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MESSAGE OF HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASHIH IV ON THE REINSTATEMENT OF THE DAILY ALFAZL GREETINGS OF THE NEW DAWN AND REMINDER FOR PRAYERS

The long period of suffering which the Jama'at Ahmadiyya has borne with patience and perseverance, and still continues to do so, has enabled many Ahmadies to reform themselves and to attain a closer relationship with Allah. This is indeed a valuable and cherished reward for the trial; but I am very hopeful that with the grace and mercy of Allah, the dark night of trial will soon be over and a new dawn of the blessings and mercy of Allah will be ushered. There will definitely be some who will try to put road-blocks in this way but, as the Promised Messiah has said:

How can humble creatures do anything to undo the design of the Creator.

The long period of trial showed to us new ways of serving our faith. It opened for us new ways to reforming ourselves and we witnessed a strengthening of our relationship with Allah. At the same time we definitely became more sympathetic towards the down-trodden and the victimized people all over the world. As a result we find a much greater sympathy for mankind in our hearts.

I pray that Almighty Allah may enable us in this new era to carry out our obligations toward Allah as well as our obligations toward our fellow human beings with greater zeal and enthusiasm. May we always be on the side of the oppressed and never on the

side of the oppressors.

Al-Fazal has reached you with the message of a new dawn. May Allah turn this dawn into a bright day. May the whole world be illuminated with the faith in the unity of Allah and the truthfulness of His Holy Messenger, *Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam* (peace and blessings of God be on him).

While you express thankfulness to Allah this day, please remember in your special prayers those being held prisoners in the cause of Allah. Also remember all those who are being oppressed and victimized anywhere in the world.

May Allah cause the removal of all unjust and tyrannical controls in Pakistan. May he weaken and defeat those who try to put chains around the hands of people trying to use their faculties to the best of their ability. May he break all of these chains with a mighty manifestation of his power.

May Allah grant to the people of Pakistan and the people all over the world true liberty and independence. May He safeguard them from all kinds of Tyranny and may He save their souls from idolatry and mischief.

May every new day from now on bring a new dawn for us. May every one of our nights be a source of attaining the taste of true love of Allah. Please accept my greetings on the publication of Alfazl.

ANOTHER HEAVY BLOW GIVEN TO FALSE FABRICATORS

Hazur's Comments on the Latest Development in Mubalah Challenge

(An extract from *Juma Khutba* by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (may Allah be his help) on Friday, December 23, 1988, in London, U.K.)

Hazur said:

Today I like to comment on the latest development regarding Mubahala. After 6 months of the Mubahala Challenge, here in England a maulvi has counter-challenged the Ahmadiyya Jamaat, and especially me, saying that he is going to challenge us for Mubahala without any condition of meeting at the same place. In a way he is pretending as if, God forbid, we were trying to avoid the Mubahala and he was chasing us to accept it. As a matter of fact we have already made the challenge of Mubahala and we have been after them to accept it. We claim that we have already expressed our intention, and we have made our submissions to Allah the Exalted. We have already invoked the curse of Allah upon the liars, and we have been asking our opponents to show some courage by doing the same.

But this Maulvi wrote an article to deceive the world, thinking that we may not accept this offer. He circulated his article among all others except us. This action of his makes me doubt his sincerity. My doubt is all the more confirmed because he distributed his article among the non-Ahmadis but we the Ahmadis were never informed by him. His article stated that on December 23, on Friday, they (the non-Ahmadis) are going to invite us to agree to pray at "a fixed hour" if we do not wish to pray at "a fixed place". Now the *fixed hour* and *fixed place* are phrasiology of the Maulvis by which they mean that if we did not wish to gather at a particular place, we should agree to a particular time for prayer.

Only three or four days ago, Chaudhry Abdul Rashid Sahib saw me and he seemed to be a bit worried about the fact that we were not informed what was developing and those people were distributing the article for a long time. He asked me what should we do now? I told him to contact them immediately and tell them that we have accepted their proposal. Though it is very clear to us that the fixations invented by them are non-essential. The parties have to agree mentally that everything that we have is being presented to Allah the Exalted—our possessions, our honors, our children, our men, our women—and thus we stand in front of Allah, not that we should bring the people in an enclosure like animals at one location. We rather

put ourselves in the presence of Allah and we submit to Him praying: 'O our Lord, if we are untrue then curse us; and if our enemy is telling lies, and they do not resist from transgression, then curse them.

From this standpoint we have already entered in the Mubahala. But as they insisted and wanted to make a big show out of it that without informing us they wanted to prove as if we ran away from their challenge—as if they were willing to fix a time for prayer and we rejected that offer—therefore, we agreed to this proposal of theirs. Yet at the last minute they tried to play another trick. There is news published in the daily 'Jang', and if that news is correct, it indicates that they tried to keep an escape door open for themselves. Their last trick was this: they announced that **they knew** they were right and truthful, therefore they were only going to curse the Ahmadis, and they will not invoke Allah's curse on themselves. In other words, they will curse Qadiyanis and seek Allah's wrath for them that they should be destroyed, their homes should catch fire, they should be disgraced and humiliated all over the world. That is, they will wish all ills for us, but they will not pray in the words of the Holy Quran

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Curse of Allah be on the liars

They will not utter these words because they say that they are truthful.

Now, this is very strange. If they are really the truthful why will then the curse of Allah come on them. If they are certain about their truthfulness then why don't they trust that their saying

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will be forgiven by Allah because of the fact that they are not liars? But in their hearts they know that they are lying. That is why they invented this escape hatch. They wanted to be able to say that since they never invoked Allah's curse on themselves, they may say to Allah later they only cursed the Mirzais and Qadiyanis, then why His curse should fall on them?

Another funny thing that they have done with Mubahala, which is a great insult to the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be on him, and rudeness to Allah, the Exalted is this: Allah the Exalted Himself

told the Holy Prophet that he should ask his lying opponents that they should say

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and he himself should say the same words, so that Allah should curse the party which is lying. Then, God forbid, was the Holy Prophet not sure about his own truthfulness? He definitely was certain that he was the truthful. Allah knew that the most truthful of all in the entire universe was the Holy Prophet, May Allah's peace and blessings be on him. Why then Allah asked him to invoke curse by calling others that whosoever be the untruthful may suffer under Allah's curse? These Maulvis are so ignorant that to save their own skin they do not care even if they had to attack the Holy Prophet of God himself. They will try to manage to keep a door for escape open for themselves. And they will try to save their honor in front of the world. But this action of theirs is accursed in itself. They have to pay a price for their effort. It is a great sin in the sight of Allah. They twist the facts about Mubahala, and they won't care even if Allah and His messenger are insulted; but they must have an escape door left open for them. Therefore, I am certain that all the curses they would invoke on us shall return to them, and we will receive the same amount of Allah's blessings. Therefore, I always wished and prayed that many people should get together with them to invoke the curses.

But I never prayed nor did I ask the Jamaat to pray that we should invoke, God forbid, the curse of Allah on all the non-Ahmadi. Never ever; and I hope that my message was conveyed in time by Ataul Mujib Sahib that you should not pray for Allah's curse on the non-Ahmadi, God forbid us from doing such a thing. Our prayer should be Allah may put this curse on those who are engaged in cursing us. And this prayer is not with a motive of vengeance, but it is because of helplessness. This gives way to something good.

There is one aspect of Mubahala which I like to bring to your attention: That among the enemies there are their leaders and prominent figures who are in fact the biggest hurdle. Because of them the people all over the world cannot enter into Ahmadiyyat. They have locked the doors on them. If you could present Ahmadiyyat as it is, the truth of it, its message without any exaggeration or any twist to the public, you will witness an outstanding effect. Many have accepted Ahmadiyyat when they received a copy of Mubahala and read it. They said that they came to know for the first time what are our true beliefs. And

the courage with which we have presented the submission to God that God's curse may befall us if we are untruthful, only a truthful person can do so. A liar cannot do so. Thus many people accepted Ahmadiyyat after reading the words of Mubahala. Many others did not believe what they read, but the real cause of their denial is the false propaganda of Maulvis. Thus these are the blocks that have been erected on all the entrances to Ahmadiyyat. These blocks are smashed as a result of Mubahala. When a curse falls, people get a clear warning. Thus we will be pleased when these blocks will be crushed. Those blocks which are on the way of truth, it is good that they are broken. These are closed gates which could not be opened by love and reasoning. They are locked without a key. Love and reasoning is used to open the locks. Yet the Holy Quran says that some hearts are locked in such a way which do not have any key to open them up. They are blind and deaf. So, Mubahala means a prayer: O Lord tear down these gates. Smash open these locks, and make the paths wider for the progress of religion and truth. Let all the people enter these ways of truth. This is the prayer you should be making.

Six months have passed, and for the next six months God has given another occasion that we should concentrate on this prayer. I am hopeful that as Allah showed us magnificent signs in the first six months—and He has shown some signs of enormous historical importance. Similarly, insha Allah, the next 6 months, the next whole year, and next century, will see the pleasing results of Mubahala. And even the century after that will see the fruits of Mubahala of those that He may make them stand for prayers. I am convinced that this Mubahala is not for one or two or three years. Allah has arranged in such a way that the timing of this Mubahala will cast its effects on the next entire century for all the world which will continue to receive the truth by the grace and blessings of God.

May Allah accept our prayers, and may He divert all of their curses back to them, but only on those who are cursing us, and not on those poor aggrieved and oppressed who are unaware of what Ahmadiyyat stands for. May Allah transform the ill-wishes into His blessings for us. May He shower His choicest of blessings upon us today, tomorrow and ever after. May Allah make it happen in His way. Ameen.

NEW MISSION HOUSE IN SAN FRANCISCO

With the grace of Allah, USA Jama'at purchased a house on 3 acres of land in Pittsburg, California. The purchase price is \$250,000, out of which \$125,000 have been paid. The following members offered cash donations or made pledges towards this fund. May Allah grant acceptance to their sincere sacrifice and bless this new property for the Jama'at. Special prayers are requested for the following. May Allah bless them in every respect. Amen.

No.	Name	Pledge	Paymnt
San Francisco Jama'at (men)			
1	Sayed Khalid Hussain	14,000	9,000
2	Munir Ahmad Mirza	2,000	
3	Dr. Amir Malik	1,500	
4	Iqbal Ahmad Khan	1,000	
5	Atif A. Chaudhry	1,000	
6	Feroz Ahmad Khan	2,500	
7	Abel Haniff	500	
8	Sayed Ashiq Hussain Shah	3,000	3,000
9	Shahid Ahmad Abbasi	3,000	
10	Naseeruddin Khan	500	
11	Ilyas Hussain	5,000	
12	Syed Anwar Hussain Shah	7,000	
13	Ghulam Ali Shah	200	202
14	Syed Hadayat Husain Shah	1,000	1,000
15	Sohail Ahmad Khan	2,500	2,400
16	Syed Khadim Hussain Shah for Aseeran-e-Rahi Maula	500	
17	Munir Ahmad Mirza for Aseeran-e-Rahi Maula	100	100
18	Victor Lateef Malik	1,000	
19	Syed Manawar Hussian Shah	500	
20	Naseeruddin Khan for parents	300	
Total:		47,100	15,702
San Francisco Jama'at (women)			
21	Mrs. Syed Anwar Hussain	500	500
22	Mrs. Tajan Khan	500	
23	Saliha Malik	500	
24	Zubaida Khan	500	
25	Aliyya Rashid	500	
26	Qayyum Shah	500	
27	Noorun Nisa	500	
28	Mufeedun Lal	500	
29	Ameena Begum	100	
30	Haleema Malik	200	
31	Rasool Bibi Shah	140	100

32	Zarina Shah	50	
33	Syed Khadim Hussain Shah for Mother	100	100
34	Farah Shah	500	
35	Naseeruddin Khan	500	
36	Fehmida Khawaja	2 bangl	ess
Total		5,590	700

San Francisco Jama'at (Children)			
37	Azhar Mahmood	100	100
38	Saima Shah	100	100
39	Afifa Shah	100	100
40	Asad Shah	100	100
41	Josheph Hussain	500	
42	Riaz Hanif	20	20
43	Omar Hussain	500	500
44	Eric Hussain	500	
45	Mahmood Khan	250	
46	Faiza Shah	100	100
47	Children, Syed Khadim Shah	500	30
48	Children, Munawar Shah	600	600
49	Children, Naseeruddin Khan	200	200
Total:		13,570	1,350

San Jose Jama'at (men)			
1	Azhar A. Chaudhry	10,000	
2	Saleem Qadir	500	250
3	Rashid Ahmad	5,000	
4	Abdul Sami Qureshi	1,000	
5	Zaheer Ahmad	300	
6	Ch. Mubasher Ahmad	5,000	
7	Mohammad Naseer Siddique	5,000	
8	Madabbar Ahmad	40	40
9	Khalil Ahmad Malik	1,000	
10	Sohail Sajid	2,000	
11	Syed Abid Hussain Shah	5,000	
12	Faisal Sohail	1,000	
13	Majeedah for Dr. Khalil Nasir	1,000	
14	Masood Krishan	300	100
Total:		36,840	390

San Jose Jama'at (Women)			
15	Amtul Karim Nusrat	100	100
16	Majeeda Begum	1,025	1,025
17	Nusrat Jahn	500	250
18	Sabuhi Siddique	50	

No. Name	Pledge	Paymnt
19 Aasia Khan	1,000	
20 Amtul Basit Nasreen	1,000	
21 Shazia Minhas	50	
Total:	3,725	1,375
San Jose Jama'at (Children)		
22 Amir Naseer Siddique	20	20
23 Unborn Child of Naseer	20	20
24 Haris Qureshi	10	10
25 Ramla Chaudhry	50	
26 Ch. Muhammad Ahmad	100	
Total:	200	50
Sacramento Jama'at		
1 Hanif Koya	1,000	
2 Sardar Gul Zaman Khan	1,000	
3 Amjad Zaman Khan	3,000	
4 Syed Inayat Hussain Shah	1,000	100
5 Syed Saleem Hussain Shah	1,000	100
6 Menboob A. Mubarik	2,000	
7 Nafees Ali Johar	3,000	
8 Zafar Ahmad Sheikh	2,000	
9 Zafar Sheikh	1,000	
10 Deeman Sheikh	1,000	
11 Yasmeen Sheikh	1,000	
12 Waseem Ahmad khan	1,000	
13 Waseem Khan for Parents	500	
Total:	18,500	200
Merced Jama'at		
1 Abdur Raqib Wali	3,800	
2 Omar Din Khan	20	20
3 Raffat Wali	400	
4 Children of Raqib Wali	100	100
Total:	4,320	120
Others		
1 Parent's of Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad	200	200
2 Ch. Munir Ahmad (mission)	1,200	1,200
3 Aasim Bashiruddin	200	200
Total:	1,600	1,600

Jamaat	Men	Women	children	TOTAL
PLEDGES				
San Francisco	47,100	5,590	3,570	56,260
San Jose	36,840	3,725	200	40,765
Sacramento	18,500		18,500	
Merced	3,820	400	100	4,320
Others	1,600			1,600
TOTAL	107,860	9,715	3,870	121,495
PAYMENTS				
San Francisco	15,702	700	1,350	17,752
San Jose	390	1,375	50	1,815
Sacramento	200			200
Merced	20		100	120
Others	1,600			1,600
TOTAL	17,912	2,075	1,500	21,487

DONATIONS FOR MOSQUE FUND

The following members recently made donations towards Mosque Fund—a project initiated by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV ayyadahulla ta'ala.

My Allah bless their sincere and generous offers and reward them abundantly. Amin.

Sincere donations for Baitul Ahad (Cleveland)

No.	Name	Place	Donation
1	Dr. Naseer Mahmood Raja	Detroit	10,000
2	Dr. Naseem Rahmatullah	Cleveland	5,000
3	Dr. Naseer Ahmad Tahir	Rochester	5,000
4	Dr. Bashiruddin Khalil	Detroit	2,500
5	Dr. Saleem Tahir for his elders	Detroit	2,500
6	Mother of Dr. Saleem	Detroit	40
7	Mr Laeeq Ahmad Butt	Detroit	250
8	Dr. Hidayat Ahmad Khan	Detroit	500
9	Mr Rashid Aazad and Mrs. Dr. Salma Aftab	Detroit	1,000
TOTAL			26,290

SOME DIRECTIVES OF HUZOOR REGARDING TABLIGH

"Do not forget that preaching is the foremost duty of each and every member, old or young, man or woman. My message to you all is to leave no stone unturned in discharging this obligation...To the best of your ability, continue marching ahead in all sincerity, prayers, courage and perseverance and having perfect confidence in the assistance of Allah.

"Every evening before going to bed, make it a point of duty to do self-reckoning to assess the amount of effort made that day in conveying the Message of Allah." (Message to 1985 Annual Convention of Sweden Jama'at)

"It is a must for every Ahmadi to become Da'eeIlallah and embark on the task of preaching Islam with full determination, trust in Allah and earnest prayers. I am not prepared to tolerate any slackness in this respect. Such opportunities are not presented again and again in the lives of the nations. This is the time for treading in the footsteps of the Companions of the Holy Prophet, peace be on them all." (Message to 1985 Annual Convention of Surinam Jama'at)

"The point towards which I have drawn your attention over and over again, and will continue doing so, is your duty of calling people back to Allah. Every Ahmadi, whether young or old, man or woman, should exert fully in casting away all sorts of hesitations in making people join the fold of Islam.

"It is prayer and prayer alone which is all the more necessary for success in preaching than knowledge. In all phases of our lives, in difficulties and needs, prayer proves to be our main support. Impossibilities turn into possibilities and it is through prayers that our actions are blessed and the helpless and the weak become powerful and achieve successes." (Message to 1985 Annual Convention of Malaysian Jama'at)

INTENSIFY YOUR PRAYERS

The Ahmadiyya Jama'at is passing through a critical phase in its history and Huzoor continues to lay great stress upon the importance of prayer. With the approach of the Second Century of Ahmadiyyat, and the prayer challenge issued by Huzoor on behalf of the Jamaat, Huzoor urges the members of the Jama'at to increase the intensity of their prayers to the Almighty. Members should not leave it to Huzoor alone to carry on with the Mubahala. We must all participate fully in this holy endeavor.

THE MUSLIM SUNRISE

The Muslim Sunrise will publish its special Centenary Issue in March 1989 with the new Editorial Staff as follows:

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The Muslim Sunrise invites Ahmadi writers to contribute articles on topics of current interest in the following areas:

1. Ahmadiyya Movement—its impact on contemporary religious issues.
2. Modern day problems and their suggested solutions.
3. Propagation of Islam in U.S.A.
4. Future of Islam through Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.
5. Unification of Mankind.
6. Present day social, moral, cultural, economic and educational issues & the Islamic Response.

5TH DAAE-ILLALAH MISSION IN HISPANIC AMERICA. (MONTERREY, N.L., MEXICO)

I was just by God's grace that a team of two Ahmadies from Houston arranged and accomplished successfully yet another humanitarian and missionary enterprise. It was 5th in succession and directed to our neighborly country, Mexico. Brother Mirza Muzaffar Ahmad and myself (Hasan Parvez) left on October 21, 1988.

HUMANITATION WORK

The success of our earlier efforts seems to have moved and motivated the Jamaats of Willingboro, N.J., Rochester, N.Y., and Tulsa, OK. They donated some 1,000 used garments, while 230 kgs. of rice and 280 kgs. of beans were contributed by the Lajna of Houston. The flood following hurricane "Gilbert" had severely hurt the residents of Guadalupe area. It was there that through the efforts of a school staff supervised by a director, the donated food and clothing were delivered and distributed among the "real needies." After the distribution we presented the school staff with 100 copies of our literature in Spanish.

APPROACH THROUGH MEDIA

El Norte, a leading newspaper of Mexico, with a circulation of 150,000 inside Mexico and even more across the border in San Antonio and Houston, Texas, published an abstract of an article on the second advent of the Messiah. It appeared in a Sunday edition dated October 30, 1988, covering half a page and under the caption "The Promised Messiah Has Come". The photo of the Promised Messiah (God bless him) is there in the center. This article was originally published in English by our Amir Maulana Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad Sahib. It has now been rendered into Spanish for publication in the paper by Mrs. Maria Parvez M.A. of Houston. Significantly, the inferences in this article about the second coming of the Messiah are based on biblical references. This article would attract the attention of vigilant readers of these regions. Inshallah. By the grace of Allah, we have already received 11 letters in response to this article within first week of its publication. Moreover, a group of two Mexican friends came from Monterrey and visited us in Houston and asked for our literature and cassettes in Spanish, which were furnished to them.

VISITS TO FAMILIES

We had the occasion to pay visits to three families, originally from Monterrey, Argentina, and Venezuela and presented them our literature for the second time. An informal discussion about Islam and Ahmadiyyat took place in a friendly atmosphere. Some literature in

Spanish was also sold to a book store and these friends.

COOPERATION AND COORDINATION

Allah's blessings accompanied us throughout this tour, as usual. Our thanks are due to the National Quaid of Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, for his motivation, to Secretary Khidmate Khalq and Quaideen Khuddamul Ahmadiyya of Willingboro and Rochester for collecting and mailing the clothes to us in Houston; and last but not least to our local President in Houston and members of local jamaat for their help and blessings. We also appreciate the local President of Lajna and members of Lajna particularly for their financial support in the donated food.

We would finally request our brothers and sisters all over the United States to support us with their prayers and blessings which may bring us steadiness in this activity and brighten the future of Ahmadiyyat in Hispanic America. Amen!

Ah, Sister Jameela Hafeez

Inna Lillahe wa inna Ilaihe Rajعون.

Respected Sister Jameelah Hafeez, wife of Brother Abdul Hafeez (past president of Baltimore Jamaat) passed away at age 82 on January 9, 1989. She was the first national Nasirat Secretary of Lajna Imaillah, U.S.A. She was well-known for her faithful service to Jamaat-i-Ahmadiyya.

The American Ahmadiyya Community extends condolences to her family and friends. May Allah the Merciful elevate her rank in *Firdaus*. *Insha Allah. Ameen.*

STUDENTS VISIT RIZWAN MOSQUE, PORTLAND, OREGON

Markham Middle School which is located about two blocks from the Portland Rizwan Mosque contacted us to arrange a visit by their seventh grade students. They also requested that we give presentations about Islam since the students are studying the Middle East and the religions that originated from the Middle East in their social studies class. We obtained their social studies text book and prepared two presentations: The first presentation was about the evolution of religion and its completion as Islam including a life sketch of Hazrat Mohammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him); and the second was about the beliefs and practices of Islam which also included an introduction to Ahmadiyyat. Both of the presentations were typed and a five page handout was prepared. It was further decided that Ahmadi children should deliver the presentations. So two Ahmadi boys and two Ahmadi girls were selected for this purpose.

The visits took place on Tuesday, November 29, and Thursday, December 1. A total of 137 students and four teachers visited the Mosque in six groups. At the arrival each group was shown the prayer hall. Questions regarding the minaret, dome and the structure of the Mosque were answered. Then the students were taken to the meeting hall where the handout was distributed and they listened to the presentations. On Tuesday Shazia Zafar and Ayesha Ahmad made the presentations while on Thursday Kashif Zafar and Daud Luqman made the presentations. Since three groups visited the Mosque on each day at different times, the Ahmadi children who made the presentations had to take leave from their schools. After the presentations, students and teachers were given an opportunity to ask questions. A wide range of questions such as polygamy, divorce, Islamic punishments, prohibition of alcohol and pork, Islamic prayers, Islamic festivals, problems in practicing Islam in western culture, etc. were asked. Muhammad Luqman, Basharat Zafar and Mrs. Rehana Ahmad answered the questions for different groups of students. At the end refreshments were served and each student was given pencils embossed with the Mosque's address. Each teacher was presented with copies of *Philosophy of Teachings of Islam*, *Jesus in India*, *Message of Peace and a Warning of War*, *Islam a Misunderstood Religion*, and *Women in Islam*.

By the grace of Allah this was a good opportunity for us to portray the real Islam and to remove several misconceptions about Islam.

ADDRESS TO SOCIAL GOSPEL SEMINAR

Maulana Sheikh MUBarak Ahmad addressed the SOCIAL GOSPEL seminar at the Howard University School of Religion on November 17, 1988. The visit was arranged by the Metropolitan Washington Chapter of Lajna Imaillah. The goal of the seminar is to help make Christian doctrine more effective in dealing with social crises in the United States and to organize Christians to solve social issues like racism, women's rights and the worsening socioeconomic condition in American cities. Apparently, these efforts have so far failed since American society is still divided and chaotic in terms of declining spiritual and moral values, and unequal justice. "Born again" evangelists are divided into those who are concerned with social issues and those who say don't get involved.

Is the real world too harsh to sustain idealism? Why have Christian reform organizations largely failed their societies? These questions were posed by the leader of the class, Dr. Newsome. He maintained that even though those reform organizations failed, the efforts led to alternative forms of Christian ministry which are struggling to satisfy a variety of needs.

On the request of Dr. Newsome, Maulana Sheikh Sahib related to the class of his family background and educational experience. He gave a lively description of his missionary work in East Africa for more than two decades. He also referred to his missions in United Kingdom and the United States. He advised his listeners that when making a presentation to the class they should always first refer to what their Holy Book has to say on the subject. He observed that the student who had presented a paper had failed to make such a reference. At this point, Sheikh Sahib held up a copy of the Holy Quran (a beautiful new one) and firmly announced its comprehensive and documented authenticity, from the time of its revelation until today and for all time to come.

Using urgent and persuasive words, he revealed that solutions to social problems must be based on Islamic teachings. He said that justice is the answer to racialism, poverty and women's issues. He cited examples from the Holy Quran and Hadith to support his points. He emphasized the Unity of God, the Five Pillars of Islam and Articles of Faith to show that Islam is a religion of justice and peace.

At the conclusion of the class, several students rushed to meet Sheikh Sahib, to shake his hand and congratulate him on his presentation. They asked more questions, their faces bright and eager to hear more. One



a group of seventh grade students with their teacher in front of the Rizwan Mosque.



Students listening to presentation on Islam in the meeting hall of the Rizwan Mosque, Portland, OR

student in particular repeated his concern about the disastrous consequences of so many American households being headed by women, with no male authority in the homes. This seemed to be a major issue with many of the students.

Lajna members contributed to the discussion and distributed literature. They invited the class to attend the Holy Quran class at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library on every third Sunday, at 1:30 p.m. They also invited them to Juma Prayer and to first Sunday Jamaat meetings at Fazl Mosque. Lajna members in attendance were Sisters Amtul Baseer Ahmad, Amtun Nur Ahmad and Shakura Nooriah. Nasirat Shanzie and Atfal Bilal Ahmad were also present at the seminar.

Shakura Nooriah

WASIYYAT RULES

Rule 43

If a person being desirous of making the Wasiyyat meets a sudden death while he/she had already initiated the process of making wasiyyat, then even though he/she had not completed the prescribed Wasiyyat Form, his/her Wasiyyat may be considered for acceptance after demise, in view of reliable witness. Provided that:

1. The deceased person otherwise fulfills all the conditions and qualifications of Wasiyyat and it can be expected that had he/she not met with sudden death, there would have not been any impediment in acceptance of his/her Wasiyyat.
2. The heirs of the deceased are willingly, without any reservation, ready to pay without fail Hissa Wasiyyat of deceased's Tarka.
3. The circumstances do not point to any apprehension on the negative side. For example:
 - a) Did not turn his/her attention towards making Wasiyyat have been capable of doing so for a long time.
 - b) In spite of having been granted a long reasonable respite he/she only expressed his/her desire to become Moosi and did not proceed to conclusive effort.
 - c) Took initiative to proceed for making Wasiyyat at a time when relatively less financial sacrifice would be involved.
 - d) Any aspect of religious conduct being clearly blemished. For example:
 - (i) Negligence in saying Prayers.
 - (ii) Level of sacrifice in common Chandas being not high.
 - (iii) Slackness shown in respect of attachment and association with the Jama'at's Organization.

AMIR'S VISIT TO LOS ANGELES

Sheikh Mubarak Ahmed, Ameer and Missionary Incharge U.S.A., very kindly honored us with his presence during his recent tour of the West Coast Jamaats. Highlights of his visit included:

- Delivered two Friday Sermons in Los Angeles in which he appealed to all Jamaat members for Mosque Fund contributions and the urgency of the situation regarding Los Angeles Mosque.
- Led Congregational Tahajjud Prayers on December 23, 1988.
- Addressed Parents/Children Day Meeting held on December 25, 1988.
- Conducted the election of Sadar Moosian for the first time in Los Angeles.
- Chaired Majlis-e-Aamla Session of Los Angeles Jamaat.
- Met several individuals for raising the Mosque Fund.
- Addressed the Los Angeles Mosque Committee Meeting.

The details of his visit are presented below:

December 23, 1988: On the night of December 22 we received Hazrat Ameerul Momineen's message that the opponents are assembling on December 23 in London between 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. to pray for the failure of Ahmadiyya Mission in response to Mubahala Appeal. Ahmadies all around the world were advised to engage themselves at the same time 1:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. London time in praying for the establishment of the truth and our success and triumph in the Mubahala.

In response to this message, all the Jamaat members were informed to wake up for Tahajjud prayers and pray individually or collectively between 5:00 a.m. to 5:30 a.m. (1:00 - 1:30 p.m. London time).

Congregational Tahajjud Prayers were held at Anwer Muhmood Khan's residence led by Sheikh Mubarak Ahmed Sahib. Twenty-five men, women and children participated in these prayers. Sheikh Sahib led these fervent prayers ardently so much so that participants' eyes were filled with tears praying for the establishment of truth and the success in Mubahala.

Sheikh Sahib led the Friday Prayers on December 23 and gave the audience the good news about the restart of the publication of the Jamaat organ "Alfawal." He read the message of Sydena Hazrat Ameerul Momineen Ayadahullah published in Alfawal. He enlightened the audience with the philosophy of sacrifices in the light of Quranic verse *قد اعلم المؤمنون... فذكرت فاعلمون*

He presented examples of the companions of Hazrat Ahmad Alaihis Salam, especially Hazrat Munshi Zafar Ahmed Sahib of Kapoorthala when he fulfilled monetary need of printing expenses of a book in response to Hazrat Ahmad's call for contributions. He stressed upon all the members of the Jamaat to come forward and donate the maximum they can in the cause of Allah so that this Los Angeles Mosque project comes to its completion.

Sheikh Sahib chaired the meeting of Parents-Children Day held at Dr. Hameedul Rehman's residence. The following Atfal and Nasiraat presented their speeches on a variety of subjects.

Topics Covered

1. Parents-Obedience & Service
2. Life after death
3. Holy Prophet Sallam
4. Why Muslims do not celebrate Christmas
5. The last three chapters of Holy Quran
6. Mosque—Significance
7. Ahmadiyya Centenary—what it means to me
8. Azan
9. Importance of Salat

Participants

Atfal	Nasiraat
Ahmad Khan	Misbah Rasheed
Mustafa Ahmed	Shazia Khan
Faiz Rehman	Atia Khan
Saif Rehman	Fatima Ahmed
Ahsan Khan	Ghazala Khan
Sadaquat Munawar	Aarifah Khan
Naeem Munawar	Maliha Haq
Naeem Ahmed	Sadia Khan
Arshad Rashid	Maryam
Faisal Rajpoot	Mavish
Sameer Ahmed	
Bilal Rajpoot	
Noman Faroqui	

On the Atfal Side Amjad Khan (9 years) memorized the new poem of Hazrat Ameerul Momineen Ayadahullah.

دیکھو اک شاعر دشمن نے کیسا ظالم کام کیا

and recited melodiously. Another Tifal from UK recited a Tarana of Atfal.

ہم احمدی بچے ہیں کچھ کر کے دکھا دیں گے

On the Nasiraat side Shama and Shabnam Rajpoot together recited the Ahmadiyya Tarana

ایمان سچو کر دے دے عرفان سچو کر دے دے

Dure Samin recited the poem

Samia Khan and Sarah Rajpoot also participated in poems.

Aaameen Ceremony took place after these speeches. Sheikh Sahib tested Faisal Rajpoot in the recitation of Quran by asking him to recite various portions of Holy Quran. Faisal recited very well by the Grace of God.

Sheikh Sahib then addressed the Jamaat and commented on the performance of Nasiraat and Atfal on their speeches. He advised that Atfal should have shown more vigor and zeal in their presentation by speaking a little louder than they did. Nasiraat however presented themselves very well and their performance was commendable. He then enjoined the parents regarding their responsibilities of religious training of their children. He appreciated the efforts of all the children who participated in this program.

Sheikh Sahib also conducted election for the Sadar Moosian of Los Angeles.

Refreshments were served at the end of the meeting. 125-130 people participated in this program.

December 26, 1988: Sheikh Sahib addressed the Majlis-e-Aamla Los Angeles at 7:00 p.m. at the Mission House. A separate report of the proceedings of Aamla is being sent to the Center.

December 27, 1988: Sheikh Sahib held a session with local Mosque Committee and reviewed the progress of the Mosque and assessed the additional needs towards the completion of the project.

RELIGIOUS FOUNDERS DAY IN CHICAGO

A Religious Founders Day was celebrated on Sunday, October 30, 1988, at DuPage College, Glen Ellyn. The following guest speakers were invited:

Swamy Varadanada of Vivekanda Society, Chicago	Hinduism
Rabbi Steven Bob of Lombard Synagogue	Judaism
Pastor Robert Elliot of United Methodist Church of Glen Ellyn	Christianity
Dr. P. Singh of Chicago	Sikhism
Maulana Sheikh Mubarak Ahmed	Islam

The meeting started with recitation of verses from the Holy Quran by Hafiz Anwar. Brother Haji Yaqub read out the English translation.

The meeting was presided by Falahuddin Shams, President of Chicago Jamaat. The President, after introducing all the speakers and welcoming the audience invited Swamy Varadanada to address the audience. He addressed the audience for half an hour.

WHO ARE THE AHMADIES IN PAKISTAN

The Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam was founded by Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian, a small village near Amritsar, India. Ever since its inception, the community has identified itself completely with Islam and has existed as part of the broad spectrum of the Islamic world.

It may be pointed out here that the Muslims were already divided into 72 different sects before the Ahmadiyyas appeared on the religious scene of Islam. Ahmadi Muslims firmly and unreservedly believe in all the five fundamentals of Islam as defined by the Prophet of Islam, Mohammad. Ahmadiyya belief does not take away an iota, either from the Holy Quran or the teachings and practices of Mohammad, nor does it add to it even that much. Then why was there any need to form a new group?

Muslims all over the world belonging to different denominations have been expecting the advent of the Promised Messiah and the Imam Mahdi in accordance with the prophecies of Prophet Mohammad. Whereas the non-Ahmadi Muslims still await the coming of the promised one, Ahmadi Muslims believe that he has already come in the person of their founder, Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian. And this constitutes the one basic difference between the Ahmadis and the rest of the Muslims.

The Ahmadis maintained their Headquarters in Qadian, India, right from the inception of the community till the partition of the subcontinent into India and Pakistan in 1947. They started sending their missionaries out of India even before the First World War. By the time of the partition of India, the movement had well-established itself in many African and Asian countries and also in some European countries. Its first Mosque in London, England, was constructed in 1924.

Being Muslims, Ahmadi leaders and masses were in the forefront of the struggle for an independent Muslim homeland—a struggle that culminated in the establishment of Pakistan. The founding father of the Pakistani nation was Mohammad Ali Jinnah, and his closest political and legal advisor was Sir Mohammad Zafarullah Khan, also an active member of the Ahmadiyya community. In fact it was Zafarullah Khan who represented Muslim League, the political party fighting for the new Muslim homeland, before the Partition Commission established by the then

British government.

Sir Zafarullah Khan later became the first foreign minister of Pakistan, and also represented the country in the United Nations.

Other members of the Ahmadiyya community served the new homeland in no less spectacular fashion. Many joined the armed forces and rose to the positions of generals and excelled in defending the country's borders against foreign aggression on a number of occasions. Some of the names of Ahmadi generals, like General Akhtar Malik, General Abdul Ali, became household words in the 1965 war between India and Pakistan. In the Naval and Air Forces also, there was no dearth of heroic deeds by the Ahmadi officers.

In the Civil Service of Pakistan, Ahmadi officers proved stubbornly incorruptible in the discharge of their duties. Some rose to the highest possible positions within the hierarchy and some of them were even appointed advisors to the presidents.

In the field of education and science, the world is witness to the fact that the only Nobel Prize winner in the whole Muslim world is Professor Mohammad Abdus Salam who received the prize in 1979 for his fundamental work in theoretical physics. He is also an active member of Ahmadiyya Community.

In the realm of service to humanity, suffice it to say that the community runs over 35 hospitals and clinics and hundreds of primary, middle and high schools in the the third world without even a penny from any external source. All funds are generated internally.

Ahmadis have a clean record of a peace loving and law abiding community and have not posed any threat to any country or government ever. They endeavor to establish full and complete freedom of religion and conscience for every human being and do not admit of any force, compulsion or coercion in matters of religion and belief. Following the injunction of the Holy Quran, they consider everyone to be at full liberty to accept a religion or to reject it.

Ahmadis also reject the ill-guided notion of the so-called **Holy War** with the view to enforcing upon others the religion of Islam. They also reject as un-Islamic the idea of any worldly punishment for apostasy, as it would run counter to the freedom of religion as taought and cherished by Islam.

(N. A. Choudhary)

LOCAL JAMAATS ACTIVITY REPORTS

CHICAGO, IL: A Religious Founders Day was celebrated on Sunday, October 30, 1988, at DuPage College, Glen Ellyn (reported elsewhere in this issue).

Children classes are regularly held on every Sunday. Regular Jumma prayers are offered both at Glen Ellyn and Chicago Mission House. Lectures on different topics are delivered to members on meeting days.

A comprehensive plan is being worked out to try to implement guidelines of the centenary celebration. This will involve contacting various authorities to facilitate assistance to the needy, widows, and orphans. Similarly, food for the poor and indigent people, help for the orphans (adoption, etc.) is to be implemented.

A meeting of the Majlis-i-Aamila was held on Nov. 6, 1988. All members of the Jamaat are regularly informed about the future Jamaat program well in time. President is maintaining regular contact with the regional Muballigh and National Amir.

A special meeting of Chicago's Jamaat was held on November 6, 1988, to condemn the atrocities committed by the government of Pakistan over innocent Ahmadies.

A number of Ahmadies brothers and sisters attended the meeting. After the recitation of the Holy Quran and a poem of the Promised Messiah, the President, Falahuddin Shams, spoke at length about the various tyrant measures that the government of Pakistan has taken against the Ahmadies. He mentioned that beside the Ahmadies being put behind bars, a number of mosques have been destroyed, books/magazines have been banned.

The General Secretary, Col. (Rtd) Nazir Ahmad, was then asked to read out the Resolution which was done and unanimously passed. Brother Viqar Yaqub was then asked to send the copies of this resolution telegraphically to the government of Pakistan including the foreign office and interior ministry. Similarly a press release was prepared by Brother Yaqub and sent to the press for publication.

All members were asked to individually also send telegrams and letters to the government of Pakistan. Copies of the resolution are also being sent to senators/congressmen of Illinois and to the appropriate agency of UNO and Amnesty International.

A general meeting of Chicago Jamaat was held on December 4, 1988. It started with the recitation of the Holy Quran, followed by a poem of the Promised Messiah. Dr. Anwar Ahmad gave a short talk on the topic "Why Is It Important to Believe in the Prophethood of Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings

of Allah be upon him)." He extensively quoted from the Quran to prove his point. Later the Missionary In-charge also added a few more points. The President on both occasions asked the members of the Jamaat to be more active as Dai-Ilallah. He also drew the attention of the members towards their obligations for paying Chandas in time. Members were asked to give their pledges for the renovation of Chicago Mosque and for the Tehrik-e-Jadid. The appeal had a good response and a number of members present gave their pledges.

The program of Dai Ilallah is being pursued vigorously. About 30 Dai Ilallah from Chicago Jamaat are playing their part.

During social gatherings and dinners/parties the above mentioned Dai Ilallah have conveyed the message of Islam/Ahmadiyyat and clarified many doubts. Books and other literature have been distributed.

Regular classes are being held for children both for Atfal and Nasirat on Sunday between 11:00 to 1:00. All the members of the Jamaat are kept informed of all the activities. A calendar of event has been prepared for the year 1989.

The project for the renovation of Chicago Mosque and construction of Glen Ellyn is in full progress.

DAYTON, OH: Tabligh: number of Da'eeIlllah meetings 1

Muslim Unity Day, sponsored by non-Ahmadie jamats, was held at the Dayton Convention Center. Members passed out Ahmadiyyat literature and fifty (50) mubahala petitions. Siratun Nabi Day was celebrated by the Dayton Jamat. Speeches were presented by Al Haj M.A. Zafr, PhD., Maulana Shamshad and Bro. Abdul Shakur Ahmad. Approximately 20-25 non-Ahmadi guests were present. Dinner was served after the program for the guests and members.

Literature distribution for (4) copies of the Teaching of Islam one (1) copy of the Holy Quran, and three (3) copies of the Teaching of Islam were placed in the Dayton Central public library.

Radio talk show. Dr. Al Hajj M.A. Zafr, was a guest speaker on "Back Page", a call-in radio talk show on radio station WDAO. The one hour show covered such topics as: What is Islam, Jamat Ahmadiyya, the Mubahala, Islamic perspective on politics, Hazrat Ibrahim, and Ismail, and Isaac.

Talim & Tarbiyyat classes were held nightly and prayers, yasarnul Quran and three hadith. Tapes of Hazur played each Sunday at the mosque from 1:30-3:30. Dars held nightly at 5:30 to Magrib prayer.

DETROIT, MI: A successful "Religious Founders' Day" meeting was held, on November 12, under the chairmanship of our Naib Amir I (Br. Mozaffar A. Zafr). This meeting was attended by over 120 persons, including about 50 non-ahmadies, and was addressed by the Hindu, Sikh, Nation of Islam and Ahmadi (Missionary Shamsad A. Nasir) scholars. At this occasion, Ahmadiyya literature was also displayed/distributed. May Allah bless all the organizers, participants and attendees of this program. Ameen.

Significant improvement was made both in the number of participants and the amount of pledge for the 11/88-10/89 Tahrik-e-Jadid Fund. *Alhamdo Lillah!* May Allah bless all the participants with the best of rewards and enable them to fulfill their pledges. Ameen.

Efforts are under way to increase attendance in Juma prayer. Since the inception of Juma campaign by our beloved Imam, Harzat Khalifatul Masih IV (ayyada hullaho ta'ala binasrehil aziz), our average Juma prayer attendance has increased from 5 to 30. Alhamdulillah.

Weekly Congregational Prayers/Taleem-o-Tarbiyyat classes were held in halqas. Monthly jamaa't meeting was held on November 6. Monthly Majlis-e-Aamla meeting was held, on November 4. Alhamdulillah. May Allah bless all the organizers and participants. Ameen.

Construction of Al-Mozaffar mosque was continued through weekly Waqar-e-Amals. Our goal is to complete this task before our Thanksgiving Celebrations. May Allah enable us to do so. May Allah shower His mercy and blessings on all the participants. Ameen.

In response to the call of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (ayyada hullaho ta'ala binasrehil aziz), several members observed special fast (on Nov. 3) and offered tahajjud (on Nov. 4) for the Aseeraan-e-Raah-e-Maula. May Allah accept their humble supplications. Ameen.

Brs. Tariq Ahmed and Athar Malik, completed their first recitation of the Holy Quran. Br. Imran Tahir and Sr. Sabrina Lone, completed their Yassar-nal-Quran. Alhamdulillah. May Allah always be the Protector and Guide of these children and their parents. Ameen.

Sr. Abdul (w/o Br. Hasan Abdullah) passed away on November 14 (Inna lillahe wa inna ilaihe raje'oon). She accepted Islam in October 1987. Missionary Shamsad A. Nasir led her funeral prayer. May Allah shower His mercy on the deceased and succor on the bereaved family. Ameen.

LOS ANGELES, CA: Copies of the Holy Quran and other literature was sold. Free literature was also given out. A general meeting was held. Weekly children's classe are also held. Arrangements are made

to observe daily prayers in congregation. Juma prayers are regularly held. A voluntary fast was observed by several members on November 3 and a congregational Tahajjud prayers were held on Nov. 4, 1988. A Vaqar-i-Amal was performed on the street in front of the Mission House. We organized an *Ashra Wasooli* to collect Mosque fundand obligatory chanddas.

MILWAUKEE, WI: The bookstall or booth at UWM is now in service. An article was published in the Milwaukee Community Journal about the suffering of our Pakistani brothers who are in the jails in Pakistan. The cable TV will air a program that was held in the Milwaukee Mosque on November 5, 1988, explaining the persecution of our Pakistani members who are living under the Zia-ul-Haq government.

We are waiting for a written reply to a letter sent to the Superintendent of Milwaukee Public Schools regarding our request to have children off for Jummas.

NEW YORK, NY: It is with sincere prayer and our best of the best wishes for you and for your loved ones. We hope 1989 will be your best year ever. It is of most significant to all Ahmadies. Let us promise to ourselves to be better than ever before in all aspects of our lives. Let us enter the new centenary of Ahmadiyyat as better persons and as better Ahmadies. May God help us and give us the strength and ability to fulfil our promises.

Lajna held their meeting in which our Mubaligh, Inamul Haq Kauser Saheb gave a lecture on points on Tabligh.

Ansarullah held their monthly meeting. November 20th Jamaat General Meeting. Over 120 men, women and children were present, in spite of bad weather. The meeting was presided by Sheikh Mohamed Rafique Saheb who also read from the sayings of the Promised Messiah on the Tarbiyyat aspects. Dr. Shahed and Dr. Mir Mubarak related their experiences of the Wakfe Aarzi trip to West Africa. They were presented with a letter of appreciation by the Jamaat.

The main speaker of the afternoon was Dr. Mohamed Tahir, President of the Portland Jamaat. He gave an inspiring and touching eye witness account of the pre-partition days in Qadian and also the tragic events that occurred at the time of partition and his touching personal involvement in them.

The Tilawat was recited by Hafiz Nasir and the nazms were recited by Tahir Khokar and Zaffar Malik.

New York participated on November 3, and many Ahmadies all over New York fasted and at the early hours of November 4, Tahajjud Prayers were held at Baitul Zafar and other places within the Jamaat Area.

Two television programs were re-played and there was a response from a viewer. Jamaat Represented at "Muhammad Day". Majid Malik represented our Jamaat on November 12.

Sixty Sets of Islam & Ahmadiyyat Literature was presented to the Brooklyn Library by our Mubaligh Inamul Haq Kauser Saheb and Naseer Ahmad (Publications Set.)

A Prominent Diplomat Visited Baitul Zafar. We introduced Ahmadiyyat to our guest and we made him aware of the various activities undertaken by Ahmadies all over the world.

On November 12, a get together was hosted by Rana Ahsan in Brooklyn in which non-Ahmadies were invited and questions were answered by our Mubaligh, Inamul Haq Kauser Saheb.

Begum Mir Iftikhar has been preaching Ahmadiyyat to a lady friends of hers.

Umar Ahmed son of Dr. Mir Muarak Saheb, donated books to an Educational Academy.

Alhamdulillah, we had one bai't this month.

From Group I, five children have started the Holy Quran and fortunately for them they have Hafiz Saheb as their teacher.

Tarbiyate Get-Together in Tidgewood Area in Brooklyn. Ansarullah held another get-together in the same area for all members of the Jamaat. Both of these meetings were held at Sherif Saheb's house.

Nazir Ayaz visited our members. Members of the Board of Cemetery have been maned who will supervise the Cemetery affairs.

New York Lajna Donates to American Leprosy Mission. Rafi Ahmed speaks on November 12, at the Flushing Council of Arts.

As per the instructions from the Center we have our listing in the New York Telephone Directory in all the five boros under the listing of "Islam-Ahmadiyya Movement".

North East Regional Presidents' Meeting was held at Baitul Zafar under the Chairmanship of Kauser Saheb. Agenda was the Regional Programs of 1989.

NEW ORLEANS, LA: New Orleans Jamaat held its monthly meeting on 11-19-88 at the mission house in Kenner, LA. Brothers and sisters held their meetings separately. The meeting was started with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Choudhry Amjad Ahmed and following that a poem of the Promised Messiah was sung by Bashiruddin Shams. Then Sh. Tahir Ahmed read an article in Urdu "Ghazwah-e-Bader" writted by Moulana Ghulam Bari Saif. The article illustrated the first war against Kuffar. After that

Mobasher Solangi read an article "The Quran and Modern Science".

Next the message from the center were communicated to all members and they were encouraged to report their tabligh efforts regularly.

It was pointed out that a book titled, "The Satanic Verses" had been published in London and it contained fabrications, lies, and derogatory remarks about the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him). All members will write letters to their respective senators and congressment protesting the publication of such a book.

NORTH JERSEY, NJ: The monthly General Meeting of the North Jersey Chapter was held on 12-4-88 at Bait-ul-Wahid. Maulana Shaikh Mubarak Ahmad, Amir and Missionary Incharge presided the meeting. The meeting was started with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Aziz A. Vance. A few verses of a poem were recited by Karim A. Naeem. Dr. Imtiaz Chaudhary, President, North Jersey Chapter read letters from the Center regarding Tehrik-e-Jadid and the Centenary Program. The President in light of the khutba delivered by Hazrat Khalifa-tul-Massih IV regarding Tehrik-e-Jadid's new year, explaining to the members various aspects of Tehrik-e-Jedid and asked members to make pledges for Tehrik-e-Jadid and also to involve their children in the process of making pledges and payment of the subscriptions. Pledges for Tahrik-e-Jadid were taken from all the members present in the meeting. The President told the members that the New Jersey Chapter has been assigned to hold the Regional Musleh Maood Day on February 19, 1989 and also game competitions between New York and New Jersey Jamaat members. Accordingly we need volunteers to help the executive members to carry out the functions assigned to the North Jersey Chapter. Several members volunteered who were assigned various duties.

Karimullah Zirvi, Secretary, gave a brief report about the construction work done to improve the Mission House.

Maulana ShEikh Mubarak Ahmad, Amir and Missionary Incharge in his speech said that he is pleased to see:

- i. the improvements made to the Mission House and that by God's Grace the Mission House has big Parking lot.
- ii. overall progress of the Jamaat under the able leadership of Dr. Imtiaz Chaudhary, President of the North Jersey Jamaat.
- iii. the many young members attending the meeting.
- iv. that the letters are read to the members and proper action is taken on the correspondance from the

Center.

After these observations, in his speech he mainly emphasized two aspects:

i. preaching and ii. payment of subscriptions regularly. Concerning preaching, he said that members should invite friends and neighbors to their homes. There should be a personal contact while preaching. Regarding the payment of monthly subscriptions, he said that he is dismayed that several members do not pay subscription at all. Everyone should pay subscription regularly. If you can not pay subscription due to your circumstances, then get permission from Huzoor. He read a verse from the Holy Quran and reminded the members that to attain righteousness from Allah one has to spend of what he or she loves the most. To that end, he gave an example of a companion of the Promised Messiah, Hazrat Munshi Zafar Ahmad Kapoorthalvi, demonstrating how he contributed to the cause of Islam and Ahmadiyyat by selling his wife's jewelry.

Maulana Inamul Haq Kausar, Regional Missionary Incharge also participated in the meeting. The meeting was closed with silent prayer by Maulana SEikh Mubarak Ahmad, Amir and Missionary Incharge.

PHILADELPHIA, PA: Tableegh: The monthly Tabligh meeting was held on Nov. 27, 1988.

Video cassette about Jesus in India was shown at various churches. Nine copies of the Holy Quran were presented to Non Ahmadies. A church meeting on Thanksgiving was attended. A combined meeting of Christians and Muslims was held on the topic of "Miracles".

6- Hazrat Khalfatul Masih's sermon tapes were given to non-Ahmadies. Individuals contacted friends and coworkers.

Taleem classes normally held on Saturday evening were postponed due to the heating and plumbing problems in the Mission House. Friday prayers were held regularly.

Waqar-e-Amal was held on 11-13-88 and 11-20-88 in which Mission House was cleaned up. On each occasion approximately 20 members participated. New shelves and cabinets were built in the Mission House for displaying the books and cassettes.

Daen Illallah Activites

1. New convert: Brother Rasheed. Efforts: Brother Bilaal
2. Viewing of the video-tape "Jesus in India" in various churches arranged by our new Brother Malvin.
3. Presentation of 9 copies of Holy Quran to non-Ahmadi Muslims by Brother Malvin
4. Visit to a 500 men Thanksgiving Dinner at a church by Brother Malvin and Hussian Abdul Aziz.

5. Propagation to co-workers by Brother Hussain and renovation of his house for propagation.
6. Brother L.A. Zubair spoke at a local church to a select audience on Islamic View on Miracles.
7. Brother Abdullah contacted more people and followed up on previous contacts.
8. Brother Tahir Abdullah Hagura contacted non-Ahmadis and gave them Huzoor's Sermon cassettes.
9. Brother Fizan Abdullah propagated to his school agnostic groups.
10. Brother Yahya sold literature and talked to old non-Muslim associates on the benefits of giving up drugs.

Tabligh meeting on November 27. Attendees: 21 brothers and 5 sisters.

The President read out the exhortations of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, and Huzoor regarding Tableegh and prayers. This successful meeting closed with prayers.

PITTSBURGH, PA: Listen to Huzoor tapes. Welcomed people to the mosque.

Activities pertaining to education and training of members, Holy Quran, Hadiths, Jamah prayer, Yesenal Quran.

SEATTLE, WA: A meeting was held on Oct. 30, 1988, at Ashwood Community Center in Bellevue. It began with the recitation of Holy Quran by Br. Mubeen Ahmad. Translation by Brd. Mubeen Ahmad. Reading of 2-26 commentary by Br. Mubashir Ahmad Qazi. Poem by Promised Messiah by Bro. Malik Mubarik.

Speech on love of Allah as our goal by Bro. Nasim Bashiruddin. Financial goals by Bro. Malik Mubarik.

Propagation secretary notified members about video and audio tapes. Spoke about an AIDS conference in near future. Read about prophesy.

Sumation of our goals by our president A.H. Sial. Bring all items that we think important to the attention of our President and Gen. Secretary. Read speech by January 28, 1983, by Hazrat Kalifatul Masih at al Aqsa Mosque about Da'ee Illallah. Read letter from Sh. Mubarak Ahmad about monthly report and pray for our members in Pakistan who are facing various charges.

TULSA, OK: Our chapter by the grace of Allah was able to hold a meeting on September 19, 1988. Every member agreed to contact twenty people each within thirty days and report back in our next monthly meeting.

By the grace of Allah we are regular in our Friday prayers.

WASHINGTON, D.C.: Report on the Quran Discussion Group held on November 20, 1988. Held at the Pohick

Regional Library in Burke, VA., from 4 to 6 p.m. There were 17 present at this Quran Class, of whom 6 were non-Ahmadi.

This class was lead by Al-Haj Manaver Ahmad Saeed. the topic of discussion was The First Commandment. The presentation by Munaver Saeed was very informative and very interesting. May Allah Ta'ala reward all of his efforts, he is doing a great service for the cause and spread of Islam. After the presentation, there was time for questions and answers. There was a lively discussion, and Manaver S'hab fulfilled all the doubt in the guest's mind with great insight. Even after the class there wasn't time enough to ask questions. He stayed late to answer all the questions of the guests.

There were 11 ahmadis present at the discussion, including Manaver S'hab. Of these 11 Ahmadis, only 4 brought a non-Ahmadis guest. We hope that next time more Ahmadis bring guests, but I am very happy that these Ahmadis attended. I think that the more the Ahmadis come, the more they will want to bring a non-Ahmadi with them. When we attend the sessions, we get so much knowledge out of them that we feel great inside, and we then feel like we want to bring more people, so they can share in the joy of learning the truth, also. So, Insha-Allah more people will come to the class, and then we will also see more Non-Ahmadis.

Lajna member are actively working to prepare for the Ahmadiyya Muslim Centenary Thanksgiving Celebrations. They are making banners and posters (also Nasirats); audio-tapes of Lajna programs and meetings are being recorded as living history of Lajna for the Centenary exhibition; Lajna (Washington, D.C.) history is being prepared (statistically) by Sister Azra Ahmad; Sister Safiya Saeed is helping to locate and reactivate inactive members and members who once belonged to the Jamaat; several Centenary programs are being prepared at the request of Hazrat Maryam Siddiqah at Rabwah Central: Sisters Bushra Salik, Amtul Nur Ahmad, Safiya Saeed, Bedar Samee and Tazeen Ahmad and Asghari Allah B. Chaudry. Also, the 12 Most Outstanding Washington Lajna members who have made contributions to Ahmadiyya Jamaat and to Islam over the past several years were selected. Their names and contributions are to be published in the Souvenir Issue of AYESHA Magazine. Insha Allah.

Lajna collected several bags of clothing to be distributed to the needy. Lajna made financial donations to the needy. Lajna contributed financial donation to a local radio fundraising drive. This station has allowed Lajna to present programs about Islam over its airwaves.

4. Lajna members visited our sisters who are ill, sav-

ing special prayers for thier recovery and good health. We particularly pray for our dear Sister Sabuh Malik and her family, that Allah may grant her strength and recovery and bless her family with steadfast patience.

In education, our Lajna is following the national Lajna education program. This month we studied questions relating to "Muhammad in the Bible", using the New Testament and Holy Quran. This study is designed to strengthen our members in knowledge so they may be more effective in preaching to Christians. Insha allah. Members are also continuing work on correctness of their prayers and recitation of Quran in Arabic.

A speech was given on the "Blessings and Successes of the first one hundred years of ahmadiyya Islam" taken from tapes of Hazur's khutbas. Given by Sr. Shakura Nooriah. These tapes should help members realize the vital importance of their work of Ahmadiyya Jamaat, so that they come forward with zeal and enthusiasm to help the Centenary program. Insha allah.

NASIRATS: Are successfully following their national program and preparing for their Centenary activities.

Khatmun Nabiyeen Conference: By the grace of Allah Almighty, The Washington Jamaat was able to hold *Khatam Un Nabiyeen* Conference at Sheraton Potomac Hotel, Rackville, Maryland on November 27, 1988. About 350 men, Women and Children from Washington Metropolitan area, Baltimoe, York, Harrisburg and Pittsburg area attended the conference. The conference was presided over by Sahibzada M.M. Ahmad.

The speakers included Maulana Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad, Alhaj Munawar A. Saeed and Br. Mubashar Ahmad. Maulana Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad delivered a masterly address on the topic of the status of the Holy Prophet (PBOH) in the eyes of the Holy Founder of Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam. He quoted extensively from the Urdu, Persian and Arabic writings of the Promised Messiah (PBOH) and elaborated on the deep and limitless love which the Promised Messiah (PBOH) had with Hazrat Khatamul Ambia (PBOH). He explained that Promised Messiah was a "Nabi" and "Ummati" and was a part of the Dynasty of the Holy Prophet (PBOH). He made a passionate appeal to all the fair minded Non-Ahmadi Muslims and religious scholars to ponder over the whole issue with objectivity and justice. Br. Munawar A. Saeed presented a short rendering of Sheikh Sahib's Urdu speech into English.

Br. Munawar A. Saeed spoke on the True meaning of "Khatme Nabuwwat" in the light of the teachings of the Holy Quran and the sayings of the Holy Prophet

(PBOH). Br. Mubashar Ahmad delivered a speech on the concept of "Khatme Nabuwwat" in the light of prophecies pertaining to the advent of Mehdi Maud and as proposed by various scholars of Islam. The conference was concluded by the presidential remarks by Sahibzada M.M. Ahmad.

YORK, PA: A General meeting was held on November 14, 1988 at Noor Mosque. Following Zuhr prayer the Khuddam had their auxiliary meeting. The executive staff discussed the following items:

- a. New calendar of events for local jamaat
- b. Public relations sec'y position discussed.

WILLINGBORO, NJ: Weekly meetings were held on every Sunday on regular basis at Willingboro.

Township of Willingboro celebrated its tricentennial. We were invited to display our food, dress, and handicrafts. With the cooperation of Lajna food stall, dress and handicrafts were displayed well. We were also allowed to display a book stall. Banners of the Revelations of the Promised Messiah were displayed. Books of Promised Messiah and other important literature were displayed. 250 books were distributed free to interested peoples and also lots of pamphlets.

Ten boxes of clothes were sent to Texas Jamaat to distribute in Mexico in the month of September.

From the Talim-o-Tarbiyat Department

MALFOOZAT

Malfoozat means those expressions of the Promised Messiah which he narrated in a meeting, conference or a crowd of people; also such presentations as during a speech or sermon. This was recorded by the writer and was published in the life of the Promised Messiah.

Volume I (1891-1899)

Respected Molvi Abdul Karim writes:

A) Purpose of Advent:

"I remember very clearly and I have written this in my notebook that at the town of Jalendhar someone asked the Promised Messiah what was the purpose of his advent in this world? At this he replied: I have come for the purpose that people should strengthen their faith (in God).

B) Two kinds of Faith

He further writes that there's another writing in my notebook, which also is at the town of Jalendhar. A member of our Jamaat, Bro. Munshi Mohammad Arora asked (the Promised Messiah): "How many kinds of faith are there?" The reply which was given is very fine and simple. He said, "Faith is of two kinds: Coarse and fine. Coarse faith is one that acts on *Dinul Ajaez*, generally following the dictims without understanding them; and fine faith is that he should follow me."

TWO MORE GOD'S BRIGHT SIGNS

Maulana Mahmud Ahmad Meerpuri, a bitter enemy of Ahmadiyyat in Great Britain and the leader of Ahl-Hadith, became the target of God's wrath in October, 1988. He was travelling by car with his family at high speed on a Motorway, when his car suddenly stalled and was run over by a fast moving truck. The Maulana, his 8 year old son and his mother-in-law died on the spot. Then when people were gathered at his house for his funeral, the floor of the room crashed into the cellar, injuring his wife seriously.

Another opponent in Canada, Mr. Saeed Ahmad Qidwai, originally from Bihar, was in the forefront in our opposition in Canada. He accepted the Mubahala challenge and shortly afterward died of a massive heart attack. (For details, see Ahmadiyya Gazette, Canada, January/February, 1989)

Later, all the three speakers addressed the audience for about half an hour or so. Dr. Singh, while explaining Sikhism, criticized the Mughal Emperor Aurang Zeb for enforcing Islam by using force. He also denied that Guru Baba Nanak ever believed in the truthfulness of Islam, although he was respected by both Muslims and Hindus alike. The last speaker, Maulana Sheikh Maubarak Ahmed, Missionary Incharge U.S.A., responded to the charges of Dr. Singh by quoting from the Holy Quran that there is no compulsion or force to be used in Islam for converting others to become Muslim. Maulana also gave examples of the life of Prophet Muhammad (Peace and blessing of Allah be upon him) which depicted that he was the most loving and compassionate person the world ever had. One of the Sikh members asked a question about "Jazia". The question was answered both by Sheikh Mubarak Ahmed and Dr. Anwar Ahmad.



IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE MOST BENEFICIENT, THE MOST MERCIFUL

AHMADIYYA MUSLIM CENTENARY THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

VOLUNTARY FAST ON MARCH 22, 1989

To pay homage and express our deep gratitude to God Almighty for His beneficence, His favors and grace in our accomplishments despite hostilities and trials, all Ahmadies the world over will observe a voluntary fast on March 22, 1989 on the last day of first century of Ahmadiyyat and the eve of the beginning of the second century.

TAHAJJUD PRAYERS ON 23 MARCH, 1989

All Ahmadies the world over will offer special *Tahajjud* prayers in congregation, and where not possible, by isolated individuals in their homes, during the small hours (before dawn) on March 23, 1989, to pay homage and express our deep gratitude to God Almighty for His beneficence, His favors and grace in our accomplishments despite desperate hostilities and trials.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND GUIDELINES

February 19: Musleh Mauood Day

March 22: Last Day of the First Century

- All Ahmadies, the world over, will observe a voluntary fast.
- All Ahmadi homes, mosques, and mission houses shall be illuminated in the evening –illuminations every night till the weekend, including March 26 (Sunday).
- All Ahmadies are requested to take time off from their work, professions, schools, etc., on March 23 and March 24 (Thursday and Friday). March 23-26 (Thursday through Sunday) should be celebrated in a concerted program of appropriate activities with the Promised Messiah Day Jalsas as the central peice.

March 23: First Day of the Second Century

• **Collective Tahajud Prayers:**

Ahmadies should observe Tahajud prayers in mosques/mission houses. Local jamaats will make arrangement for collective Tahajud prayers. All members should be informed about the place and time in advance. Isolated individuals/families will offer Tahajud prayers in their homes

• **Collective Prayers**

Collective Dua shall be made after Fajar prayers to express our deep gratitude for Allah's Beneficence, Help, and Grace in our accomplishments despite desperate hostilities and trials, and to seek victory of Islam in the new country.

• **Sadaqaats**

Feeding the poor

Assistance to widows and orphans

Visiting the sick, elderly, and prisoners (with gifts)

Traditional animal sacrifices

Local Jamaat Presidents will be responsible for the arrangements

• **Hoisting of Ahmadiyya and National Flags**

At sunrise, Ahmadiyya flags (*Lawai Ahmadiyyat*) and national flags will be hoisted at Ahmadiyya mission houses, mosques, and buildings. The flag hoisting ceremony will include recitation of verses from the Holy Quran, poems, national anthem, etc. To obtain *Lawai Ahmadiyyat*, please contact *Br. Muzaffar Ahmad Zafar of Dayton, (513)263-4490*.

The Size of national flag should be the same as or little larger than Lawai Ahmadiyyat. You may obtain free national flags through your senators or congressmen.

• **Special Message of Huzoor:**

Huzoor's message should be publicized via newspapers, radio, television, and cable television. A press kit will be provided. Huzoor's written message will also be widely distributed. Local Jamaat/Lajna public relations cells to coordinate their efforts. *Br. Alhaj Dhulwaqar Yaqoob of Chicago, (312) 933-1992*, is National Secretary Public Relations and is in charge of all public relations actions.

• **Masih Mauood Day Jalsas:**

There will be at least five regional jalsas: New York (Northeast); Washinton, D.C. (Southeast); Chicago (Midwest); Los Angeles (WestCoast); Houston (South). Other local jamaats that would like to hold local Masih Maud Day Jalsas/Receptions should coordinate with their Regional Presidents.

These Jalsas should be organized on a large scale with special emphasis on the Promised Messiah's Advent, his mission, his services in the cause of Islam, his love and loyalty to Allah and the Holy Prophet Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him). Achievements of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat and the future of Ahmadiyyat are other suggested topics.

Dignitaries as well as the public are to be invited. *Lawai Ahmadiyyat* or other gifts may be presented to mayors, governors, or other dignitaries. Respect and tolerance towards other religious denominations should be demonstrated.

• Other Events of the Day

Press conferences

Local jamaats Publicity Cells release the book *History of Ahmadiyyat in U.S.A.*

Special issues of: Muslim Sunrise, Ahmadiyya Gazette, Al-Nur, Ayesha, Tariq

Adoption of orphans

• Children's Program (may be conducted on the weekend)

Reading of Huzoor's special message.

Poems of the Promised Messiah sung in chorus.

Competitions in recitation of the Quran, Hadith, and Promised Messiah's poems.

Speech competition: phase one, local level; (phase two, regional level, June 4, 1989; phase three, national level, Jalsa Salana).

Physical training, gymnastics, martial arts display, sports, games.

Distribution of sweets and mementos.

Lecture: "Children's role in Ahmadiyya History."

Scholarship announcements.

National Qaid Khaudamul Ahmadiyya, Syed Sajid Ahmad, (602) 961-1414, incharge

March 24: Juma

Efforts should be made at the local level to see that attendance in Juma prayers is 100 percent, including children.

March 31, April 1,2: U.S.A. Majlis Shura

April 1 or 2 Lajna Masih Maud Day Program

- Local level (local jamaats may combine if membership is small).

Committees responsible: Program, Rabligh, Hospitality, Exhibitions, Audio-Visual, and Promotion/Publicity.

April 7 Ramazan starts

May 6 Eid-ul-Fitr

May 13 or 14 Lajna Khilafat Day Program

May 20-21 National Ansar Ijtema

May 27 Khilafat Day

Khilafat Day celebrations by Regional/Local jamaats.

June 3 or 4 Lajna Colloquium on

"Aspects of Islam/Ahmadiyyat."

Local level. Invite non-Ahmadi ladies.

- June 4** **Children's Speech Competitions**
Phase two, regional.
- June** **Huzoor's arrival in U.S.A.** (subject to his approval)
- Los Angeles Mosque/Mission House Opening Ceremony
Special sub-committees to be formed in the West Coast Region to make detailed program, Chaudhary Munir Ahmad in charge.
 - Exhibition
Special sub-committee to be formed.
- June 23-25: 41st Jalsa Salana, U.S.A.**
University of Maryland Baltimore county (UMBC), Catonsvill, Maryland. Huzoor's presence is requested, pending approval. Dr. Masoud Ahmad Malik, Officer jalsa Salana; Mr. Mubasher Ahmad, Incharge Program Committee; Mr. Kalimullah Khan, In-Charge Exhibition; Haji Dhul Wagar Yaqoob, In-charge. Press Conference; Maj. Fazal Ahmad, National Secretary Publication, In-charge U.S.A. Souvenir Magazine.
- July 13** **Eid-ul-Adha**
- July 10-16** **Atfaal Summer Classes**
Regional missionaries in charge.
- July 17-23** **Nasiraat Summer Classes**
Regional Lajna presidents in charge.
- August 11-13** **Khudamul Ahmadiyya U.S.A. Ijtema**
- August 19-20 U.S.A. National Lajna Imaillah Ijtema**
- September 3** **Symposium**
Symposium on Islam/Ahmadiyyat, Regional jamaats.
- October 1** **All Religious Founders Day**
Regional Jamaats.
- October 14** **Lajna Regional Ijtemas**
- November 12** **Seeratun Nabi Jalsas**
Regional/local Jamaats
- December 10** **Symposium**
Symposium on Islam/Ahmadiyyat. Regional Jamaats.
- December 23-25** **Children's Programs**
Regional/local jamaats.
- December 31** **Collective Tahajud Prayers**

NOTE: During the year, an extensive, well coordinated Dai-ilallah program will be conducted with specific Bait targets for each jamaat, distribution of Ahmadiyya literature in U.S. market, and placing of books in local libraries. Nasir Mahmood Malik, National Tabligh Secretary, in charge.

Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad
Amir & Missionary Incharge