the 10 million Ahmadiyya members claim direct contact with Allah. "Even the small children hear the voice of Allah. All other sects have declared that no Muslim can hear the voice of Allah," said Mirza Nasir Ahmad. His sect takes this

as evidence that the rest of the 800 million Muslims are not rejoicing in the promises from the Holy Koran to the "righteous ones."

With its policy of peace and tolerance to all men, the Ahmadiyya would never say others were non-Muslim, although it says its opponents have shown no such restraints. Officials produce copies of the movement's daily newspaper, published from its stronghold of Pakistan, to illustrate government censorship. The movement claims to have suffered persecution from both Christians and Muslims.

This is now said to be declining in certain countries and in Britain, where the movement claims 10,000 followers. Six more centres are being developed from the mosque and headquarters in Southfields, London.

Among the sect's fundamental beliefs are that man is created to develop a personal relationship with his creator and to maximise his potential. This is endorsed not only through the spiritual discipline which takes worshippers to their prayers five times a day but through concern for health

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and social welfare, expressed through the sect's educational and health programmes.

The sect's policy of universal cooperation enables it to be philosophical about

international tensions involving the Muslim faith.

During his present European, African, and American tour, the 71-year-old Oxford-educated leader will encourage faith and

goodwill among what he claims is a growing number of followers. He said: "My motto is: 'Love for all, hatred for none.' We don't hate even our enemies."

The Guardian, August 15, 1980

FESTIVAL OF SACRIFICES

In the second year of Hijrah (migration of Prophet Mohammad peace and blessings of God be upon him from Mecca to Medina), the Holy Prophet established the Festival of 'Idul Adhha or the festival of sacrifice. This great festival occurs seventy days after the Festival of Breaking the Fast, on the tenth day of the Zul-Hajja, the day which marks the close of the Hajj or the pilgrimage to Mecca.

The meaning of 'Id in Arabic is "something repeated again and again," and as joyful occasions are desired to happen "again and again" regarding such occasion we all say "May there be many such happy returns"—this recurring festival denoting joy and happiness is called "ID."

This is a day of great rejoicing and the festival is celebrated with great solemnity and reverence throughout the world of Islam. This festival is distinguished by the sacrifice of an animal, which is made after the public prayer is over.

Thousands of lambs, rams and cows etc. are sacrificed by Muslims all over the world. The idea of sacrifice was a very significant one.

Besides animal sacrifices, human sacrifices were rife among the ancients. Both the Greeks and the Romans practised the latter, no less than the primitive races of ancient Europe.

According to the teachings of Islam, the sacrifice of animals is not offered as it was understood by the ancient nations to appease offended deities or to win their favour as an atonement for sins.

But, as it is mentioned in the Holy Quran "These do not reach Allah, their flesh nor their blood, but to Him is acceptable the guarding against evil on your part."

In other words, your sacrifice will benefit you if you fulfill the object underlying them, that is the inspiration with symbolic lesson of making supreme sacrifice for the sake of God and in the service of humanity,

but if you fail to do that, you merely have killed an animal as you slaughter animals for the purpose of food.

Among the other prayers the following verse of the Holy Quran is read at the time of the slaughtering of the animal. "Say: my prayer and my sacrifice, and my life and my death are for the sake of God, the Lord of all the world."

The person who makes the sacrifice is allowed to use only a portion of the meat, the remainder is distributed among the poor, relatives, friends and neighbors.

This festival is observed in commemoration of the sacrifice made by Abraham and Ishmael 4000 years ago.

The story is well known that Abraham in a vision saw himself slaughtering his son Ishmael. Thinking it a Divine Commandment for the test of his devotion to God he got ready to translate it literally.

But at the eleventh hour Abraham was told by the Divine Voice to stop—"he had been tested and had not been found wanting.

So an animal was sacrificed in substitution for the boy; and this marked the abolition of the savage custom of human sacrifice. Thus God proved to the world that Abraham was a faithful servant and that human sacrifice was wrong and contrary to the laws of God.

We must not forget either Ishmael's great willingness to sacrifice himself when his father informed him of his dream, in spite of the fact that his father was wealthy and that he was the sole heir, yet his reply was "Do as thy God hath commanded thee." (Al-Quran) So Ishmael showed, like his father, complete submission to the will of God. In this lies a perfect example of sacrifice for youth.

And lastly, we must remember the sacrifice of Hagar, wife of Abraham and a daughter of Pharaoh, who though a princess was willing to go forth with her son

Ishmael into the wilderness at the command of Abraham, to whom God had spoken.

Her firm faith in the will of God in spite of the privation that she suffered was rewarded by the finding of water and sustenance. Genesis 21: 14, 17, 18, 19 and 20. This Godly family lives forever not in memory alone, but God granted it such ascendancy that like the stars, they shine into eternity.

To imagine that the animal sacrificed is supposed to carry the sins of the persons making the sacrifices is an entirely erroneous conception of the teachings of Islam on the subject.

The sacrifice of an animal on this day is a symbol whereby the Muslim has to declare his willingness to kill the animal that is in him, to kill himself, his powers and all his beloved ones to please his God, and if he is unable to accomplish that self-abnegation after performing his sacrifice, then he has only done something fetish and he simply believes in fetishism. Even if a Muslim does not prepare himself to kill his will for the Will of God then certainly he has simply degenerated the sacred institution of sacrifice.

The Holy Quran, the Divine Book of the Muslims, has vehemently refuted the fetish idea when it describes the significance of the sacrifice in these remarkable words: "Neither the flesh nor the blood of your sacrifices reaches God, but it is the righteous motive underlying them that reaches Him." (22: 37)

"A true Muslim," therefore in the words of Hazrat Ahmad, the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, "is he who bows his neck before Allah the Creator, And Sustainer of all the worlds. And for Him he sacrifices the she-camel of himself and throws down on her forehead and he does not forget his own death at any moment."

89 AHMADIYYA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

[As the 89th Jalsa Salana-Annual Gathering of the worldwide Jamaat Ahmadiyya to be held at Qadian and Rabwah is just approaching there can be no better initiation for the intending participants to the mood and spirit with which to go through the Jalsa Salana engagements than the announcement made by the Promised Messiah on the occasion of the first institution of this important annual foregathering of Ahmadiyya Communities at their Sacred Centre at Qadian. With this explanation, we wish to reproduce below the announcement for the benefit of Ahmadi readers. —Editor]

ANNOUNCEMENT

"Be it known to you, my sincere followers, that the object of your initiation into the Ahmadiyya Movement is that you should abandon worldliness and replace it by love of the Benevolent God and of the Holy Prophet (on whom be peace and the blessings of God). Your existence here should be so detached that when your end approaches you may have no horror of death.

"In order to attain this object, however, it would be necessary for you, to have the benefit of my company, and to devote a part of your time to the pursuit of this aim. Perchance you may witness (if God wills it so) some convincing heavenly sign which may serve to sweep away the sloth and weakness of spirit, and replace them by certainty of conviction and fervency of love. It should be your anxious concern, therefore, always to look out for such an opportunity. As long, however, as it does not fall to your lot to be constantly in my company you should keep it in mind to be occasionally with me. If you fail in this, your initiation would be nothing but an empty ceremonial totally devoid of grace.

"For various reasons, moreover, it may not be possible for all to have the benefit of

a prolonged company, or for all to come to pay me an occasional visit. Inherent want of enthusiasm, poverty, or the sheer impediment of distance, or unwillingness due to absence of zeal to suffer inconvenience or discomfort, might deter a person from paying me a visit. I have decided, therefore, to set apart 3 days in a year on which God willing, all my sincere followers might present themselves here, with the exception perhaps only of those who may be sick, or who may have other unavoidable preoccupations.

"In my judgement it would be appropriate for the purpose to fix the three days from the 27th to the 29th of December every year. All of us, therefore, who will be living on the 27th day of December next, should make it a point to pay visit to Qadian on that date with a view solely to listen to divine address and to join in mass prayer. There shall be held in this Jalsa (gathering) discourses on religious subjects which would be the means of strengthening their faith. Special prayers for grant of righteousness shall also be offered on behalf of those who participate in the Jalsa so that they might attract the grace of heaven, and the sincerity of their faith might be accepted of the Compassionate God. The Jalsa shall

also furnish, as a secondary advantage, an opportunity to those who may have joined the community as new members during the expiring year, to introduce themselves to the community, and thus to strength mutual bonds of love and friendship. Prayers shall also be said for the repose of the souls of those who might have passed away in the course of the year; for unity of spirit among all members of the fraternity and for diminution from them of strangeness, hypocrisy and curtness of manner. The Jalsa will be accompanied by other advantages which will be apparent as they come along.

"It would be better for persons of limited means to make provision for the Jalsa beforehand. There would be no difficulty in finding the necessary expenses at the moment if they make it a habit to save small sums of money to be kept apart for this purpose. It would then be as if they had performed the journey without any expenses. . .

"I pray that for every step of their journey they may have a handsome requital hereafter. Amen!"

Note: The American delegation for this year's Jalsa shall leave New York on December 16, 1980.

PRAYERS OF A MUSLIM

While going to shopping a Muslim is enjoined to say:

BISMILLAHI ALLAHUMMA INNEE AS'ALOKA KHAIRA HAZAS SOOQI WA KHAIRA MA FEEHA WA A'OOZO BIKA MIN SHARRIHA WA SHARRI MA FEEHA ALLAHUMMA INNEE A'OOZO-BIKA AN ASEEBU FEEHA SAFQATAN KHASIRATAN —

In the name of Allah, O my Lord, I seek of Thee the best of this market, and the best of

what is in there. And I seek shelter with Thee from its harm and the harm that is therein. O my Lord, I seek Thy protection from making a bad bargain.

On seeing an afflicted person a Muslim is enjoined to say:

ALHAMDO LILLAHIL AZEE AAFA-NEE MIMMABTALAKA BIHEE WA FAZZALANEE ALA KASEERIM MIM-MAN KHALAQA TAFZEELA —

All praise be to Allah Who preserved me

from what He has afflicted you with, and has given me preference over many others of His creatures.

On gaining his object a Muslim is enjoined to say:

ALHAMDO LILLAHILLAZEE BINI AMATIHEE TATIMMO MUSSALIHATO -

All praise be to Allah Whose grace alone brings all good things to fruition.

LAJNA IMA ULLAH

AMERICAN LAJNA WELCOMES BEGUM SAHIBA

On Saturday September 21, 1980 the National Executive Council of Lajna Imaullah sponsored a reception to welcome Hazrat Syeda Mansura Begum Sahiba (wife of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III) at the American Fazl Mosque, Washington, D.C. Following is the text of the welcome address delivered by the National President of Lajna, Rashidul Saeed, and the text of Begum Sahiba's address. Shahibzadi Amatul Qayyum kindly read the address.

Hazrat Syeda Mansura Begum Sahiba, Officers of Lajna Imaullah and Guests. Assalamo Alaikum.

Almighty Allah has answered our prayers! He has again blessed the American continent with the presence of our divine leader, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III and wife.

We have gathered, this evening, to welcome you, Begum Sahiba, and to extend to you our hospitality and our thanks. We are exceedingly grateful for your living Islamic example displayed in our midst. Your love and sympathy for your fellow man and your good actions have inspired and guided us, and enabled us to better understand our rights and duties as *true muslims*. The standard you have set is high and many of us fall short. Therefore, we humbly request our prayers.

We appreciate your dutiful service to Hazoor. Undoubtedly there are times when you must forego your own desires and devote your time unselfishly to his welfare. Being the wife of the "Khalifa" is not easy. This position demands "Sacrifice." "Sacrifice" for your husband and for "Islam." We pray that Allah will open the doors to innumerable spiritual blessings for you. Keep

you in good health, and facilitate your task.

Your previous visit in 1976 enriched our lives. This time we pray a similar effect will occur. The Ahmadi women look forward to these visits and consider them as a Grace and Mercy from Allah. To greet you and to meet you is a great honor for us and another way of serving our Creator.

Begum Sahiba, "We Love You" and we are always anxious to share our affection with you. Yet sometimes it becomes difficult to express our true feelings. This evening we have a small token of appreciation to share with you. On behalf of Lajna Imaullah, America, we would like to present you this gift. Please accept it as a reminder of this visit and the "love" we hold deep within our hearts.

BEGUM SAHIBA'S ADDRESS:

Dear Sisters,
Assalamo Alaikum.

I am very happy to be with you this evening. I thank you to give me the opportunity to meet you all again. May Allah bless you. I shall not make a long speech. I shall only

briefly remind you of your duties as Ahmadies.

Learn the *Quran* and teach it to your children. Lead your lives according to the *Quran*. Do what *Quran* says you should do. Do not do that which *Quran* forbids. Follow the footsteps of the Holy Prophet Mohammad and the teachings of the Promised Messiah. If you will do all this Allah would love you. He would be your friend, your supporter, your comforter. He would look after you. He would be your friend. You will have nothing to fear. You will have all that you desire. Do not turn away from Allah. Submit to Him. Be faithful to Him. Love Him and love His creatures. Be loving and kind to all. Be ready to serve all. Do not fight with anyone. Do not harm anyone. Do not spite anyone. Do not laugh at anyone. Live clean lives in body and soul. For Allah loves cleanliness. In the end I would say hold fast to Khalifatul and be faithful to it. I pray that Allah has Mercy on all of us and may He bless us all. May Allah grant you the strength to live your lives according to the *Quran*. May Allah make you true Ahmadies.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Dear Maulvi Kaleem.

Assalamo alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatoho.

I was deeply delighted to receive from you three issues of "Ahmadiyya Gazette" and a copy of the handbill published by you as an introduction of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III.

I thank you and congratulate you immensely on this endeavour.

You have indeed done a meritorious service to Islam and Ahmadiyyat by producing such beautiful and attractive issues of Ahmadiyya Gazette, which are full of valuable and informative materials about

Islam.

The contents have presented a vivid picture of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih's spiritual status and his living relationship with God Almighty and his zeal and fervour in establishing the Supremacy of Islam and the glamorous beauties of the Holy Quran all over the world.

May Allah bless your endeavours in this regard and make your efforts fruitful in disseminating the Teachings of Islam in the United States of America.

Please remember me to all the Ahmadi brothers and sisters in the U.S.A. I enjoyed a very happy stay among them and still cherish great regard and love for them. They all rendered me unflinching support

and co-operation in discharging my duties as a humble servant of Islam in the States. They are lucky that once again God has provided them the opportunity to receive and welcome their most beloved and spiritual Imam — Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III — and to meet him and share his good wishes and prayers.

May Allah bless them all and enable them to convey the Message of Islam and Ahmadiyyat throughout the Continent most successfully.

My best wishes and salaams to you and the brothers and sisters in the U.S.A.

Yours fraternally,
M.S. Shahid

Amin and Missionary-In-Charge,
Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission Sierra Leone

GIST OF FRIDAY SERMON

SAN FRANCISCO: Hazrat Ameerul Momineen Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad Khalifatul Masih III delivered Friday sermon on September 12, 1980 at the Ahmadiyya Mission House, 434 Peppertree Road, Walnut Creek during his tour of the United States in which he said:

We are Ahmadi Muslims and no power in this world can push us out of Islam. There are certain powers in the world today who wish that we call ourselves not-Muslim. I make it clear to them that they won't get what they wish to realize. They won't succeed in this effort of theirs. Some of these people are those who have the belief that Allah the Great, the Almighty can steal, can lie, and they think we would be fool enough

to join them in this faith. Ahmadiyyat puts on our shoulders a great responsibility. Ahmadiyyat desires that we live Islam. Lip service is nothing. Islam must be the life of us, the soul of us. And if we don't follow Islam and be an example for those who are not Muslims we cannot attract them to Islam.

When I put before them the light and the beauty Islam possesses, they ask me in which country the Muslims live Islam and they could find the NOOR and beauty of Islam in their lives. Only this is the question I find very difficult to answer. Because outside Ahmadiyyat there is none who is practising Islam in their lives. In this era only the Ahmadies are responsible to spread Islam all over the world. We are given the promise by Allah that if we live Islam we will succeed in spreading Islam

all over the world. We are also told that we don't live Islam the punishment would be greater than that meted out to other people. It is necessary for us that we don't follow the people who are supposed to be civilized in the worldly sense. Civilization in this era means night clubs, dance houses, children born without fathers—illegitimate children. This is the sign of civilization. I say it is not the sign of civilization. The way the dogs live is not the way the humans should live. This lesson only the Ahmadies can teach them. So, there is a very great responsibility on your shoulders. That is the demand of Ahmadiyyat. Every one of us should try that he could please the Creator. And I pray that Allah give us the strength so that we succeed in this effort of ours to please Him. Ameen.

BOOK REVIEW

Dr. K.A. Nasir

HAZRAT MAULVI NOORUD DEEN KHALIFATUL MASIH I

By Sir Muhammad Zafrullah Khan, former President of the International Court of Justice. 1980. London, England. The London Mosque (213 pages)

The death of the Promised Messiah, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, on May 26, 1908, was a shattering bereavement for the members of the Ahmadiyya Movement.

Their only hope was centered in the grace of Allah, for which they supplicated in humility, in hope and fear. The Divine response was manifested the next day when Hazrat Maulvi Noorud Deen, the earliest and most devoted disciple of the Promised Messiah, was unanimously acclaimed his first Successor.

As Khalifatul Masih I, he was divinely appointed to play the role in the history of Islam and Ahmadiyyat, corresponding to the role that Hazrat Abu Bakr was appointed to play thirteen centuries earlier. How well and perfectly he played it may be learned through a study of his fascinating biography written by one who is abundantly qualified for this work. Muhammad Zafrullah Khan enjoyed a unique opportunity to study Hazrat Maulvi Noorud Deen's life very

closely. As a young disciple, the author received immensely valuable knowledge of the Holy Quran and Islam from him. As a close companion, Zafrullah Khan was continuously in the company of the Khalifatul Masih I a great part of the time during his stay in Qadian before he left for his law studies in England. From overseas, the author regularly corresponded with Hazrat Maulvi Sahib.

This book should prove to be a precious source of spiritual inspiration for the Ahmadies and the others alike. It is priced at £2.00 (approximately five dollars) inclusive of postage and handling charges. All orders and remittances should be addressed to:

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YORK JAMA'AT ADDS MEMBERS

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at of Central Pennsylvania (York), continues its growth. Welcome three new Khuddam as members who offered ba'ait on Eid: Muhammad Jawad Ahmad of Harrisburg, and Raqib Abdur Rahman and Luqman Amin of York. Also transferring from other areas are Amin Rahman Shaikh and Aftab Ahmad Shahid, members of Ansarullah. Total Jama'at membership has now reached 51.

Br. Saleem A. Muhaimin, Nazim-Tabligh, has purchased a large corner property in York including a spacious store front on the first floor being developed into an Ahmadiyya Muslim Center. It is located near the campus of York College.

FELICITATIONS

It is with distinct pleasure that we report the success of Mr. Abdul Hamid Jagoo, a student from Mauritius, who has, by the grace of Allah, passed the BA Honours in Law, taking First Class with five distinctions, a record not surpassed during the last twelve years. He was also awarded the Sweet and Maxwell Law Prize. Alhamdulillah.

On being apprised of the news, Hazra Khalifatul Masih was very pleased and directed that the Al-Fazl should publish it.

KHUDDAMUL AHMADIYYA

THE PLEDGE OF A KHADIM

By A. Kabir Haqqe Qaid-i-A'la

I solemnly promise that I shall always be prepared to sacrifice time, life, property and honor for the sake of my Faith, community and milat. Moreover, I shall be ready to make every sacrifice for upholding the cause of KHILAFAT-i-AHMADIYYA and deem it binding on me to carry out faithfully every command and decision

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under Shari'at by the KHALIFA of the time.

My dear brothers in Islam. Reflecting upon the pledge that we take as members of Khuddamul Ahmadiyya many manifestations of Islam readily appear. First of all we accept the responsibility of truthfulness by saying: I solemnly promise. So from the very outset we are binding ourselves to all that follows in the pledge. If we do not carry out the remaining of the pledge then we may run the risk of rendering our oaths

void. To appreciate what it means to sacrifice time, life, property and honor; one just has to take a glimpse into the life of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.). The Holy Prophet's time was scrupulously spent in

the cause of Allah. The Holy prophet (S.A.W.) spent his time in a most appropriate manner. He not only spent time in the problems of the community but he also gave adequate time to his wives, his family and himself. Thus bringing about the perfect system of productiveness of time allotted to man by Allah. He would give one third of his time to Religious duties, one third to his family and one third to himself. So my fellow Khadims in order to fulfill this portion of our pledge we must examine the life of the Holy Prophet (S.A.W.). Too often brothers will finish up the prayers at the Mosque or any Jamaat activity and stand around for an hour or more idly talking while his wife and children sit at home longing for his company. The Holy Prophet (S.A.W.) disliked sleeping before the Isha Prayer and a lot of talking after it.

And what does it mean to make every sacrifice to uphold the cause of KHILAFAT-i-AHMADIYYA? It means just what it says. That we are to uphold Khilafat in our words and actions. Thus in our pledge we bind ourselves to carry out the commands

and decisions of the Khalifa of the time. A definition of the word bind is: to tie; to secure; to fasten as with a band or rope. So in effect we as Khadims are tied to the institution of Khilafat. When something is bound to something else, wherever the support moves so must that which it is bound to it must go. When the Khalifa makes a decision we must be the first to follow. The Ahmadiyya Centenary Programme is one such decision of the Khalifa of the time. Khadims must do all that they can to conform to all the conditions of this program. As young men we have the tendency to have a wait and see attitude. We believe that because of our youth prosperity will come as a result of our educational or occupational endeavors. But keep in mind that when the Khalifa makes a decision and that decision becomes a program we are to fall in line right then and there, not when we reach "prosperity."

I am compelled at this time to mention that our National Office has not received many reports from the branches around the country. I appeal to you to rectify this void. I am confident that you are active but for full effect that activity must be reported to your National Khuddam Headquarters.

I pray that Allah Tala will enable us all to carry the banner of Islam and Ahmadiyyat in a most effective way.

ATFALUL AHMADIYYA

ATFAL AWARDS

Description in order of ranking:

1. **BADR-UL-ATFAL AWARD** (Black, Yellow, Red Bar): For Senior Atfal completing Lesson Books I-IV and reading Holy Quran in Arabic completely.
2. **SHAHIN-UL-ATFAL AWARD** (White, Yellow, Red Bar): For Senior Atfal who distinguished themselves by high standard of achievement in Lessons of Islam examinations and leadership as Saiq.
3. **PROFICIENT TIFL AWARD** (White, Yellow, Green Bar): For Atfal who completed ten tasks in various areas of Atfal activity.

4. **ATFAL FIRST ACHIEVEMENT** (Yellow & Red Bar): For passing an examination on Books I, II, and III, and completing Yasmaal-Quran.

5. **ATFAL SECOND ACHIEVEMENT** (Yellow & Green Bar): For passing examination on Books I & II.

All Awards are for Atfal duly registered with the National Majlis and participating in Atfal program throughout the year. The Award Bars are worn over left pocket of a White Shirt, with Atfal scarf, black or dark trousers, and black cap for official uniform.

SAIQ AWARD LANYARD — worn with scarf — Green for local Saiq; Red for Zilla or Ilaqa Saiq.

Standard examinations for Lessons on

Islam Books, Award Bars, requirements for Proficient Tifl Award, are available from the National Majlis to Murabbis. All Jama'ats with Atfal are urged to nominate

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members of Ansarullah to serve as Murabbis and to organize their atfal into local Groups.

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THE GREAT SINS ARE:

Associating others with Allah, disobedience to parents, murder and swearing falsely.

(Hadis)

AMERICAN JAMAAT BLESSED WITH KHALIFATUL MASIH'S VISIT

SAN FRANCISCO: The American Jamaats were blessed with the visit of Hazrat Ameerul Momineen Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad Khalifatul Masih III when he arrived at San Francisco International Airport on Thursday September 11, 1980 from Calgary, Western Canada.

Hazur was received at the runway when he and his entourage came out of the plane by Meer Mahmud Ahmad Nasir, the Missionary-in-Charge U.S.A., Alhaj Muzaffar Ahmad Zafr the National President of U.S.A. Jamaat, Maulvi Ata Ullah Kaleem, the Missionary-in-Charge West Coast Region, Mr. Latif Ahmad Malik, the President San Francisco Jamaat and Alhaj Aminullah Ahmad.

Hazur and the members of his entourage in three cars along with the escorting car of the Airport Security came out of the Airfield to the Yard of the North Terminal Building where three other cars joined the procession to the Amfac Hotel located at the shore of the Bay linked with Pacific Ocean. Here he was presented with a bouquet of flowers by Ahmad Nasir Khan, son of Feroz Khan the General Secretary San Francisco Jamaat. Begum Sahiba the consort of Khalifatul Masih too was presented with a bouquet of flowers by a member of Nasiratul Ahmadiyya—Manssorah Khadim. In the room reserved for the ladies Begum Sahibah was received by Samar Abbasi the President Lajna Ima Ullah San Francisco, Amatur Rashid Qureshi the President Lajna Tucson, the Office Holders of Lajna Ima Ullah San

Francisco and other ladies who had come from different parts of the West Coast.

In the Hotel Hazur blessed the male members with handshake while Begum Sahiba shook hand with the ladies members. Hazur also went to the ladies room and greeted the ladies present, after which he retired to his suite in the Hotel.

During his stay in San Francisco, Khalifatul Masih delivered the Friday Sermon on September 12, 1980 at the Ahmadiyya Mission House, 434 Peppertree Road, Walnut Creek. After leading the Friday Prayer to as many as a hundred members who travelled from Seattle in the North and Tucson in the South, Hazur had lunch in the Mission House as had all those who participated in the service.

The luncheon over, Hazur graciously favoured all the present members to meet him with their families turn by turn in a room. It was an historical occasion for the Ahmadi families when they sat with Hazur, talked with him, discussed their problems, photographed their children with him and had themselves photographed with him. The lady members had the chance of meeting with Begum Sahiba and conversing with her for a considerable period of time.

On Saturday, September 13, Hazur and the members of his entourage visited a few historical places in the city.

Hazur led the congregational prayers in a spacious room of Amfac Hotel rented for this very purpose. After the Maghrib and Isha prayers Hazur sat among his devotees

and elucidated various aspects of the excellency of Islam while answering the questions asked by the congregation.

On Sunday, September 14, a luncheon meeting was held in Marquee ABCD of Hyatt Hotel. On his arrival, Khalifatul Masih was received by the Presidents of Los Angeles, Portland, Seattle, San Francisco and Tucson Jamaats. Almost two hundred members from Seattle and Portland in the North, Los Angeles, San Diego and Tucson in the South participated in the luncheon meeting. During the lunch individual members of different Jamaats talked with Hazur and requested him for prayers. After the lunch, all the male members along with their children came in line in their respective Jamaat and shook hands with Hazur who stood smiling and asking their welfare. A number of children asked his autograph which he did give with pleasure. During this hour, Begum Sahiba was meeting with the lady members. Hazur also went to the Ladies' Hall and greeted them with Assalamo Alaikum. Hazur led the Zuhar and Asar prayers in the Hyatt Hotel and then left for his suite in the Amfac Hotel.

On Monday, September 15, Hazur and his entourage were seen off at the Airport when they left for Washington, D.C. by United Airlines. Before his departure he led the present members in collective prayer.

The report in detail of Hazur's visit to the East Coast shall be given in the next issue of the Gazette. INSHA ALLAH.

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