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## THIS YEAR'S CHALLENGE THE SIXTH YEAR OF THE NINE YEAR PLAN

*The Ocean of the Cause Moves over the whole of the British Isles.*

The National Assembly wants to share with you an exciting programme for this, the sixth year of the Nine Year Plan: it is a new pattern of movement, a "wave movement" that will cover the whole of the British Isles, right up to the Shetlands and down to the Channel Islands. Everyone can take part in it, so that the great sea of the Cause surges over the borders of the five countries that make up the Home Front, England, Scotland and the Scottish Islands, Northern Ireland, Wales and Eire, and carries new spiritual life to the thousands of our fellow citizens who are longing for it.

*"The Wave Pattern"*

What this means is that the Friends from the North and the North-West of England surge over into Scotland; from the Lowlands of Scotland the movement is into the Highlands and on into the Islands; from Orkney into Shetland; from the West of England into Wales and from Wales into Eire; from the South of England up into the Midlands and also across to the West and South-West of England and over to the Islands. This "wave movement" will make sure that the best possible use is made of our manpower and financial resources to win the vital goals of the Plan.

*Short Journeys and extra long ones should continue.*

In addition to this surging movement into what we might call the 'middle distance' which will often involve week-end journeys, the shorter journeys that can be done in an evening will joyously continue. The help of the Friends from Liverpool, Southport and Chester for instance, is still needed in Bangor, but they are also part of the waves surging across into Scotland. The friends in Newcastle still have the important task of assisting the goal town of Durham, but they too are now asked to look towards Scotland, and so are the Friends living in the rest of Northumberland, Lancashire, Yorkshire and Cumberland. Anyone who can do even longer journeys, stretching across the country from north to south, east to west, should certainly continue. Every movement that serves the Cause should continue and be increased.

*The emphasis this year is on Scotland.*

At this particular time Scotland and the Scottish Islands are the most needy section of the Home Front. The spiritual potentiality of Scotland must be very great, for proportionately that country has the hardest task of any in the British Isles in the Nine Year Plan. Did you know that the Faith was not established in Scotland until the late 1940's? Although 'Abdu'l-Bahá visited Edinburgh, the first Local Spiritual Assembly was not established there until the closing years of the Six Year Plan (1944-50), when the first Assemblies of Wales, Northern Ireland and Eire were also formed. We now have the tremendous task of bringing the number of L.S.A.'s in Scotland up to ten, and establishing Assemblies in the Orkneys (where the L.S.A. of Kirkwall was victoriously founded last Ridván), Shetlands and Outer Hebrides. The winning of these goals is the responsibility of all of us, not only of the Friends in Scotland. So the National Assembly now calls on the believers in the North and North-West of England to look this year especially to Scotland. So great is the need that the Friends in Northern Ireland, whose priority is still to help in Eire, should come across from time to time and help in Scotland too. The Universal House of Justice knew the spiritual potential of Scotland, the harvest will be a rich one.

*Eire is not forgotten.*

We must never forget that we are short of time in Eire, for our schedule there is to form the Local Assemblies of Cork and Limerick not later than Ridván 1971, so that the new National Assembly can be formed at Ridván 1972 and incorporated in 1973, the last year of the Nine Year Plan. So this year in addition to help from Northern Ireland, we ask the Friends in Wales, whose first priority must be to work to form the three new Assemblies needed in that country, to turn their attention also to Eire. The new steamer route from Swansea to Southern Ireland has been opened at exactly the right moment to serve the Cause.

*England is the Main Reservoir.*

Did you know that three-quarters of the British Community live in England? And that the biggest groupings of them

are in the North-West—in Lancashire and Yorkshire—and in the London area? The first two Local Spiritual Assemblies in the British Isles were in London and Manchester, and from those two Assemblies has grown a thriving community all over the British Isles. Of the 63 L.S.A.'s we now have in the British Isles, 49 of them are in England. England has been especially blessed, the beloved Guardian told one pilgrim that 'Abdu'l-Bahá loved England so much that he visited it three times; Shoghi Effendi himself came to an English university, he was in England when 'Abdu'l-Bahá passed away, and finally, after thirty-six years of unceasing labour as Guardian of the Cause of God, he laid down the reins of his Guardianship in England. So it is to the Friends in England that the National Assembly turns this year, to tackle the tremendous task of winning back in their section of the Home Front six lapsed Assemblies, of establishing five new ones, and also of surging across the borders into Scotland, going sometimes to help in Wales, giving assistance in Eire and friendly support to Northern Ireland—where the Friends have won such victories that they are furthest on with the Plan than any other section of the Home Front—as part of this great "wave movement", this new 'flow pattern' that will unite the British Community and carry us all to victory.

*Two Special Projects for everyone to consider.*

The National Assembly asks everyone to consider whether you can help in two projects—one in Eire and the other in the Scottish Islands—that call for longer-term residential teaching projects. If you can go and stay for one, two or three months, *please let the National Assembly know immediately.* If you have a special feeling for either place and so would rather go to one than to the other, please mention that you would prefer to go to Eire, or to the Scottish Islands, whichever the case may be. Say how long you can stay, whether you can be self-supporting or would need help, and whether you can go at any time or if there is a particular time when you could go. The National Assembly will pass your offers to the Irish or the Scottish Goals Committees

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who are just now working out plans for this important year.

*Detailed information of the position on the home front.*

You will find on pages 4 and 5 a clear picture in figures of the position on the Home Front. Please look at it carefully and then you will see the background to this exciting "wave movement" plan. And everywhere you go, search for the Bahá'is that are waiting to hear the Message of Bahá'u'lláh, the purpose of all this movement is to find them, and to bring them to Him. *"Verily, God will assist all those who arise to serve Him."*

THE NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY.

## DURHAM BAHÁ'Í WEEK

Will be held from August 16th to 23rd, immediately after the Dalston Hall Summer School. Activities for the week will be based in the student hostel that is operated by two of the Bahá'is and up to 25 Bahá'is can be accommodated here. Ten will have beds, the next 15 floorspace for sleeping bags. Two other Bahá'í Homes will also be able to take guests and contacts are being asked whether they can put up Bahá'í visitors during the week. Meetings in different areas of the town, special after-evensong meetings for Church congregations, seminars on religious education for teachers and parents, punting on the river, special meetings for mothers and children, a youth folk and debate evening, these—are just a few of the present plans. For further details, and for booking your accommodation, please write to the secretary: Dorothy Lumsden, Nevilles Cross College, Durham. Two of the Durham Bahá'is are expecting babies in September, and with extra plans for teaching before the week we expect a highly productive summer.

### Draw nigh unto Bahá'u'lláh.

*He who is the Day Spring of Truth is no doubt fully capable of rescuing from such remoteness wayward souls and of causing them to draw nigh unto His court and attain His Presence. "If God hath pleased He had surely made all men one people." His purpose, however, is to enable the pure in Spirit and the detached in heart to ascend, by virtue of their own innate powers, unto the shores of the Most Great Ocean that thereby they who seek the Beauty of the All—Glorious may be distinguished and separated from the wayward and perverse. Thus hath it been ordained by the all-glorious and resplendent Pen . . . . Bahá'u'lláh.*

## ENGLISH GOALS COMMITTEE

The committee, re-appointed by the National Assembly, held its first meeting on 17th/18th May, and has planned 9 further meetings for the year on June 21st/22nd; July 12th/13th; August 16th/17th; Sept. 6th/7th; October 11th/12th; Nov. 22nd/23rd; December 13th/14th; February 7th/8th; March 14th/15th.

In re-affirming last year's terms of reference, the National Assembly has urged us to "make full use of all the resources of the whole community" to "Encourage Local Spiritual Assemblies to be fully active in the work of winning the goals" and to "draw into this tremendous expansion of the teaching work, all Groups and Isolated believers", and to this end the committee has made the following plans:—

1. To form 5 new Assemblies by Ridván 1970.
  2. To re-establish 6 lapsed Assemblies by Ridván 1970.
  3. To set a teaching goal for every other goal town in England.
  4. To seek for progress on the widest possible front, by appealing for the help and co-operation from Assemblies, Groups and Isolated believers. Where Assemblies cannot help by manpower and resources, they will be asked to adopt a "spiritual" goal, so that they may direct special prayers for the help and strength of the friends in certain goals and the achievement of the Assembly in that area.
  5. To adopt a 3-stage plan of action . . .
- Stage 1. To consult with Goal Town Groups and their supporting Assemblies to see what help is

needed and what co-operation can be given. To this end, every committee member has been given responsibility for certain goal towns for maintaining contact and ensuring that the fullest co-ordination is achieved.

Stage 2. To organise a series of Goal Town Days in which the goal town selected is host to its supporting Assemblies, committee member, nearby Groups if any, and isolated believers, and at which consultation will take place on the most effective measures to be adopted for the achievement of the Goal, and on the same day, carry out well-planned teaching activity.

Stage 3. The implementation of the plans, such as special weeks of intensified teaching, and other projects.

6. To adapt these overall plans to the work which will be taking place all over the British Isles, and which is being carried out by our sister Goals Committees.

May we end with these words of the Universal House of Justice, Ridván 1969 when they refer to the victory to which we are all committed . . . .

"That happy consummation, now faintly discernible on the far horizon, will be reached through hard work realistic planning, sacrificial deeds, intensification of the teaching work and, above all, through constant endeavour on the part of every single Bahá'í to conform his inner life to that glorious ideal set for mankind by Bahá'u'lláh and exemplified by 'Abdu'l-Bahá."

## THE FIRST SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY OF STAFFORD



FRONT ROW, l. to r: Miss Parirukh Samadani, Mrs Sylvia Hodgson, Mrs Jean Pitcher, Mrs Elsie Burt, Miss Gloria Missaghi

BACK ROW, l. to r: Mr Douglas Hodgson, Mrs Amineh Golmohamad, Mrs Betty Goode, Mr Ken. Goode



## INCOME & EXPENDITURE BUDGETS FOR THE YEAR 126

21st March, 1969—20th March, 1970.

### EXPENDITURE BUDGET:

N.S.A.—

	£
Travelling, Secretarial, Cables and Telephone, Bank Charges, Audit and Legal Fees, Printing, Literature and Postage ... ..	7,390
Bahá'í Journal and Annual Report ... ..	1,000
Convention and Teaching Conference ... ..	250
Extraordinary Expenditure ... ..	300
English Goals Committee ... ..	2,200
Irish Goals Committee (including Gaelic Literature) ... ..	700
Scottish Goals Committee ... ..	1,000
Welsh Goals Committee ... ..	350
National Youth Committee ... ..	250
Home Front Pioneer Committee ... ..	2,500
Proclamation—	
Proclamation and Publicity ... ..	700
Exhibition Committee ... ..	750
Press Service ... ..	50
	1,500
Child Education Committee ... ..	100
Overseas Goals Committee... ..	4,000
Public Relations Officers ... ..	150
Consultative Committee ... ..	50
Blind Services Committee ... ..	50
National Haziratu'l-Quds Committee ... ..	125
Community Development Committee ..... ..	500
Incorporation of N.S.A. ... ..	100
Reviewing Committee ... ..	15
Other Committees ... ..	50
National Haziratu'l-Quds Running Expenses ... ..	1,560
Repairs and Maintenance ... ..	700
Dublin Haziratu'l-Quds Running Expenses ... ..	250
Repairs and Maintenance ... ..	150
Printing Guardian's Messages to British Community/Publishing Universal House of Justice's Messages... ..	1,000
Travel Teaching Committee ... ..	300
	£26,540
Donations made from National Fund to:—	
International Fund ... ..	2,000
European Continental Fund ... ..	100
African Continental Fund ... ..	50
S. American Continental Fund ... ..	50
Frankfurt Temple Fund ... ..	60
Panama Temple Fund ... ..	60
	2,320
	£28,860

### INCOME BUDGET:

	£
Cash balance brought forward ... ..	700
Donations from the friends ... ..	11,000
Tax Refunds ... ..	4,500
Interest and Dividends ... ..	2,000
Rent ... ..	20
Sales ... ..	20
Cash in hand for Overseas Pioneers ... ..	1,300
From realization of all bequests and investments (if necessary) ... ..	9,320
	£28,860

SPECIAL TARGET FOR ADDITIONAL DONATIONS FROM THE FRIENDS TO THE INTERNATIONAL FUND £2,000, MAKING £4,000 IN ALL.

### The First Two Months

Contributions to the International Fund from the British friends for the first two months of the current Bahá'í year, i.e. March 21st to May 20th have totalled £239. In the same period

donations to the National Fund have totalled £2,270. If this splendid rate could be sustained the total for the year would be £13,620, this was a great encouragement to the N.S.A. when drawing up the budget.

## Community News

### RICHMOND

On Monday, 5th May, a Unity Feast was held at Jackie and Colleen's flat, on an evening when there is normally a fireside. It was thought that a Unity Feast would bring some variety for regular contacts and the theme for the programme was "unity". We were very fortunate in that Golgasht Mostafai spent the evening with us, bringing colour and interest by showing a selection of his wonderful slides of Persia. We were overjoyed at the overwhelming attendance which ultimately numbered 35 people, 12 of whom were enquirers.

The evening began with prayers and readings on "unity", followed by discussion. The urgent need for unity was agreed upon by all. Golgasht, in friendly and authoritative manner, ensured that all the Bahá'ís present said at least a few words on the Bahá'í principles which presented an optimistic picture for the future world. Another welcome visitor was Gloria Momen, who presented a wonderfully clear and realistic picture of the Divine Administrative Plan.

### WANDSWORTH.

The Wandsworth Bahá'ís have a public meeting at Dryburgh Hall, Upper Richmond Road, Putney, at 8 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month. On 7th May the talk was entitled "World Peace through World Laws." Mrs. Mia Lord a member of the Executive Committee of the British Association for World Government, spoke first, Mr. Peter Hardwick, the Bahá'í speaker, gave the Bahá'í view about the subject.

The Wandsworth community had a wonderful gathering of friends on Wednesday 14th May, when Brad Hollinger, an American Bahá'í Peace Corps Volunteer, spoke of his experiences during the last two and a half years as a pioneer to the Marshall Islands in the Pacific. He had just arrived in London after making the pilgrimage to Haifa, and at the request of The Universal House of Justice, was visiting as many communities as possible to relate his experiences in the Marshall Islands.

### A WEEK-END SCHOOL

Will be held at Blackpool from October 31st to November 2nd. For details write to Mrs. J. Gash, 233 St. Annes Road, Blackpool.

### FARM GARDEN PICNICS

Will be held at Gt. Paxton on June 29th and August 3rd this year. As in past years Bahá'ís and their friends are warmly invited. Children especially welcome. Tea will be supplied, but bring your own food.

Come by the A.1 to St. Neots, then 3 miles on the B.1043 to Gt. Paxton. the Farm is the only building by the Church.

Ted and Alicia Cardell.



**IRISH SUMMER SCHOOL****PROGRAMME OF CHILDREN'S CLASSES.**

Classes for children will begin each morning at 9.30. Instruction will last for a half-hour, and will be followed by a period of art and craft, visits to the beach, etc. The classes of instruction will be on two levels: one for 5-7 year olds and one for 8-12 year olds. The under fives will join the older children for the arts period, etc., following the instruction.

**Sunday, 6th July:**

God's Messengers: the Suns of Truth.

The need for Divine Revelation.

**Monday 7th July:**

God's Messengers in India.  
Krishna and the Buddha.

**Tuesday, 8th July:**

God's Messengers in Persia and Arabia.  
Zoroaster and Muhammed.

**Wednesday, 9th July:**

God's Messengers in Israel, Egypt, etc.  
Noah, Abraham, Moses and Christ.

**Thursday, 10th July:**

God's Messengers for Today  
The Báb and Bahá'u'lláh.

**Friday, 11th July:**

Teachings of the Messengers:  
Obedience: to God, to our Parents,  
to our teachers and to the law of the state.

**Saturday, 12th July:**

Laws of God: Social and Spiritual.  
Laws of God for Today.

**Sunday, 13th July:**

The Importance of Prayer:  
Theme—"Blessed is the Spot"

**Monday, 14th July:**

Relationships with other People:  
Living in Society  
Kindness, Love, Willingness to  
Work, Honesty, Sharing Story:  
"Rory and the Catamaran".

**Tuesday, 15th July:**

Kindness to Animals  
Story: "Bandy the Boxer Puppy".

Arrangements are progressing well for all aspects of the School; however to date we have received only 17 bookings. May we please encourage all friends who are hoping to attend to make their bookings as soon as possible, especially as transport arrangements to and from Ireland can prove difficult later in the season.

**YOUTH NEWS**

The National Youth Committee are hoping to build up a "Pool" of ideas to help with our teaching. If the friends have any ideas which can be used in proclaiming the Faith, i.e., Posters, Designs or if they have any spare printed posters, would they please send them to Mr. Vivian Bartlett, 3 Manley Road, Newport, Mon.

Letters from the Guardian to the Youth entitled "Guidance for Youth" are now on sale from the Publishing Trust at 1/3d. per copy.

# The Home Front Goals

## THE NINE YEAR PLAN GOALS ON THE BRITISH HOME FRONT AND OUR PRESENT POSITION.

### THE GOALS

Raise the number of Local Spiritual Assemblies to one hundred including one in every county of England, one each in the Isle of Wight, the Orkney Islands, the Outer Hebrides Islands, the Channel Islands, and the Shetland Islands, ten in Scotland, six in Northern Ireland, six in Wales and four in Eire; establish new National Spiritual Assembly of Eire, and incorporate it.

### THE PRESENT POSITION

**Eire:** the goal is 4 L.S.A.'s and establish a new National Spiritual Assembly.

L.S.A.'s are established in Dublin and Dun Laoghaire = 2 L.S.A.s.

Goal Towns: Cork has 2 believers ... number needed to win L.S.A.s = 14  
Limerick has 2 believers ...

These two goal towns must be brought to Assembly status not later than Ridván 1971, so that the new N.S.A. can be formed at Ridván 1972 and incorporated by Ridván 1973, when the Nine Year Plan ends.

NUMBER NEEDED TO FILL EIRE'S GOALS = 14.

**Scotland: the goal is 10 L.S.A.'s.**

L.S.A.'s are established in Edinburgh, Motherwell, Aberdeen, Inverness = 4 L.S.A.s.

Spiritual Assembly of Glasgow lapsed Ridván 1968, has not yet been recaptured, needs 2 more believers ... = 2.

Goal Towns: Dumbarton will soon have 4  
Dundee will soon have 3  
Hamilton has 1  
North Berwick has 2  
Elgin has 0  
} number needed to win L.S.A.s = 35.

### Scottish Islands:

Orkney Islands, L.S.A. formed this Ridván.

Outer Hebrides has 1 believer  
Shetlands Islands has 5 believers  
} number needed to win L.S.A.'s = 12.

To Open — Inner Hebrides. DONE.

NUMBER NEEDED TO FILL SCOTLAND'S GOALS = 49.

**Northern Ireland.** The goal is 6 L.S.A.'s.

L.S.A.'s are established in Belfast, Bangor, Castlereagh, R.D., Larne, R.D. = 4 L.S.A.'s.

Goal Towns: Craigavon will soon have 2  
Londonderry has 4  
} number needed for L.S.A.'s = 12.

NUMBER NEEDED TO FILL NORTHERN IRELAND'S GOALS = 12.

**Wales.** The goal is 6 L.S.A.'s.

L.S.A.'s are established in Cardiff, Pontypridd, Swansea = 3 L.S.A.'s.

Goal Towns: Llanelli has 1 believer ...  
Aberystwyth will soon have 3 believers  
Bangor will soon have 2 believers. ...  
} number needed for L.S.A.'s = 21.

NUMBER NEEDED TO FILL WELSH GOALS = 21.

### England.

18 new L.S.A.'s needed to achieve the goal of one Assembly in every county, and 3 of them were formed at Ridván 1969. As 14 L.S.A.'s have been formed in London Boroughs, England will end the Nine Year Plan with not less than 70 Local Assemblies if all the lapsed L.S.A.'s in that section of the Home Front are recaptured; and we shall end the Plan with not less than 101 Assemblies in the British Isles.

L.S.A.'s are established in Birmingham, Blackpool, Bournemouth, Bradford, Brighton, Bristol, Burnley, Cambridge, Cheadle and Gatley, Chester, Eccles, Exeter, Hove, Ipswich, Leeds, Leicester, Liverpool, Manchester, Nelson, Newcastle, Norwich, Oxford, Peterborough, Poole, Portsmouth, Reading, Sheffield, Southport, Stafford, Sutton Coldfield, Swinton, Torbay, Watford, Winchester, Wokingham R.D.; and in the following London Boroughs — Barnet, Brent, Camden, Croydon, Ealing, Hammer-smith, Haringey, Havering, Hounslow, Kensington and Chelsea, Lambeth, Richmond, Wandsworth, Westminster = 49 L.S.A.'s.

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### Goal Towns:

Aylesbury will soon have	...	...	7	believers	} 15 L.S.A.'s in these goal towns.
Bath has	...	...	6	"	
Bedford will soon have	...	...	5	"	
Carlisle has	...	...	2	+ 2 youth	
Chelmsford has	...	...	2	believers	
Derby	...	...	1	+ 1 youth	
Durham	...	...	6	+ 1 youth	
Kendal	...	...	5	believers	
Kidderminster will have	...	...	3	"	
Lincoln, currently...	...	...	7	"	
Oakham	...	...	2	"	
Hereford will have	...	...	2	"	
Newport	...	...	4	"	
Shrewsbury	...	...	1	"	
St. Austell	...	...	4	"	

Number needed to win new L.S.A.'s = 78.

### Lapsed Assemblies:

Canterbury will need	...	...	...	2	(lapsed Ridván	1969)
Epsom needs	...	...	...	1	(	1969)
Nottingham needs	...	...	...	2	" "	1969)
Salisbury needs	...	...	...	1	" "	1969)
Northampton needs	...	...	...	3	" "	1967)
York needs	...	...	...	2	" "	1967)

Number needed to regain lapsed L.S.A.'s = 11.

**English Islands:** the goal is 2 L.S.A.'s.

Jersey, St. Helier has 1.

Isle of Wight, Ryde, has 1.

Number needed to win 2 L.S.A.'s = 16.

NUMBER NEEDED TO FILL ENGLAND'S L.S.A. GOALS = 105.

## English Islands to be opened: Guernsey needs 1.

**English Islands to be opened:** and form Group, Isle of Man, needs 2.

TOTAL NUMBER NEEDED TO FILL ENGLAND'S MAJOR GOALS = 108

## SUMMARY

(the goal is to establish 100 Assemblies in the British Isles).

L.S.A.'s currently in	Scotland	...	...	...	4
	Scottish Islands, Orkney	...	...	...	1
	Northern Ireland...	...	...	...	4
	Eire	...	...	...	2
	Wales	...	...	...	3
	England	...	...	...	49
				—	63 L.S.A.'s.

<b>Goal Towns:</b>	Scotland	...	...	...	...	5
<b>to be brought to</b>	Scottish Islands	...	...	...	...	2
<b>L.S.A. Status.</b>	Northern Ireland...	...	...	...	...	2
	Eire	...	...	...	...	2
	Wales	...	...	...	...	3
	England	...	...	...	...	15
	English Islands	...	...	...	...	2

<b>Lapsed Assemblies.</b>	Scotland	...	...	...	...	1	
	England	...	...	...	...	6	
						—	7 Lapsed Assemblies.
					<b>Total</b>		<b>101 Assemblies.</b>

**SUMMARY OF BELIEVERS NEEDED TO COMPLETE ALL L.S.A. GOALS AND GOALS TO BE OPENED:**

Scotland needs ...	...	...	49	believers
Eire	„	...	14	„
N. Ireland	„	...	12	„
Wales	„	...	21	„
England	„	...	108	„
TOTAL NEEDS			...	204 to win this part of the Plan.

## VISIT OF HAND OF THE CAUSE OF GOD JALAL KHAZEH

The National Assembly is delighted to share the good news that Hand of the Cause of God Jalal Khazéh will come to the British Isles as part of his tour this summer of Europe. He is visiting Austria, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Norway and Holland before coming on Monday, July 7th to London. Mr. Khazéh's itinerary in the British Isles is given below, and everyone is most welcome to attend these gatherings. The Friends from the London area and the South of England will notice especially the gathering at the Haziratu'l-Quds on Tuesday evening, 8th July; the Commemoration of the Martyrdom of the Báb at the Resting Place of Shoghi Effendi at noon on Wednesday, July 9th; and the Thursday public meeting at the Haziratu'l-Quds which the Hand will attend on Quds 10th. Mr. Khazéh will spend six days at the Irish Summer School, then go up to Northern Ireland to meet the Friends there at a gathering in Belfast on Thursday evening, July 17th. He will then go to Scotland for the week-end, and the National Assembly is calling a Week-end Conference in Edinburgh for Saturday/Sunday July 19th/20th, for all the Friends in Scotland and from the North and North-West of England, this is an important Conference to launch the goals to be won this year in Scotland and the Islands. Then Mr. Khazéh will fly to Orkney, returning to England for a meeting in Birmingham on Friday evening, July 25th, for the Friends from the Midlands and the West Country. Further details of exact times and places will be circulated shortly, but meanwhile these are dates you will want to note in your diary:

*Monday, 7th July:*

Mr. Khazéh arrives London Airport (Heathrow), flight BEA 429 at 14.50 hrs.

*Tuesday, 8th July:*

8.00 p.m. Gathering of Friends from London area and the South of England, especially, at the Hazíratu'l-Ouds.

Wednesday, 9th July:

12.00 noon, Commemoration of the Martyrdom of the Báb at the Resting Place of Shoghi Effendi.

*Thursday, 10th July:*

8.00 p.m. Attend Public Meeting  
at Haziratu'l-Quds.

*Friday-Wednesday, 11th/16th July:*

At Irish Summer School.

*Wednesday, 16th July:*

Travel to Northern Ireland.

*Thursday, 17th July:*

Meet Northern Ireland Friends at gathering in Belfast.

*Friday, 18th July.*

Travel to Edinburgh.

*Saturday/Sunday, 19th/20th July:*

Week-end Conference in Edinburgh, for all the Friends in

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# National Spiritual Assembly's News Letter

## HAND OF THE CAUSE ADELBERT MUHLSCHLEGEL VISITS SCOTLAND AND THE ISLANDS.

As this News Letter is being written, Dr. and Mrs. Muhlschlegel are just returning to Glasgow from their visits to Orkney and Shetland. We were happy to welcome them to London on Sunday, June 1st, when during a brief stay of only a few hours they visited the Grave of the beloved Guardian, came to the Haziratu'l-Quds and spoke to the Children's Class, had lunch with members of the Overseas Goals Committee and consulted with the National Secretary on behalf of the N.S.A. Then they flew on to Glasgow on their way to see the Friends in Kirkwall, went to see the Friends in Lerwick, and returned to meet all those who could gather together in Glasgow on Wednesday evening, June 4th. On Thursday, June 5th, they continue their journey to Reykjavik in Iceland, the place where the Oceanic Conference will be held in the summer of 1971. They will return to Vienna via Copenhagen and Berlin.

## HAND OF THE CAUSE JALAL KHAZÉH VISITS EUROPE.

Mr. and Mrs. Khazéh left South America in April and returned to Teheran. With the approval of the Universal House of Justice the Hand is visiting Europe, and we are delighted that the British Isles is included in his programme. Mr. Khazéh's itinerary is on p. 5 of this issue. Would you please note that the meeting in Birmingham on Friday evening, July 25th, will be held in Dr. Johnson House, starting at 8.00 p.m.

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE HELD IN HOLLAND.

John Long and Betty Reed, the Chairman and Secretary of the N.S.A., represented the National Assembly at a Conference called by the Continental Board of Counsellors in Europe for Board Members and the fifteen National Spiritual Assemblies of Europe over the week-end May 17th/18th. It was a

wonderful gathering, honoured by the presence of two Hands of the Cause, Dr. Muhlschlegel and Dr. Ugo Giachery, who has recently returned to Europe with Mrs. Giachery from the Western Hemisphere. N.S.A. representatives shared news of activities in their respective countries during the year, and we are happy to share with everyone a short resumé of the points discussed from the British Isles: visits of Hands of the Cause Jalal Khazéh and William Sears; the introduction of the 19 Day Feast News Letter; the three special and highly successful short-term projects — (i) pioneers for Bahá'u'lláh's Birthday, (ii) the "100 New Believers" campaign and (iii) the financial project for the Fast which raised £426 for the Bolivian Literacy Programme; the Community Development Committee's new training programmes; the Bahá'í Weeks held in five goal towns; the development of Orkney and the visits made there by over 100 of the Friends; the part played by the children in the Holy Day celebrations and in World Religion Day programmes; the gifts of coloured post-cards of the Holy Places and sweets sent to the Bahá'í children in Guyana, and the little bells and sweets sent to the Bahá'í children in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands to bring added happiness to their Holy Day celebrations; and the establishment of six new Local Spiritual Assemblies last Ridván. The Conference felt that we must have had an exciting year. Countries that had made good use of Bahá'í Exhibitions were Austria, Belgium and Switzerland; a special activity in Sweden had been visits by Bahá'í speakers to schools. From Germany the Conference received a report on the Mother Temple of Europe, for which funds are continuously needed, and we learned of an unexpected addition to the visitors to the Temple—mice, who had to be evicted before they did damage. On the Saturday evening Friends came from all over Holland to meet the Hands, the three Counsellors and the Conference participants, and over a hundred Bahá'ís enjoyed a wonderful evening of loving fellowship. The following cable was sent by the Conference to the Universal House of Justice:

"CONFERENCE HAGUE BOARD OF COUNSELLORS N.S.A. REPRESENTATIVES BLESSED INSPIRED PRESENCE TWO HANDS CAUSE STOP CONSCIOUS WARM SPIRIT COLLABORATION PRIVILEGE WORKING TOGETHER STOP FEEL DYNAMIC FORCE RELEASED NEW DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTION HANDS LEADING INCREASED AWARENESS BELIEVERS GRAVE RESPONSIBILITIES PLAN STOP DEEP APPRECIATION INFLUENCE PRAYERS HOLY SHRINES" to which the House of Justice replied: "HEARTS WARMED LOVING MESSAGE HAGUE CONFERENCE DELIGHTED PRESENCE HANDS ASSURE PRAYERS BOUNTIFUL RESULTS CLOSE CO-OPERATION UNIVERSAL HOUSE OF JUSTICE".

**DECLARATIONS.** We are delighted to welcome to the Faith Mrs. Elizabeth Williams of Pontypridd; Mr. David Neave (Youth), Peterborough; Miss Christine Rushton, Mrs. Olive Moorhouse and Mr. David Bates (Youth), all of Burnley; Miss Susan Bienias, Nottingham; Miss Kay Trotter, Brighton; Mr. George Littlejohn (Youth), Motherwell; Miss Josephine Murchison (Youth), Aberdeen; Mrs. Doreen Mackay, Bath; Mrs. Marion Klyne, Isle of Wight; Miss Liz Lewis (Youth) Lacock, Chippenham, Wilts; Mr. Richard Parkes (Youth), Up Holland, Nr. Wigan; Mr. Malcolm Lake, Birmingham; Mrs. Annily Campbell, Walsall; Miss Anna Potter, Ipswich; Mrs. Leda and Mr. Arthur West of Nacton, Suffolk; Mrs. Norma Wiggins, Bromsgrove; Mr. John Gavin, Kirkby, Lancs; Mrs. Dorothy and Mr. Joseph Foster, Kendal; Mrs. Sylvia and Mr. Douglas Hodgson and Mrs. Elsie Birt, all of Stafford; Mrs. Eda Bradbury, Tyldesley, Lancs; Mrs. Denise Forster, Aylesbury; Mrs. Hazel Jiggins, Pudsey; Yorks; Mr. Denver Morgan, Swansea; Mrs. Olive Sherman and Mr. Roy Adams, Ipswich; Mrs. Margaret and Mr. George Kissick, Larne R.D.; Mr. Albert Pearce, Poole; Miss Shadab Kouchekezadeh, Mr. Edward Castle and Mr. Leon Braunstein, all Youth of Brighton; Miss Gabrielle Cortazzi, Camden; Mr. Taymour Dowlatshahi (Youth), Exeter; Mr. Martin Beckett (Youth) Oxford; Miss Pamela Gagg (Youth), Portsmouth; Miss Hilary Lemon, Barnet; Mr. George Smith, Kirkwall, Orkney Islands; Miss Louise Glover (Youth), Wigan; Mrs. Doreen Stuart, Mr. Nenburn Bristol, Mrs. Gloria Billings, Mr. Michael Robinson, Mr. Wilfred Bristol and Miss Miriam Bentham, all of Mcdoom Village, Guyana; Mrs. Christina Williams of Kitty Village and Mrs. Harriett Bernard of Campbellville, Guyana. We happily welcome the following youth who have claimed their voting rights: Mr. Shahram Mottahed, Manchester; Miss Bahiyyih Nakhjavani, York; Miss Hide Davachi, Ealing; Mr. Abbas Eliasieh, Manchester; Mr. Farnush Amin-Amin, Wandsworth; Mr. Brian Shepherd, Aberdeen; Miss Mary Whitelaw, Swansea; Miss Judith Ingham, Durham; Mr. James Elliott, Salisbury.

## DATES OF N.S.A. MEETINGS AND MAJOR GATHERINGS.

The National Spiritual Assembly will be meeting on the following week-ends, and earnestly asks for your prayers on those occasions for Bahá'u'lláh's blessing and guidance: June 13th/15th, July 25th/27th, August 30th/September 1st (in Harlech), October 3rd/5th, November 7th/9th, December 19th/21st, January 23rd/25th, February 27th/March 1st, April 3rd/5th.

Teaching Conference will be on 3rd/4th January; World Religion Day on Sunday, 18th January; and Convention on 25th/26th April.

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Scotland and from the North and North-West of England.

**Monday, 21st July:**  
Resting in Edinburgh.

**Tuesday, 22nd July:**  
Fly to Orkney Islands, Kirkwall.

**Wednesday, 23rd July:**  
In Kirkwall.

**Thursday, 24th July:**  
Fly from Orkneys to Birmingham, rest.

**Friday, 25th July:**  
Gathering in the evening in Birmingham, especially for Friends from the Midlands and the West.

**Saturday/Sunday**  
In London, consultation with the National Assembly.



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Please Note especially that World Religion Day is one special day, and it can only be celebrated after sunset on the Saturday or on the Sunday. It is a day inaugurated by the N.S.A. of the United States and has become a world-wide date in the Bahá'í calendar. This makes it important that it be commemorated on the correct day, which is the third Sunday in January; as the Bahá'í day begins after sunset, it would be correct to hold a World Religion Day meeting on the Saturday evening.

### THE NATIONAL BUDGET.

The National Assembly shares with you all at this early stage in the year the National Budgets for 1969/70. We shall be reporting regularly how donations are matching the income budget, and want to express the National Assembly's deep appreciation of the wonderful support which the Community gave last year to the Funds. You will see that our target for the International Fund is the largest yet, £2,000 from the National Fund and a further £2,000 from individual contributions, making £4,000 in all; this is the Fund from which the Universal House of Justice has to meet the needs of the Bahá'í World, it is a Fund for which we in the British Isles should really sacrifice to help our Bahá'í brothers and sisters who are in far less fortunate circumstances than we are. All donations, including those earmarked for the International Fund, should be sent to the National Treasurer, Mr. Charles Macdonald, 25 Martello Park, Craigavad, Co. Down, N. Ireland.

**OBITUARY.** We are sad to report the passing of Mrs. Joan McCullough of Preston, who was one of the earlier believers and played an energetic part in the winning of the Six Year Plan (1944-50). Before the introduction by Shoghi Effendi in 1955 of the "civic limits ruling", Joan served on the L.S.A. of Blackburn, travelling over regularly from Preston. As an isolated believer she has been a firm and steadfast Bahá'í, and she will be missed in the Lancashire area.

We are also sad to report the passing of another isolated believer, Mr. C. K. Eldridge of Woodbridge, Suffolk. Mr. Eldridge was not young and as he could not travel very much he was not well known to the Community, but those who visited him regularly in his country cottage where he lived with his wife—and the Ipswich Friends were in very close touch with him—had great affection for this staunch and pure-hearted soul. It is significant that his Bahá'í funeral led to the declaration of a new believer, which we are sure brought him much joy.

### PLEASE NOTE:

The Publishing Trust will be closed during the month of August.

## World-Wide News

### Ridván Victories.

The irresistible onward march of the Cause of God is demonstrated by the world-wide formation of new L.S.A.s at Ridván. Here are just a few:

**BELIZE.** In 1963 there was only one locality opened to the Faith in Belize. At Ridván, 1968, there were 12 L.S.A.s and 69 localities. Cable from N.S.A. dated April 30, 1969 states:

"Ten new Assemblies—total localities 81".

**ETHIOPIA.** Formation four new Assemblies: three Assemblies re-established: Foundation stone National Haziratu'l-Quds Ethiopia being laid.

**CHAD** (a virgin territory at beginning of Nine Year Plan). "Thirteen L.S.A.s, two groups formed, 1,600 believers registered."

**HAWAII.** Cable from N.S.A., April 28, 1969. "New goals joyously received. Immediate response donation transportation cost all nine pioneers . . . four new Assemblies . . . four incorporations . . . nearly half assembled 84 believers answer call for settlers pioneers travel teachers."

**LEEWARD, WINDWARD AND VIRGIN ISLANDS.** Cable from N.S.A., April 28, 1969. "Two new L.S.A.s formed Barbados Nevis. First native believer volunteered service pioneer. 47 localities now opened. 17 travel-teachers volunteered."

**MAURITIUS.** "14 new L.S.A.s elected."  
**MEXICO.** " . . . Surpassed goal 58th L.S.A. Five offers sustain native pioneers."

**PARAGUAY.** "Overjoyed formation 5 Assemblies, one re-established. Total eight Holy Days recognised; two new tribes enrolled . . ."

**PERU.** " . . . Constantly increased efforts mass conversion, ten new Assemblies Department Cuzco."

**THAILAND.** " . . . formed 23 new Assemblies, 76 new localities opened."

**UGANDA.** "Rejoice formation N.S.A. Burundi Rwanda: 13 Assemblies Chad; 4 Central African Republic 1100 Uganda."

### Continental Board of Counsellors of North America.

Over 3,200 Bahá'ís, from December 6, 1968 to March 2, 1969 gathered throughout Canada, United States for series of nine momentous deepening conferences arranged by newly appointed Board of Counsellors . . . The conferences were a vivid portrayal of the organic unity of the World Order of Bahá'u'lláh since they showed the Hands of the Cause, the Continental Board of Counsellors, the Auxiliary Boards, the National and Local Spiritual Assemblies functioning in harmony and unity. The conferences had a profound effect on the friends illustrated by such comments as:

"The best thing that has happened to Philadelphia since 'Abdu'l-Bahá's visit."

"The only occasion equalling it was the World Congress in London."

"It was inspirational stimulation, leading to a re-dedication of self, will, heart and life to this Cause."

And finally here are two exciting and impressive cables which surely must build a bridge of hope between the two countries concerned; from the N.S.A. of the **United States**, dated April 29, 1969

" . . . 445 Assemblies formed; 2517 centres registered; annual enrollment adults 1503 youth 1303 . . . decided convert Davidson School year round Pioneering Institute . . ."

and from National Convention, **Vietnam**, dated April 28, 1969

" . . . announced total fulfilment all internal goals allocated Vietnamese Bahá'í community by Nine-Year Plan; number Spiritual Assemblies now total 402 . . ."

Some other highlights: Mr. Nakebae Teuatabo, a Bahá'í, has become the first student ever from the **Gilbert and Ellice Islands** to attain a Bachelor of Science Degree. In 1962 on completion of fifth form at King George V School at Bikenibeu, Tarawa, he was awarded an overseas scholarship to Australia, where the first two years were spent at Saltash College and the remaining four years at the University of Adelaide where he received his degree in Mathematics. Nakebae will be employed by the Government on Tarawa but hopes to continue to a Masters Degree.

Nakebae became a Bahá'í in 1961 at the age of 15 while he was a student at K.G.V. School, the **Hawaii** State Legislature invited the Bahá'ís to present their invocations on April 1 and 2; **Italy** has achieved the goal of forming a Bahá'í Publishing Trust; in **Kenya** the Daily National newspaper announced on March 5 in a four-column headline "Bahá'í Symposium Success" and reported "The consensus of opinion was that the Faith, following what is fundamental in its teachings, had to offer, through its members, practical examples of living which could appeal to the majority of the people."; On March 7 the "Reporter," an East African News Magazine featured a lengthy article "Bahá'ís and their impact on **Uganda**" which quoted from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh to the "erring monarchs of His day" and stated "There can be no denying the prophetic ring of some of Bahá'u'lláh's words." **Kenya** report 836 declarations in two months; After a very successful Summer School in **Peru** in January a group of youth made a teaching trip of fifteen days within the high mountains of the Indian field in Cuzco and opened several villages as a result of legal incorporation of the N.S.A. of **Spain** they are able to intensify teaching and proclamation efforts, have presented the Faith in a

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University, in a library and in a number of newspaper articles and on the main radio station, have held their first public meeting and have obtained mass proclamation in the main newspapers in Madrid, Barcelona and Tarrasa. The N.S.A. of **Tanzania** has received from the Government a certificate which officially recognizes the N.S.A. as a religious body in that country. In **Alaska**, the Tundra Times had a half-page feature on the Faith. This paper is edited by Alaskan natives for American Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts. A new L.S.A. was formed in the Aleutian Islands this Ridván. **Argentina's** summer school was "Definitely the best ever", with more than 100 friends. **Bolivia** now has 22 Literacy Centres after two years of its literacy campaign, and is planning to open 50 this year. The purpose is to consolidation, through teaching the adult believers to read and write sufficiently to elect their own L.S.A., write up simple decisions and study the teachings in simple form. In **Brazil** a panel of non-Bahá'í authors and teachers gave their comments on "Presoricao Para Vida" (Prescription for Living) to help launch the book, and the meeting had been their own idea. After six years of travel teaching across 400 kilometres of sunbaked territory two Indian communities were established in the Kiriri territory. A small school was constructed and a Bahá'í teacher rode 10 miles on horse-back to the school everyday. 400 people were at the end of the first school year and the local Mayor insisted on maintaining the school and raising the salary of "its extraordinary self-less teacher." Five new states have been opened in Brazil this year, another teaching trip by Jawad Mughrabi in the **Cameroons** brought in 12 new believers and opened two new localities in six days. In **Denmark** an estimated one million listeners heard about the Faith for the first time on an independent programme. A new style World Religion Day was introduced by a well known non-Bahá'í actor at a theatre in a goal town. Over half the 90 audience were non-Bahá'ís. **Ethiopia** was one of the places visited by Peter Smith from England on his international travel teaching trip and he met up with some of the air-line employees who were using their free passes to visit Jimma. Peter addressed 200 students on "World Unity". In the **Gilbert and Ellice Islands** about 15 non-Bahá'í boys and girls are enthusiastically attending the Bahá'í Scripture hour at school on Fridays. **Guatemala** have been advertising correspondence courses and nearly 150 have taken these already including the Mayors of two cities. In one town, Yepocaoa, three Bahá'ís visited some of the students for a couple of days and there are now seven Bahá'ís there. The building for the Hazirat-ul-Quds has been purchased in **Iceland**. In Kanpur, **India**, the whole village of Gurraiyanpurwa became Bahá'í last December. 1,000 new believers have been enrolled in this area

## THE FIRST SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY OF KIRKWALL



FRONT ROW, l. to r: Shelagh King, Daryoosh Mehrabi, Adele Senior  
BACK ROW, l. to r: Jacqueline Mehrabi, Moira Macleod, Ernest Bertram, Parvin Jahanpour, Eric King, Violet Bertram

### WE NEED YOUR HELP.

At the Royal National Eisteddfod which this year will be held in **Flint, N. Wales**, August 4-9, the Bahá'ís of Wales have acquired a site where they will be staging a befitting Bahá'í Exhibition. We therefore extend a warm invitation to volunteers to come along and help us in manning the Stall. Here is a wonderful opportunity for you to teach the Faith to hundreds of people every day.

If you can offer your help for one week, part of the week, or even one day please contact **Mrs. Nora Maude, Talley, Penglais Road, Aberystwyth, Cards**, who will be glad to provide you with further details and to help with the finding of accommodation.

in two months. Massive publicity for a meeting by Youth in **Korea**, drew 100 enquirers and also led to a Bahá'í film being shown on the Television Station on Christmas Day. In **Laos** Mrs. Missaghian, travelling with her husband on a motorcycle, was especially welcomed as a travelling teacher in many villages who had never seen a woman pioneer before. In a school in **Malawi** three plays were used to help teaching about the funds and teaching, and discussion went through the night to 6 a.m. **Mauritius** have a new Hazirat-ul-Quds and have turned the old one into a teaching institute. **Nigeria's** national newspaper, the Sunday Times, had a two page article on the Faith, prepared by a local Bahá'í with the help of his L.S.A. Three further articles will follow the last being a call on all clergy to investigate the Faith.

### THANK YOU AND PLEASE.

From the Correspondence and Feature Advisory Service.

We would like to thank every one who has sent offers of help and information in reply to our request in the March/April Journal. We hope to hear from many more of you soon, especially from those reading papers and magazines of general interest. We are now making use of material already sent and hope to have some concrete results in the near future.

One suggestion came up for which we would like your help. It was pointed out that many factories and companies have their own 'house magazines' which might very well be willing to print either short fill-in articles, or even full features. As we are eager to collect information about existing companies' publications, would all those who work in a company producing its own magazine or newsletter please write giving details and perhaps sending a sample copy? to Miss Margaret Lord, 96 Plas Dinas, Blaenon, Chester.

This might be a wonderful way of extending our proclamation activities to 'all strata of society' as the Universal House of Justice have asked us to do, so please help us to investigate this great potential for Proclamation. Looking forward to hearing from you,

### DEADLINE :-

Material for the next issue of the Journal to be in by 14th July, 1969, to—  
Mr. J. Coates, Editor, 45 Overfield Rd., Fawdon, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 3AJ