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by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV

(English rendering by Anwar Ahmad Kahlon)

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After Shahadat, and seeking protection and recitation of Fatehah, he recited the following verse from the Holy Quran:

Say to the People of the Book: Let us agree upon the matter which is the same for you and for us, namely, that we worship none but Allah, and that we associate no partner with Him, and that some of us take not others for lords beside Allah. Then, if they turn away, say to them: Bear ye witness that we have submitted to Allah (3:65).

An Invitation to the People of the Book

Then he proceeded: This is the invitation that was extended to the People of the Book in the shape of a common "Kalima". This is only a part of the Kalima Tayyaba that was revealed to Muhammad

Mustapha, peace be on him, the Holy Prophet of Islam. The invitation was extended over 1400 years ago by the Holy Prophet of Islam, peace be on him, to those who only believed in a part of the Kalima. The verse that I have just recited is pregnant with lofty subjects. It reflects a clear cut and enlightened principle which can form the basis for solving the problems with which the world is confronted today and which give rise to disputes that the peoples of today are involved in. By following this guidance these disputes can easily be settled. Instead of con-

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THE AHMADIYYA NEWS

LONDON

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih:

By the grace of Allah, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih, Hazrat Begum Sahiba and all members of the family are well. Alhamdulillah.

AUDIENCE (Mulakats):

Besides some Members of Parliament, members from the following countries had audience with Hazrat Khalifatul Masih:

Pakistan	Libya
Azad Kashmir	Muscat
West German	Abu Dhabi
Nigeria	Belgium
Sierra Leone	Fiji
Kuwait	USA
Canada	Saudi Arabia

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JALSA IN UK.

All participants in Jalsa UK on April 5-7, 1985 are requested to arrange for their boarding and lodging with their relatives or friends.

Those who cannot make such arrangements should intimate Washington H.Q., as soon as possible so that reservations may be made for them in Hotels near Jalsa Gah, London. The cost approximately will be \$12.00 per person, per night including breakfast. (Lunch and dinner will be arranged at Jalsa free of cost).

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centrating on items that generate hatred, the need is to meet on "common ground" which, despite differences, ^{does} exist among various people. Through this means, bonds of love can be created. This is the spirit of the verse in the light of which, Hazrat Muhammad Mustapha, peace be on him, extended an invitation to the People of the Book, although they did not believe in him. The invitation was extended to those who took pride in considering him an impostor and who left no stone unturned in their enmity towards him and his followers. They spread hatred and wrote satires, which they broad-cast throughout Arabia. They made false and filthy accusation against him. They called him a sorcerer or a magician and sometimes described him as a person under an evil spell who had lost his sense of

balance. On occasion, they called him a lover or a poet who had become insane. Often, they deliberately distorted his name and inflicted as much injury on his body and on his character as they possibly could. It is impossible to conceive of any kind of injury that they did not attempt to inflict on him. In these circumstances, apparently there is no room at all for any co-operation. It would seem that the two people had split for ever and there was no chance left for their joining hands. Under these conditions, when hatred was at its height, our Lord and master, Hazrat Muhammad Mustapha, peace be on him, imparted such a noble lesson to the peoples of this world. He said: O People of the Book, let us agree on one matter, which is the same for you and for us. You may falsify us, but this part of the belief is

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◀ At a Bookstall in Philadelphia fair, Maulana Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad is presenting some literature to a visitor.



Ahmadiyya Book Stall at ▶ Philadelphia Fair.

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common between us and therefore if you claim to love God, then come and co-operate with us, and jointly we shall proclaim that in future we shall never worship anyone other than Allah. This was, of course, only half the Kalima Tayyaba. Nevertheless the Holy Prophet of Islam extended this invitation knowing well that they disbelieved the second part of the Kalima Tayyaba, i.e., Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah. It was with that background that they had dealt with him with such great severity. In spite of that, forgetting the hatred and enmity shown towards him, Hazrat Muhammad Mustapha, peace be on him, invited the People of the Book to the "common platform."

The people that I address today believe in both parts of the Kalima Tayyaba. They believe that there is no god worthy of being worshipped except Allah, and they also believe that Muhammad, peace be on him, is His servant and His Messenger. Though they have faith in both parts of the Kalima, instead of displaying love, they are sowing the seeds of enmity and are spreading hatred, while they claim to be the servants of Muhammad Mustapha, peace be on him. They also claim to love Allah, and yet, in an oblique way, they display hatred towards both the first and second parts of the Kalima. Is it not strange that when they see Kalima inscribed on the walls and entrances, in the Mosques, on the arches, and on the pulpits of Ahmadi Mosques, they claim their hearts begin to overflow with indignation and wrath? Are we not passing through a very strange episode?

Kalima - Defined

What is Kalima? It connotes a meeting point of the Divine and His perfect slaves. Kalima is manifestation of the great eminence of Hazrat Muhammad Mustapha, peace be on him, that brought God and man together. Beyond that point, a meeting is unimaginable. Kalima is a light that illuminates its surroundings and it is a talisman that imparts life to dying hearts and that bestows eternal life to the living who become immune from spiritual death. It is the Kalima that has illuminated the heavens and the earth. It is the very same Kalima that became the rationale for the creation of Pakistan. It is on the basis of this Kalima that when the creation of Pakistan was in doubt, Sunnis, Shias, Brelvis, non-Brelvis and Ahmadis fused themselves into one body for its protection. For the sake of this Kalima and for the establishment of a home, with all their

heart and soul, they became engaged in a struggle for the achievement of this goal. In the front row, prominent amongst other defenders of the Kalima, Ahmadis also participated. Hundreds of thousands of lives were lost in this struggle. So much blood was shed that it could have tinted the waters of all the rivers. Innumerable children became orphans and innumerable women became widows, but the Muslim nation did not fail to defend the Kalima of Unity of Allah. It was through the blessings of the Kalima that the Unity of Allah descended from the heavens to the earth and throughout the sub-continent all Muslims became like one body. The creation of Pakistan undoubtedly was due to this Kalima. Those Ulema who, in the name of Islam, used abusive language for Pakistan, found that the platforms which they considered firm and stable, were in fact formed of quicksand. Consequently, the entire Muslim nation, in the name of the Kalima, rallied around the Qaid-e-Azam. The martyrs, who laid down their lives for their country, could hardly have imagined that an unfortunate episode was to follow when in the name of Islam, the employees of the Government, whether Magistrates or Policemen, holding pails of black paint in their hands, shouting slogans, would proceed to delete the Kalima with their own hands. They would claim that they could not rest until they delete the Kalima, demolish the domes of our mosques and change the direction of our Qibla. Alas! Pakistan was to witness such an unfortunate episode. What I am telling you is not just imagination. Such slogans have in fact been raised in Deobandi mosques and gatherings elsewhere, even in private meetings. They claim that these slogans would capture the hearts of the common folk, and through such slogans they would eradicate what they believe to be falsehood. The question is, what is it that they believe to be false? Is it: I bear witness that there is no one worthy of worship except Allah, and I bear witness that Muhammad, peace be on him, is His servant and Messenger? Apparently, in their view, this is falsehood and they are mounting a campaign to eradicate this imaginary falsehood. They claim that they will sacrifice all and will leave their homes, determined to achieve their objective and to make the ultimate sacrifice will carry their shrouds wrapped over their heads and that no power on earth can resist them or stop their progress. They claim that they will murder and assassinate Ahmadis and

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rivers of blood will flow in the streets of Pakistan, and that they will change the direction of our mosques and Qibla and the Kalima will be deleted. They announce that the domes which suggest the existence of mosques and proclaim the Unity of Allah, will be demolished. This change, which has occurred for the first time in the history of mankind, was beyond anyone's imagination.

Kalima and Qibla - Significance

Even at a time of such extreme crisis and danger, when Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddique, may Allah be pleased with him, while he was engaged in suppressing the apostates and rebels, and when, with most evil designs a dangerous rebellion in Arabia had come to the surface that had generated such spirit amongst the various tribes that horde after horde surrounded Medina with a view to eradicating Islam, instructed those who took part in defense thus: If Allah grants you success and He surely will make you victorious, then you are not to touch anyone who prays facing the Qibla of Hazrat Muhammad Mustapha, peace be on him, or offers Namaz after our style, or pays Zakat. How strange is it that today referring to the same Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddique, may Allah be pleased with him, it is being announced that unless we change our Qibla, unless we give up offering Namaz as was taught by Hazrat Muhammad Mustapha, peace be on him, and unless we give up paying Zakat, our throats, for daring to pray facing the Qibla, would be cut.

When a people lose their sense of balance and become insane, they can do anything. Here is a reference to them in this verse:

They do not ponder over the verses of the Holy Quran and therefore their hearts are incapable of rational thoughts. It is through such a phase that unfortunate Pakistan is passing through. A group of Ulema, under the protection and patronage of the Government is responsible for oppressive and unjust acts, and there is no one around who would ask them to desist and to see reason and to tell them that they themselves must not create conditions that would result in their own destruction. Little do they realise that Divine destiny always destroys those who attempt to delete Kalima. Instead of pondering over this question or attempting to understand the import of the warnings, they keep on progressing in their audacity. Their slogans are also becoming pro-

gressively unjust and cruel and bear no relationship whatsoever with Islam. They do not even seem to be concerned with the prestige of their masters who employ them.

Trick and Treat

Some Deobandi Ulema who are now in the forefront of the movement to delete the Kalima, in their own private meetings, amongst friends, with great pride say: How can Ahmadis survive when the Ministry of Religious Affairs is backing us? Even when we are in gaol, we are in contact with the Ministers by telephone. They convey messages to us and, in our absence, act like our assistants. How can the Ahmadis stand up to us when the entire Government machinery is in our support? In their arrogance and pride, they forget that this way they are defaming their own patrons. They are defaming a Government that claims, through its agencies, all over the world, that they have no connection with such a movement and they are being forced to take some action to defuse the agitation launched by the Mullahs. Against that very Government, such people make these claims and it is becoming apparent for all to see what is behind the drama that is being staged. They themselves spread such incredible tales. Allah knows best to what extent there is truth in what they say.

It does, however, make one wonder. They even claim that the Ministry of Religious Affairs has permitted them, if necessary, to defame the Government and to threaten that if Zia or the Governor does not accept their demands, they shall shed blood which will flow like rivers. This is being done so that the Government may have an excuse to do what they wish to, i.e. promulgate further Ordinances that would make the writing of Kalima a great offence. The agitators therefore openly claim that the Police dare not stop them as the Government itself had asked them to abuse them so that independent observers may believe that the Government has no hand in this movement. On the one hand, the Government is fearful of being defamed and humiliated in the eyes of the world that they are prepared to be abused in their own country. On the other hand, these workers are so unfortunate and shameless that they are destroying the respect of those very people who, for their sake have become targets of their abuse. While they abuse, they unknowingly

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expose a conspiracy protecting and manoeuvring them, and that they are behaving in a manner directed from above. Besides defaming their own Government, unfortunately they are also attempting to defame the Government of Saudi Arabia. Pakistan, in spite of full knowledge of what is going on, permits these moves. Insofar as Saudi Arabian Government is concerned, I cannot even remotely imagine that they would be participants in a conspiracy to delete the Kalima of Unity of God. When Khana Ka'aba seemed surrounded by paganism and in Khana Ka'aba itself, some acts could be witnessed which did not have the remotest connection with Islam, one of the ancestors of the rulers of Saudi Arabia, Maulana Abdul Wahab, rendered great and invaluable service to Islam and frustrated the efforts of the pagans. The movement spread and in a short time enveloped the whole of Arabia. The voice that was first raised in Hijaz then spread in the neighbouring territories. It is through the blessings of the Kalima of Unity that the present rulers have been blessed with enormous wealth. Even casual thought would make it clear beyond any shadow of doubt that this prestige has emanated from the blessings of the Kalima of Unity. Had they not launched a campaign for the protection of the doctrine of Unity of Allah, it would not have been possible for them to capture Hijaz and become the guardians of Khana Ka'aba. It is in this region that today we see wells belching oil.

They are openly claiming that even if they do not enjoy the support of their own Government, since Saudi Arabia provides much needed finance, Pakistan is necessarily obligated to accept guidance from Saudi Arabia. Therefore, it is argued, that the Government of Pakistan dare not resist their demands. They go so far as to say that they have a direct link with the Minister for Religious Affairs and that Zia or some generals, even if they wish to, dare not reject their demands. The real axis that has been established between us and the Ministry of Religious Affairs, they claim, has a direct connection with Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia, in turn, it is argued, is backed by America. Therefore, the Government of Pakistan dare not resist. This way, they are also defaming the Saudi Arabian Government.

Kalima and Divine Favours

Allah the Almighty, Who is very jealous in the matter of the unity of Allah, as a reward for their having staked all for the sake of the Kalima of

Unity, blessed them with immeasurable wealth. How can we, therefore, believe that the Royal Family of Saudi Arabia, who got established because of the Unity of Allah and, due to the struggle which they waged, have been recipients of great Divine favours, would become so insane as to join in any conspiracy to delete the Kalima of Unity? This is impossible. We know the Mullhas of Pakistan. They are liars. We have had experience. At least we are fully familiar with the conduct of Deobandi Maulvis. Without the slightest hesitation, they keep on lying. Whoever has read the Munir Inquiry Report will have a true insight into their character. You may study the Report. Neither Mr. Justice Munie, nor Mr. Justice Kyani were Ahmadis. But they were both Judges of great eminence. Stories of the justice which they dispensed with courage are famous throughout the world. Fearlessly and with great courage, they wrote: These people can be bought. They have been tools in the hands of the powers that opposed Pakistan. Whenever they were financed by the opponents of Pakistan against the interest of Pakistan, without hesitation, they obeyed the dictates. These are the people who claimed to be the victors in the matter of the Shaheed Ganj Mosque. Unfortunately, people of Pakistan seem to have a short memory. Their memory is so weak that they keep on for getting even relatively recent events. The memory of Ahmadis is however not weak. On no account therefore are they willing to believe that in the matter of deletion of the Kalima of Unity, Saudi Arabia is a participant in the conspiracy. They lie and it would appear that they lie to the Saudis as well. Obviously, they convey distorted versions of events and due to their simplicity and lack of intimate knowledge it is quite possible that they give them some money. I do not deny that, as we know that wherever in the world they feel that the cause of Islam is being served, they are willing to provide the necessary finance. Saudi Arabia has financed projects even in Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Indonesia and Bangladesh. Their finances in this cause reach the corners of the earth and also cover the African countries. Wherever any Muslim organization embarks on any project to serve the cause of Islam and if the Saudis Government is satisfied in this regard, without a doubt, they donate most generously.

However, we cannot believe that the standard bearers of Unity of Allah who themselves are recipients of blessings of Unity of Allah, from the wealth

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that they have received as a reward for their struggle in the cause would themselves become participants in a movement to delete the Kalima of Unity. This is beyond the realm of possibility. There is undoubted deceit. It is, however, necessary that the whole world be made aware of what is happening in Pakistan. Surely, this is a satanic move to delete Pakistan from the map of the world. However weak the Muslims may be, surely they can comprehend that Allah can never permit a conspiracy to delete the Kalima of Unity. Any country that joins in this conspiracy will be pulverized, but Allah will not permit Kalima of Unity to suffer. Little does the man in the street realise that an attack on the Kalima is an attack on the Unity of Allah, which in turn endangers the country where the plot is hatched. One can see some most troublesome times ahead for this unfortunate country in which such occurrences are permitted and in which no effective voice is being raised against such moves.

The Divine Destiny

The truth is, that neither they themselves, nor their leaders, nor their masters are aware that the destiny of Allah is in motion though unseen. They cannot even comprehend that Divine destiny is at work. Never in any anti-Ahmadiyya movement had, what I am about to tell you, happened before. Now, quite openly, from some mosques, and amongst the intelligentsia, and in various places, it is being said that Ahmadiis are in the right and that those who wish to destroy them are in the wrong. In their ignorance, they have taken this step. This has become apparent. It will soon be known whose faith is pure and whose Ka'aba is "Teerath," or is "Hardawar."

In the past, some Islamic armies marched to destroy "Soamanti" and to write in prominent and brilliant paint the Kalima of Unity over temples, hills, valleys and cliffs of Northern India. Currently, we are witnessing some "Soamanti" powers, that paradoxically in the name of Islam, are attacking the Kalima. However ignorant the people may be, they are not completely blind. According to news recently received from Pakistan, it appears that a movement is afoot that is gaining strength day by day. Although the ignorant do not feel their presence yet, but we can see ripples on the surface.

Irony of Fate

It is a queer irony of fate. Brelvis who, it was said, had no connection with Islam, and were pundits of

Benaras and were being portrayed as idolators and worshippers of graves, while Deobandis were presented as protectors of the Kalima of Unity. Destiny has played a strange trick with the Deobandis, as they are the ones now attempting to delete the Kalima of Unity and Brelvis, from their pulpits are cursing them for this act. They say: However misguided the Ahmadiis may be, it is a fact that they have faith in the Kalima of Unity and they are laying down their lives for the sake of the Kalima of Unity. Therefore, we are not prepared to count the Deobandi dead amongst martyrs. On the other hand, those who die in preventing the deletion of the Kalima, are in our view, martyrs. I can see this movement progressing. There may be some weaknesses among Brelvis, but without a doubt they love Allah and Muhammad, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him. They may stretch their imagination or magnify or exaggerate, but one often sees that unbridled love results in distortion of facts and exaggeration. Nevertheless the exaggeration is in the matter of love and not hatred.

Unfortunately, the Wahabis and Deobandis in the matter of Kalima of Unity have indulged in exaggeration to such an extent that they have deprived themselves of the true love of Hazrat Muhammad Mustapha, peace be on him, and consequently of the Divine Light. Their hearts are like empty nests where live birds do not flutter any longer. Had there been a slight ray of light in their hearts, they would have preferred to die rather than proclaim that they would willy nilly delete the Kalima, and alter the Qibla, etc, etc.

The Brelvis may indulge in exaggeration. In certain respects they may be misguided. The exaggeration is in the matter of love. Their love for Hazrat Muhammad Mustapha, peace be on him, and their opposition to Ahmadiyyat. It is true that they have been our opponents and they do not wish to see us prosper. Nevertheless, the overpowering love of Allah and His Prophet has substantially reduced their hatred and they are beginning to proclaim that those who wish to delete the Kalima are in the wrong. They say that even if they hear of the Kalima from an infidel, they would be pleased as the name of their beloved Prophet and the Unity of God would thus be proclaimed. Even if an idolator makes such a proclamation, it would delight their hearts, and they may say: Lo! The proclamation of the Unity of Allah is emanating even from the idola-

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tors. This movement is taking root and is spreading.

Steps to Destruction

The Government is not aware as to what is going on and how the Divine destiny is at work and what will be their fate. Nor do these unfortunate ones realise that those who for the sake of financial assistance, pretend to be standard bearers of the Unity of Allah are in fact taking steps for its destruction. In the name of Muhammad Mustapha, peace be on him, they do not hesitate to delete the name of Muhammad Mustapha, peace be on him. It is feared that Pakistan may witness some fearful and turbulent days. Anyhow, I appeal to the common people of Pakistan, may they be Brelvis, Deobandis, Shias, or members of any other sect: You must not get directly involved in the conspiracy. The common people are simple Muslims, whether they be Brelvis, Deobandis, Wahabis, or members of any other sect. In their faith, Kalima has an extraordinarily prominent position. They may be poor, but in their rags, the Kalima is sparkling like a diamond. This is the most valuable of all their possessions for which they have immense love. Reminding them of their love for the Kalima of Unity, I wish to say to them: Rise and beware and oppose every move to delete the Kalima. Oppose and beware and be active. If you do not make a move now, then, by God, Allah's destiny will begin to move against you. It may even deface any country that is determined to delete the Kalima. If the Kalima was strong enough to cause creation of a country, surely it will prevail even if the entire country combines to delete it. The country which itself was a creation of the Kalima may get destroyed. May Allah save us from such a misfortune and may He grant wisdom to the Pakistanis, open their eyes so that they may act rationally and they may realise where they come from and where they are headed.

Kalima - Our Dearest Heritage

In his supplementary Sermon, he said: Today's Khutba was primarily addressed collectively to the Pakistani nation and it did not contain any separate message for the Ahmadis. But I know, and so does every Ahmadi, that there is no need for a separate message. I did not feel the necessity as I know well that an Ahmadi cannot be separated from the Kalima whatever price he may have to pay. He may lose his life, but an Ahmadi will never forsake the Kalima, nor will the Kalima ever forsake an

Ahmadi. His spirit may depart from his physical body, but will rise duly accompanied by the Kalima. To cut off his spirit from the Kalima is an impossibility. His jugular vein can be cut, but he cannot be separated from his love of the Kalima. The current position of the Ahmadis can be compared with the occasion when Hazrat Muhammad Mustapha, peace be on him, was in great physical danger. At that time, unconsciously and impulsively, the Ansars said: O the Prophet of Allah, we shall fight in front of you, behind you, to your right, to your left, and by God, the enemy will not be able to approach you unless he tramples underfoot our dead bodies. Today, the physical body of Hazrat Muhammad Mustapha, peace be on him, is not amongst us, but we have with us a pious and pure Sign, which is dearer to us than our hearts and souls, i.e., the Kalima which combines in it the Unity of Almighty God and Prophethood of Muhammad Mustapha, peace be on him. This is our dearest and most valuable heritage. Addressing Hazrat Muhammad Mustapha, peace be on him, with great determination we say: O the pious and exalted Messenger of Allah. You are dearer to us than the dearest. By God, we shall not permit the opponents to approach the pure sign that you have given us. To protect it, we shall fight in front of it, behind it, to its right and to its left. The wicked opponents will never reach the Sign unless they trample underfoot our dead bodies. This is the voice that rises from every Ahmadi heart. As I had not made a direct reference to them, I thought that in the Supplementary Khutba, I should say these words. Ahmadis must not feel that I have addressed others, but have not brought into motion their innermost sentiments. Their sentiments are not capable of being translated into words, but they can rest assured, these are being conveyed to Allah, the Exalted, Who will value them. Be prepared for every sacrifice. There is no cause for concern. We cannot recede even a step, as behind us is the mountain of the Kalima, which is protecting our rear. Consequently, we may advance, but there will never be any need to retreat. On the altar of the Kalima, we are prepared to sacrifice all that we have. The enemy may test us in any way that he likes. He will not find any Ahmadi a coward, or weak.

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MAJLIS-E-IRFAN:

Due to the change of weather the Majlis-e-Irfan is now held every Saturday and Sunday between Maghrib (4:20 p.m.) and Isha (7:30 p.m.) prayers.

ANNUAL GATHERING ON 4th, 5th and 6th April '85

You are requested to kindly send us as soon as possible particulars of those wishing to attend the above gathering as asked by my circular letter dated the 3rd December '84. Early information will be of great help for us in making necessary arrangements for accommodation, etc.

Jhelum city**Another young Ahmadi martyred.**

It is with profound sorrow to inform you that another young Ahmadi aged 18 years has been martyred in a busy Jhelum street.

On 28.11.1984 at about 6. pm. the young Ahmadi Rana Sultan Mahmood was walking along the street when an arch enemy of Ahmadiyyat shot him in the back of the neck in the presence of several persons. He died on the spot.

Since the promulgation of the Ordinance the assailant continuously used insulting and abusive language and behavior towards Ahmadiyyat. He also had row with the deceased and about a fortnight before this incident he tried to forcibly take away Rana Sultan Mahmood's motor cycle but was prevented to do so.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Through infinite Divine Mercy, Ahmad Sadiq Mufti, Ahmadiyya Missionary USA has been blessed with second son on February 5, 1985. The new-born is a grandson of Hazrat Dr. Mufti Muhammad Sadiq, the first Ahmedayya missionary to the USA. On the maternal side, he is related to Hafiz Baqsheerud Deen Obaidullah, late missionary Ahmadiyya Movement.

Hazrat Khalifatul Massih IV has graciously blessed the child with the name: Ahmad Sa-laam Mufti.

All brothers and sisters are requested to pray for the child's health, well-being and prosperous life. May he be a true servant of Islam and Ahmadiyyat (Amen).

Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad
Amir & Missionary Incharge USA.

About half an hour before the incident, the assailant quarelled with the deceased but some members of the public intervened and the matter was resolved amicably. The assailant who is a brother of the Chairman of the Jhelum City Council, then left but shortly afterwards he came back and suddenly shot the deceased through the back of his neck. The deceased died on the spot. All the eye witnesses, who are non-Ahmadis, have come forward and given evidence against the accused. In view of the fact that the deceased is an Ahmadi, it all depends how the situation develops further. The general public of Jhelum have condemned this brutal and cold blooded murder.

May Allah bless him with high rank in the Paradise. Amen.

HE WEEPS FOR PAKISTAN

(A poem by Yousaf Ali from Milwaukee)

Being born in America therefore I can't understand,
The treatment of my brethren in Pakistan.

People say they're Muslims yet I have never seen,
A place where Muslims are quite so mean.

They rob, steal and stage fights,
Deny Ahmadis of their God given rights.

My heart is so sad and my view is dim,
They say Ahmadis are not Muslim.

To call the Azan the call to prayer,
Is denied to every Ahmadi there.

If they use the word Mosque for the place where they pray,
They will be thrown into jail that very same day.

To use Islamic terms is so dear to them,
Yet to do so may cause them a limb.

I read where Hazrat Muhammad as he made his claim,
Along with the first Muslims, were done the same.

They even drove the Prophet from his land,
Just as the Khalif was driven from Pakistan.

That very same thing done to the present Khalif,
Do they not understand God yet test beliefs.

I know Hazur loves them so,
Just how much they will never know.

In spite of all they've done to him,
I know he will forgive everyone of them.

He is a servant of Muhammad Resoolulah,
And reflects pure light as do a star.

He prays that all people may see,
Just as every Ahmadi.

I also know he does understand,
And weeps and weeps for Pakistan.

ISLAM

A reference from Reader's Digest 1983 Almanac and Year Book pp 708 and 709

Adherents Worldwide: About 700 million

Adherents in U.S.: About 2 million

Chief Scripture: The Koran

Major Holidays: Eid-al-Fitr (after fasting month of Ramadan) and Eid-al-Azha (feast of sacrifice on last day of Hajj).

Islam, an Arabic word meaning "submission to Allah (God)," is based on the revelations of Allah to Mohammed, who was born in Mecca (now in Saudi Arabia) and who lived from about A.D. 570 to 632. Among Muslims, Mohammed is believed to have been a descendant of Abraham, the founder of Judaism.

Mohammed received the revelations of Allah compiled in the Koran, and provided explanations of Koranic teachings in the Sunna.

The main Islamic article of faith is a simple one: "There is no god but God (Allah), and Mohammed is His messenger." In addition, the followers of Islam have other major articles of faith: recitation of five daily prayers; observance of Ramadan (a month-long period of fasting and self-examination) giving of alms (zakat); and, if possible, a pilgrimage to Mecca, the birthplace of Mohammed. The most important religious service is held at midday each Friday.

Islam divides into four interpretations: Hanafi, Shafai, Hanbali, and Maliki.

In the century after the death of Mohammed, Arab muslim armies conquered the Middle East, North Africa, Spain and southern France.

Although Muslim influence was prevented from spreading farther into Europe after Charles Martel's Christian military victory at Tours in 732, Islam continued its eastern growth. It served as a unifying force among the many Arab tribes.

Islam's missionary organization, the Ahmadiyya movement, was founded in 1889 by Hazrat Ahmad (1835-1908). It brought Islam to the U.S. in 1920. Today a majority of persons in 57 nations are Muslims.

A reference from The World Book Encyclopedia Volume 10 page 376

Until recently, Islam had no organized missionary movement. But today Al-Azhar University of Cairo,

the intellectual center of Islam, trains students for missionary work. Several Islamic sects, especially the Ahmadiyya of Pakistan, work as missionaries throughout Europe, America, Asia, and Africa.

Lajna Imaullah U.S.A.

For the first time a delegation of Lajna Imaullah, USA were invited to attend the General Council Meeting. Reproduced below are the comments of National President, Lajna Imaullah, USA and other members of the delegation:

Salma Ghani, National President, Lajna Imaullah, USA writes: Al-Humdolliah, Al-Humdulliah, Lajna Imaullah U.S.A. is most grateful to Allah Tala for the permission from our beloved Hazrat Khalifatul Mesih IV, in allowing women to attend the General Council Meeting, held in New York. Additionally, we wish to thank you personally, for encouraging us to attend and opening for us the opportunity to "speak" at such an important gathering.

When the news of ladies being asked to attend this meeting reached the ears of sisters, I received so many long-distance telephone calls, asking if this was a rumor. Never, never, before, were ladies asked to participate in the General Council Meeting. Therefore, "history" was made this year under your administration, for Lajna Imaullah.

The very first history was made at our last convention, when you stood up for our rights to hold the Nasirat Program by giving us space and time. Usually, we are never too sure of the time that we will receive at convention. Therefore, we are unsure of how to plan for our program. In the past, seldom did we get the time, that we were promised. This may seem like a very small item to you. But to the women, it was "history," because we did in fact, receive the time that we were promised.

Al-Humdolliah, Al-Humdolliah, at last, we have a Missionary In Charge, who takes an interest in Lajna, who is aware of our efforts and who encourages us to strive for progress in our Lajna work. It is such a gratifying pleasure to know that you do indeed care about Lajna. Already, we have seen so many changes made in our behalf and we have prayed and waited and waited to be recognized as an "active auxiliary" of The Ahmadiyya Movement In Islam, here in America. Al-Humdolliah, our time has finally come!!

Under your administration, the morale of the

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women have been lifted and the reports which I am receiving each month, reflects the zeal and zest which the women have for Lajna work. Again "Welcome to America," we are so happy to have you and consider it truly a Blessing from Allah Tala.

Aanasa Ahsan, National Propagation Secretary writes:

Imam Sahib Sheikh Mubarik
As salaamu Alaikum

I wish to express my appreciation to you for your vision of the future of Sisters in Islam and the action that followed.

Sister Salma Ghani told me of the Sisters who attended the Shura in New York. Dear Brother, this is a step in the direction that many of us have waited for, our voice in decision making and presentation of our ideas. Until now, we have not had a chance to be vocal in this area. Many opportunities have been ours but not this one.

To me, it is a step that shows Islam truly liberates its adherents. The West has often said Islam was backwards towards its women. They certainly could speak to our lack of a voice as one 'for instance.' Now this has been eradicated.

I pray Allah bless you for opening this door for Sisters to enter, for we have much to offer. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of this experience. Insha Allah, I may be able to personally experience the occasion.

Salma Ghani, National President writes:

Dear Imam Sahib, Respected Missionary InCharge,
Assalamo Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakaatohoo.

May I please share with you my impressions of the National Jamaat General Assembly Meeting, held in New York. First of all, I am indeed grateful to Allah Tala, for the permission from our beloved Khalifatul Mesih IV, may Allah strengthen his hand, bless him with good health and long life, for allowing the women to attend.

Second, we are grateful to Allah Tala, that you encouraged us to attend, to give suggestions, make comments and ask questions. This was the first time in history that women in America were allowed to participate in the General Assembly Meeting.

Please be informed that the meeting was truly a learning experience for me. It provided me with an

insight and an introduction to the organizational structure of the Ahmadiyya Movement In Islam. Additionally, when I observed and studied the agenda, I wondered if it was possible to cover all of the topics on the agenda within two days. Al-Humdolillah, the manner in which you conducted the meeting, allowed all areas to be addressed in a clear precise manner with time for comments and questions. Inshallah, I hope to use your technique and method in my own meetings, as national president of Lajna Imaollah.

The respect and recognition given to the women by asking for our comments on various topics listed on the agenda, made us realize that we are indeed "liberated women." Again and again, I am most grateful to Allah for the knowledge gained in reference to our organizational structure.

Shakura Nooriah, National General Secretary writes:

Dear Imam Sheikh Mubarak Shaib:

The delegation of six members from Lajna Imaullah was extremely gratified by your kind invitation to attend the recent meeting of the General Council at New York. In fact, the invitation was a pleasant surprise which brought many comments and enquiries from Lajna members across the U.S.

As our first experience, we did not know what to expect would be our role; then we discovered to our delight that we would be asked to make direct input into the discussion as the proposals were presented to the body, through an excellent p.a. system.

We had intense discussion among ourselves as to what we should put forward for consideration and reached harmonious consensus on each issue upon which we wished to comment. I must say that we thoroughly enjoyed the experience and learned quite a lot. Insha Allah, we shall be able to state our proposals and position on issues with even greater facility in future.

Congratulations and thanks to you for breaking new ground in this area, opening up new possibilities for carrying forward the work of Ahmadiyyat with ever-increasing enthusiasm and expansion. Under your direction, the meeting moved forward in fine fashion with time saving, efficient management to complete the agenda. We note the following points.

(1) The courteous, scholarly presentations by the attendees laid the groundwork for exten-

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sive development in each area.

TABLIGH - (2) Most of the proposals have excellent potential for effectively carrying the Message of Ahmadiyyat. Lajna would like to see the national tabligh plan of action focussed on two target cities: Zion and Washington, D.C. A united effort of Lajna and all the other auxiliaries could be most effective in promoting the cause of Ahmadiyyat and Islam. Washington is the political, cultural and educational center; these institutions may be utilized in creative ways; also, there is access to officials of many organizations which are based here; additionally, the center (headquarters of our Community) would be nearby.

Zion is situated near the site of our next convention and this would be helpful in laying a foundation for our work in this area of the U.S. Further, this would demonstrate fulfillment of prophecy for our effort to be concentrated in Zion as well.

We thought of the possibility of our hosting an "Exposition of Islam" wherein exhibits and demonstrations would be given on the Holy Quran; Islamic concept of God; Basic beliefs of Islam; The Islamic marriage, family, etc.; Hajj Pilgrimage; The Life of the Holy prophet (s.a.w.); the life of the Promised Messiah (pbob); Islamic social customs; the role of women in Islam; and other interesting facets of our faith.

EDUCATION - (3) Lajna recommends that an active national secretary for Atfals be made responsible for training Ahmadi boys in a national program, similar to the national Nasirats program.

BUDGET - (4) Lajna recommends funds for radio/television tabligh be earmarked specifically in the budget, as electronic media is a clearly effective information tool.

The amenities were excellent, including food and accomodation. We are grateful to Sister Rukhsana Nasser and her husband for excellent hospitality. May Allah Tala be pleased with you and may He strengthen your hand to achieve outstanding success in bringing Ahmadiyya Islam to America. Masha Alla.

USA AHMADIYYA JAMAATS ACTIVITIES

CLEVELAND

By the grace of God, the Cleveland Jamaat continues to grow and thrive. This month we were gratified to receive Missionary-in-Charge USA Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad Sahib, as well as Bro. Muzaffar Ahmad Zafar, President Jamaat Ahmadiyya USA, as our guests. Our latest meeting, with the above as Guests of Honor, was held on Dec. 9, 1984.

Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad Sahib spoke eloquently on the difference between Ahmadies and the various other sects of Islam. Sheikh Sahib went on to review the latest developments in Pakistan concerning the persecution of Ahmadies and the outlook for the Jamaat Ahmadiyya in the immediate future. This talk was followed by a very lively question and answer period in which several of our invited guests posed some excellent questions. Sheikh Sahib handled these quesitons with poise and accuracy to everyone's satisfaction. Some specific quesitons concerned the finality of the Holy Prophet (S.A.W.), and whether or not the Promised Messiah was a prophet, messiah, or "guru" (as one non-Ahmadi lady chose to refer to him). About 50-60 members and guests were in attendance. Afterwards lunch was served to all and prayers were offered.

Later that evening Sheikh Sahib met several more members over dinner at Bro. Harold Salam Rice's home (President Cleveland Jamat). This was followed by more questions and answers. Prayer behind a non-Ahmadi Imam, organ transplants and donations, family planning, cremations, and treatment of contemporary customs and traditions that have been creeping into the practice of Islam were discussed.

The Cleveland Jamat is actively investigating potential mosque locations. As one of the oldest established jamats in American, it has long been our most fervent desire to have our own mosque. We are presently renting quarters for our regular meetings, at a considerable expense. Over the years our membership has been most generous and punctual in submission of their chandas and participation in all special requests and fund projects. Sheikh Sahib's visit has given us new hope and encouragement in achieving our goals, ALHUMDOLILLAH.

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ROCHESTER

Our monthly meeting was held at Abdul Haleem sahib's residence in Rochester on Dec. 30 at 11:30 a.m. With our president on the chair, the meeting started with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Naveed Ahmad sahib followed by the translation. After a poem of Hazrat Khalifatul Massih the 2nd. previous month's report was presented to the Jama'at. There was a little addition in the report namely as Dr. Nasar Sahib was elected for the Gen. Council Meeting, he could not go due to sudden illness of his father so this position was given to the Secretary Gen.

A report of American Shura was presented to the Jamaat by the President and the Secretary both. This report covered all the salient features of Shura like Tabligh, public relations, soc. services rishta Nata, Jama't's properties, purchases of lands and buildings for mission houses, and proposals of the Gen. Council and brief mention of their details. Also this was presented to the Jamaat as to what happened to those proposals which were not included in the Gen. Council's discussion. Some of those proposals were already being covered by some other proposals to be discussed in the Gen. Council while the others were either being implemented or there already existed a decision relating to that particular proposal. A brief mention was also made about the Pakistan situation and guidelines for future action.

The president also welcome a new member of Jamaat Dr. Fazl-ur-Rehman sahib who now resides in Buffalo. This time we also had a guest with us Dr. Riaz Ahmad sahib Chaudhry from Fairlawn (NJ) along with his family. After joint Dua which was led by Dr. Riaz Ahmad sahib the meeting ended with the khutba of Hazoor which he had delivered in London on Dec. 7 1984.

The president thanked the host family for going into trouble of arranging for this meeting. May Allah bless them Amen. Later on after Zuhr and Asr prayers the meeting came to an end.

DAYTON

Thirty-three (33) persons are being preached to. Each member has designated at least one person to be propagated to. Some have selected two or more. To date, one family of five has accepted, and one single lady. Another lady has completed her biat form and should be formally accepted into our

jamaat on Friday, November 9th, 1984, Insh'Allah.

Dayton's preaching plan is:

The last Thursday of each month is set aside specifically for preaching persons being propagated to by members. This meeting is informal in nature. Any questions persons have concerning Islam are answered at this time.

Lajna has set aside time in their weekly meetings for women interested in Islam to have their questions answered. This past weekend, Lajna held an Itjima at the mosque and invited guests. Before one of the women guests left, she requested a bait form to study and sign this Friday, November 9th, 1984. One man being propagated to is attending Jummah services regularly.

In regards to jamaat activities, we are holding Jummah services every Friday. Quran classes are held every Sunday from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. During this time, the speeches of Huzur are also heard. (We currently do not have a translator, so we listen to the Urdu.)

The financial reporting problems our jamaat was undergoing have been corrected, Insha'Allah. We are currently reviewing Chaanda Aam rates with each member and encouraging every one to pay according to their income. We are computing each member's income according to the stipulated rate of 1/16th.

WASHINGTON DC

FAMILY DAY (CHILDREN/PARENTS DAY) OF SOUTH EAST REGION CELEBRATED ON DECEMBER 25, 1984, AT AMERICAN FAZL MOSQUE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

The day started with recitation of the Holy Quran conducted by Br. Kalim Bhatti of York, PA and poem was recited by Malik Mubarak Ahmad sahib. The Washington President Br. Mubasher Ahmad then requested Sheikh/Mubarak Ahmad to make his inaugural speech.

Amin Sahib started his speech with the recitation of this verse: Who strive to meet us - we will surely guide them in our ways (Holy Quran 29:70). He stressed upon the Ahmadi children to first strive hard and pray to God for his help. He reminded them the Promised Massiah strived hard in remembering God and was shown the right path. He received clear visions and revelations from God. Amir Sahib referred to the well known incident

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when Hazur were influenced by some great men to go the Batala for debate with Molvi Mohammad Hussain Sahib. Hearing the views of the Molvi sahib and finding no point of difference Hazur refused to enter into any debate. The people around him who were expecting a big victory against Molvi Mohammad Hussain were displeased but Huzur did not care. Allah was pleased with him so much that the same night He sent a revelation saying "I am very much pleased with your action and I will bless you so much that even the kings will seek blessing from your garemnts." He was also shown few kings in his vision.

Maulana sahib said that we believe in a living God who speaks even today and that is a point of difference between us and others.

Next items were contest of Tilawat - impromptu and prepared speeches. Atfal and Nasirat participated in these programs separately. The contest was based on the age groups of 7-10 years, 11-14 years and 15-18 years of age.

Moderator was Br. Yahya Shariff, S.E. Region President. The prepared speeches topic for 7-10 age group was "Islamic Etiquettes in the Home" and for the 11-14 age group was "Etiquettes of Islam Outside the Home" and for the 15-18 age group was "Tabligh opportunities for Muslim Youth." Next item was general knowledge contests. Every member participated. A video tape of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih Raba's Majlis Irfan in London was shown to the members. After a program of games for the youth there was break for lunch and Zohar and Asr prayers.

The next item was the Panel Discussions:

Topic for children's discussion was "Islamic Environment in the Home." The moderator was Jawad Malik of Washington Jamaat. The participants were: Haroon Asad of York Jamaat, Anser Ahmad of Washington Jamaat, and Amar Latif of Washington Jamaat. This discussion was very much appreciated as the participants showed keen interest in their subjects and the discussion was quite mature and serious. All the participants stressed on many good points like learning in early childhood starting from Azan in the ear of the new borns; parent's own example, learning Quran, prayers, doing good to others, forgiveness, being grateful and many other good deeds.

Next the elders Panel discussion, participated by: Br. Yahya Sharif of York Jamaat, Maj. A.R.

Moghul of Washington Jamaat, and Ch. Allah Bakhsh of Washington Jamaat. The moderator was Br. Mubasher Ahmad. The topic of the discussion was "Todays Children are Tomorrows Adults."

The discussion was opened by Br. Yahya Sharif who stressed that mother was the best teacher for the children. He also stressed on Taqwa and said that fear and love of God bring a balance in life. "Small things can do a lot," he said. "Education and of good health" was another point. He explained that both body and soul be developed uniformly as "healthy brain is carried by healthy shoulders." He also stressed on prayers.

Maj. A.R. Moghul cited the incidents from the life of Hazrat Yakub and the Promised Messiah to stress that parents should be keenly interested and be careful about the upbringing of their children.

Lastely Ch. Allah Bakhsh Sahib spoke on psychological aspects of how a child learns and how his physical and mental facilities develop. Citing the results of recent research he said that child starts learning immediately after birth. Explaining the various stages of learning he stressed upon parents to be particularly careful about their children at the crucial stage when they enter into adulthood. They must have effective communications with their children in this age of confusion and drawing conclusions and making decisions. He said that Hazrat Khalifatul Masih's grouping of Jamaat in Atfal, Khuddam, and Ansars, rightly falls in line with the present ideology and is a very useful and prudent move.

After this useful and informative discussion Sheikh Sahib was requested to distribute awards and prizes to the winners in the contests.

The President of Southeast region then thanked everybody and requested Maulana Sahib to give his concluding remarks and lead Dua.

Maulana Shaib recited the verse: *So when thou art free from thy immediate task, strive hard.* (Chap. 94:8) and aske the members to pray for the health of Sahibzada Mian Muzaffar Ahmad Sahib who was sick and could not attend the meeting. He also asked for prayers for the health of Dr. Khalil Ahmed Nasir Sahib of New York who was in hospital. He said that the panel discussions were very useful and impressive particularly those of the young participants. He wished that the program should have been tape recorded for the benefit of other jamaats.

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Referring to the controversy about the T.V. which cropped up during the childrens question/answer session, he said it can not be condemned outright. It has good uses also like we have just seen and heard Huzur on T.V. - but addiction to T.V. is very bad and should be curbed.

He said that Jamaat should arrange to prepare taped lessons based on religious teaching and training for the children and distribute them among the members. This can be very useful Tarbiyyat and religious knowledge.

Turning to the panel discussion he quoted Hadith about children being born on Fitrat (clean slate) and only parents make them Jews or Christians and also mentioned the Hadith that the Paradise lies under the feet of mothers. He stressed that parents have big responsibility to train their children.

He also said that such meetings are very useful and should be announced well in advance and children should be prepared to participate in all the competitions.

At the end Maulana Sahib thanked God, organizers and all members and said that he has enjoyed this meeting. At this time Brother Saleem Mohaiman and his wife were pronounced as recipient of the Best Parent of the year and received an award.

After Dua the meeting concluded,

New York

Tabligh Committee Formed For 1985-86: The Tabligh Committee headed by our Missionary in Charge: is: Saleh Nasir, Zaffar Malik, Majid Malik, Tahir Hamid, Nasir Chatha and Khalid Pervez Chema.

Tarbiyat Committee headed by our Missionary, comprises of Abdul Razzaq Qureshi (Secretary Talimo-Trabiyat), Zaffar Malik Zinda Bajwa and sis. Ruksana Nasir.

Mosque Fund Contributions Please continue to contribute towards the National Mosque Fund we have another installment to pay off.

TABLIGH ACTIVITIES TO BE STEPPED UP AND MESSAGE OF AHMADIYYAT TO REACH AS MANY NEW YORKERS AS POSSIBLE:

The emphasis now for the Ahmadiyya Jamaat is Tabligh or propagation of True Islam. Huzoor has repeatedly stressed that we Ahmadis should make

special efforts in this and in this regard we need as many mailing addresses for sending Ahmadiyya literature. We are enclosing a form, which each one of you should have filled with names of friends and acquaintances, so that they can receive literature from time to time. Please send as many names as you can and have the forms filled and sent back by Jan. 31st. 1985 latest!

DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE ON QAID-A-AZAM DAY

Qaid-a-Azam Day was celebrated at Rego Park in Queens on Dec. 22nd. 1984. Our Khudam took this opportunity to distribute Ahmadiyya Literature to those who attended the above function. Nasir Jamil, initiated the above move and under the supervision of Bro. Nasir Chatha about 700 to 800 pieces of literature were distributed by our Khudam. The following were presented and distributed Ake Harfay Nasaihana and Qaida Azam's text of rights of citizens when Pakistan was formed:

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| 1) Nasir Jamil | 2) Nasir Chatha |
| 3) Khalid Nayyer | 4) Amir Shahab |
| 5) Khalid Pervez
Chema | 6) Javed Ahmed |
| 7) Hafiz Nasir
Mahmood | 8) Asar Mahmood |
| 9) Mohamad Isaq | 10) Tariq Hamid and |
| | 11) Abdul Salam Hamid. |

The Khudams spent almost six hours distributing the literature to the public.

LOSS OF ONE OF OUR VALUED JAMAAT MEMBERS

We are sad to announce the passing away of Brother Ghulam Mahmood Saheb of Long Island. Inna lilahe-wa-inaeliah rajwoom. He has been a member of the New York Jamaat since the early sixties, a very regular and active member and a moosi. He leaves behind a widow Sis. Zakia Mahmood and two daughters. The whole Jamaat conveys its condolences to the members of his family. May Allah grant forgiveness and exalt him in Heaven.

Detroit

As you may know, by the Grace of Almighty Allah, we have purchased our new Mission House in Troy, Michigan (355 W. Long Lake Road, just east of I-75). Alhamdulillah. With this purchase, how-

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ever, come life long responsibilities, obligations and opportunities for each and every member (male, female, young and old) of the Detroit Jamaa't.

We all have the responsibility and obligation for the rehabilitation, maintenance, cleanliness, security and prosperity of this new mission house. And, thus, we all have a lot of opportunities to gain Allah's mercy and blessings by discharging our responsibilities and obligations with honesty, sincerity, patience and perseverance.

To systematically carry out our duties towards the new mission house, the Detroit Jamaa't Executive Committee decided on Jan. 6, 1985, that:

- A "Mission House Management Committee" should be formed to handle all matters related to the new mission house. Thus, for the present, the following three member committee was formed:
 - Br. Nasir M. Malik - Chairman
 - Br. Bashiruddin K. Ahmad - Treasurer
 - Br. Laeeq A. Butt
- Until further notice, "Waqaar-e-Amal" will be held on every Sunday (starting from Jan. 13, 1985) from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the cleaning and refurbishing of the new mission house.
- All kuddam and ansaar members of the Detroit Jamaa't will be requested to participate in the "Waqaar-e-Amal" every Sunday with punctuality and devotion.
- Starting Jan. 27, 1985, regular jamaa't meetings will be held on every Sunday, at 1:00 p.m., in the new mission house. The Waqaar-e-Amal will be stopped for the duration of these meetings only.
- The regular jamaa't meeting, previously scheduled for Jan. 13, 1985 at the Birmingham Y.M.C.A., will not be held. Instead, the Zuhr and Asr prayers will be offered on Jan. 13 at the new mission house.

Milwaukee

As a Community Social Project, the Milwaukee Jamaat is active as an Emergency food pantry. Our pantry distributes food to needy families on a daily basis.

Our Jamaat President along with several other members has acquired food from different resources. They include F.E.M.A. Grants from the United

Way.

We are members of The Hunger Task Force of Milwaukee. We are also members of the Hunger Action Network of Milwaukee. The first group was designed to co-ordinate and find funding and other resources for emergency food distribution. The second group was designed to act as a coalition to change legislation to help the families that use the facilities of the food pantries.

During the month of November we gave food to fifty-five families. These families consisted of sixty-five adults and one hundred fifteen children. In the month of December we gave food to fifty-seven families. These families consisted of sixty-seven adults and one hundred twenty-five children.

Each family received food for two or three days of a fairly balanced diet. We give two or three bags of groceries. It depends upon the size of the family. For those two months we gave approximately 1,800 pounds of food Alhumdolillah!

Our clients are people who are unemployed or have had their food stamps lost or stolen. But whatever the reason, we try to help. Most pantries only serve people within their zipcode or so-called boundaries. The Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam Food Pantry has no such boundaries. We are also open Monday through Thursday from eight a.m. to two forty-five p.m.

We gave twenty copies of The Philosophy of The Teachings Of Islam. We gave ninety-two copies of What is Ahmadiyyat to these families.

Our continued work in this area makes us realize that America should spend time looking after the needs of the citizens of this country as well as Third World Countries.

Please pray that Allah Tala will allow us the means to continue to provide this service for as long as it is necessary.

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Islam also teaches to respect the revered Teachers who came to different parts of the World at different times. It teaches that every nation received a guide and we, as Muslims, must not make any distinction in the matter of accepting and honouring all of those teachers and prophets.

KHUDDAMUL AHMADIYYA

ANNUAL IJTEMA

MAJLIS KHUDDAMAL AHMADIYYA LOS ANGELES

Report: By Abdul Rab Anwer Mahmood Khan Qaid Majlis L.A.

Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Los Angeles held its second annual Ijtema on Saturday, December 29th, 1984 at Crown Valley Park located in Laguna Niguel suburb of Los Angeles.

Maulana Sheikh Mubarak Ahmed, Missionary Incharge and Ameer U.S.A. very kindly accepted our invitation and honoured us with his participation in this Ijtema.

Ijtema was held for one day and its program along with all the reading materials was sent to all the members two weeks ahead of the actual event for proper preparation.

Maulana Sahib arrived in L.A. two days prior to the Ijtema date. He honoured the Jamaat members by leading the Friday Prayers which were held at Br. Lateef Ahmed's residence located in Fullerton. More than 40 members attended these prayers.

Ijtema function started with the recitation of Holy Quran performed by Br. Ramzan Jatala in a sad tune. He recited the first rukoo of the chapter Al-Rehman. Br. Sajid Ahmed presented the translation. Malik Jawaid Ahmed recited the poem of Hazrat Promised Messiah Alahissalam in a melodeous tone. This created a good impact on the audience. Afterwards, Syed Sajid Ahmad, Regional Qaid, West coast Region, led the Pledge of Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya. Maulana Sahib, then began his opening address. In his speech, he first expressed his pleasure to attend this Ijtema, he then, shed some light on the significance on such Ijtemas. He explained the meaning of the very word "KHADIM" is "to serve," whom does he serve? Ahmadiyyat, Of Course. As a servant of Ahmadiyyat a Khadim should be energetic, lively and obedient. He said "To have these spiritual and physical exercises is the essence of Ijtema."

In the end he expressed his pleasure for the invitation to attend this Ijtema. After his exhortation this humble one presented the schedule of the day's events for both Khuddam and Atfal.

This was followed by a 15 minute break in which tea and donuts were served. Later on AZAN, REC-

ITATION OF THE HOLY QURAN and SPEECH COMPETITIONS were held. 25-30 Khuddam participated in these contests. Following were announced winners of the prizes.

Maulana Sahib brought a religious knowledge test paper for all the participants of this Ijtema. This test was conducted followed by another test on a book of Hazrat Ahmad Alahissalam namely: 'The Four Questions by a Christian Answered.' Winners of these test papers were:

Afterwards hot lunch was served which was arranged by Br. Aslam Malik. Zuhar and Asar prayers were offered in Congregation. Later, individual Race contests and Volley Ball match was held in the park. This match ended in a draw and following were declared the winners of the individual race competitions:

The second session started promptly at 3:15 p.m. and was presided over by Shaikh Mubarak Ahmed Sahib. The first item in this session was a 'feature' program written and directed by this humble one. The presentation was made by six children including:

Taha Ahmad (9 yrs.), Azeem Ahmed (11 yrs.), Raheel Ahmad (9 yrs.) and three of my children (grandsons of Maulana Abdul Malik Khan Sahib Marhoom), Amjad Khan (5 yrs.), Ahsan Khan (8 yrs.), and Arshad Khan (12 yrs.).

The title of this feature was "FIVE ARTICLES OF ISLAM". Amjad Khan first presented a seven minute prememorized speech on the beauties of Islam. Audience were impressed by his presentation because of his age (5 yrs.). Followed by Amjad was a speech by Taha Ahmad on the first Article of Islam, i.e. *Oneness of God*. He presented the uniqueness of Islamic faith by the announcement of Kalima.

Second article of Islam that is *THE BELIEF IN ANGELS* was presented by Raheel Ahmad who discussed the concept of angels in the light of pure logic

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JUDGEMENT was presented by Azeem Ahmad. He presented the philosophy of this belief along with the concepts of Heaven and Hell in the light of Quranic verses. This humble one concluded the feature with some psalms of Promised Messiah Alahissalam.

Syed Safid Ahmad Regional Qaid (West Coast Region) conducted the election of Qaid for Los Angeles. He presented brief background history of Majlis Los Angeles and commended the efforts of L.A. Qaid. All the khuddam proposed the name of Br. Ramzan Jatala for Qaid Los Angeles.

Shaikh Sahib, then distributed the prizes to Atfal and khyddam winners for various contests. Later, Maulana Sahib addressed the audience. He shed light on the significance of the call of the Divine Messenger or His Successor. He stressed that Khuddam should always give preference to the call of the Imam. The call of our Imam today is to become *DAEE ILLALLAH*. Each one of us should follow this directive of our Imam and choose few freidns to convey the message of Ahmadiyyat.

He exhorted the khuddam to obey and respect their elders by quoting Quranic verses regarding the obedience to parents. He also pointed out the need of various auxillary organizations in presence of the Jamaat's total organization. These auxillary organizations act as the bases for training.

Finally he thanked the organizers of the Ijtema and advised us to continue holding such functions in the future. After Shaikh Sahib's address, I thanked all the participants of the ijtema, especially Shaikh Sahib who joined us from Washington, D.C.

Ch. Munir Ahmad, Sahib Missionary (West Coast) reminded Khuddam the responsibilities arising from our khuddam pledge. Br. Rahmat Jamal (President L.A. also thanked Ameer Sahib and congratulated the Qaid (L.A.) for this successful Ijtema. The Ijtema ended with the recitation of pledge and collective prayers led by Maulana Sahib at 5:15 pm.

**165 PARTICIPANTS ATTENDED
THIS IJTEMA ALHUMDOLLILLAH**

Atfal Ijtema was conducted by Mr. Ameeruddin (Nazim Atfal) and Arshad Khan (President of L.A. Atfal). This was conducted concurrently with khuddam's activities.

ANSARULLAH

A General meeting was held under the Ansarullah on December 9, 85. The proceedings started with the

recitation of the Holy Quaran with commentary by Mufti Ahmad Sadiq. The undersigned repeated the oath in conjunction with others. Two interrelated subjects of high importance were discussed. Mr. Munawar Saeed discussed the subject "Why should we believe in God;" stressing particularly on belief, elaborating different kinds of faith. Amongst others he described faith by human nature and intellectual reasoning etc. He also reflected some light on three kinds of beliefs discussed in detail by the Promised Messiah via belief by knowledge, belief by observation and belief by experience. He finally concluded that once a firm faith is attained nothing stands between God and his creation and perfect bonding is obtained.

Mr. Mubashar Ahmed then illuminated the subject of "Importance of religion in our daily life." He told the reason for religious belief. As for creation there has to be a Creator. Our Creator wants to guide his people in the right path. This is achieved by believing in the Unity of God and observing prayers. By having firm belief in God and following the directions laid by his messengers one can appreciate the blessings contained in the prayers. By worshipping Allah which is the sole purpose of our creation we can accomplish what we really stand for. The subject matters were then opened for discussion. Some of the members expressed their points of view about it.

The election of Murabbie Atfal was overdue. Mr. Tahir Latif was elected unanimously. The next meeting would be held on the last Sunday of February 1985. The topic for discussion was selected to be "Propogation in General." Two volunteers opted to discussion.

GIST OF FRIDAY SERMONS

*BY Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad
Ameer & Missionary Incharge, USA
Delivered at Fazal Mosque, Washington, jD.C.*

November 30, 1984

The following verse from the Holy Quran was recited: "So obey not the disbelievers and strive against them by means of the Quran with a mighty striving." (25:53) Before explaining the significance of the verse, Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad read a letter about the situation in Pakistan. This pertained to the decision of the so-called Sharriyat Court and the abuses and the false accusations being spread about the Promised Messiah. From the text of the letter it

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appeared that there was a serious danger of another ordinance being made by the Government of Pakistan ordering the demolition of the domes and changing the shape of our mosques. Hazoor had asked in his letter that all the Ahmadis should pray a great deal and continue to exhort others for prayers.

Commenting on the verse recited in the beginning Ameer Sahib said that we, the Ahmadis have real Islam. It is our duty to establish it in the world as well as in our lives. This included adopting Islamic etiquettes in everyday life. Almighty Allah exhorts us not to follow the ways of disbelievers. Proper dress, and wearing of a head cover is an essential Islamic etiquette which must be followed especially in the mosque and on all Jamaat functions. Similarly, he said, sisters should also observe the Islamic code of dress. If we do that we will receive honour and dignity in this world and pleasure of Allah, both here and in the hereafter.

December 7, 1984

The following verse from the Holy Quran was recited.

“And obey Allah and obey his messenger, so that you may be shown mercy” (Chap. 3:133).

He then said that throughout the History of mankind it has been Allah's way that He and his messengers are victorious. This is what happened in the life of Hazrat Muhammad (s.a.w.) and this is what has been promised to us by following the Promised Messiah. In accordance with these prophecies Ahmadiyyat will succeed (Inshallah), but we have some responsibilities. These responsibilities are beautifully summarized in the verse: “Obey Allah and His Messenger, so that you may be shown mercy.” Sheik Shaib continued that in this respect one very important instruction of the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.) and the Holy Quran is concerning Zakat. Zakat is one of the Five Pillars of Islam, and there are more than twenty-five verses in the Holy Quran emphasizing the importance of paying Zakat. At several places establishing the prayer and paying the Zakat have been mentioned together. Just as the establishment of congregational prayers is essential in a Muslim's life so is the payment to Zakat. All Ahmadis should therefore be very vigilant in discharging this obligation.

Sheik Sahib continued that payment of Zakat is a source of many blessings. The promise of Allah is that nobody's wealth shall decrease due to the pay-

ment of Zakat, instead, Allah will multiply the wealth and properties of those who pay Zakat regularly. Paying of Zakat is, therefore, not only an investment for welfare in the hereafter, but is also a big bargain in this world.

Sheik Sahib also asked all members to make it a habit that the different points of Islamic beliefs and teachings which are presented before them should be conveyed to others.

December 21, 1984

The following verse from the Holy Quran was recited: “This day have I perfected your religion for you and completed my favor upon you and have chosen for you Islam as religion.” (Chap. 5:4). It was explained that this verse was revealed during the farewell pilgrimage in which more than one hundred thousand companions joined the Holy Prophet (SAW). This event represented a tremendous change in comparison with the period 23 years earlier when the holy prophet had raised his solitary voice in Mecca. In that early period all, except a few, were against him but his voice crossed deserts and oceans. Eighty two days after the revelation of this verse the holy prophet passed away.

Once a Jew met Hazrat Omar and said that if this verse had been revealed to Moses, the Jews would have celebrated the day of that revelation as an Eid. Hazrat Omar replied that this verse was revealed on Friday, and that is an Eid for Muslims.

The religion of Islam has been chosen for us by Almighty God. The religion was not started by Hazrat Muhammad (SAW) rather it represented the highest development of the faith which Allah has sent down through his messengers from the beginning.

It is a perfect guidance for all times and ages. It is perfect both in quality and quantity. It contains guidance on all matters of physical, moral and spiritual import, and that guidance is perfect.

At the end it was stressed that we should invite all our friends to investigate the teachings of Islam. They will find no contradiction between the word of God, the Holy Quran, the work of God and laws of nature. Several recent discoveries have confirmed the truth of that claim. Moreover, Islam establishes a true equality of brotherhood among mankind that is why Hazrat Bilal was addressed as “our master” by the Khalifa - Hazrat Omar.

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Southeast Regional Children Parents Day in Pictures

December 25, 1984 at Faz Mosque in Washington, D.C.



Shikh Mubarak Ahmad Amir and Missionary Incharge delivering his inagural address.



Elder's Panel Discussion. "Today's Children are tomorrow's Adult"



Children's Panel Discussion "Islamic Environment at Home"



In the play ground for football



Prize distributions by the Amir and Missionary Incharge.

Annual General Council Meeting in Pictures

December 16, 1984 at New York Mission House



Amir and Missionary Incharge Maulana Shikh Mubarak Ahmeed in the chair presiding the meeting. Muzaffar A. Zafar National President at his right and Mirza Muzaffar Ahmad Sahib at his left.



Amir Ashib addressing the meeting.



A view of members of the General council