



إِنَّا لِلّٰهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ

To Allah We Belong And To Him We All Return



Sahibzada M. M. Ahmad, relating some of his memories of Hazrat Musleh Mau'ood at the occasion of the Musleh Mau'ood Day



While chairing the last session of Jalsa Salana 2001; a happy scene of shaking hands with some of the participants at the conclusion of the session

FROM THE HOLY QURAN

كُلُّ نَفْسٍ ذَائِقَةُ الْمَوْتِ وَإِنَّمَا تُوَفَّقُونَ
أَجُورَكُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ فَمَنْ زُحِرَ عَنِ النَّارِ وَأُدْخِلَ الْجَنَّةَ
فَقَدْ فَازَ وَمَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا إِلَّا مَتَاعُ الْعُرُورِ

Every soul shall taste of death. And you shall be paid in full your rewards only on the Day of Resurrection. So whosoever is removed away from the Fire and is made to enter Heaven has indeed attained his goal. And the life of this world is nothing but an illusory enjoyment. (3:186)

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SO SAID THE HOLY PROPHET^{saw}

Anas relates that the Holy Prophet came to his son Ibrahim when he was in extremity and his eyes began to run, whereupon Abdur Rahman ibn Auf exclaimed: Messenger of Allah, even you? The Holy Prophet said: Ibn Auf, this is but the tenderness of the heart. He wept again and said: The eye sheds tears and the heart is sorrowful, but we utter only that which should please our Lord. We are indeed grieved, Ibrahim, by thy parting. (*Bokhari*)

Anas relates that some companions of the Holy Prophet passed a funeral and praised the person who had died, upon which the Holy Prophet said: It has become incumbent. Then they passed another funeral and spoke ill of the person who had died and the Holy Prophet said: It has become incumbent. Umar ibn Khattab inquired from the Holy Prophet: What has become incumbent? He answered: That one you praised and Paradise

became incumbent for him, and of the other you spoke ill and the Fire became incumbent for him. You are the witnesses of Allah upon the earth (*Bokhari and Muslim*).

Abu Hurairah and Abu Qatadah and Abu Ibrahim Ash'ari on the authority of his father relates that the Holy Prophet supplicated over a funeral in the following terms: Allah, do forgive our living and our dead and our young ones and old ones and our males and our females and those of us who are present and those of us who are absent. Allah, he whom Thou dost grant life from among us let him live in accordance with Islam and he whom Thou dost cause to die from among us cause him to die in the faith. Allah, do not deprive us of the reward of one who has died and do not put us to trial after him (*Abu Daud and Tirmidhi*)

A BULLETIN ON HUZOOR'S HEALTH

dated Wednesday, August 28, 2002

By the grace of Allah, the condition of Huzoor's (*Ayyadahullah Ta'ala*) health is slightly better than before. Treatment continues under medical supervision and advice of specialist doctors.

Huzoor (*Ayyadahullah Ta'ala Benasrehil Azeez*) is performing his daily duties and tasks as usual

All members of the Jamaat are requested to keep on praying and offering Sadaqat. May Allah grant our beloved Imam a long, healthy and vigorous life and support and bless him at every step. Ameen!

Ch. Hameedullah, Wakil A'la
Tahrik Jadid Anjuman Ahmadiyya
Rabwah, Pakistan

EDITORIAL**A GREAT LOSS***Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi raji'un*

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in the USA and all over the world heard with great sorrow that our beloved Amir, Hazrat Sahibzada Mirza Muzaffar Ahmad Sahib, passed away after a long illness on July 22, 2002. *Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi raji'un* (To Allah we belong and to Him do we all return). He was a grandson of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), son of Hazrat Mian Bashir Ahmad (r.a.) and son-in-law of Hazrat Musleh Mau'ud, Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmood Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih II (r.a.).

The funeral prayers, led by Acting Amir Jama'at Ahmadiyya USA, Dr. Ahsanullah Zafar, were held at Masjid Baitur Rahman on July 26, 2002 at 9 PM. Close to two thousand Ahmadis from all over the USA joined in the funeral prayers. Amir Sahib Jama'at Ahmadiyya Canada, along with 150 members of the Canada Jama'at also attended the funeral prayers.

His body was taken to Pakistan for burial in the *Bahishti Maqbarah*. Funeral prayers were held in Lahore, led by Mirza Khurshid Ahmad, Nazir External Affairs and Sadr Majlis Ansarullah Pakistan. In Rabwah, the funeral prayers were led by Sahibzada Masroor Ahmad, Nazir A'ala. The burial took place in the *Bahishti Maqbara* of Rabwah, where he was buried in the special section, by the side of Hazrat Chaudhry Muhammad Zafrullah Khan Sahib (r.a.).

Before assuming the position of Amir, Jama'at Ahmadiyya USA, Hazrat Mian Sahib had a very distinguished career as a civil servant, statesman, and leader in economic

development. Even as he was engaged in these activities, he remained the trusted advisor of three *Khulafa* of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), and of the Amirs of the Jama'at Ahmadiyya USA.

He was a very devoted follower of the Khilafati Ahmadiyya and many of his addresses, and schemes were permeated with the spirit of following up on the directives from Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (a.b.a.). Even his daily talk was full of devotion to the Khilafat. Similarly, he was eager to honor and establish the Nizam-i-Jama'at (established system of organization in the Community).

One of his special contributions to the Jama'at Ahmadiyya was in the financial field. When he assumed the leadership of the Jama'at Ahmadiyya USA as Amir in 1989, the annual budget was 1.357 million dollars. In the last year of his leadership, the budget had increased to 8.5 million dollars (an increase of 526%). He was instrumental in motivating the Jama'at to take the first position in *Waqfe-Jadid*, which increased from \$11,231 to \$600,870 during his leadership, and in *Tehrik-i-Jadid*, which increased from \$128,933 to \$631,315.

Da'wat Ilallah was his special concern and his meetings with the missionaries as well as the Aamila devoted great attention to propagation.

He followed up vigorously on the desire of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (r.a.) to build mosques in the USA. More than 20 Mosques and mission houses were built/acquired during

the 13 years of his tenure as the Amir. Specially important is the construction of Masjid Baitur Rahman, the new and beautiful Headquarters of the Jama'at, which was inaugurated by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (a.b.a.) in 1994.

He was very eager to promote and cultivate friendship and brotherly love between the Ahmadi migrants from other countries to the USA and those, especially the African Americans, who have joined the Community in the US.

Help to the needy was a special concern of Hazrat Mian Sahib. Every *Eid*, and on all other occasions, he was generous in allocating funds to help the needy within and outside the Jama'at. His enthusiasm for Education and economic uplift of the Community was manifested in many programs, especially the Scholarship program, for which \$100,000

divided equally between loans and grants were allocated in the current fiscal year. He also established a Fund for the Development of African American Youth.

Hazrat Mian Sahib spoke with great passion about the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him)'s prophecies about the victory of Islam, which was frequently the main theme of his addresses in the Jalsa Salana USA, and Majlis Mushawarat. He was also very passionate about narrating his fond memories of Hazrat Musleh Mau'ud (r.a.).

The Editors of The Ahmadiyya Gazette express their deep condolences to our beloved Imam, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (a.b.a.), Sahibzadi Amatul Qayyum Begum Sahiba, Zahir A. Mustafa and all family members. May Allah the Exalted grant him an elevated status in *Jannatul Firdous* and may He be the Guardian and protector of his bereaved family.

A NOTE FROM AMIR JAMA'AT AHMADIYYA USA

The late Sahibzada M.M. Ahmad left the USA Jama'at a legacy of caring and thorough work for the Jama'at. He gave the example of an Ahmadi who lived the life of this world but his heart and soul was truly involved in the cause of Allah alone. He was always graceful in his conduct towards each one of us. His example of patience, forethought, and analysis would be a guide in some difficult situations, as we pursue the goals we all started with him.

This publication is a brief acknowledgment of the multitude of expressions received at his death from the USA, as well as all over the world. The intention is to publish a commemorative of Mian Sahib's life next year, covering in better detail the way he lived and practiced.

We all can draw inspiration from his life, and apply ourselves to the service of Allah's cause, and work under the directions of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih IV, (*Ayyada Hullaho Binasrihil Aziz*).

Ahsanullah Zafar,
Amir Jama'at USA

Resolution of Majlis 'Aamila Jama'at Ahmadiyya USA

(Passed unanimously at a meeting held on August 10, 2002)

This meeting of the Majlis 'Aamila of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA expresses its deep grief and sorrow at the demise of our beloved leader, Sahibzada Hazrat Mirza Muzaffar Ahmad Sahib, Amir Jama'at Ahmadiyya USA after a long illness on July 22, 2002. *Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi raji'un* (To Allah we belong and to Him do we all return).

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Even before his appointment as Amir Jama'at Ahmadiyya USA, Hazrat Mian Sahib's services to Pakistan, International relations and economic development, and to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA and world-wide, were remarkable and distinguished. He served with distinction in the Indian Civil Service (before the creation of Pakistan), Civil Service of Pakistan, World Bank, and the Development Committee. Throughout this time, he was always available to give his services to the Khulafai Ahmadiyyat and to the Amirs of the Jama'at Ahmadiyya whenever called upon to do so.

He was appointed to the office of Amir Jama'at Ahmadiyya USA in 1989 and served the Jama'at up to the last breath of his life. Members of the Aamila will always remember His motto: What have I done today in the service of Islam/Ahmadiyyat?

Hazrat Mian Sahib was permeated with the

Love of Allah, and the Holy Prophet (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and utter devotion to the mission of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him). He spoke with great passion on these subjects. The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him)'s prophecies about the victory of Islam were frequently the main theme of his addresses in the Jalsa Salana USA, and Majlis Mushawarat. He was also very passionate about narrating his fond memories of Hazrat Musleh Mau'ud (r.a.).

He was a very devoted follower of the Khilafati Ahmadiyya and many of his addresses, and schemes were permeated with the spirit of following up on the directives from Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (a.b.a.). Even his daily talk was full of devotion to the Khilafat. Similarly, he was eager to honor and establish the Nizam-i-Jama'at (established system of organization in the Community). He guided and encouraged the development of leadership in the auxiliary organizations.

One of his special contributions to the Jama'at Ahmadiyya was in the financial field. When he assumed the leadership of the Jama'at Ahmadiyya USA as Amir in 1989, the annual budget was 1.357 million dollars. In the last year of his leadership, the budget had increased to 8.5 million dollars (an increase of 526%). He was instrumental in motivating the Jama'at to take the first position world-wide in Waqfe-Jadid, which increased from \$11,231 to \$600,870 in the year 2002 during his leadership, and in Tehrik-i-Jadid, which increased from \$128,933 to \$631,315.

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His services in raising the consciousness of the US/International agencies to address the plight of the Ahmadis being persecuted in Pakistan were immense.

His knowledge of Islam/Ahmadiyyat was deep and thorough and he was always eager to instill it in the Community and outside. Specially worth mentioning are his keen interest in the publication of several magazines and books, such as, *Pathways to Paradise*, *Words of Wisdom*, *Welcome To Ahmadiyyat*, *Mosques Around the World*, *Ahmadiyya Jama'at's Services for Pakistan and Muslim Causes (Souvenir on the 50 Anniversary of Pakistan)*, and *50th Jalsa Salana USA Souvenir*. He also fulfilled the desire of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) that the *Review of Religions* be published at least 10,000.

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Members of Majlis Aamila express deep condolences to Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (a.b.a.), Sahibzadi Amtul Qayyum Sahiba, Sahibzada Mirza Majid Ahmad Sahib, Sahibzadi Amtul Latif Sahiba, Sahibzadi Amtul Jamil Sahiba and Mr. Zahir Mustafa Ahmad on behalf of the entire Jama'at Ahmadiyya USA as well as themselves. May Allah the Exalted grant him an elevated status in *Jannatul Firdous* and may He be the Guardian and Protector of his bereaved family.

Ahsanullah Zafar

Acting Amir, Jama'at Ahmadiyya USA

August 16, 2002

cc. Syedana Hazrat Khalifatul Masih,
Ayyadahuulaho binasrihil Azeez

Sadr. Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya, Rabwah
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M. M. AHMAD – SOME FOND MEMORIES

(by Dr. Nasim Rehmatullah)

With the passing of Sahibzada Mirza Muzaffar Ahmad Sahib, Amir Jama'at USA, we have lost a distinguished leader and a great human being. Prior to becoming the Amir Jama'at USA, Mian Sahib served Pakistan as a distinguished leader in finance and then served the world community as a director of the World Bank.

Over the last decade or so, I had developed a very close relationship with Mian Sahib and I look back with fondness at this unique man who spent most of his waking hours in the service of the Jama'at. I thank God for this blessing and for this privilege afforded to me to spend so much time with Mian Sahib and to learn from Mian Sahib's vast experience.

I would like to share with the readers my observations with regard to Mian Sahib.

Mian Sahib demonstrated in his words and actions an unparalleled regard and respect for Khalifat. Whenever he wrote to Huzoor, he would write and rewrite his letters, making sure the letters were concise and to the point, as not to infringe unnecessarily on Khalifatul Masih's time.

In 1998, when Huzoor was here for Jalsa Salana USA, as was Huzoor's custom, Huzoor was staying at Mian Sahib's house. At Fajr prayers at Mian Sahib's house, some of us would also join in the prayers. Mian Sahib would say his prayers sitting on a chair at the extreme right of the front row. After the prayers were over, Huzoor would turn around on the prayer mat and talk to the gathering. During this process, Mian Sahib would slowly and unnoticeably slide off the chair and sit on the ground so as to be at the same level as Huzoor. He did this despite the pain and difficulty he felt sitting on the ground.

Another attribute of Mian Sahib was his humility and simplicity. A person of Mian Sahib's

stature and his accomplishments never let it be known by his words and actions that he was above everyone else. On the contrary, his demeanor was simple and he was a mild mannered person. This simplicity was also reflected in the workings of the USA Jama'at.

An attribute of Mian Sahib was his regard for time. He would strive to be punctual, despite the fact that his back pain was an impediment. Whenever I had an appointment to see Mian Sahib at his house, he would be ready and waiting. He once said to me that it bothered him when some people would show up an hour or two late without any valid reason and without calling to let him know that they were going to be late.

A special attribute of Mian Sahib was his propensity to seek diverse opinions on various Jama'at matters. His usual custom was that he would send a written note to various people, seeking their comments. In addition, during several of my visits with Mian Sahib, I would note that he would broach various issues with me, unrelated to my office. I am sure he did this with many other people as well. God had given Mian Sahib the wisdom to be able to discern right from wrong very quickly. He would reverse his prior decision if needed. Once a Jama'at meeting was organized, with Mian Sahib's approval, everything was in place for the meeting. I was invited to the meeting to provide MTA coverage. On looking at the program, I felt that such a meeting had a potential of undermining the system of our Jama'at. I sent a note to Main Sahib, expressing my view. Mian Sahib called me up to discuss my view point. A few minutes later, he canceled the meeting.

God had blessed Mian Sahib with a very kind heart. He always told me that we should focus on facilitating work and outcome rather than penalty and punishment. When penalty and punishment

became due, he would agonize over it. I remember a time when he wrote to a person four times seeking some positive response so no action may be necessary. In some of our special meetings where we were doing some assigned work, I would note some letters written to Mian Sahib that were disrespectful and hostile. Yet these never seemed to bother Mian Sahib and he carried out his work with utmost integrity and justice.

Mian Sahib gave precedence to others over his own self. Once at a wedding, he tripped and banged his leg on an object. He got up and sat down on a chair through the wedding as if nothing had happened. When I went to see him a few days later, he had a big haematoma on his leg. He told me that he felt the haematoma developing as he was sitting at the wedding but he would not disrupt the happiness of the occasion by drawing attention to himself.

When my daughter Fatima's *Nikah* ceremony was to be held, on the occasion of the Jalsa Salana USA 2000, I had requested Mian Sahib to participate in the ceremony. The ceremony was held at Baitur Rahman Mosque after *Maghrib* and *Isha* prayers. Mian Sahib's work was done and he had to wait four hours to attend the ceremony. Yet he waited, despite my pleading that it was alright

and that he should go home.

At our weekend meetings at Baitur Rahman, Mian Sahib would bring his lunch with him, as would other attendees from the metro area. Without fail, Mian Sahib would insist that I have half of his sandwich.

Once Mian Sahib called me to come to see him for a medical need. The day I was to travel to see him, the forecast was for snow in the metro area. Mian Sahib had Zahir call me to tell me not to come till the inclement weather was over.

The hallmark of Mian Sahib's leadership was that he was always available and easily accessible. Those who became closely associated with Mian Sahib and followed his instructions and guidance, excelled in their work

Mian Sahib was a great asset to the Jama'at. He shared his life with us. The working organization that Mian Sahib put in place for the USA Jama'at over the last twelve years is perhaps the best in the world. Taking into account the limited manpower we have in the USA Jama'at, it is all the more astonishing that we have, by the Grace of God achieved so much. Mian Sahib's legacy continues. May his soul rest in peace.

NOTE

Many expressions, letters and resolutions of condolence were received but are not reproduced here due to lack of space. Some of the local Jamaats sending letters of condolences were: Washington D.C.; New York, NY; Research Triangle; Baltimore, MD; Charlotte, NC, and Virginia.

A TRIBUTE TO MY MENTOR

(by Saied A. Malik, Pakistan Army (Retired))

To Him we finally return!

Today, Hazrat Sahibzada Mirza Muzaffar Ahmad Sahib is no more amongst us. His clear spirit soared at once to its accepted place among the fixed stars, in the firmament of rare immortals. His true life has begun with his death. I am induced to offer my personal sentiments at this solemn occasion.

To a child this world is everything; he seems to himself a part of his world – a part of this world in the same sense in which a branch is part of a tree; he has little notion of his own separate and independent existence, that is, he has no just idea he has a soul. He views himself merely in his connection with this world, which is his all; he looks to this world his good and when he tries to look beyond this life is able to discern nothing in prospect, because he has no idea of anything nor can fancy anything, but this life.

To understand that we have souls is to feel our separation from things visible, our independence of them, our distinct existence in ourselves, our individuality, our power of acting for ourselves this way or that way, our accountability for what we do.

These are the great truths which lie wrapped up indeed even in a child's mind, and which God's grace can unfold there in spite of the influence of the external world; but at first this outward world prevails. We look off from self to the things around us, and forget ourselves in them. Such is our state – depending for support on the reeds which are no stay, and overlooking our real strength – at the time when God begins His process of reclaiming us to a truer view of our place in His great system of providence. And when He visits us, then in a little while there is a stirring within us.

The feebleness of the things of this world are forced upon our minds; they promise but cannot perform, they disappoint us. Or, if they do perform what they promise, still they do not satisfy us. We still crave for something, we do not well know what; but we are sure it is something which the world has not given us. And then its changes are so many, so sudden, so silent, so continual. It never leaves changing; it goes on to change, till we are quite sick at heart; then it is that our reliance on it is broken.

It is plain we cannot continue to depend on it unless we keep pace with it and go on changing too; but this we cannot do. We feel that, while it changes, we are one and the same; and thus under God's blessing we come to have some glimpse of the meaning of our independence of things temporal, and our immortality. And should it so happen that misfortunes come upon us (as they often do), then still more are we led to understand the nothings of this world; then still more are we led to distrust it, and are weaned from the love of it, till at length it floats before our eyes merely as some idle veil, which, notwithstanding its many tints, cannot hide the view of what is beyond it – and we begin by degrees to perceive that there are two things in the whole universe – our own soul, and the God who made it.

We never in this life can fully understand what is meant by our living forever, but we can understand what is meant by this world's *not* living forever, by its dying never to rise again. And leaving this we learn that we owe it no service, no allegiance, it has no claim over us and can do no material good nor harm. On the other hand the law of God written on our hearts bids us serve Him and partly tells us how to serve Him who is a righteous judge. Hazrat Sahibzada Mirza Muzaffar Ahmad

Sahib served Him in true vein and true spirit.

There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; but star differs from another star in glory. To me that unique glorious star was Hazrat "Mian Sahib" - my mentor. Today, for some it might be a melancholy day of his death but I see the rich and incomparable fulfillment of his life. In his death his virtues have rolled like a snowball which will keep on rolling of which there is no parallel in the world.

It is rare to be fortunate in life, it is infinitely rarer to be fortunate in death. It is comparatively easy to know how to live but it is beyond option and choice to compare the most difficult art of knowing when and how to die.

We cannot deny the truth that human being is like an oak tree. The acorn of which is planted in the clay, struck its tap-root, then rose into a stem which spread into a branch and in the whole the oak completed its symmetry, stature and perfection. But when that oak attains its maturity and has run through its period of time, it begins to decay. The sap sinks to the root, the leaves begin to fall, the sprays wither, the branches decay and fall from the trunk, the trunk becomes hollow and the tree disappears in the dust. The last few years of Mian Sahib life had been years of great physical pain, yet he turned it to a brave, cheerful unflinching face.

I served him as his Secretary for over a decade. He was a giant of a person both in the physical sense and in mental capacities. He was a whole man in his stature, symmetry, and countenance, the whole human being with outlines and type which belongs not only to man in general, but to a particular individual.

Men are not equal, they are variously endowed and some have capacities and qualities and energies far beyond others. He was that person.

He had self control, the will and in obedience to *Khalifat* there was no match to him. He had his own individual gifts and capacities.

Each human soul that is gifted above its

fellows, leaves as it passes out of the world, a light of its own, that no other soul, whether more or less greatly gifted could give equally. As each lofty peak in some mountain is illuminated with a different hue of its own by the setting sun, so also, each of the higher summit of human being is lit up by the sunset of life with a different color derived, it may be, from the material of which it is composed or from the relative position it occupies, but each to those who can discern it rightly conveying a new and separate lesson of truth, of duty, of wisdom and hope.

What then are the special lessons which we may learn from the character of this remarkable man who has been taken away from us is, to pay, befitting tribute to his memory.

First, I perceive, there is that singular peculiarity which is within the reach of all of us. He accomplished the greatest success by the most homely and the most ordinary means. It is this which makes his life, in many respects, an example and encouragement to all. The persevering devotion of his days and nights in the service of *Ahmadiyyat* and toil and endurance of nearly two decades in a very high station of Amir of the USA *Jama'at* in which he was employed – these are the qualities which might be imitated by every single person of the *Jama'at* from the highest to the lowest amongst us.

Yet, whoever you may be, who are working zealously, humbly, honestly in your different stations, work on the more zealously and the more faithfully from this day forward.

He won his way with far-sighted wisdom, kindness of heart, tact and readiness. These were the gifts of God to him. "Never despair" so the vicissitudes of the octogenarian Amir seems to say to us.

I am one of those fortunate ones who is direct recipient of some of his words of wisdom.

Once when I asked him what is supreme good and what is the noblest object of desire, he replied, the greatest thing in the religious world is faith and

next to it is love. Remember love is a compound thing which is like light. As you have seen a man of science take a beam of light and pass it through a crystal prism, as you have seen it come out on the other side of the prism broken up into its component colors – red and blue, and yellow and violet, and orange and all the other colors of the rainbow. They are virtues which we hear about every day; they are things which can be practiced by every man in every place of life. The spectrum of love is broken up in its elements of patience, kindness, generosity, and humility. These are supreme gifts the stature of the perfect man. You will see that all are in relation to man, in relation to life, in relation to the known today and the near tomorrow and not to the unknown eternity. Where

love is, God is. He passed the spectrum of love to me. It is my pleasure to pass on his message to you also.

The most befitting tribute that we can pay to him is to reach forward in the spirit which he inspired within us, the kindness, the perseverance, the hope and self devotion, which is before each one of us.

Life at the best is but as a vapor that passes away. The glories of our birth and stations that we achieve are shadows, not substantial things. But when death comes, what nobler epitaph can any man have than this, that having served his generation and his God, by the will of God he fell asleep.

FROM THE NATIONAL SECRETARY, TABLIGH

الَّذِينَ إِذَا أَصَابَهُمُ مُصِيبَةٌ قَالُوا إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ

Words are unable to express the full expression of my thoughts and feelings as I reflect upon the Giant of a man we have all lost from among us with the passing of our respected Amir M. M. Ahmad (*Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi raji'un*)

And yet that loss is immediately filled with gratitude when we look at the accomplishments he has made in his personal life, the dedication he gave in the service of Islam, and the huge lesson he has taught us as the Amir of the USA Ahmadiyya Jama'at. May Allah Ta'ala have mercy on him and grant him Paradise.

I am honored to have served under his leadership and honored still to have been blessed to know such a Great man in my life. I will always Love him and pray for him.

I extend these heartfelt sentiments to his immediate family and his extended family of all who knew him.

Ali Murtaza

National Secretary Tabligh

July 24, 2002

M. M. AHMAD – A DISTINGUISHED PAKISTANI PASSES AWAY

(by C. Naseer Ahmad)

*“Sada na baagi bulbul bolay
Sada na rahndi husn javani,
sada na rahman bag baharan
Sada na rahna maan pay,
sada na sohbat yaaran”*

So wrote the Punjabi Sage Mian Muhammad Baksh in his epic *“Saiful-Muluk”*.

It was early Monday morning when my wife called me at work to tell me that “Mian Sahib” who was also known as Mirza Muzaffar Ahmad and M.M. Ahmad, had passed away. Many Washington area residents like me had known this decent man since he became a resident of Potomac, Maryland in 1972.

For many days, the Washington area did not get any rain and then on Monday night, it rained as if tears were falling from the sky. For one who was accustomed to meeting him frequently, it was hard to imagine that a friend would not be sitting impeccably dressed on his sofa anymore. Instead, one found countless sad faces, quietly mourning the passing away of a man they considered a part of their own family.

M.M. Ahmad is survived by his wife Mrs. Amtul Qayyum, son Zahir Ahmad, his daughter-in-law Tazeen Ahmad and two grandchildren, Muhammad and Marium. But there are thousands across America who mourn his death.

Born on February 28, 1913, in Qadian India, Mr. Ahmad was the grandson of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community – a peaceful movement spreading Islam in over 160 countries.

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Lahore and subsequently at London University and Oxford. He joined the Indian Civil Service in 1939, under the British Empire, and worked in senior positions until the creation of Pakistan in 1947.

Mr. Ahmad made enormous contributions to the civil service in Pakistan, when he rose steadily through the ranks holding positions such as Secretary Commerce, Secretary Finance, Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission and Economic and Financial Advisor to the President of Pakistan.

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government office elevator, Mr. Ahmad was stabbed by a religious extremist. Despite being seriously injured, he was able to subdue his assailant. His ability to withstand a brutal attack was due to his great physical condition - because of avid interest in sports such as tennis and hunting. The attempt on his life did not embitter his outlook, as he remained active and involved in community affairs. He kept his passion for reading until his last days.

Following his retirement from the World Bank, Mr. Ahmad became the President of the Ahmadiyya

Muslim Community USA. He was admired and loved by the members of his community for which he worked until his recent illness.

Mr. Ahmad will be remembered for his dedication to public service and for the lesson he taught in asking his community members to ask themselves: *"What have I done for my Community today?"*

And to underscore his commitment, even on his death bed, Mr. Ahmad asking his assistant Dr. Zaheer Bajwa: *"Did you bring my mail today?"*

MY IMPRESSION OF M. M. AHMAD SAHIB

(May his soul rest in peace)

(by Ahmad Haleem, President, Fazal Mosque, Washington D.C.)

When I first met M.M. Ahmad sahib some thirty years ago, he was with the World Bank. I noticed whenever he came to Juma all the brothers would stand up as he walked in. I thought this was because he was an administrator at the World Bank. Being a new member in the Jama'at at the Fazl Mosque, I was unaware he was the grandson of the Holy Founder of the Jama'at Ahmadiyya – Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (a.s.).

He would talk with the brothers after Juma prayers and answer questions about the Ahmadiyya Movement and the Qur'an. Therefore, I could see why they stood up for him because they respected him as part of the holy family of the Promised Messiah (a.s.).

On special events he delivered speeches on Islam and the history of the movement that he had personally witnessed. He always encouraged members to stay strong in Islam and pray to Allah for guidance. At that time our Jama'at was small in numbers.

When the third Khalifa (r.a.) visited the USA,

M.M. Ahmad Sahib was his host for his entire stay here. The Khalifa would reside in his home and the Khuddam would provide security 24 hours a day during the entire stay.

He was always in the forefront during Jalsa Salana USA because of his financial background. During the early years, Jalsa Salana was held in different cities around the country. The Jama'at was in need of his advice about cost and where the Jalsa Salana should best be held.

M.M. Ahmad Sahib was appointed Amir of Jama'at USA. He was a stern and a no-nonsense person. Fair to everyone. You could see his religious side. Concern about the morals, prayers, Chanda paying and the well-being of us all.

He always encouraged us to attend all of the Jama'at functions and holy days. Sometimes he was greatly disappointed when we had a small turn-out, and of course very gracious when we had a large turn-out. May Allah rest his soul in perfect peace. Ameen!

REMEMBERING SAHIBZADA M. M. AHMAD

Syed Sajid Ahmad, Boise, ID

As I became able to read the newspapers during my younger years in Pakistan, Sahibzadah M.M. Ahmad was already in the news. My father had told me that he was a son of Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad, Qamarul-Anbiya, *radiyallahu 'anhu*, who in turn was a son of the Promised Messiah, *'alaihissalam*.

He was climbing the executive ladder fast and soon was heading the planning commission. I remember listening to his speech, alongside my father, the first time he presented the five-year economic plan on the Radio Pakistan. He was precise and to the point in his addresses. His speech kept the same assertiveness, firmness and clarity to the last days of his life, and reflected the magnificence of his father's addresses to the thousands attending the International Jalsas in Qadian and then in India.

In a country ridden with bribery, cronyism, and intrigue, his honesty, straightforwardness, selfless service, foresight and intellect were a great asset to any government, therefore, his services even as economic advisor to the president were carried over from one administration to the next, albeit these administrations were bitterly rival to each other.

His services were indispensable to the progress of Pakistan. He would have contributed to the future of Pakistan much more if the rulers of Pakistan had not sacrificed the well being of Pakistan to appease the mulla for political convenience. By ignoring such selfless servants, successive rulers broke the basic Islamic principles of equity and fairness, thus bringing to the country despair after despair, leading to the present-day chaos and turmoil.

I had the honor of interacting with him on various issues related to the Ahmadiyya Community in the United States. He always

extended his hand with a smile on his face and full attention. Whenever I met him, he had the questions ready for asking and advice and suggestions prepared for dispensation, giving me the impression that he had been thinking about me and had been waiting for my appearance to talk to me. The number of people and issues he had to handle, this level of his diligence is exceptional and points out to the fulfillment of the prophecies of the Promised Messiah, *'alaihissalam*.

Mirza Zahir Ahmad, his son, was heading the Washington Khuddam when I was given the opportunity to head the US Khuddam. During one of my visits, he kindly allowed us to hold a planning meeting at his home where we also offered our Prayers after the meeting. He presented his residence for many disruptive functions without worrying about his comfort.

He heard my proposals with humility and gave them the attention and consideration necessary for them to be beneficial for the Jama'at. His advice with respect to the Muslim Sunrise helped improve its quality and effectiveness. On one of my travels, I saw a For Sale sign outside an Ahmadiyya Center. I deemed that center to be quite beneficial to the local community. I wrote him a letter showing my concerns and provided reasons for my view. Next time I visited that property, the For Sale sign was gone. He read all the correspondence with attention to detail, investigated the matter thoroughly, and wrote valuable remarks back.

He was very particular about the training and proper upbringing of our younger generation. He often spoke on the subject in Jama'at meetings. When I approached him with a proposal to start a magazine for children, he rightly guided me to get the opinion of the heads of the Lajna and Khuddam organizations in the States. Both of them were naturally supportive of such an endeavor and

provided their ideas on the structure and flow of the publication and the administrative strategy for this task. After examining their inputs, he formed a committee of highly motivated and deserving members of the Community to administer and oversee the publication. A long list of names for this publication suggested by members were submitted to him. He chose two of them of which one, al-Hilal, appears on the publication today. His selection of this name points to his strong affection for the language of the Quran and the familiar parallels given for the great Prophet of Arabia over the past many centuries.

It was his suggestion that the reports of prominent activities of the US Ansar be published in Ahmadiyya organs worldwide. One initiative in

this respect set off a barrage of such reports from all over the world claiming many pages of each of our major periodic publications.

He was 76 years old when he was given the grand responsibility of heading the US Jama'at. His experience proved to be a great asset in contributing to the success and progress of the Ahmadiyya Community in the US. His accomplishments at that advanced age are an excellent example to follow and a necessary lesson to learn for all our elders and retirees on how to come forward and serve our Community selflessly up to our last breaths.

May Allah bless and exalt his soul and be a source of solace for his near ones. Amin.

LETTER OF CONDOLENCES FROM MAURITIUS

It is with great sadness that we have learnt of the sad demise of late M.M. Ahmad, a devoted servant of Islam. *Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi raji'un.*

On behalf of the Jama'ats of Mauritius and neighboring islands, and in my own behalf, I wish to extend my heartiest and deep condolences to the families of late M.M. Ahmad as well as to all the members of USA Jama'at.

We pray that Allah the Almighty accept the noble deeds of late M.M. Ahmad, reward him abundantly for the selfless services he rendered to the Jama'at and grant him a lofty position in Paradise. May He also keep his family under His Blessed Care and Protection and grant them a large measure of patience and forbearance.

Mohammad Ameen Jowahir
Amir Jama'at

LETTER OF CONDOLENCES FROM GHANA

I have the honor to state that the sad news of the demise of Sahibzada Mirza Muzaffar Ahmed, the Revered Ameer Sahib of the United States of America and also an illustrious grandson of Hazrat Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) has reached us through the M.T.A.

Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi rajioon.

On behalf of the entire membership of the Ghana Jama'at, and on my own behalf, I wish to extend to you and members of the bereaved family our sincerest condolences.

It is our sincere prayer to Allah that He may, out of His grace, grant him a lofty place in paradise and the bereaved family the courage to bear the irreparable loss with fortitude.

It is also our humble prayer that Allah may, out of His grace, fill the vacuum that has been created in the Jama'at with his passing away.

(Mauevi A. Wahab Adam)
Ameer & Missionary-in-charge

LETTER OF CONDOLENCES FROM GAMBIA

We are very much grieved and saddened to hear yesterday, Tuesday 23rd July 2002 of the demise of Hazrat Mirza Muzaffar Ahmad, Amir of Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at, USA *Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Ilaihi Raji'oon*. The late M.M. Ahmad was a great man who served tremendously and sincerely not only Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at, the nation of Pakistan but the entire world. He was personally known to me while I was studying in Washington D.C. He was a great and wonderful man.

On behalf of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at, The Gambia, the people of The Gambia and on my own behalf, I send our sincere and deepest condolences to Naib Amir Sahib, the entire Jama'at of the USA, the immediate family of the deceased and loved ones. May his soul rest in perfect peace and may Allah Almighty continue to guide Jama'at Ahmadiyya USA. We further pray that Allah Almighty may grant the family and relatives of the deceased patience and fortitude. Ameen.

Baka Trawally
Amir Ahmadiyya
Jama'at Gambia, W. Africa

Resolution of Majlis Aamila and Jama'at Ahmadiyya Maryland on the Demise of Sahibzada M. M. Ahmad Sahib, Amir Jama'at USA

The following resolution was unanimously passed by Majlis Aamila and members of Maryland Jama'at on Friday, August 09, 2002.

Jama'at Ahmadiyya Maryland expresses its heartfelt condolences at the demise of Sahibzada M.M. Ahmad Sahib, Amir Jama'at USA and a very distinguished member of the International Jama'at Ahmadiyya. *Inna lillahi wa ina illahi rajioon.* May Allah elevate his soul and grant him an exalted station in *Jannatul Firdous*. Amin. May Allah also grant comfort to the bereaved family and friends.

Sahibzada M.M. Ahmad Sahib was born on February 28, 1913. He was a grandson of Hazrat Promised Messiah *Alaih-e-Salam* and a son of Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad *Razi Allah Anho*. His life epitomized service to Khilafat and Ahmadiyyat. He played a very active role in serving the Jama'at throughout his life. He became the Amir Jama'at USA in 1989 and served in this capacity until his last breath. His devotion to Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II, III, and IV was exemplary. Many Ahmadis will continue to remember him for his regular presence and motivational addresses. His devotion to faith and his love for Khilafat was evident from all his addresses. He was often asked to address the Jama'at gatherings at the end of the program. Many of the people who used to get tired during the rest of the speeches used to become alert for his concluding addresses. His words of wisdom often brought tears to the eyes of Jama'at members. He had a unique quality of shaking up the souls of the Jama'at members so that they would be inclined to become righteous. He was very socialable and greeted everyone kindly. He never refused an invitation and was often seen at weddings of Jama'at members.

He attended and graduated from Government College, Lahore and Oxford University, U.K. He

joined civil service of Pakistan and played a key role in the country's development between the years 1947 and 1974. During this period, he held several positions in the Government of Pakistan:

- Finance Secretary, West Pakistan
- Chief Secretary, West Pakistan
- Federal Commerce Secretary, Government of Pakistan
- Federal Finance Secretary, Government of Pakistan
- Federal Minister of Planning Commission, Government of Pakistan
- Federal Minister In-charge of Finance Ministry
- Advisor to President and Prime Minister of Pakistan

He was one of only four civil servicemen who opted to serve Pakistan after its independence. He led Pakistan delegations to several international conferences. He played a key role along with Secretary Henry Kissinger in opening the way for U.S. into China by arranging the first President Nixon's trip to China. He joined the World Bank in 1972 as its Executive Director for Pakistan and Middle East Group. He was awarded Hilal-e-Qaid-e-Azam and Sitara-e-Pakistan awards by the President of Pakistan.

We pray that Almighty Allah may grant him an exalted station in Paradise and may He grant patience, comfort and strength to all his loved ones and the members of the Jama'at.

It is also resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to Hazrat Amirul Momineen, the members of his family and to the Ahmadiyya Gazette, USA

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

LAJNA IMAILLAH – USA

(Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Association)

A Resolution

On the Demise of Sahibzada M. M. Ahmad Sahib, Ameer Jamaat- USA

We, the members of Lajna Imaillah-USA, are filled with great sorrow on the demise of Sahibzada M. M. Ahmad Sahib, Respected Ameer of Jamaat- USA.
"Inna Lillahi wa Inna Alaihi Raje'oon."

Respected Ameer Sahib spent his entire life as an exemplary member of the Ahmadiyya Community, and lived a life of honesty and sincerity and worked hard to improve our moral and spiritual training.

We, the members of Lajna Imaillah-USA, individually and collectively, offer our sincere heartfelt condolences to Dr. Ehsan Zafar, Respected Acting Ameer Sahib and to all the family members of Respected Ameer M. M. Ahmad Sahib.

May Allah Almighty grant our beloved Ameer Sahib a noble and elevated status in Paradise, Ameen.

Shanaz Butt

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Sadr, Lajna Imaillah-USA

July 23, 2002

From the Washington Post, July 28, 2002**M.M. Ahmad****Distinguished Pakistani Passes Away**

Mirza Muzaffar Ahmad, often known as "MM Ahmad", a distinguished Pakistani Public Servant and a resident of Potomac, Maryland since 1972 passed away on July 22, 2002. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Amtul Qayyum, son Zahir Ahmad, his daughter-in-law Tazeen Ahmad and two grandchildren, Muhammad and Marium.

Born in Qadian, India, on February 28, 1913. Mr. Ahmad was the grandson of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community - a peaceful movement spreading Islam in over 160 countries.

After completing high school in Qadian, India, Mr. Ahmad studied at the Government College Lahore and subsequently at London University and Oxford. He joined the Indian Civil Service in 1939, under the British Empire, and worked in senior positions until the creation of Pakistan in 1947.

Mr. Ahmad made enormous contributions to the civil service in Pakistan. He rose steadily through the ranks holding such senior appointments as Secretary Commerce, Secretary Finance, Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission and Economic and Financial Advisor to Presidents Ayub Khan, Yahya Khan and Z. A. Bhutto of Pakistan. Under Mr. Ahmad's Stewardship, Pakistan enjoyed a sustained record economic growth and prosperity.

Mr. Ahmad represented Pakistan at several key events. He led a delegation to China in 1967 and to various international lending institutions. Mr. Ahmad had been a member of Pakistani delegations at key events including the Commonwealth Prime Ministers conferences and other summit conferences. He was a negotiator with the World Bank for the massive Indus Basin irrigation project for Pakistan. Mr. Ahmad played a key role along with former US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger in arranging President Nixon's trip to China. In recognition of his extensive

service, Mr. Ahmad received distinguished awards from the Pakistani Government.

Mr. Ahmad was appointed as an Executive Director of the World Bank for Pakistan and Middle East. He also served as the Deputy Executive Secretary for the Joint Ministerial Committee of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund. Mr. Ahmad commanded the respect and trust of Mr. McNamara and other world leaders. He retired from the World Bank in 1984.

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Mr. Ahmad became the Ameer (National President) of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA in 1989. He brought about fiscal and organizational discipline to the Community and raised its finances by more than 8 times. He was admired and loved by the members of his community for which he worked until his demise. He had great passion for the poor and disadvantaged and helped scores of poor students, some of whom are currently serving their country or international community in responsible positions. He also took care of a number of orphans and widows in Pakistan as well as in USA.

Mr. Ahmad will be remembered for his devotion to his faith and for the lesson he taught in asking the members of his Community to ask themselves: "What have I done for my faith today?"

And to underscore his commitment, even on his death bed, Mr. Ahmad asked his assistant Dr. Zaheer Bajwa: "Did you bring my mail today?"

Funeral prayers for Mr. Ahmad was held at Bait-ur-Rehman Mosque, Silver Spring, MD on Friday, July 26, 2002 at 8:30 p.m., attended by more than 2,000 people coming from all parts of the United States and Canada. His body has been flown to Rabwah, Pakistan, where it will be laid to rest on Tuesday.

FROM THE NEWSPAPER *DAWN*

Tuesday July 30, 2002

A MAN LARGER THAN LIFE

(by Hanif Koya)

I write in memory of the prince of our hearts. With my two little children standing next to me who are fortunate enough to have experienced his affection and immense fondness, love and respect for children, I wonder how one puts into words and describe a man who was larger than life itself, a legend, and a master in the art of government

Volumes of books will not do justice to the rich life he lived. He was a tower of strength and support for Pakistanis abroad.

With all the excitements and distractions of Washington, there was nothing more thrilling than walking up those stairs leading to the room where he would be sitting. Every minute spent in his company was a journey through the classic moments of history. Every word uttered by him reflected a man possessing unusual wisdom and judgment, which is not found in living souls these days.

He practiced what economists today are peddling as a new concept which is that cultural and human development precedes economic development, always appreciating, respecting, and bringing out the creative spirit present in us all. In Washington, his home and family life was an epitome of Mughal and Pakistani culture.

He was a pioneer in giving Pakistani women professional exposure and direction. He would say that for Pakistan to pull out of poverty, Pakistani women needed to be financially independent and professionally able.

I feel that professionally and personally what I learned from him is far more valuable than anything ever taught in any Ivy League school or any institute under the sun. With ease, peculiar only to him, in a few minutes, he would come up with simple solutions for problems.

He spent his life serving humanity. From his juniors he demanded nothing less than perfection.

One early morning on the breakfast table, God blessed me with an opportunity to tell Mian Sahib when he was in good health: "I can spend my life thanking you and yet will not be able to thank you enough for what you taught me and what you gave me." From him we learned to enjoy the little wonders of life.

Such a man was M. M. Ahmad.

From the Newspaper 'The Nation'

The Nation

MONDAY, JULY 29, 2002

M.M. Ahmed – some personal memories

Mirza Muzzaffar Ahmed died last week in Washington. Those who knew him well will remember him for his many rare qualities of heart and mind. Other Pakistanis of the post-partition era, right upto the Yahya period, will know of him from his long and distinguished record of public service.

I still remember my utter astonishment when I first heard of his poor academic record. Let us just say that, like Churchill and many others, there was no sign thereof possible future accomplishments. Be that as it may, he was amongst those select few to be chosen for the Indian Civil Service before World War II. After a brief training period in England he was posted as AC Khanewal.

At partition he was Additional DC Amritsar. Having opted for Pakistan he found the situation around him so perilous that, in spite of his official position, there was no safety in the short journey to Lahore. So he went instead to his ancestral home in Qadian (in Gurdaspur district) and flew from there to Lahore in a light aircraft. Amongst all his prized possessions he left behind was his brand new Chevy. This was retrieved for him some weeks later by my father who was in the Army and responsible for escorting many a refugee convoy safely across the border.

His first administrative job in Pakistan was as DC Sialkot, a focal point of the human cruelties and misery resulting from the upheavals of mass migration. He worked feverishly to comfort and

rehabilitate the Muslim refugees. At the same time he insisted that slain Hindus and Sikhs be given a decent burial as a matter of highest priority. Such simple humane acts of compassion could contribute to dampening the frenzy of violence just across the border. In another story of that era which he recounted later he told how Lady

Mountbatten (the Head of the Indian Red Cross) had ordered British Officers in Sialkot to immediately send to Delhi a large consignment of artificial limbs lying in Sialkot. He went in person to the Railway Station to ensure that the wagons were unloaded into his custody.

Mian Sahib's next posting, as he laughingly put it, was as surprising as it was mysterious: DC in remote Mianwali. The silver lining however was the respect he earned of the Nawab of Kalabagh in the execution of his duties. This was to stand Mian Sahib in good stead when the Nawab became the Governor of the Punjab and Mian Sahib moved to the Lahore Secretariat. His rapid rise saw him successively as Additional Rehabilitation Commissioner, Lahore, then as Finance Secretary Punjab and finally as Additional Chief Secretary for the Province.

The move to Islamabad and still

greater responsibility was not long in coming. In the Ayub era he was successively Secretary Commerce, then Finance Secretary and eventually Deputy Chief of the Planning Commission. As Economic Advisor to President Yahya he was probably the most powerful civil servant of the time with supervisory authority over

all the above three ministries. Those were the days, long gone now, when Public Servants were, by and large, held in high esteem. And Mirza Muzzaffar Ahmed was by common consent, the finest of the finest.

Throughout his career there was not even an hint of the faintest whisper of malfeasance, of favours done, of corruption, of "accommodating" the powerful. He scaled the heights open to him by winning the respect of all those who came in contact with him. Such respect as we all know, is not easily won and requires more than just enormous proficiency in your work. For all his power and position, Mian Sahib was never arrogant, was invariably soft spoken, was a patient listener, was always fair and compassionate, and laughed easily and heartily. You could not fail to be touched by his essential humanity within min-

utes of meeting him.

Upon retirement from the Civil Service he was chosen by Bhutto to represent Pakistan on the World Bank Board of Directors. Here again his worth was recognized by Mc Namara who gave him many additional assignments particularly concerned with the problems of economic development in Third World countries. For the last thirty years or so Mian Sahib made Washington his home though his love for Pakistan and his many friends here ensured that he spent a part of every year in Pakistan.

He was of course a close friend of my father, so I have my own personal favourite story of him. When, some 40 plus years ago, I graduated from Government College Lahore I had the bright idea of applying for the Rhodes Scholarship. Hoping to impress the Pakistan Trustees I nominated Mian Sahib (who then was Additional Chief Secretary) as one of my referees. Naturally I had to get his permission for this so I went to see him and I have never forgotten his response. He said he would happily be a referee on the condition that I would give him the names of two of my teachers who knew me well so that he could first independently verify from them the details of my CV and what they thought of my fitness for the scholarship. No chance there for some extra much needed hype!

Were men of my father's generation really that different?

BY MUNIR ATAULLAH



DAWN

Lahore, Wednesday, July 24, 2002



M.M. Ahmad dies

By Our Correspondent

WASHINGTON, July 23: A former finance minister and presidential adviser of Pakistan, Mirza Muzaffar Ahmad, died on Tuesday at a hospital in Maryland. He was 97.

He was an old heart patient.

Better known as M.M. Ahmad, he served under two presidents, Ayub Khan and Yahya Khan.

In the early 1970s, he was stabbed inside an elevator in the Finance Ministry, Islamabad, by one of his peons. After which he moved to the United States where he rejoined the World Bank as a consultant.

M. M. Ahmad was the grandson of the founder of the Ahmadiyya community. He has no children and had adopted one of his nephews, Zahid Ahmad.

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Old guard fading out

"HOW a few thousand men came to rule so many, so large and diverse a territory with so little use of force for 200 years" is a phenomenon unparalleled in the administrative annals of the world.

The territory was India and the core of the rulers was the fabled ICS, arguably the finest civil service in the world and, undisputedly, superior to Britain's own home civil service.

A few score of them who fell to Pakistan's share, or opted to serve here, helped raise an administration which was able to withstand the stress of rehabilitating millions of refugees and, alongside, take care of the property of an equally large number migrating to India. In dealing with this stupendous task and the temptations accompanying it,

most among them lived up to the tribute of the historians of the colonial period that they were "minutely just and inflexibly upright ... who used power not for selfish ends but as they thought was right".

By the passage of time and following the cycle of nature they have been departing one by one. The pace of their departure, by the same rule, has hastened in the recent past. M. Azfar, S. S. Jafri and Agha Hilali died in quick succession. Before them to go were A. A. Qureshi and Mian Riazuddin Ahmad. Some like Azfar and Qureshi were reclusive, others like Hilali and Nazir Ahmad were the soul of social life to the last days of their lives.

The latest to die is M. M. Ahmad on Tuesday at Washington. A deputy commissioner of early years - at Sialkot and Mianwali - he bloomed into an economic expert of the government ending up in the World Bank / IMF. There were men more brilliant than M. M. Ahmad but, perhaps, none more trustworthy and hardworking. That quality made Ahmad a favourite of the Nawab of Kalabagh, Ayub and Yahya here and of Robert McNamara in Washington. His economic expertise and integrity all could rely on.

On hearing of his death — M. M. to his contemporaries and Mian Sahib to his younger colleagues

— instinctively I thought of sharing the sad news with Syed Hashim Raza who at 92 is perhaps

the oldest surviving member of the ICS and three years older than the late Mian Sahib. Begum Raza told me he was too weak and depressed to communicate. And imagine just a few months ago he was an egregious citizen who regaled Karachi's diverse audiences with his poetry and reminiscences.

It thus became an occasion for a two-fold prayer: For the soul of M. M. Ahmad to rest in peace, he played his innings well and long, and for the health of Syed Hashim Raza to play it longer. The other two latter-day ICS living, I can recall, Agha Shahi and AGN Kazi in their eighties, are youngsters by comparison.— Kunwar Idris

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*The best among you is the one
who learns the Qur'an and teaches it. (Bukhari)*

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