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THE DAY IS NOT FAR WHEN THE SERVANTS
 OF THE HOLY PROPHET SHALL ENTER SPAIN
 AS MOTHS SWARM TO A LIT LAMP



MEZQUITA BASHARAT (PEDRO ABAD - Córdoba)

Among the events of the Islamic history which is most lovely to me is the saying of an Hispanic General whose name was probably Abdul Aziz.

The power of the Muslims had weakened in Spain to such an extent that they had the possession of the last castle. The Christians put before them a few conditions asking the Muslims to yield to them for their safety. The conditions were so humiliating that after submitting to them, Islam could no longer stay there with honor. The king openly agreed to the conditions, so also did most of his Generals.

Nevertheless, one General (Abdul Aziz) stood up and addressed thus: O people! What are you doing? Are you sure that the Christians would fulfill their promise? Our forefathers sowed the seed of Islam in Spain

and now with your own hands you want to pull down this tree. They replied: What else could be done? What other strategy is there to face the enemy successfully?

The same General retorted, the question is neither how to face the enemy successfully nor we need to think of it. We have to carry out our obligation. Each and every one of us should die rather than yield to these conditions. This will secure us from the humiliation of handing over the kingdom to the enemy with our own hands. Do whatever is in your power, and leave the rest to your God, the Sublime.

Hearing this, they simply laughed and questioned the benefit of this sacrifice. So, they all refused, but this General (Abdul Aziz) said: If you like this disgrace, it is upto you. However, I shall never hand

over the Islamic banner to the enemies with my own hands. There was almost an army of One Hundred Thousand gathered outside of the castle, yet, he (General Abdul Aziz) alone holding a sword in his hand came out and attacked the enemy and won martyrdom while fighting.

No doubt, his martyrdom could not retain the Muslim rule in Spain, yet his name is ever living and his death could not efface it. The King and the Generals who did not agree with his advice, and wanted to save their lives, all passed away into eternity. We can hardly control ourselves from cursing them when we read of them or hear of them. Whenever I study the history of Spain or I remember these events, I always pray without exception for this General. The drops of his blood even today are calling us from the valleys of Spain, to come and avenge his blood.

No doubt, that brave General has died. But what is death? Do people not die otherwise? Did that king and his Generals, who did not fight with the enemy, not lose their lives? They too passed away, but our hearts curse them, while they supplicate for this General (Abdul Aziz). Even today his attraction is calling us towards Spain.

If the Muslims' sense of honor remained, and as it is evident from the advent of the Promised Messiah

(peace be upon him) that it shall not only stay but rather it will enhance more than ever before. Then the day is not far when the voice emanating from the drops of blood of this General shall manifest its affinity and the true Muslims shall once again reach Spain and hoist the banner of Islam over there. His soul is calling us even today. And our souls too are calling: O martyr of fidelity! Thou art not alone. The true servants of the religion of Muhammad, the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of God be upon him) are waiting. No sooner they hear the voice of God than they, like moths on light, shall march into that country and spread the light of Allah the Sublime over there.....

Therefore, if it had been decreed by God, the people of Spain shall certainly discard disbelief and the associating of partners with God, only through our preaching and teaching. Or they would be committing such atrocities against us that God the Sublime shall grant us permission to repel the aggression. And those who had the hardihood to drive the Muslims out of their country by force, shall present themselves at the tomb of Muhammad (peace and blessings of God be upon him) as penitents, beseeching that his servants are at his service and the soul of a single-handed fighter shall never be frustrated. (The Daily Al-fazl, May 6, 1944; Tareekh Ahmadiyyat, Vol. X, pp. 173-174).

ANNUAL AHMADIYYA CONVENTION, 1982

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 34th ANNUAL CONVENTION HELD AT
WAYNE, NJ, DURING AUGUST 13-15, 1982

Each year's Convention in one respect or the other has been more remarkable than the previous year's gathering. Almost every Convention, in a way, has been unique. This year's uniqueness can be ascertained by going through the program, item by item. Apart from being blessed with a beautiful and inspiring message from the Khalifatul Masih IV (reproduced elsewhere in this issue), the participants heartily enjoyed the features introduced for the first time in this Convention—Question and answer session was instituted to enlighten the community on topics needing discussion and solution. Likewise, the introduction of visual aids for presentation of lectures for the first time in the history of our Conventions was definitely a commendable feature. The Doctors and Engineers Associations formally met for the first time under instructions from the Center. Regular features of our annual program, as meetings of the auxiliaries (the Lajna, Khuddam and Ansar); annual written test based on prescribed textbooks; Tilawat competition among adults and Atfal; evening games and exhibitions; etc.,

attracted as usual, the enthusiastic participants. The schedule was the heaviest this year. Nevertheless, interesting and exciting participants (more than four hundred), brothers and sisters, drew the maximum spiritual benefits through participation in the program which kept them busy from almost 3:30 a.m. when they rose up for their *Tahajjud* prayers, to about 11 p.m. when the night sessions concluded. In fact, the heaviest and the most interesting schedule was thoroughly entertaining. The progress report on the activities and achievements of the Movement for a single fiscal year was definitely a useful innovation which, we hope, will become a healthy tradition henceforth. Recognition of outstanding Jamaats will create a healthy competition among the Jamaats in future.

The columns of the Gazette barely allow listing the items of the program rather than give detailed description. Hence a brief reference to the items of the program will be in order:

- 10 a.m.-10 p.m. (Friday, August 13): Kept the

registration desk (Dr. Ahsan Zafar) exclusively involved with assigning accommodations to incoming delegates, a majority of whom of course, arrived at the eleventh hour, from different parts of the country.

- **Jumma** prayers were offered at about 1:30 p.m. Imam A. U. Kaleem stressed the need of participation in the proposed program punctually and of utilizing the opportunity Allah has provided them fully to improve spiritually.

- **4:00-6:15 p.m.:** Members of the Board of Directors, Presidents of Jamaats and Missionaries met, with their Amir (Maulana Kaleem) in the chair to elect office-bearers as required by the rules and regulations of the Constitution to be implemented forthwith, and to sanction the National budget prepared for the Fiscal year 1982-83.

Medical doctors and engineers (Architect & Computer) met simultaneously in different rooms for establishing stronger ties and effective organization in compliance with instructions from the Center. Dr. Ihsan U. Zafar was elected President of the Doctors Association. Regional Presidents and representatives to the inauguration of the Basharat Mosque were nominated. Engineers association elected Malik Mujibur Rahman as their President and Mahmud Ahmad as their secretary.

The evening session chaired by Alhaj Muzaffar Ahmad, National President, at 8:15 p.m., provided opportunity to brothers to express their grief and sorrow over the passing away of our late Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III. Bro. Muzaffar, Abdus Sami, Habeeb Shafeeq, Jameelur Rahman and Mian Muhammad Ibrahim paid tributes to the character and achievements of our departed leader whose memory shall reside in our hearts for ever. The congregation also pledged obedience to Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV. Almost every speaker had a lump in his throat as it were, and found it extremely difficult to present his feelings through words.

At 8:30 p.m., Umar F. Khan presented a talk on *our educational Objectives* effectively through slides to interested and keen audience. Later, the auxiliaries met, the Ansar effectively before the assemblage dispersed for sleep.

Saturday, August 14th

We commenced the proceedings with *Tahajjud* prayers led by Imam Kaleem, followed by *Fajr* prayers and *Darsul Quran* by him. *Darsul Hadis* was given by Missionary Munir Ahmad. *Talawat* contest drew ten adults and their performance was adjudicated by Muf-ti Ahmad Sadiq, Chaudhri Munir Ahmad and Maulvi

I. H. Kausar. Missionary Muhammad Afzal was adjudged the best, but since he was not competing for the prize, the first position went to Mazhar Ali Zuberi of Canada and the second was tied between Mubarak Ahmad Malik and Jawed A. Bhatti. Positions of the contestants among Afzal were announced by Mirza Muhammad Afzal: Faizan Abdullah and Hammad A. Malik won the first and second positions respectively.

The first regular session began at 9 a.m. (Saturday); Imam Kaleem presiding. We opened with Talawat by Mirza Muhammad Afzal, followed by a brief welcome address by the President (Bro. Abid Haneef) of the Executive Committee hosting the Convention. At 9:15 a.m. the Missionary Incharge delivered an inspiring inaugural address; discussing the aims and accomplishments of Ahmadiyyat, the Maulana appealed for renewed sacrifices under our present Head.

A special message from Hazrat Khalifatul Masih was read out by the General Secretary, exhorting the American Jamaat to become the exponents of true Islamic precepts, especially observing Purdah, the non-observance of which has let loose the flood-gates of transgression, disbelief and sin. The text of the message appears elsewhere in the current issue. Tabshir's cable stressing unity was also duly appreciated.

After hearing a poem of the Promised Messiah in a melodious voice by Hamid A. Bhatti, along with its English translation, the audience unanimously approved a resolution introduced by Bro. Muzaffar Ahmad Zafr, eulogizing in detail the glorious achievements of the Khalifatul Masih III, pledging implementation of the schemes he launched and renewing our pledge of obedience to the Khalifatul Masih IV and whole-hearted submission to his behests.

At 10:15, Mubashar Ahmad, President, *WASHI-NGTON*, made an impressive presentation of Islam through slides, an innovation bound to form a healthy feature of our future Conventions. Dr. Ihsan U. Zafar's scholarly speech on the existence of God, cutting at the very roots of Atheism, was well received. Bro. Muzaffar explained in his usual eloquent style how our Holy Prophet sought to establish peace in the world. Our young missionary, Mr. Ahmad Sadiq, explained in his speech the significance of the Second Coming in world religions and its fulfillment.

The second session was held separately by men and women. The men's session was presided by Bro. Muzaffar Ahmad, and the Lajna's session by their President, Sister Salma Ghaniyy. On the men's side Missionary Munir Ahmad recited a portion of the Holy Quran and Mubarak Ahmad Malik recited a poem by the Promised Messiah (along with its translation).

Next, Bro. Falahuddin Shams delivered his impressive and forceful speech on *Jesus in the Quran*. Bro. Rashid, referring to the nature of prophecies of old Prophets like Moses and Lot, explained how the world, by observing the teachings of the Promised Messiah, may avert the catastrophe predicted by him. Dr. Shamim Ahmad's exposition of the remedies against drug abuse suggested by Islam through the Holy Quran, concluded the second session.

The Lajna, whose participants may have outnumbered their opposite sex, had an equally busy session overwhelming with excitement. Sister Salma Ghaniyy was unanimously re-elected President. Sahibzadi Amatul Basit's presence along with other members of the Promised Messiah's family was gratefully recognized. Prominent speakers included Sahibzadi Amatul Qayyum, grand-daughter of the Promised Messiah, who spoke on the Life of the Promised Messiah, and Amatun Nur, great grand daughter, spoke on Hazrat Khalifatul Masih I. Sister Raziyya Zafr who had ample occasions to see Hazrat Mansoorah Begum Sahiba (Allah be pleased with her) gave a touching speech on the Virtues and Amiable Qualities of the deceased that had made her so lovable to the Community. Salma Ghaniyy's warm welcome address and Nasirat's program conducted by National Nasirat Secretary marked the highlights of the session. Sister Salma also exhorted sisters to contribute handsomely towards the Guest House (Qadian) Fund. Waukegan was declared the best Lajna and Washington DC the second best. The third and fourth positions went to Philadelphia and Dayton, respectively. Amatul Shaheed of Pittsburgh won the first position in the recitation of the Holy Quran, Majid Chaudhry of Philadelphia second and Qanita Zafar, third. Washington, Philadelphia and Newark won recognition in the handicraft competition.

The Saturday Evening Session was held under the chairmanship of Bro. Abid Hanif and proved highly beneficial. Bro. Rafi Yahya Sharif discussed effective methods of *Tabligh* through a well prepared presentation aided by slides for half an hour. *Majlis-Elm-Erfan* brought Maulana Kaleem, Mian Muhammad Ibrahim, Mufti Ahmad Sadiq and Dr. Ihsan Zafr on a panel constituted to answer questions from the audience (for the first time in the history of the Convention). Questions started pouring in without loss of a second both from men and women, numbering about 70, which the members of the panel divided among themselves, ranging from the doctrine of Faith to academics, our matrimonial problems and their solutions. In the course of one hour were handled suitably the maximum number of questions to the satisfaction of the in-

quiring and knowledge hungry enthusiastic assemblage.

Sunday, August 15th

Before dawn found the delegates present at the *Tahajjud* prayer (Devout, God fearing participants had barely had four hours of sleep before joining the congregation). This morning, after *Darsul Quran* by Maulvi I. H. Kausar and *Darsul Hadith* by Mirza M. Afzal, the brothers and sisters who had planned to take the written test on the two books prescribed for this annual examination—Way of the Seekers or Invitation to Ahmadiyyat—had their treat. The results will be notified shortly, *Insha Allah*.

The final session began on time with recitation of the Holy Quran and its translation by Mr. Bhatti and a poem and its translation by Mazhar Ali Zuberi of Canada (whom we have always recognized as a cooperative participant). Bro. Abid Hanif presented a scholarly exposition of the teachings of Islam on Chastity and Bro. Hussain Abdul Aziz explained how to live a happy married life. Dr. Khalil Ahmad Nasir's scholarly discussion of the Principles of Democracy and Communism and the superiority of the institution of Khilafat solicited grateful recognition. The progress report of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam in America with particular reference to the achievements of the last fiscal year (published in entirety elsewhere) formed a feature of this year's program.

Prize distribution was the next item. Besides awarding prizes to Jamaats for successfully fulfilling their financial commitments, for the first time, overall standings of the Jamaats were also determined (list of prize winners is appended below). The Presidential Address by Alhaj Maulana Kaleem concluded the program. The President exhorted the audience to bear the following points always in mind:

1. *Tabligh* (conveying the message of Ahmadiyyat) should begin from one's home—family and relatives.
2. Example is always better than precept. Our lives should demonstrate the truth of our teachings.
3. We have to act on all the commandments of the Quran.

He concluded his speech with a quotation from the text of Huzur's speech about the atrocities and the massacre the Muslims of Lebanon were facing and asked for fervent prayers for those for whom our hearts were bleeding, as they were our co-followers of the Holy Founder of Islam. He then expressed thank for the hard work of the organizers of the Convention, particularly their energetic and capable secretary, N. A. Ayaz, who had contributed to the success of the Convention more than any other single member of the

MESSAGE OF HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH IV TO THE PARTICIPANTS TO THE 34TH ANNUAL AMERICAN AHMADIYYA CONVENTION

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I am pleased to know that the Ahmadiyya Jammats of the U.S.A. are holding their 34th Annual Convention at Wayne, New Jersey. I wanted to be with you at this convention on the 13th to 15th of August, 1982; but I am sorry that it is not possible for me to fulfill my desire this year. God willing, I shall meet you on some other occasion in the future.

Your Amir has desired that I should send a special message for my dear brothers and sisters on this convention. So on this occasion I want to talk to you on an important aspect of the teachings of Islam. I mean, the commandment about Purdah.

It is regrettable that the Muslims have adopted two extreme points of view about Purdah. Consequently non Muslims, particularly the orientalis found an excuse to malign the Western world against Islam through uncalled-for criticism of the flawless teachings of Islam. Following in the footsteps of the Europeans, the so-called educated and liberal minded Muslims continued from page 4

committee. Bro. Abid Hanif as President of the executive committee once again thanked the participants for joining the Convention and Dr. Ihsan Zafr, in his eloquent remarks pin-pointed the joys and frustrations and suggested ways and means to achieve maximum benefits from our conferences. With prayers led by Imam Kaleem, brothers and sisters concluded this highly blessed and successful conference.

List of Prize-winning Jamaats:

Overall: First-Washington, DC
Second - New York.

Exhibition: I position - S.E. Region
II position - N.E. Region

Performance of Financial Aspects (Completion of budget, collection of funds, proper book-keeping, and cooperation):

I - Washington, DC
II - Philadelphia, PA
III - Chicago & Detroit

Special Prize for Tahrik-i-Jadid:
Milwaukee, WI

Special Prize for Centenary Fund:
Pittsburgh, PA

For purchasing Literature: St. Louis, MO.

(Mian Muhammad Ibrahim, Secretary)

have adopted an apologetic attitude towards Purdah; consider it a hinderance in their worldly progress and hence avoid adopting it. Whereas the precedent of Europe and America was already there. Non-observance of Purdah had let loose the flood-gates of sin and disbelief, destroyed all their moral and spiritual values and had shaken the very foundations of their society.

On the other hand there is a section among the Muslims according to whom it is unlawful for women to go out of their homes at all. They confine the women within the four walls of their homes as if they were prisoners. Both these sections are in error according to Islam. One section has gone to one extreme and the other has stuck to the opposite. Either view is diametrically opposed to the other.

The correct path is the one to which Allah has guided us in His Holy Book and has set forth directions both for men and women:

قُلْ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ يَتُوبُوا مِنْ آبْسَارِهِمْ وَيَحْفَظُوا فُرُوجَهُمْ ذَلِكُمْ أَزْكَ لَهُمْ
إِنَّ اللَّهَ حَبِيرٌ يُبَايِعُونَ قُلْ لِلْمُؤْمِنَاتِ لِيَتُضَنَّ مِنَ آبْسَارِهِنَّ
وَيَحْفَظْنَ فُرُوجَهُنَّ وَلَا يُبْدِينَ زِينَتَهُنَّ إِلَّا مَا ظَهَرَ مِنْهَا وَلَا يَتَّبِعْنَ
بِخْمَرٍ مِنْ عَلَى جُيُوبِهِنَّ الخ (النور: ٣٢)

Direct the believing men to restrain their eyes from looking at women outside the prohibited degrees so openly as to be sexually excited by them, and to cultivate the habit of guarding their private parts. They should safeguard all their senses. They should not listen to the singing or beguiling voices of women outside the prohibited degrees nor should they listen to the descriptions of their beauty. This is a good way of preserving the purity of their looks and hearts. In the same way direct believing women that they should restrain their eyes from looking at men outside the prohibited degrees and should safeguard their ears against listening to the passionate voices of such men. They should cover up their beauty and should not disclose parts of their decoration to anyone outside the prohibited degrees. They should not strike their feet on the ground like dancers. This is a direction which can safeguard against every moral stumbling.

Therefore, on this occasion when dear brothers and sisters have gathered from various parts of

America to glorify Allah and His Prophet (peace and blessings of God be on him) I want to give this message and with a heavy heart have to remind you that you are living in a society repugnant to Purdah and given to free and unrestricted intermingling of men and women, and in consequence has fallen prey to cultural evils and social wrongs. You should learn a lesson from this. Have mercy on yourselves and your coming generations. Do not let yourselves be influenced by these traditions by following which a human being is deprived of the very virtue of chastity, and falls prey to different kinds of evils and moral lapses; and ultimately the society reaches the stage occupied by the so-called civilized world of today; where evil, immorality and drinking are rampant and atheistic ideas are taking root. Fear of God and belief in the Hereafter have vanished. The grandeur of the commandments of God is not realized. They preach the lofty principles of logic and philosophy and moral values, but their hearts are devoid of spirituality and their deeds are inconsistent with moral values preached by them.

Here on this occasion I cannot help making mention of my American sisters who were born in an environment devoid of spirituality and were brought up in a morally degraded and unchaste society, but through Allah's Grace were guided towards the true faith. They submitted themselves to the authority of our Master, the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of God be on him) and joined the Jamaat of the Mahdi (peace be on him). They decided to do their utmost to obey each and every commandment of Islam and to carry out the behests of Muhammad (peace and blessings of God be on him). They were raised in a liberal and free society but submitted themselves willingly to restrictions. They saw the glamour of materialistic world around them but did not allow themselves to be influenced by its baneful effects. They preferred obeying Allah and His commandments to indulging in their personal preferences. They did so because they realized the temporariness of this life. These sisters knew that this world and its attractions are insignificant compared to the abiding happiness one will enjoy following the path of Allah in pursuit of His pleasure.

Therefore, my dear and near ones, who have accepted the authority of the Messiah for the glorification of Allah and His Holy Prophet, realize your responsibilities. Do not let immoralities and evils pollute you. Follow the true

teachings of Islam for that is the aim and purpose of your life, and that is how your lives and future shall be blessed.

I conclude my message with a quotation from the writings of the Promised Messiah:

"God Almighty desires that our eyes and our hearts and all our limbs and our organs should continue in a state of purity. He has furnished us with this excellent teaching. There can be no doubt that unrestrained looks become a source of danger. If we place soft bread before a hungry dog, it would be vain to hope that the dog will pay no attention to it. Thus God Almighty desired that human faculties should not be provided with any occasion for secret functioning and should not be confronted with anything that might incite dangerous tendencies.

*This is the philosophy that underlies the Islamic regulations relating to the observance of the evil. The Book of God does not aim at keeping women in seclusion like prisoners. This is the concept of those who are not acquainted with the correct pattern of Islamic ways. The purpose of these regulations is to restrain men and women from letting their eyes rove freely and from displaying their good looks and beauties, for therein lies the good both of men and of women. It should be remembered that to restrain one's looks and to direct them only towards observing that which is permissible is described in Arabic by the expression *Ghadde Basar*, which is the expression employed in the Holy Quran in this context. It does not behove a pious person who desires to keep his heart pure that he should lift his eyes freely in every direction like an animal. It is necessary that such a one should cultivate the habit of *Gadde Basar* in his social life. This is a blessed habit through which his natural impulses would be converted into a high moral quality without interfering with his social needs. This is the quality which is called chastity in Islam."* (Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam, pp. 24-25).

I pray for you from the core of my heart, and you should keep on praying for me. The task is huge and difficult. I am very weak and conscious of my limitations. I entirely depend upon benevolence, forgiveness and mercy of Allah. Never forget me in your prayers. The community whose Imam and followers both pray for each other with humility, cannot be ruined; and none can snatch away the keys to success and triumph from their hands.

PROGRESS REPORT OF THE AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT IN ISLAM, USA

It seems appropriate to present a brief history of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam since its introduction into America, before giving the details of the Movement's activities for the fiscal year 1981-1982.

Contacts with the Western Hemisphere of Ahmadiyyat, go back to the life of the Holy Founder of the Movement, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Promised Messiah, (on whom be peace). Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad first conveyed the message of Islam to the American people by means of a pamphlet which was mailed to thousands of clergy and laymen in Europe and America in the year 1885, which produced positive effects.

In 1887, a renowned journalist by the name of Mr. Webb, who had become the American Consul in the Phillipines, resigned from his diplomatic assignment and began vigorously preaching Islam after being highly impressed by its truths.

More specific involvements and concrete evidences of the truths of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam increased by the year 1902, when Hazrat Ahmad published a challenge to a self-styled American Evangelist, Dr. John A. Dowie of Zion, Illinois. Dowie claimed to be the "First Apostle".

Hazrat Ahmad sent him a leaflet challenging him to enter into a prayer duel with him, whosoever was a liar should die during the life of the truthful one. Dowie met an ignominious end in March 1907 during the life of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) in fulfillment of Divine Chastisement. The American press gave a wide coverage to the entire incident.

The formal foundation of the Ahmadiyya Movement in the United States took place in 1920, when the first Muslim missionary, Dr. Mufti Muhammad Sadiq, set foot on American soil. He was followed by Maulvi Muhammad Din in 1923, and later by Maulvi Matiur Rahman Bengali, Dr. Khalil A. Nasir, and others, and since then America has been the recipient of missionaries continuously and uninterruptedly. The current phase began in 1973, with the arrival of Major Sharif Ahmad Bajwa. Following him were Maulvi Muhammad Siddique Shahid, Mir Mahmud Ahmad Nasir and the present Missionary Incharge, Maulana A.U. Kaleem. Others who have served the Movement as subordinate Missionaries during this term are Mian Muhammad Ibrahim, Major Abdul Hamid and Maulvi Masud Ahmad Jehlami. Maulvi Inamul Haq Kausar arrived on April 18, 1981 and with the arrival of Maulvi Ahmad Sadiq Mufti, Mirza Muhammad Afzal and Munir Ahmad Chundhri on Sept. 20, 1981, the

number of missionaries working simultaneously in American during the year under report rose to six, with the undermentioned assignments:

- 1 Maulana A.U. Kaleem: Amir and Missionary Incharge.
- 2 Mian Muhammad Ibrahim: Missionary M.W. Region stationed in Dayton, Ohio.
- 3 Maulvi Inamul Haq Kausar: Stationed in Washington, D.C. Assigned to Finance Department
- 4 Mufti Ahmad Sadiq: Incharge of the West Coast Region, Stationed in San Francisco.
- 5 Ch. Munir Ahmad: Stationed in St. Louis, Incharge of St. Louis circle.
- 6 Mirza Muhammad Afzal: Incharge of the Lakes Region, Stationed at Chicago, IL.

At the present time, we have Jamaats established in the following localities:

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| 1 Boston, MA. | 2 Philadelphia, PA. |
| 3 New York, NY. | 4 Teaneck, NJ |
| 5 Willingboro, NJ | 6 Pittsburgh, PA. |
| 7 York/Harrisburg, PA | 8 Baltimore, MD |
| 9 Washington, DC. | 10 Cleveland, OH |
| 11 Dayton, OH | 12 Indianapolis, IN |
| 13 St. Louis, MO | 14 Detroit, MI |
| 15 Chicago, IL. | 16 Waukegan, IL. |
| 17 Streamwood, IL. | 18 Milwaukee, WI |
| 19 San Francisco, CA | 20 Los Angeles, CA |
| 21 Seattle, WA | 22 Tucson, AZ |
| 23 Athens, OH | 24 Blacksburg, VA. |
| 25 Houston, TX | |

AUXILIARIES

1 Ansarullah: Since the reorganization of the Ansarullah last year by Chaudry Hamidullah (then the Vice President of Ansarullah Markazia), the Nazime Ala, Masud Ahmad Malik reports that 20 Majalis have been established and the work of Ansarullah has begun again with new enthusiasm. Thanks to its enthusiastic leadership, for the first time in the history of America, Ansarullah successfully held their annual Ijtema in Washington, D.C. attracting Ansars from as far as the Great Lakes Region. They also graciously contributed \$4,395.00 towards the construction of the Ansarullah Guest House in Rabwah as well as substantially participated with Khuddam in contributing to the construction of Mosques in Italy and South America.

2 Lajna Imaillah: Lajna Imaillah, America has continued to work enthusiastically and diligently throughout the year under the effective guidance of its President, Sister Salma Ghaniyy, particularly in the

area of propagation. Nationwide, a total of 19 propagational programs were held and 1,600 pieces of literature mailed to the non-Muslim community.

Ahmadiyyat, the true Islam, was advertised 18 times in the local newspapers of Washington, D.C., Dayton, Ohio, Philadelphia, Pa., Pittsburgh, Pa., Milwaukee, Wis., York, Pa. and Waukegan/Zion Illinois. Ahmadiyyat was also propagated in the community through the donations made by Lajna to 14 social institutions.

The preaching of Ahmadiyyat to the American public was also successfully accomplished through posting large size posters on public buses to the tune of 130 buses, 100 buses in Pittsburgh, and 30 buses in Waukegan. Washington D.C. Lajna held the following seminars which were attended by a considerable number of Christian and Jewish ladies:

- 1: Concept of God in World Religions and
- 2: Status of Women in Various Religions.

A reception was given to the wife of D.C. Mayor M. Marian Berry and she was presented with Islamic literature including a copy of the Holy Quran. Washington D.C. Lajna remained very active in social services particularly serving prisoners and disabled children and senior citizens.

Lajna donated \$500.00 nationally to the "Mosque Appeal" with local Lajna contributions bringing the total of Lajna's contributions to \$1,000.00. Lajna is now busy raising funds to build a guest house in Qadian.

Being ever concerned with education, Lajna is presently writing a booklet that will be a guide for studying Sura Maryam of the Holy Quran. A bimonthly newsletter for Nasirat was instituted earlier this year, and a very successful "Children's Program" was held in New Jersey for children, for the Jamaats of the entire East Coast which proved a tremendous success.

3 Khuddamul Ahmadiyya: For want of an official report on its activities, all that is left for me to say on the basis of the financial report compiled by the headquarters is that a sum of \$123,368.13 was contributed by Khuddam Members and others, towards the building of Mosques in Italy and Brazil as a result of the stimulation of the Central Naib Sadr, Sahibzada Mirza Farid Ahmad during his stay in America.

JAMAATS

Based on the reports received from Washington, New York, Detroit, Dayton, Tucson, San Francisco, St. Louis and Indianapolis Jamaats, we can safely say that this past year has marked a lot of progress in our local Jamaats. Three new missionaries have greatly

helped in achieving an increase in payment of subscription and propagational and general activity in the areas where they have been stationed. Propagational activity by local Jamaats took a commendable turn with many outstanding successes.

Many Jamaats propagated their religion through the media of television and newspapers. New York received ample coverage on the radio, local television and news, thanks to the initiative of its energetic President. These avenues of communication were effectively utilized by several Jamaats when the Ahmadiyya translation of the Holy Quran was banned by the Pakistani Government. Dayton held press conferences with radio, T.V., and local newspapers, and Washington organized a special committee to investigate legal ways to protest against this unfair action.

All local Jamaats took advantage of National Days such as Tabligh Day, Religious Founders' Day, Seeratun Nabi Day, Masih Maud Day, and Khilafat Day to not only celebrate these occasions locally but also to propagate Ahmadiyyat in their respective communities. The Detroit Jamaat, for instance, published their program for Masih Maud Day through advertisements in local papers, invitation, and by word of mouth. The significance of the second coming of Messiah was explained to a distinguished gathering of 150-200 people, about 50 of whom were non-Muslims. Several prominent speakers of the Movement, including Imam Kaleem participated.

The Washington Jamaat celebrated the Religious Founder's Day on the campus of the Maryland University with Hazrat Chaudhri M. Zafrulla Khan in the chair. Representatives of Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism, and Islam expounded beauties of their respective faiths. His Excellency, Ambassador of Mali presided over the Seeratun Nabi meeting addressed among others by Imam Kaleem in Virginia. Mr. Michael Dunn, a renowned journalist and Professor of Islamic History at Georgetown University paid glowing tribute to the Holy Prophet of Islam. Masih Maud Day was likewise successfully celebrated in a specially rented hall.

The New York Jamaat attracted a fairly large gathering on Seeratun Nabi Day celebrations and two renowned scholars, one Christian and the other a Hindu, paid glowing tributes to the memory of the Holy Prophet. (peace and blessings of God be on him) The Washington Jamaat has made use of modern methods of communication such as overhead slide presentations in their propagational activities. Other outstanding activities worthy of special mention include: 1) The program initiated by the Washington Jamaat for the train-

ing of their children, especially a Childrens' and Parents' Day. 2) Receptions given in honor of Hazrat Chaudhri M. Zafrullah Khan and Dr. Abdus Salam in Washington. 3) Hazrat Chaudhri Sahib's address in N.Y. at the invitation of N.Y. Jamaat, listened to with rapt attention. 4) An Ahmadi clinic started in Washington. 5) Substantial coverage by local newspapers in St. Louis, and conversion of eight persons into Islam. 6) The Holy Quran was presented to three central libraries in Chicago and a state Senator was successfully contacted. Propagation to intellectuals by correspondence formed a feature of the Chicago Mission. 7) In Tucson the building of the Mosque was completed with the entire expenses borne by a single brother. It has already been featured in the local news, along with \$375 donated to the Movement by a Christian lady. 8) Laudable example of consistent cooperation with the Headquarters, by carrying out its commitments was set by keen and devoted female members forming the bulk of the Jamaat in Indianapolis. 9) The San Francisco Jamaat scattered over a vast area, observed the National Tabligh Day by contacting 250 households and presenting them with the message of Islam. Mir Mahmud Ahmad Nasir, Missionary West Coast left for Pakistan in March last. With aptitude for preaching Islam to scholars, Mir Sahib was an asset to the Movement. His wife Sahibzadi Amatul Matin, while here, instructed Lajna and Nasirat in learning the text of the Holy Quran. 10) Dayton Jamaat honored the retiring Mayor James H. McGee at a special function to appreciate the good he has done to the Community, especially by officially recognizing the arrival of Ahmadiyya dignitaries from time to time, from our central headquarters, during his term of office. Dayton enjoyed the privilege of having *Dars* of a whole part of the Holy Quran daily during the month of Ramadhan, and also maintained its hallmark of the complete observance of *Purdah*; along with (what I know from personal knowledge) Milwaukee.

The most commendable feature of the year under report however, was the substantial increase in our National income, reaching an all time high of \$337,763.00 thanks to the care and guidance of Maulana Kaleem and his assistant Maulvi I.U. Kausar who left no stone unturned to achieve their goal. All, or at least an overwhelming majority of the Jamaats have done their best to help achieve this goal. The individual financial achievement of the Jamaats will be reflected through the awards they receive at the upcoming prize giving function and are therefore, not, dealt with specifically in this report.

Headquarters report for the year is as under: It is self-explanatory and to the point which I reproduce

here verbatim. This will give you an idea of the stupendous task the man at the helm of affairs in the head office has to accomplish, almost single-handedly.

PUBLICATION OF LITERATURE

1 The Holy Quran, Arabic Text with English translation, including 36 page index	20000
2 Way of the Seekers	5000
3 Ye Were Told But I Tell You	5000
4 The Bounties of Islam & distinctive Features of Islam and Christianity & Nine Points to Discover Truth	5000
5 Deliverance From the Cross	15000
6 The Second Advent of Christ	5000
7 Gracious Manifestations of the Glorious Quran Accross the Entire World	1000
8 <i>Qurani Azeem Kee Azmaton Kai Azeem Jalway</i>	1000
9 What is Islam	10000
10 What is Ahmadiyyat	10000
11 <i>ANNOOR</i> , an Urdu newspaper, published bimonthly.	
12 Ahmadiyya Gazette, an English newspaper, published monthly.	
13 The Muslim Sunrise Magazine, published quarterly	

An article entitled *Emancipation of Women in Islam* was contributed to the bimonthly *Minaret* of New York.

Gist of Friday Sermons of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih in English version was dispatched to the Missionaries and Presidents.

BAPATS during the period under review in USA 33-

Income: \$337,763.67 Expenditures: \$468,294.40
Collections for Center (Jubilee, etc.) - \$38,146.94
USA Contribution towards Mosques in Italy and Brazil was \$123,368.13

Property bought for Mosque and Mission House in Philadelphia, PA, worth \$43,000.00.

MISSIONARIES

Maulana A.U. Kaleem:

Here is a brief mention of the places and institutions where he personally preached the message of Islam, in addition to addressing public meetings held by the Jamaats and special days across America - To students of Honor Classes at the American University Washington, students of Southeastern University, Gettysburg College, and Stratford Landing School, Arlington and others. Members of the Presbyterian

Church of Chevy Chase, and members of the United Methodist Church also, were addressed. A short speech followed by a question and answer period was delivered in a one hour program through Manhattan Cable T.V. in New York. He also delivered a speech on the Religious Founders' Day held at Los Angeles on the pattern of the one held at Maryland University. Despite his busy schedule, and heavy daily routine, he managed to visit N.Y., St. Louis, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Detroit, Cleveland, Baltimore and New Jersey to remind members of their duties.

Missionary Midwest Region: (Mian Muhammad Ibrahim)

Mian Ibrahim kept charge of the Washington headquarters from July 13th to Sept. 27, 1981, during the serious illness of Maulvi A.U. Kaleem. Then, he moved to New York to function as Missionary East Coast in place of the then ailing Maulvi Masud Ahmad Jehlumi till May 13th, 1982, when he returned to his substantive assignment in Dayton. Highlights of his activities other than the ones reported by the Jamaats he served in are, his address to students of the Wright State University twice, and a talk at a church in Willingboro, N.J.. He granted an interview to an Editor of the "Newsday" in Queens, N.Y. which was published subsequently in the said paper.

Mirza Muhammad Afzal, Missionary Great Lakes Region

He sent out 60 letters to intellectuals of the community. About 80 people or so were contacted through telephone and distribution of calling cards. Ahmadi books were provided to three big libraries of Chicago and the Holy Quran and other books were presented to the Chancellor of the University of Illinois and State Senator Charles Percy during private meetings with these gentlemen.

During the period under report the Jamaats of Streamwood and Waukegan were visited and efforts were made to motivate the members of the Jamaat. Khuddam, Atfal and Lajna were also reminded of their duties and responsibilities. Brothers increased their monetary sacrifices. Masih Maood Day was celebrated.

Reports of San Francisco and St. Louis Jamaats favorably reflect the activities and achievements of Mufti Ahmad Sadiq, Missionary West Coast, and Chandry Munir Ahmad, Missionary St. Louis Circle, respectively.

GENERAL

Mention must be made of the meritorious services rendered by Mr. Mubashar Ahmad as Administrative Secretary, Raja Abdul Khaliq as Financial Secretary, Br. Munawar Ahmad as auditor, and Br. Muzaffar

Ahmad whose co-ordination as National President is commendable. We are grateful to Br. Muzaffar's representation in Rabwah on behalf of America at the passing away of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III and installation of the present head of our community and also to Br. Munir Hamid of Philadelphia who represented the American Jamaat at the Majilis Shoora and to Br. Rashid Ahmad of Milwaukee who represented the American Jamaat at the funeral of Hazrat Begum Sahiba.

The Board of Directors and the Presidents of the Jamaats are also to be commended for their work as they met together twice during the year under report to deliberate on topics of interest to the entire Community.

Sahibzada Mirza Farid Ahmad (Central Naib Sadr Khuddamul Ahmadiyya) and Chaudhri Hamidullah (Naib Sadr Ansarullah) paid us official visits last year in connection with reorganization and collection of funds for Khuddam and Ansar projects respectively. Among other distinguished visitors, Sahibzada Dr. Mirza Munawar Ahmad also graced us with his presence. Recently we have also been graced with the presence of Sahibzadi Amatul Basit in our midst.

This report would be incomplete if the sad and sorrowful event of the departure of our beloved Head, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III was left unrecorded. The sense of profound shock and grief individuals and Jamaats felt was conveyed to the Center telegraphically and by correspondence through resolutions pledging our determination to continue carrying on to completion the benevolent schemes he had graciously launched and wholehearted submission to the benign guidance of Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih IV.

(Mian Muhammad Ibrahim, General Secretary)

HUZUR'S MESSAGE ON EIDUL FITR

Assalamo Alaikum.

Please convey Eid Mubarak to all brothers and sisters and children. May Allah accept our worship of Ramadhan and make our Eid real. Strive to maintain the spiritual momentum you gained during Ramadhan. That would be the real Eid. May Allah imbue you with love for Him and the Holy Prophet and all His beloved ones.

Mirza Tahir Ahmad
Khalifatul Masih IV

**PRAYERS WOULD BE ACCEPTED ONLY OF HIM WHO WILL HAVE TRUE
FIDELITY WITH KHILAFAT
EVEN KHALIFA'S PRAYER WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR HIM WHO DOES
NOT RENDER COMPLETE OBEDIENCE
THE ESSENTIAL CONDITION FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF PRAYER IS
TO RESPOND TO ALLAH'S CALL**

Rabwah, Pakistan: Hazrat Ameerul Momineen, Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih IV, recited *Tashahhud*, *Ta'awwuz*, *Sura Fatiha* and the 187th verse of Sura Al-Baqara: "*Wa Iza Sa'alaka Ibaadee Annee Fa Innee Qareeb. Ujeebo Da'awatad Da'e Iza Da'ani Fa Yastajeeboolee Wal Yo'minoobee La Allahum Yarshodoon* (2:187)

After this, he related the blessings of the month of Ramadhanul Mubarak. Among its blessings, Khalifatul Masih remarked, the last ten days of this month, and this very day -Juma'atul Wida'a (Farewell Friday) of Ramadhanul Mubarak have a special distinctive position.

Today, in the entire Muslim world, two types of people have gathered to see off this day. One type are those who are extremely worried whether they have actually benefitted from Ramadhanul Mubarak or not. They beseech Allah the Sublime by saying: O Master! We bid farewell to this Friday with such sentiments and sincerity, that Thou empower us to be benefitted through the blessings of this Friday, and those of this blessed month during the whole year. We beg Thee, do not take back the pleasure of bounty which Thou hast made us to taste through Thy worship. Grant perpetuity to this pleasure of Thy Love. We bid farewell to this environment and to the blessings of this Ramadhan with these good wishes that the blessings of this environment would not depart.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih observed, it is a pity that a lot of people instead of bidding farewell in this way, practically express their opinion by saying: 'We have passed these days with bitterness under burden and trouble, we beg Thee, grant us our one wish, that for the troubles we have suffered, turn the prayers and services of this single day to suffice the prayers and services of the entire year.' Of course they do not utter these with their mouths, but that alone is the explanation which could be given of their action and supplications. Apparently they desire to deceive God through their worship, but God the Sublime says to them: 'If you wish fidelity from God then you too render fidelity to Him; if you desire Allah's Love then show love to Him.'

There are two kinds of God's favors in the world. One manifests His attribute of Rahman, for which He asks nothing. But His second manifestation is acquired

by begging Him through prayer. The prayer demands a two way link with God the Exalted. If you desire the acceptance of prayer, then you have to respond to God's injunctions.

Repeating the above recited verse of the Holy Quran, (2:187) Khalifatul Masih remarked, that the two factors of this verse are worthy of attention. Firstly, God said: "Whenever My servants ask thee of Me, then I am near." The very words used in it negate any question of distance and that of any barrier in between.

The important point here described by God is: "O Muhammad, Messenger of God (peace and blessings of God be upon him) when they ask from thee. (Here the word *from thee* is important) When they ask from thee of Me, it is then I am near". Herein a vast philosophy of search has been described. Each search and exploration has its own etiquettes. The explorers of oil, metal, diamonds and jems do not have response of the springs of oil by mere voices. They have to acquire the services of experts and utilize particular instruments for this purpose. Contrarily, if even millions of people go out in search of oil they will not find it unless they get in contact with the experts or learn that science.

Likewise, God has said: "O Muhammad as long as the world is not turning towards thee, they cannot find God. And when they will turn towards thee they will find Me directly". Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said that in using the word *Ibaadee*, there is an expression of kindness of God the Sublime. Its example is like that of a restless mother, who went out to search for her child who is in possession of some person. In her worry, she asks each one she meets regarding her child, until she reaches the person who has her child, and he informs her with love and affection that her child is with him. At such a time what would be the ecstasy of that mother, Khalifatul Masih remarked, God the Sublime says, you have approached Muhammad Mustafa (peace and blessings of God be upon him) hence, O seeker! thou are congratulated, that *Innee Qareeb*—I am near. This guides us to the conclusion that the more closeness one attains to the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him) the more nearness one shall have to God the Sublime.

At this juncture, Khalifatul Masih elucidated another point. Some people who associate others with God, say:

We take idols as means of approach to God as you take Muhammad (peace and blessings of God be upon him) as a way of approach for your relationship to God. Its clarification is this, that, the love of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him), his company and his perfect obedience is a way of approach for acquiring the communion with God. Once you adopt completely the model of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him), then as far as the communion with God is concerned, He says, He Himself shall respond directly to each one who will supplicate to Him, and there shall be no barrier between Him and His servant. Nevertheless, one has to act upon His injunctions, respond to His call; not consider the services of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him) as substitute for his services, and perform actions done by the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him). Otherwise, their services would be of no avail to them, because the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him) responded in the best way to the call of his God, and consequently Allah also loved him greatly.

Allah the sublime has put forth the condition for the acceptance of the prayer of His servants, that they should respond to his call through complete obedience to the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him). If this is not followed, God the Exalted declares, then the prayers of such disobedient persons would not be accepted. It does not mean, God forbid, that the prestige of the Holy Prophet is diminishing, rather God has expressed His inevitable principle, that the prayers are accepted when they are not one-sided and God's command is also obeyed. Same procedure is applied to the chain of Khilafat.

Numerous people had been writing to Hazrat Muslihi Mauood, Khalifatul Masih III, and to me for prayer. I consider myself, Khalifatul Masih said, of no value, and my inner condition is indescribable, yet, it is God, who has entrusted me with the office of Khilafat, and it

is due to this office that people write to me for prayer. It is to keep in mind, that if an Ahmadi has no love with the office of Khilafat, if he has no true love with its position, then even the prayers of the Khalifa of the time shall not be accepted for him. Because practical obedience is essential with the verbal confession. With such people, we have witnessed the dealings of God the Sublime, that at the time when the application for prayer is being written and even the prayer has not been supplicated, that the prayer is accepted already. This is a basic principle, Khalifatul Masih reiterated, which every Ahmadi should take as a guideline, that Allah the Sublime shall only hear the supplications of one who keeps true fidelity with Khilafat.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih prayed that may Allah enable Jamaat Ahmadiyya to understand the true meaning of prayer, and may this Juma'a (Friday) -Juma'atul Wida'a (Farewell Friday) be the cause of farewell for those who did not come to see off the mosque and the worship of God, rather they have come weeping to bid farewell to that particular environment. Today's Juma'a and today's prayer are only for these people, and today's environment of the mosque is blessed only for these people. And these three things shall ever remain faithful to them *Insha Allah*

After this sermon, Khalifatul Masih sat for a few moments, and then during the second sermon delivered in Arabic, he said, he did urge in his last Friday sermon to pray for the honored acquittal of some Ahmadies from a cause of headache for Ahmadiyya Jamaat since long time. Khalifatul Masih said, he congratulates the Jamaat, that God the Exalted heard their supplications and released that innocent person from the case. We must express gratitude to the favor of God the Sublime to such an extent that we could benefit fully from His treasures. Increase your gratitude so that the promise of God of giving abundantly may continue fulfilling. (The Daily Alfazl, Rabwah, Pakistan)

TWO YORKERS OFFER BA'AIT

The Central Pennsylvania Jama'at has gained two enthusiastic, sincere adherents who have formally offered ba'ait.

DAOUD ASADUDDIN, age thirty, is a native of York, Pennsylvania, and comes from a large well established family. He is a percussionist with the Sunburst Band and one of the originators of the local "Black Hebrew" cult which grew from dissatisfaction with Christianity.

RAIHANA YASMIN, age seventeen, moved with

her family to York from Western Maryland about ten years ago. She is a student at York Catholic High School and works year-round in sales. Jama'at and Lajna presidents secured the permission of her parents, and Raihana tendered ba'ait.

A special class on Islam is planned for the summer at least three other York Catholic High School students who are interested in Islam from their contacts with Ahmadi Muslim students in attendance. Ahmad Tariq Sharif will conduct the class at his home on a weekly basis.

A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENTS

Dear Brethren in Islam:

Assalamo Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakaatuhoo

In compliance with the instructions received from the Incharge Property Department, Tahrik Jadeed Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan, Rabwah, per his letter Ref. NO. 14, dated July 27, 1982, all the Presidents are requested to dispatch a complete list in detail of Jamaat's property -Moveable or Immoveable to this Office before August 31, 1982 for onward transmission to the Center.

All the Missionaries as well as all the Presidents are reminded that the inauguration of Masjid Basharat in Spain shall be performed on scheduled date Friday, Sept. 10, 1982, by Hazrat Ameerul Momineen Mirza Tahir Ahmad Khalifatul Masih IV. *Insha Allah.*

All the Jamaats are requested to supplicate constantly that may Allah the Sublime accept our meager sacrifices, and enable mankind to be scented with this Spring Breeze upto Qiyamat which he has made to blow after 700 years in Spain.

All the Jamaats are requested to offer collective prayers on that day. Besides, they are requested to wire telegrams appropriate to the occasion four days ahead of Inauguration to Khalifatul Masih IV, Apartado De Correo - 7, Cordoba, Spain.

All the Presidents are requested to dispatch these Telegrams in time.

All the Presidents are also reminded, that they are responsible for the affairs of their own Jamaats within their area of jurisdiction, and none of the Presidents has the authority or should take the liberty to dispatch circulars or letters to the Presidents of other Jamaats without the prior written consent of the National President. It is the sole prerogative of the National President and with his consent of the National Office Bearers to issue circulars or letters to the Presidents of the Jamaats in the States. Hence, any letter or circular by any President to the Presidents of other Jamaats should be ignored and no action should be taken on such letters or circulars.

All the Presidents are requested to get the required copies xeroxed of the attached Form and ask the Ahmadi Computer Experts of their Jamaats to fill it in and dispatch it back to this Office for onward transmission to the Center.

Yours in the service of Islam,
Ata Ullah Kaleem
Ameer & Missionary Incharge

PARTICULARS OF AHMADI COMPUTER EXPERTS

- 1 Name:
- 2 Fathers Name:
- 3 A) Age.....
B) Nationality
Address
- 5 Telephone (Office).....
(Residence)
- 6 A) Are you a programmer Yes No

B) Are you a systems analyst
C) Are you a computer scientist
D) Any other field of specialization
- E) Nature of experience
- F) Duration of experience.....
- 7 Are you participating in the annual Jalsa Salana 1982 at Rabwah?
- 8 If participating, then:
A) When do you expect to reach Rabwah?
- B) How long do you intend to stay in Rabwah after the Jalsa?

N.B. Under the instructions of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV an important meeting of Ahmadi computer experts will be held in Rabwah after 1982 Jalsa. I urge you to make a special effort to participate in this meeting, which will, *Insha Allah*, present its recommendations to Hazrat Khalifatul Masih regarding possibilities of utilizing computer facilities in our organization.

Vakilut Tabsheer, Tahrik Jadid, Rabwah.

FIRST IJTIMA GATHERING OF ANSARULLAH AMERICA

WASHINGTON, D.C.: An Ijtema gathering of U.S. Ansarullah members was held here at the American Fazl Mosque, May 8, through May 9, 1982, under the auspices of the National Majlis Ansarullah, USA. Held for the first time in U.S., this Ijtema drew a fair-sized gathering of some 55 Ansars from the East Coast, Mid-West and the Great Lakes regions.

After Asr prayers, the Ijtema started with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Muhammad Sadique, Regional Zaeem of N.E. region. Then Masoud A. Malik, Nazim-i-Aala USA, led the Ansars with their pledge. The proceedings were opened with prayers by Ataullah Kaleem Sahib, fulfilling his role as vice president of US Ansarullah. A rain shower of Allah's blessings drenched the field shortly thereafter, making the scheduled volleyball match between the Guests and the local Hosts, impractical. While brother Hameed Bhatti held the fort with his sweet renderings of the poems of Hazrat Maseeh Mauood, brother Mohammad Haroon Isa of Washington, D.C., rushed to the mosque with materials for the substitute program: a preview of an audio-visual color presentation entitled *SEVEN GATES OF HELL*.

After the dinner, Maghrib and Isha prayers, a series of workshop sessions were conducted. The workshops presented a *learn by doing* environment where participation and interaction were encouraged. Brother Yahya Sharif of York conducted a *Tabligh Workshop* wherein he highlighted the importance of researching the motivations of the new members. Brother Mohammad Haroon Isa of Washington, D.C., conducted a concepts workshop on the *Struggle for Religious Freedom*. Using audio-visual aids, he emphasised basic concepts and ground rules which must apply to any such struggle. Without Hazrat Ameerul Momeneen's blessings and approval, any plans we might devise in this struggle will be doomed to failure.

Brother Masoud Ahmad Malik then, with the help of Br. Mubasher Ahmad, conducted a workshop on *Tarbiyyat*. He laid particular emphasis on the spiritual development program of the Centennial Jubilee scheme started by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III. It was pointed out that all the *Tarbayyati* programs could be started in the blessed month of Ramadan. The importance of monetary sacrifices, particularly Ansar Chandas, was described with each Ansar's own responsibility towards this essential department. Participants brought their own sleeping gear. With few local exceptions, all of us spent the night at the mosque with almost every inch of space used by sleeping bags. Because of the Tahajjud schedule, lights were off at around 10:30 p.m.

Promptly at 4:30 a.m., Maulana Ata Ullah Kaleem Sahib led collective Tuhajjad prayers. Shortly thereafter, the Fajr salat was offered. Maulana Kaleem then delivered a heart warming Darse-Quran.

The morning session began with a Talawat (Holy Quran Recitation) contest in which many young & senior contestants participated. The First prize was shared between brothers Sheikh Muhammad Rafique of New York, and Hamid A. Bhatti of Central Pennsylvania. The Second and Third prizes were claimed by brothers Dr. Basharat Munir Mirza of Athens, Ohio, and Muhammad Haroon Isa of Washington, D.C., respectively.

After a simple breakfast, the session resumed with Speech contests. In the Impromptu speech contest the participants drew lots to select their topics about three minutes before actual speech. The speech itself was limited to a maximum of three minutes. A total of thirteen contestants participated in this event. The First prize went to brother Jamilur Rahman of Pittsburgh, PA. The Second and the Third prizes were claimed by brothers Muhammad Sadique of North New Jersey, and Mohammad Haroon Isa, respectively.

Participation in the Prepared speech contest was by region. Brother Nuruddin Abdul Latif representing the Northeast region spoke on "Future of Ahmadiyyat and Our Responsibilities", followed by brother Yahya Sharif representing the Southeast region, who spoke on "Islamic Solutions for Some Modern Ills". The thrd prepared speech was entitled "Angels are descending upon the Righteous", by brother Rashid Ahmad for the Great Lakes region. The next contestant, Dr. Salahuddin Shams also spoke on "Angels are descending upon the Righteous". The last prepared speech was entitled "Meaning of *Khatim-un-Nabiyyeen*", by brother Muhammad Haroon Isa (formerly of California) representing the West Coast region. The competition was stiff. The First prize went to brother Rashid Ahmad. The Second and the Third prizes went to brothers Yahya Sharif, and M. Haroon Isa, respectively.

The next item was a contest of "Islamic General Knowledge", which as defined by the judges, included knowledge of current affairs, science and technology in the light of Islamic knowledge, in addition to the usual topics of theology and Islamic doctrine. In this format, each of the judges asked a series of questions in a given category, and the participants answered. If the answer was incorrect or incomplete, the judges supplied the correct answer for the benefit of the audience. The First prize was claimed by brother Jalaluddin Abdul Latif of North New Jersey. The Second and the Third prizes went to brothers Mohammad Haroon Isa, and Abdul Malik of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, respectively.

After coffee break around 10:00 a.m., the session resumed with a panel answering ad hoc questions from the audience. The panel was composed of Mian Mohammad Ibrahim Sahib, Missionary for the Midwest region (acting for Maulana Ata Ullah Kaleem who had to leave on urgent business), Dr. Mohammad Abbas of Phila-

delphia, PA, and brother Abid Hanif of Boston. The basic principle laid down by Hazrat Musleh Mauood for such question/answer sessions is (a) never ask hypothetical questions, (b) ask questions consistent with your belief and convictions, (c) never champion someone else's cause, i.e. let them ask their question themselves. The participation in this event was quite vigorous.

Because Dr. Abdul Malik Shamim Ahmad was called away by an emergency, he could not deliver his much awaited speech on "Momin Has to be Very Sagacious".

Brother Abid Haneef of Boston then spoke on "Recent Trends in West Towards Islam". The theme was based on Hazrat Maseeh Mauood's poem *Aa Raha Hai Iss Taraf Ehrar-e-Yorap Ka Mizaaj*. Brother Haneef's speech was well-documented.

Masoud Ahmad Malik, Mazim-i-Aala, thanked all the participants, judges and helpers who made the historic Ijtema a great success. He prayed for all of them to receive Allah's Bounties. The Ijtema session was then concluded with a moment of collective silent prayer led by Mian Mohammad Ibrahim Sahib. He also thanked the participants for making the effort to attend the Ijtema. He hoped that in future years participants from every U.S. jamaat will be represented in this Ijtema.

A rather sumptuous Pakistani-style lunch was then served, followed by Zuhr prayers. Thus, the First-ever U.S. Ijtema of Ansarullah members concluded. The pace was hectic, and the schedule was followed rigorously. The vigorous response to this Ijtema was very encouraging.

Muhammad Sadique of North Jersey, starting the Ijtema with the recitation of the Holy Quran



A views of the attentive Ansars listening to the Ijtema proceedings

COLLAPSE OF WESTERN VALUES

By *Hazrat Muslihi Mauood Khalifatul Masih II*
(May Allah be pleased with him)

I have said it several times and now repeat it emphatically that the West has been supreme in the world for a long period, but it is now the divine design to crush the Western social and cultural systems. Those who are fearful and are afraid to oppose Western values and consider that the veil can no longer be maintained and that it is necessary that men and women shall mix freely in social intercourse and that we cannot make any progress unless we follow the West in these matters, should remember that in adopting this attitude they are obstructing the progress of Islam and Ahmadiyyat. These things are bound to be wiped out and will disappear altogether. Many of you will be alive to witness the collapse of the structure of Western values and you will observe the new palaces of Islam being reared upon the ruins of Western values. These are not the words of a man; it is the decree of the God of heaven and earth and no one can change it. It is not a question of our strength. We have never said that this change will be brought about through our strength, nor shall we ever say it. What we do say is that God has promised this change and we have always witnessed the unchangeability of divine promises. After this obser-

vation there is nothing that can shake our faith or weaken our beliefs. Most certainly the world will approach us humbly on its knees and will have to accept this change. Then, have no fear that if we raise our voice in support of the veil and against mixed schools our girls will rebel against it or their parents will rise against it. Not only the girls and their parents but those who are giving currency to such ideas will apologize to us on their knees. It will never happen that our women may discard the veil and we may be put to shame and become remorseful in this context. The advocates of these newfangled ideas will come before us with heads bent in shame and remorse and would confess that they had been following the wrong path and that the right path is the one laid down by Islam. This is a divine decree and no power, no government, no kingdom can obstruct its enforcement So prepare yourselves for these changes and keep supplicating God Almighty and cultivate certainty and confidence. The day you are filled with certainty, all your doubts and suspicions and apprehensions will disappear and you will find yourselves standing firmly on a strong and high minaret of progress.

UPBRINGING OF AHMADI CHILDREN

All the Ahmadies are reminded that no nation can make any progress, no nation can escape degeneration, if its members do not leave behind their children, in circumstances better than their own. In the Holy Quran the injunction "Slay not your children" hints at the truth, that, if you ignore inculcation of good moral qualities among your children and neglect their educational equipment, you will be virtually committing their murder. Hence, all the Ahmadies are requested to do their best in upbringing their children.

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