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# AHMADIYYAT IS THE MODERN DAY NOAH'S ARK DECLARES HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH IV IN HIS FRIDAY SERMON Delivered at Rabwah, Pakistan on May 13, 1983

Allah has guaranteed that those who join this Movement would be safeguarded against all dangers, but this guarantee will last only so long as there is righteous conduct.

While, we have been guaranteed security, we have to heed the accompanying warning. We must pass our lives righteously, seeking Allah's forgiveness.

After Shahadat and seeking protection and recitation of Fatehah, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV recited the following verses from the Holy Quran:

وَاُوْتِى إِلَى نُوْجَ اَنَهُ لَنَ يُؤْمِنَ مِنَ قَوْمِكَ إِلَّا مَنُ قَدُّامَنَ فَلَا تَبُتُرِسُ بِمَا كَانُوْا يَفْعَلُوْنَ أَوَاصْغَعِ الْفُلْكَ بِآعَيْنِنَا وَوَحْيِنَا وَلَا ثُغَاطِئِنِي فِي الَّذِيْنَ فَلَكُوْا الْفُلْكَ بِآعَيْنِنَا وَوَحْيِنَا وَلَا ثُغَاطِئِنِي فِي الَّذِيْنَ فَلَكُواْ الْفُدْمُ مُغْرَقُونَ \*

"It was revealed to Noah: No more of thy people will believe than those who have believed already; Grieve not, therefore, over that which they have been doing. Build thou the Ark under Our eyes and according to Our directions, and do not supplicate Me concerning the wrong-doers; they are sure to perish by drowning" (11:37,38).

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih then continued thus: In my last Sermon, I had mentioned the prayer of Noah which indicated that in the end he supplicated for the destruction of his people that not one of them may be spared and that the world may be

purified of them and of their vicious progeny forever. I had also mentioned that this supplication of Noah was not in its essence a prayer for the destruction of his people as Noah had been informed by God that now there was no one left among his people who would be rightly guided. Thus, Noah was not permitted to pray for their deliverance. It is inconsistent for the purpose of human life that any human being should cut asunder altogether from God and should leave behind vicious progeny.

I have just recited the verses on the basis of which I had put forward that thesis. In these verses, Allah has set forth that He had revealed to Noah that no more from among his people would believe except those who had already done so. He was told not to grieve over those who had been condemned, for their end had been decreed. This is followed up immediately by the admonition forbidding Noah from supplicating on behalf of the wrong-doers, for they were destined to perish by drowning.

#### He was commanded to build the Ark

under God's eyes and under His directions. This distinguishes in two respects the Ark that he was commanded to build from all other arks. The first is, the Ark was to be built under the eyes of Allah. What is very dear to a person, he requires to be constructed under his own eyes. For instance, when the building of the Talim-ul-Islam College was under construction, Hazrat Khalifatul Mashih III, who was devoted to the cause of education and loved the College, spent all his spare time, day and night, in all

# FROM THE HOLY QURAN

اِنَّ الْمُسُلِينِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤُمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤُمِنِينَ وَالْمُسُلِينَ وَالْمُسُلِينَ وَالْمُسُلِينِ وَالْمُسُلِينِ وَالْمُسْلِينِ وَاللَّهِ وَالْمُلِينِ وَالْمُسْلِينِ وَالْمُلِينِ وَالْمُسْلِينِ وَالْمُسُلِينِ وَالْمُسْلِينِ وَالْمُسْلِينِ وَالْمُسْلِينِ وَالْمُسْلِينِ وَال

Surely, men who submit themselves to God and women who submit themselves to Him, and believing men and believing women, and obedient men and obedient women and truthful men and truthful women, and men steadfast in their faith and steadfast women, and men who are humble and women who are humble, and men who give alms and women who fast, and men who fast and women who fast, and men who guard their chastity and women who guard their chastity, and men who remember Allah much and women who remember Him—Allah has prepared for all of them forgiveness and a great reward. (33:36).

weathers, in supervising its construction. He worked hard in making sure that the building of the College should be perfect.

Thus Noah's Ark was a wonderful Ark, the likes of which had never been constructed before, nor in its outward shape ever after. Concerning it, Allah announced that He would Himself watch the construction of the Ark throughout.

The second distinguishing feature of Noah's Ark was that he was directed to construct it according to Divine directions. Noah had not learnt the art of constructing arks from anyone else. He received his complete instructions in every detail from Allah.

Such a grand and holy Ark, which was matchless, may possibly have been preserved, at least in part, up to this time. Urged by this possibility, a great deal of research has been made for the recovery of the whole, or a portion, of Noah's Ark. Several expeditions have been organized for carrying out that

search at various times in the area of Mount Ararat and other places. This search was based on data which was deduced from the Bible. The Holy Quran furnishes different indications in that regard. It is possible that an Ahmadi expedition may, by Allah's grace, be enabled to discover the remains of Noah's Ark according to the indications mentioned in the Holy Quran.

### The Modern Day Noah's Ark

All this relates to the future. I wish to draw your attention to another Ark which has been constructed under Allah's eyes and under His directions. You are that Ark, that is to say, the Ahmadiyya Movement. The Promised Messiah, peace be on him, was directed by Allah in the revelations vouchsafed to him that he should prepare an Ark. That Ark is the Ahmadiyya Movement concerning which Allah has guaranteed that those who join it will be safeguarded against every kind of ruin and destruction.

Noah's Ark, which was made of wood, is also very valuable and those who succeed in their search for it would be most fortunate. But far more valuable than Noah's Ark is that Ark which has been bestowed to the people of Muhammad Mustapha, peace be on him, first in the shape of a system of teachings which then took the shape of a Community and which today exists in the shape of that Community, models of which are being constructed in every part of the world.

# Promised Messiah's teachings —The new Noah's Ark

This Ark, namely, the Ahmadiyya Movement, is the Holy Ark with all its features shaped under the eyes of Allah and according to His directions. The Promised Messiah, peace be on him, had no part in all this. Allah has said clearly and specifically that all its details were laid down by Him and that it was built under His directions. Thus if the teaching of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, which took the shape of the Ahmaiyya Movement, is Noah's Ark, and most certainly so it is, then every portion of it, every particle of it and every feature of it, has been given shape under the directions of Allah.

#### Maintain Features of This Ark

It is, therefore, incumbent upon you to maintain the features of this beautiful Movement. If future generations should unfortunately alter its features and make changes in them, it would be the greatest wrong that within a few generations, the features of

# SO SAID THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD

Bukhari narrates on one occasion that Abdur Rahman bin Auf with a number of other Muslims came to the Holy Prophet and said, "O Prophet of Allah, when we worshipped the idols, we were respected and honored among our people, but after our acceptance of Islam we have grown weak and powerless and are lowered in the eyes of our tribesmen, and have to live a life of humiliation. Will you not therefore permit us to defend ourselves with sword and fight the Quraish?" The Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be on him, replied "I have been ordered to show mercy and forgiveness. I cannot therefore permit you to take up the sword and fight."

The Prophet of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be on him), whenever he sent out a party to meet the enemy, would advise its commander, saying "Go in the way of Allah, in His Name and be not dishonest and break not the covenant with the enemy and mutilate not their dead and kill neither their children nor their women."

the Ark which Allah has described as resembling Noah's Ark and mention of which has been made in very affectionate terms in the Holy Quran, should be altered out of shape.

Another aspect of this topic is that the fiercer the storms that may be apprehended, the greater is the care bestowed on the construction of the vessels that are designed to negotiate those storms. For instance, a short while before the First World War, a large vessel was constructed in England concerning which it was claimed that it could face every possible hazard and that it was unsinkable. But it so happened that during its maiden voyage, it collided with an invisible iceberg and sank within a few minutes with most of those on board. Thus, man's knowledge is imperfect and in his ignorance, he sometimes makes claims that are not justified and which in practice are not proved true. But concerning the Ark, which is constructed under Divine directions, it cannot be imagined that any storm could sink it. So, if you will safeguard all the features of this Ark, that would be a guarantee of your own security.

#### No Storm can Sink This Ark

How many a movement has been launched which had been designed for your destruction, and how was each of them broken and destroyed and no sign of any of them has survived? How grandly and supremely does this Ark constructed by the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, continue sailing above the waves of opposition. If you will not let the vain projects of your own minds interfere with the designs of this holy architect and if you will safeguard even the least of its features with the utmost care and affection and effort, not only a few hostile movements, but even if great storms which could be compared with the storm of the time of Noah were to arise the waves of which could sink mountains and would destroy great peoples, I would assure you on the basis of the teachings of the Holy Ouran and in the light of the revelations vouchsafed to the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, that no storm of any type or volume would be able to harm this Ark in the least. It will necessarily be supreme and would be raised above the heights of the mountains and would descend only when the storm abates. There will never be a storm devastating enough to sink this Ark. But the condition is that the Ark built by Divine hands should not be befouled by human intervention.

Noah forbidden to pray for his nation

Another aspect of these verses which is noteworthy is the direction: Supplicate Me not concerning the wrong-doers, for they are destined to perish by drowning. No other Prophet had been commanded to refrain from supplicating for his people; Abraham was not so commanded, nor was Lot. It is true that after Abraham had prayed. Allah directed him to desist, but he had not been forbidden to pray. Concerning Abraham it is said that he pleaded

# REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

Hazrat Chaudhry Muhammad Zafrullah Khan, the former President of the World Court of Justice, has been ill since the time of Jalsa Salana, 1983. He is undergoing treatment under the care of the topmost physicians available, including General Mahmudul Hasan.

Hazrat Chaudhry Sahib has been vary active in the translation of the works of the Promised Messiah and he has also writen many excellent books on various topics of Islam. He deserves very special prayers from all of us.

All the members of the Jama'at are requested to kindly pray for his quick recovery and a long and healthy life.

# SO SAID THE PROMISED MESSIAH

It is my personal experience that to obey the Holy Prophet, peace be on him, with a sincere heart and to love him, ultimately makes a person beloved of God. God creates in his heart a burning for His Own love. Such a person, withdrawing his heart from everything else, leans towards God and his affections and desires remain only for God Almighty. Thereupon a special manifestation of Divine love falls upon him and bestowing upon him the full color of love and devotion pulls him towards itself with great force. He then overcomes his passions and from every direction extraordinary works of God Almighty appear as signs in his support and to help him (Haqiqatul Wahy, p.65).

I have observed that by calling down blessings upon the Holy Prophet, Divine grace in the shape of wonderful light proceeds in the direction of the Holy Prophet, peace be on him, and is absorbed into his breast and then issuing therefrom countless streams of it reach everyone deserving them according to his capacity. Certainly no grace can reach anyone without the agency of the Holy Prophet, peace be on him. Calling down blessings on the Holy Prophet brings into motion His Throne from which these streams of light issue. He who desires to obtain the grace of God Almighty should call down Divine blessings on him very diligently so that that grace might be moved (Al-Hakam, 28 Feb. 1903, p. 7).

One night this humble one called down blessings on the Holy Prophet to such a degree that my heart and soul were filled with its fragrance. That night I saw in my dream that angels were carrying waterskins full of light into my house and one of them said to me: These are the blessings that you called down on Muhammad, peace be on him (Braheen Ahmadiyya, 576, sub-footnote 3).

with Allah on behalf of the people of Lot (11:75). But this does not mean that Abraham had been told that Allah did not approve of his supplication and yet he persisted in it. Abraham carried on his supplications on behalf of the people of Lot till Allah very affectionately directed him: Abraham, cease your supplications, your Lord's decree has issued (11:77). Allah consoled Abraham with the words: Indeed, Abraham was gentle, tender-hearted and oft-turning to Allah (11:76).

Yet, Noah was not permitted to mention his people at all. There is in this a deep and great lesson for

those who reflect; a lesson which raises the status of man very high. Abraham supplicated and pleaded for a people with whom he had no relationship. Not one of his progeny was among the people for whom he was anxious and whom he strove to shield against God's wrath; but among the people for whom Noah was likely to plead included Noah's son. Noah was forbidden to pray for those people as it behoves not a Prophet that his mercy should be prompted in the least by some personal interest. That is why Allah, Who permits supplications on behalf of even enemies, forbade a Prophet from supplicating for his people as his son was included among them, lest is should be said that Noah had prayed for his people because his son was included among them. Allah would not let Noah become the subject of such a misunderstanding.

The whole of this affair is set out in detail in the Holy Quran as follows. He urged his companions: Embark therein; its course and its mooring will be regulated under the blessing of Allah's name. My Lord is assuredly Most-Forgiving, Ever-Merciful. The Ark sailed along with them through waves towering like mountains. Noah spotted his son drifting away among the swirling waters and called out to him: My son, embark along with us and be not among the disbelievers. He shouted back: I shall soon gain a footing on some height, where I shall be safe from the water. Noah warned him: There is no safety today for anyone from the decree of Allah, except for those to whom He shows mercy. Thereupon a wave rushed in between the two, and he was drowned. Thereafter, the command went forth: Swallow up thy water, O earth, and O sky: Desist. The water subsided and the affair was closed. The Ark came to rest on Al-Judi and the decree went forth: Ruined are the wrong-doers.

Noah supplicated his Lord: My Lord, my son is a part of my family, and surely, Thy promise is true, and Thou are the Most Just of Judges. His Lord

# MAULANA KALEEM'S FATHER PASSES AWAY

We announce with regret that Mian Saraj Din Sahib, the father of Maulana Ata Ullah Kaleem, our former Missionary Incharge, U.S.A., passed away in Rabwah on February 17, 1984. Inna Lillahe Wa Inna Ilaihe Raajeoon.

responded: He is surely not of they family, Noah, for his is one of unrighteous conduct. So beseech Me not concerning that of which thou hast no knowledge. I advise thee not to act like the ignorant ones (11:42-47).

It should be noted that Noah, as has been mistakenly thought by some, did not make any protest against the Divine decree. Yet, he was puzzled that God's promise had been that the members of his family would be safeguarded, then how did it happen that his son, who was a member of his family, had perished. Allah resolved his difficulty by the explanation that his son was of unrigteous conduct and, therefore, in Allah's estimation, he was not Noah's son and was not included in the guarantee of safety which Allah had promised for the members of Noah's family.

Thus, it was made clear that no blood relationship with a Prophet, or a righteous person, would safeguard anyone unless the claim of relationship was supported by righteous conduct. Therefore, whoever is cut off spiritually would also be cut off physically.

## The guarantee of security

This is another lesson to which I wish to draw the attention of the members of the Community. There is indeed the guarantee of security for all those who embark on the Ark of Noah, both those who are members of the family of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, and those who, despite no physical relationship with him, embark upon the Ark by acting upon his teachings. But this guarantee is conditioned by righteous conduct. Should there be a weakness in that respect, God, Who did not safeguard Noah's son against perishing, would not in future depart from His law. God's justice is free from such contradiction.

#### Our Conduct Must Always be Righteous

Thus, we are happy with the Divine guarantee of security against the fiercest storms, but we should also be fearful that our conduct should always continue righteous and that we should lead righteous lives in every respect, supplicating for the grace and mercy of Allah. Let it not happen that some who may have embarked on this Ark, should in reality have no connection with it. May Allah not let it happen that some, who are members of the family of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, and claim membership of the Movement may be separated by

the storms that may be encountered and the true may be distinguished from the false. May Allah not let it happen that some of us who are dear to us and who are closely related to us may perish in a storm.

May Allah enable us to protect this Ark with the utmost care with perfect righteousness and steadfastness, and with perfect truth. This Ark has been constructed for the security of the whole world. Amen!

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 3-4	Training class of T the National Head	abligh Secretaries at quarters
March 23	Masih Maud Day	Local Jamaats
April 22	Seerat-un-Nabi	Regional Seminars

Apr.27/29	Refresher Courses
	All Presidents & National ofice holders

May 19-20	19-20 Annual I		Ijtema Ansaaruli	ah	
			Nat.	Nazim-e-A'l	a

May 27	Khilafat	Day:	Local	or	Regional
	Seminars				

June 1	Ramadan begins, subject to appearance
	of moon.

<b>July 7-9</b>	National Taligh Program:
	directed by Nat. Tablligh Secretary

July 13	-19 Nasirat	Summer School	Local/Regional
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- Oct. 12-14 Khudaam & Atfaal National Ijtima
- Oct. 20-22 Lajna & Nasiraat National Ijtima
- Nov. 16-18 USA General Council Meeting, National HQ
- Nov. 24 National Training for Tablign
- Dec. 25 Children Parents Day, Local/Regional

# SUMMARY OF RECENT FRIDAY SERMONS OF HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH IV

## **SERMON ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1984**

In this sermon, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV gave a commentary on Sura Homazah:

"Woe to every backbiter, slanderer, who amasses wealth and keeps counting it. He thinks that his wealth will make him immortal. Nay, he shall be surely cast into the Hotamah. Do you know what that Hotamah is? It is Allah's kindled fire which rises over the hearts. It will be closed in on them, in the form of widely extended columns." (104:2-10)

Here, God has conveyed the news of a nuclear war. Huzur explained how the details of the ravages of a possible nuclear war are given in this Sura.

When people forget the Divine attribute of forgiveness, many ills are generated. When these ills magnify from the individual level to national and international level, they take on such a horrible shape that these nations invite their annihilation from God. Some of these ills are back biting, slandering, finding faults, lewdness, secret propaganda, creating hatred and enmity between groups and nations, falsely accusing others, craving for money, haughtiness and having contempt for others, etc.

All these ills are rampant today on an international level. According to this Sura, these developments are inviting the wrath of God. The word *Hotamah* literally means a small particle, i.e., an atom. So when that time comes, God's fire will come out of atoms which will burn these nations away. The closing in of this fire in extended columns clearly refers to the typical meshroom clouds coming out of nuclear blasts.

Huzur asked the audience to pray that God saves the world from this devastation. Nothing can save the world except the prayers of Ahmadiyya Jamaat.

In the same sermon, Huzur said that the Ahmadies are willing for any sacrifice to protect and safeguard the Muslim Shrines. This part was reported in the last issue of the Gazette.

#### **SERMON ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1984**

In this sermon, Huzur explained the Divine attribute of *Tawwab* (The acceptor of repentance; the Oft-Returning with compassion), in the light of the Holy Quran and Hadith. He explained that God accepts the repentance of his servants, provided that they truly repent from their heart, stay away from further sins and do righteous deeds. He showed, in

the light of the writings of the Promised Messiah that when one shows remorse on his past sins and truly repents, God forgives all his sins.

One should try to keep away from sins altogether. If one makes the blunder of committing a sin, one must bow down before the Forgiver of sins. He is Oft-Returning with compassion and showers His servants with His mercy and grace.

#### FRIDAY SERMON ON FEBRUARY 17, 1984

In his sermon, Huzur mentioned three of his recent dreams in which God has given glad tidings of His special help and succour for the Ahmadiyya Community. Even if there are some adverse developments, Allah will protect the Community with His special Grace. Huzur pointed out that these glad tidings put some responsibilities on us, namely: (a) The Jamaat should strive to prove worthy of this special Divine Help. (b) The Jamaat must absorb itself in the task of calling towards Allah with such eagerness, zeal, and fervent prayers that Allah favors us with sweet fruits.

Huzur said that one should understand the philosophy of prayer. He related some of the recipes given by the Promised Messiah for prayers which meet with a special acceptance from God.

There are three things without which prayers do not attain the strength and fervency. (1) Prayers get strength from sadness (2) Prayers get strength from the happiness with converts into a sense of deep gratitude towards God. (3) Prayers get strength from love. Deep love requires that the lover be deeply hurt to hear anything against the beloved. It saddens him exceedingly and a prayer out of this wounded heart cannot go unanswered.

Huzur advised Ahmadies to become truly Allah's servants. Remember Allah always and under all conditions. When God becomes the protector of you, no power on earth can make you perish. It is very important that we become thankful creatures of God and go out in the service of the faith like mad men. When we become embodiments of the Love of God, we will witness His marvels. Getting our strength from the Grace of God, with our untiring efforts and our fervent prayers, we will bring about a revolution for Islam which was foretold by the Holy Prophy, peace and blessings of God be on him, for our age.

# HOW TO ATTAIN SUCCESS IN PROPAGATION

By Noor-ud-Din A. Latif

"Surely success comes to the believers"
(The Holy Quran, 23:1)

If our propagation effort is to be successful, then we must propagate our faith as the true believer would. Islam requires a man to seek Falah or success. The muazzin cries: 'Hayya Alal Falah' ten times each day. Our beloved Khalifatul Masih II, Razi Allaho Anho, has advised us that Falah includes Najat or salvation. This is the reason that Islam makes Falah the real goal for humanity. The content of our propagation message should be the information which assists one to achieve this goal.

What is Falah? According to Islam salvation does not lie in deliverance from the punishment of hell. Real salvation or Falah lies in an attainment of the purpose for which man has been created. Man has been created to attain union with Allah; therefore, success means the attainment of union with Him, and the satisfaction of the yearning which man feels for that union.

According to Islam, true salvation means that one should msnifest in one's self the divine powers and thereby attain everlasting life. This is the Islamic conception of salvation. This conception and explanation is found only in the message of Ahmadiyyat. The content of our message will be weighed by the sincerity in which we extend the invitation toward men to achieve success in their lives by attaining nearness to Allah.

This should not be so hard a task, and we really should not have encountered the problems that we have encountered in our propagation effort if we would have kept on emphasizing the invitation to Ahmadiyyat on the basis of the true reasons for living. The message of Ahmadiyyat appeals to the very nature of man. The idea of the existence of God and the desire for true salvation are inherent in the very nature of man. We must structure our appeal and master the arguments that will make this appeal a success.

The propagation effort in this country has been mainly centered around the refutation of Christianity. While this emphasis is important, it is only a corollary to the real issue, namely, the identity of the True Object of Love, Worship and Devotion, and the means whereby one can attain nearnes to Him.

# **BAI'AT TARGETS FOR 1984**

The Jama'at Ahmadiyya, U.S.A., has a target of at least 500 Bai'ats for this year. The Managing Committee in its meeting on January 25, 1984, allotted specific quotas for all the Jamaats, dependent on the strength of the Jama'at. The Tabligh year begins from February 1, 1984. The allotted quotas are given below for each Jama'at.

No	Jamaat	Bai'ats
1	Athens, OH	4
2	Baltimore, MD	8
3	Blacksburg, VA	4
4	Boston, MA	10
5	Chicago, IL	40
6	Cleveland, OH	9
7	Dayton, OH	24
8	Detroit, MI	20
9	Indianapolis, IN	3
10	Houston, TX	5
11	Los Angeles, CA	44
12	Milwaukee, WI	24
13	New Orleans, LA	6
14	New York, NY	60
15	North Jersey, NJ	· 12
16	Philadelphia, PA	20
17	Pittsburgh, PA	16
18	Rochester, NY	8
19	San Francisco, CA	16
20	Seattle, WA	8
21	St. Louis, MO	20
22	Streamwood, IL	8
23	Tucson, AZ	12
24	Washington, DC	100
25	Waukegan, IL	12
26	Willingboro, NJ	16
27	York, PA	12
	TOTAL	521

# AIM OF THE AHMADIYYA CENTENARY JUBILEE FUND IN THE WORDS OF HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH IV

The first of March, 1984, ushers in the eleventh phase of the Ahmadiyya Centyenary Jubilee fund. This project has been launched to accelerate the campaign for the superiority of Islam. Its main aim is to bring together humanity under the banner of the Unity of God by converting it into one Ummah. This responsibility has been laid on our shoulders, and for the attainment of this goal, we shall have to make every kind of sacrifice, be it financial, emo-

tional or otherwise. We shall not hesitate to even offer our lives on the altar of Islam.

The expenses to be incurred are of such special character as cannot be deferred till the last year, that is, 1989.

May Allah succour you and be your guide. May He empower you to discharge your duties to the best of your ability. Ameen!

# NATIONAL MOSQUE PROJECT: A BRIEF PROGRESS REPORT

- 1: Contract is ratified for approved 5 acre plot in Clenelyn (Chicago), for \$262,500.00. Settlement is expected within a week or two, following County approval.
- 2: Negotiations for 14 acre plot on New Hampshire Avenue in Washington was not successful. Owner would not accept 180 day provision for site planning and County approval. We have, therefore, withdrawn offer. A new site is under consideration. The 44 acre plot in Burtonville is still available with quick settlement possibilities. This seems to be most viable option for Washington now.
- 3: New York committee had proposed the purchase of a nice house in Forest Hill with good location and transportation links. The house had excellent accommodations (5 bedrooms, 3 baths). But the owners, husband and wife, are in a divorce process and their mutual disagreement seems to be the major hurdle in acquisition.

New locations are under active consideration of the New York Jamaat.

- 4: Maulana Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad, Ameer and Missionary Incharge, USA, Mir Daud Ahmad, Secretary for properties, and local committee members visited a number of plots in Los Angeles area, and have selected a 4 acre plot in suburban Corona, Southeast of Los Angeles. The plot is suitably located along two roads and has a good view and topography. We are signing the contract for this plot for a price of \$159,550.00, subject to approval from the Headquarters and the County permission for a place of worship. The site planning and approval process to start immediately.
- 5: York Mission House contract approved by seller. Settlement is to be on April 15, 1984.

A view of the plot being purchased for the Los Angeles Mosque. Standing in the foreground, from left to right are Br. Råhmat Jamal, local President, Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad, the Missionary Incharge, Mir Daud Ahmad, and Regional Missionary, Ch. Munir Ahmad



# THE AMEER & MISSIONARY INCHARGE TOURS THE WEST COAST

Maulana Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad, Ameer and Missionary Incharge, U.S.A., toured California during February 20-29, 1984. He spent February 20-25 in Los Angeles and February 26-28 in San Francisco.

The purpose of this visit was to inspect the various possible sites for the Mosque/Mission Houses in the West Coast, and to review the educational, propagational and training (*Tarbiyyat*) aspects of the Jamaat's activities.

Meetings were held every evening at the homes of various members in various locations, and other members of the area participated in these gatherings, along with some non-Ahmadi guests. Question answer sessions usually lasted well into the night. In addition, the Los Angeles Jamaat arranged a general meeting on Saturday, February 25, in a rented hall.

On February 21, the Ameer, along with Br. Rahmat Jamal, the local President, Mir Daud Ahmad, the Secretary for Properties, and some local members, inspected a number of plots for the proposed Mosque/Mission House there. A plot in Corona, nearly 50 miles east of Los Angeles was chosen. The Center was informed of this choice by Telex in order to seek approval of the Center. This plot consists of 5 acres and has a price tag of \$159,000. The Center has already approved this site and has instructed us to proceed with the purchase.

Pledges for the Mosque Fund were made and previous pledges were increased by various members. Dr. Hamidur Rahman increased his pledge from \$25,000 to \$50,000. Mrs. Hamidur Rahman gave six gold bangles as her contribution. Malik Muzaffar Ahmad increased his pledge from \$2,500 to \$10,000.

On February 23, the Ameer, along with the Missionary, West Coast, the local President and General Secretary, visited Tijuana, Mexico, to explore the possibilities of Tabligh work in Mexico. On his return, the Amir asked for volunteers under the Waqf-i-Aarzi scheme to give some time for propagation work in Mexico. He also made Los Angeles the headquarters for Tabligh activities in Mexico.

Dr. Gulzar Ahmad and Mr. Abdur Rab Anwar volunteered for this activity and, *Insha Allah*, will be going to Mexico in the near future.

After the general meeting on February 25, the Ameer left for San Francisco. A meeting was arranged at 11 a.m. on February 26, in Oakland University Campus. Nearly one hundred people participated in this meeting. In his address at this meeting, the Ameer reminded the audience of their duty vis-a-vis Mosque and Mission Houses project. He also pointed out that there was an urgent need for a Mission House in San Francisco.

The womenfolk had separate seeting arangements in Purdah. After the meeting, the Zuhr and Asr prayers were performed in a lawn in the open.

After his address, the Ameer told the audience that it was Huzur's decision that there was need to further strengthen the ties between members of Pakistani and American backgrounds. He, therefore, initiated a plan of one-to-one brotherhood between them on his arrival in Washington, so people of different ethnic backgrounds could inculcate a spirit of real brotherhood. He said he wanted to introduce the same system in San Francisco. Then he began calling brothers by name and paired them into a one-to-one brotherhood. The persons called would then come forward, embrace each other and take vows of brotherhood from that moment on.

This was a very moving experience for all present. The former local President of San Francisco, Br. Raqib Abdul Wali, with the permission of the chair, stood up and wholeheartedly endorsed this rejuvenation of brotherhood in Ahmadies and heralded it as a harbinger of vigorous progress in the American Jamaat.

On Feb. 27, the Ameer inspected various possible sites for the Ahmadiyya Mission House. A committee was formed to investigate the various possible sites and to recommend the site of their choice.

On Feb. 28, the Amir returned to Los Angeles, where work was progressing on the legal papers for buying the property in Corona for the Jamaat. The Amir signed some papers which were prepared by a local attorney. The Amir left Los Angeles at 10:15 a.m. on February 29, to return to Washington.

# THE WORLD OF AHMADIYYAT

#### Rabwah, Pakistan:

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV left Rabwah for a tour of Karachi and Sindh on February 5, 1984, at 7:25 a.m. Many people had gathered to see him off and Huzur shook hands with all of them. Huzur then led collective prayers before departing. He travelled to Lahore by car and from Lahore to Karachi by air.

Sahibzada Mirza Mansoor Ahmad, Nazir A'ala Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya, was appointed local Ameer of Rabwah for the duration of Huzur's tour.

At the conclusion of this trip, Huzur returned to Rabwah on February 24, 1984, around midnight. By the Grace of Allah, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV is in good health. We should continue to pray earnestly for a long and healthy life of our dear Imam.

#### Karachi, Pakistan

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV led the Friday Prayers on February 10, 1984, at the Ahmadiyya Mosque, Martin Road, Karachi. His sermon on this occasion lasted three quarters of an hour. (A summary of the sermon is given elsewhere in this issue of the Gazette).

### Nasir Abad, Sindh, Pakistan:

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV led the Friday prayers at the Ahmadiyya Mosque, Nasir Abad, on February 17, 1984. His sermon lasted about one hour. Nearly 6000 men and women attended these Friday prayers. (A summary of his sermon is given elsewhere in this issue of the Gazette).

#### Bandung, Indonesia:

There was a severe flood in a region south of Bandung which made over 2000 people homeless. The Jamaat Ahmadiyya Bandung and the Lajna of Bandung presented 500 Kg of rice and 200 packages of prepared food to the camp of the flood victims. The officer in charge and the staff thanked them with deep appreciation. This news appeared in various Indonesian newspapers with photographs.

In addition, the Khuddam and the teachers and students of the Missionary School donated 18 units of blood on two occassions. The total number of persons donating this blood was 35. On each of these two occassions, the staff of the relevant agencies were apprised of the motto of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat; "Love for all, hatred for none."

Dr. L. Hammond of Gettysburg College, who visited Rabwah at Jalsa Salana, exchanging views with Sahibzada Mirza Mubarak Ahmad, Sadr, Tahrik-i-Jadid Anjuman Ahmadiyya.



# AN SINCERE AMERICAN AHMADI FAMILY RECOGNIZED

[An extract from the speech by Mr. Laeeq Ahmad Tahir, Qaid Tarbiyyat, Majlis-e-Ansarullah, Rabwah, at the time of Ansarullah Convention, 1983, at Rabwah].

First of all I would like to begin my speech by informing you about a family which has been staying at Tahrik-i-Jadid Guest House for the past month. I am referring to Mrs. Yahya Sharif, her son Tariq, and daughters Ruqaiya and Safiyya. This family is a great proof of the truth of Ahmadiyyat. I had the opportunity to observe their manners very closely, and in doing so my faith in God was enhanced.

Brother Yahya Sharif Sahib is an American who accepted Islam in 1958, through the universal missionary efforts of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat. His wife accepted Islam in 1967. They have four children—two boys and two girls—who are all excellent examples of the correct Islamic values. After accepting Ahmadiyyat, both husband and wife decided that they would do everything to protect their children from the negative influence of their non-Muslim relatives. Thus they left their families and began to live in a separate home of their own, some distance from Washington, D.C., and they tried their best to safeguard themselves from external influences.

One wonders at the excellent way in which they brought up their children. Last month, when this family decided to visit Pakistan, we were repeatedly informed that they were coming to Rabwah to gain religious knowledge. But they have so much Islamic knowledge that if we were to gather one thousand children of their age from the Center, they would most likely excell among them.

Tariq is eighteen. The older daughter is 14 and the younger daughter is 12. All of them have studied the English Commentary of the Holy Quran, books of Hadith, History of Islam and Ahmadiyyat, and Islamic Jurisprudence in detail. For their refresher course, experienced scholars were appointed, but during the very first week they began insisting that

# THE AMEER AND MISSIONARY IN-CHARGE TOURS NEW ORLEANS

Maulana Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad, the Ameer & Missionary Incharge, U.S.A., visited New Orleans, Louisiana, during January 21-28, 1984. The Jamaat exhibited enhanced signs of progress and monitary sacrifices during his visit.

There were daily meetings arranged at the homes of various members in which non Ahmadi friends were also invited. The question-answer sessions lasted well into the night. Among the questions discussed were the beliefs of Jama'at Ahmadiyya; the question of Khatm-i-Nabuwwat; the Lahore group of Ahmadies; why Ahmadies do not join the Janaza prayers of non Ahmadies; etc.

Members of New Orleans Jamaat made pledges for the Buyutul Hamd scheme, totalling one hundred and eight thousand five hundred rupees (Rs.108,500). Also the Jamaat increased by \$12,000, the previously pledged amounts for the mosque and Mission Houses scheme. Dr. Safeer Ahmad and Dr. Saeed Ahmad increased their pledges by \$5,000 each and Dr. Sheikh Rashid Ahmad and Sheikh Tahir Ahmad increased their pledges by \$1,000 each.

The program of Tabligh during the world fair in New Orleans in 1984 was also reviewed.

All the time of the Ameer was spent in educational, propagational and training (*Tarbiyyat*) matters relating to the New Orleans Jamaat, and proved to be very productive. All the members of the local Jamaat participated actively.

We pray that Allah showers His blessings on all the members of the New Orleans Jamaat and may they all keep on increasing in their efforts in the service of Islam.

whatever was being taught, they had learned a long time ago. They wanted to learn each subject at its highest level.

Mrs. Yahya Sharif is so strict in the observance of purdah that she attracts our sincerest prayers from the botom of our hearts. In a place like America, she goes out in complete burqah to perform her daily chores. The way she observes purdah is an invitation to every Ahmadi lady to follow her example.

# JAMAAT ACTIVITY REPORTS

North Jersey Jama'at began the year 1984 with a special program for Atfal. Bro. Nuruddin Latif, Director of Atfal Training Program arranged a test for Atfal in Quran, Hadith and extempore speech covering Hadith and poems of the Promised Messiah, peace be upon him. In the senior group, Munib Zirvi, Asad Chaudhry and Rahim Latif won First, Second and Third positions and in the junior group Khalid Zirvi, Ahmad Chaudhry and Junaid Latif won First, Second and Third positions, respectively.

Musleh Mauood Day was celebrated on Sunday, February 19. Br. Muhammad Sadiq, President of the Jamaat, presided on the function. The program started with recitation of the Holy Quran by Dr. Riaz Chaudhry, followed by a poem of the Promised Messiah by Br. Mubashir Ahmad. Br. Bashir Afzal, Br. Nasir Zirvi and Br. Munib Zirvi covered various aspects of the Life and Mission of Hazrat Musleh Mauood, Hazrat Mirza Bashirud Din Mahmud Ahmad (may Allah be pleased with him). The Atfal who won top positions in the test were given prizes on this auspicious occasion. The meeting concluded with collective prayer. Members were served with snacks at the end of the session.

Jamaat's monthly meetings are held regularly on every first Sunday of the month. Lajna and Nasirat hold their meetings and dispense business separately on the same day. Attendance in these meetings is very encouraging. Atfal Sunday School is running on regular basis under scholarly leadership of Br. Nurud Din A. Latif, actively assisted by Atfal Saiq, Br. Nasir Zirvi, who has recently graduated to a Khadim. Local Ansar meet every second Sunday of the month. The program generally includes regular business meeting and study of Holy Quran. Br. Bashir Afzal, Zaim Ansarullah, has devoted himself to set a proper pace for the progress of local Majlis Ansarullah. (Rashid Arshad, Secretary)

# SOCIAL SERVICES OF D.C. JAMA'AT APPRECIATED BY SERVICES CENTER

The following letter was received from the Hillcrest Services Center, 2818 Alabama Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20020, in appreciation of social service work of the Washington Jamaat.

Mr. Mubashar Ahmad Mission President 2141 Leroy Place, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20008 Dear Mr. Ahmad:

We conveyed to you in our letter of June 28, 1983, on behalf of the clients and the staff alike, our deep and sincere appreciation for your generous gift of food coupons. You again have shown your continued compassion for those whose needs exceed our own with another gift of food coupons. We are grateful to you for your caring, and thankful for the clients who will reap the benefits of your generosity.

We witness first hand each day those who must 'make do' on the minimum essentials of life sustaning goods, and though your gifts may seem as a ripple on a see of need, please be assured, for we know, your gifts are like an oasis for those in vast desert of the economically deprived.

Mr. Ahmad, again please accept our deep and sincere gratitude for your most generous gift of food coupons.

Sincerely yours, (Sd)William Wilson, Manager

# SAMPLE TABLEEGHEE LETTER

One of the ways for the *Da'ee Ilallah* to reach others is through letters inviting them towards Ahmadiyyat. Here is how the Washington Jamaat framed their Tableeghee letter. This can serve as a sample letter for you to send to your friends.

Dear .....

#### Assalam-o-Alaikum

Greetings to you and your family! We would like to take a few minutes to call your attention to an urgent concern which affects all of us in these troubled times.

The Creator has given human beings special spiritual, moral, mental and physical abilities. However, it is clear that the high technology of the space age is bringing an unfortunate side-effect. Moral and spiritual values seem to be collapsing in family and business relationships and in degrading entertainment. Many people have lost faith and no longer pray. They do not realize that their lives can be improved by worshipping God Alone and helping their fellow beings.

Jews, Christians, Muslims believe that a Messiah or Mahdi is to appear in these Latter Days to guide the people. There are several prophecies in the Quran, the Book of Islam, that Islam will be revived by the Messiah or Mahdi. Muslims who believe that the Messiah has already come belong to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Islam, which is located in many countries worldwide. Its members are required to live daily lives according to the teachings of Islam, following the example of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (s.a.w.), the Messenger of God.

We invite you and people of all ages, economic conditions, races, and colors to our worship services held every Friday at 1:15 p.m. Classes for adults and children are held on Sundays at 11:30 a.m. An extensive list of books

on Islamic subjects is available and free pamphlets as well. We hold seminars and public meetings which are open to the public and free of charge. For further information, please contact the Ahmadi Muslim Community

at the above address.

May Almighty God, in His wisdom and mercy, guide you to the right way.

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# **AHMADIYYA NEWS IN PICTURES**

Maulana Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad, Ameer & Muballigh Incharge, U.S.A. Jamaat addressing the General Council meeting on November 27, 2983. He initiated "Mawakhat" brotherhood between Pakistani and American members.





Br. Muzaffar Ahmad Zafr, National President of USA Jamaat conversing with Sahibzada Mirza Mubarak Ahmad, Sadr, Tahrik-i-Jadid Anjuman Ahmadiyya. Mr. Masood Jehlami, the Vakilut Tabsheer is on the left.

Br. Muzaffar A. Zafr, National President, U.S.A. Jamaat in the presence of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV and Hazrat Ch. Muhammad Zafrullah Khan.





Mr. Tahir Sharif of York, PA, meeting with Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV. Young Tariq, along with his sisters and mother, visited Rabwah for educational and spiritual enrichment.

Some members of the U.S.A. Jamaat delegation to Jalsa Salana, in the company of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV, at Rabwah, Pakistan.



## TELEGRAMS TO PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT

From the news printed in some Pakistani papers and accounts of statements by some religious leaders published in these newspapers, it was apparent that some elements in Pakistan are trying very hard to fan sectarian hatred and the Ahmadiyya Jamaat was being made the target. There was anxiety in the Ahmadiyya Community in America on these potential threats to Pakiatani Ahmadies. A number of telegrams were, therefore, sent to different Pakistan authorities, including the President of Pakistan, the Governor of the Punjab and the Pakistan Ambassador in the U.S.A. Given below are two of these telegrams:

### Telegram sent from Washington D.C.

Government House, Lahore (Pakistan)

We learned with deepest concern that a section of the people seem determined to create large scale disturbance in Pakistan by inflaming sectarian sentiments and by preaching violence against Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan. This is being done when the country is passing through a very critical period of domestic unrest associated with announcement of constitutional transition besides facing external threats. The activities are in clear violation of the law of the land and country's need for internal peace and harmony among the people. It is imperative that the Government of Pakistan brings the situation under control before it gets out of hand and inflicts grievious harm to Pakistan. We strongly urge you to take timely action to preserve peace in the country and to safeguard the basic human rights of Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan. Sincerely yours...

> Mubasher Ahmad, President, Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Washington Metro Area

### Telegram sent from Philadelphia

The Ambassador of Pakistan 2315 Massachusetts Ave, N.W. Washington DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Peace be on you and the mercy of Allah. This telegram is in reference to the human rights violations in Pakistan and persecution of the Muslims of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam. Ahmadies in every part of the United States express concern on a religious conference being held at Sialkot. We pray that this conference will not instigate the general public of your country against the members of the

Ahmadiyya Jamaat. We protest vigorously against any violations of human rights or religious freedom through suppression and harassment. Our complete trust and total dependence is upon Allah the Exalted the All-Seeing and the All-Knowing and we live under the shadow of His mercy. He will not leave us without support. Please let us know by return mail just what steps your government is taking to ensure the safety of our loved ones. Yours in Islam,

Munir Hamid, President, Philadelphia Jamaat

# REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

#### BIRTH

Br. Abu Bakr Salahud Din of Chicago Jamaat has been blessed with his first baby boy in January, 1984. The newly born has been named Abid Ali. All the members of the Jamaat are requested to pray that God make the newly born grow up as a true and righteous Ahmadi and make him a true servant of Ahmadiyyat. Ameen.

#### **NIKAH CEREMONY**

Maulana Ata Ullah Kaleem, Ameer and Muballigh Incharge, U.S.A., performed on December 3, 1983, the Nikah ceremony of Miss Shahla Chaudhry, daughter of Chaudhry Allah Bakhsh, the National Secretary for Social Services, with Mr. Muzaffar Mahmood Malik, son of Mr. Abdur Rahman Saleem, retired Deputy Secretary (Defense), Islamabad, Pakistan, at a *Mehr* of \$6,000. Mr. Muzaffar Mahmood is the younger brother of Mr. Nasir Mahmood Malik, President of Detroit Jamaat.

All the members of the Community are requested to pray that this Union may be full of blessings for the parties concerned and for the Jamaat. Ameen.

#### KIDNEY TRANSPLANT OPERATION

Mrs. Shahzadi Halima Azam of Staley, North Carolina, recently had a kidney transplant operation. Unfortunately, the transplant was not successful and the kidney had to be removed. She stayed in the hospital for two weeks and has just returned home. However, she is still sick and requests all the members of the Jamaat to please pray for her speedy recovery. Ameen.

# DR. MOIN KHAN OF NEW YORK STATE PASSES AWAY

An eminent Ahmadi Doctor, Br. Moin Khan of New York State passed away on February 9, 1984. Inna Lillahe Wa Inna Ilaihey Raaji'oon. Sheikh Mubarik Ahmad, Ameer and Muballigh Incharge, led the Janaza Prayer on February 11, at 4 p.m. at Ker-Westerland Funeral Home. There were more than two hundred fifty American friends present at the Janaza prayer. The Presidents of New York and Boston Jamaats were also in attendance. Several relatives of the deceased arrived from London.

After the Janaza prayers, the Ameer Sahib addressed the non-Muslim friends of Dr. Moin Khan and briefly explained the Islamic teachings regarding death and related obligations. The wisdom and propriety of Islamic teachings were highly appreciated by the non-Muslim friends.

Dr. Hamid Azizur Rahman and his wife are to be commended for taking care of the arrangements for the funeral of their deceased friend. May God reward them for their efforts.

On behalf of all the Jamaat, we express our heartfelt sympathies with the aggrieved family. We pray that God may grant the deceased Jannatul Firdaus and May He give the aggrieved family strength to bear the loss with fortitude. Ameen!

Dr. Moin U. Khan, 47, psychiatric director at Mental Health Services of Southeastern Vermont, died Wednesday at Brattleboro Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

Dr. Khan had directed the mental health services offices in both Brattleboro and Bellows Falls since 1977. Prior to that he was staff psychiatrist at the Brattleboro Retreat for seven years, part of the time as director of the adolescent unit. He also had been involved with an alcohol and drug treatment program at the Retreat and had been associated with the Dartmouth Hitchcock Mental Health Center as a Fellow in child and adolescent psychology.

Born in central Africa, Dr. Khan had lived in India and Pakistan. He was educated both in Pakistan and in England, specializing in psychiatric medicine. He was graduated in 1960 from Dow Medical College in Karachi, Pakistan, and received a doctorate in tropical medicine in 1962 from the London (England) School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and a doctorate in psychiatric medicine in 1968 from London University.

While in England he had psychiatric assistantships at both St. Olaves Hospital and Guy's Hospital. Also, he was on the staff of West End Hospital in Epsom and served as a consulting psychiatrist for Queen Mary's Hospital for Children's Diseases in Carshalton and St. Ebba's Hospital in Epsom.

Immigrating to the United States in 1971, he had resided in Brattleboro for the past 13 years.

Dr. Khan had done considerable research in biological psychiatry relating to biological changes in the brain and had published many articles on psychiatry.

He was a member of the American Psychiatric Association and received board certification from American Psychiatric Medicine. Also, he was on the committee of public relations at Brattleboro Memorial Hospital.

A sports enthusiast, Dr. Khan's primary interest was in racquet sports including tennis, squash, racquetball and badminton. Several times he was tennis champion at the Brattleboro Outing Club. Also, he was an international squash player and played non-professionally with top players in Europe and the United States. A major force behind the founding of Brattleboro Racquet Sports Inc., he also was instrumental in organizing exhibition matches with professional squash champions Sharif Khan and Mohammad Khan.

Dr. Khan is survived by his wife, Alia, whom he married in 1970; two sons, Siraj and Jamil, and a daughter, Nadia.

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#### CH. ZAFRULLAH KHAN'S HEALTH

A request for prayers for Hazrat Ch. Zafrullah Khan has been given on page 3 of this issue. The latest news about his health, received by phone, is that he is feeling better but still very week. All the members are requested to continue praying for his speedy reovery and long llife. Ameen.