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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ مُحَمَّدٌ عَلَى سُوْلِ الْكَرِيمِ
وَعَلَى عِبَادِكَ الْمُسِيْبِ الْمَعْرُوفِ

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53RD YEAR OF TAHRIK-I-JADID ANNOUNCED

Financial sacrifices doubled in Pakistan in this period of turmoil. They increased ten-fold in other countries of the world.

God has assured you that you shall keep on moving forward in spite of confronting all kinds of opposition and obstacles.

(Gist of Friday Sermon delivered by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih on October 31, 1986, at Baitun Nur Holland)

After Tasha'hud and Ta'awwudh and Al-Fatiha, Huzoor recited the following verse:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ اشْتَرَى مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَنْفُسَهُمْ وَأَمْوَالَهُمْ بِأَنْ لَهُمُ الْجَنَّةَ

"Surely Allah has purchased of the believers their persons and their properties in return for the Garden they shall have..." (9:111)

Then he said that the meanings of this Ayat are truly applicable to every division and sub-division of the Jamaat. Their willing and voluntary offer of sacrifice of life, wealth, and precious property presents a praise-worthy and commendable picture. According to this Ayat, there may be occasional opportunities of combining sacrifice of life with that of wealth but *Tehrik-e-Jadid* has played a very conspicuous and significant role in the system of devoting life permanently and at the same time not remaining behind in the financial sacrifice in any way.

Huzoor said: Today *Daftar-e-Awwal* of *Tehrik-e-Jadid* completed its 52nd year, *Daftar-e-Do'am* its 32nd year, *Daftar-e-So'am* its 21st year and *Daftar-e-Cha'haram*, which I announced last year, its first year. According to tradition, the last Friday of every October is the renewal day of *Tahrik-e-Jadid*.

HUZOOR RETURNS TO LONDON SAFELY AFTER A TWO WEEK TOUR OF EUROPE

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV started his tour of Europe on October 23, 1986. During his tour of Europe, he visited three countries—West Germany, Belgium, and Holland. A number of Ahmadi Muslims and non-Muslims called on Huzoor. Many Majalis-i-Irfan and question and answer sessions were held. He also addressed the annual gathering of Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya in West Germany. In short, the tour was a great success and a blessed one. Huzoor returned to London safely on November 4, along with his entourage.

Huzoor's health, by the grace of Allah, is excellent. *Alhamdolillah.*

Therefore, I announce today the beginning of 53rd year of *Daftar-e-Awwal*, 33rd year of *Daftar-e-Do'am*, 22nd year of *Daftar-e-So'am* and 2nd year of *Daftar-e-Cha'haram*.

Huzoor then said: "It is not possible for me to describe here the details of the sense of responsibility, devotion and diligence which every division has displayed in discharge of their duty and God has crowned their efforts with overwhelming success. Hence we are hopeful that our God who is so generous in granting us the reward of our sacrifices in this world will never allow them to go waste in the next."

Huzoor, calculating and comparing the performance of the past years and keeping in view the enemical environment prevalent in Pakistan these days, counted the blessings of Allah and informed

the audience that by the sheer grace of Allah, the Jamaat has maintained its forward march on the road of progress in every field.

Huzoor then paid tribute to the Jamaats that have topped the list of achievement in connection with Tehrik-e-Jadid. They are Karachi, Multan, Sahiwal, Peshawar, Rawalpindi and Bahawalnagar. Huzoor, at this juncture, stressed the point that we should never overlook the fact that our significant achievements and the establishment of more than 100 Missions all over the globe are basically the result of the selfless sacrifices of the pioneers of Daftar-e-Awwal. Hence, we are morally bound to keep their names alive. Huzoor explained that 1150 such names had already been revived and the ledgers of 337 more were re-opened during the last year. Due to the vast expansion of the Jamaat in foreign countries, this matter could not be pursued extensively because our young generation is not aware of the obligations of these past benefactors. Therefore, it is incumbent upon us to familiarize the present generation with the immortal deeds of their ancestors.

Giving further details, Huzoor said: "Financial achievements apart, the particular point to which I drew the attention was to increase the number of new participants in the ledger of Tehrik-e-Jadid."

"A target of 14,000 new members was proposed which, if achieved, would bring the number of participants up to 60,000. But again as usual according to our Allah's generous treatment with us, He has blessed the Tehrik and the latest information is that membership has crossed 66,000 which comprises 11,450 new members during the first year of *Daftar-e-Cha'haram*.

Continuing the sermon, Huzoor said that Allah has made Tehrik-e-Jadid a source of protection of the future Ahmadi generation as well. The increase in the number of foreign Missions is the direct result of the plighth of persection being perpetrated in Pakistan. If all the Mullahs of the world get together and design devices to destroy Ahmadies, it is Allah's assurance to us that they are doomed for destruction and you are destined to continue to march, faster and forward.

Huzoor then enumerated the names of those Jamaats who have made extraordinary contribution in this field. Germany occupies the 1st, Canada 2nd, Holland 3rd, Britain 4th, and America 5th position. The names of Ghana, Ivory Coast, Tanzania, and Uganda were also mentioned.

Deliberating on various other facets of the Jamaat's activities, Huzoor said as the opposition and persecution rose to its peak during the Khilafat-e-Cha'haram, so did the standard of and sentiments for sacrifice rose to its prime. Therefore, thanks to Allah and congratulations to you that the income has become double in Pakistan during these four years of outrageous opposition, and in the foreign missions the increase has grown 10 times and the fact remains that the chanda of Tahrik is only very fractional as compared to the other financial commitments. There is extraordinary addition in the Waqf also. Volunteer devotees are offering very useful services. Parents are bringing forth their children for permanent *Waqf* willingly. In the wake of all these happenings there is every justification to believe that

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"Surely Allah has purchased of the believers their persons and their properties in return for the Garden they shall have...(9:111), is applicable only to Jamaat Ahmadiyya and to none else.

Huzoor concluded that doubtlessly there is one Paradise we will be admitted in after death but we are enjoying the heavenly scenes here to. Therefore, rest on the divine covenant that it is YOU and oly YOU who are meant to reform this world and none else.

Huzoor added that the sermons should be delivered in the local language but where not possible, translations must be provided.

Huzoor also mentioned that in a bid to supersede each other in the offer of Tehrik promises, U.K. Jamaat has sent the list of promises. When I came to England, the U.K. Jamaat had promised for £35,000.

Next year it was increased to £50,000 and this year it has been raised to £60,000.

Explanations:

1. *Daftar Awwal* means the first group of contributors who started paying their chanda Tehrik-e-Jadid between the years 1934-1953.
2. *Daftar Do'am* means the second group of contributors who started paying their chanda Tehrik-e-Jadid between the years 1953-1965.
3. *Daftar So'am* means the 3rd group who started paying their chanda Takrik-e-Jadid between the years 1965-1985.
4. *Daftar Cha'haram* means the 4th group who started paying their chanda Tehrik-e-Jadid from 1985.

MAJLIS-I-SHOORA CONVENES IN NEW YORK

SESSIONS HELD AT BAITUL ZAFAR NOV. 15-16, 1986



The General Council of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, USA, held its annual meeting at Bait-ul-Zafar, New York, on November 15 and 16, 1986. The meeting was chaired by Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad, the Amir and Muballigh Incharge.

All central Missionaries, national office-bearers, presidents and representatives of local Jamaats participated in this important meeting of the USA Jamaat. Special guests from Lajna Imaillah, Khuddamul Ahmadiyya, Ansarullah and Markaz were also present. The total number of participants exceeded eighty. Twenty-one of twenty-nine local Jamaats in USA were represented in the General Council meeting.

All of the national secretaries submitted annual

progress reports and plans of action of their respective departments. The General Council deliberated on various important suggestions from the Headquarters and local Jamaats pertaining to *Tabligh*, *Talim-o-Tarbiyyat*, Social Services, Finance and General affairs of the USA Jamaat.

The meetings were conducted in four sessions. The first session began on Saturday morning, November 15 at 9:30 a.m. In the opening address, the Chairman prayed for a successful and fruitful meeting and went over some of the rules and regulations of the General Council meetings. He explained the importance of this meeting which was being conducted on the pattern of *Majlis-e-Shoora* held at the Markaz by Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih



Minutes and implementation status report of the decisions of last year's meeting of General Council were submitted by the Secretary. The following National Secretaries submitted their departmental progress reports and proposed programs for the next year.

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| 1. Tabligh | Dr. Masud Ahmed Malik |
| 2. Talim-o-Tarbiyyat | Dr. A.M. Shamim Ahmad |
| 3. Social Services | Ch. Allah Baksh |
| 4. Rishta Nata | Mr. Rashid Ahmad |
| 5. Finance | Dr. Syyed Abdul Majid Shah |
| 6. Wasaya | Ch. Mohammaed Riaz Saifi |
| 7. General | Mr. Mubashar Ahmad |
| 8. Properties (Dr. Mir Daud Ahmad was out of the country; his report was read by the secretary.) | |

The Internal Auditor, Raja Abdul Khaliq, submitted his audit report on the accounts of Headquarters. Various suggestions coming from Headquarters and local Jamaats were read by the Secretary and explanation for their exclusion was submitted to the General Council. Then the National Financial Secretary, on behalf of the Managing Committee, submitted the proposed budget for fiscal year 1987-88.

Four sub-committees were then formed to deliberate in detail on the proposals on the agenda and to submit their reports to the General Council for further discussion and decision. These subcommittees were:

1. Tabligh Subcommittee: 13 Members
Chairman Br. Rashid Ahamad
2. Talim-o-Tarbiyyat Subcommittee: 13 Members
Chairman Rahmat Jamal
3. Finance Subcommittee: 21 Members
Chairman Sahibzada M. M. Ahmad
4. General Affairs Subcommittee: 14 Members
Chairman Alhaj Dr. Muzaffar A. Zafr

All of the above sub-committees met separately and deliberated on the proposals on the agenda in their respective fields, and finalized their recommendations. The respective chairmen of each sub-committee submitted the recommendations in a full session of General Council held on November 16. Salient features of the decisions of the General Council are as follows:

TABLIGH: Keeping in view the guidelines given by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (ابيه الله بنصره العزيزه) for Tabligh, a ten-point implementation program was

approved by the General Council. It included Question-Answer sessions at Ahmadi homes; well organized 'Tabligh Days' at local Jamaats; Tabligh sessions at Mission Houses once every quarter; distribution of Huzoor's Friday Khutbas on cassettes and writing Tabligh letters to non-Ahmadi friends; writing articles in local newspapers and magazines; increasing the number of 'Daeen-Illalah' and 'Waqfeen-e-Aarzi'; maintaining close liaison with local educational institutions; holding 'Seerat-un-Nabi' meetings; and distribution of the *Muslim Sunrise* and the *Review of Religions*.

TALIM-O-TARBIYYAT: Keeping in view Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (ابيه الله بنصره العزيزه), instructions given for the USA Jamaat at the time of our Annual Convention this year, and in his Friday Khutba at Toronto, Canada, a special program for our future generation's Talim-o-Tarbiyyat was adopted by the General Council. It included congregational prayers in Ahmadiyya homes; study of *Lessons on Islam* book series, involvement of parents in their children's educational process; printing and distributing guiding mottoes; writing educational articles in the *Ahmadiyya Gazette*; special efforts in adopting Islamic manners, dress and terminology among Ahmadi children and their parents. (A list of Islamic terminology for day-to-day use was also provided to the members of the General Council.) In addition, the following decisions were made by the General Council on the recommendations of the sub-committee.

1. Religious training of the new generation should be strongly structured.
2. Curriculum and books should be prescribed for new converts as well as for other Jamaat members.



3. Audio-video cassettes for study of the Yassarnal Quran and performance of Salat's physical actions shall be prepared.

4. For deserving, outstanding, talented and sincere Ahmadi students, an academic scholarship fund should be established in the USA.

FINANCE: A proposed Income and Expenditure budget of \$877,000 for fiscal year 1987-88 was passed by the General Council for submission to the Markaz for final approval. It was decided that special efforts be made to increase collection of Chanda Jalsa Salana (Annual Convention Fund), Zakat, and Chanda Tarik-e-Jadid. Methods for minimized administrative expenses were agreed upon. It was further decided that membership of 'Moosies' should be increased. Again, non-paying chanda members or those who do not pay according to the prescribed rate should be brought to the category of those who pay regularly and according to the prescribed rates. Moreover, guidelines pertaining to the proper budget preparation should be prepared and circulated to the Jamaats. The present calendar of returns and format of the budget may be discussed in conference with finance secretaries.

GENERAL: The General Council passed the following proposals:

1. A training program for office-bearers of local Jamaats may be arranged every six months at each regional center.

2. The history of the Ahmadiyya Movement in USA, since its inception, should be recorded and preserved in a proper way. For this purpose, a historian may be appointed, and adequate resources allocated.

3. In order to implement Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV's (ابيه الله بنصره العزيز) instructions regarding helping orphan children of El Salvador, the Managing Committee should further consider all the suggestions and collect further information on the political, religious, and financial implications of the proposals prior to making its final recommendations to Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (ابيه الله بنصره العزيز).



AHMADIYYA MUSLIM CENTENARY JUBILEE

PLAN: A brief but comprehensive statement was presented by Mr. Mashtaq Ahmad Shaique, Secretary Central Planning Committee, on the salient features of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Centenary Jubilee Plan. Historical background, broad outlines given by Khalifatul Masih (ابيه الله بنصره) and some highlights of the gigantic plan under consideration to celebrate the Centenary Jubilee in 1989 were presented. Attention of the USA Jamaat was drawn to its pledges made for this plan and request was made to expedite contributions to meet the pledged amount of \$645,000 by the middle of next year.

Two special meetings of the Finance Secretaries, presidents of local Jamaats, and National Secretaries were held in which important matters of finance and Jamaat administration were discussed. All National Secretaries were available to respond to any inquiries made by the local Jamaats. The Finance Secretaries' meeting was chaired by Dr. Ehsan-U-Zafar, Naib Amir II, and the Presidents' meeting was chaired by Alhaj Dr. Muzaffar A. Zafr, Naib Amir I.

The final session of the 1986 General Council ended with a concluding address and Du'a by the Chairman of the General Council, Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad, who conveyed Huzoor's prayers for the success of the meeting and informed the General Council that, *Inshallah*, Huzoor may visit the USA next year.

The chairman drew the attention of all Jamaats in the USA to discharge their duties in a sincere, sustained and effective manner. He informed the General Council of the progress made in the area of building Mission Houses and Mosques in the USA. The most important thing, he said, is what actions we have taken to serve Islam and Ahmadiyyat today.

Implementation of our plans, therefore, is the real thing of importance. He thanked the New York Jamaat which made arrangements for the General Council meeting very efficiently and performed their duties in a very sincere and impressive way. The meeting ended with collective Du'a.

(Mubashar Ahmad, Secretary, General Council, USA)

QADIAN AND OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

A Letter from Naib Wakilul Maal

After the partition of Indo-Pakistan in 1947, only a few hundred Ahmadies remained in Qadian to protect its sacred places and maintain their presence in the sacred Town where the Promised Messiah had appeared. During the time of holocaust in 1947, no muslim could be found in a radius of 70 to 80 miles from Qadian. Even Ahmadies living around had to leave their homes and properties and were forced to take refuge in Pakistan.

It was the policy of the Jamaat not to vacate its Center at any cost. Those who remained behind were surrounded by hostile elements who were well aware of the sincerity and the devotion of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat to the tenets of Islam. God helped those who stayed behind and they were not molested.

In order to meet their needs and provide for their maintenance, Hazrat Khalifatul Massih inaugurated a scheme called *Darwaish Fund*. At the beginning of

this scheme, Ahmadies all over the world paid special attention towards this fund and donated liberally, but as the time passed the *Darwaish fund* has been pushed behind and contributions have stopped coming into it. The need is there and its urgency is the same as it was before.

By this letter I draw your attention towards the *Darwaish fund* and under instruction from Huzoor Aqdas, I request you to not to neglect paying into this fund. Although the number of the Darwaishes at Qadian has increased but their financial position has not changed. They need to be looked after well. They are our brothers who have vowed to remain at a place where the body of the Promised Mesih lies at rest. We are indebted to them. We should never forget them and do all that is in our power to alleviate their financial worries. *Darwaish fund* should always be in your mind and contributions should never cease coming into it. Please see to it.

ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATIONAL COMPUTERS COMMITTEE

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih has formed a high level committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Mustapha Sabit to enhance the business of the community in more appropriate and efficient way which is getting larger and more voluminous day by day by the grace of Allah.

The members of our community in USA will be pleased to know that the Ahmadiyya Jamaat USA has also been represented for this worthy task by our Financial Secretary, Mr. Abdul Majid Shah. Other members of the committee are as follows:

Mr. Mustapha Sabit, UK	President
Mr. Shajar Farooqi, UK	Vice President & Secretary

Mr. Danial Khan, Canada	Member
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Mr. Nasir Safeer, UK	Member
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All the Jamaats are invited for suggestions concerning computerization of Jamaat business that could be sent to the president of the committee at the following address:

Mr. Mustapha Sabit, President,
International Computers Committee
41 Gressenhall Road,
London, SW 18 5QL

It has also been advised that all correspondence should be dealt with in English.

FROM THE PRESS

Newlife, London, Oct. 31, 1986

Harsh Sentences for Ahmadis

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Association reports that, 'in two different cases, three Ahmadi shopkeepers were given barbaric sentences for displaying the word "Allah", "Muhammad" and "There is none worthy of worship except Allah, Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah", in their shops'.

PRISON: In one case, they say, Muhammad Idrees, a tailor of Peshawar was awarded 10 years rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs 10,000 by a local magistrate. In case of non-payment of the fine, he has to undergo a further imprisonment for six months.

It is reported that a large crowd of mullahs was present inside as well as outside the court, and were demanding severe sentences for the Ahmadi, the Association adds.

In another case, Mr. Javed Ahmad & Mr. Shabbir Ahmad Sheikh of Mardan were given five years imprisonment and an Rs 25,000 fine each by the Assistant Commissioner, Mardan, for displaying the Kalima in their shop.

India Weekly, London, Nov. 11, 1986

Ahmadis Given 'Barbaric' Sentences in Pakistan

Mr. Jehangir Muhammad Joiya, advocate, the Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Khushab district, along with two Ahmadiyya Muslim Missionaries Mr. Tahir Mehmood Chaudhry and Mr. Javed Ahmad Javed, were given two year sentences each, by the City Magistrate Khushab on 2nd September, for wearing KALIMA badges, i.e., the badges with the inscription "There is no one worthy of worship except Allah; Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah."

A third Ahmadi, Muhammad Yaqub, who happened to be present in the compound of the court, and was wearing the Kalima badge, was manhandled, and severely beaten up by a mob of about 40 mullahs. He was then brought before the magistrate, who instead of registering a case against the Mullahs for causing him bodily harm, registered a case against the Ahmadi for wearing the Kalima badge, and handed him over to the police.

A press release issued by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association, UK, said: "The Association strongly condemns the inhumane treatment of Mr. Yaqub and the barbaric sentences issued to the three Ahmadis and demand their immediate and unconditional release. It also draws the attention of the civilized world to the atrocities committed by the Pakistan authorities against its Ahmadiyya population."

Asian Times, London, Nov. 14, 1986

Zia cannot fool the world

Speaking at a dinner hosted by the Christian community in Pakistan last week, General Zia-ul-Haq said that "every person in Pakistan was free to worship according to his faith and there were no restrictions in this regard."

After making that sexist and fictitious comment, he further added that members of all the minority communities were enjoying equal rights and that they were not being treated as second-rate citizens.

"How could the 'President' of a country make such a public statement, which he knows full well, is far from the truth," says the secretary of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association (UK) speaking to *Asian Times*.

A few months ago in Rahim Yar Khan, a Christian church was ransacked and in Jacobabad, 16 Hindu temples were gutted in a single day, all the work of what is seen as that of Mullahs backed by the regime. Even the minority sects are not spared. Only last week an Ahmadiyya Mosque in Mardan City was razed to the ground by a crowd of 200, led by the Mullahs, under the eyes and direct supervision of the so-called law enforcing authorities.

The fact is that 4 million Ahmadis are virtually under siege in their own country. More than 500 have been arrested for professing and practicing their religious beliefs, and many of them are awaiting court decisions. In one such case, an Ahmadi was given 10 years rigorous imprisonment. They have been denied admission in educational institutions as well as employment opportunities. 132 Ahmadiyya Mosques were desecrated by orders of police or magistrates.

Their publications and literature proscribed, and the only daily newspaper belonging to Ahmadis ceased publication in 1984 due to orders from the regime. 19 prominent Ahmadis have been assassinated in the last two years and the most heinous

crime of them all, is that their dead have been exhumed in certain cases. The total Ahmadiyya population has been disenfranchised as they can register as voters only if they denounce their faith.

That the regime is trying to annihilate the Ahmadis is clear from the message General Zia sent to a religious conference held in London last year in which he stated: "We will persevere in our efforts to ensure that the Cancer of Qadianism (derogatory term for Ahmadiyyat) is exterminated." and his Prime Minister declared on November 27, 1985 in a conference: "The government has taken many steps to deal with this problem (Ahmadis). It is hoped that other Muslim countries will take similar steps to crush this curse with full force." The Pakistan regime has been afflicted with the disease of religious intolerance for a long time now. The minorities have therefore genuine fear about the intentions of the present regime of Pakistan. This fear is aggravated by the passing of new legislation which makes it a capital offense to what would appear to be an insult to the status of the Holy Prophet Muhammed, in the eyes of a particular sect.

George Felix, President of Pakistan United Christian Organizations U.K. has rightly said, "This bill insults Pakistanis of all religions and beliefs because insults are the child of an irrational mind."

Surely the Pakistani General cannot fool the world any more.

PERSECUTION OF AHMADIES CONTINUES

STRANGE ISLAMIZATION

A new bill, contrary to the teachings of Islam, is being introduced in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Amendment to Act No. 64 of 1973 for the publication of Holy Quran published in Gazette Extraordinary dated 15 October 1986 National Assembly Bill No. 13 Clause 5-13.

"Translation or interpretation of the Holy Quran contrary to the belief of the Muslims wherein a copy or record of the Holy Quran or in any extract thereof published in a text book, prayer book, religious treatise or any other book or aya of the Holy Quran in translation, interpretation, or commented by a non-Muslim contrary to the belief of the Muslims, the author, printer or publisher or the person who prepares the record, whether registered under the Act or nor shall, unless he can prove that such translation, interpretation or commentary occurred only due to the printing or mechanical error, be liable to the punishment provided for in Section 6 that is to say Three Years imprisonment and or fine not less than Rupees Five Thousand."

(Law Section. Official Gazette 15-10-86)

ATTENTION ALL AHMADI HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

Your ideas are needed for Tabligh to the students that you attend school with everyday.

Therefore, *the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam is sponsoring a contest* to produce the most excellent and dynamic leaflet promoting or explaining any aspect of Ahmadiyyat and Islam of interest to your contemporaries.

The Rules for the competition are as follows:

1. There will be two categories, High School and College, with separate prizes for each group.
2. The leaflet should be suitable for a free handout in large quantities.
3. It should be ready for printing including any artwork or photographs, which are encouraged in keeping with Islamic standards.

4. Judging will be based on:

- a. Impact of message
- b. Suitability for the age group
- c. Originality of design

5. Be sure to include your name, address, phone number, age, grade, and name of school.

6. All entries must be received at 2141 Leroy Pl., Washington, D.C., 20008, on or before March 15, 1987.

PRIZES:

1st Prize—\$50.00 each to one High School and one College student

2nd Prize—\$40.00 each

3rd Prize—\$25.00 each

U.S.A. AHMADIYYA COMMUNITIES NEWS.

NEW YORK: The Jamaat Business Meeting was held on Sunday, October 5. *Alhamdo Lillah*, it was successful. The attendance was excellent (about 180) and all members—men, women, and children participated with enthusiasm in the open discussion on Tabligh and Tarbiyat.

The TAHIR Class staff and syllabus have been reorganized and, *Inshallah*, we are striving to improve this tarbiyat class for our children. Parents must send their children regularly to this class, knowing the importance of tarbiyat for the children.

As per Huzoor's instructions, many members are offering congregational prayers at least once a day, some members are offering their evening prayers and some their Fajr prayers in congregation.

Alhamdo Lillah, the New York Jamaat members had the opportunity to meet their beloved Imam in Toronto and Montreal on September 21, 1986 at Toronto and the following weekend, i.e., Sept. 25th. & 28th. at Montreal. Many families from the New York Jamaat drove to Canada and met Huzoor and had the good fortune of attending the inauguration of the first Ahmadiyya Mosque and Community Center in Canada at Vaughan in the north suburb of Toronto, Canada. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV laid down the foundation stone there.

Mr. Iqbal Ahmad has been providing milk and cookies every weekend to children of the Tahir Class for months. We appreciate this good deed by Mr. Ahmad and welcome others to do the same. Jazakallah.

Mr. Azhar Mahmood has been providing Pakistani newspapers regularly for our Pakistani Ahmadies. Jazakallah

Mr. Abdul Majid Piracha has donated ceiling fans for the Baitul Zafar. Jazakallah.

HOUSTON, TX: 65 Members of the community gathered at 5 p.m. on October 4, 1986 at Colonial Landing Apartments Mall arranged by Brother Asif Ahmad.

The meeting started with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Br. Rafiullah Khan. Br. Shakil Ahmad Saeed recited a few couplets in a melodious tone from Kalam-i-Mahmood by Hazrat Musleh Mauood (may Allah be pleased with him).

Br. Lateef Ahmad Mahmood enlightened the members about "*The object of man's life and the means of its attainment*" from the *Teachings of Islam* by The Promised Messiah (peace be on him). Mr Bilal Ahmad Chaudhry (a tiftl) spoke on "*Always Speak the Truth*".

Br. Muzaffar Ahmad Mirza narrated "*The Prophet of God calls You*" from the book "*Introduction to the study of Holy Quran*" Mr. Rashidullah (a tiftl) mentioned a saying of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

Br. Kalim Ahmad Chaudhry, President, Houston Chapter, read a few letters and circulars from Washington Headquarters and reminded the members of their responsibilities.

The meeting concluded with collective prayers. JANAZA GHAIB Prayer was offered for the uncle and aunt of Br. Khalil Ahmad Saeed. *Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Ilaihi Rajeoon.*

OBITUARY

Mian Nazar Mohamed, father of Sister Munira Saleem and father-in-law of our Financial Sec. Saleem Ahmed, passed away in Lahore in October 1986, *Inna Lillahe Wa Inna Elaihe Raje'oon.* May Allah exalt the departed soul in Heaven. The New York Jamaat joins Saleem Saheb's family at this loss and pray to Allah to give them patience.

"And hold fast, all together, by the rope of Allah and be not divided; and remember the favor of Allah which He bestowed upon you when you were enemies and He united your hearts in love so that by His grace you became as brothers; and you were on the brink of a pit of fire and He saved you from it. Thus does Allah explain to you His commandments that you may be guided." (3:104)

وَأَعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا وَاذْكُرُوا
نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ كُنْتُمْ أَعْدَاءً فَأَلَّفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِكُمْ
وَأَصْبَحْتُمْ بِنِعْمَتِهِ إِخْوَانًا وَكُنْتُمْ عَلَى شَفَا حُفْرَةٍ مِنَ
النَّارِ فَأَنْقَذَكُمْ مِنْهَا كَذَلِكَ يُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ آيَاتِهِ
لَعَلَّكُمْ تَهْتَدُونَ *

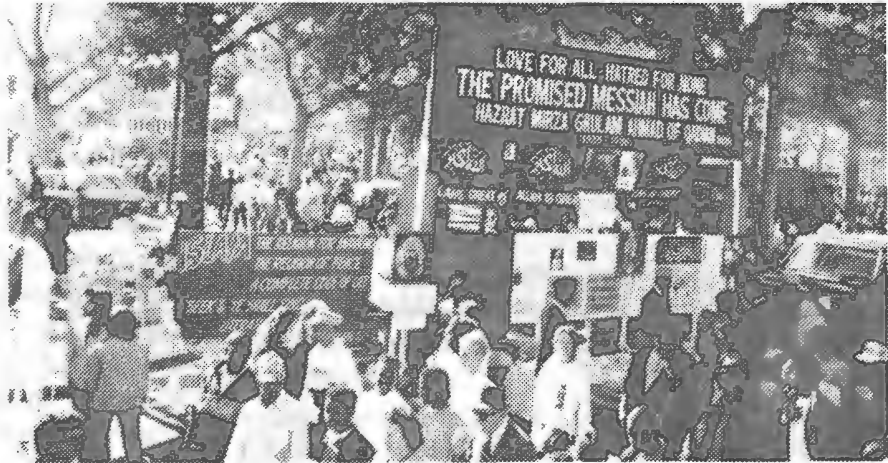
SUPER SUNDAY AHMADIYYA BOOK STALL

A grand book stall was arranged by the Willingborough Jamaat on the occasion of Sujeu Sunday at Philadelphia. The book stall was a great success this year, as it was in 1984. This year's Sujeu Sunday was October 19, and was attended by more than 9 million people. The stall attracted at least one hundred thousand people showing interest in our message. A huge signboard with the *Kalima Tayyabah* written on it could be seen from far off. Just below the signboard a portrait of *Hazrat Masih-i-Mauood (Alaihis-Salam)* was hung along with three small signboards of Allah-o-Akbar.

Individuals stopped by at the stall and inquired about Islam and Ahmadiyyat. Khuddam and Atfal distributed Islamic literature among those interested. A bumper sticker with our motto:

—LOVE FOR ALL
HATRED FOR NONE—

was also distributed. Not only Americans but non-Ahmadi friends from Pakistan and other Arab Countries also showed interest. The stall, along with a brief interview, was broadcast on TV the same evening.



150 STUDENTS VISIT AHMADIYYA MOSQUE AT YORK, PA

About 150 students of a York School along with their teachers visited the Ahmadiyya mosque at York, PA, on November 3, 1986. A meeting was arranged on this occasion, which started with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Abdul Rashid Yahya, Missionary, Washington, D.C. Sister Ayesha Sharif presented the Islamic concept of God in her speech. This explained that God had always spoken to his humble servants and this attribute of God, like his other attributes, is everlasting. Brother Mohamad Bashir explained the Salient features of the life of Prophet Mohammed (peace be upon him). Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad, Amir and Missionary Incharge, USA, explained to the students the philosophy of the Islamic beliefs and prayers.

There was a question and answer session at the end. The students were also presented with Islamic literature.



Sections of students sitting in the Ahmadiyya Mosque, York, PA, and listening attentively to the speakers.

BIRTHS

A baby girl was born to Sis. Amatul Karim Mufti and former missionary in the United States Br. Ahmad Sadiq Mufti on November 11, 1986. The new born, on the paternal side is the granddaughter of Hazrat Mufti Muhammad Sadiq, may god be pleased with him, a companion of the Promised Messiah, *Alaihis Salam*, and the pioneer missionary of the United States, and on maternal side, the granddaughter of the late Hafiz Bashirud Din Obaidullah who served the cause of Islam and Ahmadiyyat as a missionary in various countries.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (may Allah Strengthen his hands) gave her the name "Sadiqa Iffat". May Allah bless her, alongwith her parents and family. Amin.

Allah Almighty has blessed Sis. Namood S. Rahman and Shafiq-Ur-Rahman with a son on November 4th, 1986. Hazrat Khalifatul Massih IV proposed the name of the new-born "Ata-Ul-Monim" well ahead of the arrival. Moreover, Huzoor also prayed that the new-born should be like his grandfather.

The new-born is paternal grandson of (the late) Prof. M. Ata-ur-Rahman, of Taleem-ul-Islam College, Rabwah, Pakistan and a devotee of Ahmadiyya movement. He is maternal grandson of Ch. Bashir Ahmad, a devotee, Sadar Anjuman Ahmadiyya Rabwah, Pakistan.



APPRECIATIONS OF 35th ANNUAL CONVENTION

I pray by the grace of the Almighty Allah you and your family are doing fine. I am writing this letter to let you know that the convention was very very nice, by the grace of Allah it was very Allah inspiring. My thanks are first to Allah. I would also like to thank those brothers who worked so hard to make such a success of the convention. My dear Sheikh Sahib please pray for me that I may become near and dear to Allah. Also please pray for my family, you and your family are always in our prayers. I love my muslim brother as my blood brothers even more.

(Yousaf Ali)

This is to extend my heartfelt congratulations as well as thanks to the Washington Jamaat for being such a wonderful and cordial host to all of us on the occasion of the 38th Annual Convention. From Cleveland nine brothers, nine sisters and four Atfal attended the Jalsa.

Since 1977, I have been regularly attending the Annual Conventions. However this Convention, so far, in my humble estimate turns out to be the best from every aspect. Accommodation was very convenient, meals were absolutely delightful, multiple selection, and in plenty. The selection of the location was excellent and the directions to reach the place were very clear.

Your Juma khutba was very touching and effective. As far as the program is concerned, I was amazed at the quality, caliber, dedication, and effectiveness of various speakers and the poem recited by brother Mubarak Malik was absolutely enchanting and very much fitting to the present situation.

Brother Masood Malik and brother Mubashar deserve special recognition. I really think they worked very hard and they can rightfully be acknowledged for the grand success of this Convention. May Allah reward them accordingly (Amin) I don't mean we are not grateful to all the other brothers and sisters who worked so hard—including waking us up for Tahajjud prayers. We love them all and pray for their well-being. May Allah the Almighty reward them in plenty (Amin). Moulvi Sahib you are a very hardworking and dedicated individual. We receive great moral support and spiritual stimulus by your untiring personality. May Allah protect you all.

(Syed Jaffer Ali)

↖ Sh. Mubarak Ahmad, talking to students during their visit to the Ahmadiyya Mosque, York, PA.