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'AMATU'L-BAHÁ RÚHÍYYIH KHÁNUM

The magnificent world-wide journeys of 'Amatu'l-Bahá Rúhíyyih Khánum have become a legend in her lifetime and the radiance of her personality has shed its light in India, Africa, America and Europe. Accompanied by Mrs Violette Nakhjavání, she visited Hong Kong, Burma and the countries of the Indian sub-continent earlier this year, before visiting South America. These journeys culminated in flying visits to America, Canada and London where she visited the resting place of the beloved Guardian and addressed an enthusiastic audience of about 400 on 10 October 1974, immediately prior to returning to Haifa for a few months before resuming her travels once more.



'Amatu'l-Bahá Rúhíyyih Khánum with President Mohammadullah of Bangladesh, 7 June 1974. (Counsellor Mrs Shirin Boman, on the right; Mrs 'Ali Nakhjavání, on the left)



'Amatu'l-Bahá Rúhíyyih Khánum with the President of India, Mr V. V. Giri, New Delhi, 14 June 1974

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY NEWS

Significant changes have been taking place in the National Assembly. At Convention six of the nine members offered to pioneer during the Five Year Plan and four of them have already been involved in changes which will completely alter the 'look' of our National Assembly.

Charles Macdonald is moving to New Delhi (via Haifa) in November to take up the position of General Manager of the Indian Bahá'í Publishing Trust. He and Yvonne had originally thought of pioneering to Africa.

Abbas Afnan will be attending his last meeting on 15 November as he will be pioneering either to the Maldive Islands or to the West Indies — both goals of the Plan. Shomais hopes to follow as soon as possible.

George Bowers, whose pioneering plans to nearby St Helens in Lancashire had come to the notice of the Universal House of Justice, was invited to the World Centre to be responsible for the maintenance of the many Bahá'í properties there and will be leaving the country in the not too distant future. A bye-election for two new members will therefore be announced after the November meeting of the National Assembly. Elsie will also be involved in the rapidly increasing work in Haifa.

Philip Hainsworth who, with Lois and Michael, had offered to pioneer as soon as Richard and Zarin were settled in their further education, have now had to shelve their plans with Philip's election as Secretary of the National Assembly. It is twenty-seven years since Philip was first elected to the British National Assembly and he was the first national secretary for the Bahá'ís of Central and East Africa in 1956, which post he held until his return to this country almost ten years later.

Joe Foster was elected to the National Assembly to replace Charles and **Barbara Lewis** replaces Philip as Vice Chairman.

The next few meetings of the National Assembly are therefore of the utmost importance to the whole community as no single year in the history of the Faith in these Islands has witnessed so many changes. The Assembly therefore calls upon all the friends to pray fervently on its behalf, particularly during the times the Assembly is in session. The scheduled meetings are:

15–17 November; 20–22 December; 24–26 January;
27 February–1 March; 4–6 April.

Reminiscences of Believers who met 'Abdu'l-Bahá

The Universal House of Justice is endeavouring to obtain written or tape recorded reminiscences from those believers who had the privilege of meeting 'Abdu'l-Bahá during His journeys to the West or during their pilgrimages to the Holy Land.

The National Assembly would be grateful to have the name and address of any Bahá'í or non-Bahá'í who met the Master and would also be interested to know of the existence of diaries or notes taken by friends who have passed away. Would anyone who has information of this sort please notify the National Office.

College and University Courses on the Bahá'í Faith Theses on the Bahá'í Faith Accepted for Academic Degrees

The Universal House of Justice is compiling a current list of universities and colleges offering courses on the Bahá'í Faith for credit, and would appreciate your sending us a list of such institutions in your area, together with a course description. It may be that in some cases information on the Faith is offered as part of a course on comparative religion. A list of these courses is also wanted.

In addition, we would like a list of theses on Bahá'í subjects which have been accepted towards fulfilment of the requirements for an academic degree. The listing should include the name of the author, the title, the college or university, the date and the name of the academic degree. If available, we would appreciate a copy of each thesis for the World Centre library.

It is hoped that this information when compiled will provide valuable evidence of public recognition of the Faith, and that it will prove useful in the further proclamation of the Faith.

1 August 1974

UNIVERSAL HOUSE OF JUSTICE

NOTE: Would anyone who has submitted a thesis or knows of a thesis being submitted, please send details to the National Office.

NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY

FAROES CONFERENCE 11/18 August, 1974



The first historic conference ever to be held in the Faroe Islands opened on 11 August with a message from the Universal House of Justice which set the whole theme of the occasion — Arctic and Sub-Arctic teaching and consolidation. A fourteen page report from the representatives of the United Kingdom National Assembly, John and Vera Long, and an excellent article which appeared in the Unit 2 Newsletter, convey a spirit of enthusiasm for the work in the northern regions and cover an enormous amount of detail which cannot be printed in this Journal.

Counsellor Betty Reed, the Board Member for Iceland and Faroes, National Assembly members from United Kingdom, Iceland, Denmark and Norway, believers from all these territories, and the Lofoton Islands, and the members of the Faroese Bahá'í

Community, including Knight of Bahá'u'lláh, Eskil Ljungberg, totalling about fifty believers, generated such enthusiasm and excitement for the future development of the Faith that every one felt that this Conference would, in future, be looked upon as the 'launching-pad' for the northern campaign.

Acting upon a recommendation from this Conference, a United Kingdom conference has been called in Inverness for the Unit 2 and for National Spiritual Assembly, National Teaching Committee and Overseas Goals committee representatives, and this takes place whilst this Journal is at the printer.

A full report of both conferences will therefore appear in the next issue of the Journal.

THE FUND

DID YOU KNOW THAT.....

- * The amount of money needed from donations for this year — the first year of the Five Year Plan is £49,600?
- * The United Kingdom has pledged to send thirty four pioneers to overseas pioneer posts THIS YEAR and to do this, of the £49,600 budget, at least £10,200 is needed to make this possible?
- * At the time this Journal is going to press, we have not enough money in the Fund to settle more than one overseas pioneer?
- * Contributions to the Fund at present are less than half the amount needed to meet the day to day costs of maintaining the Faith in the United Kingdom?
- * On top of our ordinary budget requirements for this year, a special budget has been fixed for carrying out our "capital goal projects", that is to say for the purchasing of Temple sites, endowment land and Ḥaziratu'l Quds in many parts of the world, and the amount is £150,000?
- * The Universal House of Justice would not give us these goals if we were not capable of fulfilling them?
- * The Universal House of Justice has urged all Bahá'ís to give until it hurts?
- * The Universal House of Justice said at Riḍván 1966. . . "Since only those who have openly proclaimed their recognition of Bahá'u'lláh are permitted to contribute financially to the establishment of His world order, it is apparent that more, much more, is required from the few now so privileged. Our responsibilities in this field are very great, commensurate indeed with the bounty of being the bearers of the Name of God in this day"?
- * One of the most important principles of giving to the Fund is UNIVERSAL PARTICIPATION. When we all partake of the privilege of giving to the Fund, no matter the amount we give, the Cause will go forward more quickly, because we are acting in UNITY.
- * By sending stamped addressed envelopes when writing to the National Treasurer if a reply is needed, or for a receipt, this saves the Fund £200 — £300 a year?
- * Twenty years ago there were twenty-four local Spiritual Assemblies and a mere twenty-seven Groups and isolated centres. Now there are ninety-seven local Assemblies and hundreds of Groups and isolated centres?
- * Because of the growth of the Faith in this way, it helps the National Treasury Office if all local Spiritual Assembly treasurers state clearly ON TOP OF THE LETTERS accompanying donations the NAME OF THE LOCAL ASSEMBLY?
- * Likewise, all Group treasurers should do the same.
- * Through lack of support, the Summer School at Wiston Lodge in Scotland had to be cancelled. This cost the Fund £200 of precious "lifeblood" and this amount of money could have sent a pioneer overseas?
- * If postal orders are sent through the post uncrossed, money in buying the postal order has been wasted, because it is just as dangerous to send an uncrossed postal order as sending bank notes through the post?
- * It is still cheaper to contribute by National Giro than by sending postal orders?
- * This report is being written in September and that by now the money from donations should be £23,750 and the amount received so far is £12,000.
- * Your help is desperately needed NOW?
- * That all donations should be sent to the National Treasurer:

Mrs Betty Goode,
8, Knowle Road,
Stafford ST17 0DN

Please **not** to 27 Rutland Gate.

NATIONAL TEACHING COMMITTEE

The newly appointed National Teaching Committee consists of nine members as follows:

SHAHRAM MOTTAHED	Chairman	KENNETH GOODE
VIVIAN BARTLETT	Vice Chairman	WENDI MOMEN
WENDY THORNE	Secretary	HAZEL MOSSAFAIE
BARNEY LEITH	Treasurer	IAIN PALIN
		PAMELA POULTER

This year the responsibilities of the National Teaching Committee have been expanded to include the co-ordination, guidance and direction of six specialist departments together with the nineteen unit teaching committees. In order fully to integrate the work of the departments with the National Teaching Committee a liaison member has been appointed to each department as follows:

DEPARTMENT	LIAISON MEMBER
Audio-Visual	Pam Poulter
Pioneer	Viv Bartlett
Teaching the Blind	Hazel Mossafaie
Teaching Minorities	Wendy Thorne
Travel Teaching	Barney Leith
Youth	Shahram Mottahed

The friends are asked to note that any correspondence directed to a department should still be sent to the appropriate department secretary and not the liaison member. Departmental reports will appear in the Journal under their respective headings.

The major responsibility of raising up new local Assemblies within the Five Year Plan rests with the established Assemblies. However, Gloucester, Taunton Deane, Lincoln, Dunbarton, East Fife and the lapsed Assembly of Ceredigion must also be raised to Assembly status. These goals are the direct responsibility of the National Teaching Committee through its respective unit teaching committee.

Within and beyond the Five Year Plan, in Nineteen Day Feasts, Assembly and committee meetings, consultation will become more intense and inspired. It is therefore necessary to keep in mind the following words, written on behalf of our beloved Guardian to an individual believer:

"The need is very great, everywhere in the world, in and outside the Faith, for a true spiritual awareness to pervade and motivate people's lives. No amount of administrative procedure or adherence to rules can take the place of this soul-characteristic, this spirituality which is the essence of man. He is very glad to see you are stressing this and aiding the friends to realize its supreme importance."

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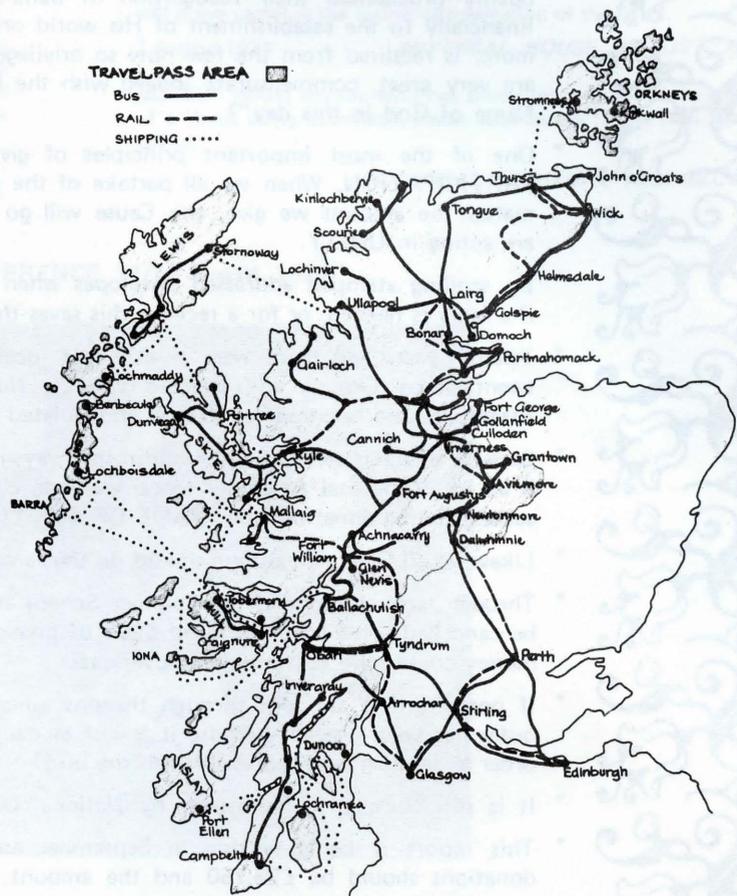
TRAVELPASS 74

The National Teaching Committee is pleased to pass on to the friends a scheme initiated by the Highlands and Islands Tourist Board. It is called "Travelpass 74" and includes unlimited travel for eight or twelve days on most train, bus and ship services in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland. For would-be travel teachers here is an ideal opportunity for visiting the friends and teaching the Faith in the more isolated parts of the United Kingdom; all this and you don't have to spend extortionate sums of money on travel. Travelpass prices fluctuate slightly depending on your starting point and on whether or not you travel during the peak period. Altogether there are thirty three stations listed in the plan, from which you can start your journey and return. The most expensive station from which to start, during October, is London (Euston) at £27.90 return fare for twelve days. This scheme does not impose an itinerary, but allows you to plan your own within the area of travel indicated on the map.

For more information contact:

Highlands and Islands Travelpass,
c/o Duncan Duffy Ltd.
25 Queensgate, Inverness.
Tel: 0463 32134

It may be too late to plan for 1974, but it's early for 1975.



ULLAPOOL

Perhaps you have already taken an atlas of Britain, and studied the locations of the various home goals that have been set for the Five Year Plan. And somewhere up in the top left hand corner of Scotland, you have found the small town of Ullapool, in the county of Ross and Cromarty. What sort of picture does that location conjure up for you? Bleak windswept mountains, impenetrable forests, snow capped peaks (and perhaps, in winter, snow capped Ullapool?), miles from road and rail communication, full of bearded Gaels, nothing to do all day long but fish for the trout, shoot the pheasants, and snare the young haggis?

Well, if that's what you think, you are far off the mark. For a start, Ullapool, for all its northerly situation, catches the westward edge of the Gulf Stream, and enjoys a remarkably mild climate. Study the weather reports in the newspapers and you will see that the warmest place in the United Kingdom is, not uncommonly — Ullapool. It might be overstating things to call it the Bournemouth of the North, but this beautiful little town on Loch Broom enjoys a yearly influx of anglers and tourists and is quite at home with strangers. It was one of the earliest 'new towns' in Britain, being first built by the British Fishery Society in 1788, and many of the original houses still stand,

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in good repair, in the orderly arrangement in which they were first set up. While by no means the "Caledonia stern and wild" beloved of poets, the scenery is both beautiful and impressive, and the approach by road to the town itself is said to bear great resemblance to the Cheddar Gorge. Apart from tourism the main occupations of the townspeople are fishery work and the local lime works — although this latter has not been allowed to spoil the scenery. For a Bahá'í or Bahá'í couple who are seeking to settle — and, in particular, to retire, to a small, friendly goal town, there could be few more attractive places to choose.

Iain S. Palin

LIVING THE LIFE:

"If we do not learn to live the Bahá'í Life we become part of the old world order: decayed, disillusioned and hovering on the brink of destruction. Look at it — mental hospitals filled to overflowing, so many cases they can't be handled. Alcoholism at an unprecedented peak — the taking of habit-forming drugs has become almost epidemic in some areas and is on the increase. Juvenile delinquency, adult delinquency, murder, rape, arson, lying, cheating — crime is unprecedented. Marriage ties lightly taken — easily broken. Lack of parental control not the exception, but the rule. Suicide not a monthly or daily thing, but an hour by hour disaster in the world, Is this the civilisation to which we should look to tell us whether the standards of Bahá'u'lláh are right or wrong or too strict or too lofty? And beloved friends, thank God, on bended knee, that you are a believer in Bahá'u'lláh; 'The Unifier of Men', 'The Organiser of the Planet', 'The Divine Physician', for this sick and dying society about us."

This is a very short extract from a cassette tape recording of a study class conducted by Hand of the Cause of God, William Sears. Many soul-stirring quotations from our Sacred Writings are used, showing how living the Bahá'í Life is the one and only way we can effectively spread the Faith of God today. The National Teaching Committee urges every community to hire or buy this tape as a source of inspiration and encouragement at the start of the Five Year Plan. The tape is entitled: "TEACHING: LIVING THE LIFE", and can be obtained from the Audio Visual Department.

SHETLAND TEACHING PROJECT

This year a different approach was used in the Shetland Islands. In order to give the faith a more substantial and dignified image, a suitable town house was rented by the team and the expenses shared, thereby affording members of the team a comfortable base for social gatherings and firesides. The team consisted a combination of adults, youth, and children and was enriched by a variety of talents.

Faced with the request of the local Assembly to do no direct teaching, use no publicity, give no pamphlets and not to use the door-to-door approach, the Shetland teaching team experimented with the "work and teach" method. Youth responded to the idea, and, within days of their arrival in Lerwick, had obtained jobs. Some worked in hotels and fish and chip shops, while others braved the smells of the fish processing factory. An artist in the group started sketching in the centre of town where he attracted the attention of the local inhabitants as well as a well-known French sculptor.

All these efforts proved to be both effective in meeting people and financially rewarding. Many contacts were made who came to firesides and even attended the evening classes of the summer school. Two of our young men worked in the hay fields where they were able to talk with the farmers while the more adventurous spent a few nights out on the fishing boats helping with the nets and gutting fish. Not exactly the most pleasant occupation but when people see that you are not afraid of their kind of work, they listen more carefully to what you have to say.

Other activities were explored and used as vehicles for indirect teaching. Members of the team joined in every possible community activity that presented itself by attending exhibitions at village halls (Ed Povey won first prize for one of his drawings), dancing country dances, participating with the local people in a lifeboat charity concert, listening to old men tell stories and talk about legends, learning to spin, admiring native craftwork in the museum, visiting farms and gathering eggs — entering into each event with sincerity and making friends as well as telling them about the faith.

Hylda Cunningham from Edinburgh found ample opportunity to talk about the faith at her bed and breakfast residence. Every time she was asked, "Are you here on holiday?" — "No," she replied, "I'm here for the Bahá'í Summer School!" What an opening for a Bahá'í discussion!

Previous contacts were visited and friendships renewed. Many of the Islanders welcomed back the Bahá'ís for long chats and cups of tea. A family from the distant island of Foula came to dinner while others on Yell and Unst joined the group for coffee and homemade music.

Two members of the team went to the Island of Fetlar where they gave copies of Gloria Faizi's book, "The Bahá'í Faith", to her friends who still remember her with love and affection.

Various public officials and Councillors were encountered and Jo Grimmond, Member of Parliament for Shetland and Orkney, after learning that a member of the National Assembly was on board the Saint Clair made a point of chatting informally with Mary Hardy about the trip. Perhaps the most important accomplishment of the project came when Barney Leith managed to get a teaching post in Scalloway and a house in a matter of hours. There was also one declaration at one of the Summer School sessions.

The most intriguing observation of the team was the receptivity of the island people to the Faith of Bahá'u'lláh. The veil between them and the Faith appears to be very thin. They have a wonderful community spirit and many seem to live more of a Bahá'í life than some who profess to do so. It was also apparent that when the Bahá'í community grows stronger and becomes an attractive force of love, harmony and unity there is no doubt that a tremendous response to the call of Bahá'u'lláh will be seen.



Shetland landscape by Ed Povey

SHETLAND SUMMER SCHOOL

Absolutely confounded, a very bewildered telephone operator in the Shetland Island sent the following cable to Haifa, Israel:

"LOVING GREETINGS FROM FIRST SHETLAND SUMMER SCHOOL BLESSED PRESENCE ESTEEMED HAND MUHAJIR STOP FRIENDS AFLAME DESIRE SERVE STOP IMMINENT SETTLEMENT PIONEER FAMILY INSHALLAH STOP BESEECH PRAYERS HOLY THRESHOLD FULFILLMENT WISHES BELOVED MASTER GUARDIAN STOP SHETLAND FRIENDS"

The first Shetland Summer School was in progress!

For the first time our most northerly island community was given an opportunity to attend deepening classes and enjoy Bahá'í companionship at a Bahá'í Summer School held in Lerwick itself.

However, it soon became apparent that long working hours and irregular schedules made it difficult for local friends and working members of the teaching team to attend. Therefore, every effort was made to adjust the school timetable to accommodate as many as possible. Morning sessions of two classes were held at the hotel while the evening sessions were held at Greenfield House and the afternoons were free.

A total of twenty-two Bahá'ís attended at least one session. Although few in numbers a very special bond of fellowship and spiritual closeness developed among members of the group. The lectures were shared out in order to develop unused talents, encourage active participation in the investigation of the writings and to divide the work load. The group's dedication to the task provided an exciting amount of information and the sessions achieved a very high standard of discussion.

The emphasis was made on selective subjects in depth rather than broad outlines with the subjects divided into three courses of study: History, Spiritual Comprehension and a New World Development Course.

The highlight of the school was the surprise visit of the Hand of the Cause Dr Muhajir who urged the school to plumb greater depths of consecration and explained the importance of perfecting the Administrative Order.

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Although most of the local community were not able to participate, it is hoped that next year there will be more local support. Certainly the effectiveness of producing publicity and bringing others to the island cannot be questioned.

Nor can be questioned the hopes expressed in this telegram from the Universal House of Justice:

"GREATLY DELIGHTED SPIRIT SERVICE PER-
VADING FIRST SHETLAND SUMMER SCHOOL STOP
INAUGURATION INSTITUTION GOOD AUGURY
FULFILLMENT HOPES BELOVED GUARDIAN
NORTHERN ISLANDS ASSURE PRAYERS HOLY
SHRINE. UNIVERSAL HOUSE OF JUSTICE."

YOUTH DEPARTMENT

WINTER SCHOOL — The last meeting was held in Durham, which meant that the members of the Youth Department were all able to see the magnificent accommodation now booked for the Winter School at Gray College. There is accommodation for about 300 people and bookings should be made now to the registrar, **FARHAD BEHROOZ**, 28 Roxwell Road, Chelmsford. The school will take place from 21-28 December. For further details please see the September issue of *IN TUNE*. The site commands a superb view of Durham Cathedral which is certainly worth a visit, and facilities include a beautiful dining hall, auditorium, dance floor, sports/recreational areas and superb study bedrooms which would be hard to parallel.

The proposed programme is extensive, with different days being devoted to study of the history and teachings of each of the three Central Figures of the Bahá'í Faith. The remaining time will be spent on topics such as the Guardian's Writings, the development of the Five Year Plan, etc. Speakers will include M. Henuzet and other members of the Continental Board of Counsellors. Films and filmstrips will be shown every evening and there will be ample time for group discussions, and, on the lighter side, fancy dress parties, talent shows, musical evenings and a ball.

A further outlet for the exhibition of talents will follow immediately in the form of the **ARTS FESTIVAL** which certainly could be a most stimulating sequel. The competition (the trophies for which are now nearing completion) will include creations made with the primary aim of illustrating ways of teaching our beloved Faith through the arts. The categories for which entries are welcome are music, exhibition, poems, essays, pamphlets, books, plays and stage presentations, audio-visual, and a group for entrants under thirteen, and there will be ample space to exhibit any arts or crafts. There are certainly plenty of artists and craftsmen in the British community who can amply illustrate the truth that 'work is worship', so let us see some of this leather and clay!

SPORTS FESTIVAL — considering what Bahá'u'lláh has said about care of the body as the receptacle of the soul, enquiries are underway about the possibility of organising a sports weekend-week in the Spring where Bahá'ís from all over the United Kingdom will have the opportunity of sharing an exciting and enjoyable time, together with many of our non-Bahá'í friends. For further developments in this plan please see *IN TUNE*.

IN TUNE: In spite of difficulties which regretfully resulted in the late release of the August issue, this Youth Department publication is making steady improvements and a new layout is proposed for the next issue. However, production costs are not met by the 50p annual subscription at the present circulation rate (which is about 300) without a subsidy from Youth Department funds. A circulation increase of about 200 (i.e. from 300-500) would make this most valuable channel self-supporting. So please, if you would like copies, send your subscriptions to *IN TUNE*, 27 Rutland Gate, London SW7. If there are any articles you wish to be printed please also send them to the above address.

BAHÁ'Í SOCIETIES: At the moment we have records of nine Bahá'í Societies which are established at colleges or universities — nine of the fifty set as a goal of the Three Year Youth Campaign. However, it seems that this record may be out of date or incomplete. So please, if information concerning the progress of your community in this direction is available, send it immediately to the Youth Department so that our records can be revised.

SERENDIPITY 75: A site has been found in Essex for August/September 1975. Support is expected from many of the European countries, including a plane full of Bahá'ís from Italy! We look forward to releasing more information about this exciting event as it becomes available. **SO KEEP TUNED TO IN TUNE!**

TRIP TO FRANKFURT TEMPLE

This is being arranged for 21 July 1975 in conjunction with the German Bahá'ís. Accommodation will be in the Youth Hostel and the stay, for one week, will be for the maintenance of the Temple and the grounds.

EXPLORATION PROJECTS

These will take place on the Isle of Man and in Hartlepool, straight after Winter School. If you would like to go, just write and let us know.

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Easter Weekend 28/31 March, 1975. Details later.

FUND

To achieve this goal of £6,000, there is a **DESPERATE** need for more contributions. Remember, these are extra to the regular contributions to the Fund. Please pray for this goal!

PIONEER DEPARTMENT

If you are unemployed or fear redundancy in the near future, but would like to pioneer on the homefront, a scheme operated by the Department of Employment can assist you. The Employment Transfer Scheme, as it is called, 'assists unemployed workers or those likely to be involved in redundancy within six months who have no early prospect of obtaining employment in their home area to take employment elsewhere for which no suitable worker can be found locally. Assistance, of up to a maximum period of two years, ranges from a minimum of a free fare to the new area plus the settling-in allowance, to a lodging allowance and assisted fares to visit home for a man with dependants who has to live away from his own home. Help can also be given towards the cost of removal and the legal costs for sale and purchase of a house, dependants' fares and incidental expenses.

Further details of this scheme can be obtained from your local Department of Employment Office. It would be advisable, however, to have a list of priority places needing pioneers if you are considering this means of employment assistance. For more information and any offers to pioneer on the homefront please contact:

Mrs Mary Connell,
102, Kimberley Avenue,
London SE15

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OVERSEAS GOALS COMMITTEE

The members of this committee for the year 131 are Derek Cockshut, Chairman, (telephone Oakham (0572; 2407), Derwent Maude, Vice-Chairman (Aberystwyth), Dorothy Gisler, Secretary (3 Whichcote House, Springfield Road, Cambridge), Hasan Afnan, Treasurer (Wembley), Nora Maude, Stephen Jenkerson (Oxford), Tony MacCarthy (Norwich or Canterbury), and Carolyn Makki (Guildford). If you wish to get in touch with us urgently, either write to the secretary, telephone Derek Cockshut, or contact the member who lives nearest to you.

We are happy to report that many of the pioneers for the Five Year Plan are already on their way: Pat and Chris Beer to South Africa, Charles and Yvonne MacDonald to India, Clive and Joyce Collins to Sierra Leone and Manzur Shah to Sudan, to name but a few, but we still have a very urgent need for people to come forward. Remember the goals of the Five Year Plan — to send thirty four pioneers **now**. These thirty four should be at their posts within the first year if at all possible. The British community has performed apparently impossible tasks many times in the past and we are sure it can do so again.

If you do not feel that you can go on a permanent basis, but have a desire to serve, there is still an important place for you. We need as many travel teachers as possible. The needs are in two areas in particular: 1) West Africa, where there are Bahá'í communities which need deepening and expanding, 2) Arctic and Sub-arctic Europe (North of latitude 60 and including Scandinavia). We will be arranging specific teaching projects in conjunction with these countries, details of which will be released as soon as available. In the meantime any offers of help, even for a few months, will be most welcome. As mentioned in a recent Nineteen Day Newsletter, we would like to encourage the idea of deputisation, whereby a group of people get together to raise money for a travel teaching trip and then send one or two of their number to carry out the project, or perhaps take it in turns to go somewhere while the others help to finance the trip.

OVERSEAS GOALS COMMITTEE (continued)

We would like to explain the standard procedure of operation which the committee has adopted this year in order to try and deal with the large number of offers as fairly and efficiently as possible. We hope you will understand that our aim in all this is to ensure that people go to a place which will suit their particular talents, abilities and preferences. We do want our pioneers to be happy in their posts and then they can also be successful.

When we receive the completed questionnaire form from a person offering to go pioneering, a letter is sent to the relevant local Assembly to enlist their co-operation in helping us to place that person in a suitable post. While we are making every effort to obtain background information on the countries in which pioneers are needed, this should not stop prospective pioneers looking into these things for themselves. Indeed we would encourage them to do this so that they may have a more definite idea of their preferences when they come to consult with us.

After receiving the letter from the local Assembly, the person offering to go is invited to a preliminary interview with part of the committee. These meetings are at present held at Rutland Gate on the weekends when the committee meets, but it is hoped in future to be able to hold them in the home of whichever

member lives nearest to the person making the offer. This will make it more informal and, it is hoped, more convenient for those offering to go. So long as the person still wishes to pursue his or her offer, a full consultation is arranged with the whole committee. The committee will then reach a decision and swift action can be taken in despatching the pioneers.

Once the definite decision to pioneer has been made, the appropriate National Assembly is contacted to furnish more detailed information on the particular area, and to make arrangements for the arrival of the pioneer. Even after a pioneer has left the country, the process does not end there, because we ensure that a local Assembly or individual will be responsible for keeping in touch with him, in addition to correspondence received from friends, because it has been the experience of pioneers in the past that after they have been away for some time, the correspondence ceases, even from close friends, and they begin to feel very isolated. In addition there will probably be a member of the committee appointed to keep in touch with you. This we hope will assure you of our deepest love and appreciation of your sacrifice.

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His Highness Malietoa Tanumafili II, Head of State of Western Samoa (centre with lei), with Bahá'í friends attending the Annual Convention of Samoa, held at National Bahá'í Teaching Institute, Lelata, Apia, Rídván 1974



Bahá'ís gathered during a Conference in Salisbury, Rhodesia, on 24/25 August of the Counsellors, Auxiliary Board Members and all the National Assemblies in Southern Africa and the Islands of the Seychelles, Madagascar, Mauritius and Reunion. In the group photograph, which includes the Counsellors, Board Members and representatives of the eleven National Assemblies as well as other Bahá'ís taking part in study classes, etc., can be seen several British Bahá'ís who are pioneering in the area or making a holiday visit.

SHIRIN FOZDAR'S VISIT

Reports have come pouring in from all over England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Channel Islands of the immense success of Mrs Fozdar's visit, and everywhere the friends have expressed their deep gratitude for the ways in which she has been able to help. In many places unprecedented press coverage has been achieved and in some others she has been given adequate radio and television time in which to speak about the Faith.

Space in this Journal does not permit us to print the many

reports sent in, but it is clear that Mrs Fozdar's long association with the cause of women's rights has been of great interest to interviewers in all the media. Wherever she has gone in the United Kingdom she has emphasised the principles of our Faith and in some cases has been able to speak to large numbers of non-Bahá'ís. A great debt of gratitude is owed to Mrs Fozdar by our community for giving so much of her time in what must have been a very tiring schedule.

REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN BELFAST

On 6 July 1974 in Belfast the Five Year Plan was launched in Northern Ireland despite interference from the Old World Order in the form of explosions, sirens, and in one instance, the evacuation of the building on the advice of the police due to a bomb warning.

About seventy Bahá'ís attended the conference and the mood among the friends was one of determination to win the assigned goals of the Five Year Plan. This determination was such that the conference recommended the raising of four additional Spiritual Assemblies in Newtownards, Newry, Enniskillen and Armagh. With the emphasis on action, the conference studied the letter

from the National Assembly assigning goals to local Assemblies and discussed ways of immediately implementing any forthcoming suggestions.

Mr George Bowers and Dr Abbas Afnan represented the National Assembly and Dr Beman Khosravi the Continental Board of Counsellors. Representatives from the National Teaching Committee of the Republic of Ireland were present and pledged support for the teaching work in Northern Ireland.

An appeal for contributions to the National Fund at the end of the Conference resulted in almost £227 being donated by the friends present.

TEACHING CONFERENCE

7/8 December 1974

With the Five Year Plan well launched; with all the Assemblies rapidly assuming the responsibilities given to them by the National Assembly; with the pioneers gradually moving into their places and with time running out, Teaching Conference, called early this year, is of particular importance.

- Theme: The Three Major Objectives
- Place: Edward Wood Hall, London Road, Leicester.
- Time: Saturday 7 December
 - 11.30 am – An Audio-Visual Display is open
 - 2.00 pm – Conference commences promptly
- Sunday 8 December
 - 10.00 am – Conference sessions begin
 - 4.45 pm – Close of Conference

Full programme and list of hotels will be circulated, or write to:

Mrs Wendy Thorne, (NTC Secretary),
2 The Gillies, Rannoch Drive, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire.
(SAE please)

EDITORIAL

The Journal is late this time because the National Assembly instructed the Editorial Committee to wait until there were funds available for it to be printed. Even so, it has been necessary to curtail the issue; there is no International News included and it has not been possible to print all the photographs which have been sent in from various parts of the country.

We are very grateful to all those communities who have sent photographs and other material, and hope they will continue to do so.

The Chester Assembly has suggested that the Journal carry a column for NEW suggestions which arise at Nineteen Day Feasts and the Editorial Committee would like to give this idea a trial run. Would any community, therefore, which feels it has any ideas to offer, please put them as briefly as possible and send them to the Editor.

Material for the next issue should reach the Editor before 10 December 1974. Please note change of address:

LOIS HAINSWORTH (Mrs)
27 RUTLAND GATE,
LONDON SW7

NOTICES

BIRTHS

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MARRIAGES

- 6 July 1974: Jackie Brown to David Grant, in Manchester.
- 10 August 1974: Marion Sims (not a Bahá'í) to Glyndwr Eynon, in Manchester.
- 19 October 1974: Chris Eynon to Michael Cooper, in Llanelly.

DEATHS

- 16 July 1974: Vafa Khavari, of Cambridge, for whom a memorial meeting was held in August.

PRUDENCE GEORGE: A Memorial Meeting for Prudence, held in Norwich on 28 August, was attended by Norfolk and Waveney Bahá'ís. Prudence pioneered to Norwich during the Six Year Plan, arriving in August 1947 from Blackburn. Here she joined the late Ethel Bird and became one of the founder members of the Norwich community. She left us after two years to undertake a further pioneering project and subsequently found time in her travels to revisit the area several times. After a programme of prayers and readings which included some especially loved by Prue, friends old and new gratefully recalled her unflagging enthusiasm and sympathetic encouragement.

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE

There has been a fairly good response to our request for reports of the local press publicity gained of late, and we would like to thank those communities who never fail to respond. It has been of great encouragement to us to know that our press release suggestions have, in many cases, been very useful – but at the same time we have noted the comments of some communities that our material has been late in arriving.

For Naw-Rúz, Ridván, the Declaration of the Báb and the Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh, twenty-two communities reported good coverage in their local press. For other events during this same period, eighteen communities reported really generous coverage. Most of the editorial has been excellent, and we congratulate the friends on their initiative in thinking of ways to interest the newspapers.

In some cuttings, we notice that the number of Bahá'ís in the United Kingdom has been quoted. The National Assembly has asked us not to do this, as it does not give a true impression of the strength of the Faith. The only statistics that should be used are those concerning the numbers of centres, countries, languages, etc.

The publicity folders which have been prepared by our committee have now been distributed to all local Spiritual Assemblies and Groups, as well as to all national committees. A covering letter explains their use. We hope that you will make full use of these folders and that your publicity efforts will increase as a result. Further copies may be obtained from the Sales Committee at a cost of 35p each.

The National Assembly has informed us that no national advertising can be undertaken this year – "Among the more costly proposals which had to be dropped were advertising in the national press and the production of a film. . .". This means that local advertising by the communities will assume even greater importance, and in view of this our committee is planning to provide advertising ideas.

These, and other publicity recommendations and guidance, will form the subject of a series of publicity presentations and seminars which we are planning to hold during the next few months. These events were originally suggested by the National Assembly as being especially desirable for press officers and secretaries, but committee discussion and consultation with the National Teaching Committee has led us to believe that their scope should be widened as much as possible. The first of our publicity presentations, therefore, is now being planned for the National Teaching Conference to be held in Leicester in early December. Other presentations will, we hope, be arranged as part of the programme at the Youth Winter School in Durham in late December, at the Youth Easter Conference, and perhaps at various unit events during the early months of next year.

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE (continued)

Many of you in the South-East will have heard Capital Radio's hour-long phone-in programme on 16 June about the Bahá'í Faith, in which Phillip Hinton was interviewed and members of the public phoned in their questions. This was followed on the same day by a public meeting, to which listeners had been invited and at which questions were answered by a panel of Bahá'ís. All this created an excellent impression with Capital Radio and, as they are connected with Thames Television (who have already given air time to Bahá'ís), we have hopes that this is a break-through into the field of radio and television publicity.

One community has told us that they recently put Bahá'í pamphlets, with a contact address, in their local library, and that the supply had to be replenished three times in a couple of weeks. This idea is well worth following up in other communities.

The response to the scheme for 'bus advertising on a national scale has not been very great — nothing near the minimum of the hundred spaces needed. We regret that an error was made in our last Journal report and that the minimum number of

spaces which can be taken by each community is ten, not five. Those communities who have offered to take five will be disappointed, and we apologise for our mistake. If they are still interested, they should please let us know; and any other communities who would like to support the scheme should write to us as soon as possible.

One of the specific goals in the Five Year Plan assigned to our national community by the Universal House of Justice is "to study and implement as far as possible the use of mass communication systems to proclaim and teach the Faith." It is one of the tasks of this committee to "promote vigorously proclamation activity and education and guidance of communities in the field of proclamation and publicity." From this it will be seen that we can only suggest and encourage — the local communities have to do the work! We look forward to your continuing and increasing co-operation in this task.

The members of the Public Information Committee this year are: Mahnaz Ala'i, Sylvia Benatar, Jean Harper, Phillip Hinton, Gerald Knight and Beatrice Smith.

ASSEMBLY SERVICE COMMITTEE

It is clear from the Naw-Rúz messages from the Universal House of Justice that the development of the local Assemblies into fully functioning units of the World Order of Bahá'u'llah is a vital objective of the Five Year Plan. The greater the progress in this direction the more able will be the Bahá'í community not only to spread the Divine Message, but also to cope with the problems of entry by troops for which we are all preparing.

As already announced by the National Assembly a new national committee known as the Assembly Service Committee has been formed to provide guidance and essential material for deepening and assisting Assemblies. It is not intended in any way that the Assembly Service Committee should infringe the independence of local Assemblies, but frequently problems arise which Assemblies are unsure how to handle. It is in such areas that the Assembly Service Committee aims to assist.

With the relative inexperience of many Assembly members at this stage of the development of the Faith the scope for the Assembly Service Committee is considerable but it will only be through the co-operation of local Assemblies that this new committee will be able to develop and function efficiently. It is therefore important that the fullest exchange of information takes place so that both the local Assemblies and Assembly Service Committee gain the maximum benefit.

The Assembly Service Committee is conscious that it is feeling its way and probably will do so for many months, and it is impossible yet to say where it will be of the greatest help.

The committee members are: George Bowers (Chairman), Derek Atkinson (Secretary), Dori Talbot (Treasurer), Ramez Delpak, Shahin Fathe'Azam and Simon Mortimor.

NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITIES

ARFON (N. Wales): The Bahá'ís here have, during spring and summer, been blessed with visits from many wonderful friends and we thank them all for the support and pleasure that they have brought to North Wales.

As well as movement into this community, Bahá'ís here have been travelling themselves — two of the youth, Dave Cottam and Rhys Williams, have been travelling in Europe, visiting the Bahá'ís, contributing to teaching projects and cleaning the windows of the Frankfurt Mashriqu'l-'Adh'kár. In August fourteen members of the community ventured to the Irish Summer School and returned spiritually refreshed and fortified by the wonderful spirit of unity that existed within the Irish community and among all the friends who attended the school.

Since early spring there have been seven declarations here and recent teaching activities have resulted in interest in the Faith by several people and our public meetings have been supported well. A forthcoming teaching event is to take place at Naw-Rúz (Friday 21 March 1975) in Bangor — it is to be a Folk Concert at the University and everyone's support is most welcome! There is a seating capacity of 1000 so we look forward to meeting a good number of you there! More details will be available later, but please bear the date in mind — it will be wonderful opportunity to teach the Cause of Bahá'u'lláh.

BATH: In August the Bath Bahá'ís proclaimed the Faith at the Mid-Somerset Show at Shepton Mallet. It was an overcast day, but after a heavy shower the weather cleared, the sun shone and it was a perfect day. People looked hard as they passed, some came closer to read the posters, others willingly accepted leaflets, and many more people became aware of the Faith. At least two people came to say they had seen the Shrines on Mount Carmel. One, an elderly lady, purchased "Christ and Bahá'u'lláh" and "The Renewal of Civilisation". A young lady who had met the Faith in London and had read some books, said she was interested and took away leaflets and telephone numbers. We were delighted to meet again a Bahá'í who had lived in Bath some years ago, who now lives in Shepton Mallet and may be

moving to Wells. This wonderful event was supported by friends from Bristol, Salisbury, Maidenhead, Oxford and by two friends from Stockport, whom we must thank for their help in the preparation of aids during the previous week.



The Bahá'í tent at Shepton Mallet

BURNLEY: On Friday 4 October, Lois Hainsworth and Sylvia Schulman gave a recital of songs and piano music, interspersed with readings from Scripture, at Ivy Bank School, Burnley. The recital was widely advertised throughout the district and 500 invitations were sent to those societies connected with music and the arts, and to the schools. The Music Librarian also displayed invitations throughout the preceding week in the Music Library. The two local newspapers provided coverage prior to and after the event and reported that the music "was of exceptional quality".

The Burnley friends feel that this kind of event is another excellent and opportune way of presenting and proclaiming the Faith in a dignified manner. We strongly recommend other communities to consider engaging the talents of Lois and Sylvia as a means of furthering the Cause in their district, as almost half the audience at the Burnley recital were non-Bahá'ís!!

CEREDIGION (formerly Aberystwyth): Thinking that it would be both a service to the people from overseas residing in our midst as well as to the Faith, an international evening was held recently in the home of a Bahá'í family in Aberystwyth. A few local people were invited, one or two foreign students from the University, and two charming Mormon missionaries from Salt Lake City, but most of the guests were foreign nurses from the local hospital. Viv and Rita Bartlett and Jill came from Newport to help and Mike Cooper from Llanelli and we were very grateful to them. We were glad also to have with us Mandy Gronich on holiday in Aberystwyth from the USA.

It was a very happy evening, everyone sang, ate the good food and enjoyed themselves. One of the Mauritian nurses played and sang some songs from his country.

It proved possible to talk about the Faith to several of the guests and before they left they were invited to come along to the weekly firesides. Viv counted how many different nationalities were present and found that we had 7½!! Often people who come to live here from overseas do not easily get involved in local activities and are very glad to be remembered and invited to something special occasionally.

CRAWLEY and HORSHAM: The Bahá'í Youth of Crawley and Horsham combined to launch the first weekend school to be held in Crawley, whose theme was Unity. It was well attended by Bahá'ís from the South East. Talks were given by Stephen Lamdon (Maidstone), Leon Braunstein (Tunbridge Wells) and Simon Mortimer (Epsom), and a workshop on "The Seven Candles of Unity" by 'Abdu'l-Bahá was taken by Derek Atkinson (Crawley) which produced a lively discussion with a diversity of opinions on the subject. The public meeting on Sunday night unfortunately did not receive the response for which we had hoped. We are grateful to all the friends who supported the school, some of whom had travelled many miles to be with us.

DERBY: Following up an inspired suggestion by our unit committee, the Derby community, in common with all the other towns in the unit, recently convened an all-faiths prayer-meeting for world peace. We invited representatives from all the major religions to attend with friends and read something from the Scriptures of their religions on the general theme of Unity.

Although small in scale, the meeting engendered a most beautiful feeling of prayerful friendliness amongst all those present. The Quaker representing Christianity selected an appropriate passage from St. Paul and the Sikh and Moslem representatives told us a little about their religions in addition to reading from their Holy Books. Bahá'ís read passages from the religions which were not represented and suitably peaceful music was played between readings. At the end homemade Persian confectionery was served with tea and coffee and the setting, the library of an adult education centre which we decorated with flowers, was dignified without being formal. Nine non-Bahá'ís were present and three new contacts promised to attend firesides. In fact, two people asked for literature although there had been hardly a mention of the Bahá'í Faith and no direct teaching.

Everyone, including the religious leader of Derby Mosque who honoured us with his presence, said how much they had enjoyed the occasion. We are considering whether to make this a regular event in view of the fact that our community always seems to be particularly attractive to members of other countries and religions living in Derby.

EPSOM: The Youth Teaching Project which centred on the Epsom Assembly goal area of the Mole Valley got off to a good start with a declaration on the first day, and now there are eight adult Bahá'ís in that district.

The Youth Group's stay in the area ended when they assisted the Epsom community with their Children's Corner at the Epsom Borough Show. Publicity was gained for the Faith with very little expense. Notices read 'All Children Welcome at the Children's Corner run by the Bahá'ís of Epsom and Ewell'. It was such a success that we have already been approached by the organisers of the Donkey Derby which is run each year in aid of charity, to provide a Children's Corner at this event next May. We should like to recommend this as a good way of advertising the Faith and also for the Bahá'ís to provide a service for the community in which they live.

In August Epsom had its annual barbecue which is held so that the Bahá'ís of the unit can come together and get to know each other better.

GUILDFORD: Teaching activities are progressing well in Guildford, with monthly public meetings around our new boundary bringing a handful of new contacts. We borrowed an exhibition from Winchester and set this up at a Medieval Fayre in Aldershot and at the Summer Arts Free Festival at Surrey University, and were able to distribute a great deal of literature and talk to many people, particularly at the University. Our Youth Committee arranged a garden party to raise money for the Fund. We now have library books in three libraries within the Borough and at the University and are hoping to extend this to all the libraries in Waverley, our extension teaching goal. We have experienced difficulty in persuading the Guildford librarian to add to the books already donated and would like to suggest that EVERY BAHÁ'Í in the United Kingdom gets into the habit of ordering Bahá'í books through the local library. This costs nothing, or at most 5p, and in this way librarians will become accustomed to handling books about the Faith. During the past month or so there has been much inter-community activity, both within the unit and with Henley, Wokingham and Portsmouth.

HARROW: For the first time the Bahá'ís of Harrow had a stall at Harrow Borough Show. It was held for two days over the Bank Holiday weekend and had a record attendance of 25,000 people. The Bahá'í stall was situated in a far corner of the show ground but nevertheless 500 people took pamphlets introducing the Faith and we hope to have sown the seed in some of those hearts.

Interested enquirers included people from various religious backgrounds and from various parts of the world. We were also grateful for the support of Bahá'ís from other communities and were particularly happy that a friend from as far as Edinburgh came to visit us.

INVERNESS: In August the Bahá'í Faith was introduced to the Nairn people for the first time. A continual stream of people flowed through a large marquee which housed a splendid Bahá'í display constructed by the Inverness Community. No count was made, but it ran into several hundreds and maybe more than a thousand visitors.

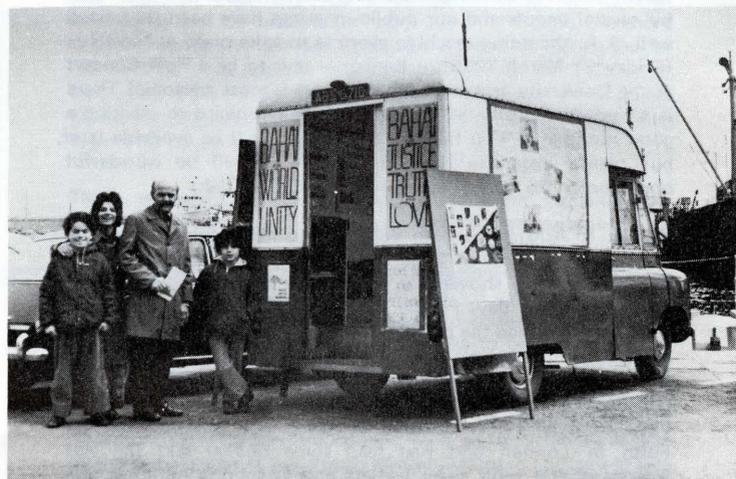
Twelve large handmade screens demonstrated the theme 'The Earth is One Country and Mankind its Citizens' and the public progressed via current world problems to the Bahá'í answers.

Throughout the day slide shows were given to illustrate "The Age We Live In", "A Journey Through Uganda", and "The Life and Work of Bahá'u'lláh".

Most people took leaflets and several talked with the Bahá'ís. We learned that simplicity of presentation is desirable. Short slide shows or films of approximately ten minutes duration are long enough on such occasions. We judged the first theme the most successful as it related to the exhibition.

A public talk was given next evening by Betty Shepherd with other contacts present and giving further publicity, but no response was shown directly from the show.

LEICESTER: Leicester's Unit Teaching Committee planned a series of prayer meetings in our area and in July we had a meeting with readings from all of the known revealed religions.



ORKNEY: The van at Kirkwall pier head manned by the Humphrey family from Wokingham R.D.

We were fortunate that members of the Hindu and Jewish Faiths were able to come and read their own prayers and the meeting closed with everyone saying prayers for World Peace. We were very disappointed at the attendance as not one person came from the hundred or so invitations which had been distributed in the area round the hall where the meeting was held. There were more readers than audience!

Also in July we held a deepening school for administration when David Lewis spoke on the work of the Hands of the Cause, Counsellors and Board Members and Barbara Lewis gave a session on the National Assembly, its committees and their connection with all of the believers. Ten Bahá'ís attended although the whole of the North East Midlands Unit were invited.

MEDINA, Isle of Wight: A most successful public meeting was held in Ryde in July which was addressed by Richard St. Barbe Baker and chaired by the local Member of Parliament, Stephen Ross, himself a conservationist. The meeting afforded excellent publicity; 2000 good quality handbills had been distributed all over the island, 300 invitations had been sent to libraries, societies etc., and a fine poster was displayed in the newly-hired poster space at Ryde Railway Station, which must have been seen by many people during the holiday season. The local press was represented by the chief reporter of the large weekly paper, and a photographer who accepted an invitation to a fireside. Of the hundred people who attended only a sprinkling were Bahá'ís. The M.P. was surprised to be invited to read the prayer for All Nations to conclude the meeting which he did beautifully.

Before the evening meeting, Mr Baker spoke to pupils and teachers at the High School in Sandown at a meeting arranged by one of the friends who is a teacher at that school.

MOLE VALLEY: In July, the Mole Valley friends held a barbeque party at the home of Ron and Thelma Batchelor in Leatherhead, Surrey. This was the first social teaching event organised by the Mole Valley Bahá'ís, who only recently formed themselves into a group. Friends from nearby Bahá'í communities came along and many non-Bahá'ís were invited from the neighbourhood of the Mole Valley. During the afternoon and evening there were over a hundred friends present who all appeared to enjoy themselves, and the day proved to be a very happy teaching medium in introducing non-Bahá'ís into the friendly, informal gathering which the occasion provided.

ORKNEY: Proclamation and teaching have been greatly facilitated this summer by the use of a van, once used by a local Bahá'í as a mobile shop, to display posters and books on the Faith. Both the outside and inside of the van carried information and anyone wishing to discuss the Faith further was able to sit in the comfort of the van. Scores of pamphlets and books were given away to serious enquirers.

The van was used at the most major crowd-pulling events in Orkney such as the County Show where a record 8,000 crowd attended. It was also manned on many other days in the busy towns of Kirkwall and Stromness, and, at the time of writing, the van is making its debut in the country villages. Our grateful thanks go to all the friends who came from Scotland and England, not only to man the van, but to teach the Faith on some of the remoter outlying islands. Several useful contacts were made on the island of Stronsay.

Victor Priem from Ripon, ably assisted by his family, gave talks and slide shows in Kirkwall and Stromness on Bernard Leach. About sixty non-Bahá'ís attended the talks at which Victor spoke about the Faith at some length.

Orkney was represented at the Faroes Conference in August by Doreen Wake.

Counsellor Betty Reed spent a few days with us and was able to inject some of her boundless enthusiasm into consultation between the unit teaching committee and the local Assembly regarding future teaching projects in the Orkney Islands.

ROCHDALE: During a teaching tour Peter and Sonya Murphy of New Jersey, USA, were welcomed by the Mayor and Mayoress of the Rochdale Metropolitan District, Councillor & Mrs A. A. Kaufman, in the Rochdale Town Hall.

They were taken on a tour of the Hall, had morning coffee in the Mayor's Parlour, showed the Mayor and Mayoress a film of the Bahá'í Holy Places in Israel, with a commentary by Mr William Sears, and presented the Mayor with an illustrated Bahá'í prayer and three Bahá'í books. They took photographs of the Mayor and Mayoress wearing their official chains of office and, as a

result of this visit, they were able to get publicity for the Faith in the three local Rochdale papers. They tried to follow similar methods in publicising the Faith at other Bahá'í communities they visited in the United Kingdom and intend to continue to follow the same newspaper techniques in the United States.



The Mayor and Mayoress of Rochdale with Sonya and Peter Murphy

SALFORD: Since the Eccles, Swinton and Salford communities amalgamated to become the Salford community the Bahá'í spirit has burst out all over the Salford area. Hardly a week goes by without mention of the Faith in at least one of the three local papers with whom we have excellent relationships. A large feature article on the Faith in Salford is in preparation for the Salford City Reporter.

It was all hands to the pumps when heavy July rains flooded out the basement centre and extensive concreting had to be done. Unfortunately it was not ready for the Martyrdom of the Báb meeting which had to be held in Swinton, but it was good for a few inches of publicity!

The youth have organised themselves into a work force and are doing various things to raise money for the Fund, including a sponsored walk to Wigan (our goal town), gardening, baking, dress-making and interior decorating. To date they have raised over £20.

Salford Bahá'ís have their fingers in various charitable pies including Oxfam, Save the Children, Care of the Elderly Association, Mentally Handicapped Children's Aid, and others with the result that the Bahá'í Faith is known and respected throughout the Salford area.

WREKIN: This newly formed group recently held two successful firesides with visiting travel teachers. Board Member Patrick Green from Birmingham gave an interesting talk on various aspects of the Faith, and there were quite a number of contacts present on this occasion.

The following week an article was published in the "Shropshire Journal" introducing the Bahá'í Faith and giving an account of the fireside meeting. It is hoped that regular publications will be accepted on the activities of the Faith.

Barney Leith from Kidderminster spoke on the "Prisoner and the Kings" which aroused great interest and discussion amongst the friends.

Both firesides were very well supported by the Shrewsbury friends, and so far there has been one new declaration for the Wrekin.

Posters have been placed in Wellington and Oakengates Public Libraries inviting people to attend firesides, which are held every alternate Thursday at the home of the Secretary.



Fireside in Wrekin

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World Centre

News Release

The Bahá'í World – Volume XIV

The Department of Publishing has announced that volume XIV of "The Bahá'í World", prepared under the supervision of the Universal House of Justice, is now in the final stages of production for despatch in October.

Volume XIV of the international record covers the five years from Ridván 1963 to Ridván 1968, a period which witnessed the Centenary of the proclamation of Bahá'u'lláh to the Kings and Rulers of the world, the holding of the great World Jubilee Congress in London in 1963, the election of the first Universal House of Justice, and the launching of the Nine Year Plan. The volume, which takes the proclamation of Bahá'u'lláh as its theme, is profusely illustrated and contains approximately 700 pages; it is bound in ivory cloth with the title blocked in royal blue and gold on front and spine. The frontispiece is a full-colour reproduction of an illuminated Tablet in the handwriting of Bahá'u'lláh. The book may be ordered through National Spiritual Assemblies at a retail price of £6.50 (B.121), but will not be available until after February 1975.

"The successive volumes of *The Bahá'í World*," the preface to Volume XIV states, "have come to be anticipated by Bahá'ís as the record of their own collective endeavours on behalf of their Faith, of the establishment and development of its administrative order throughout the world and as the source of data, both historical and statistical, relating to the rise of that Faith during the twentieth century. By librarians and students *The Bahá'í World* is becoming ever more widely known as a source of authentic information about the aims, tenets, history, activities, organisation and growth of the Bahá'í Faith."

Preparations are now being made by the Universal House of Justice to expedite publication of volume XV, embracing the period Ridván 1968-1973, and an appeal is being made for reports and photographs of outstanding events during this period for possible inclusion in the volume.

MORE LAW, LESS ORDER

This is the latest pamphlet to be published by the Trust and has an entirely new approach with a great challenge to today's questioning generation. It was written by a pioneer to New Guinea, Geoffrey Heard, and its lay-out has been designed to add to the punch of the writing, which discusses the laws of present-day society and the need for new laws made by God.

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BAHÁ'Í PRINCIPLES FOR CHILDREN

Written by R. E. Ford and illustrated by E. Povey, this little book takes five of the principles of the Faith, prejudice, the harmony of religion and science, unity, independent investigation of the truth and the introduction of an auxiliary language, and explains them in the form of well told stories which should prove very attractive for young children. The illustrations are an added attraction and the little book will be a happy addition to the libraries of families with young children, both as a bed-time reading book for mothers with very young children, as well as for those children who have learned to read.

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A Synopsis and Codification of the Laws and Ordinances of the Kitáb-i-Aqdas	B.112	£0.78
The Constitution of the Universal House of Justice	P.93	£0.30
The Bahá'í World, volume XIV (1963-1968)	B.121	£6.50

Available to National Spiritual Assemblies and their Publishing Trusts for resale to local Spiritual Assemblies and individuals.

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