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A NEW SCHEME FOR MORE DEVOTEES

LET THE NEW CENTURY BRING WITH IT AN ARMY OF CHILDREN DEDICATED IN THE PATH OF ALLAH AND HIS MESSENGER

(Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV on April 3, 1987, in London.)

Huzoor began with the recitation of the following verses from the Holy Quran: **قُلْ إِنْ كَانَ**

أَبَاؤُكُمْ وَأَبْنَاؤُكُمْ وَإِخْوَانُكُمْ وَأَزْوَاجُكُمْ وَعَشِيرَتُكُمْ وَأَمْوَالٌ اقْتَرَفْتُمُوهَا وَتِجَارَةٌ تَخْشَوْنَ كَسَادَهَا وَمَسَاكِينُ تُرَضُّونَهَا أَحَبَّ إِلَيْكُمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَجِهَادٍ فِي سَبِيلِهِ فَتَرْتَبِّصُوا حَتَّى يَأْتِيَ اللَّهُ بِأَمْرٍ ۗ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الْفَاسِقِينَ

“Say, if your fathers, and your sons, and your brothers, and your wives, and your kins, and the wealth you have acquired, and the trade whose dullness you fear, and the dwellings which you love are dearer to you than Allah and His Messenger and striving in His cause, then wait until Allah comes with His judgment; and Allah guides not the disobedient people.” (9:24)

Continuing from the theme of the previous week’s sermon, Huzoor elaborated on the bounties in store for those who follow completely the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings of Allah be on him.

Huzoor said that true righteousness can be achieved only by presenting in the path of Allah from things we love, the Holy Quran says: “You will not attain to righteousness unless you spend from what you love” (3:93). It has been a habit of the prophets to present everything including their children in the path of Allah. The mother of Mary had given in Allah’s way what she was carrying in her womb even before the

HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH IV

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

birth. The prophet Abraham asked Allah to give his children what Allah had given him. This in fact was a complete surrender of his children in the way of Allah, as prophethood cannot be attained without a complete surrender to Allah. The Promised Messiah, peace be on him, prayed for forty days for a progeny which will serve completely Allah’s will. Allah gave him the glad tidings of Hazrat Musleh Mauood.

Huzoor then encouraged all the Jamaat to do something before the inauguration of the new century for our Jamaat. They should pledge their future children for service in the cause of Allah. They should pray that Allah may select these children for His service, so they become entirely His servants.

This will make it possible for an army of young children marching in the way of Allah, completely liberated from the worldly things. These young children will be marching into the new century only as slaves to the Will of Allah and as slaves of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings of Allah be on him.

The speed with which Ahmadiyyat is expected to spread during the next century will need hundreds of thousands of trained devotees. These devotees are needed from every section of the society, rich as well as poor. If the well to do and those with a measure of

fame do not come forward, they will be degrading themselves in the eyes of Allah. The Jamaat will not suffer for lack of these volunteers, but those who do not come forward will lose their position of fame and influence in due time.

Huzoor said that a gift for the future was still un-

fulfilled. So Allah directed his attention to the idea that during the next two years, everyone should resolve that whatever children they are given by Allah, they will make them devotees in the cause of Allah and then will give them the necessary training.

(see also more on this sermon in the Urdu section)

A LETTER TO LAJNA FROM HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH IV

Respected Sadr Sahiba, Lajna Imaillah Markazia,

Assalamo Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahe Wa Barakatoho.

I received your letter in regards to *Purdah* informing me that there was still some confusion in the Canada Jamaat. There should not be any confusion because I have elaborated this subject in detail in my speech at Jalsa Salana, in my Juma Sermon as well as in an address to the ladies at Lahore. I will attempt once again to make it clear but if someone does not understand even now then I may be excused from further explanations.

Under rapidly changing circumstances in Pakistan where *Purdah* is disappearing at a very fast pace and mostly *Chador* is used as the first step towards being without *Purdah*, it is extremely essential that the use of *Burqua* should be adopted. Otherwise we shall never be able to regain the ground already lost and defeatist attitude shall never be changed into a feeling of victory and self-confidence. *Alhamdo Lillah*, a vast majority of ladies in Pakistan understood the extreme urgency of the matter and established a glorious example of returning once again to *Burqua*. In free society and in colleges our girls safeguarded *Purdah* by wearing *Burqua* regardless of wordly taunts. May Allah the Exalted reward these daughters of ours with abundant blessings.

In most of the regions in Pakistan it was an urgent need of time to give priority to *Burqua* to safeguard *Purdah* and there was no other remedy besides adopting *Burqua*. In future, if the circumstances are improved, a Khalifa of the time may permit a milder form of *Purdah* than *Burqua*—which I will call “the minimum Islamic *Purdah*”.

As I have explained earlier, in North West Frontier Province of Pakistan, where right from the beginning *Chador* instead of *Burqua* has been a traditional way of *Purdah*, and where ladies wear *Chador* with great care and vigilance, in that region a woman who does not wear *Burqua* be considered excused. But despite

my permission, a vast majority of Ahmadi girls started wearing *Burqua* in that region as well, and thus they raised the banner of their freedom against an evil influence of present day conditions. The letters that I am receiving from these girls indicate that they are very happy and have gained a renewed sense of strong character.

As far as foreign countries are concerned, the Ahmadi society is split into two sections. One section consists of those Pakistani Ahmadies who have immigrated there to settle, and the other is of non-Pakistani Ahmadies who have accepted Islam in those countries. Both have varying needs and their circumstances are different. Pakistani born Ahmadies who are settled in the Western countries discarded *Burqua* saying at first: “In Islam though *Purdah* is essential but *Burqua* is not; therefore we will observe *Purdah* with *Chador* and this is enough for us.” But in most cases this excuse was not based on any truth, and their hearts were well-aware that in reality these were self-deceptive pretensions. Actually they wanted to come out of *Purdah* and not merely of *Burqua*. Therefore, because of their ill-motive they suffered and very soon the head-covers of *Chador* disappeared, the concern to cover attractive body features was gone, simplicity gave way to make up, make up changed into exhibitionism, exposure of body became apparent through their dress and bodily movements, and attending mixed parties, meeting unrelated men, and showing off ornaments and make up in full became a common life style. In short, the wisdom of the Holy Prophet’s (may Allah’s blessings be upon him) saying proved to be true with a terrifying lesson: “Actions depend on Motives,”—which also means that your actions will expose your motives regardless of what you say, and ill-motives shall become apparent through your evil deeds. These were the women who became losers both in religious concerns as well as worldly matters. Slowly and gradually the peace of their homes was destroyed. They watch-

ed their children debased with their own eyes, and they submerged in materialism, living a shallow and artificial life devoid of any firm and high value. They got disinterested in the matters of religion, and their zeal for religious service vanished from their hearts. They achieved neither material progress nor spiritual gain.

Keeping in view the condition of those women, I wanted from Pakistani ladies who reside in foreign countries to safeguard and protect *Purdah* even if they had to wear *Burqua*, and this would be a great service to the religion. I made it clear that they should wear *Burqua* though people may call them old-fashioned, even if they themselves may feel embarrassed at the initial stage. If they keep in their mind that people's gossip has no value at all as compared with Allah's pleasure, they will surely experience a new consciousness of possessing a strong character. They will feel themselves above people's reproach, and soon they will be liberated from the shackles of materialism. They will see their Allah. They will experience a unique contentment in their hearts. Slowly and gradually they will discover that people are looking to them with respect in place of hatred and are being impressed by the firmness of their character. Moreover, an additional advantage of *Burqua* would be that several opportunities will be available for *Tablegh*—as I experienced during my visit to Europe and America in 1978. In any case, after considering all these matters, I shall insist that to safeguard *Pardah*, it is very essential to return to *Burqua*. And whosoever assists me in this respect, I am sure Allah the exalted will bless that person with abundant love.

Nevertheless, if a Pakistani born lady feels embarrassed and suffers an inferiority complex and she insists that she will observe the least permissible Islamic *Pardah*, i.e., she will not expose her attractions to the outsiders and she will use *Chador* in accordance with the Promised Messiah's interpretation of the related verses of the Holy Quran, and she will

not put makeup on her face when she comes out of her house, and she will wear modest dress, then such ladies are excused and the office holders of the *Jamaat* do not have any right to incriminate or censure them. May Allah the Exalted reward them for performing this duty and keep them steadfast.

As far as the European and American born ladies are concerned, it is enough for them to observe minimum Islamic *Purdah* because when they will adopt the minimum Islamic *Purdah* after coming out of a completely naked and unrestrained society, their sacrifice shall be far greater than that of Pakistani ladies. However, it is in my knowledge that numerous American and European ladies, on their own free choice and courage, went ahead and preferred wearing the *Burqua* instead of taking advantage of this permission, and they perform their social obligations while wearing the *Burqua*. Their character is a glorious example for Ahmadis by birth. They are rejecting, through their actions, all pretensions and excuses of the self that to wear *Burqua* in today's advanced age is impractical.

Now, I would mention those ladies whose jobs hinder them from wearing *Burqua* or covering the entire face. For example, doctors, nurses, or workers in factories where covering the entire face becomes unbearable. In such cases, to observe the minimum Islamic *Purdah* is enough. It is preferable, in such circumstances, not to wear *Burqua*. Nevertheless, the spirit behind the Islamic *Purdah* has to be seen in every case.

All these explanations I have given again and again. On your wish I have made it extremely explicit one more time. Even now, if someone does not understand my intent, then I pray: May Allah provide that person the ability to understand.

Wassalam

Mirza Tahir Ahmad
Khalifatul Masih

Complete Set of Roohani Khazain Available.

A complete set of the writings of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, is now available. These are the original writings, not translations. The Complete Set of 46 Volumes is priced at \$250.00

EID MESSAGE FROM HUZOOR

(The following is the translation of the Eid message received from Huzoor to US Jamaats)

May 25, 1987

My Dear Brethren, Sisters and Children:

Asalaamo Alaikum wa Rahmatullahe wa Barakaatoho

May Allah bless this Eid Day in every way for all of you and may He shower all blessings and happiness associated with this sacred day. May you all flourish in your faith and worldly advancement and be Allah's instrument to spread this light of Islam and its blessings throughout the world so that we should attain perpetual and everlasting Eid, which is the Eid of Islam's glory and success.

This Eid message which I have addressed to Ahmadi in Pakistan and to Ahmadi in Bangladesh would also constitute a part of my Eid message to you. Their copies are, therefore, also being sent to you as well.

Mirza Tahir Ahmad
Khalifatul Masih IV

Dear Brother:

Assalamo Alaikum wa Rahmatullahe wa Barakatuhu

Please convey the following message from me to all the Jama'ats. I extend my loving Salam and Eid Greetings to all Ahmadi brothers, sisters and children who are suffering painful cruelties for the crime of affirming the unity of Allah and acknowledging the prophethood of Hazrat Muhammed, Sallalaho Alaihi wa Sallam.

To those, as well, who have given their lives in the way of Allah—and are now living in the presence of Allah; and also to those, who are spending their lives in the fond memory of the martyrs.

To those who are in chains for the crime of treading the path of Allah; and also to those who are apparently free, but have been deprived of their most cherished rights.

To those who have faced persecution and cruelty directly; and also to those who suffer perpetual pain in the memory of their oppressed bretheren

My loving Salam and Eid Greetings to those who acquired martyrdom, and proved true to the covenant they had made with their Lord (*Mun Qaza Nahbahu*); and also to those who await that blessing (*Mun Yantzir*).

O ye who have been driven from your homes;
O ye who have become bastions of patience, and acceptance of Divine will;
O ye who have proved steadfast; and
O ye who are the embodiments of faithfulness.

THIS EID IS A DAY OF REJOICING FOR YOU. MAY THE PROTECTION OF THE ANGELS ALWAYS BE WITH YOU;

MAY THE SHADOW OF ALLAH'S MERCY BE UPON YOU AT EVERY STEP AND AT EVERY MOMENT IN YOUR LIVES;

MAY THE BOUNTY OF ALLAH'S PLEASURE DESCEND UPON YOU WITH COUNTLESS REWARDS, AND MAY THIS BOUNTY BECOME A SOURCE OF REJOICING FOR YOU AND FOR YOUR COMING GENERATIONS.

HAVE FAITH THAT:

The wounds in your bosoms will one day be considered the choicest flowers in the garden of Muhammed;

Wait a while until my dearest friend comes to your rescue.

May Allah be your Protector and Helper,

Wassalam,
Mirza Tahir Ahmed,
Khalifatul Maseeh IV

BIRTHS

The community will be pleased to know that our former Missionary Incharge has been blessed with a grand-daughter in Pakistan. On the maternal side, she is the grand-daughter of Sahibzada Mirza Wasim Ahmad and a great-grand-daughter of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II and a great-great grand-daughter of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him. We congratulate the noble family of the Promised Messiah and pray for a blessed and fruitful life of the newborn.

Congratulations to Lateef Tahir and his wife for the birth of their first child—a boy!

NORTHEAST REGIONAL LAJNA IJTEMA

North East Regional Ijtema of Lajna Imaillah was held on April 12, 1987 in Bait-ul-Zafar New York. Seventy Five members of New York, New Jersey, Willingboro and Philadelphia Lajnas attended the Ijtema. 'the program started at 11 a.m. with recitation of the Holy Quran followed by recitation of poem from Durr-e-Sameen and one Hadith. After that the pledge was lead by New York Lajna vice president.

Then the program of competition started. The items of competition were Speech, Recitation of the Holy Quran, Hadith with commentary. One member had to represent each Lajna in each category. After the competition combined Zuhar and Asar prayers were offered in congregation.

In speech competition, New Jersey Lajna came first, Philadelphia second and New York third. Topic of the speech was "Living Signs of the Living God." In recitation of the Holy Quran New York, Philadelphia and Willingboro Lajnas were first, second and third respectevly. In the competition of Hadith and commentary, Philadelphia Lajna came first, New Jersey second and Willingboro third.

National Lajna president addressed the members and reinforced the need of punctuality. The program ended with silent prayer led by Mrs. Khalil Ahmad Nasir. New York Lajna deserves our sincere appreciation and prayer for their very kind hospitality. They provided comfortable lodging and ample good food for all. May God bless them all.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF AHMADI ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS, USA

Letter from the President (US Chapter)

Dear Architects & Engineers,

Assalamo Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahe Wa Barakatohu

The Association of Ahmadi Architects & Engineers was founded by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III on Oct. 30, 1980. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV has been its patron ever since. The constitution of the Association has 20 clauses. Here I would like to mention its clause No. 2, which is "Aims and Objects" as follows:

It is purely a Professional and non-political Association with the objects:

- a) *To promote the cause of Islam and the Profession of Architecture and Engineering;*
- b) *To interpret and correlate the scientific research in the light of the Holy Quran and to substantiate the Quranic truth with the modern discoveries;*
- c) *To provide assistance to the Ahmadiyya Jamaat to meet its Architectural and Engineering needs;*
- d) *To promote research work, writing of research papers and exchange knowledge with similar other organizations;*
- e) *To provide guidance to the students of Architecture and Engineering in their career planning and other professional activities;*

f) *To assist its members in the acquisition of latest techniques and knowledge and to inculcate confidence, courage and spirit to attain distinction in professional and personal conduct of life;*

g) *To infuse in its members the spirit of extreme devotion, dedication, honesty, truthfulness and hard work, and to seek light and guidance of Allah in all Profesional and personal matters.*

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV addressed a convention of Ahmadi Architects and Engineers on October 14, 1982, in Rabwah, Pakistan. I would like to quote a couple of highlighted points of his address as follows. He said:

"The prayers of Hazrat Masih Mauood in favor of his followers (Jamaat) are such a precious treasure for Ahmadi Architects and Engineers that none of the competitors all over the world has. With the strength of these prayers, Ahmadi professionals have the capability to beat their competition."

Further, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih desired that Ahmadi Architects and Engineers must attempt to apply their abilities to the field of production. He urged Ahmadi professionals to initiate and innovate howsoever small, less useful item of everyday life it may be, but must be attempted. Unless you develop a

starting point, you cannot progress, he stressed.

I invite you, my brothers and sisters, to come forward and join hands. Let us unite, recognize our strengths and work together to achieve the noble ends.

Soon, *Insha Allah*, we shall try to form local

chapters of the association in various states throughout the U.S.A.

Your suggestions/comments are very welcome. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very sincerely,
Manzoor Rehman

AMERICAN AHMADIYYA JAMAT NEWS

NEW YORK, NY: Eidul Fitr Celebrated

The Eidul Fitr was celebrated in New York at Alley Park, Eastern Queens, on Thursday, May 28. It was the first time that we held this event in an open area. *Alhamdo Lillah*, the program went smoothly and many members agreed that if possible, we should have our subsequent Eid celebrations in a park. The Eid prayer was led by Inamul Haq Kauser, the North East Regional Missionary. The attendance on this occasion was about 470 people. After the Eid Namaz, Mr. Kauser gave the Eid sermon in which he said that our actual Eid will be when mankind is gathered under the banner of Islam and this would be possible only if we practice and propagate Islam as illustrated by the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings of Allah be on him, and by the Imam of this age, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, peace be on him. All members wished each other *Eid Mubarak*.

Khilafat Day on May 9: The Khilafat Day was held in New York at Baitul Zafar, on Sunday, May 24th. The program started at 6:45 p.m. with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Rashid Ahmad. Br. Zafar Malik recited a poem after that. There were speeches by Sh. Muhammad Rafiq and Karim Ahmad Naem. We were fortunate to have our Missionary Incharge, Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad, to grace this occasion and made the concluding speech of the day. The attendance on this occasion was about 220. Since it was the month of Ramadhan, we had special collective prayer before breaking the fast. The Iftari and dinner on this occasion was provided by Abdul Hamid Shaheen and his family.

Tabligh: A women forum was held on May 9 in New York. Islam was presented by our Ahmadi ladies: Sister Ruxsana Nasser, Khulat Alladin, Zakia Mahmood, Quanta Kausar, Rashidah Hamid and Farhat Ayaz. The forum was represented by women from all religions and discussions on various related

subjects were held. Our sisters distributed literature and invited the ladies to our Center in New York.

Tarbiyyat: Tahir Class continues at Baitul Zafar every Sunday at 10 a.m. Parents must realize the importance of this class and send their children regularly and on time and discipline their children by seeing that they do their homework and observe the discipline when they come to the Sunday class. Please remember that July is the month of children's camp. All parents must send all children above age 7 to this camp. The dates for the camps are:

NASIRAT Camp: July 13, 14, 15, 1987

ATFAL Camp: July 21 & 22, 1987

HOUSTON, TX: Tabligh Activity: Under our *Da'wat Ilallah* program, 700 copies of the following pamphlets were distributed in Herman Park and 400 pamphlets were distributed in an apartment complex and a housing subdivision in Baytown area of Houston, in February 1987:

1. Second Advent of Jesus Christ
2. Promised Messiah has Come
3. The Promised Comforter

2300 pamphlets were distributed in March 1987. Three Afro-American Muslims responded. A meeting was set at the residence of Bro. Kalim Ahmad, President of the Jamaat. Bro. Ghulamullah Soofi and Bro. Muzaffar Ahmad Mirza were also present. Discussion continued for 3½ hours in a very friendly atmosphere. The members belong to the Elijah Mohammad group in Houston. They have a mosque and a school for their children upto 8th grade. They appreciated our efforts in preaching the Unity of God and the teachings of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be on him. They do believe that Jesus Christ is not alive and expressed that other Muslims are wasting their time while looking towards the sky for the physical coming of Jesus Christ.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF AHMADI ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS

(Membership Form)

Chapter

Name

First
Middle
Last

Father's/husband's Name

Marital Status Date of Birth

Discipline (Architect, Civil, Mechanical, etc.)

Registration No: (of any National Arch. & Engineers Council, if any)

Present Address:

.....ZIP Phone

Permanent Address:

..... Phone:

EDUCATION

Name of College/University/Institute	Degree/Diploma	Year of passing	Distinctions

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

Employer	Position held	Years, from-to	Nature of work done

Outstanding Achievements in Profession:

Date of Joining Ahmadiyya Jamaat

Office held in Jamaat

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Signature

We presented a few books of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, and invited them to attend our Jalsa Seeratun Nabi in April.

Bro. Daud Munir gave Ahmadiyya literature to two non-Ahmadi Muslims. Individual preaching by individual members of the Jamaat is also in progress. 10 members are actively involved in such activities. May Allah bear us fruit of our humble services and enable us to devote more time to this noble cause.

PITTSBURGH, PA: Quranic reading was carried on at the Mosque by Vice President Jamilur Rahman during the month of Ramadhan during the evening hours. Eidul Fitr was celebrated on May 28 with a large gathering of the local Ahmadies.

Quranic classes are held and other books of the Promised Messiah are read every Sunday. The local Khuddam are in the process of being reorganized as the former Zaeem became a member of the Ansar.

The following appeared in a local newspaper:

Bro. Nazeer Elahee II of Evans city recently received a Bachelor of Science degree in recreation resource management at Slippery Rock University. Elahee received a Board of Governor's Academic Scholarship and the Outstanding Senior Award from the Department of Parks and Recreation/Environmental Education. He has accepted a park ranger position with the District Office for the Natural Resource Branch of U.S. Army Corp of Engineers in Pittsburgh.

Bro. Nazeer Elahee has been sick and requests all the brothers and sisters to pray for him.

ATHENS, OH: The following was published in the *Athens Messenger* on June 4, 1987, regarding an Ahmadi student from the Athens Jamaat:

Medical Scholarship

Athens High School senior Fauzia Mirza is the winner of the Medical Education Scholarship from the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

She is the daughter of Basharat and Ameena Mirza of 10804 Route 550 in Athens. She was presented the \$500 scholarship May 17 at the school's award night by Frank Myers, dean of the college.

Mirza plans to attend OU in the fall and major in pre-medical courses. Her goal is to attend the College of Osteopathic Medicine after graduating from OU.

Mirza won the scholarship after being recommended by the guidance counselor and was chosen based on her interest in science and medicine and her high grade point.

LETTER FROM VAKILUL MAAL

The following letter was received from London on May 30, 1987, from Mr. Ashraf, the Additional Vakilul Maal.

Sh. Mubarak Ahmad Sahib
Missionary Incharge, America

Assalamo Alaikum Wa Rahmatullah

Your list of 193 members who paid full chanda Tahrik-i-Jadid was presented to Hazrat Khalifatul Masih. Before starting prayers, Huzur announced the names of some of the countries in which America was also mentioned.

Huzoor said America is lagging behind Canada as compared with numbers but in other respects America is leading. Huzoor and many hundreds who had gathered in the mosque prayed for the material and spiritual welfare and progress of the members of your Jamaat. Please inform your members. May God bless them.

Wassalam

(S/d) Ashraf
Additional Vakilul Maal

From the Press

The Daily Jang, London, April 21, 1987

Pakistan Ready to Ratify U.N. Covenants

Lahore—The Pakistan Government has indicated its willingness to ratify three covenants of the United Nations to which it is a signatory. These are: International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights 1966, International Covenant on Economic and Social Rights 1966 and the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhumane or Degrading Treatment or Punishment 1984.

This was disclosed here on Saturday by a three member delegation of the London-based Amnesty International.

The delegation is currently on a visit to Pakistan. Members of the delegation are Peter Duffy, Nimal Senanayake and Isabel Jacques. They have already met the Minister for Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Waseem Sajjad; Minister for Religious Affairs, Haji Saifullah; Chief Justice and some other judges of the Supreme Court, Punjab Chief Secretary and the Home secretary. They are also scheduled to meet senior officials of Sind Government.

The A.I. delegation members welcome the Government's gesture to ratify these covenants and said "it will be an important indication for the protection of human rights in Pakistan."

The Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment says that torture must be a crime and if somebody in the hierarchy issues order to the police to resort to it, the latter should decline to carry it out. Similarly, if a prisoner is tortured, he should be fully compensated. The Pakistan Government is officially opposed to torture and its ratification of the convention would be an important development in the eyes of Amnesty International, the delegation members said.

Mr. Peter Duffy had visited Pakistan during the Martial Law period and noticed serious legal lacunae when Martial Law authorities were functioning as executive authorities. He brought the matter to the notice of the government, but did not receive any answer. But when he incorporated his experience in the 1985 report of the Amnesty International, the Pakistan Government sent him a memorandum in mid-1986 explaining the change in the situation after lifting of Martial Law. After that letter the delegation was invited to visit Pakistan.

The A.I. delegation noticed a visible change in the situation after the publication of the 1985 report, but said the A.I. was still very much concerned about the people convicted by the military courts, some of them to death and others serving long terms even after the lifting of Martial Law. Though, the A.I. members said, the abolition of the military courts was a welcome step, there must be a procedure to review the cases of such people by the competent courts. Their death sentences should be reprieved and they should be provided a fair trial. Otherwise, the Amnesty would not be satisfied, they asserted.

They felt disturbed over the Presidential ordinance 20 of 1984 which, they observed, stopped the Ahmadiyyas from performing their religious obligations. They also expressed concern over the use of Maintenance of Public Order Ordinance (MPO) for what they called 'political purposes.'

They said a number of people in South Africa were detained for opposition to apartheid. Similarly, some Muslims were detained in Bulgaria on religious grounds.

Chicago Tribune, April 13, 1987.

Voice of the People:

Muslims, Jesus

Eric Zorn's article "Atheist leader puts ball in God's court in possible suit against Zion" was interesting; however, it contained insulting and misleading statements by Mayor Howard Everline of Zion about Muslims.

Mayor Everline states: "Atheists and Muslims are the same according to my beliefs. They both reject the teaching of Jesus..."

If Mayor Everline had bothered to enlighten himself about Islam, we do not believe that he would have made these statements. He would have also learned the following facts:

1. Islam teaches complete submission to God's will. The same exact message was taught by Jesus.
2. Mary, the mother of Jesus, is the only woman mentioned by name in the Quran, as one of the honored ladies.
3. Jesus is mentioned by name in the Quran 25 times while Mohammed is mentioned only 5 times.
4. Muslims consider themselves to be the true followers of Jesus. They pray as he did, they fast as he did and they worship the One True God, also as he did.

5. Muhammad Sadiq Abid, so-called "Muslim" plaintiff, is in fact not a Muslim but an Ahmadi, a new religion with a prophet which began in India about 100 years ago. They claim to be Muslims but they have been declared to be non-Muslims in Pakistan. They are not accepted as Muslims anywhere in the Muslim countries.

Mayor Howard Everline owes an apology not only to the half-million Muslims of Chicago but also to the over one billion Muslims all over the world.

Dr. Hussein Morsi; Dr. M. Amir Ali
Institute of Islamic Information & Education

(The following letter was sent to the Chicago Tribune, in response to the above letter published by them)

April 16, 1987
Voice of The People
Chicago Tribune

Dear Sir:

I find the letter by Drs. Hussein Morsi and M. Amir Ali quite disturbing. After correctly pointing out that Islam inculcates the greatest reverence for Jesus Christ, they go on to assault the belief of Mohammad Sadig Abid and all Ahmadi Muslims. While bitterly complaining about "insulting and misleading statements by Mayor Howard Everlin of Zion about Muslims", these *enlightened* doctors then launch a calumnious and scurrilous attack of their own against the Ahmadiyya community.

How dare they arrogate to themselves the right to tell U.S. citizens (and for that matter, any human being) as to what their (Ahmadiyya's) belief is or should be?

The Declaration by the Pakistani Government about Ahmadi being "non-muslims" (that these doctors so unabashedly cite) has spawned and fostered a systematic and brutal campaign of terror and persecution against the Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan. It started with the Pakistani Government denying them their basic human rights and has culminated in "an open season" on Ahmadi. Scores of prominent Ahmadi have been murdered in cold blood, several hundreds are languishing in "Nazi-style" prisons, for practicing or professing their belief. Over 130 Mosques (places of worship) have been destroyed or desecrated. (And in the "Citadel of Islamic Justice", not a single perpetrator has been indicted so far!).

Millions of Ahmadi have been disenfranchised,

since they can only register to vote if they renounce their faith. Like the Jews during the Nazi Holocaust, they have to carry the label "Ahmadi" on all their identification papers and passports, etc. The most heinous of these crimes includes exhuming the dead bodies of Ahmadi, since "the faithful" are "offended" by their burial in the cemetery!

The long list of these hideously sordid crimes against millions of Ahmadi is well documented (particularly by organizations like the Amnesty International). That these appalling offenses are being committed in the name of God and religion is even more reprehensible.

General Zia, the Autocratic ruler of Pakistan, who has spearheaded this abominable campaign, has arrogantly stated (in a message to an "Islamic Conference" in London last year) "We will persevere in our efforts to ensure that the Cancer of Qadianism (a derogatory term for the Ahmadiyya Movement) is exterminated". And his Prime Minister declared on November 27, 1985: "The government has taken many steps to deal with this problem (of Ahmadi). It is hoped that other Muslim countries will take similar steps to crush this curse with full force."

It seems that our illustrious doctors are abetting this clear exhortation to hatred, bigotry and fanaticism. Do they really claim to be "the true followers" of Islam; a religion that teaches tolerance, compassion, forgiveness, and love for the whole mankind? (The Holy Quran declares "There is no coercion in matters of religion" [2:256]).

It is also a cruel irony that after declaring themselves "the true followers of Jesus", the revered doctors resort to malicious lies about Ahmadi Muslims and their faith. By proudly mentioning in the Declaration in Pakistan, they are endorsing and condoning the flagrant human rights violations against innocent Ahmadi citizens? After all, we have not heard a word of protest or condemnation from the respected doctors or "from half million Muslims of Chicago?" Was this the message of Jesus who epitomized love, harmony and peace, and denounced hypocrisy, tyranny and oppression? Mayor Everlin may indeed have, inadvertently, touched a raw nerve. Muslims may very well be guilty of rejecting "the teachings of Jesus" (and of the Holy Prophet of Islam!).

Sincerely,

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FOUNDATION STONE LAID FOR THE AHMADIYYA MOSQUE, PORTLAND, OREGON



Maulana Sh. Mubarak Ahmad, Amir and Missionary Incharge, praying just before he laid the foundation stone for the mosque.