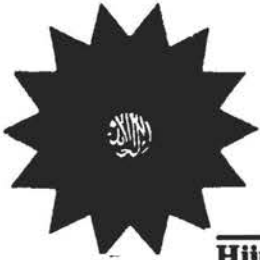


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## SECOND MANIFESTATION OF GOD'S POWER

by Hazrat Ahmad the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him)

"It has always been the way of God for doing things, a way He has followed ever since the day He created this world, that He comes to the help of His Apostles and Messengers and makes them dominant—as He has said in the Holy Quran: "Allah has set it down to stand for ever that He and His Apostles should prevail." The meaning of dominance in this context is this that the desire and aim of the Prophets being that the truth of the Way of God should come to be fully established in the earth, to an extent that no one should be in a position to resist its force by means of powerful signs Allah manifests the truth of their claims, and sows the seed at their hands of the righteousness which they want to spread. But He does not fully complete this mission at their hands, causing them to die in conditions, and at a time which bears a color of failure, and gives to their opponents a chance to heap ridicule on them. When these opponents have had their laugh, however, He shows another manifestation of His powerful hand, creating a set of circumstances which work for the full attainment of those aims which earlier were only partially achieved. In short, He shows two manifestations of His power: firstly at the hands of His Apostles; secondly at the time following the death of the Apostle when obstacles spring up in the way, the enemies gain force, beginning to feel that the mission of the Prophet had been fatally injured, that the community of his followers had been destroyed; and when even members of the new movement fall into doubt in regard to their future, and begin to despair, as if their backs had been broken, many unfortunate among them going so far as to turn their backs upon the movement. Then Allah once more shows a powerful manifestation of His hand, enabling the community to stand firmly on its feet. Thus, whosoever perseveres unto the last, witnesses this miracle, as happened at the time of Hazrat Abu Bakr when the death of the Holy Prophet was considered to be untimely and many nomads turned apostates, and the followers of the Prophet were unnerved by deep grief. At that critical hour Allah made Abu Bakr stand up firmly, thus showing His powerful hand a second time to

save Islam from extermination, and to fulfill the promise He had given in the following words:

"He would firmly establish for them the Faith He had chosen for them, and for them He would change a state of fear into a state of peace and security."

This was what happened in the time of Moses on the way to the Holy Land when he died before he had reached his destination, and when this seemingly untimely death struck down the Israelites with extreme grief, so that, as we find written in the Torah, they remained weeping and crying for forty days.

"And again this was what happened in the case of Jesus, peace be upon him, when the disciples dispersed following the crucifixion, and when one of them even turned apostate.

"So, therefore, my dear friends, when this has always been the way the Will of Allah works, showing two manifestations of His power, so that He should demolish two false joys of the opponents, it is impossible that now He should proceed to alter this long established Divine practice. You should not therefore grieve over this that I have told you, nor should you let yourself be heart-broken, for you are destined to see the second manifestation of God's power as well. And the coming of that manifestation would be better for you, for it would be everlasting, of which the chain shall not break until the Day of Qiyamah. And that second manifestation cannot come except after I am gone. But when I go away, Allah shall send the second manifestation for you, and it shall stay with you always, as has gone Allah's promise in Baraaheen-i-Ahmadiyyah, a promise which is not for me personally, but for you. For has not Allah said that to my followers He would vouchsafe power and dominance?"

"It is necessary that the day of my separation from you should come, so that after that should come the day which is the day of the promise that shall stand forever. The Almighty God Who is our God is true and faithful to His pledged word: He would show you all those things He has promised."

## IMPORTANCE OF KHILAFAT

To adequately understand and realize the importance of Khilafat it is necessary to know the responsibilities of Prophethood. These responsibilities are briefly described in the following verse of the Quran.

*"O our Lord' raise up among them an Apostle from among them who may recite Thy signs unto them, and teach them the Book, and Wisdom, and purify them; for Thou are the Mighty, the Wise."*(2:129)

According to this verse of the Quran the first duty of a prophet is to preach his mission to the people and to invite them to the path of truth and rectitude. That is to say, he calls on people to the acceptance of his claims and teachings and reinforces his preaching by reasons and arguments and by the heavenly signs which God manifests at his hands. His second duty is to train and educate those who have accepted him as God's messenger into the laws and teachings that have been revealed to him. The third great responsibility which God imposes upon him is to teach his followers the significance and inwardness of the ordinances, precepts and the rituals of the religion and his fourth duty which is at once the aim and object of all religions is to bring about in his followers a great moral and spiritual transformation with all the resources at his command and to raise them from the lowest depths of moral turpitude to the highest pinnacles of spiritual glory.

### ISLAMIC CONCEPTION OF KHILAFAT

This is but a very brief outline of the great mission of a prophet and it is obviously not within the power of a human being to fulfill it in a lifetime. It is the work of centuries and of a long line of divinely-inspired persons. This is why every prophet had his Khalifas who continued and brought his work to consummation. No mere nominated or elected Khalifa can accomplish this mighty task unless he be constantly guided and inspired by God in the discharge of his onerous duties. He must be a rightly guided Khalifa. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessing of God be upon him) ruled over his people as a divinely-inspired and guided Prophet. He led the public prayers; he acted as judge; he controlled the army. On his death a leader was put in his place of similar authority whom the Prophet himself styled as Raashid and Mahdi (rightly-guided). A president elected even for life exercising an authority as vast as that enjoyed now by the President of the United States of America could not do the work that Abu Bakr did on the death of his great Master. A mere secular head without the promise of divine guidance in the discharge of his duties is not the Islamic conception of a Khalifa. The following verse of the Holy Quran clearly describes the kind of Khalifas, who, as God has promised will continue to rise among the Muslims:

*"God hath promised to those of you who believe and do the things that are right, that He will cause them to succeed others in the land, as He gave succession to those who were before them, and that He will establish for them that religion which He has chosen for them and that after their fear He will give them security in exchange. They shall worship Me; nought shall they join with Me. And whoso, after this, believe not, they will be the transgressors."*(24:55)

### A KHALIFA CANNOT BE DEPOSED

This verse embodies a true conception of a Muslim Khalifa, the spiritual and secular Successor of a prophet of God. It clearly shows that God takes upon Himself the appointment or selection of Khalifas and He promises that religion shall strengthen through them and He shall cause security to reign in their dominions in place of fear and towards the end of the verse He discloses a special characteristic of such Khalifas which is, that though apparently deriving their authority from the people, they will look more to divine guidance and help in all their undertakings than the support they would receive from the people.

Now such a Khalifa whom God appoints as the spiritual and temporal head of the Muslim State and whom He promises His help and guidance, though elected by the majority of the people is obviously a person whose deposition at a subsequent date in his life is out of the question. You can depose or dismiss, subject to conditions laid down in the Traditions, a secular leader whom you have elected as your Amir for the transaction of your worldly affairs but to think of a Khalifa who combines in his person the spiritual and temporal headship of the Muslims that he can ever be deposed is profane and blasphemous. And the Holy Prophet's first four Successors—Hazrat Abu Bakr, Hazrat Omar, Hazrat Usman and Hazrat Ali; and the three Successors of the Promised Messiah — Hazrat Maulana Noor-ud-Din, Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad and Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, fall under this category. Not only that it is foolish to think that a person from whom we seek spiritual guidance can ever be deposed but we have clear commandment of the Holy Prophet and the Muslims should follow the example of the rightly-guided Khalifas and the traditions and precedents set by them. He says:

*"I enjoin upon you the fear of God and submission and obedience even to a negro slave who is appointed your leader because those who will live after me will see differences and dissensions arising among the Muslims. At such a juncture I charge you with following unswervingly my example and the precedents set by my rightly-guided Khalifas. Get hold of them firmly and beware of innovations."*

In this Hadith the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be on him) has attached an equal weight to the example set by his Khalifas to that of his own. The fact that none of the Khalifas of the Holy Prophet was deposed inspite of an insistent demand made by a section of the Muslims from Hazrat Usman that being unequal to the great task entrusted to him he should abdicate and inspite of the standard of an open revolt that was raised against Hazrat Ali, shows the great dignity and sanctity of the office of Khilafat. There is a definite saying of the Holy Prophet according to which he had warned Hazrat Usman against laying down the mantle of Khilafat with which God would invest him. The Holy Prophet is reported to have said addressing Hazrat Usman:

"In the not distant future God will clothe thee with a shirt which some of the people will demand of you to put off. I direct thee never to accept their demand and never to put it off."

Though the election of Hazrat Usman to Khilafat was made by a sub-committee appointed by Hazrat Umar shortly before his death, this election by the members of the Electoral Committee God attributes to Himself and regards their election as His own election. This tradition of the Prophet lays down a maxim that once Khalifa has been elected he can never be deposed. If it had been possible for Ali and Usman once they had been installed on the Khilafat to get away from it, we are sure that seeing the appalling dissensions that had arisen among the Muslims, they would certainly have abdicated. But they knew that abdication was not possible, deposition unthinkable. Therefore in the face of manifest danger to their lives they held on to their guns 'til their enemies by murdering them laid an axe at the unity, solidarity and cohesion of Islam and gave it a staggering blow from which it never fully recovered. (Review of Religions).

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## MAY 27, THE DAY OF THE SECOND MANIFESTATION OF GOD'S POWER

Exactly 74 years have passed since the Regenerator of this age Hazrat Ahmad the Promised Messiah and Mahdi, the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, departed this world on May 26, 1908 leaving hundreds of thousands of his followers in deep sorrow and profound grief.

The follower Prophet of the age did publish his *Alwasiyat—The Will*, two years prior to his death when he was informed through revelation of his approaching end with the sole aim of setting down in writing some words of admonition and advice for his friends and such other people who might be disposed to derive benefit from them. The extracts from *The Will* are published in this very issue of *The Gazette*.

It was according to these pronouncements of the great seer that the entire Ahmadiyya Community, shocked with the loss of their Founder and subjected to all sorts of attacks from the opponents, witnessed the first manifestation of the promised and everlasting Second Manifestation of God on May 27, 1908 personified in the election of Hazrat Maulvi Nuruddin as Khalifatul Masih I, the first Successor to the Promised Messiah. Hence, the day of May 27th is being remembered and would ever continue to be remembered as an historical day in the annals of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam.

As it was promised that the Second Manifestation of God shall stay with us always, the devoted and sincere followers of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) despite trials and tribulations remained

stuck to this principle laid down by the Promised Messiah and did elect Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad as Khalifatul Masih II, the second Successor to the Promised Messiah when Hazrat Maulvi Nuruddin Khalifatul Masih I breathed his last on March 13, 1914.

The progress of the Community gained under the divine Khilafat of Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad Khalifatul Masih II is a fact which even the seceders have had to admit in their speeches and writings.

And Allah be praised that this Community of God has been blessed to see the third manifestation of the Promised Second Manifestation of God on the passing away of Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad Khalifatul Masih II with the election of Hazrat Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad as Khalifatul Masih III, the third Successor to the Promised Messiah on November 8, 1965.

Through the Grace of the Gracious God, the Ahmadiyya Community before the very eyes of the seceders would certainly continue to derive the blessings of the Second Manifestation of God—Khilafat, and the day is not far when those who claim to have had the love of the Promised Messiah at their heart would realize their folly and join us to share the bounties promised to those who prove themselves in accordance with *Allazeena aama-noo wa amelus suli-hate*—those who believe and do good deeds, Insha Allah.

## Jamaats Reports

**Blacksburg, VA:** The Southwest Virginia Jamaat, located in Blacksburg VA, has been holding Friday prayers regularly, which have been led by Hameed Ahmad Naseem.

Several books on Islam were donated by our Jamaat to Carol M. Newman Library of Virginia Tech. These include the following:

The Holy Quran with English translation by Maulvi Sher Ali.

The Essence of Islam, Vol. I

Deliverance from the Cross

Crucifixion by an Eye Witness

The Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam

Introduction to the Study of Holy Quran

Jesus in India

Islam and Human Rights

Four Questions by a Christian and their Answers

Punishment of Adultery in Islam

Pork Consumption and Human Diseases

Many more are planned to be donated.

A jamaat meeting was held on April 10, 1982. The meeting was opened with the recitation of the Holy Quran and its translation by Hameed Ahmad Naseem. Then, an excellent speech on Hazrat Baba Nanak was given by Amir Rahman Malik. From this speech we learned of the righteousness of Hazrat Baba Nanak as a respected Muslim Saint and that everything we, as Muslims, do in our lives must be for the sake of pleasing Allah. Next, a letter from the Regional President, Yahya Sharif, to the President of our Jamaat, Jaleel Akbar, was conveyed to all the members present. The floor was then open for discussion, in an organized manner, in which important Jamaat matters such as Chanda, propagation, education, and administrative matters were decided upon.

The meeting was closed with Zohr and Asr prayers and refreshments were served afterwards. All of us then proceeded to visit Sister Lubna Ijaz at Montgomery County Hospital, who was being treated for cancer, and gave her our wishes that, *Insha Allah*, she will be well soon.

**Central Pennsylvania:** The Central PA Jamaat (York-Harrisburg) held Masih-i-Mauood Day at Mr. Azim Quereshi's residence in Mechanicsburg on the night of March 20. About 50 members, including children, attended the celebration. It was conducted in a very casual and comfortable atmosphere by the President, Br. Yahya Sharif, who, despite severe illness, discussed the opposition the Masih Mauood encountered during his life's work, and his victories for Islam. On the

Masih's character was a discussion chaired by Harun Rashid Collidge, and on his life was a speech by Musa Sharif Collidge. Twin brothers, Harun and Musa, are the Jamaat's youngest and most eager Khuddam. May Allah bless their efforts. The meeting was concluded by silent prayer and then refreshments. Mr. Hamid Bhatti conducted the funeral prayer for Mr. Quereshi's mother who passed away recently in Pakistan.

York Catholic High School conducted a school wide speech and poetry competition. Of all speech participants, only one 9th grader made it to the finals, competing with 10, 11, and 12 grade students. It was Musa Sharif Collidge of Central Pennsylvania Jamaat. His topic was the Shroud of Turin.

The school auditorium was packed for the final competition with parents, priests and nuns attending with the students. Ahmad Tariq Sharif of our Jamaat won first place in the poetry section. He is an 11th grade student and stands 2nd in the school academically.

In his speech on the Shroud, Musa put forward all of the arguments to prove that Prophet Isa did not die on the cross. He cited that proof exists in the Vatican that one of the Popes and a great Catholic scholar both recorded dreams in which Jesus appeared and told them that he did not die on the cross.

Incredibly, this single freshman, presenting this topic was awarded First Prize in the school oratorical competition. *Alhamdo Lillah*. Humbly and modestly, Musa insisted to his family and friends that he had not at all planned a persuasive type speech, but merely one that was informative. Many students asked questions and the young Ahmadies are planning a program to answer questions and discuss matters at their homes with invited students.

The Central PA Jama'at celebrated *Siratun Nabi Day* on April 18, at the Nuruddin School building in Emigsville. Short speeches on various aspects of the Life and Character of our beloved Prophet, Muhammad Mustafa, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, were offered by Khalid Ahmad Collidge, Wajid Ahmad Bashir, Naweed Ahmad Bhatti, Saleem Abdur Muhaimin, and Ahmad Tariq Sharif. Kaleet Ahmad Bhatti opened the program with recitation of the Holy Quran, and Alhaj Hamid Ahmad Bhatti recited a beautiful poem in praise of the Holy Prophet.

Following the short speeches, which were for

The most part very well prepared and substantial, inspiring as well as informative, the principal speaker addressed the gathering on Muhammad, the Mercy to All. In'amul Haq Kauser graced the function as the main speaker, coming from the Washington headquarters to join the local Ahmadies. Fellowship and refreshments followed.

In chairing the program, the Jamaat President, Yahya Sharif, thanked Sis. Zainab Badrun-Nisa for enabling the Jamaat to hold so many useful and valuable functions at her residence, including the full time school, summer school, and numerous programs. The President urged the members to always seek the recognition of the Prophethood of our Master, Muhammad, peace be upon him, when meeting with other groups and organizations.

**Chicago, IL:** The Chicago Jamaat have been holding its regular meetings on Sundays and Juma on Fridays with very good participation.

By the Grace of God, on Feb. 21, 1982, Muslih Mauood Day was celebrated in the Mosque. The meeting was chaired by Abdul Karim, the Jamaat Secretary, in which highlights of some of the achievements of Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad were elaborated upon. Also, facets of his life were given by Brothers Rafi Ahmad and Hajji Yacub. The meeting was inspiring and uplifting as this was one of the first well attended meetings since the first of the year. Two visitors attended and they were much inspired. The meeting closed with Salat and refreshments.

During this month the Chicago Jamaat participated in the surplus cheese program sponsored by the Federal Government. Members were asked to seek out needy individuals to distribute 600lbs of surplus cheese (120 pieces @ 5lbs each). It was very quickly distributed in the neighborhood. Pray that our efforts will be rewarded.

On March 21, the Chicago Jamaat travelled to North Chicago to celebrate the Masih Mauood Day with the region. The meeting began about 11 a.m. and ended about 2 p.m. Speeches on aspects of the Promised Messiah and Mahdi were well elaborated upon and it was stressed that members should understand the purpose of the coming of the Mahdi and should try to mold their lives and walk in the footsteps of the Promised Messiah. A full course dinner was prepared by our hosts, the Wakegan-KenoshaZion Jamaat and Salat followed, led by our regional missionary Mir Muhammad Afzal.

**Dayton OH:** During the month of March the Jamaat held two observances on the life of Masih Mauood. On March 21, 1982, approximately 75 brothers, sisters and children listened with

reverence as Dr. Sajid lectured on the advent of the Promised Messiah. *Alhamdo Lillah*. Alhaj Zafr, our National President, enlightened the gathering with a heart rendering speech in response to a question, One Miracle Islam in America? In his talk, Br. Zafr explained that we are signs, and the benefits of his (Masih Mauood) teachings. A comparative analysis between followers of Moses and Islam was discussed and that "The Oppressed voice reaches Allah and He responds." After a fulfilling spiritual feast, everyone joined for a feast of sweets and tea.

On Sunday, March 28, 1982, the Atfals held a program on the Life of Masih Mauood. On Sunday, April 4, the Atfal passed out the leaflet: **The Bible Says: Jesus did not Die on the Cross**, at a resurrection service—Tribute to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, at the Stouffers Plaza Hotel in Downtown Dayton, Ohio.

**Los Angeles, CA:** The Jamaat organized a special meeting to celebrate Promised Messiah's Day. This meeting was held on April 3, at Culver City Auditorium. The session started with the recitation of the Holy Quran and Br. Rahmat Jamal read the English translation. Br. Lateef Ahmad read a couple of Hadiths and their translation. Br. Aftab Ahmad then read excerpts from the **Teachings of Islam by the Promised Messiah (peace be on him)**.

**Br. Anwar Khan then spoke in Urdu and presented a comprehensive life sketch of Hazrat Ahmad, his character, his mission and his teachings. He explained Hazrat Ahmad's claim and why he was sent in the 19th century.**

**Louisiana:** On April 12, 1982, the Jamaat members from New Orleans and Baton Rouge area got together at the residence of Dr. Abdul Mannan Khan and Mrs. Dr. Nasim Khan, and solemnly observed the Promised Messiah and the Promised Son Day. A total of 25 adults and children were present. The speakers included Dr. Saeed Ahmad, Dr. Mannan Khan, Dr. Safeer Ahmad, Mr. Iftikhar Ahmad and Mr. Attah Ahmad (tifi). The day was doubly blessed by celebrating the Aameen party of Wali Khan, son of Dr. and Mrs Mannan Khan, who opened the meeting by reciting from the Holy Quran. Mrs. Safeer Ahmad recited a poem from Durre Saameen. The meeting was brought to an end by collective prayers and Dua led by Br. Rashid Ahmad. The day was marked by outdoor cooking which was enjoyed by everybody.

Salma Khan and Salman Khan, children of Dr. Mannan Khan and Dr. Nasim Khan scored first and second place in Civics and Chemistry in Baton Rouge Metropolitan District's High School

competition. Salma Khan also got third place in the state-wide competition. All the members of the Jamaat are requested to pray for greater spiritual and temporal successes.

**Milwaukee, WI:** On February 21, 1982, the Milwaukee Jamaat celebrated the Musleh Mauood Day. The main speakers for the day were Muhammad Afzal Mirza, Missionary of the Great Lakes Region, and Alhaj Muzaffar Zafr, National President. Br. Rashid Ahmad was the moderator of the day.

In his speech, Missionary Muhammad Afzal stated that the Musleh Mauood, while sitting by the bedside of his dying father, the Promised Messiah, proclaimed to his father that if all of the members leave the Movement, he would carry out single-handedly the work of the Promised Messiah. The Missionary further stated that after the Musleh Mauood took the office of Khilafat, many people in the community thought that he did not have the ability to lead the Ahmadiyya Community to success.

However, by the help and Grace of Allah, he tied the Jamaat together and led it to success worldwide. The missionary contended that we need more quality in our community and not so much quantity, although having the quality with quantity is *Alhamdo Lillah*.

Alhaj Muzaffar Zafr gave an inspiring speech on the reflection of the Musleh Mauood and his contributions to Americans. Alhaj Zafr contended that during the time of the Khilafat, his followers have the love for Allah and whenever they are given a job to do, they never hesitate. They do it rightaway. Under the leadership of the Musleh Mauood, the late Dr. Mufti Muhammad Sadiq, through word of mouth, delivered the message of the Promised Messiah to many Americans who did in fact accept Ahmadiyyat after hearing the message from Dr. Sadiq. This, Alhaj Zafr said, we should try to emulate in our Tabligh. He further stated that we should develop the personality of the Musleh Mauood. It is essential that we establish our connection with Allah. Prayers are very important and our prayer mats should be wet from supplicating to Allah. We are now living in the 15th century and we are the only people who hold the hope of salvation for all of humanity. He said we should be mindful of our duties. We should not ask others to join Ahmadiyyat while we are not practising it. We have taken Bai'at with Allah and we should remember the conditions of Bai'at, say Tahajjud prayers and absorb in *Zikr* much.

Br. Rashid Ahmad stated that whosoever tries to oppose Ahmadiyyat would be crushed because this Movement is protected by Allah.

The entire day was a grand success. There was plenty of delicious food and a beautiful Ahmadiyya atmosphere. *Alhamdo Lillah*.

On March 7, the Regional Missionary visited Milwaukee Jamaat and presided over the Jamaat activities.

The Jamaat is having regular meetings every Sunday and Jumah services every Friday with plenty of members in attendance. We have just had a new sister to sign Bai'at. *Alhamdo Lillah*. Every Sunday and Friday, one can find a number of visitors in attendance.

As part of the Jamaat program, the President gives a topic to one or two brothers so they can research it and present in a speech format to the Jamaat. In this sense, each brother will learn from this experience, to develop the art of speech, familiarity with Ahmadiyya subject matter and also a sense of responsibility within the Jamaat.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim School in Milwaukee, by the Grace of Allah, is doing very well. *Alhamdo Lillah*. The students seem to be showing definite progress in all academic areas. They are learning poems of the Promised Messiah, prayers of the Holy Prophet (s.w.s) and prayers from the Holy Quran. Likewise in the areas of natural and physical science they are well adept.

**Willingboro, NJ:** On invitation from Zion Lutheran Church, Syed Abdul Aziz arranged a lecture of Mian Muhammad Ibrahim, Northeast Regional Missionary, on April 1 to address members of the Church. A total of 8 members of the Church, including the Pastor and the Chairman of the Church Committee, attended the lecture. The Jamaat was represented by M. M. Ibrahim, A. A. Syed and Muhammad Suleman. A non-Ahmadi Pakistani, Mr Akmal Jawed, also attended the lecture at the invitation of the Willingboro Jamaat.

The meeting at the Pastor's office lasted two hours and generated a very healthy discussion on Islam. Initially, the host read out an article on **Islam and the Modern World** and simultaneously displayed slides, depicting the early days of Islam. Mian Ibrahim and Syed Aziz put together their efforts to clarify points that either misrepresented Islam or created doubts about Islamic virtues, values and historical facts.

Later, Mian Ibrahim gave a lovely and very informative lecture on Islam and its basic principles. His speech helped in clearing a lot of misunderstandings about Islam and generated a deep sense of interest among the listeners. Of particular interest to the Church community was God's name *Allah* and the status of women in Islam. Besides, the authenticity of the Holy Quran viz-a-

viz the Bible came under lovely discussion and so did the return of Jesus Christ back on earth and whether it would be physical or spiritual. The members of the Church asked several questions and admitted their lack of knowledge of Islam in its true perspective.

The absence of a copy of the Holy Quran in the office/library of the Pastor was duly noted and the Willingboro Jamaat later presented a copy of the same to the Church.

## East Coast Atfal Summer School

These schools have been very beneficial to many youth of our Jamaat. They often learn more in one week of full time summer school than they do all year, listening to adult programs at mission meetings. They become inspired by and make lasting friendships with other Ahmadi boys.

So far as the summer school projected for August 10, 1982, fathers of Atfal are advised of the progress:

- Baltimore Jamaat has offered the use of their excellent building
- Three experienced and capable Ahmadi brothers have offered a full week of their time to teach.
- All previous lessons and materials are in their hands.

But, will there be a summer school this year? Fathers of Atfal! Where is your interest? It appears to me as though planning has bogged down and parents fail to come forward until zero hour.

Who to contact? Try the National Qaid and Assistant National Qaid of Khuddam, Abdul Kabir Haqqe and Saleem A. Muhaimin, Sardar Rafiq Ahmad, the director designated last year, and Rashid Arshad, who has been a major participant. Yahya Sharif is unable to be committed to the school this summer.

Good plans were made in some details for a full time middle school for Ahmadi youth, the type parents were crying for. The plan went to Huzur. He simply asked: "Who will come?" He knew that you would sit back. If only parents who were always crying and complaining about their children were in fact sincere and had the courage and foresight to **come forward**, we may have had such a school. Now, the fathers of Atfal must make their interest known, and yes, volunteer some help if needed, or another great program will go by the wayside - to the detriment of our own young men who we hope will grow up and inherit Ahmadiyyat from us.

## An Important Announcement

Fazle Umar Foundation, Rabwah, Pakistan, is again offering cash prizes to winners in five categories for original, unpublished writings on Islam. The categories are:

1. The Basic Tenets of Islam, e.g., the need of Prophethood, the existence of God, Prayer, need for *Shariah* (righteous Law).
2. On any aspects of Islamic forms of worship and Islamic moral ethics.
3. History of Religion, history of former Prophets, History of Islam or the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, Life story of the early leaders or heroes of Islam.
4. Islamic economics, comparison of existing systems of banking or commerce, research by Muslims in any branch of knowledge and their contribution to its development.
5. Any literary topic not covered in the above.

Manuscripts may not exceed 20,000 words and must be submitted in duplicate to the Fazle Umar Foundation for receipt prior to November 1, 1982. Authors should submit outlines of proposed submissions before writing the paper. Fazle Umar Foundation will suggest essential modifications and improvements, if necessary. Complete references must be cited in the text of the manuscript (book titles, authors, year of publication, etc.). To qualify for a prize, a special standard of literary merit and research has been prescribed. There are also publication considerations which would be further detailed for interested applicants. Further details and information are available in the U.S. through the Muslim Sunrise Guild. These details and instructions may be provided in either English or Urdu. Address correspondence to the Muslim Sunrise Guild, Publications Secretary, c/o The American Fazl Mosque, Washington DC, 20008.

One of the last year's winners was an American brother. The Muslim Sunrise Guild would like to encourage the widest possible participation by American brothers and sisters in this competition. It would be a considerable honor if at least one of these prizes were to again be awarded to an American. It would be appreciated, too, if participants would also send copies of their outlines to the Muslim Sunrise Guild so that we can have a general idea as to the number of applicants from America and the types of issues which they are addressing. The articles which do not win the international competition may be considered for publication in one of the Jama'at's periodicals.

## East Coast Lajna Children's Annual Contest

A remarkably successful contest in religious education and training of children (Nasirat and Atfal) was conducted by the East Coast Regional Lajna President, Sister Qanita Zafar, and her assistants on April 11, 1982, at the YWCA Center, Trenton, NJ. A fairly large number of children escorted by their parents eagerly participated from as far as Washington DC, York PA, New York, New Jersey and Willingboro. Maulana Kaleem honored the contestants with his presence and the Regional Missionary, Mian Muhammad Ibrahim, was also available to assist the organizers in running the show. Competitors had come well prepared with their prescribed courses and syllabus (circulated months ahead) and strove hard to outshine their fellow contestants. Their individual performance was thoroughly tested in the recitation and memorization of the Holy Quran, Hadith, Knowledge of Islam and the Holy Prophet, Prayers and Salat, ability to speak on prescribed topics, in fact, all that Islam requires a child to be conversant with. The eager contestants were divided into different age groups, and judges adjudicated their demonstrations. Maulana Kaleem, Br. Munawwar Saeed,

Br. Mubashar Ahmad, Br. Yahya Sharif, Br. Hussain Aziz, Syed Abdul Aziz, Dr. Safiullah and Mian Muhammad Ibrahim, all did a wonderful job in evaluating the knowledge of the enthusiastic examinees.

One could not help commending the parents for the excellent job they had done in preparing their children for the test, and complementing the organizer for putting up such an exciting and inspiring show. The function kept the hall humming with activity for hours and eloquently testified to the awakening among Ahmadi families to bring up their children as true Muslims. A lion's share of the prizes was won by Qanita Zafar and Br. Yahya Sharif's children, while master Wajid (our American Ahmadi youth) impressed the judges with his performance. Numerous other youngsters acquitted themselves creditably.

Maulana Kaleem apparently impressed with the interest evinced by children and their parents in training them in accordance with the spirit of Islam, complemented all concerned and briefly pointed out the areas where there was still room for improvement.

## The Way of the Seekers

The speech of Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih II (Allah be pleased with him), delivered in 1922 and later published in Urdu (*Minhaajut Talibeen*), has been translated into English and published in America. This book has been prescribed as the text for the forthcoming Ahmadiyya Annual Convention. All brothers and sisters are required to prepare themselves for a half hour written test during the convention. The book can be obtained from Washington Headquarters for \$3 per copy.

The alternative book prescribed as a text is *Da'watul Ameer* (first 98 pages, to end of *Doosaree Daleel*) or *Invitation to Ahmadiyyat* (first 118 pages, second argument included).

Atfal and Nasirat from 12 to 15 years old, will take a separate test from the first 44 pages of the **Way of the Seekers**, or from the alternative book *Da'watul Ameer* (first 50 pages) or the **Invitation to Ahmadiyyat** (first 57 pages).

All brothers, sisters and children will have the option to answer the questions either in English or in Urdu, in respect of *Da'watul Ameer*-*Invitation to Ahmadiyyat*, which are available at the Washington Headquarters.

## Inauguration of Masjid Basharat in Spain

Masjid Basharat at Pedroabad near Cordoba in Spain shall be inaugurated by Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih III, on September 10, 1982, *Insha Allah*. Alhaj Muzaffar Ahmad Zafr, the National President, will be participating in the function as official representative of the U.S. Jamaat. Other members from the USA who can participate should try to take part in this blessed and historic occasion. The air passage from New York to Madrid, Spain, and return is \$525.00, provided tickets are purchased 21 days before travelling. Besides, the stay requirements are minimum 7 days and maximum 80 days.

All the intending participants are required to take an introductory letter from the Ameer and Muballigh Incharge in Washington, DC.

All the intending participants are requested to remit \$100.00 for reservation of seats, before June 30, 1982, and the balance before July 31, 1982.



## A Highly Successful Symposium on Seeratun Nabi

**New York:** Thanks mainly to the planning of New York Jamaat President, Br. Nazir Ahmad Ayaz, and untiring efforts of his close assistants, the meeting held on April 18, 1982, in Raleigh Public High School, Queens (rented for the purpose), turned out to be a great success. In addition to the members of the Ahmadiyya Communities from Philadelphia, Boston, North New Jersey, Willingboro, several non-Ahmadi Muslims also flocked to offer their humble tribute to the memory of the Holy Prophet of Islam, so much so that the number of participants rose higher than ever. A still remarkable feature of the event was the first ever participation of non-Muslim speakers. Two eminent scholars, Dr Walter Kaelber (Chairman of the Religious Studies of Wagner College) and Mr. K. P. Naidu (Vice President, Hindu Temple Society of North America) spoke highly of the message of peace that the Holy Prophet delivered to mankind. Both the distinguished speakers paid

glowing tribute to the Holy Prophet, eloquently highlighted the teachings of Islam, and complemented the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam for providing an opportunity for them to speak on the life and character of the Holy Founder of Islam.

The meeting was chaired by the Regional Missionary, Mian Muhammad Ibrahim, and addressed beside him by Dr. Khalil Ahmad Nasir and Br. Abid Haneef on different aspects of the character and teaching of the greatest benefactor of mankind. It is encouraging to find that non-Muslim scholars are now making objective and unbiased study of Islam and are turning to the literature produced by the Ahmadiyya Movement for the proper understanding of Islam. Both the aforesaid speakers referred to the books on Islam and the Holy Prophet written by Hazrat Ch. Zafrulla Khan.

## THE MUSLIM SUNRISE

*Muslims lost the world because they forsook God, whereas they had been made the custodians of true religion* (Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II)

I stood upon the threshold of despair.  
Hope had taken flight I knew not where;  
When lo! a door was opened wide to me  
I entered - and Islam made me see  
The truth behind the clouded veil.  
And now upon her waves I sail,  
Guided by the Prophet's sacred hand  
Under heaven's canopy to that Holy Land.

(Mrs. Garber, New York City, August 1921)

*Muslim Sunrise*, October, 1921)

Mrs. Garber's poem appeared in the *Muslim Sunrise* when almost nothing was known of Islam in the United States. It was through it that she discovered **true religion**—Religion pure and clear. By the Grace and Mercy of Allah, we are today the recipients of this Divine instrument.

Members should take note of the late Hazrat Khalifatul Masih's words that he has so aptly used to remind us. Then why have you not sent in your subscription to the *Muslim Sunrise* so that you too may be the sender of the blessings that you yourselves have received?

Please send your check or money order, made out to *Muslim Sunrise*, amounting to \$7.00 as soon as possible. Though we have been receiving

subscriptions, it is a very poor number compared to the amount of members now in the USA.

Our aim is to try our best to spread the message of *True Islam*. We are encouraging you to do the same. As our reward comes from Allah, so will yours. But we must step up our efforts, and step up our efforts immediately. There are those who are crying in the wilderness and we can bring them joy. Think how quieted your anxieties were when you received the message of **true Islam**. You can do something to help the anxieties of your brothers. Mail your subscription, please. Be ready to circulate the second edition for this fiscal year.

(Saeeda Lateef, Distributor)

## Annual Convention, 1982

Detailed program of the Convention will be published in the next issue of the *Gazette*, *Insha Allah*. However, relevant necessary information is being published elsewhere in the current *Gazette*, supplied by the Secretary (Nazir Ahmad Ayaz) on behalf of the local Convention Committee which comprises the following members of the North-East Region:

Br. Abid Haneef (president)  
Br. Nazir Ahmad Ayaz  
Dr. Ehsan Ullah Zafar  
Br. Rashid Ahmad Arshad  
Br. Munir Hamid

The Committee has been authorized to co-opt any other members they need.

Mian Muhammad Ibrahim, Secretary

# FAZLE UMAR FOUNDATION

## An Important Announcement

For the Year 1361 H.S./ 1982 A.D.

Annual Prizes of Rupees 12,500 for Literary Works



At the Annual Gathering of 1949, Hazrat Musleh-Mauood (may God be pleased with him) laid before the Community a comprehensive scheme regarding the Ahmadiyya Publications. To implement this scheme, the Fazle Umar Foundation has fixed five prizes of Rs.2500 each. These prizes are awarded for works which fall under any one of the following categories of topics:

**First Category:** The basic tenets of Islam, e.g., Existence of God, Divine attributes, the need of Prophethood, criteria for the recognition of the Prophets, Prayer, Fate, Life after death, Paradise and Hell, Miracles, the need of Shariat (Religious Law), and life of the Holy Prophet.

**Second Category:** Any aspect of Islamic forms of Worship and Islamic moral ethics.

**Third Category:** History of Religion, history of former prophets, history of Islam, history of propagation of Islam in any country, history of the Ahmadiyya Movement, life story and character sketch of any companion of the Holy Prophet or any hero of Islam, etc.

**Fourth Category:** Islamic Economics, e.g., Banking and interest, systems of insurance, Labor and related questions, Organization of Trading Companies, Industry, International Commerce (Aside from throwing light on these subjects from the Islamic point of view, the discussion must include comparison with the existing system), Research by Muslims in any branch of knowledge and their contribution to its development.

**Fifth Category:** Any literary topic not included in the above mentioned categories of titles.

### RULES AND CONDITIONS

1. These prizes will be awarded annually. For this purpose a year will be reckoned as from 1st January to 31st December.
2. Only those manuscripts will be included in the competition which are received in the office of the Fazle Umar Foundation on or before 1st November in any year. Exceptions to this condition may be allowed under special circumstances.
3. It is important that the manuscript is original and unpublished.
4. The manuscript shall not be less than 20,000 words.
  - (a) Two bound copies of the draft shall be submitted; a third copy should be retained by the author for his personal reference. While submitting his article, the entrant should state clearly the category of prize (first, second, etc.) under which the entry falls.
  - (b) The author should submit an outline of his thesis before undertaking the writing of the paper so that the committee appointed for this purpose can suggest essential modification and improvement if necessary.

(c) The author, in his thesis, must include complete references quoting the author, the name of the book and the year of its publication.

(d) It is permissible for an Arabic and an English scholar to jointly produce a thesis in English which can be published in joint names.

5. Old books shall not be eligible for consideration.
6. To qualify for a prize, special standard of literary merit and research work has been prescribed. The question whether any entry comes up to this standard and as such is eligible for the award of a prize shall be decided by a Board whose appointment will be made by the Chairman of the Foundation. The decision of this Board shall be final and binding and beyond appeal in any Court of Law.
  - (a) The thesis approved for the grant of an award will be suitably amended by the author in the light of the remarks and comments made by the judges of the thesis before it is published.
  - (b) Such an amended copy will be submitted for record to the Foundation office.
7. It is not at all a compulsive obligation to award all these prizes every year. If in any year entries do not measure up to the standard in any division, no award of prizes will be made that year.
8. The copyright of the prize winning thesis will belong to the author, but the Foundation shall have the right to publish one-third of the thesis as its excerpt and if the author concerned does not publish his prize-winning work in three years, the copyright thereof shall pass on to the Foundation.
9. (a) If the printing and publication of an article be under the consideration of the Foundation and its author insists on grant of suitable royalty, the Foundation shall give due regard to the request, i.e., the payment of royalty for the publication of a thesis is not outside the bounds of possibility.
  - (b) If a writer is not in a position to publish his thesis, and if its publication is, in the opinion of the Foundation, in the interests of the Movement, the Foundation will make necessary arrangements.
10. It is upto an author to determine the category or division for his entry under anyone of the above mentioned five categories of topics. He may, however, consult the Chairman of the Foundation in this behalf. The title of the approved thesis will be reconsidered before its publication for any possible amendment.
11. It is for the Chairman of the Foundation to decide as to which of the said categories covers an entry or whether it is not covered by any category and his decision in this respect shall be final and binding.

(Secretary, Fazle Umar Foundation, Rabwah)



Mirza Muhammad Afzal, the Regional Missionary, Great Lakes Region, presented a set of books, including a copy of the Holy Quran with English translation, to Woodson Regional Library, Chicago, IL. Picture shows Mirza Afzal with Ms. Hattie Power, the Director of the Library, holding the books presented.

## *Islam Preached in American University*

**Washington, DC:** The Honors students of the Department of Religion and Philosophy of the American University were addressed on Islam by Alhaj Ata Ullah Kaleem, the Imam of the Fazl Mosque, in one of the halls of the University, on April 15, 1982. Dr. White, a Professor in the Department who arranged the lecture along with a number of students, asked the questions from the speaker to which he answered to the satisfaction of the questioners. Copies of sets of Islamic booklets were presented to all the students. Besides, a set of books: *The Essence of Islam*, *Ahmadiyyat the Renaissance of Islam* and *Life of Muhammad*, was presented to Dr. White for the Department library.

## *College Students Visit Fazl Mosque*

**Washington, DC:** Two groups of students from Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA, visited the American Fazl Mosque under the supervision of their Professor, Dr. Bruce, on April 17 and May 1, respectively. The first group was addressed by Alhaj Ata Ullah Kaleem, the Imam of the Mosque, who explained the salient features of Islam. The short address was followed by questions and answers during which time further points regarding the teachings of Islam were elaborated by the Imam. A set of Islamic booklets was presented to each student while the Professor was presented with a set of books on Islam for the College Library. Later, the students were taken around the Mosque by the Imam. Light refreshments were also served to the visitors.

The second group was presented slides program covering the introduction of Islam by Mubashar Ahmad, the Administrative Secretary of the Movement. This group was also taken around the mosque and served with light refreshments.

## *Hazrat Khalifatul Masih's Wedding*

Every member of the Ahmadiya Community will be very pleased to learn and will rejoice at the happy news of the marriage of Hazrat Ameerul Momineen, Mirza Nasir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih III, with Lady Doctor Tahira Begum, daughter of Khan Abdul Majeed Khan and sister of Dr. Naseer Ahmad Khan, Professor of Physics at Taleemul Islam College, Rabwah.

The Nikah was announced on Sunday, April 11, 1982, after the Asr prayers, and the Walima was celebrated the next day. The news was greeted with great joy and happiness. Sweets were distributed and members congratulated each other on hearing about the event. Telegrams of congratulations were immediately despatched to Rabwah from individuals and various organizations of the Jama'at.

According to reports, it was a simple ceremony. Huzur, accompanied by ten members of his family, proceeded to the bride's house where the

Rukhstana took place. No food or drinks were served, neither was the house decorated especially for the occasion. In the sermon, Huzur mentioned that after receiving several letters and communications from members of the Jamaat all over the world, requesting him to remarry, and also after praying and performing Istikhara for forty days, he had decided to marry, as this was the most essential course to take in the interest of the Jamaat.

Huzur further stated that, personally, he did not find any need for getting remarried, but the interest of the Jamaat and particularly the female section of the community demanded that this be done so that the link between the ladies of the Jamaat and the Khalifa does not weaken. Huzur also mentioned some dreams seen by the members of the Jamaat as a result of prayers especially offered for the purpose.

The dowry was fixed at one thousand rupees.

### *The Formation of Ahmadi Architects & Engineers Association*

On the instructions from the Chairman of the International Association of Ahmadi Architects & Engineers, Rabwah, Pakistan, the U.S. Chapter of the Association is under formation.

All architects and Engineers, including computer systems engineers and technicians must join the U.S. Chapter. Please send your name and address along with the bio-data as soon as possi-

ble, even if you have registered earlier with the Rabwah office of the Association.

There will be a formal meeting of the Association during the August Ahmadiyya Annual Convention. So do participate. All correspondence to International Ahmadi Architects and Engineers Association, USA, should be addressed to:

G.P.O. Box 1828, New York NY 10116

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All Ahmadiyya Muslims, their families and their friends are cordially invited to spend three memorable, inspiring informative and soul lifting days at this annual gathering.

- Come to a rare spiritual experience.
- Join with sisters and brothers from coast to coast to share discussion of mutual interest.
- Introduce your children to a true Islamic environment.
- Expose your friends to the truth of Islam.
- Learn the Islamic answer to the contemporary issues of our time.
- Widen the circle of true Islamic brotherhood.

Also, in the words of The Promised Messiah, the founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement, Come to this gathering: "To seek knowledge,

To consult for the service of Islam, and to meet other brothers. Finally, receive the blessings of the following prayers of the Promised Messiah. For those who come to such gatherings. He said:

"MAY GOD ALMIGHTY BE WITH EVERYONE WHO SETS OUT TO ATTEND THIS GATHERING WHICH IS HELD FOR THE SAKE OF ALLAH ALONE. MAY HE BESTOW UPON THEM A GREAT REWARD AND HAVE MERCY ON THEM AND RESOLVE THEIR DIFFICULTIES AND REMOVE THEIR ANXIETIES AND GRIEFS AND SORROWS, AND MAY HE DELIVER THEM FROM EVERY MISFORTUNE AND OPEN THE WAY OF SUCCESS FOR THEIR ENDEAVORS. MAY HE ON THE DAY OF JUDGMENT RAISE THEM AMONG SUCH OF HIS SERVANTS WHO ARE RECIPIENTS OF HIS GRACE AND MERCY AND MAY HE BE THE GUARDIAN OF THEIR DEPENDENTS IN THEIR ABSENCE.

"O GOD! LORD OF HONOR AND BENEFICENCE, MERCIFUL DELIVERER FROM TRIALS, DO THOU ACCEPT ALL THESE SUPPLICATIONS AND BESTOW SUPREMACY UPON US WITH THY BRIGHT SIGNS AS THOU POSSESSETH ALL POWER AND STRENGTH." AMEEN!

LOCATION

One of the most modern, comfortable and efficient facilities in the area, on a 250 acre wooded hilltop in the north-eastern corner of suburban Wayne New Jersey, commands a breath taking view of the surrounding metropolitan area, located 20 miles west of New York City. The meeting and residential facilities are fully air-conditioned with carpeted restaurant with terrace. Easily accessible by car via route 80 and public transportation. Transport will be provided on request from Airports.

REGISTRATION

Registration starts May 1, 82 and closes July 15, 82. Please register at the earliest possible time. It will be hard to accommodate late registrants. Registration fee schedule is given on the registration form.

SUITES

A suite comprise of a living room, 2 bedrooms with 2 beds in each bedroom, a bathroom and wash sink. No maid service available. Parents with children may occupy a suite. All others must share a suite. A maximum of 4 adults may share a suite and fill out one registration form. Children under 12 year should bring their own sleeping bag if bed is not requested.

TIMINGS

Convention delegates are expected to arrive at the Convention site on Friday August 13, 1982 for Juma prayers that will start at 1.30p.m. Registration desk will open at 10.00a.m. Friday.

MEALS

Payment in advance along with the registration is prerequisite for meals to be served at the Convention restaurant. Payment should be remitted before July 15, 82. Following 6 meals will be served at the Convention.

- Friday Aug.13 . . . . . Dinner only
- Saturday Aug.14 . . . . . Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Sunday Aug. 15 . . . . . Breakfast and Lunch only

**Advance Registration Form**

Names of all persons sharing a suite, Head of family or group first.		M/F	Age	Date & Time of Arrival
1	_____	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	_____	_____
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5	_____	_____	_____	_____
Address _____		City _____	State _____	Zip _____
Phone. Res. _____		Business _____	Amount paid _____	
Do you need transport from Air/Bus/Rail terminal?		Yes/No	Terminal	_____

Registration rate including 6 meals per person  
 Adults \$51.00 Children with bed \$41.00 Children without bed \$15.00  
 Day guests \$35.00 Children \$15.00. Checks payable to Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam

#### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Researched, informative, educational and well prepared lectures by Ahmadi scholar from USA and overseas covering wide variety of interesting topics concerning practical issues.

Exhibition displaying the activities of Ahmadiyyat across USA. Recreational and competitive games for sisters and brothers including table-tennis and basketball. (Friday and Saturday Eve.)

Competative written test from the book "The Way of Seeker", alternative choice "Invitation to Ahmadiyyat"

Slide and Film Shows.

#### PAYMENT PLAN

Payment in full is requested along with this registration form. However, the total amount may be paid in a maximum of three equal instalments. In this case, the first payment is to be remitted with this registration form, and the balance paid in June and July, 1982. All payments must be completed by July 15, 1982.

The Center has generously approved a grant for the Convention which enables us to offer the above reduced rates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 212 263-0717 or WRITE TO THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE, G.P.O. BOX 1828 NEW YORK N.Y.10116



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