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NEW WAQF-I-JADID YEAR INAUGURATED

(Summary of Friday sermon given by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV,
 at the London Mosque on January 2, 1987.)

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV, announced the inauguration of the New Year for the *Waqf-i-Jadid* Scheme, in his *Khutba Jumah* on January 2, 1987. Huzoor recited the verse:

"And those who had established their home in this city before them and had accepted faith, love those who came to them for refuge, and find not in their hearts any desire for that which is given the refugees, but prefer the refugees to themselves, even though poverty be their own lot. And whoso is rid of the covetousness of his own soul—it is them who will be successful." (59:10)

and related an incident in Medina which is associated with this revelation.

The Holy Prophet had some guests one evening and he asked for volunteers to accommodate these guests overnight. One Ansar from Medina volunteered and took the guests home. These were the days of extreme poverty for the Muslims and he did not even have enough food in the house for his own family. He asked his wife to put the children to bed without any supper and when it becomes very dark outside, serve the food to the guests. As they sit down to eat, she would make sure that the lamp goes out as if by accident. While the guests eat their food in the dark, the hosts will not touch the food but will make sounds as if they are also eating. This way the meager amount of food will be sufficient for the guests.

Allah liked this action of the host family so much that He informed the Holy Prophet of this incident and the above verse was revealed.

Huzoor said that the verse applies to Ahmadies

HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH IV

By Allah's Grace, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV and members of his family are well, *Alhamdo Lillah.*

today. While the Jamaats in Pakistan are passing through extremely hard times, their spirit of sacrifice has increased as evidenced by a significant increase in their contributions to *Waqf-i-Jadid* and to other funds. He specifically mentioned Quetta and Sahiwal Jamaats in Pakistan who have been the targets of extreme persecutions and these Jamaats have shown their devotion to Ahmadiyyat by a many fold increase in their *Waqf-i-Jadid* contributions. He asked all Ahmadies to pray for the Jamaats in Pakistan and to increase in their own zeal also by coming forward with ever increasing commitments to help the cause of Ahmadiyyat.

Huzoor also commented on the New Year celebrations in the Western countries where the New Year was greeted with such extreme drinking and irresponsible behavior that the police everywhere had difficulty controlling the situation.

A believer has a great responsibility at such an occasion. We can greet the New Year with a resolve to shoulder the responsibility Allah has put on us to change the world for the better. We can send this New Year greeting to the world that we resolve to emanate beneficence towards mankind with more vigor and determination. The beneficence emanating from the Holy Prophet of Islam was for the whole mankind. We will take up this task to spread his beneficence with an ever increasing determination to convey it to the whole mankind.

NEWS FROM PAKISTAN

Rawalpindi:

Kalima Injures Feelings of Pakistani Muslims

Ameer Jama'at-e-Ahmadiyya, Rawalpindi, has

been served with a notice to erase Kalima Tayyaba from the Ahmadiyya mosque, situated at Murree Road, Rawalpindi. A copy of this shameful court order is given below.

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER (CITY)/SUB-DIVISIONAL
MAGISTRATE, RAWALPINDI

NOTICE

WHEREAS this has been brought to my notice that you Mr Mujib-ur-Rehman, Amir Jamaat-e-Ahmadiya, Baitul Hamd, Murree Road, Rawalpindi have inscribed Kalma Tayyaba at your place of worship known as "Baitul Hamd" situated at Murree Road, Rawalpindi.

AND WHEREAS the above said inscription is deemed to be a visible representation of posing yourselves as muslims which has reasons to outrage the religious feelings of the muslims. The above said act of yours is an offence under section 298-C of the Pakistan Penal Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Shahid Ullah Beg, Assistant Commissioner/Sub-Divisional Magistrate, City Sub-Division, Rawalpindi, hereby require you to voluntarily remove "Kalma Tayyaba" inscribed on the building known as "Baitul Hamd" on Murree Road, Rawalpindi within a period of 15 days

falling which appropriate legal action as provided under the law shall be taken in the matter.

Issued under the signatures and the seal of the Court, this 29th day of December, 1986.



(SHAHID ULLAH BEG)
Assistant Commissioner (City)/
Sub-Divisional Magistrate,
Rawalpindi

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ISLAM ON AFFECTION TOWARDS CHILDREN AND THEIR TRAINING

The new generation has an important role in the rise and fall of a nation. If a nation is able to provide adequately for the physical, spiritual, intellectual, and moral training of its youngsters, it secures the integrity of its future. Considering this fundamental fact, the Holy Founder of Islam, Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, has obligated every Muslim to decorate their offspring with outstanding ornaments of education and training. Thus he so proclaimed: *"No father can bestow a better gift upon his child than training him appropriately."* (Tirmizi).

While the founder of Islam, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, brought to the attention of every Muslim the children's training and leaving the best generation after them, he also outlined the best principles for training.

Childhood is an age of learning. If children are told a bit of wisdom with love and affection, they grip it attentively and benefit from it all their life. The founder of Islam, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, has relayed this golden principle in the following words: *"A person who does not deal with children with love and affection, and does not respect the elders, does not belong to Islam"* (Tirmizi). That is, to deal with children with affection has been determined to be a part of religion.

The second principle of training which the founder of Islam has brought to our attention is respect for one's progeny. He says: *"Respect your progeny, and train them best"* (Ibn Majah). His attitude towards respect for children is demonstrated by that fact that whenever his daughter Fatimah, may Allah be pleased with her, visited him, he would stand up to welcome her, show his affection, and give her his own seat for sitting (Tirmizi). Thus it is necessary to take care of children's self respect. They should be addressed honorably, and they should not be treated in a way which degrades them in the eyes of their fellow children.

The third principle with respect to training, relayed to us by the Holy Founder of Islam, peace be on him, is that justice and equality should be observed among children. One should not be preferred over the other without any reason. No'maan bin Bashir, a companion of His Holiness, blessings of Allah be on him, relates that his father gave him a gift. His mother said to him: I do not like this gift to be given unless the

Holy Prophet is made witness to it. Therefore, No'maan's father came to the Holy Prophet and related the whole incidence. He asked: Have you given similar gifts to all your children? He said: No. Then the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be on him, said: Fear Allah, and implement justice among your children. Therefore, No'maan's father took the gift back from him (Bokhari).

According to the Islamic teachings, children's training period starts right after their birth, and Islam has stressed to pay attention to them starting right then. But when children reach the age of two or so, and start eating all by themselves, then it becomes necessary to acquaint them with etiquettes of dining, and as they progress forward, they should be acquainted with the manners of living in the society and behaving with each other. The Holy Founder of Islam taught the manners to the children dining at his table in this way: *"Start with the name of your Gracious Lord who fed you, eat with the right hand, and eat from what is in front of you"* (Bokhari).

When a Muslim child is seven, it is necessary for him to observe his daily Islamic worship, and because the cleanliness of the body and the clothes before this worship is necessary, therefore, it is necessary to make them understand that they should be clean and their clothes should be clean too (Abu Daood).

Islam teaches us that when we meet each other, we should say the words: *Assalamo-alaikum*. This expression means that everyone of us be saved from every sorrow and trouble. Whenever the Holy Founder of Islam passed by children, it was his tradition to say *Assalamo-alaikum* to them so that the children should realize that they have to say these words when they meet each other.

The period of childhood is a time for playing and games. It is necessary for their training that we arrange games for them, mix with them, teach them with affection what is necessary to be taught, and entertain them with jokes and anecdotes so that they feel at home with us, and we could relay necessary wisdom to them.

The Holy Founder of Islam, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, was a Prophet of God. On his shoulders lay the extremely heavy responsibility of the guidance of the world. Yet he dealt with children with utter affection. Sometimes he would ask his grandsons, Hassan and Hussain, to stand on his feet

The publication intends to be for the children and the youth. But it is equally pertinent for the adults. The books are moderately priced, \$8.00 for each set. Every Muslim family must have one or more sets. And no Ahmadee Home should be without this invaluable spiritual treasure.

(Dr. Qazi Muhammad Barkatullah, Member Editorial Board, the Review of Religion)

ISLAMIC VIEW ON ABORTION

We Muslims are against all such abortions that only give protection to moral degradation.

We are also against an abortion meant only to check an increase in population; abortion for fear of starvation; or abortion for fear of lack of means of development. We oppose these abortion because God's sources are beyond limitation. Those who suffer from starvation only lack sufficient efforts to utilize the means towards these sources.

Abortion is a crime, as it always accompanies the possibility of developing a defect in the mother, possibly for a life-time, sometimes of even depriving her of a child forever.

Islamic Law is flexible. It cares for exceptions and unavoidable situations. Islam allows abortion with great restrictions—only when the mother's life is at stake.

Why not Chastity? Why moral Laxity? Islam enjoins chastity on both males and females equally. On committing adultery, a warning-setting punishment is prescribed for both male and female equally, contrary to the practice of olden days when a woman was stoned to death for unlawful pregnancy, while the adulterous male, who caused it, went his way without any punishment.

Nip the evil in the bud! Smaller evils lead to greater ones. The Holy Founder of Islam said:

"When the larger amount of something brings harm to an individual (and ultimately to society) then even its smaller amount is unlawful."

This is because when its limited amount is made lawful, who is going to define and guard its limits?

The Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) also said:

"If you don't want foreign animals to graze in your field, then put a fence around it."

Why have Abortions? Why not take Precautions?

ANSARULLAH

The Schedule for 1987 as suggested by the Markaz is as follows:

1. All Ansarullah should memorize Salat and its translation.
2. All Ansarullah should memorize the last ten suras of the Holy Quran. After that is completed, memorize the last sixteen suras. (If you have already completed the last ten suras).
3. All Ansarullah should study and learn the second part of Al Baqarah with the extended commentary.
4. The following books will be read and studied for test:
 - a. Fountain of Christianity
 - b. Blessings of Prayer
 - c. The Will
 - d. Our Teaching

One test will be given in the month Hijrat (May), the other given in the month of Nubuwwat (November). They will be in English.

Please start working now so that you may make a good showing at Ijtema 1987 and on the tests which will be reported to Markaz and ultimately to Huzoor.

ANNUAL CONVENTION 1987

The Ahmadiyya Annual Convention, USA Jamaat, will, *Insha Allah*, be held during June 26,27,28, 1987. The Washington Jamaat will, *Insha Allah*, again have the blessing of being the host of the Annual Convention. The Convention will be held at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County Campus. The National Managing Committee, in its Meeting held on January 18, 1987, appointed the following two committees to make all the arrangements:

Program Committee:

Br. Dr. Muzaffar Ahmad Zafar (Chairman), Br. Mubashar Ahmad, and Br. Inamul Haq Kausar

General Arrangements Committee:

Br. Dr. Masoud Ahmad Malik (Chairman), Br. Allah Bakhsh Chaudhry, Br. Dr. Syed Abdul Majid, Br. Abdul Rashid Yahya, Sister Shakoora Nooriya.

Mark these dates on your calendars and make it a point to attend the Convention.

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS TRAINING CLASS HELD AT NORTH JERSEY, NJ

By the grace of God, North Jersey Jamat's first religious training class for children was held from December 28-31, 1986. On the average 23 boys and 15 girls participated in the class every day. The class was started with the recitation of the Holy Quran followed by a few couplets from *Durr-es-Samin*. After opening remarks by Br. Mohammad Sadiq, Dr. Imtiaz Chaudhary, President North Jersey Jamat, Karimullah Zirvi and Maulana Inam-ul-Haq Kausar, the teaching program was started. Maulana Kausar conducted and supervised the teaching program. Teaching was done in the boys section and relayed via video system to the girls section. Mr. Rizwan Chaudhry and Mr. Nasir Zirvi were in charge of the video transmission.

On the first day of class, the children were tested to find out what they already knew and accordingly a course for the class was prepared. During the training period the children were taught the following:

1. Holy Quran: Correct recitation of the Holy Quran, and translation of Sura "Al-Fateh" and the first Ruku of Sura "Al-Baqra"
2. Hadith: General knowledge about Ahadith. Memorization of 5 Ahadith with English translation
3. Prayer: General information about prayer with translation
4. Adhan: Children memorized and practiced Adhan

5. General Knowledge: Question/answer sessions and competitions about Islam and Ahmadiyyat were held.

In the evenings, children were shown video cassettes of Hazrat Khalifa-ul-Massih IV's question answer sessions and Edmonton, Canada's nightline interview:

Everyday children offered all of the prayers in congregation. Some of the prayers were led by children.

North Jersey Lajna played a major role in the success of the class. Several Lajna members cooked food for 50-70 participants of the class for 4 days. The Regional Lajna President, Mrs. Tahira Chaudhary and Local Lajna President, Mrs. Amatul Latif Zirvi, organized food distribution. They also supervised the girls section.

On the last day of the class, oral and written competitions were held in recitation of the Holy Quran, Ahadith, Adhan, prayer and general religious knowledge. The children were divided into two groups for competition:

- (1) Below 13 years old (2) 13 years old and above.

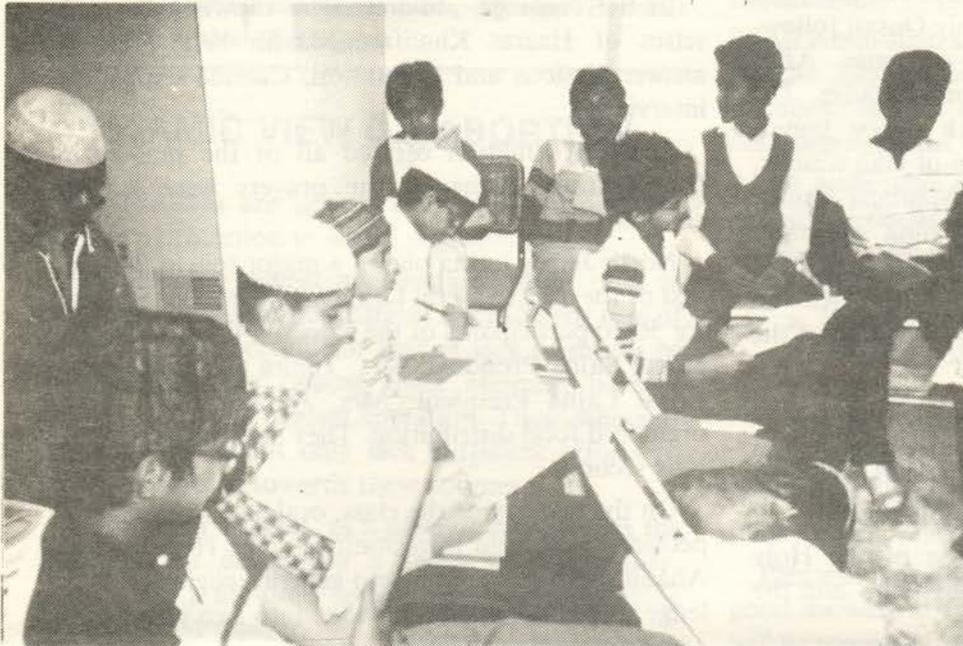
At the closing ceremony, prizes were given to the students who came 1st and 2nd in individual categories and to the students who obtained 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions in overall competition. Maulana Sheikh Nasir-ul-Oin Sahib gave the prizes. In the closing



A view from the Religious Training Class held at North Jersey, N.J.

remarks, Manlana Kausar Sahib, Regional Missionary Incharge, said that he was worried about the success of the class as it was the first religious training class to be held in North Jersey and North Jersey Jamat does not have a mission house of their own. However, by the Grace of God, the class has been

extremely successful in every respect and especially from the attendance point of view. He further thanked Dr. Imtiaz Chaudhary Sahib, President, North Jersey Jamat for providing his house to hold the class, and to the North Jersey Lajna for doing an excellent job in the success of the class.



A view from the Religious Training Class held at North Jersey, N.J.

SOCIAL SERVICE

While watching the evening news, I saw that there was a fire which destroyed the home of 2 families. The newsmen was saying everything was destroyed. Three members of the family were killed in the fire, 2 adults and an infant. Immediately after hearing the story I started to call our social secretary, Ahmad Lateef, to see how and in which way we could assist. We then contacted the other members and told them of our efforts to help this family. The following day Brother Ahmad Lateef, went by the victims home where they were staying and got information about the family. He got the ages and sizes of the children and parents who survived. Clothes were then collected along with a cash donation given by Doctor Amin Baig.

The clothes were then distributed by President Hamza Zainudaldin, Social Secretary Ahmad Lateef and Brother Kareem Abdulla.

There are no words to express the gratitude of the fire victims. They were given clothes and \$150.00 worth of food certificates. The young woman who was given the certificates could not hold back her

tears of such generosity. It gave me such a feeling I can not explain.

The Ahmadiyya Movement Food Pantry distributed 2,500 pounds of food to 141 needy families or 608 needy people, in the month of December. A wealthy Milwaukee family donated 1,000 pounds of food, a radio station donated 58 bags of food to the Milwaukee Ahmadiyya Movement food pantry for distribution to the needy.

(Ghaniyya Ahmad, Secretary for Food Pantry)

THE PROMISED MESSIAH'S BOOKS SECOND BATCH OF SET AVAILABLE

All of you who have purchased the Book Set of the Promised Messiah, would be happy to know that ten volumes of the second set have been received at Washington. If you have not paid for the complete set, you can still order the whole set for \$250.00. To order, get in touch with the Washington headquarters.

PARENTS-CHILDREN DAY IN LOS ANGELES

The Jamaa't at Los Angeles celebrated the first Parents-Children Day on Friday, December 26, 1986 at 2:30 p.m. at the Mission House. By the grace of Allah 12 Atfal participated in this program with full preparation. Mr. Rehmat Jamaal presided over the meeting which started with the recitation of the Holy Qurah. Mustafa Ahmed, (10 yrs.) recited an Urdu poem in the praise of Allah, the Merciful

Ch. Munir Ahmed, Missionary West Coast, presented an introduction of Parents-Children Day. He also explained the significance of Vaquar-e-Amal to the young children and enjoined them to help their parents in Household chores like cleaning, dish washing, laundry and taking out the garbage, etc. He also described the importance of cleaning the Mosque and the surroundings. To provide encouragement he announced a prize to be given by him who proves to be a top performer in 1987 in this field.

The first young speaker was Saifur Rehman, (6 yrs.) who spoke on the subject "Obedience to Parents". He narrated a short story of two boys playing on the train tracks, one of whom was saved from the passing train because he listened to his mother but the other one was killed due to the disobedience. "Meeting Etiquettes" was the subject of the brave Raheel Pervez (11 yrs). He described nine meeting etiquettes to be followed in every meeting. The next speaker was Faiz Rehman (9 yrs.) who discussed "Kindness to Parents" for two minutes. He clearly recited the Quranic verses which emphatically express the Divine Commandments to show kindness to parents.

Amjad Mahmood Khan (7 yrs.) talked for five minutes on the subject 'Holy Prophet Sallam and Children'. The next speaker was Ahsan Mahmood Khan who spoke on the subject 'An Ahmedi Child'. He shed light on the fundamental difference between an Ahmedi and a non-Ahmedi child by explaining that the focus of an Ahmedi child's activities is Allah, the Merciful. He outlined a 24 hour schedule of an Ahmedi child with seven Quranic verses and twelve Ahadees.

Later on, Sheikh Sameer Ahmed (11 yrs.) spoke on the topic, 'Obedience to Parents'. He narrated a short story of a wayfarer who was trapped in a cave when he sought refuge in it due to the strong stormy weather. He was saved miraculously as a reward for his service to his parents which he mentioned in his ardent prayers for his safety. This shows the

significance of service to one's parents. 'Children's Rights' was the subject discussed by a 15 year young Dildar Ahmed. He elaborated how our Holy Quran has safeguarded the rights of the children but also covered all the possible needs very wisely. He further explained that how modern science is finding the hidden wisdom in the weaning process that the children receive the antibodies from the mother's milk which are essential for the healthy growth of children. Children are further protected by all kinds of abuses which are common day occurrence in this society.

The last young speaker was Arshad Mahmood Khan (14 yrs.). He talked for eight minutes on the subject, 'Parents—Obedience and Service'. He compared the newborns of animals with that of human being and showed how much weaker is the human child. To demonstrate this point he picked up his younger brother Ataul Malik (9 months) in his lap and showed how important it is for a human child to be pampered by their parents. With several Ahadees he unequivocally proved the wisdom of service to one's parents.

Mr. Rehmat Jamaal was the next speaker who gave a very interesting account of 'What is Christmas'. He uncovered the hollowness of the beliefs in 'Santa Clause' and the entire Christmas festival. He presented a brief history of this Myth, how it started from Germany, how the idea began a real Myth in 1880's by Americans. He further compared the Islamic Festivals of EID with this mythical festival—Christmas which has nothing to do with the birth of Jesus Christ. Islamic festivals are based on realities not on myths or any such thing. Finally, Anwer Khan appreciated all the speeches and announced that Atfal will receive some prizes in the next Jamaat's meeting.

The function ended with the silent prayers followed by refreshments arranged by Lateef Malik, our Entertainment Secretary.

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AMERICAN AHMADIYYA JAMAAT NEWS

TULSA, OK: By the grace of Allah our monthly meeting (December) was held in Fayetteville, Arkansas, on the 20th December 1986. The meeting was opened by a recital of a passage from the Holy Quran. Brother Hameed Naseem gave a brief lecture on the life of the Holy Prophet (S.A.W.). We then delved into the main topic for discussion—Tabligh. The meeting did not come to a close but with each and every member present promising to be an active caller unto Allah. The meeting was brought to a close by a collective prayer. *Alhamdo Lillah.*

TUCSON, AZ: Regular Jumah prayer are held at our Jamaat President's home. Sunday prayer meeting is held in our new Masjid, that is nearly completed.

Masjid domes are ready to be put on Top of Masjid in January. Huzoor tapes are played at our Sunday meeting and tapes in Urdu are heard by the Urdu speaking Brothers at their gathering for that purpose.

The wife of our President is teaching salat to a Muslim sister, new convert to Islam, non-Ahmadi.

Two brothers from our Jamaat, one *Ansar* and one *Khadim* are doing Tabligh, with an interested Christian.

Khudam and Ansar brothers have done work on the Mosque, arches on the inside were done by them, and some preparation on the landscape.

25 Qurans have been sold, and literature has been distributed.

NEW YORK: Report on Jamaat Meeting Held on December 7, 1986: Jamaat Meeting held at Baitul Zafar on December 7, 1986 was successful. Each Jamaat Office holder described his duties and functions. There was feedback from the audience. Questions on Tarbiyat, Tabligh & Finance were asked by the Jamaat members and were answered by the respective office holders. There was open discussion on various Jamaat activities and solutions were put forward. Some of the discussions of the meetings are presented in brief:

Tabligh: Each member must have personal contact with his friend in matters of Tabligh. Give names and addresses of friends interested in receiving information on Ahmadiyyat to our Muballigh, Inamul Haq Kauser, or to Tabligh Secretary, Saleh Nasser. Step up Tabligh activity in 1987.

Tarbiyat: More emphasis to be laid on Tarbiyat Programs for all bodies of the Jamaat.

Health & Social: Members can get help from Ahmadiyya Doctors in New York and any social help should be brought to the attention of Salam Jamil, our Social Secretary. Cleanliness of Baitul Zafar is the responsibility of each and every Jamaat member and all of us should be mindful of the same.

Finance: Jamaat members are fulfilling their pledges. *Alhamdo Lillah.* Financial Secretary will mail quarterly statements of chanda payments. However, all members are urged to pay their Chanda Aam according to prescribed rate, which is 1/16 of the monthly income.

The attendance at this meeting was approximately 100 men, women, and children.

Ansar & Lajna Meetings Held in December: The ansars and Lajna had their meetings in December as usual. The next Auxiliaries Meeting for Lajna, Khudam & Ansars is on January 11, 1987. The time is 11:15 a.m. at Baitul Zafar.

Tarbiyat Activities: Halqa Nigrans (Area Nigrans) for New York Jamaat: It is essential that the Jamaat as a whole should progress spiritually. Due to distances between homes and Baitul Zafar it becomes difficult to come to Baitul Zafar all the time. With this in view we have decided that members of each borough/neighborhood, should get together for congregational prayers and some religious discussions on a regular basis. So we have divided New York into Halqas with their Nigrans or head who will organize such meetings and also will be responsible in conveying messages of Jamaat when asked to.

At least one prayer must be said in congregation at home or at allocated areas in your area.

Tahir Class: The Syllabus for different groups of children has been printed. Parents may examine the same by requesting Mr. Razaq Qureshi, our Tarbiyat Secretary. All parents must bring/send their children on time; including on meeting days. If the children get homework, parents must ensure they do it and also make them recite the Holy Quran daily at home.

Under the National Tarbiyat Program it has been made compulsory that all children must read and learn **Lessons on Islam**, a set of books 1 through 4. Parents, please make sure that your children read them. The first test of Book 1 is on January 4th. Those getting less than 60 percent must take the test again. The Test for Book 2 will be after one month.

Tabligh Activities: Literature Distribution by Khuddam: During the holiday season in New York, Khuddamul Ahmadiyya, under the supervision of the Qaid Tahir Hamid, distributed Ahmadiyya literature and pamphlets in large numbers. *Alhamdo Lilah*, the literature distribution campaign was very successful.

Representation at the World Muslim Banquet: Mr. Nazir Ayaz, Inamul Haq Kauser, Hadi Nasir, and Zinda Mahmood Bajwa represented the Jamaat at the World Muslim Banquet function.

We are visiting various religious organizations as part of Tabligh and also inviting them to visit us. We are presenting the Ahmadiyya point of view wherever necessary at these meetings. In this connection Saleh Nasser, our Tabligh Secretary, along with Ruxsana Nasser, Lajna President and Bushra Jamil visited a Church on invitation and were able to present the Ahmadiyya point of view regarding Jesus Christ, peace be on him. They have also invited some of the people and were able to get some names and addresses of those present.

Social: There have been local get togethers in different areas hosted by various members with the object of knowing the various Jamaat members more closely. Our president, Mr. Nazir Ayaz, has been visiting these get togethers where members of the neighboring areas visited the host.

WASHINGTON, DC: The General Monthly Meeting of the Jamaat was held on Sunday, January 4, 1987 at the Fazl Mosque, with Dr. Masoud Ahmad Malik, President of the Jamaat in the chair. Keeping up the tradition of the previous years, this being the first meeting of the year 1987, it was devoted to review and assessment of the activities of the Jamaat during 1986 and to discuss plans for the new year. Wherin eleven office bearers presented their reports for 1986 and submitted plans for 1987.

Br. Dr. Masoud Ahmad Malik, the President of the Jamaat elaborated the plans of each department and exhorted upon the office bearers to perform their duties diligently. He also appealed to the members of the Jamaat to take more interest in the affairs of the Jamaat, attend the periodical meetings and get involved in Tabligh work.

Maulana Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad, the Amir and Missionary Incharge, in his concluding remarks read out a letter, received recently from Hazrat Amirul Momineen (May Allah strengthen his hands) and exhorted the members to accelerate their efforts in the

area of *Da'wat Ilallah*. He appreciated that the local Jamaat had accomplished its budgetary goal. He also drew the attention of the members towards the moral and spiritual training of their children. He emphasized that 100% children should be enrolled in the Ta'leemul Islam Academy. The meeting concluded with collective Dua, led by the Amir and Missionary Incharge.

Auxiliaries: Ansar Ullah: Local Majlis Ansar Ullah held its Monthly Meeting after the General Meeting. The Majlis announces the availability of Spanish tapes for the benefit of the members.

Lajna Amaillah: Lajna held their meetings on January 4 and 18, 1987. Sisters Shakoora and Hameeda addressed the sisters. Lajna had made elaborate preparations to participate in the National March for Right to Life, which had to be cancelled due to a snow storm. 46 sisters have pledged \$4000 towards Tehrik-e-Jadid. Lajna and Nasirat raised funds by selling 1987 calendars. The Lajna contributed a substantial dollar amount towards "Bread For the City". Lajna and Nasirat are preparing for the Annual Ijtema, which is scheduled to be held in April, 1987, Insha Allah.

CASSETTES OF THE FRIDAY SERMONS IN ENGLISH

The Friday Sermons (Khutba Juma) of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV translated into English are available. To receive them on a regular basis, please write to Washington, D.C. headquarters. The cost of each cassette is \$1.25.

Those who have been receiving Friday Sermons in English in the past, **please submit your request** in order to insure that you are included in the mailing list.

CASSETTES OF KHUTBAS IN URDU

Those who have paid for the Khutba sermon cassetts and are not receiving them, please inform the New York mission so they make sure that you continue to receive them. The address for the New York mission is as follows:

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A LETTER FROM THE SADR

Recently I have received a letter from Mahmud Ahmad, Sadr Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya Markaziyya, Rabwah, written on December 2, 1986. Here are some excerpts from his letter. The translation is my responsibility.

After his recent European tour, Huzoor (may Allah be his support) has mentioned a worldwide training scheme. Expounding the excellent example of the Unity of God, he has desired for a demonstration of the unity of the community. It is desired even more in America. The Holy Quran has mentioned the beautiful form of the community of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings of Allah be on him, in the words

مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ وَالَّذِينَ مَعَهُ أَشِدَّاءُ عَلَى الْكُفَّارِ رُحَمَاءُ بَيْنَهُمْ

"Mohammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) is Allah's apostle. Those who are with him are hard on the disbelievers but merciful to one another." (48:30)

We have earned an excellent reputation during the last century. We have to keep it up, and let it not be wasted. We have to ponder and plan for future that the beneficent effects of the efforts of our elders firm up and multiply...

Most of the activity has to be borne by khuddam anyhow. It is essential to oversee the next generation. "Lessons on Islam" has been published in your country. It should reach every home. Also, salaah, recitation of the Holy Quran, and the discussion of the matters of faith are also essential. Otherwise, it is difficult to save the children. Undesired attitudes are spread outside the home. If the atmosphere at home is not pure, then the children will not get acquainted with the Islamic social standards. Our homes should be filled with the remembrance of the Almighty...

...Allah the Almighty be with you....

AN APPEAL TO CHILDREN

Attention All Atfal

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III, may Allah be pleased with him, in his khutba of October 7, 1966, said:

"Today, I appeal to Ahmadi children (boys and girls) that O Children of God and His Apostle! Rise and step forward!! and fill the blank which has developed because of the neglect of your elders, and remove the weakness which has occurred in the work of this project. I had been thinking about this problem since yesterday. My heart desired that as our sisters collect donations for the construction of certain mosques and snatch all the reward from the men and fill their own laps (with it), in a similar way, if Allah, the Exalted, allow the Ahmadi children, they bear all the burden of Waqfi Jadid. So O Beloved Children of Ahmadiyyat, rise and pursue your parents, and say to them, we can get free reward, why are you depriving us from this opportunity? You have been collecting rewards in your life and we have been deprived. Today, a door has been opened for us. Give us a few pennies so that we may enter this door and get the reward and become junior soldiers of God's army."

All the Atfal and their parents are requested to come forward and respond to this appeal as Ahmadies in Pakistan have done since this appeal was made. In the wake of the Shudhi movement in India, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV has expanded Waqfi Jadid to countries outside Pakistan. Shudhi movement is an attempt by the Hindus of India to convert Indian Muslims, whose forefathers converted to Islam many generations ago, back to Hinduism. All the funds collected will be contributed to counter this challenge to Islam in India. This situation gives a special significance to this fund. Make sure that all the children participate. *Jazakomullah. (Sajid).*

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KHUDDAM NEWS

Alahmdolillah that most of the Majalis have started sending their monthly activity reports regularly. So much so that in one recent month I received 18 reports from 24 majalis. *Jazakomullah* to the Qaids and their Motamids (secretaries). Following is a summary of some of the notable activities at the various Majalis as reported.

Tabligh

It was most pleasing to note that a lot of Tabligh activity is being conducted at many Majalis. A large number of Khuddam are busy in the work of propagation. They are investing a considerable amount of time in propagation. We must implore for the help of Allah, the Almighty, that our efforts be fruitful. Two baits are reported. *Falhamdolillah*.

New York Khuddam took advantage of the International Immigrants Parade. They carried around a large banner displaying the *Kalima Tayyaba* which attracted the attention of participants. They contacted representatives of many countries and presented information on Islam in the form of leaflets, booklets, and books. Also, Abdus Salam Shaheen, along with a number of non-Ahmadies, represented Pakistan in the parade. New York khuddam distributed literature in Queens, Manhattan, and Fifth Avenue areas at the year end. About 100 cassettes were also distributed.

York Majlis reports dialogue with two Christian members of a local church in which four Khuddam participated. Local House Representative Michael Bortner spoke at the York mosque. York members spoke on Islamic balance among government and citizens—a unique and interesting discussion.

Khidmati Khalq (Social Services)

The Waukegan Khuddam helped move an Ansar family.

Education

North Jersey Majlis reviewed portions of "*A Book of Religious Knowledge*" in the atfal meetings. Detroit and New York report regular Sunday classes.

Viqari Amal (Dignity of Labor)

Chicago reports that their Khuddam participated in the construction of washrooms in the mosque. Los Angeles Khuddam got together periodically to clean and tidy up the mission house and the large area around it. St. Louis, New York, and Dayton Khuddam help clean the mosque. Detroit Khuddam

are helping restore the burnt mission house. Waukegan Khuddam helped in the installation of a rug in the mosque. New York Khuddam helped paint the mosque. They also helped build cabinets and shelves to display literature at the mission house. New York Khuddam provided support during the National Shura held there.

Sehhati Jismani (Physical Fitness)

Los Angeles Majlis has provision for table tennis and volleyball activities at the mission house. Waukegan reports roller skating and baseball activities, Willingboro reports weight lifting activities, Dayton reports swimming and basketball activities, and New York reports tug of war, soccer, and marathon activities.

General

St. Louis arranged for a weekend overnight camping. Murabbi Atfal, Waukegan, took Atfal for a very useful and successful visit to the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. The Waukegan Khuddam and Atfal held an Ijtema during December 24-26. The programs included Salaat, Darsul-Quran, speeches, a test in religious knowledge, exercise, physical training, and basketball at a local gymnasium. Apart from local Khuddam and Atfal, Dr. Salahuddin Shams, President, Nasirullah Ahmad, Regional Qaid, and a number of Khuddam from Milwaukee participated. Waukegan majlis Motamid continues: Ataul Jalal Nooruddin must be commended for his gracious hospitality in opening up his home for ijtema when our mosque became unavailable due to repairs. A video tape was prepared of the occasion. Waukegan Khuddam also report handing out pamphlets to stimulate voter registration. —Syed Sajid Ahmad

Have you paid your khuddam subscription for the last month? If not, please pay it today. *Jazakomullah*.

Have you delivered the message of Islam to a non-Muslim lately? Many souls out there are searching for the straight path.

Write for the Tariq. You may win a prize!

Do you have any questions bugging you? Send them to the editor of the Tariq for an answer.



Non-Muslim friends being introduced to Islam in Buffalo, N.Y.

Adult Panel discussing the subject *Keeping Our Faith Above Worldly Pursuits* during the Family Day observed by the S.E. Regional Jamaats on Dec. 25, 1986.



Youth Panel discussing *Islamic Brotherhood* during the Family Day observed by the S.E. Regional Jamaats on December 25, 1986.



From the Press:

Asian Times, London, January 9, 1987

WHERE ARE THE MUSLIMS THAT PAKISTAN WAS CREATED FOR?

My attention was attracted by the caption of an article "Pakistan was created in the name of Islam, for Muslim and not for the Ahmadies"? in the December 5th issue.

Having already read Mr. Rashids' article, "Zia cannot fool the world", in the November issue, it was not difficult for an impartial reader to find out the facts by analyzing these articles in the light of forty years history of Pakistan.

I have mixed feelings of sympathy and sorrow for Mr. Shabir on the naivety and shallowness of his arguments in this article.

Sympathy—because the writer is totally unaware of the history of "the creation of Pakistan", and has tried in vain to convince the reader by giving an assumed concept of his own. His artless and superficial claim lack authenticity.

Sorrow—because the young generation of Pakistan instead of using his 'reasoning' and God given potentialities has become a disciple of corrupt leaders and bigoted Mullahs, who have been sucking the blood of this unfortunate land for the last 40 years and now, are ready to carve its body.

Mr. Rashids' letter gives the reader a factual picture of an oppressed community, living in a so-called 'Islamic state', in the 20th century and whose main fault is that its members call themselves Muslims.

The harsh treatment being meted out to this community at the hands of Government officials and the Mullahs, in spite of a strong censorship by the regime in Pakistan, is well known to the whole civilized world and gives an insight to this 'Islamic state'.

Mr. Shabir complains that the image of his country, i.e., Pakistan, has been tarnished and distorted by publishing such letters which show to the world the heinous crimes being committed by the despotic rulers and his fellow countrymen. What a pity! he talks about the image of his country! Where lies the image of Pakistan when Pakistani drug smugglers are shown nationwide on the TV and the stories of their 'heroic' deeds and then punishments become the headlines of the newspapers? Surely, the gentleman then does not feel the image of his country being tarnished?

He reminds the readers that Pakistan is an 'Islamic state' and thus anti-Islamic activities are strictly forbidden. What an incredible claim! He surely knows that crimes like murder, maiming children, arson, smuggling, desecrating of Mosques, churches and temples, burning of the Holy Quran and other religious books, bribery, injustices such as gambling, immorality, fornication, debauchery and scores of other crimes are committed daily in Pakistan by the so-called Muslims and can be quoted from any Pakistani newspaper. Are these Islamic activities which Mr. Shabir wants to see in an Islamic state?

You may say these are one's private affairs. But was Pakistan created for such like 'Islamic activities'? If not and surely not, then where are those Muslims for whom you claim Pakistan was created? For the last 40 years we have been either Punjabis, Baluchis, Pakhtoons, or Sindhis, but never ever have we been Musalmans', because Muslims preach and practice 'peace' and don't fly at each others' throats. It is no good to shut ones eyes and pretend that there is nothing but 'peace' in Pakistan. Who is cutting whose throat in the streets of Karachi? Certainly they are Muslims, you can't call them infidels.

I was also born in that part of the world which is now called Pakistan—well before its creation. You might have heard or read the story of its creation, I was an active character of that story and thus need not ask anyone about it.

I can assure you that it was not created for the evil forces of Satan or for those so-called Muslims who claim to be its masters now. They and their elders were the arch enemies of Pakistan and its founder.

I love my land of birth perhaps more than you but I abhor the usurpers, dictators, and liars. They are the enemies of Islam and they have no love for Pakistan. Pakistan is not their personal property. The Universe belongs to Allah, the Almighty.

It is as much yours as mine. God has created us on par. No one has the authority to snatch this right from the people on the basis of caste, color, or creed. Pakistan has been the country of the Ahmadies since it has been the country of its other citizens.

Contrary to the claim by the so-called 'Musalmans' of 72 sects, only Ahmadis are in direct accordance with the Quranic faith and its teachings, and according to Allah's decree, they call themselves Muslims. The so-called Parliament of Pakistan is not an ecclesiastical institution nor has Allah given General Zia any canonical powers to define whose religion is

what? I assure the writer that there is no ecclesiastical body in Islam which has authority to determine ones' religion or faith.

Study the Islamic history for the last 1400 years and using your own reasoning find out yourself what havoc the Mullahs or so-called divines have done to the cause of Islam. These evil forces are once again working hard by declaring each other 'kafirs' and preaching hatred among the different sects.

You cannot befoff the readers views about the shameless, scurrilous and harsh treatment of the Pakistani officials towards the Ahmadis by quoting an absolutely out of context reference of the Tottenham riots in Britain. The character and standard of Pakistani officials is well-known internationally and needs no further elaboration. The Pakistani regime and its lackey Mullahs claim to be Muslims but the British Government is not a Muslim one, so the shield you try to use won't help you.

You have tried to snub the *Asian Times* for publishing such articles which in your view disgrace you being a Pakistani. Have you ever dared to write such a letter to the national press and TV authorities on front page news about your country and countrymen involved in criminal activities.

The Editor of this paper is much more well-informed about the day-to-day events which take place in Pakistan or anywhere in the world. His inner eye tells him who is right and who is wrong and decides with his own mind. His conscience is alive. He is not a lackey of any government. He has always raised the flag of freedom, justice, and equality without any fear and favor and I hope he will continue this noble mission for a long time.

Last of all a few words for the oppressors and dictators: "If a nation or person has lost conscience, then they have gone beyond the reach of warning cries. He who persists in following his own judgement and does not commit himself to the judgement of God proves himself arrogant and is surely headed towards frustration and utter ruin."

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Asian Times (cont.)

AHMADI BUSES AMBUSHED

A recent report from the Sind Province of Pakistan says that a Pakistani who owned two buses, Muzaffar Ahmed was ambushed and vandalized at a place called Tando Ghulam Ali. The attack is said to have been led by some 150 Mullahs, and allegedly assisted by a police officer, Qurban Ali, along with two constables.

The mob destroyed the metal and plastic plates fixed inside and outside the buses which bore the inscriptions of the *Kalima Tayyaba* (Quranic verses with the names of Allah and the Holy prophet Muhammad).

The Station House officer, Saleem Ahmed Qureshi, is reported to have refused to lodge a complaint on the grounds that the Mullahs and the mob did a rightful act since the owner of the buses was an Ahmadi displaying the Holy inscriptions. Also the audio cassette with recordings of Quranic verses were forcibly taken away from the bus.

Earlier in August last year both the buses had their tires slashed for which the owner claimed damages of about 30,000 rupees. An application was made to the Deputy Commissioner of Badin District for compensation. The owner says that nothing has so far been done.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Association (UK) strongly condemns the continued persecution and harassment by the Zia regime in Pakistan against members of their community and calls for the rightful protection of their lives and property.

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APPEAL TO ALL PAKISTANIS

Tragic events in Karchi (Pakistan) should be an eye-opener and a call for all Pakistanis to realize the shameful game being played by General Zia.

It was common knowledge that Sohrab Got in Karachi was a center of drug-trafficking and other illegal activities which was tolerated by the military regime. When the people demanded action, the regime turned a blind eye for a number of years and allowed the illegal activities to expand and flourish. Instead of making it the duty of law enforcement agencies to clean up the area, the Army deliberately went in—well knowing that such an action would create repercussion amongst the Pathans—who naturally feeling aggrieved, wrongly attacked the innocent people (Muhajirs).

The authorities expected the backlash and when it happened the police remained a silent spectator. The orgy lasted for six hours resulting in tragic loss of innocent lives.

Encouragement and creation of circumstances where one section of a community deliberately attacks another section of a community while the police remains a spectator have been the hallmark of Indian government as well. Deliberate attempts at highest levels are made to attack innocent Muslims in

