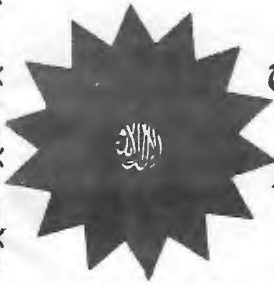


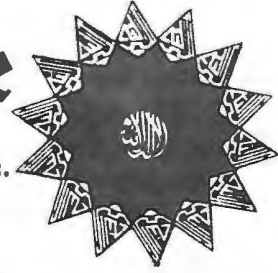
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HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASHIH'S SPECIAL MESSAGE ON MARTYRDOM OF DR. MUZAFFAR AHMAD OF DETROIT

(This special message of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV, in the Urdu language, was read by Alhaj Ata Ullah Kaleem, the Ameer and Muballigh Incharge, to the participants of the 35th Ahmadiyya Annual Convention, USA, held at the Lower Huron Metro Park, Bellville, MI (a suburb of Detroit). The Ameer also presented its English translation.)

“O ye Ahmadies of Detroit and other cities of America and zealous followers of Islam who inhabit the east and the west: Do not let this transitory grief bear heavy on you as it is going to be a harbinger of untold Divine Graces. Do not call this martyr dead as he lives. Keep steadfast on the path this faithful and brave man took and left many behind, achieving a station envied by many. Your steps should not falter and you should hold your goal clear in your sight. You have chartered a course with deliberation and conviction. Martyrdom is a stage higher than that of righteousness on this journey of love. Do not let it frighten or dampen your spirit. It is an exalted rank which has been the goal of millions of people who died wishing to attain it.

Remember the day when Khalid Bin Waleed lay on his death bed sobbing uncontrollably which shook his body. It puzzled a visitor who could not help asking him: “O sword of Allah! you who plunged unhesitantly in the deadliest of encounters which would cow down the bravest of braves and now you whimper like a woman facing death. Such cowardice does not behove you.”

Khalid replied that it was not death that frightened him but he lamented the martyrdom that had eluded him. Mark, the greatest wish of Khalid was to join the rank of those who had drunk from the cup of martyrdom and had offered the supreme human sacrifice at the altar of God. Khalid sought battle where

it was the fiercest. Where bodies were being hacked to pieces, where limbs were torn from the bodies, where heads rolled. But martyrdom was not for him to have. He always returned a *Ghazi*—a victor. Khalid lifted the cover from his body exposing his chest, his arms, his legs, his back and said: ‘Do you see an inch of my body which has not borne the mark of the battle but Khalid failed to meet his Lord on the battlefield. Martyrdom was not for him to have. This hurts me more than all the wounds on my body.’

All of you who have submitted their will to the Will of God and His Messenger, you will encounter higher station in the journey of your life than that of righteousness. Always bear in mind that the path you have chosen is not the path of fear and dread or that of loss and waste but rather of a winding mountainous trail which climbs higher and higher, unfolding panorama upon panorama of breathtaking beauty of divine promises. This reward awaits only those who toil and sweat to climb the mountain.

Don't let the spark that God has kindled in my heart and which burns in the hearts of thousands of Ahmadies to extinguish. I call God our Lord and Master to be witness between us, don't let it be extinguished. Guard this sacred trust. I swear upon the sacred name of our Lord Master, the Glory of the all Glorious that if you remained watchful of this divine light, God would not let it be put out. This flame will grow and spread from one bosom to another until it will envelop the entire world and tear the daylight from the belly of the dark night.

And you the ill-wishers of Ahmadiyyat, I have a message for you too. You who cast evil eyes on Ahmadiyyat, hark and note that you will never be



Convention Working Committee from Detroit



Members of Detroit Jamaat with the Regional Missionary



Dr. Muzaffar Ahmad Shaheed
Martyred in the cause of Ahmadiyyat. An assassin apparently killed him, but Muzaffar got eternal life while the killer died apparently as a result of his own actions.

able to extinguish this light. It is not the kind of flame that can be put out by your mean blows of breath. No tyranny, no force of evil, will ever be able to smother this divine flame. See with discerning eye, Muzaffar is alive, more alive than ever before.

Muzaffar! we salute you. There are millions waiting to take your place. And you, who have snuffed the life out of Muzaffar have instead made him drink from the cup of eternal life. Life was granted to him and death is your destiny.

The Quranic concept of religious freedom is noble and sublime and you who have turned it into a detestable and laperous doctrine of coercion; you who changed the sweet love sprouting from the foun-

tain of Islam into hate and enmity, you the unfortunate lot who wish to transform every soft light into a burning inferno, and divine mercy into affliction and yet call yourselves human beings; remember that every wave of your mean contrivance will shatter on the rock of destiny. All your efforts shall be reduced to dust. You will be banging your heads against the wall of fate. Every foaming wave will break against the shore of Islam and shatter. It shall not be allowed to advance..

O the power hidden or visible, listen! there is nothing but defeat in store for you over and over again. And we, the devotees, the zealous and fervent followers of Islam, failure is not in our disposition.



THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD IN THE EYES OF HAZRAT MIRZA GHULAM AHMAD, THE PROMISED MESSIAH AND MAHDI, THE HOLY FOUNDER OF THE AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT IN ISLAM

GIST OF OUR RELIGION

“The essence of our religion is *Laa Ilaha Illallah Muhammad Rasoolullah*—there is none worthy of worship except Allah, and Muhammad is His Apostle. The faith we hold in the course of our lives in this material world and the faith with which, by the Grace of God, we shall pass away from this transient universe, is just this that our Leader and Friend Muhammad Mustafa, peace and blessings of God be upon him, is *Khataman Nabiyyeen* (Seal of the Prophets) and *Khairul Mursaleen* (Best of the Messengers), at whose hands religion has been made perfect; at whose hands the blessings reached the point of fullest consummation, by means of which, having adopted the right path, a human being can reach God.” (*Izala-i-Auham* by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad)

MUHAMMAD THE INTERCESSOR AND THE EVER LIVING PROPHET

“Who is saved? Assuredly, whosoever is convinced that the existence of God is a veritable reality; and Muhammad, peace and blessings of Allah be on him, the Intercessor between Him and all His creation. Under the heavens there is no Prophet comparable to him in position and rank; nor a Book comparable to the Holy Quran; and in regard to no one else did Allah desire that he should live for ever. This Prophet lives for ever; and to keep him alive for all times to come God has laid down a firm foundation, in the

fact that the benefit of his Shariat (divine Law) and the power of his soul shall remain operative in the world, upto the moment of the Judgement Day.

So, therefore, it has always been, for me, a matter for wonder and astonishment that this Arabian Prophet, whose name is Muhammad, thousands and thousands of *Darud* (blessings) and *Salams* (peace) be upon him, is a Prophet of such extraordinary rank that the bounds of the eminence of his position cannot be imagined. Nor is it possible to gauge the strength and extent of his benign influence. It is for me a matter for regret that his rank has not been recognized as it should have been recognized. *Tauheed* (Unity of God) had been extinct in this world. He alone is the stalwart who brought it back on this earth. He loved God to the utmost possible point and he was filled with the utmost, the deepest possible sympathy for fellow human beings. Therefore, Allah, Who was aware of the secret lying in his heart, gave him preference over all other Prophets, whether of the earlier eras or of the later ones; and He bestowed upon him all that He had desired in this world. He alone is the fountain-head of all benefits and blessings. Whosoever, now, claims any preference or elevation for himself, without reference to this—the greatest Prophet of all times—he is not a human being. He comes from the children of the Evil one, since Muhammad has been blessed with the key to every benefit and every blessing.” (*Haqeeqatul Wahee* by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad)

MUHAMMAD IS THE MOST EMINENT OF THE PROPHETS

"I swear by the glory of God and His majesty that I am the faithful, a Muslim, and I believe in Allah, the High, in His Books, and in His Messengers and in His Angels and in life after death. And I believe that our Prophet Muhammad, the Elect of God (peace of Allah be on him and His blessings) is the most eminent of the Prophets and the Seal of Apostles." (*Hamamatul Bushra* by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad)

MUHAMMAD IS THE SEAL OF PROPHETS

"The charge made against me and my community that we do not believe the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of God be upon him) to be the Seal of Prophets is a big falsehood. The faith, the conviction, certitude and the utterness that characterize our belief in the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) as the Seal of Prophets are markedly absent in the belief of those people who level this charge at us." (*Al-Hakam*, March 19, 1905, by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad)

"*Khataman Nabiyyeen* means (Muhammad the Messenger of Allah is the Seal of Prophets) no prophethood can be bonafide without the certificate of his Seal. When a Seal is stamped on a paper, it becomes certified and is treated as authentic (attested). Similarly a Prophethood not bearing the Seal and attestation of the Holy Prophet (Allah bless him) is not genuine." (*Al-Hakam*, October 17, 1902)

Allah made the Prophet (peace be on him and His

blessings) the Lord of the Seal and granted him for communication of excellence the Seal that He gave to no other Prophet.

"Therefore, was he styled the Seal of Prophets, i.e., subservience to him imparts the excellences of prophethood and that his spiritual indulgence has prophet-raising quality and that such holy proportion were not granted unto any other apostle." (*Haqeeqatul Wahgee* by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad)

I CAN CALL GOD TO WITNESS

"I can call God to witness that as He spoke to Abraham and Isaac and Ishmael and to Jacob and to Joseph and to Moses and to Jesus son of Mary, and last of all spoke to our Holy Prophet, peace be on him, in such a manner that He vouchsafed him the most brilliant and excellent revelation, so has He honored me with His converse. **This honor has been bestowed upon me only on account of my obedience to the Holy Prophet, peace be upon him. Had I not been one of the followers and had I not obeyed him, I would never have been honored with God's word even if my good deeds had been piled up as high as the mountains.** All Prophethood has now come to an end except the Prophethood of Muhammad. No law-bearing Prophet can now arise, but a non law-bearing Prophet can arise provided he is a follower of the Holy Prophet. In this way I am both a follower and a Prophet, and my Prophethood is a reflection of the Prophethood of the Holy Prophet. Apart from that it is nothing. It is the same Prophethood as that of Muhammad which has manifested itself in me." (*Tajalliyyati Ilahiyya* by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad).



MARTYRDOM OF DR. MUZAFFAR AND OUR ANNUAL CONVENTION

(By Dr. K. M. Malik)

August 8, 1983, became a milestone in the history of Ahmadiyyat when a member of the American Jamaat was conferred the distinction of martyrdom. Dr. Muzaffar Ahmad (Shaheed) was shot and killed in his home a little after Maghrib. The courage, devotion and unity shown by the Jamaat in the face of the trial is a manifest sign of the divine origin of its mission.

It was a little after sunset that the assailant came to Dr. Ahmad's home in Canton, Michigan, and asked for his cap that he said he had left behind on his last

visit. Although Dr. Ahmad was not expecting him that evening, he was let in. Dr. Ahmad got the cap for him and introduced him to the missionary who had arrived from Chicago the same evening. A few minutes later, when Dr. Ahmad went to see him off, the assailant, without any warning or provocation, opened fire from point blank range. He fired five shots. Two of them hit Dr. Ahmad in the head and he fell in the foyer and expired before any medical help could reach him. The assailant left in a car waiting outside the house.

About 90 minutes later, the house of Dr. Laeeq Butt, ex-finance secretary and presently, Zaeem of Ansarullah, Detroit, became the target of attempted firebombing, apparently by the same person and his accomplice. Fortunately, no damage was done. An hour later, the mission house, which is used only for meetings and prayers, was set on fire that gutted down the place along with many copies of the Holy Quran stored there.

Both criminals became the victims of their own arson and could not get out of the mission house. They died of smoke inhalation and suffocation. One of them was identified positively as the person who killed Dr. Ahmad. Thus Allah avenged Dr. Ahmad's death by taking the lives of those who were directly responsible.

Dr. Ahmad was contacted by the would be assailant to seek knowledge about Ahmadiyyat, as a cover for his true intentions. Dr. Ahmad was understandably excited to help a seeker after truth and invited him for dinner a few days before this incident. The assailant spent several hours with Dr. Ahmad that evening discussing religion in a friendly atmosphere. Dr. Ahmad was an enthusiastic member.

After finishing anesthesiology residency in Chicago, Dr. Ahmad moved to Detroit and started his practice. Over the years he became increasingly active in Jamaat activities and was elected the General Secretary of Detroit Jamaat, the Motamid in the National Qiadat and Qaid, Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya, Detroit.

He impressed everybody by his sincerity, knowledge and hard work. He was an invaluable addition to the Detroit Jamaat. His absence will be felt as a gap among our ranks for a long time. He laid down his life in the noble cause of bringing life to the spiritually dead.

Dr. Ahmad's martyrdom brought both grief and joy. Grief because of the loss of a dear friend and a tireless worker and joy for the supreme reward that he earned.

It was a trial for the Jamaat, because the 35th Annual Convention of Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam was scheduled for the same week (August 12,13,14). The local university reneged on their commitment to allow the convention to be held there. Other facilities in the area did not show the moral courage either to help the innocent victims of this barbaric act, thereby condoning the crime against humanity.

Under the instructions of their Imam, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV, the Ahmadies were determined not to allow any obstacle to stand in their way. They had faith in Allah. They came in record numbers to attend the convention that was held in a park and was a success. Ahmadies travelled from far and wide and tolerated all inconveniences without a single complaint. The Jamaat of Ahmad rose to the occasion to prove their belief that they will sacrifice their time, money and honor in the cause of Islam.

Hazrat Choti Appa, the International Lajna President, kindly came to attend the convention. The convention was reduced to one day but it was perhaps the most stimulating and rewarding of all the conventions held in U.S.A. Everyone pledged to follow in the footsteps of Dr. Ahmad and sacrifice everything, including one's life, in the cause of Islam.

The incident focussed the media attention on the Ahmadiyya Movement and gave the Jamaat an opportunity to present its point of view. Although some of the media coverage was misleading and distorted the picture, but overall, it created a positive impression of Islam and Ahmadiyyat as messengers of peace and love for mankind and not of violence and bloodshed.

The investigation, which is still incomplete, seems to point to bigger conspiracies against Ahmadiyyat. But it failed again as it has failed in the past. Allah has blessed the Jamaat and will bless it more after such sacrifices. It is the opponents of the Movement who are the enemies of God and by such activities they will bring His wrath upon themselves. We can only pray for them. May Allah guide them and forgive them, for they know not.



"Lord, we have heard a Caller calling unto faith, saying: Believe ye in your Lord; and we have believed. Lord, forgive us, therefore, our errors and remove from us our ills, and in death number us with the righteous. Lord, grant us that which Thou hast promised us through Thy Messengers and humiliate us not on the Day of Judgement, surely Thou doest not contrary to Thy promise. Their Lord would answer their prayers, saying: I will not allow the work of anyone from among you, male or female, to perish." (The Holy Quran, 3:194-96)

REPORT OF THE 35TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT IN ISLAM

The 35th Annual Convention of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, U.S.A., was held at the Lower Huron Metro Park, Bellville, MI, a suburb of Detroit, Michigan, on August 13, 1983.

THE FIRST SESSION

The first session was presided by Alhaj Muzaffar Ahmad Zafr, the National President. Maulvi Ahmad Sadiq Mufti recited a portion of the Holy Quran and presented its English translation. This was followed by a welcome address delivered in an emotional voice by the Regional President of (the host) Midwest Region, Bro. Nasir Mahmud Malik. He explained the privilege granted to the Midwest region in general and to the Detroit Jamaat in particular for hosting the Annual Convention. The elaborate arrangements made by the Detroit Jamaat, and the zeal shown in dedicating time and energy by Dr. Muzaffar Ahmad in making the 35th Annual Convention highly successful in each and every aspect and the sudden martyrdom of this devoted servant of Ahmadiyyat which turned the hopes and expectations of the Convention Committee into temporary jeopardy as expressed by the speaker brought tears into the eyes of the entire audience. However, all the participants appreciated the efforts of the Convention Committee for their exertion in making alternative arrangements.

After the welcoming address, Hazrat Sahibzada Mirza Muzaffar Ahmad, a grandson of the Promised Messiah, delivered his Inaugural address which will be printed in the next issue of the Gazette, *Insha Allah*.

Bro. Mubashar Ahmad, the National General Secretary, read out the messages graciously sent for this occasion by Hazrat Ameerul Momineen, Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih IV, in particular, and Hazrat Sahibzada Mirza Mubarak Ahmad, the President of Tahrik-i-Jadid Anjuman Ahmadiyya, Ch. Hameedullah, the Wakilul A'ala Tahrik Jadid, Sahibzada Mirza Waseem Ahmad, the Amir Jamaat, Qadian, and Khan Bashir Ahmad Rafiq, the Additional Wakilut Tabshir, in general. All these messages have already been published in the August issue of the Gazette.

As a special message on the martyrdom of Dr. Muzaffar Ahmad was received by telephone on the previous night from Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV, it was read by Alhaj Ata Ullah Kaleem, the Amir and

Muballigh Incharge, amidst slogans of *Takbeer, Long Live Islam, Long Live Ahmadiyyat, Long Live Khalifatul Masih, and Long Live Dr. Muzaffar Ahmad*. The message was in Urdu and was read in the original script and then its English translation was also presented by the Amir. It is being printed on the front page of this issue.

The last two speeches of this session were delivered by Bro. Abid Hanif and Dr. Khalil Ahmad Nasir, on *Muslim Families in American Culture and Contemporary Challenges Before the Muslim World*, respectively.

At this point, a one hour separate program was conducted by the Lajna. The men's session continued when a poem of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) in praise of Islam and its Holy Founder, Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa (SAW) was read by Mr. Mazhar Zubairi of Canada and its English translation was read by Bro. Nasirullah Ahmad of Milwaukee Jamaat. This was followed by two speeches by our Canadian guests. Mr. Mustafa Sabit (an Egyptian Ahmadi) spoke on *the Status of Khataman Nabiyyeen, Ahmadiyya Viewpoint*, while Maulana Munirud Din Shams, Muballigh Incharge Canada Jamaat, spoke on *Zikr-i-Habeeb*.

In their separate session, the Lajna Imaillah welcomed Hazrat Syedah Maryam Siddiqah, the International President of Lajna Imaillah, and Hazrat Appa Tahira Siddiqah, the consort of the late Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III (Allah's mercy be on him). The female participants of the Convention had the chance of meeting the honored guests and heard their Central President who reminded them of their religious obligations as mothers, wives and daughters in the Community of Islam.

LUNCH, ZUHR & ASR PRAYERS

After the first session, the participants were served with a delicious lunch prepared by the Lajna Imaillah of Detroit. Zuhr & Asr prayers were performed in congregation, led by the Ameer and Muballigh Incharge, U.S.A.

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR DR. MUZAFFAR

Immediately after the Zuhr and Asr prayers, all the participants of the Convention took part in the Janazah Gha'ib—Funeral service for Dr. Muzaffar Ahmad, which was led by Alhaj Ata Ullah Kaleem.

AHMADIYYA MUSLIM JAMAAT, U.S.A. ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT: JULY 1, 82 to JUNE 30, 83

(Presented at the 35th Ahmadiyya Annual Convention, USA, in Detroit, Michigan, on Saturday, August 13, 1983, by Mubashir Ahmad, National General Secretary)

JAMAAT ENTERS A REFORMATION PHASE: A FRESH START UNDER NEW KHILAFAT

On June 10, 1982, Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad was elected Khalifatul Masih IV, and the entire USA Jamaat entered into his *Bai'at* immediately. Each and every member of the Jamaat felt the invigorating and refreshing effect, and thus the new fiscal year, 1982-83, started with a new resolve to speed up the Jamaat's efforts in the service of Islam in an atmosphere of spiritual rebirth and reformation.

At the 34th Annual Convention at Wayne, NJ, on August 13, 1982, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat USA adopted new constitutional guidelines to reconstruct its management and methodology. New entities such as International Association of Ahmadi Architects and Engineers and the Ahmadiyya Medical Association came into existence. Later, Ahmadiyya Students Association was also formed. Thus the International links between Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat USA and the Markaz at Rabwah, Pakistan, and with other Jamaats in the world were strengthened.

The new phase was doubly reinforced by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV's direct instructions and guidelines given to our Jamaat's delegates in Spain in September, 1982, at the historical event of the inauguration of the Basharat Mosque at Pedroabad, Spain. His emphasis was on comprehensive planning based on scientific methods of data collection and to have long range goals with broadening up the outlook.

MANAGEMENT AND ORGANIZATION

Under the directions of the Markaz, 1982-83 saw quite a few changes in the management at the National level. To comply with the Constitutional guidelines, elections were conducted on Oct. 17, 1982, for the management Committee to replace the Board of Directors. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih was pleased to approve the following office bearers for the next three years tenure:

Bro. Muzaffar Ahmad Zafar, National President
Mubashar Ahmad, National General Secretary
Raja Abdul Khaliq, National Finance Secretary
Bro. Munir Hamid, National Tabligh Secretary
Bro. Abid Haneef, National Talim-o-Tarbiyyat Secretary

Later, the following office holders were nominated by the Markaz to be added to the National Management team:

Bro. Munawar Saeed, Secretary Rishta Nata
(Marriage management)
Bro. Mir Daud Ahmad, Secretary Properties
Bro. Kalimullah Khan, Additional Sec. Finance

In addition, four National Planning Committees were approved by the Markaz:

- A: Planning Committee for the Construction of American Mosques and Mission Houses.
- B: Planning Committee for Tabligh
- C: Planning Committee for Talim-o-Tarbiyyat
- D: Finance Committee

In the year 1982-83, the Central Management Committee met four times. Similarly, Tabligh Planning Committee conducted its meetings four times. Talim-o-Tarbiyyat Committee met once.

The finance Committee met three times to prepare Budgets for years 1982-83 and 1983-84.

There was one combined meeting of all the Presidents and the Management Committee, and one combined meeting of Tabligh and Talim-o-Tarbiyyat Planning Committees with Management Committee.

AMEER AND MISSIONARY INCHARGE:

Alhaj Maulana Ata Ullah Kaleem, the Ameer and Missionary Incharge, gave outstanding leadership to the US Jamaat during a year that characterised significant reformation, growth and progress in new directions. Important messages and circulars arriving from the Markaz at an enhanced speed were immediately translated and transferred to all the branch Presidents, Regional Presidents and Regional Missionaries for prompt implementation. Sermons, addresses and Friday Khutbas of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih were rendered into English, printed and circulated on regular basis. Cassette tapes of Hazoor's sermons were mailed to all the Jamaats as soon as these arrived from Markaz.

He edited and published the Urdu *ANNOOR* biweekly with the help of Syed Sajid Ahmad of San Francisco, CA, and singlehandedly performed the duties of editing the Ahmadiyya Gazette on a monthly basis. Both the periodicals have tremendous informative and educational value for the members

of Ahmadiyya Jamaat USA.

He entertained numerous visitors to the National Headquarters during the year, the most prominent being His Excellency Maki Koreissi Agui Talli, Ambassador of Mali, who became a regular student of Maulana Ata Ullah Kaleem, and took several copies of the French translation of *An Introduction to the Study of the Holy Quran* at his departure for his country.

The Ameer Sahib addressed on regular basis the groups and delegations arriving at the Headquarters to have first hand knowledge of Islam, answered the inquiries about Ahmadiyyat and presented several slide programs. His propagational visits to outside groups included York, PA; Detroit, MI; Willingboro, NJ; Washington, DC areas. He delivered lectures on Islam in the churches, schools and universities and represented Islam in Interfaith meetings and conferences; the United Methodist Church of Georgetown University, Washington DC and Evangelical Presbyterian Church at Levittown, PA, being of special interest.

To cover the areas of education and training of the US Jamaat, he made extensive tours of various branch Jamaats in 1982-83, including Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Central Pennsylvania, Willingboro, New Orleans, New York, Milwaukee, Houston, Cleveland, Dayton, Rochester, Tucson, Newark, Philadelphia and Waukegan. He was the main speaker at numerous Jamaat meetings at Seeratun Nabi Day, Musleh Mauood Day, Masih Mauood Day, Khilafat Day and Religious Founders Day. He constantly exhorted the US Jamaats, Ansars, Khuddam, and Lajna meetings, especially at their Regional and National Rallies.

NATIONAL TABLIGH DEPARTMENT

National Tabligh planning Committee, under the chairmanship of Bro. Munir Hamid met four times and spent 600⁺ man hours to make plans for Tabligh work in the U.S.A. The main goals were to collect data to improve past Tabligh work, following Huzoor's latest directions. *Alhamdo Lillah*, they have reached a point to formulate a comprehensive well coordinated National Tabligh Plan that will be implemented by the Secretary of Tabligh, Bro. Munir Hamid, through local secretaries of all the Jamaats in U.S.A. At present, the implementation of Huzoor's *Dae' Ilallah* program—to make every member of Ahmadiyya Jamaat actively involved in Tabligh work, is being conducted by some local Jamaats, but

a National Dae' Ilallah plan has been devised to bring uniformity and effectiveness and better control at the National level. This program shall be implemented on yearly basis for 1983-84.

NEW BAI'ATS, 1982-83 (33)

Baltimore: 4; Chicago: 1; Central Pennsylvania: 2; Dayton: 1; Detroit: 1; New York: 1; Philadelphia: 4; Pittsburgh: 2; San Francisco: 1; Washington, D.C.: 2; Great Lakes Region: 5; West Coast: 9.

NATIONAL TALIM-O-TARBIYYAT DEPT.

No National Report available.

NATIONAL MISSION HOUSE/MOSQUE PLAN

The most significant development for the USA Jamaat is Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV's monumental scheme for the construction of at least five mosques/mission houses in five major cities of USA in five year timeframe, starting January, 1983. The estimated cost of the land and construction is 2.5 million dollars. Huzoor launched this project by sending a tape-recorded message to all Ahmadies residing in the States, showing the pressing needs of the growing Jamaat and hoping that the Ahmadies of USA shall meet the challenge.

The entire Jamaat responded very positively to their Imam's appeal when the National Headquarters started a nationwide fund raising campaign to fulfill Huzoor's desire to construct mosques/missionhouses at New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Washington and Detroit within five years. By the Grace of Allah, upto this date, the total pledges received are \$1,490,000, and a total collection of \$187,000 made in the first six months of the scheme.

Dr. Mir Daud Ahmad, the newly appointed National Secretary for Properties is also the Secretary of the Planning Committee, and he is responsible for the project. He is vigorously working to implement the project in time under the supervision of the Ameer. Selection of site for the mosques is actively under way in Chicago and Washington, DC, with sites selected and approval obtained from the Markaz, Rabwah. Technical and architectural evaluation has been done for Washington, DC and Chicago locations and purchase negotiations started. We need to gear up for more pledges and collections to be able to meet financial obligations the Jamaat stands committed to achieve this great goal which definitely will be remembered by the future generations as one of the most benevolent and significant steps to the progress of Islam in this country. It is appropriate to mention

that the Ameer and Missionary Incharge, Maulana Ata Ullah Kaleem, has been working hard to accomplish what Hazrat Khalifatul Masih has desired for the betterment of Ahmadiyya Jamaat USA. May Allah accept his sincere efforts along with the sacrifices by hundreds of Ahmadies who have pledged to follow through this blissful scheme.

NATIONAL RISHTA NATA DEPARTMENT

This is also a new department at the National level. Bro. Munawar Ahmad Saeed developed relevant forms for marriage candidates and announced the function of the department in the Ahmadiyya Gazette. As a result, in 1982-83, thirty people were registered and two arrangements were formally proposed and negotiations are in progress.

THREE NEW DEPARTMENTS AT THE HQ

By the end of the year 1982-83, three new departments at the National level were approved by the Markaz:

1. Department of Social Services: Br. Allah Bukhsh Chaudhry, Secretary.
2. Department of Tajnid (Data Collection & Information): Br. Falahuddin Shams, Secretary.
3. Department of Public Relations: Br. Rashid Ahmad, Secretary.

These three important departments shall commence working in 1983-84.

REGIONAL STRUCTURE

Jamaats are divided into six geographic regions:

- 1: North-East: Boston, Philadelphia, Rochester, NY, Newark, NJ, New York, Willingboro; with Br. Abid Hanif as Regional President (RP).
- 2: South-East: Baltimore, Blacksburg, Pittsburgh, Washington Metro area, Central Pennsylvania; with Br. Rafi Yahya Sharif as RP.
- 3: Mid-West: Athens, Cleveland, Dayton, Detroit; with Nasir Mahmud Malik as RP.
- 4: Great Lakes: Chicago, Milwaukee, Indianapolis, Streamwood, Waukegan; with Mirza M. Afzal as Missionary and Br. Rashid Ahmad as RP.
- 5: West Coast: Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Tucson, Portland; with Mufti Ahmad Sadiq as Missionary and Br. Rahmat Jamal as RP.
- 6: South-West: St. Louis, Houston, New Orleans; with Ch. Munir Ahmad as Missionary and Qazi Barkatullah as RP.

REGIONAL MISSIONARIES

Br. Mufti Ahmad Sadiq, Br. Mirza Muhammad Afzal and Br. Munir Ahmad Chaudhry, three appointed Missionaries in U.S.A. by Tahrik-i-Jadid, Rabwah, remained ex-officio members on the Managing Committee. Two missionaries, Br. Mian Muhammad Ibrahim and Br. Inamul Haq Kausar, left for Rabwah, Pakistan, after performing meritorious services to the American Jamaat. Especially M.M. Ibrahim's sincere and selfless services spread over a decade in the USA as a Regional Missionary in the Mid-West and North-East and as the general Secretary, have left a memorable imprint on the history of our Jamaat.

In 1982-83, Mufti Ahmad Sadiq supervised the West Coast Region; Mirza Muhammad Afzal looked after the Great Lakes Region, and Ch. Munir Ahmad was incharge of St. Louis area. They visited the Jamaats in their jurisdictions on a regular basis and helped the local Presidents to activate Jamaat activities.

REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

North-East Region: No report available.

South-East Region: *Regional President's Report:* New Jamaats established at SW VA (Blacksburg, VA); one prospect Jamaat at Jacksonville, NC. The Regional President, Rafi Yahya Sharif, visited the Jamaats 15 times in total, conducted 8 Tabligh meetings, three regional meetings, assisted local Jamaats in improving Tabligh methods, organized Da'ee Ilallah circles and assisted the Ameer at a Video recording program for cable TV. Through radio and newspapers, approximately 15000 people were informed about Ahmadiyyat and Islam, and personal efforts were directed to approach students, professors, soldiers, prisoners, hippies, Christians, Jews, martial artists and merchants.

East Coast Ijtima was successfully conducted. SE Region Lajna and Nasirat remained vigorously active. SE Region's family day was a milestone. But the most important achievement of the year is the purchase of land for the first Ahmadiyya cemetery in the US. *Maqbaratus Salam* is located at Eldersburg, MD, at an equal distance from Jamaats in the SE Region.

Great Lakes Region: No report available from the Regional President. *Regional Missionary's Report:* The Regional Missionary, M. M. Afzal, visited each Jamaat in his region once in a month; attended twelve meetings in different Jamaats, including two Tabligh

meetings. Religious Founders Day, Masih Mauood Day and Musleh Mauood Day were celebrated at regional level with an average attendance of 300 people. Approximately 500 people were informed about Ahmadiyyat and Islam through personal letters, personal visits, telephone calls and in-the-home meetings. More than 100 visitors came to the Mission House located in Chicago. Tabligh was directed towards teachers, students, businessmen, professionals and blue collar workers. Letters were addressed to various heads of the universities, church leaders and journalists. Sen. Percy and Mayor Washington received Islamic literature. In addition to monthly training meetings, special effort was made to educate Atfal and Khuddam through regular classes.

Mid-West: No report available.

West Coast: No report available from the Regional President. *Regional Missionary's Report:* The Regional Missionary, Mufti Ahmad Sadiq, has five Jamaats to supervise which he visited four times each. He attended 23 tabligh meetings, seven out of them at local level. Two outstanding events took place on Regional level. Regional Ijtema was conducted on December 26, 1982 and Yousaf Mosque was inaugurated on March 13 1983 after two and a half years in the making. Local newspapers like *Arizona Daily Star* and *Tucson Citizen* carried the news in full detail and the report of the inaugural ceremony was covered alive on TV channels 4 and 9 on that very day. The Ameer and Missionary Incharge, Ata Ullah Kaleem, made the formal inauguration on behalf of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih and led the prayers. The total cost of \$74,000 was borne by Dr. Zafar Muhammad Qureshi and much of the construction was done by many volunteers. The entire Tucson Jamaat and the Missionary of the West Coast deserve congratulations on this historic achievement of the year. May Allah reward Dr. Zafar Qureshi for this exemplary service to Islam.

The Missionary, West Coast, also distributed free literature, placed books in the County and University libraries and spoke to school and university students and to various local gatherings. 457 individuals and 17 groups visited the mission house at Anaheim, CA.

St. Louis Area: *Regional Missionary's Report:* The most outstanding progress in the area of Tabligh was achieved in St. Louis area when 8 Tabligh programs of a half hour each were prepared by SouthWestern Cable TV and came on the screen 24 times. The details are as follows.

TABLIGH: ISLAM ON CABLE TV

In January 1983, educational and informative programs were prepared and telecast by the SouthWest Cable TV. It was a series covering basic tenets of Islam, the Biblical prophecies about the advent of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of God be on him), the position of Jesus in the Holy Quran and the role of Islam as the completion of religion. Three programs were exclusive interviews of Alhaj Maulana Ata Ullah Kaleem. In two other programs Rafi Yahya Sharif of York, PA, was with Mr. Kaleem and in two others, Dr. Aziz Chaudhry was present. The missionary of St. Louis area, Ch. Munir Ahmad gave practical demonstration of Islamic Salat and other related matters. Bro. Ismail Latif conducted the program as moderator while Brothers Hakeem, Hafeez and Peer Ahmad performed the duties of photographer and floor director. The photos of the Promised Messiah and his Khalifas were also shown on TV. The picture of Basharat Mosque, Spain, was also covered. The claim of the Promised Messiah, Allah's sign for the people of the United States related to the end of Dr. Alexander Dowie were also elaborated in the interviews along with a short history of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam. Ch. Munir Ahmad, the St. Louis Jamaat and the entire USA Jamaat deserve very special congratulations for this significant breakthrough in the field of Tabligh. Video tapes of this program were made available to all the Jamaats interested in using this effective tool of Tabligh. Dr. Charles A. Kennedy, Professor of Theology and Philosophy at Virginia Tech University obtained a copy of these tapes and showed them to students in his department.

NATIONAL H.Q. TABLIGH PUBLICATIONS

The Headquarters published the following books and brochures during 1982-83. The quantity of each publication is also given below:

1. Mother of the Faithful—Hazrat Khadijah	5,000
2. Khilafat and Mujaddidiyyat	1,000
3. A Message of Peace and a Word of Warning	5,000
4. An Introduction to Islam	2,000
5. Ten Questions on Trinity	10,000
6. Deliverance From the Cross	10,000
7. Muhammad in the Bible	10,000
8. The Second Advent of Jesus Christ	10,000
9. The Promised Comforter of the Bible	10,000
10. The Bounties of Islam	10,000
11. Why Islam Should be Preferred	10,000
12. Holy Prophet as Khataman Nabiyyeen	10,000

Reprints:

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| 1. What Is Ahmadiyyat | 2,000 |
| 2. What is Islam | 2,000 |

REGULAR PUBLICATIONS

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| 1. The Muslim Sunrise (Quarterly) | Four Issues |
| 2. The Ahmadiyya Gazette (Monthly) | 11 issues |
| 3. Al-Noor (Urdu Bimonthly) | 22 issues |

LOCAL JAMAATS ACTIVITIES

The real achievements reflecting Jamaat's health and growth are at the local branch level. *Alhamdo Lillah*, the vast majority of our local Jamaats remain highly active and progressive in areas of Tabligh, Talim-o-Tarbiyyat, Finance, Social Services and auxiliaries activities. All nationally appointed days such as Seeratun Nabi Day, Musleh Mauood Day, Masih Mauood Day, Khilafat Day, Tabligh Day, Religious Founders Day, Parents-Children Day, along with Eidul Fitr and Eidul Adha ceremonies were conducted by almost all the branch Jamaats in a befitting manner. Outside guests were invited and Jamaat speakers and scholars participated to enhance the knowledge and spiritual progress of the members. Most of the local Jamaats used the year in strengthening the administrative structure, planning ahead of time and achieving higher goals. Larger Jamaats like New York and Washington DC experimented with *Halqa* System—dividing the Jamaats into smaller circles to activate those members who may not otherwise be able to attend Jamaat's collective functions. Jamaats like Waukegan, Blacksburg, Rochester, Chicago, Baltimore and Willingboro were activated under the leadership of their new Presidents. Previously active Jamaats like Central Pennsylvania, Cleveland, Dayton, Milwaukee, Newark, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, and Tucson showed definite signs of further enhancement in Jamaats activities. Some Jamaats did not send their activities reports regularly to the Headquarters, therefore, their progress, if any, is unknown.

The leaders in specific areas for the year 1982-83 were as follows:

TABLIGH: Philadelphia, Baltimore & Pittsburgh

TALIM-O-TARBIYYAT: D.C., York & Dayton

FINANCE: D.C., Tucson & New York.

SOCIAL SERVICES: D.C., New York & York

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS: Tucson, for Yousaf Mosque.

BEST AMONG THE BESTS: Washington D.C.

New Jamaats Established in 1982-83

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| 1: Blacksburg, VA | Jalil Akbar, Pres. |
| 2: Rochester, NY | Dr. Naseer Tahir, Pres. |
| 3: New Orleans, LA | Sh. Rashid Ahmad, Pres. |

MAJLIS ANSARULLAH USA

The Majlis Ansarullah, USA, went through a gradual improvement in the year 1982-83. In addition to the existing 18 branches, one new branch was established in Seattle, WA, and new elections were conducted in 17 branches for Zaims or new Zaims were appointed. This helped in the renewal of efforts to grow and get organized. At the last convention, an annual meeting was conducted and, among others, it was decided to send a delegate to Rabwah to attend the Annual Ijtema at the International Headquarters. This proved to be the most outstanding achievement of the year. Bro. Fazl Ahmad of Boston was elected as the delegate and his planned visits to Rabwah and Qadian were very fruitful. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih and high officials at the Markaz received him with honors. He took notes, tape recorded the speeches and brought back scores of beautiful pictures which he showed in a slide presentation at the Second Annual Ijtema of Ansarullah, USA, at Washington DC.

The Second Ijtema was a definite improvement on the last year's. More than fifty Ansars representing 13 branches were in attendance. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV graced the Ijtema with a personal message. Dr. Masood Ahmad Malik, the National Nazim-i-A'ala Ansarullah, devised better communication with branch Majalis through local Presidents and Regional Officers. Financially, the Majlis was put on strong grounds. The National Headquarters share exceeded \$2,000 during the year 1982-83. Two Majalis paid 100% of the budget. It was a tough competition between several branches to win the first prize. At the end, Newark, NJ, Majlis Ansarullah was determined to be the best Majlis for the year.

MAJLIS KHUDDAMUL AHMADIYYA USA

Bro. Nasir Mahmud Malik was nominated as the new National Qaid of Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya in November 1982 and started the reorganization of the Majlis. Upto this date, 19 branches have been established. New Tajnid forms were devised along with monthly finance report forms and budget forms. The total number of Khuddam included in the budget are 91. The total amount of National Budget is \$7,120.00. An educational program was prepared by

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35th ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT IN ISLAM IN PICTURES

(Saturday, August 13, 1983 at Lower Huron Metro Park near Detroit, Michigan)



Maulvi Ahmad S. Mufti, reciting the Holy Quran (first session)



Nasir Mahmud Malik welcoming the participants



Sahibzada Mirza Muzaffar Ahmad delivering inaugural address



Mubashir Ahmad, General Secretary, reading the messages received from the Center



Alhaj Ata Ullah Kaleem, Muballigh Incharge, reading the special message from Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV



Abid Haneef speaking on *Muslim Families in American Culture*



Mazhar Zubairi reciting a poem of the Promised Messiah



Nasirullah Ahmad giving the English translation of the poem.



Maulana Munirud Din Shams, Missionary Incharge Canada, delivering his speech



Mustafa Sabit (Canada) delivering his speech



Dr. Khalil A. Nasir delivering his speech



Imam A. U. Kaleem leading the Jinaza Gha'ib (funeral prayers) of Dr. Muzaffar Ahmad, the martyr.



Maulvi Muhammad Afzal Mirza, reciting the Holy Quran



Alhaj Muzaffar A. Zafr, National U.S. President, delivering his speech on *The Line of Action for 1983-84*



Tariq Sharif speaking in German on *Beauties of Islam*



Ansar Ahmad speaking in French on *Beauties of Islam*



Bookstall under the supervision of Maulvi Munir Ahmad



Sections of the audience
at the Convention





Participants during the lunch break



Some views of the Press Conference being addressed by Alhaj A. U. Kaleem,
Sahibzada Mirza Muzaffar Ahmad and Alhaj Muzaffar A. Zafr.







TV crews covering the convention





TV Crews covering
the Convention





Nasir Mahmud Malik
being interviewd on TV

Members of the Press being presented
with copies of the Holy Quran and
other Islamic literature





Sections of the audience
at the Convention



Dr. Salahuddin Shams, Waukegan, receiving an award



Nasir Mahmud Malik of Detroit receiving an award



Nazir Ayaz, New York, receiving award



Saleem Muhaimin (Central PA) receiving award



Muzaffar Ahmad Zafr (Dayton) receiving award



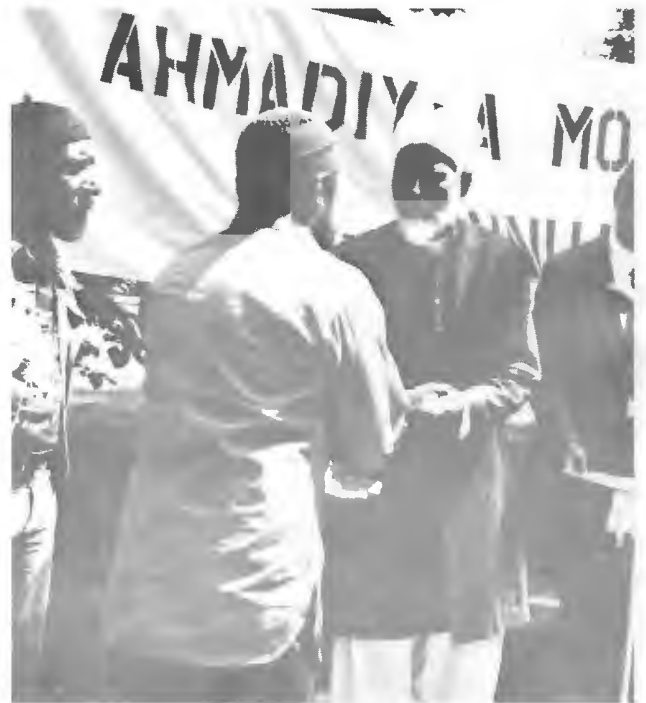
Dr. Masud A. malik (Washington) receiving award



Jamilur Rahman (Pittsburgh) receiving award



Bashir Afzal (North NJ) receiving award



Munir Hamid (Philadelphia) receiving award



Baltimore representative receiving award

NEWS REPORTS ON TRAGEDY IN DETROIT

FROM THE DETROIT NEWS, August 10, 1983

MUSLIM GROUP KNEW NO ENEMIES

(by Chancey Bailey, News Staff Writer)

Some Islamic followers call them extremists. But they call themselves true believers.

They are known as the Ahmadi or Ahmadiyyat—members of an obscure Muslim sect, the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam.

The FBI and three local police agencies are looking into the Ahmadiyya Movement after the murder of one of their leaders and two related firebombings in the Detroit area Monday night.

Police said the Muslim sect had not been marked by violence or controversy until Monday.

Muzaffar A. Zafr, of Dayton, Ohio, the group's American President, and Nasir Malik, its Michigan President, met yesterday to discuss the situation.

Zafr yesterday described the movement as an "orthodox Muslim" sect with no known enemies. However, some other Muslims describe the sect as religious extremists.

"Based on what they believe—not their actions—as an intellectual, I would have to say they are extremists," said Dr. Ibrahim Fofona, an expert in Muslim affairs in Washington. "They are not practicing all the correct tenets of Islam."

But Muhammad Karoub, a leader (or Imam) in the Detroit Muslim Community, has a different view.

"They are Muslims in most respects," he said, noting that they differ from other Muslims in believing that the founder of their sect, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, was a prophet.

According to the Encyclopedia of Islam, they ardently contend that Ahmad, who was born in Panjab, India, in 1839, was a "promised Messiah" who "restored Islam to purity and power."

While other Muslims believe Muhammad was the last Prophet and Allah (God) last spoke through Muhammad, the Ahmadi disagree. They insist Allah still speaks through "chosen servants" and "reveals to them His purpose."

The encyclopedia describes the Ahmadiyya Movement as a tightly run organization with well planned missionary activities. It runs schools and hospitals in many economically depressed countries.

The Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam was founded in 1889 in Qadian, India.

Some followers migrated from Pakistan to the United States in the 1920s. Headquarters for the faith is in Rabwah, Pakistan.

For the last 40 years, the founder's son, Hazrat Mirza Bashirud Din Mahmud Ahmad, has run the movement.

Members number an estimated 13 million worldwide, with about half of them in Pakistan and 10,000 in the United States. Fewer than 100 are in the Detroit area.

A. U. Kaleem, Imam of the American Fazl Mosque in Washington said, "The followers in America are people of many colors. Whites and Jews, blacks and Asians. We accept all who believe. They are Muslims first."

The movement opened a mosque on Wyoming in Detroit about five years ago, according to residents in the area. Religious services for men were held each Friday afternoon while family services were held on Sundays.

"They wouldn't bother anyone," one neighbor said, "They'd just have their religious stuff and leave."

DETROIT FREE PRESS, August 10, 1983

SLAYING, FIREBOMBS TIED TO MUSLIM SECT (Brian Flanigan & Tom Hundley, Free Press Staff writers)

Police believe the slaying of a Canton Township doctor and the attempted firebombing of a Clinton Township home on Monday are connected to Tuesday's discovery of two bodies inside a burned Islamic Center in Detroit.

One of the two men whose bodies were discovered in the center by firefighters is believed responsible for the slaying of Muzaffar Ahmad, 36, an anesthesiologist at Wayne County General Hospital. Both men, Calvin Jones, 30, of Highland Park, and William Cain, 27, of Akron, Ohio—are believed responsible for the attempted firebombing.

Police said Tuesday they have no motives for the incidents.

Central to the incidents is the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, a Muslim sect. Ahmad was the group's secretary, the Clinton Township home belongs to another officer of the group and the center that was burned is the group's Detroit headquarters. A weekend convention of about 1,000 of the group's followers from around the United States is scheduled to begin Friday at Oakland University.

However, Ahmad's slaying and the other incidents may cause University officials to cancel the conference, an Oakland University spokesman said Tuesday.

"We have had the group booked for months," said James Llewelyn. "We are going to be meeting with them tomorrow... to discuss some security concerns that we have... about Oakland University property and security of the people who will be attending the conference. Although

we'd hate to tell them no, I think at this point it is the feeling of university officials that we will not allow them to hold their conference here."

Police said their investigation indicated that Cain, wearing a jogging suit and carrying a semi-automatic pistol under his shirt in a hip holster, went to the front door of Ahmad's house shortly before 10 p.m. Monday.

"He (Cain) was led in and a discussion began in the foyer of the doctor's home," said Canton police officer Davey LeBlanc. Cain "had been there before on the pretext of joining the religious movement the doctor belonged to," LeBlanc said.

Cain allegedly then opened fire, hitting Ahmad in the head and chest, before fleeing the home and getting into a white 1982 Pontiac T1000 that had been rented at Detroit Metropolitan airport. Ahmad was pronounced dead at the scene, the police said.

"We really don't have a motive for this," said Canton Township police Chief Jerry Cox. "The organizational leaders, the family members, nobody can find a cause in the man's personal life—or any other cause—that can explain this thing," Cox said.

Ahmad had been at Wayne County General Hospital for two years and was head of the anesthesiology department, said nurse Luanne Stencil who had worked with him for two years. He also had been an anesthesiologist at Wyandotte General Hospital for about 1½ years, she said.

He completed his residency at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago, Stencil said.

Nasir Malik, President of Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana said Ahmad came to Detroit in 1979 and began spending more and more of his spare time with the movement.

Ahmad was asked to take over as secretary about a year ago when the former secretary quit to accept a medical residency, Malik said.

At a press conference Tuesday afternoon, Malik said the group is concerned "only with love and peace" and added the group "knows of no antagonism" that could have prompted the Monday and Tuesday incidents. However, Malik said he and other leaders of the group locally are being guarded.

About two hours after Ahmad's slaying, and about 30 miles away, a pair of firebombs were thrown through a window in a Clinton Township home belonging to Laeeq Butt, the group's financial officer. The firebombs did not break, failed to explode and quickly burned themselves out, police said. Butt had left his home and gone to Ahmad's house after being informed of his death, according to police investigators.

Shortly before 1 a.m., according to investigators, a fire broke out at the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam Center at 8218 Wyoming in Detroit. A witness told police a man got out of the car in front of the building and walked towards

the rear. The witness heard glass breaking and then an explosion.

Police and Fire Department investigators said gasoline had been spread in the front of the building's first floor and ignited. Cain and Jones, who were inside the building when the fire ignited, were apparently unable to flee the building. Investigators said a rear door the two men may have tried to escape had no door knob on it. Fire officials list the cause of the fire as arson for revenge.

The two men, who died apparently of smoke inhalation in the building's rest room, were wearing gloves and each had a pistol on his body. A third pistol was found in the Pontiac that was parked around the corner from the Center.

The Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam was founded in India at the turn of the century by Golam Ahmad. It consists of hundreds of thousands of members—a large portion of them Pakistani—throughout the world.

THE DETROIT NEWS, August 10, 1983

FBI PROBES KILLING OF ISLAM SECT CHIEF (by Michael Wovk & Roger Martin News Staff writers)

The assassination of a leader of an obscure Muslim sect is being investigated by the FBI to see if there are any international implications to the murder and two related firebombings.

Three local police departments are also investigating the incidents, which resulted in three deaths.

Two assailants involved in the murder of Dr. Muzaffar Ahmad—an officer in the Islamic Ahmadiyya Movement—died three hours after the slaying while attempting to firebomb an Ahmadiyya Mosque on Detroit's west side.

Police believe the men, Calvin Jones, 30, of Detroit, and William Cain, 27, of Akron, Ohio, had been hired to kill Dr. Ahmad and to firebomb the mosque and the Clinton Township home of the second Ahmadiyya leader, Laeeq Butt.

Cain and Jones died of smoke inhalation in the fire they had started inside the mosque at 8218 Wyoming, police said.

The Ahmadiyya sect, most of whose members are of Pakistani heritage, numbers fewer than 100 persons in the Detroit area.

While the group has philosophic differences on religious grounds with *mainstream* Muslim groups, those differences have always been peaceful and non violent, according to spokesmen for Detroit's Islamic community.

"I'm a little dumbfounded for a motive here," Canton Township Police Chief Jerry Cox said yesterday."

"It appears there could be an organized effort against his group. I'm concerned there may be political or terrorist overtones."

Cox said FBI agents have been called into the investigation because of the potential international connections.

"We are a very small minority of all Muslim sects," said Shazad Butt, Laeeq Butt's son. "We are very organized and highly educated.

"Other Muslim sects have declared us non-Muslims. Back home there is a lot of hatred for us (the Ahmadiyya sect). There is burning of homes and attacks."

Jones had contacted the Ahmadiyya mosque last week and inquired about the group's religious beliefs, according to police. He visited Dr. Ahmad's house last Saturday and was given literature about the sect.

Sgt. Donald Steckman, of Clinton Township, said he believes the assassins intended to kill the Ahmadiyya president, Nasir Malik, who also lives in Canton Township.

"I think the president was targeted but they (Cain and Jones) just got screwed up on the initial contact and got the next guy in line," Steckman said.

Dr. Ahmad was secretary and Butt financial secretary of the local sect.

"I really haven't been able to pinpoint why this happened," Butt said.

"Me? Because I have been financial secretary for the past ten years and have a very keen interest in my church? Maybe this is why they had me in mind?

"Dr. Ahmad got caught in between. He just happened to be there when this guy called for information about our religion.

"That they blew up our mission house or mosque doesn't make sense unless they wanted to get to our community."

Cox said Canton Township police received an anonymous telephone call about an hour after Dr. Ahmad was shot to death in his home Monday night. The caller said he was a member of the militant Jewish Defense League (JDL) and took credit for the assassination.

A rock hurled along with the firebombs into Butt's home had a note attached, supposedly signed by the JDL.

But police and Ahmadiyya officials said they think the JDL name was used by the killers as a ruse to hide the real motive.

"We have never had any confrontation with the JDL or any Islamic group in America," said Muzaffar A. Zafr, of Dayton, Ohio, the group's American president, "I would find it hard to believe (if the JDL are responsible)."

Zafr and Malik spoke at a press conference in Canton Township yesterday.

Dr. Ahmad, 36, had been director of anesthesiology at Wayne County General Hospital since January 1982. He, his wife and child moved last month to Canton Township.

"They were nice, quiet people who never talked to anyone much," said neighbor Jean Stachura.

Neighbors said that at about 9:30 p.m. Monday, Jones and Cain showed up at Dr. Ahmad's house in a 1982 white Pontiac and parked across the street. Cain remained in the car while Jones went into the house.

Jones met Dr. Ahmad in the foyer and fired five shots from a handgun, police said. The physician was shot once in the head above the left ear, once in the left cheek and once in the left wrist. Two others shots missed.

A neighbor, Dan Shoup, 28, a former ambulance driver, ran to Dr. Ahmad's house with his medical kit after he heard the gunshots.

"There was nothing I could do for him," Shoup said. "He died about a half minute before the police arrived."

Shortly before midnight, two hours after the Canton Township shooting, two firebombs were tossed through a window of Butt's home in Clinton township, about 45 miles away.

Damage was confined to a broken window, police said, because the crudely made bombs did not ignite.

Butt, 42, and his wife were not home at the time. They had heard of Dr. Ahmad's death and had gone to his house.

"I heard, crash, crash, crash ... real loud," said Shazad Butt, who was home when the firebombs were hurled into the family home. "My brother started yelling. I came in the living room and saw them (firebombs) on the floor and glass all over. There was a hole in the wall where a brick hit."

Police said they found a rock in the home with a note attached which read: "You don't want us and we don't want you so get out. (Signed) The Jewish Defense League."

At about 12:30 a.m. yesterday, less than an hour after the Clinton Township firebombing, two men in a white car stopped near the Ahmadiyya mosque on Wyoming in Detroit, according to a witness.

A man got out of the car who "looked as if he was hiding something he was carrying," the witness said.

A few minutes later, residents in the area told police they heard breaking glass and an explosion just before flames engulfed the inside of the storefront building.

The bodies of Jones and Cain were found inside. Both men were armed with handguns. The white 1982 Pontiac was found two blocks away.

From 800 to 900 members of the Ahmadiyya sect throughout the United States are scheduled to meet at a convention this weekend at Oakland University.

Malik said the group will proceed with the convention, although he admitted its members are scared. Malik planned to meet today with university officials about security measures for the convention.

Zafr said he thinks someone or some group may be picking on the Ahmadiyya sect as a scapegoat because it is small. But the death of Dr. Ahmad will not be avenged, he said.

DETROIT FREE PRESS, August 11, 1983

FBI TO PROBE SECT FIREBOMBINGS, KILLING
(Harry Cook, Brian Flanigan & Allan Jalon, Staff writers)

An FBI spokesman said Wednesday that federal agents

will take over the investigation of the slaying of a Detroit area Islamic leader and two apparently related fires because investigators now believe the incidents are tied to a possible interstate war between religious sects.

"We plan to concentrate our efforts on religious sects who may be feuding," said FBI Special Agent Robert Mott. "There is also some indication the groups are located accross state lines... in Ohio. We're also concerned the religious groups are receiving support... or being fueled by Middle Eastern religious groups."

Mott did not elaborate on the possible Middle Eastern connection.

Local police will be phased out of the case, the FBI said.

The investigators said Wednesday that two dead men linked to the two fires and the slaying Monday night and Tuesday morning may be members of a small, self-styled black Muslim group called Darul Islam, with centers in Detroit and Akron. Lt. Gerald Stewart of the Detroit police homicide section said investigators have determined that it was William Cain, 27, of Akron, who shot Dr. Muzaffar Ahmad in his Canton Township home Monday evening.

"The murder weapon used was recovered on (Cain's) body," Stewart said.

Ahmad was the local secretary of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam—a controversial, Pakistani based Muslim sect that is at odds with the mainstream of Islam.

Cain and Calvin Jones, 30, who, police said, apparently had several Highland Park and Detroit addresses, apparently died from smoke inhalation after they allegedly firebombed a center of the Ahmadiyya sect in Detroit early Tuesday morning.

About two hours after Ahmad's death, the pair allegedly went to the Clinton Township home of Laeeq Butt, another Ahmadiyya leader, and attempted unsuccessfully to firebomb his house.

Nearly 1000 members of the Ahmadiyya sect were to begin arriving Thursday for a national conference of the group at Oakland University. But University officials cancelled the conference arrangements, made more than a year ago, after hearing of the murder and firebombings.

In a statement Wednesday, a university spokesman said the school has a responsibility "to assure reasonable safety of all its students and conferees... We feel that it would be imprudent to continue with the original plans."

Local Ahmadiyya officials were talking with area hotels Wednesday trying to make hasty arrangements for the conference.

Imam Ata Ullah kaleem of Washington, D.C., head of the Ahmadiyya Movement in the United States, said Wednesday the conference will go on as scheduled.

Ahmad's body will be flown to Pakistan Thursday, a friend of the family told a reporter.

DETROIT FREE PRESS, August 11, 1983

'THIS THING CANNOT DETER US,' SECT'S U.S. LEADER SAYS OF VIOLENCE.

The people who directed this week's fiery and bloody violence against the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam may have intended to scare away members of the small Muslim sect planning a convention here this weekend. The Imam Ata Ullah Kaleem plans to show them they have failed.

The Imam, spiritual leader of the group in the United States, is scheduled to arrive Thursday at Metro Airport.

"Through the grace of God, I will be there at 12:15," he said Wednesday from his headquarters, the American Fazl Mosque in northwest Washington, D.C. He said the convention will bring an estimated 900 members to Detroit from around the country.

"This thing cannot deter us from our goal," he said, in the accent of his native Pakistan, where most of the sect's members come from. "Our goal is to preach Islam. Love for all, hate for none."

No matter, the 61 year old Kaleem said, that on Monday night his sect's local secretary, Dr. Muzaffar Ahmad, was murdered. Or that the house of the movement's local treasurer, Laeeq Butt, was firebombed. Or that the group's Detroit center was burned.

No matter that Oakland University, in the wake of Monday's incidents, will no longer host the convention.

Kaleem said, "I will address the convention,. I have to let the people know about the beauties of Islam."

Speaking softly, he said, "The university people should not be so horrified by these one or two incidents," but added that if the convention cannot be held on campus, it would be held elsewhere, "perhaps in a park."

He said, instead of spending Friday and Saturday night in Oakland University dormitory rooms, members of the group would stay in hotels.

Part of the convention will be dedicated to a funeral service for Ahmad, whose body is expected to be flown to Pakistan Thursday. "We pray for the people who assassinated him," Kaleem said.

He said members of the sect would be arriving "from Los Angeles, San Francisco, from New York, from St. Louis, from Pittsburgh, from Philadelphia, from Washington, D.C., from all places. They are coming.

Kaleem, who said he came to the United States in 1977 after many years as a missionary in West Africa, declined to speculate about the identities of those responsible for the violence.

"I have no right to accuse anybody" he said. "The police are investigating. We will help them. We cannot speculate... this is the first time that any of our members has been killed in the States because of their religion."

"These things (violence) are nothing new to us. In 1902,

a person who was a great divine in Afganistan converted to the Ahmadiyya Movement. They declared him an apostate, and they killed him, so it is nothing new to us."

THE DETROIT NEWS, August 14, 1983

Stunned Muslims Leave After Day's Parley

(by David Markewicz, News staff writer)

About 500 members of a small Muslim sect, rocked by the murder of one of its leaders, left Detroit after holding an abbreviated one-day national convention.

The 35th annual meeting of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam concluded yesterday with the group holding an outdoor prayer session in the Lower Huron Metropark near Belleville.

There were no problems during the four hour session.

Leaders of the convention criticized Oakland University officials for refusing to allow the group to hold the convention on the Rochester campus, after the murder of Dr. Muzaffar Ahmad last Monday.

Dr. Ahmad, an officer in the Ahmadiyya Movement, was discovered shot to death in his Canton Township home. An hour later, firebombs were tossed into the home of another local leader in Clinton Township.

Two men, both carrying guns, were discovered dead in the burned-out rubble of the Ahmadiyya center in Detroit four hours later. Police believe that the pair, who are suspected of killing Dr. Ahmad, became trapped in the building after they set it on fire.

Oakland University officials cancelled plans to host the convention last Wednesday because of the potential of violence to students and visitors.

"As victims, we are in a position that we should be sympathized with," said Imam A. U. Kaleem, president of the organization. "They are condoning a crime committed against us instead of helping and assisting us."

Kaleem said the Ahmadiyya Movement would not speculate on the identity of the group behind the slaying of Dr. Ahmad.

But he blamed the killing on the "misunderstanding created by the false propaganda of the Sunni Muslims," a group with different beliefs.

Yesterday's meeting was held in a large park area near a picnic for employees of Production Financing Co.

The picnic's organizer, Rick Spriggs, said park officials called him Friday and asked the company to relocate his outing.

"I got the impression from the park people that they didn't want our two groups together," Spriggs said.

However, the events were held side by side after the two groups discussed this matter.

Ken Smith, superintendent for the Huron-Clinton Metro Park system, said he approved the convention because "this is a public park and we saw no reason to deny them."

THE DETROIT FREE PRESS, August 14, 1983 MARTYR'S BURIAL FOR SLAIN DOCTOR

(By Patricia Charget, Free Press Staff Writer)

Slain Detroit area Islamic leader Dr. Muzaffar Ahmad will be buried in a special cemetery for religious martyrs in Pakistan, leaders of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam said Saturday.

The Ahmadiyya Movement, founded in India in 1889 and claiming to have about 10,000 members in the U.S. had planned to hold its national convention this weekend at Oakland University in Rochester. But after Ahmad's murder, university officials canceled the group's reservation and the convention was moved to Lower Huron Metropark in Belleville.

"We feel he (Ahmad) was a martyr," Nasir Malik, president of Ahmadiyyas in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana, said Saturday. "He died just because he was working in the cause of Allah. He had no other ties with that gentleman (his killer).

Ahmad, 36, an anesthesiologist at Wayne County General Hospital, was shot to death Monday in his Canton Township home. Police named an Akron man, William Cain, 27, as his killer. Several hours after the shooting, Cain and another man, Calvin Jones, 30, of Highland Park, died while apparently setting fire to the Ahmadiyya center on Detroit's west side. Cain had been linked by investigators to another Islamic sect, Dar-ul-Islam.

Malik said that about a month ago, Cain called the Ahmadiyya center, asking for information about the group's beliefs. He was referred to Ahmad, who hosted Cain for dinner two days before he was killed. Mirza Afzal, an Ahmadiyya missionary from Chicago, said he was at Ahmads home when the shooting occurred.

"Dr. Ahmad introduced me to him... He (Cain) didn't seem nervous. But he seemed so cool. I said, 'Pleased to meet you.' He said, 'OK'—like he didn't want to talk to me.

"He said, 'I left my cap at your home. May I have it back?' Dr. Ahmad said, 'Yes, I think I put it in the closet.' So he goes to get the cap. I'm in the kitchen looking through some pictures for the convention, and he says, 'Let me see him off. I'll be right back.' They walked out into the foyer. There was no discussion between them.

Then I heard four shots. Dr. Ahmad was on the floor and the man was gone.”

Malik said Ahmad would be buried Monday at Ahmadiyya world headquarters in Rabwah, Pakistan. His body was scheduled to be flown from New York to Pakistan on Saturday. Early Saturday morning, Malik said convention officials received a message from Mirza Tahir Ahmad, the sect's leader in Pakistan. In it, they were told not to be disheartened by Ahmad's death—"for he lives," the translated phone message read. "Martyrdom is an exalted stage. Millions have died aspiring for it and millions will."

The two-day convention was attended by more than 900 people from the U.S. and Canada, including Iman A.U. Kaleem, the sect's U.S. president. Iman Kaleem, dressed in a black Nehru jacket and flowing white gauze turban, expressed "regret, sorrow and grief for the treatment that has been meted out to us by those with whom we made arrangements for the convention." He accused the university of "condoning the crime against us" (Ahmad's murder) by declining to host the convention. "We have been victimized," he said.

Iman Kaleem blamed "false propaganda" made against the Ahmadiyyas by the Sunnis, the world's largest Muslim group, for Ahmad's death.

Police have not established a motive in the slaying, although they suspect religion may have played a part in it.

Malik said Ahmad's wife, who is seven months pregnant, was at the convention, but he declined to give her name or point her out. "She's still in shock. She just doesn't want to talk," he said. Malik said the Ahmads also have a four-year-old son.

OAKLAND PRESS, August 14, 1983

ISLAMIC GROUP KEEPS MEETING SECLUDED

(The Associated Press)

BELLEVILLE—About 50 members of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam conducted a prayer service at a Detroit area park after their planned national convention was canceled in the wake of violence, sect officials said.

The location of the Friday afternoon prayer meeting had been kept secret until the last possible moment for security reasons, the group said in a statement. The meeting was at a secluded picnic area in Lower Huron Metropark.

"It is deplorable that the movement despite having a lifelong history of peace and non-violence, is being deprived of the moral support and courage to hold a peaceful gathering," the statement said.

Officials at Oakland University in Avon Township told Ahmadiyya leaders on Wednesday they would not host the convention after Dr. Mozaffar Ahmed, an officer of the sect's Detroit branch, was slain Monday night in his suburban Detroit home.

William Cain, 27, of Akron, Ohio, and Calvin Jones, 30, of Highland Park, died of smoke inhalation later Monday night when they could not escape a fire in the group's center, police said. A pistol police said was used to kill Ahmed was found on Cain's body.

The FBI has said it is monitoring police investigations of the shooting because of possible terrorist connections.

ANNUAL REPORT (Continued from page 12)

Nazim Talim and Regional Qaids are preparing for Regional Training classes. Most of the work concerning publication of Tariq newsletter is completed.

LAJNA IMAILLAH USA

In the year 1982-83, without any question, Lajna Imaillah, USA, kept their lead as the best Lajna in the world. Even an attempt to present a brief summary of all their activities through the year demands much more time. Therefore, only a selection of their achievements as the best auxiliary of USA Jamaat is presented in this report.

Lajna maintained 2 branches in total including 5 sub-branches of larger groups. In 1982-83, new local Lajna branches/sub-branches were established in Rochester, Staten Island, Sacramento, Oakland and San Jose. All Lajna are either in *A-Group* or *B-Group*. The A-Group consists of three to ten members and B-Group more than ten. The most outstanding Lajna in the A-Group is Waukegan, and the most outstanding Lajna in the B-Group is Washington, DC. Special recognition is being made to a recently organized group, Pittsburgh, CA, as the most outstanding new group.

Tabligh: Distributed a total of 7,330 pamphlets on Islam. Advertised in the newspapers a total of 16 articles on the advent of the Promised Messiah and/or one of his messages. Appeared on two Cable TV programs and discussed Islam, and participated in two Radio Talk Programs to present Islamic teachings. Held a total of 34 propagational programs, printed posters on the advent of the Promised Messiah and advertised it on a total of 90 buses in different cities.

Talim-o-Tarbiyyat: The following studies were conducted: The Holy Quran with commentary of each verse, discussing it in addition to giving special attention to all *root words* listed for each verse; the Life of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saws); The Way of the Seekers; Wisdom of the Holy Prophet; and Lecture Ludhiana. Memorized one assigned Hadith every month on Islamic morals, made speeches and wrote essays on various topics; included were: The Purpose of Purdah, Marriage, duties of a wife, arbitration, How to promote sisterhood, the parents role in raising a moral child, and self purification.

Some Other Goals Achieved: Raised \$7,000.00 for Qadian Guest House. 600 copies of Ayesha were published. Three regional Nasirat Ijtemas were held. Published the Lajna News monthly. Three issues of Nasirat News were published. Several social service

projects were implemented.

Congratulations to Sister Salma Ghani and to her entire team of hard working Lajna office bearers. Marhaba!

SPECIAL GROUPS AND ASSOCIATIONS.

1982-83 is unique in the growth process of Ahmadiyya Jamaat USA. As it was mentioned earlier, several new associations were born this year as branches of international associations within the Ahmadiyya Jamaat. In accordance with the directives of the Markaz, Ahmadiyya Students Association, Association of Ahmadi Architects and Engineers, and the Ahmadiyya Medical Association were formed. Muslim Sunrise Writers Guild was already established last year and this too moved in a newer phase.

The Muslim Sunrise Writers Guild: The Guild has the goal to encourage research and writing to better serve the Ahmadiyya Jamaat in all areas including the social sciences. Participation in National and International competitions is encouraged. (Previously, a Guild member has won the International Fazl-i-Omar Foundation First Prize). The Guild also provides legitimate tie-in for college and university campus programs. Two principal objects now underway are the Inter-Library loan by which a descriptive catalog of Ahmadiyya Literature will be provided to universities and colleges who may borrow and circulate our books upon request. The other is preparation of a commentary in English of Sura Al-Kahf which will be printed as a Muslim Sunrise monograph. The present office holders of the Guild are Rafi Yahya Sharif, Chancellor, Nurud Din Abdul Latif, Vice Chancellor, Shakoorah Nooriyya, Dean of Women, and Mubashar Ahmad as Bursar.

The Ahmadiyya Students Association: This association was organized on the instructions of Nazarat-e-Talim, Rabwah, to improve mutual cooperation among Ahmadi Muslim students studying in different universities and to assist them in admissions and to promote achieving excellence in any area of studies. At this stage there are 40 members who are studying for higher degrees in the U.S. This year contacts were made with all Ahmadi students and data was collected to promote interest among Ahmadi students in learning different languages as desired by Huzur. Bro. Qamar Ahmad Shams of Physics Dept, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV, has been appointed as President of the Association.

International Association of Ahmadi Architects and Engineers: First election for the Executive Body was conducted on August 13, 1982 and Mr. Mujeeb Malik of Crofton, VA, was elected its President. So far the objective has been to identify potential members. Thirty non-student members have been contacted. The main aim of the association is to provide encouragement to members to excel in their respective fields and to become leaders in artistic and scientific developments and inventions. The association also investigates the possibility to utilize the talent of the members in the service of the Jamaat. This year the association provided the Central Committee at Rabwah information on *Dome Houses*. All Degree/Diploma holders in Engineering, Architecture and Computer Science are eligible to become members of the Association.

Ahmadiyya Medical Association, USA: On August 13, 1982, elections were held and Dr. Ahsan U. Zafar was elected its President and Dr. Karimullah Zirvi its Secretary/Treasurer. Dr. Mubarik Ahmad, Dr. Shamim Ahmad, Dr. Salahuddin Shams, and Dr. Aftab Ahmad were appointed regional Presidents for NE, SE, MW and West Coast regions respectively. A regional meeting of NE Region was held on May 23, 1983, and other regions are expected to hold meetings at least once a year. A directory of 100 members and associate members has been printed. Under Huzur's direction, the association is acquiring information to purchase used surgical instruments for needs in Ghana, Africa. Huzur's message to the members has also been circulated.

Professional and Legal Consultation: As the formation of the above entities within the Ahmadiyya Jamaat USA required some legal and constitutional adjustments, the National HQ addressed the issues by seeking constant legal advice. The same has been forwarded to the Markaz for final approval. As soon as the HQ receives the approval of the recommendations, the newly formed bodies shall be informed. This includes the mutual relation of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat USA—an incorporated body within the US laws and the branches of other International Ahmadiyya Associations, the tax-exempt status of non-profit organizations and the needed amendments in the guidelines of the Constitution of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association, USA.

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IMPORTANT NOTE ON REVIEW OF RELIGIONS

According to the new directive received from the Center, the magazine *Review of Religions* will be published and distributed from London, effective December 1983. The annual subscription for this periodical will be \$20.00 per year for twelve monthly issues.

The total circulation of the periodical will be

10,000. The U.S. Jamaat is to have 1500 subscriptions. All the members are hereby requested to send the form on page 36 of this issue of the Gazette, duly filled in as soon as possible.

We need to transmit the addresses to London. Kindly attend to this matter right away.



REPORT OF THE SECOND ANNUAL IJTEMA MAJLIS ANSARULLAH, AMERICA

With Allah's grace and immense blessings, the second Annual Ijtema of Majlis Ansarullah, America, was held at the Fazl Mosque, Washington, DC, on Saturday and Sunday, May 21 & 22, 1983. The registration started on Saturday after *Zuhr* Salat. The regular proceedings commenced after *Asr* Salat.

The Ijtema was inaugurated by Maulana Ata Ullah Kaleem, the Ameer and Muballigh Incharge. In his inaugural address he advised the participants to mould their lives according to the teachings of the Holy Quran. He recited some verses of the Holy Quran and exhorted the audience to adopt truthfulness, education and training, preaching and selflessness as a way of life. He urged them to familiarize themselves with the Holy Quran so well that its teachings should be reflected in their daily behaviors.

Dr. Masood Ahmad Malik, Nazim-i-A'ala, Ansarullah USA, then read out a special message received from Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (May Allah strengthen his hand). Huzur drew the attention of the audience to the burning ambition of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) for the universal publication and assimilation of the Divine message brought by the Holy Prophet of Islam (peace and blessings of God be on him). He emphasized the need and importance for every Ahmadi to become a *Dae'e Ilallah*, in the light of the teachings of the Holy Quran.

Huzur also quoted from *Kishti-e-Nooh* and gave several other references and illustrations to help the audience fully grasp and comprehend his eloquent assertions regarding the vitality of Dae' Ilallah project.

Afterwards a message from Chaudhry Hamid Ullah, Sadar Majlis Ansarullah Markaziyya, Rabwah, was read out, in which he had expressed his sincere desire for the great success of the Ijtema and had prayed for the progress and success of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam. He also exhorted the

Ansar members to discharge their responsibilities to the best of their ability.

By this time the rain, which had been falling since the morning, had stopped. According to the schedule, this was the time for sports competitions. All the members gathered in the playground and a volleyball match started. The guest team was led by Mr. Zinda Muhammad Bajwa (New York) while the local team was led by Mr. Kaleemullah Khan. The competition between the two teams was fierce. Players from both sides demonstrated remarkable skill and valor. Finally, the local team came out victorious. According to the judges and the spectators, Maulana Ata Ullah Kaleem, who exhibited an exceptional excellence in the game, was the major causative factor in the victory of the local team.

The sports competition was followed by dinner and collective Maghrib and Isha Salats. Afterwards, the evening program started in the form of a workshop. First of all, Dr. Masud Ahmad Malik, Nazim-i-A'ala Ansarullah, made a presentation on the topic of *Expectations from Ansarullah*. He emphasized that the members should follow the teachings contained in the Holy Quran.

He urged the members to strive hard to become embodiments and symbols of the Divine teachings contained in the Holy Quran and the precepts of the Holy Prophet of Islam and the Holy Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam (may peace and blessings of Allah be on them).

Thereafter, Mr. Mubashar Ahmad, President of Washington Jamaat, started his discourse on *Tarbiyyat*. After throwing light on multifarious aspects of *Tarbiyyat*, he gave a questionnaire to the participants. This questionnaire was based on the writings of Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad (May Allah

be pleased with him). After the members had attempted the questionnaire, Mr. Ahmad discussed each question in great detail.

The *Tarbiyyat* workshop was followed by *Tabligh* workshop, led by Bro. Nurud Din Abdul Latif (Newark, NJ). He threw light on all the pros and cons which must be kept in view, while carrying out *Tabligh* activities in contemporary American society. At the end, Mr. Fazl Ahmad (Boston, MA) who had the blessing of representing Ansarullah America on the occasion of Annual Ijtema Markaziyya, showed very inspiring and informative slides of his visits to Qadian and Rabwah. He went on explaining various features of his journey and provided comprehensive answers to participants' questions in the course of the slide show. This session concluded at 11 p.m. and the participants retired for the night.

On Sunday, May 22nd, after Tahajjud and Fajr Salats and Dars-i-Quran, competitions took place of the recitation of the Holy Quran. The results of the competition were:

First: Abdul Hamid Bhatti (Harrisburg, PA)
 Second: Naeem Ahmad (Philadelphia, PA)
 Third: Muhammad Sadiq (Newark, NJ)

A delicious and nutritious breakfast was next served, followed by Extempore speech competition. Several members participated and the following won prizes:

First: Munawar Saeed (Washington DC)
 Second: Rashid Ahmad (Milwaukee, WI)
 Third: Dr. Salahuddin Shams (Chicago, IL)

Immediately after that the prepared speech competition took place. The following won:

First: Mr. Munawar A Saeed (Washington DC)
 Second: Ameenullah Khan Salik (Washington DC)
 Third: Dr. Salahuddin Shams (Chicago, IL)

After the speech competition was over, Dr. Basharat Munir Mirza began his investigative discourse on *Is the Third World War Inevitable?* He quoted extensively from the Holy Quran, sayings of the Holy Prophet, world history, scientific findings and inventions and argued how and why the fall of currently dominant nations was destined, while Islam was destined to prevail all over the world. At this point we adjourned for a coffee break.

After the audience reassembled, a competition in Islamic general knowledge took place. The following were adjudged to be the winners:

First: Ameenullah Khan Salik (Washington DC)
 Second: Umar Bilal (North Carolina)
 Third: Saleem Nasir Malik (New York)

Thereafter, Sahibzada Mirza Muzaffar Ahmad spoke on the topic of *Nizam-i-Wasiyyat*. He presented a scholarly review of the system in the light of its economic, social and spiritual implications and advantages. The Sahibzada Sahib was followed by Dr. Khalil Ahmad Nasir, who spoke on *Islam and the Palestine Problem*. He offered references and illustrations from various historical and religious documents and scriptures and established the fact that the Jewish occupation of Palestine has to come to an end. He exhorted all to recognize the Messiah of the time because there could be no real peace in the world without entering into the fold of Ahmadiyyat, the real Islam.

Next there was a question and answer session which continued for nearly an hour. A variety of questions were raised which were answered by the elders and scholars of the Jamaat. Mr. Muzaffar Ahmad Zafr, the National President, while speaking on *Ahmadiyyat*, explained that Ahmadiyyat is the renaissance of Islam. He emphasized that all members must wholeheartedly obey the commandments of Khilafat and dedicate all their capabilities in the service of humanity and Ahmadiyyat, the true Islam.

At the end, Maulana Ata Ullah Kaleem gave away awards to the winners in the various competitions. In addition to the names given above, the following members were also rewarded:

Mr. Abdul Malik, Milwaukee: For taking part in the maximum number of competitions.
 Newark, NJ & Cleveland Ohio: First in financial contributions.
 Saadat Ahmad Salik: Best Ansar worker.
 Mubarik Ahmad Malik: Best Khadim worker.
 Waukegan: Majlis with maximum number of participants in the Ijtema.

Maulana Ata Ullah Kaleem, in his concluding address, exhorted the members to abide by the teachings of Islam, increase *Tabligh* efforts and work hard towards becoming *Dae'e Ilallah*.

This is how, by the grace and mercy of Allah, our second Annual Ijtema came to an extremely successful and blissful conclusion. By Allah's support, this year a remarkably large number of Ansar members and Majalis participated in the Ijtema. The Fazl Mosque looked like a very small place. May Allah reward our humble efforts with His infinite bounties. May Allah bless all our Ansar brothers with His benevolence, mercy and forgiveness. May He enable all of us to discharge our responsibilities to the best of our abilities. Ameen!

(Masood A. Malik, Nazim-i-A'ala Ansarullah)



SECOND ANNUAL IJTEMA ANSARULLAH, U.S.A.

Left: Participants repeating the Ansarullah pledge.
Lower Left: Panel answering questions from the audience.
Below: A section of the audience during a session.



AMEER'S LETTER TO THE PRESIDENTS

Dear Brothers in Islam:

Assalamo Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahe Wa Barakatohu

1. The Center has despatched a few cassettes of preaching among the Sikhs. Anyone who would like to have these cassettes to preach to their Sikh friends should direct their requests to the Headquarters at Washington, D.C.

2. It is only a month and a half left when the new year for Tahrik-i-Jadid shall be inaugurated by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV. You are requested to make special efforts in approaching all those members who had made pledges towards this blessed scheme of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II (Allah be pleased with him) and exhort them to redeem their pledges before the inauguration of the new year.

3. In the Ahmadiyya Gazette of August, 1983, the announced subscription for the **Review of Religions** was \$10.00. However, the circular received from the Center indicates that the Annual Subscription for this magazine, which shall be edited and published under new arrangements and of course with higher standard and better getup, will be \$20.00. In order to fulfill the desire of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) regarding this magazine, that ten thousand copies of it should be printed, you are requested to urge your members to subscribe to this magazine not only for themselves but also for their non-Muslim and non-Ahmadi relatives and friends. The magazine will be published in U.K. and distributed from the London Mosque, the addresses are required immediately for despatch to the London Mosque.

4. Letter after letter is being received from the Center about getting more pledges from the members towards the **construction of five mosques and mission houses in the U.S.A.**, and for increasing the pledges at least to the lowest standard of \$3,800 for each earning member. Bids have been tendered for the purchase of lands at two places and a substantial amount is required to make the payments. Hence, kindly ask the members to expedite the redeeming of their pledges.

Yours in Islam,
Ata Ullah Kaleem
Amir & Muballigh Incharge

JALSA SALANA ALERT

All the brothers and sisters planning to participate in Jalsa Salana Qadian (December 18-19-20) and/or Rabwah (December 26-27-28) this year are requested to forward their names, addresses and telephone numbers, along with a check for \$100.00, payable to Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, by October 15, 1983, at the latest. The Jalsa Salana delegation will, *Insha Allah*, leave from New York on or around December 13, 1983. The actual amount of the air fare and other expenses will, *Insha Allah*, be intimated to all those who register their names as soon as possible.

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EID GREETINGS

Brothers and Sisters, On the Occasion of Eidul Azhia

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