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## FIRST AHMADIYYA MOSQUE IN CANADA HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH IV LAYS THE FOUNDATION STONE

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV laid down the foundation stone of the first Ahmadiyya Mosque and Community Center in Canada on Saturday, September 20, 1986 on 25 acres at Vaughan in the north suburb of Toronto.

The initial cost of the mosque and Community Center is estimated to be \$1.5 million. More than one thousand Ahmadies from Canada and USA were present to attend the ceremony which also attracted some non-member observers. A formal welcome address was read out by the Amir and Missionary Incharge of the Canadian Jamaat, followed by the addresses by the Mayors of the neighboring localities.

The Canadian Minister of Citizenship and Culture also sent a welcome message which was read out by his special representative.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih, in his address, said that the mosque would be open for all mankind to worship One God on the model of the first house of Allah in the history of mankind made by Hazrat Ibrahim. He further said that the mosque would disseminate love, understanding and beneficence for the people. He led collective prayers after laying down the foundation stone.

More than three hundred members of the USA Jamaat attended the historical occasion.

Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad, Amir and Missionary Incharge, USA, Sahibzada Mirza Muzaffar Ahmad, Dr. Muzaffar A. Zafr Naib Amir USA Jamaat and many others were among the honored persons who laid down bricks in the foundation after Hazrat Khalifatul Masih.

Despite a very busy schedule Huzoor honored 135 families from USA to meet with him on Sunday September 21, 1986.

### HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH IV

By the Grace of Allah, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV and members of his family are well: *Alhamdo Lillah*

A large number of Muslims and non-Muslims (both Ahmadies and non-Ahmadies) from 53 countries of five continents were granted interviews by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih during a one-month period.

During the period under review, Huzoor remained extremely busy because of the Annual Convention of the U.K. Jamaat.

A total of about 22,540 letters in the last two months were received by Huzoor in different languages, e.g., English, Urdu, German, Arabic, Turkish, Persian, Swahili, Indonesian, Hindi, Bengali, French, Sindhi, Tamil, etc., from all over the world. In addition, Huzoor received 190 cables per month and numerous reports concerning the activities of Jamaats from various parts of the world. He goes through every letter and report personally and gives directions for replies. He signs almost all replies himself.

### HUZOOR'S VISIT TO NORWAY

On August 27, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV, accompanied by Hazrat Begum Sahiba, members of his family, and some members of the staff visited the Ahmadiyya Jamaat in Norway. May Allah make his journey successful and full of blessings. Ameen.

## LIGHT FROM MAJLIS IRFAN

(Questions answered by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV at the London Mosque — Edited by Jaleel A. Akbar)

**Question:** Why are men not allowed to wear gold?

**Answer:** Yes. Why are men not allowed to wear gold. In fact, the Holy Prophet wanted to create some manly traditions among men distinct from ladies, and wanted to teach his followers that men and ladies differ in certain habits and qualities.

Gold is a precious metal which has been used as ornament by ladies for the past millennium, or many years before the history of mankind was even known. They have not been using gold alone but they have been using all sorts of ornaments. So this goes with the nature of ladies. And if a thing is very deeply related and closely associated with a class of people, then naturally, if you start imitating it, you also have some qualities of that class. And you're deprived of some other qualities of the other class.

So by using gold in Arabian society, people became feminine in their habits. And the gold was used, not by warriors, but by those lordlike people who would sit behind and make a show of their wealth and were otherwise worthless people. And also gold was extensively used by the pandits, that is, the clergymen sitting in the places of worship or places of idolatry. So, Hazrat *Rasul-i-Karim*, *salalaho alaihi wa alahi wa sallam*, condemned this habit and wanted to create manliness among his people. That may be one reason.

But, there are other reasons as well. Gold, in fact, has been discouraged as a value by our Hazrat, *salalaho alaihi wa alahi wa sallam*, to remove the inclination towards materialism. It is condemned in so many ways that even ladies have been discouraged. This is what people do not think, or perhaps do not know. That once a lady offered one of her golden bangles to our Huzoor, *salalaho alaihi wa alahi wa sallam*, and he accepted it for the sake of Islam. He accepted it and said, "You have saved one wrist from fire, won't you like the other wrist to be saved as well?" And she offered the other bangle as well. That showed that our Huzoor, *salalaho alaihi wa alahi wa sallam*, discouraged the use of gold and, what you call, of treasures in any form. And this is why at another place, he says that if you have the habit of collecting valuables and reserving them as treasures,

in the life after you will be punished by the same articles of treasure. That is a general tendency, general policy of our Huzoor, *salalaho alaihi wa alahi wa sallam*, which is apparent.

But he wanted to make exception in the case of ladies because use of gold and wearing of gold was so close to their nature, so he didn't prohibit them. But generally speaking he discouraged ornaments as such. This is why there is Zakat on them.

**Question:** Generally speaking in principle, clapping is not permitted in mosques. Yet in the case of an Imam making some mistake, the ladies are required not to say *Subhan Allah*, but to clap. What is the significance of this? What is the reason behind it?

**Answer:** The simple answer is that clapping for the purpose of making noises or by itself expressing some sort of joy, spiritual or otherwise is prohibited for that purpose. For example, it was a custom in many religious denominations to express their spiritual experience in terms of making noises, such as clapping as well. Islam discourages this. Islam wants people to express themselves in meaningful expressions always turning their minds to Allah. But there are exceptions to the rule. Why? Because when one injunction of Islam comes into clash with another injunction, there the principle of lesser evil is adopted. This is a very scientific religion, Islam is. And in the Holy Quran, the principle of lesser evil has been mentioned very clearly.

Now here, what was the lesser evil? To permit clapping to the ladies for a different purpose than it was used previously by other religions, or to allow them to speak out in their feminine voice while there would be many among the worshippers whose spiritual education is not up to the mark and who have not been able to control their emotions correctly and harness them. When once they hear, during the prayer, a feminine voice they might get excited in different directions. Their fancy might take flight in unwanted regions. So this is what was discouraged, and out of the two, Islam decided that this was the lesser evil. Permission of clapping for a limited purpose was a better thing than to permit this danger that ladies voice is heard so often and men's fancy takes long

flights. Of course, this is not a generalized affair. But there are diseased people in every society. And Islam does not want that to happen.

So clapping is an indiscriminate thing. Nobody can

find out which lady clapped. And moreover during the worship that feminine voice, Islam thought, would create problems. That is what I think is the answer.

## FAREWELL

*(English Version of a poem by Hazrat Khalfatul Masih IV which was recited on the occasion of the U.K. Annual Convention )*

1. Farewell! O, Thee, who are leaving the West; convey the wishes and greetings of one abroad, to the dwellers of the East.

2. Tell them; Be not anxious how we are spending our nights and days; Only be mindful that the vicissitudes of your lives are making your fortunes.

3. My horoscope reflects your unbounded pleasures; And your unending struggles make me filled with joy.

4. Take me not a separate entity as you are my whole world; And your remembrance is the accomplishment of my life.

5. We were never separated as you are an unseparable part of my body; My relation with you is God's bondage which is everlasting.

6. My words are your riches and my wishes are

your wealth; My prostration and my prayers reflect your ailments and sufferings.

7. Those who have the vanity to efface you shall be effaced disgracefully by God Almighty.

8. O' Yee! the lion hearted ones you have the blessings of God And thus have no fear of jungle dwellers. Advance with courage and conquer every inch of it.

9. The table is being turned and a new horizon has appeared which is lovely and eternal.

10. God, in heavens, has handed over to you the keys of success. And VICTORY, in bold letters, has been engraved in your name.

11. Tread fast on the path of true faith; And May every step of yours shower the blessings of God upon you.

## PERSECUTION GOES ON IN PAKISTAN

Mr. Muhammad Riaz, a young Ahmadi student of the National Health Institute, Islamabad, was stabbed by a fellow student while he was sleeping in his hostel room. He was rushed to the local hospital where he was given emergency treatment. The victim had earlier received threats to his life because of his religious beliefs. The police registered the case against the culprit after a great deal of hesitation and reluctance.

## ANOTHER AHMADIYYA MOSQUE RAZED TO THE GROUND

On July 17, about 90 Ahmadi Muslims who were offering their Eid Prayers in the Ahmadiyya Mosque in Mardan (N.W.F.P.) were arrested and taken to the local police station. Twenty-five of them, including some children, military, and civil officials were later released. However, about 250 persons led by one Maulana Younus attacked the mosque, looted the property, and set fire to the copies of the Holy Quran and other books. The mob then demolished the mosque.

The most regrettable aspect of the incident is that

the Assistant Commissioner of Mardan and a heavy police force were present when the mosque was being attacked and demolished. They seemed to be protecting and encouraging the assailants in violating the sanctity of the Mosque.

## CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

1989 is the year when the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam will be concluding the first century of its establishment. In order to celebrate this auspicious occasion, different programs are under study and will be implemented under the directions of Center. Yet, certain programs will be arranged and celebrated by the individual countries according to their own means and resources. In the United States of America a committee has already been formed to collate and coordinate such programs the organization of which is the responsibility of the members of the Jamaats of USA.

All members are requested to send their suggestions in this regard addressed to the Committee, Centenary Jubilee Celebrations, c/o. Ameer and Missionary Incharge, USA, 2141 Leroy Place, NW, Washington D.C. 20008

## NEW PUBLICATIONS FOR OUR YOUNGER ONES

The Ahmadiyya Jamaat, USA, is happy to announce that a new series of educational books is now available for our young people and for new converts. This four volume series is entitled *Lessons On Islam* and was published by the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam USA.

This attractive set of well-researched books should be in the home of every Ahmadi family. Book One instructs the youngest children in the doctrines and practices of Islam, paying particular attention to the Five Pillars, Prayer, Mosque etiquette and other duties of the faithful. Book Two narrates the main events in the lives of the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.) and of the Promised Messiah (pbh). It also emphasizes the duties to parents and the important work of Atfalul Ahmadiyya. Book Three teaches the Sources of Islam, Prayers, and the History of Islam. It guides the student into the History of Khilafat and of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, and reviews the Atfal program and Mosque etiquette. Parents will surely be pleased with the Ten Guidelines for Bringing Up A Good Child which are given on the last page of the book. Book Four helps the students to learn the last ten Quranic Suras and then concentrates on Prayer, the Islamic Calendar, Characteristics of Islam, Some Companions of the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.) and Some Companions of the Promised Messiah (pbh). It also helps the student to explore features of Qadian and of Rabwah, and the work of Atfalul Ahmadiyya.

While it is addressed to Atfals and their fathers, this material is no less valuable and instructive for Nasirats and their mothers. This long over-due series should be placed directly into the hands of our young people and new converts.

May Almighty Allah enable every Ahmadi family to partake of this bounty for the spiritual and moral development of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam.

## BIRTH

By Allah's grace, Saleh and Ruxana Nasir have been blessed with a baby son. His name is Taha Nasir. Ruxana Nasir is our Lajna President, New York. May Allah give the newborn a long and healthy life in the cause of Islam and Ahmadiyyat. Ameen.

## OBITUARIES

Farhat Ayaz's father and the father-in-law of our President, Mr. Nazir Ahmad Ayaz, passed away in London while attending the U.K. Annual Jalsa. *Inna Lillahe Wa Inna Ilaihe Raje'oon*. The New York Jamaat joins in the grief of this loss with Mr. & Mrs. Ayaz and pray for exaltation of the departed soul and patience for the family members. Ameen.

Sheikh Munir Ahmad passed away in New York *Inna Lillahe Wa Inna Ilaihe Raje'oon*. We all pray for the departed soul and join his family in their grief at this loss.

Sahibzadi Amatul Hameed Begum, W/O the late Nawab Muhammad Ahmad Khan, also the granddaughter of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) and younger sister of Sahibzada M.M. Ahmad, breathed her last in Karachi on August 18, 1986. *Inna Lillahe Wa Inna Ilaiha Raje'oon*. Her janaza-ghaib was held at the mosque on Friday, August 22, 1986. May Allah exalt her ranks in *Jannat-ul-firdaus* and grant fortitude to the survivors. Ameen.

Ameena Begum, W/O Mian Roshan Din, a companion of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) and the mother of Br. Munawar A. Saeed, Central Auditor of the Jamaat and Br. Rashid A. Sabir, General Secretary of the local Majlis Ansar-Ullah, passed away in Rabwah on August 18, 1986. *Inna Lillahe Wa Inna Ilaiha Raje'oon*. May Allah Almighty elevate her ranks in paradise and grant fortitude to the survivors to bear this loss. Ameen.

Muhtarma Rehmat Khatoon, W/O the late Mian Sirajud Din of Hariah Muradwal Distt. Gujrat and mother of Br. Abdul Rashid Yahya Muballigh, Washington, D.C., passed away at Rabwah on September 20, 1986. *Inna Lillahe Wa Inna Ilaiha Raje'oon*. May Allah grant her eternal peace and exalther ranks in *Jannat-al-Firdaus*. Ameen. Huzoor led her Janaza Ghaib after Isha prayers in Toronto, Canada, on September 21, 1986. She was Moosiyah and was buried in Bahishti Maqbara at Rabwah.

## DARS-I-HADITH

by M.A. Rashid Yahya

*Take note of it that everyone of you is a supervisor and that everyone is to be questioned about whatever he or she was to supervise. The Imam who is supposed to look after the people will be asked about his people and a man who is to take care of his family will be held responsible for the members of his family and the woman who has been entrusted with the care of her husband and his children will be accountable for his house and children.*

This Hadith of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) vividly sheds light upon the rights and responsibilities of each and every person of a society. Everybody has been designated his role and his line of action very clearly.

The truth of the matter is that society is framed of two very important and basic elements. The first of these elements is the home or family; and the second element constitutes the nation. Both of these are very essential, interrelated, and interconnected. A nation cannot become a nation without concurrence of individuals, and a group of individuals is just like a herd of cattle unless they bind themselves in the form of a nation and gather under a leader, showing allegiance to him.

Again, when we ponder over the tradition of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) closely we discover a strange thing. We find that even though the importance of the first part of the Hadith, which is related to the institution of Imam, is manifest, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) has placed more stress upon the second part of the Hadith than on the first part. The reason for giving more significance to the second part of the Hadith is that unless we train and educate the smaller and basic unit of society, we cannot form a nation which maintains strong allegiance to the Imam. Therefore, this Hadith leads us towards the fundamental fact that the caretakers of a family, i.e., the husband and wife, are responsible for the good upbringing of the younger generation, while guarding themselves as well. On the other side, children also have a right to be educated and trained. The Holy Quran sheds light on this basic requirement by saying:

قُوا انْفُسَكُمْ وَاَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا

*"Save yourselves and your spouses and children from the fire."*

That fire is not necessarily the fire of Hell. It could be the fire of this world and, in most instances, it is always the fire of this world which ultimately drives a person to the fire of Hell.

We are living in a society which is deteriorating and is consumed day by day by different kinds of fires and it has now reached the brink of total destruction. We cannot save ourselves and our children unless we insulate ourselves and our families against these fires. The greatest and most effective insulation against this fire is that we take care of our children and our younger generation according to the saying of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him). Educate and train them in such an adequate way that our younger generation could not be impressed by the outward pomp and show of this declining and decaying society.

Hazrat Al-Musleh Mauood, Second Khalifa of the Promised Messiah, while stating the importance of educating and training of children and their considerable role in society, once said:

"If we think over the matter of destruction in the world, we would realize that it took place only due to the inadequate training of the future generation. On the other hand, whenever a nation has progressed, it has progressed due to the good training of the new generation."

Moreover, Huzoor says:

"Although childhood has some exemptions, yet it is a training time for a child. Hence, we cannot ignore a child's training at this tender age. The people who comment on a mistake by saying, 'Leave him, he is still a child', are certainly fools in the first place. They do not understand that childhood is the age of learning. If a child does not learn at this age, it will be very, very difficult for him to learn at an older age. In fact, if we think it over, we will be convinced of the fact that the best period of one's learning is in his childhood. He must be trained according to Islamic principles."

So my elders and my brothers and sisters must realize that the task of bringing up children in the best possible way has a great importance. We must also acknowledge its practical importance. We must strive hard to carry out our duties with full strength and conviction in this regard. Being more specific, Hazrat Musleh Mauood further observed that the proper person to be burdened with the responsibility of bringing up the children is the mother, as has already been stated earlier in the saying of the Holy



Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah upon him). Huzoor says:

“In short, mothers have such an important responsibility that even if sincere men would wish to bear it, they would be incapable of carrying out this responsibility without the help of women. Only women have the proven capability and power to bring up the children. They must not neglect this responsibility by considering it an ordinary one. They must discharge the duty with full attention...”

The women have, first and foremost, the duty to educate and train the children. This responsibility of theirs is not less than that of Jihad. If the children of the time get good training, the nation becomes strong and begins to progress and prosper. Otherwise, the nation will collapse sooner or later. Thus, the progress of a nation or its destruction depends upon its women.

Keeping in mind the limited time at my disposal, I would like to suggest only one course of action at this time in the light of what the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said that parents can adopt. He said:

*“A child is born of a pure nature. Then his parents make him a Jew or a Christian or a fire-worshipper.”*

It doesn't mean that when a child reaches the age of maturity his parents should bring him to church and he is baptized there. Rather, it means that a child copies his parents' actions. He listens to them carefully. As a result, he embraces the faith of his parents.

Similarly all the children from a tender age start taking impressions of all the actions of their parents and their surroundings. If they are taught good things and parents act upon them accordingly, they get a good impression. Otherwise, the seed of evil is sown in their minds in childhood and this seed will sprout and become strong with the passing of time.

The first thing the parents must do is not to let the child become accustomed to any weakness. They must never be put in such a situation that they do not feel shame in committing evils, however minor the evils may be.

Unfortunately, some parents teach their children themselves how to tell lies or to steal something, though unintentionally. They do not speak the truth to their children. They make false promises to them, just to divert their attention. The truth of the matter is that they begin to introduce the children to evils by such irresponsible actions. Children are very intelligent. They realize that their parents are not telling them the truth. Children, then, begin to feel that perhaps this may be the right way to handle matters. Then they do not feel any shame while repeating the action they have already learned from their parents.

They must be told the truth without any hesitation. They must be taken in full confidence by their parents. Parents should not make lame excuses, thereby sowing a seed of evil in their children's minds. Parents can take advantage of the trust their children may have in them—that trust may be helpful in the reformation of the children.

May God help us to carry out our responsibilities and to fulfill the purpose of our creation. Ameen.

**Tilford**

## The 21st UK Jalsa

by Devinia Sookia

**Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad**  
addressing the congregation

## LOCAL AHMADIYYA NEWS

### FOURTH WEST COAST CONVENTION

Sunday, August 24, 1986

By the grace of Allah, Jamaat Ahmadiyya, Los Angeles, hosted the Fourth West Coast Convention on Sunday, August 24 at Crown Valley Community Park—a suburb of Los Angeles. Ahmadies living on the West Coast of the United States participated in this gathering, some of them traveling 1,200 to 1,300 miles to reach the meeting site. The Jamaats present at the meeting came from all over the West Coast, from Washington to Arizona. Approximately 300 individuals attended the Convention.

Maulana Sheikh Mubaraak Ahmed, Ameer and Missionary Incharge, USA, very kindly honored us with his presence.

The program commenced at 9:30 am. Brother Rehmat Jamal, President, Los Angeles, welcomed all the participants and requested Sh. Mubarak Ahmed Sahib to preside over the meeting. The first session started with the recitation of the Holy Quran, performed by Abdul Waheed Khalid, followed by an English translation. Ch. Mahmood Ahmed recited a poem by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II, in a melodious tone, along with an English translation.

Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad delivered his opening speech in which he read the message of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV for the U.S. Convention. He impressed upon the members the importance of paying special attention to the message of Huzoor. He also announced the formation of two committees for Tarbiyyat (training) and Tabligh (preaching) in order to implement Huzoor's directive.

After this speech, Brother Rashed Lateef Rashdi delivered an excellent talk on the subject *Shahadat of Hazrat Sahibzada Abdul Lateef Shaheed—A Lesson for Present Day Trials*. He explained, in the context of Quranic verses, the significance of sacrifice and the role of a true Momin (believer) during trials using the great example of Hazrat Sahibzada Abdul Lateef Shaheed. The second half of his speech focussed on the crisis of Ahmadies living in Pakistan.

The second speaker, Brother Abdul Raqueeb Wali, addressed the audience on the renaissance of Islam.

The next speaker, Dr. Mian Mohammad Tahir, spoke in Urdu about Qadian. He made an extremely descriptive presentation about the lifestyle in Qadian; how the inhabitants adopted true Islamic culture as it was lived by their leader. A brief English translation of the speech was presented by Anwar Khan.

The last speaker of the first session was Ch. Munir Ahmad, Missionary, West Coast, who spoke on the subject of The Holy Prophet (peace be on him) as *Dae Ilallah*. He explained the significance of preaching and the personal example of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be on him).

The second session commenced at 2:00 PM with the recitation of Holy Quran by Dr. Hameedur Rehman. Tahir Ahmed Rajpoot recited a poem by The Promised Messiah, Alaihis Salam.

Following this, a feature program entitled "Khilafate-Rashida" written by Anwer Khan, was presented by five children between the ages 7-14.

The first child Amjad Khan (7 years), discussed the concept of Khilafat in the context of the verses of the chapter Al-Noor which are known as *Istakhlaf* verses. After that, four Atfal members discussed the life and achievements of four Caliphs of the Holy Prophet in detail, i.e., Hazrat Abu Bakr, Hazrat Umar, Hazrat Uthman, and Hazrat Ali, may God be pleased with them.

This feature was very well liked by all. The speakers memorized their speeches and made excellent presentations.

Anwer Khan then discussed the death of Jesus Christ according to the Bible. There was a session of questions and answers open to all participants. A team of scholars, headed by Sheik Mubarak Ahmed answered the various questions posed by the audience.

Ch. Zafar Sarwar then recited a poem by the Promised Messiah Alahissalam in a melodious tone.

Finally, Sheikh Mubarak Ahmed addressed the convention. He expressed appreciation for the efforts of the children in their feature presentation. He described the progress of our activities in the U.S.A., the construction of the new mosques and mission houses. He emphasized that the training of

the young is of paramount importance in this materialistic environment. We should set our own good examples for them to follow. Every Ahmadi should at least make an effort to establish congregational prayers in the home and read a few verses of Holy Quran regularly. He shed light on the concept of (Khatme Nabuwwat) finality of the Holy Prophet in a beautiful way. He urged Ahmadies to follow the Holy Prophet's example, that is, instead of saying "Hello" or "Hi", we should say *Assalamo Alaikum*—peace be on you".

Sheikh Sahib also urged the participants to join the temporary Waqf Scheme of Khalifatul Masih and reap the fruits of this short sacrifice.

Finally the meeting was concluded with silent prayers led by Amir and Missionary Incharge.

(Abdul Rab Anwar, Gen. Sec., Los Angeles)

**NEW YORK:** *Tahir Tarbiyat Camp 1986 held at Baitul Zafar, A Great Success:* Tahir Tarbiyat Camp, for children ages 5-15, was held from August 9th to August 13th and was successful in every way. 104 Children from the Northeast Region came to the Tarbiyat Camp and stayed at Baitul Zafar. Two of our Muballighs, Inamul Haq Kausar and Sheikh Naseer-ud-Din, were among the tutors. The classes were held at Baitul Zafar. The subjects included the Holy Quran, Hadith, Religious Knowledge, Memorization of Surahs, Book Report, and Urdu. The classes were held under the direction of Tarbiyat Secretary, Razaq Qureshi. On the Nasirat side, our Lajna President, Ruxana Nasir, and Tahmida Ahmad took all efforts to ensure that everything would go smoothly.

Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad, Ameer and Muballigh Incharge USA, graciously attended the closing ceremonies of the Tarbiyat Camp. He was highly impressed with the responses from our students in their eagerness to answer as well as the answers themselves. *Alhamdulillah*. Sheikh Sahib then gave certificates of attendance to all the students who took part.

**Eid-ul-Adha:** Eid-ul-Adha was held in New York on Friday, August 15th and about 550 people attended the Eid prayers. Northeast Regional Muballigh, Inamul Haq Kausar, led the Eid prayers and gave an inspiring khutba.

**Distribution of Literature on Pakistan Day Parade:** Members of the New York Jamaat were out again on Pakistan Day Parade held on August 21st. Ahmadiyya literature was distributed to the spectators at

the parade. The literature was distributed under the supervision of our President, Mr. Nazir Ayaz.

**WASHINGTON, DC:** *Waqar-e-Amal at the Mosque:* Two events of Waqar-e-Amal were held at the mosque on August 10th and 17th. Several Khuddam and Ansar brothers worked throughout the day on both these occasions; stripping the paint and wall-paper off the walls, painting the first floor, mowing, trimming and raking the yard. All the brothers had to do very hard physical labor for accomplishing this task. Ahmadiyya literature, books, and publications were tastefully displayed in showcases built on the wall in the hallway and reception room. New carpet was laid in the main rooms of the first floor. May Allah accept their humble sacrifice and enable a much larger number of the members of the Jamaat to participate in such events in the future. Ameen.

**Eid-ul-Adha:** Eid-ul-Adha was celebrated on Friday, August 15, at Prince Georges' Country Club, Landover, MD. More than 400 Ahmadi men, women, and children coming from all over the Washington and Baltimore metropolitan areas offered their prayers under the leadership of Maulana Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad, Amir and Muballigh Incharge, USA. Sheikh Sahib, in his sermon, explained the philosophy of sacrifice in the context of the great sacrifice of Hazrat Ibrahim and his blessed son Hazrat Ismail (may peace be on them). The Ameer also conveyed the affectionate *Assalamo Alaikum* and *Eid Mubarak* of our beloved Imam, Syedna Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih IV (may Allah strengthen his hands). He also apprised the members of the Jamaat of the proceedings of the International Majlis-e-Shura held at London, U.K., at the end of July, 1986, and advised them to accelerate the pace of their efforts and enhance the level of their sacrifices for Islam and Ahmadiyyat. Several members of the Jamaat offered sacrifices on this occasion.

**Eid Reception:** The Ameer and Muballigh Incharge hosted an Eid reception at the mosque on Sunday, August 17th, 1986. The neighbors, members of the Area Neighborhood Advisory Commission, the acting Ambassador of Kenya, diplomats, professionals, opinion leaders, and some other interested people were invited. The occasion was reasonably attended. Some national and local office bearers of the Jamaat and the muballigheen were also present. The Ameer and Muballigh Incharge, who was flanked by Alhaj Ata Ullah Kaleem, the Principal of Jamia-e-Ahma-



diyya, Rabwah and Syed Mir Mahmud Ahmad Nasir, formerly the Ameer and Muballigh Incharge Spain, greeted the guests. The guests were also presented a package, containing the Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam and other publications. The guests thoroughly enjoyed their visit and expressed a desire to have an ongoing contact with the Ameer and Muballigh Incharge.

**Monthly General Meeting:** The monthly General Meeting of the Jamaat was held on August 3, 1986 at the mosque with Br. Dr. Masud Ahmad Malik, President of the Jamaat, in the chair. Br. Laeeq Ahmad Tahir, Muballigh, explained in detail how righteous communities conduct themselves in the face of troubles and tribulation. Dr. Mir Daud Ahmad presented an excellent report on the Jalsa Salana of the U.K. Jamaat held on July 25-27, 1986. Mubarak Ahmad Malik recited a poem of Hazrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him). Mir Mahmud Ahmad Nasir made an eloquent speech on "The Love of the Holy Prophet (Peace and blessings of God be on him)." The Jamaat President, in his concluding remarks, emphasized upon the members of the Jamaat to offer sacrifices of time and money and accelerate their efforts in the areas of Tabligh and Tarbiyyat. The meeting concluded with collective dua led by Mian Abdul Rahim Ahmad.

**Ansar-Ullah:** The local majlis Ansar-Ullah has provided five Da'ee Il-Allah series, with the courtesy of Alhaj Ata Ullah Kaleem. All ansar brothers are urged to accelerate their tabligh efforts. They are also requested to ensure that at least one prayer is offered in congregation in their household, followed by Dars-i-Quran, Hadith, Malfoozat or listening to a tape of Huzur's Friday Sermon.

**Lajna Ima-illah:** By the grace of Allah, our sisters kept up their distinctively creditable efforts in the areas of Tabligh and Tarbiyyat. The local Lajna attended the U.K. Jalsa Salana and also sent a representative to the International Majlis-e-shura. Sister Nusrat Alhadith along with her husband had the blessing of performing the Hajj. Alhamdo Lillah.

We welcome two new converts to Islam and they are Sister Hanifa Abdullah and Sister Naseema. A reception was held in their honor on August 31, at the mosque.

**Washington Jamaat Needs Volunteer Help:**

Washington being the National Headquarters of the USA Jamaat, there are many opportunities for the brothers and sisters to serve the cause of Ahmadiyyat, the true Islam. Help is presently needed in the areas of press and media contact, hospitality in

various Jamaat functions, maintenance and upkeep of the mosque, secretarial help, working with Immigration and other government and private agencies or helping the needy members of the Jamaat, miscellaneous chores such as helping duplicate audio/video tapes, arranging books, literature, and other stuff at the headquarters, and mailing literature, tapes, and other materials. Help is also needed to assist various secretaries in the performance of their duties.

## ATTENTION AHMADI BUSINESSMEN

A decision has been made to establish an *Ahmadiyya Association of Businessmen* in the U.S.A. The goals and objectives of the proposed organization include:

(1) To enhance business opportunities for Ahmadi Businessmen through a network of mutual and reciprocal cooperation, interaction, and information.

(2) To provide guidance, counselling, help, and encouragement to the members of the Jamaat who are interested in starting their own business.

(3) To promote employment opportunities for the unemployed or underemployed members of the Jamaat.

(4) To introduce the Islamic way of transacting business among the American business community, thereby enhancing the scope of tabligh work.

(5) To expand the sphere and scope of the activities of the Association aimed at establishing a liaison between Ahmadi businessmen at an international level.

**All the members of the Jamaat, who have their own business, in whatever field or in whatever form, are therefore, requested to provide the following information about themselves:**

Name:

Address:

Telephone: home and work:

Name of Company or Firm:

You may forward the above information to the National Headquarters (2141 Leroy Place, NW, Washington D.C. 20008) or call one of the following numbers:

National Headquarters: (202) 232-3737

Allah Bakhsh Chaudhry, Social Services Secretary: (703) 780-3521 (evenings and weekends)

All local Jamaat Presidents are requested to compile the above information and forward it to the National Headquarters as soon as possible.

Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad,  
Ameer and Muballigh Incharge

# TARIQ

News and Views

Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, U.S.A.

Editor: Syed Sajid Ahmad

*And We have enjoined on man kindness to his parents; but if they strive to make thee associate that with Me of which thou hast no knowledge, then obey them not. Unto Me is your return, and I shall inform you of what you did. (29:9)*

وَوَصَّيْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ بِوَالِدَيْهِ  
حُسْنًا وَإِنْ جَاهَدَاكَ لِتُشْرِكَ بِي مَا لَيْسَ لَكَ بِهِ عِلْمٌ  
فَلَا تَطِعْهُمَا إِلَىٰ رَجْعِكَ فَاَنْتُمْ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ \*

## MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL QAID

Dear Khuddam,

*Assalamo-alaikum-warahmatullah.*

By the grace of Allah, the Almighty, we have arranged and participated in many blessed and successful activities this year. The number of training classes for children has increased all over the US. By the month of July, Khuddam subscriptions had already doubled over last year. A successful national Ijtema has been held with many more new programs, and included outdoor camping. Number of reports sent by qaids has multiplied. There has been substantial increase in the number of local meetings held this year. Tariq has been published more often in the pages of Gazette (thanks to the Ameer and Missionary Incharge). *Falhamdolillah.*

The spirit and enthusiasm of the members, triggering these activities and helping make them a success, is greatly appreciated. We should keep up the momentum. We should continue striving to make khuddam programs a success. There are difficulties, but with continuous supplications and consistent affectionate effort, we can, with the help of Almighty Allah, overcome them.

Current Khuddam year ends in October. Please help your qaids to reach their goals on time by attending all scheduled meetings, and discharging your obligations to Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya.

Next khuddam year starts November 1. Please continue helping your qaids in successful completion of all their activities so that they may reach their goals. Let us try together for another successful year.

At this time I would like to make the following requests to every khadim in the USA:

1. Write to the Khalifatul Masih, may Allah be his support, at least once a month. Include the members of your family in this activity.

2. Obtain the tapes of the khutbas of the Khalifatul Masih every week regularly and listen to them in the company of the members of your family. English versions of his khutbas are now available.

3. Read the khuddam program carefully and provide assistance in its successful completion.

4. Make Islam a family affair. Conduct as many congregational prayer services at home as possible, if you live away from the mosque. Take them to the mosque with you if you live near the mosque. Recite the Holy Quran together, etc.

I need your valuable suggestions to improve the activities of the Majlis in the US. I need your support and prayers to make the Majlis a success in the States. Jazakomollah.

May Allah be our guide and support. Amen.

Yours in the service of Islam,

Syed Sajid Ahmad, National Qaid,  
Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, USA.

### Address Change

Concerning all U.S. Khuddam matters, Please write to:

Syed Asjid Ahmad, National Qaid  
Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, U.S.A.,  
4615 West Boston Street  
Chandler, Arizona 85226

until further notice. Qaids, please send your report at the above address.

### TA'LEEM (Education) PROGRAM

1. Every khadim or tiftl, who does not know, should learn, how to read the Arabic text of the Holy Quran.

2. Following books of the Promised Messiah (alaihessalam) are prescribed for the year 1986-87, for Urdu speaking Khuddam:

Name of the Book	Month
Zarooratul Imam	November 1986
Aik Ghalti Ka Azala	December 1986
Fateh Islam	January 1987
Barakatud Dua	February 1987

Lecture Sialkote	March 1987
Lecture Lahore	April 1987
Lecture Luddhiana	May 1987
Chashma-e-Masihee	June 1987
Masih Hindustan Mein	July-August 1987
Daafe-ul-Balaa	September 1987
Al-Wasiyyat	October 1987

Urdu speaking khuddam should buy a set of the books of the Promised Messiah, Alaihessalam, and read these books during the prescribed months.

Abdus Salam Malik, Nazim Ta'leem.

### SOME IMPORTANT DATES IN THE AHMADIYYA HISTORY

Birth of the Promised Messiah, alaihessalam:	February 1935
Construction of Masjid Aqsa at Qadian:	1876
Birth of the Promised Reformer, Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih II, may Allah be pleased with him:	January 12, 1889
First Bai'at (Pact of Obedience at Ludhiana)	March 1889
First Annual Gathering (Jalsa Salana):	December 1891
Construction of Talimul Islam High School at Qadian:	1898
Construction of Madrasa Ahmadiyya:	1906
Death of the Promised Messiah, Alaihessalam:	May 26, 1908
Bai'at of the Second Khilafat:	March 14, 1914
Lajna Imaillah Founded:	1922
Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya founded:	1938
Rabwah Founded:	September 10, 1949
Death of Khalifatul Masih II, Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad, may Allah be pleased with him:	November 8, 1965
Establishment of Fazle Umar Foundation:	December 1965
Establishment of Nusrat Jahan Scheme:	1970
Death of Khalifatul Masih III, Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, may Allah be pleased with him:	June 9, 1982
Bai'at of Khalifatul Masih IV, Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, may Allah be his support:	June 10, 1982