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## NORTH ATLANTIC OCEANIC CONFERENCE



*Most of the British contingent who attended the Icelandic Conference, with Hand of the Cause John Roberts.*

The theatre was in total darkness. A voice told of the beginning of the Faith in Iceland when Hand of the Cause Amelia Collins visited there in 1924. Then a single light appeared at the back of the stage. The narrator continued with the Bahá'í history of Iceland and as each locality was opened a white light appeared, gradually illuminating a large map of Iceland. As a locality became a Local Spiritual Assembly, the light designating that place changed to red. The climax of the presentation came with the results of the summer proclamation during which two teams had visited the entire periphery of the island; as a light came on for each of the twenty-four new centres, the audience was thrilled to see the lights go on all over Iceland!

Moving appeals made by the representative of the Universal House of Justice, Hand of the Cause John Roberts and by Hand of the Cause Paul Haney aroused in the believers present a determination to fulfil the remaining tasks of the Nine Year Plan. A session which was devoted to "Universal Participation" was followed by offers to pioneer from eighty-five of those present, and there was a flood of financial contributions. Representatives from all the North Atlantic countries played a role in this climactic moment.

Hand of the Cause John Roberts, the special representative to the Conference from the Universal House of Justice, read their Message which evoked an immediate response. The Message emphasized the need to teach the Cause in Greenland and a delegation arose immediately and flew to Greenland where they proclaimed the Faith. The delegation included a Danish believer, two Canadian Indian believers, a French-Canadian believer and an Eskimo. Surrounded and supported by the prayers of those at the Conference, the group left on Sunday morning and was able to spend three hours in Ulusuk, Greenland.

One of the most successful aspects of this thrilling Conference was the widespread publicity it attracted for the Cause. Articles appeared in all the leading newspapers, and in most cases more than one article appeared during the Conference. A party of Baha'is visited the site of a geyser which had been dormant for seven years. During their visit the geyser erupted and one news story was headed, "Everything Goes the Bahá'ís Way."

The Prime Minister, Mr. Olafur Johanneson, gave a thirty-five minute interview to a delegation headed by Hands of the Cause Paul Haney and John Roberts. The meeting was most cordial, extending twice as long as the time scheduled and provided an excellent opportunity to acquaint the Prime Minister with the fundamentals of the Faith. A reception was also held to which were invited cabinet ministers, foreign ambassadors and other prominent members of Iceland's community.

Hand of the Cause John Roberts reports: "Both classical and popular music were of the best. Norman Bailey, of the Covent Garden Opera and soon to be of the Paris Opera, en route to an operatic engagement in Canada, and his Bahá'í accompanist, Mrs. Sylvia Schulman, delighted the audience of over 1,000 in Reykjavik's leading concert hall, and this was followed by our old friends Seals and Crofts who finished off the programme with a whirl, a joy and delight... This was the final evening when I think we all felt we had to burst with joyous enthusiasm at the success of the Conference and this wonderful evening."

The most significant fruits of the Conference were to be found in the declarations of over one hundred Icelanders while the Conference was in session. This, coupled with three national proclamation efforts preceding the Conference, has raised the number of believers in Iceland from twenty-six in January to over 350 in September. In January there were two centres in Iceland; there are now twenty-six spread round the periphery of the island.



## NEW SYSTEM FOR DELEGATE ELECTION FOR CONVENTION, 1972.

We have just reviewed the number of delegates to the various National Conventions in relation to the size of their respective communities, and we have decided that the number of delegates to the Convention of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United Kingdom shall be 95 effective with the Convention next Ridván.

Hereafter, however, delegates to your National Convention will be elected by the electoral unit system. Under this system the entire area under your jurisdiction is divided, by you and at your discretion, into a number of electoral units. Every believer in the country is therefore included within the electoral system and every adult Bahá'í in good standing will be able to vote at the Unit Convention, which must of course take place before the National Convention. The number of electoral units must of course be less than the number of delegates assigned to your National Convention but you may delineate the electoral units in whichever way you consider is most convenient for the friends to gather at the Unit Conventions. You are not bound by political boundaries — such as state, province or county — although these may be used if you so decide.

The number of delegates to be elected from each electoral unit is in the same proportion to the adult Bahá'í population of that unit as the number of delegates to the National Convention is proportional to the adult population of the entire national Bahá'í community. For example: a national Bahá'í community with an adult population of 969 is assigned, say, 19 delegates. That is, one delegate is allocated for each 51 adult believers. Every electoral unit area, therefore, having 51 believers or less will be assigned one delegate and the remaining number of delegates will be proportionally allocated to those areas having more than 51 believers.

It is highly desirable to hold a Convention in each electoral unit at which the number of delegates for the National Convention assigned to that electoral unit can be elected. Provision should be made, as in the case of any Bahá'í election, for ballots of those who cannot attend the Convention in the electoral unit to be collected and included in the counting.

Each electoral Unit Convention will be called by a Convenor appointed by the National Spiritual Assembly, or by any committee it may appoint to organize the electoral Unit Convention, and as soon as the Unit Convention has come to order it will elect its own Chairman and Secretary. Also, provision should be made for the appointment of tellers. A full report will be sent to the National Spiritual Assembly from each Convention.....

The Unit Conventions are free to offer recommendations to the National Spiritual Assembly either directly or through the elected delegates.

10 October 1971. *The Universal House of Justice.*

This momentous decision by the Universal House of Justice that the time is ripe to make a major change in the electoral system in this country and affecting immediately every believer of voting age was studied by the National Spiritual Assembly at its last meeting.

Delegates for National Convention, instead of being elected by Local Spiritual Assemblies as hitherto, will be allocated to electoral units and elected at Unit Conventions. This means that all Bahá'ís who do not reside within the area of jurisdiction of a Local Spiritual Assembly will now, for the first time, be able to exercise their votes for the choice of delegates for the National Convention.

The National Spiritual Assembly has delineated electoral units and appointed a venue for each of the Unit Conventions, which will be convened by the host Spiritual Assembly and in the case of Southampton, by the Organised Group there. The electoral units are as follows and, with the exception of the London boroughs, follow exactly the existing county boundaries:—

UNIT	VENUE
1 Northern Ireland — all counties	Belfast
2 Northern Scotland — all the counties north of and including Angus, Perth and Argyll, and the Orkney and Shetland Islands.	Inverness
3 Southern Scotland — all the remaining counties of Scotland	Edinburgh
4 North England — the counties of Northumberland, Westmorland, Durham and Cumberland	Carlisle
5 Yorkshire	Leeds
6 Lancashire and the Isle of Man	Manchester
7 North-west Midlands — the counties of Cheshire, Shropshire, Montgomery, Merioneth, Denbigh, Flint, Caernarvon, Anglesey and Cardigan.	Chester
8 South Wales — the remaining counties of Wales and Monmouth.	Cardiff
9 West Midlands — the counties of Hereford, Stafford, Warwick, Worcester and Gloucester, including Bristol	Birmingham
10 East Midlands — the counties of Lincoln, Nottingham, Derby, Leicester and Rutland	Nottingham
11 East Anglia — the counties of Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex and Cambridge.	Cambridge
12 East Midlands — the counties of Northampton, Huntingdon, Bedford, Buckingham and Oxford.	Bedford
13 South-central — the counties of Somerset, Dorset, Wiltshire, Hampshire, Berkshire and the Channel Islands.	Southampton
14 South-west — Devonshire and Cornwall.	Exeter
15 South-east — the counties of Kent, Sussex and Surrey.	Brighton
16 Hertford — the county of Hertford and the London boroughs of Barnet, Brent and Harrow.	Watford
17 London A — the boroughs of Ealing, Hammersmith, Hillingdon, Hounslow and Kensington/Chelsea	Ealing
18 London B — the boroughs of Barking, Camden, City of London, Enfield, Hackney, Harringey, Havering, Islington, Newham, Redbridge, Tower Hamlets, Waltham Forest, and Westminster.	Westminster
19 London C — the boroughs of Bexley, Bromley, Croydon, Greenwich, Kingston-upon-Thames, Lambeth, Lewisham, Merton, Richmond, Southwark, Sutton, Wandsworth.	Wandsworth

The number of delegates to be elected from each electoral unit will be proportionate to the number of adult Bahá'ís residing within that area. Everyone, including isolated believers, will be eligible for election as delegate to the National Convention.

In order to give sufficient time for the subsequent arrangement for National Convention, the Unit Conventions will have to be held not later than 20 February, 1972. The dates and details of location for each will be announced later. They will be one-day conventions and the cost will be borne by the National Fund.

The Friends will no doubt realize that this forthcoming election is of very special significance, in that the members of the National Spiritual Assemblies elected at Ridván 1972 will in turn be taking part in the five-yearly election for the Universal House of Justice following Ridván. Every adult believer may thus make a direct contribution to the election of the Supreme Institution of Bahá'u'lláh's unfolding World Order. Not only can they influence the choice of delegates to the National Convention, but they can themselves participate fully in the consultation at the Unit Conferences, which will be free to offer recommendations to the National Spiritual Assembly, either directly or through their elected delegates.

The National Spiritual Assembly therefore asks the whole Community to give full support to these new Unit Conventions, which we believe can make a tremendous contribution towards the progress of the Cause and unite all of us more completely in the Service of Bahá'u'lláh.

National Convention will be held at the Action Town Hall, London on the weekend of 29/30 April 1972.



### DELEGATE ALLOCATION, REPUBLIC OF IRELAND, CONVENTION, 1972

The number of delegates for the first National Convention of the Republic of Ireland shall be 9. These will be chosen by Local Spiritual Assembly areas, and it will be the responsibility of your National Assembly to allocate the delegates to Local Assembly areas.

10 October 1971 *The Universal House of Justice*

#### APPLICATION FOR PILGRIMAGE

In order to ensure that invitations to make the pilgrimage are issued from the World Centre only to Bahá'ís in good standing, it has been decided that from now on applications for pilgrimage should be made through the believer's National Spiritual Assembly.

Will you kindly advise the friends in your area of this decision and make your own arrangements as to how you will implement it, ensuring that no delay occurs in forwarding applications from believers in good standing.

Kindly note, and advise the friends that during 1973 there will be no pilgrimage between April 3 and June 4, as the World Centre will be occupied with the International Convention during that time.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,  
*The Universal House of Justice.*

#### LONDON CONFERENCE: HANDS OF THE CAUSE, COUNSELLORS, BOARD MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL EUROPEAN NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLIES 30/31 OCTOBER, 1971.

Prayers were said in twelve languages at the grave of the Guardian on 31 October and Hand of the Cause Dr. A. Mühlshlegel, in the presence of the European Counsellors and Board members and representatives of all the European National Assemblies and the Icelandic community, laid a wreath of flowers on behalf of the conference taking place in London that weekend. Hand of the Cause, Mr. A. Faizi attended the closing session. All participants rejoiced at the news of the teaching successes in Iceland, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Denmark, France and the British Isles.

The following cable was sent to the Universal House of Justice, LONDON CONFERENCE COUNSELLORS BOARDS NSA REPRESENTATIVES ALL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES REPRESENTATIVES ICELAND IRELAND INSPIRED HANDS CAUSE MUHLSCHEGEL FAIZI DRAWING SPIRITUAL STRENGTH VISIT RESTING PLACE BELOVED GUARDIAN. EVALUATION EARNEST CONSULTATION REMAINING GOALS PLAN.DETERMINED FULLY EXPLOIT POTENTIAL YOUTH CAMPAIGN WIDEN SCOPE FAITH EUROPE. IMPLOING PRAYERS HOLY SHRINES. ALL SEND WARMEST BAHÁ'Í LOVE.

The following reply was received:

ASSURE ALL PARTICIPANTS IMPORTANT LONDON CONFERENCE GRACED PRESENCE HANDS CAUSE MUHLSCHEGEL FAIZI ARDENT PRAYERS SACRED THRESHOLD BOUNTIFUL CONFIRMATIONS DEVOTED EFFORTS PROMOTE CONSOLIDATE FAITH ALL PARTS EUROPE

*Universal House of Justice*

### HÚQÚQ'U'LLÁH

The following is a message from Mr. Salim Noonoo, representative of the Trustee of the Húqúq'u'lláh for Europe, addressed to the Persian believers residing in the British Isles.

اجای الھی واما، الرحمن انکثر تقی ایران رکن ضار بریطانیا  
بیت العدل اعظم الھی در توفیق منیع مویحه ۷ الکتبر ۱۹۷۱ از  
دوستان عزیز ایرانیه مقیم اروپا و افریقا که در مورد ادای حقوق الهی  
توجهی مخصوص نموده و باین وظیفه وجدانه و حیاتی خویش عمل نموده اند  
تجسید و تقدیر فرمودند. امید چنانست که سایر اجا و ابا، الرحمن  
عزیز ایرانیه نیز باین امر عظیم و فریضه وجدانه توجه مخصوص نمایند که  
انشاء الهی باین فیض اعظم نائل گردند و برضای جمال باریک صقل  
اسمه الاهی فائز شوند. دوستان عزیز ایرانیه که در انگلستان ساکنند  
میتوانند وجه حقوق الهی را که بآنان تعلق میگردد به حساب مستر لانگ  
امین صندوق بین المللی محفل طایفه انگلستان برپا دارند و رسید دریافت دارند  
آدرس ایشان بشرح ذیل است

*Mr. John Long,*

*2 South Street, Oakham, Rutland.*

برابر اطلاعات بیشتر باین عید در آدرس ذیل مراجعه فرمائید.

*Salim Y. Noonoo,*

*63 Promenade des Anglais,*

*Nice - France.*

مزید تأیید و توفیق اجای عزیز را از آستان باریک سائلم - سلیم نونو



*Friends gathered at the North Atlantic Oceanic Conference, Reykjavik, Iceland, September, 1971.*



## INTERNATIONAL NEWS



## NORTH PACIFIC OCEANIC CONFERENCE

At this historic Conference held in Sapporo, Japan, on September 3 — 5, a total of 625 Bahá'ís gathered from thirty-one countries and territories to discuss the progress of the Nine Year Plan. Believers from small islands in the Pacific and little villages in Hokkaido were given an opportunity to meet with other Bahá'ís from all over the globe and feel the world embracing unity of their Faith.

Mr. Jack Davis of the Philippine Islands reported on the proclamation in connection with the Conference. Fifty thousand business-reply cards were printed and inserted in pamphlets. Nine banners were placed on either side of the highways. Two thousand posters were put up in Sapporo advertising the public meeting which was held. Fifteen hundred invitations were sent out inviting people to the meeting. Interviews were held with two major press clubs and time was obtained on two television stations and three radio stations. One of the radio interviews was extended to an hour long show and that on a station that beams into the Soviet Union. There were articles on the Conference in both English and Japanese-language newspapers.

Hand of the Cause 'Alí Akbar Furutan spoke to the gathering at the public meeting which was attended by about 600 people. 150 of whom were enquirers. Following the meeting there were twenty-three enrolments. During the Conference there were a total of thirty-six declarations. In one month of intensive teaching work just prior to the Conference there were 150 declarations in Hokkaido and in four days of intensive teaching following the Conference there were seventy more enrolments.

Twenty-one believers volunteered for travelling teaching projects in Japan. Travelling teachers have volunteered for Nagoya, Tokyo, Okinawa, Hong Kong, Northern Honshu, Western Honshu, and Hokkaido.

The latest word is that there will be an emergency printing of enrolment cards.

## CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE

This historic event in the annals of the Cause of Bahá'u'lláh took place during the period of 21 — 23 May, a period which will long be remembered as the dawn of the spiritual awakening of the Caribbean.

In the few months preceding the Conference teaching teams moved in to aid their Bahá'í brothers and sisters in Jamaica and enrolled over 1,000 believers. With such mighty strength and spirit already kindled the flame of the love of Bahá'u'lláh rose, throughout the Conference, to a mighty beacon.

A ship was chartered to bring the friends from the Leeward, Windward and Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and from the United States. Those who travelled aboard the ship participated in a "floating Institute", set up a Bahá'í library and thirty-eight of the members of the ship's crew declared their faith in Bahá'u'lláh. Charged with such a spirit of success and so filled with gratitude for the bounties of God, they joined the believers gathered in Jamaica.

At the opening of the Conference, so excited were the friends that the Chairman had difficulty in getting everyone seated and calmed enough to receive the Governor of Jamaica. The Governor gave what one believer has described as the finest Bahá'í talk by a non-Bahá'í ever heard. He stated that he was sorry that he might not attend the reception which was planned that night for dignitaries, but he did attend and was the last to leave. The Mayor of Kingston said that he could come for only a few minutes and then remained until the close of the reception.

Hand of the Cause of God Dhikru'llah Khadem, representative of the Universal House of Justice, moved the believers into a new realm of unity. Hand of the Cause John Robarts inspired the friends to such heights of devotion that many were moved to far greater feats of dedication.

A Proclamation meeting was a part of the programme and was attended by over 3,000 people.

Over 1,000 Bahá'ís attended the Conference and 104 arose to pioneer and travel teach. There were over 500 declarations during the gathering, as the power of the spirit drew the waiting souls to the centre of unity.



*A new Garden in the vicinity of the Shrine of the Báb, Mount Carmel.*

The sincerity, devotion and love of the friends in the Caribbean, coupled with the dignified manner in which they lovingly presented hospitality moved all present to remark that a new race of men was being revealed to them. It seemed that all Kingston knew about the Faith and none were unmoved.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVELLING TEACHERS  
CONTINUE TOUR IN LATIN AMERICA

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Dreyer, well known folk singers and pioneers in El Salvador have completed a tour of Latin America. In the Dominican Republic the Dreyers were interviewed on radio broadcasts and enrolled, during a four day visit, a total of at least sixty believers.

In Kingston, Jamaica they arrived in time to appear as guest stars on a benefit show that was televised. This was one of the best known television shows of the year.

In Panama the highlight of their trip was a meeting at Rio Abaja where fifty five attended, including the Minister of Public Relations for Panama who is also the news editor for one of the two television stations in the country. He asked for slides and tapes to present on radio and television.

In Belize they received good radio coverage and travelled throughout the country speaking to well over 1,000 people, enrolling small numbers wherever they went.

In Honduras they spoke to about 1,000 people about the Faith and appeared on television twice.

In Guatemala political unrest was great and a curfew was imposed, with no one being allowed to leave the capital city. Following a television appearance the Dreyers and some of the friends set out for the small village of Villa Canales to meet with a road block where all automobiles were being turned back, without exception. The friends prayed and then talked with the Army Officer who let them through; the only two automobiles on the road. About 125 people came to the meeting and seventy of them became Bahá'ís. At Atitlan the Dreyers spoke to over 600 Indians about the Faith. In the tiny town of Dona Maria a meeting was held with about forty attending. Thirty-six of them became Bahá'ís. In the small town of Quezaltepeque there was one Bahá'í who had enrolled through a correspondence course. There, 400 attended the meeting and fifty-nine became Bahá'ís, including the entire family of the woman who had been the only Bahá'í.



The beloved Hand of the Cause sent a report from the **Ivory Coast** which reads, "I think the possibilities for teaching in **Gambia** are among the best anywhere we have been. The people are unusually warm. They do something I have never seen in Africa. They touch you, put a hand on your shoulder, your face, in a friendly and unselfconscious way that made me very happy."

#### Liberia

"After an overnight visit to the Bahá'ís in the port town of Buchano where Rúhíyyih Khánúm spoke to the believers and some of their friends we spent some days visiting Bomi Hills, Mano River and Kangotown."

"After our return to Monrovia a very well attended talk was held in the University of Liberia. In that same hall we had held the African Continental Conference which was so full of pleasant memories for us. The President of the University acted as Rúhíyyih Khánúm's chairman. She spoke on 'The Role of Youth in the Modern World' and the students would have gone on asking questions indefinitely if she had not had to leave to give another talk to over 700 students in the Episcopal High School."

#### Sierra Leone

"During 'Amatu'l-Bahá's visit to Sierra Leone from March 16 to 26 every door seemed to open miraculously for a befitting proclamation of the Cause of Bahá'u'lláh. It was the first time such tremendous publicity was accorded the Bahá'í Faith. The then Governor General of Sierra Leone, Sir Banja Tejan-Sie, received 'Amatu'l-Bahá in his palace and a very frank and friendly discussion on the tenets of the Bahá'í Faith was held. He said that he was a devout and practising Muslim. He was very cordial and jovial and expressed his desire to join us in our African Safari."

"'Amatu'l-Bahá spoke in both the University of Fourah Bay College in Freetown and its auxiliary institution in the South, Njala College near the city of Njala. At Fourah Bay Dr. Koso Thomas, acting as chairman, seemed to take as much interest in the questions as the students themselves."

#### Gambia

"Eighteen days, from April 9 to 26, were devoted to the teaching work in Gambia and this was one of the most thrilling and fruitful periods we spent in West Africa. 'Amatu'l-Bahá, accompanied by Dr. William Maxwell and myself, was received by the President of Gambia, Sir Dawda Jawara, who informed us he had been in the Holy Land and visited the Shrine of the Báb."

#### Ivory Coast

"In Abidjan, Ivory Coast, 'Amatu'l-Bahá attended the Convention of the first National Spiritual Assembly of the Ivory Coast, Mali and Upper Volta, as the special representative of the Universal House of Justice. The Convention was preceded by a two-day teaching Conference. This was another very happy occasion."

"'Amatu'l-Bahá had a wonderful press conference. Very interesting questions were asked. One of them was: 'How can an illiterate villager who cannot read or write comprehend these profound teachings and become a Bahá'í?' There are two channels, she said, through which a man can understand and believe. One is through the head and the other the heart. It is natural for an educated man to study the Bahá'í Writings before he accepts them. For the illiterate man this is not possible. He judges by another method. His intuitive faculties are much sharper. He feels it is the Truth and accepts it instantly. By either method one is welcome to become a Bahá'í — only he must believe it is the Truth."

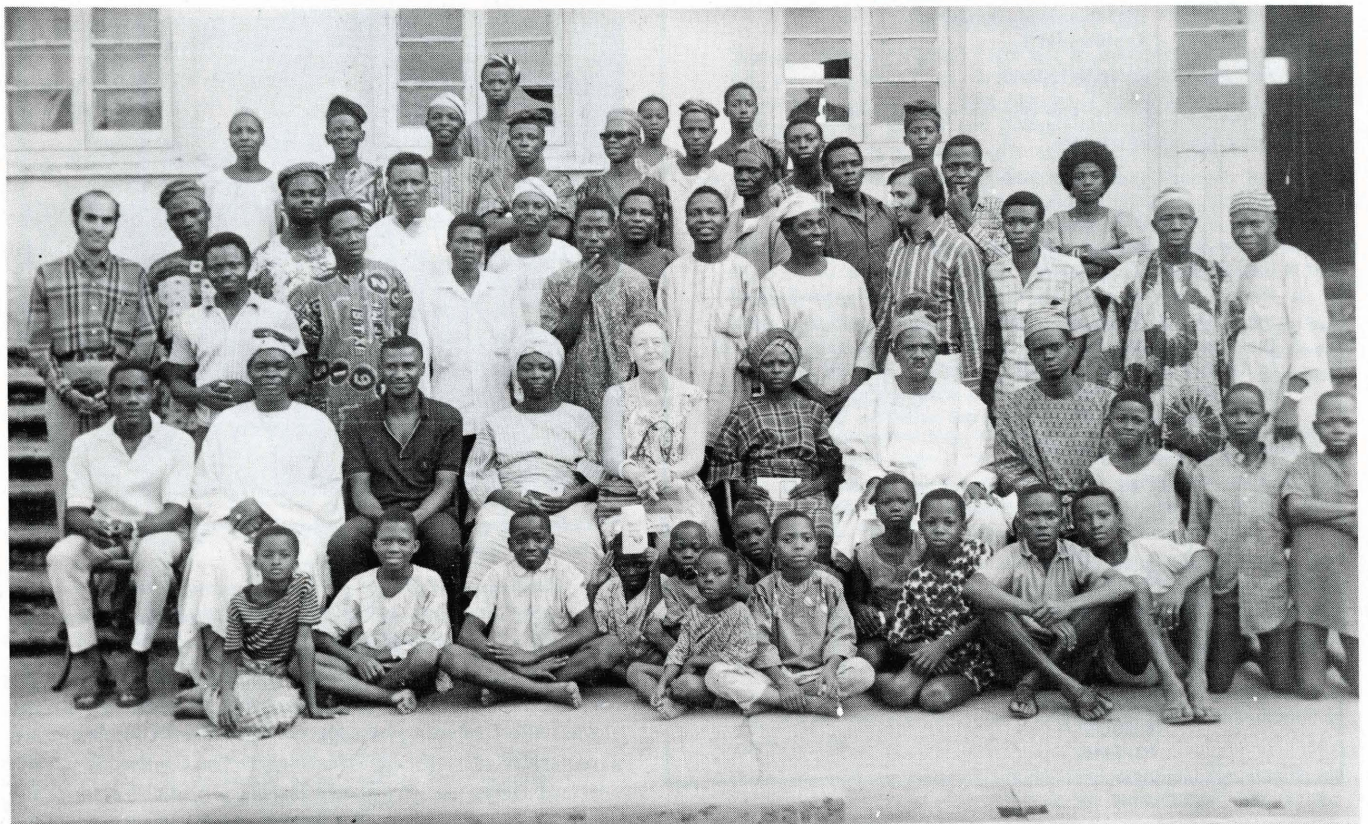
#### Ghana

"Having stowed everything back in the Land Rover, which had been waiting for us in Abidjan, we proceeded for the fourth time to Ghana. Amatu'l-Bahá and I started for the frontier. Late in the evening we reached the city of Takoradi in the south of Ghana. Amatu'l-Bahá met with the friends and many villagers. Chairs and benches were put in the street in front of a house which had an electric light above its door, a remarkable sign of prosperity in Africa where few villages have electricity. It was a pity we had to motor on to our hotel near Cape Coast, for the people, particularly the young men, would have liked to ask questions, it appeared, all night!"

"Once again we arrived in Accra, just in time to attend a farewell gathering the National Spiritual Assembly had arranged for five pioneers who were leaving. Rúhíyyih Khánúm spoke of the great importance of the devoted services of both black and white Bahá'ís pioneering to Africa. She stressed that perseverance is of the utmost importance in pioneering."

"As our plane flew up into the bright African sky and headed for Switzerland another chapter of this fabulous safari of Rúhíyyih Khánúm came to an end. 'Amatu'l-Bahá had been urged by the Universal House of Justice to accept, if she could, the loving request of the European Counsellors to address the European Youth Conference in Switzerland."

(From a report by Mrs. Violette Nakhjavani)



'Amatu'l-Bahá Rúhíyyih Khánúm with Bahá'ís in Ilaro, Nigeria. Nari Sherwani writes warmly of her loving help and selfless devotion. In Nigeria she appeared twice on television, spoke to the Press, gave a talk at the Lagos City Hall, attended a reception at the Federal Palace Hotel, visited craft centres and museums and the Town Hall, in addition to making many visits to Bahá'í gatherings in various parts of the country.



## EDITORIAL

Due to the tremendous increase in the numbers of believers, correspondingly large numbers of Journals have had to be produced. This has been very costly and the budget for the year will be almost exhausted with the production of this issue.

Although the National Assembly has a policy that the Journal should be issued free to every believer, they feel that if individuals wish to contribute towards the cost of the Journal they should be free to do so. Any such contributions should be sent to the National Treasurer.

It is very much hoped that the next Journal will be published after Teaching Conference, if money is available, and if it is to be produced the deadline date will be:—

15 January 1972.

Material should be sent to the Editor:—

Mrs. Lois Hainsworth,  
"Treen"  
Allerton Park,  
Leeds LS7 4ND

The photograph on the front cover, originally in colour, is one of many taken at the Icelandic Conference by "Sue" Benatar of Bedford which are now available for those who ordered them.

## THE FUND

There are three ways to make contributions to the FUND

1 Directly to the National Treasurer:—

Mrs. Betty Goode  
8 Knowle Road,  
Stafford.  
Tel. Stafford 62157

2 By Bank Giro, directly to the Bank, which is

The National Westminster Bank  
186 Brompton Road,  
London SW3

Our account no. is 18188443

3 By Post Office Giro. Our number is 43 301 4008.

## POINTS TO REMEMBER

- A All cheques and postal orders should be made payable to 'NSA of the Bahá'ís'; please **NOT** to 'Betty Goode'.
- B They should be crossed.
- C It is not wise to send paper money or any money through the post unless it is registered.
- D Receipts are sent automatically for money sent directly to the National Treasurer, unless the donor specifically requests that one not be sent. With the increasing numbers of friends, it helps the Treasurer if a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for the receipt. It really does save much work and is greatly appreciated. Receipts are not issued for Giro payments.

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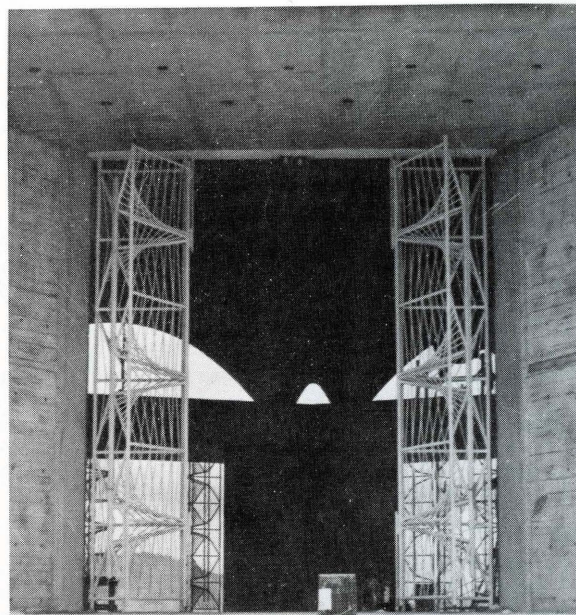
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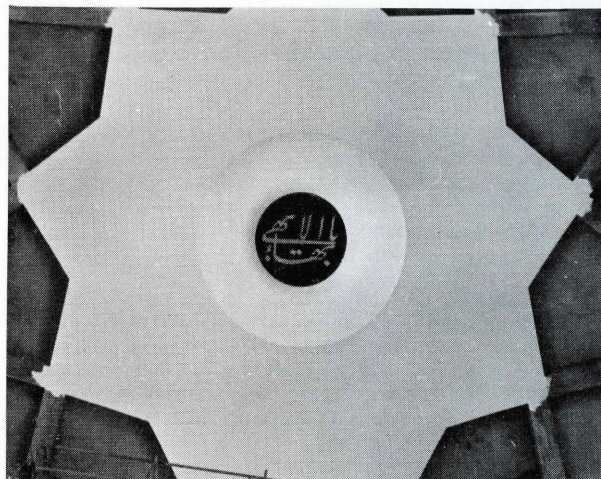
## FOR THE PERSIAN FRIENDS

Huqúq'u'lláh payments are handled by

Mr. John Long  
2 South Street,  
Oakham  
Rutland.



*The open gates of the Temple*



*The Greatest Name in the dome*



*Friends congregated for the memorial service for Hand of the Cause, Musa Banani.*

The Mashriqu'l-Adhkar in Panama is one of the most important international goals of the Nine Year Plan and is to be completed before Ridván, 1972. In mid-1970 the Universal House of Justice made an appeal for funds for the completion of the Panama Temple, which included the following passage:— "It is therefore clear that a generous outpouring of contributions must be made without delay by the entire Bahá'í world, in a spirit of universal participation. We appeal to the friends for generous support of this glorious enterprise....".



## TEACHING CONFERENCE

"An unprecedented increase in numbers".

**Main Conference Sessions.** Midland Hotel, Birmingham.

**2 pm Saturday 8 January;** Friends Assemble.

Singing; Devotional; Opening of Conference and Regional Reports. These reports to be presented in a different way with musical interludes and in a lively manner. The sessions close with the report of the Midland Regional Teaching Committee on the plans already implemented for the special "mass teaching" effort which will be demonstrated in the evening. Consultation on the reports follow until 5.40 pm.

**5.40 pm** Counsellor Louis Henuzet.

**"Mass Teaching" Evening.** Dr. Johnson House, Colmore Circus.

There will be two "shows", at 7.30 and at 9 pm. Films, slides and singing will "give the message" and various rooms will be available for teaching, confirming and prayer. For those who wish to attend throughout, the various activities will continue until midnight.

### Alternative activity

The emphasis being placed on this "event" is to enable the many believers throughout Britain who have wondered if it can happen in their community, to hear about the preparation and see what takes place and participate to the full. For those who have already had this experience and would like alternative activity, there will be a choice between the children's play or show, organised by the Child Education Committee and a session of prayer for the success of the activities in Dr. Johnson House. These two alternative activities will take place in the Midland Hotel.

### Sunday 9 January

9.45 am. Opening with song followed by a sung devotional.

This will be followed by sessions on "Prayer — the Source of Victory"; "Send another in your stead" — the principle of giving to the Fund; "Tell your story" from the pioneers; a talk and consultation on "Mass teaching and Deepening" led by the National Spiritual Assembly; a look at the new literature for today's teaching work and consultation through to the close at 5 pm.

A detailed programme will be available at the Conference and all believers are urged to attend this "New-look" Conference. It is hoped that at least one believer from every group and community in the United Kingdom will be present.

### A Call for Help

Prior to the Conference there will be open air singing sessions, wide scale handing out of leaflets, prayer vigils. Can you visit Birmingham the weekend before?

Will your community dedicate a day for prayer for the success of the event?

Would you come a day or two earlier and help to hand out the invitations on Friday and Saturday morning?

Either just turn up or advise the Birmingham LSA Secretary:— Miss Wendy Scott, Flat A6, Matchley Park Road, Birmingham B15 2TC.

## CORRECTIONS AND AMPLIFICATION!

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### Teaching Conference Dates

Friday 7 January. For those helping in mass teaching activities.

Saturday 8 January and Sunday 9 January. Conference

The statement that the National Spiritual Assembly must be assured that there is no parental objection for declarations from young people below the age of eighteen has caused some misgivings and the National Spiritual Assembly wish this to be clarified. The National Spiritual Assembly ruling is as follows: "Those below the age of fifteen should not be enrolled in the face of parental objection. Where there are those who are fifteen and over and below the age of eighteen, and where patient and loving attempts to win over the parents have not been successful, the matter should be referred to the National Spiritual Assembly as there are legal considerations which must be taken into account".

The Midland Hotel has made very attractive reductions in their bed and breakfast rate for those attending the conference — £2.25 bed and breakfast plus 11½% service charge. When making your reservations you should state that you are attending the Bahá'í Conference.

Other hotels in Birmingham are:—

Arden Hotel, New Street, 021 643 1029: £2.05 — £2.75.  
Cobden Hotel, 116 Hagley Road, Edgbaston: 021 454 6621 £1.90 — £3.20. Norfolk Hotel, 259 Hagley Road, Edgbaston: 021 454 0870: £2.05—£3.25. Claremont Hotel, 324 Hagley Road Edgbaston: 021 429 4070: £2.00 — £2.25. Abbey Hotel, 16 Portland Road, Edgbaston: 021 454 2700: £1.50. Mountlands Hotel, 25 Norfolk Road: 021 454 0316: £1.75. YMCA, 86 Snow Hill: £1.50.



*A group of Bahá'ís attending the Perth Conference.*

## SCOTTISH REGIONAL TEACHING COMMITTEE

### PERTH CONFERENCE

PLEASE CONVEY SCOTTISH R.T.C. APPRECIATION CABLE DELIGHT NEWS LARGE ATTENDANCE DEDICATED SPIRIT CONFERENCE STOP ASSURE PRAYERS HOLY SHRINES DIVINE CONFIRMATION EFFORTS RAISE UP STALWART FOLLOWERS BAHÁ'U'LLÁH MASSES ALL STRATA SOCIETY LENGTH BREADTH SCOTLAND.

*Universal House of Justice.*

The above cable was received by the Scottish Regional Teaching Committee in reply to one sent from the Conference held at the Perth Youth Hostel, October 23/24.

A gathering of the Scottish friends has been held here on the third weekend of October for a number of years, and it has been customary to reserve accommodation for thirty, in the hope that it would be taken up.

It was so overwhelming this year, that this was quickly over subscribed, and, hastily, the whole hostel was commissioned. This soon proved to be inadequate and outside accommodation was reserved. In all, with those who were near enough to commute, eighty-nine attended.

The three main talks were on 'Abdu'l-Bahá, The Covenant and The Formative Age, in preparation for the forthcoming occasion at the end of November. The Scottish Regional Teaching Committee were able to present themselves to the friends and unfold plans for the completion of the goals of the Nine Year Plan.

The children were taken care of by a fine group of young people, and during the weekend many useful and practical suggestions came to light.

The weekend closed with prayers and readings, the singing of "Alláh'u'Abhá" and the "Remover of Difficulties" was recited in four languages.





*Friends attending the North Regional Conference in Leeds.*

### AUDIO VISUAL COMMITTEE

**TAPES** Has anyone any tape recordings that we could borrow to copy? We are interested in any of the following:—

- a) recordings of historically important events;
- b) recordings that could be used in teaching programmes;
- c) recordings that could be incorporated into deepening courses;
- d) any other recordings of general interest that other communities might like to share.

If you have anything that you think we could use please write to Secretary of the Audio Visual Committee, giving details of tapes you have available.

### FILM: "IT'S JUST THE BEGINNING"

Please would all communities who have shown the film but have not yet sent in the hiring charge of £2, please send the money as soon as possible. We are depending on this money to begin the development of new Audio Visual Aids. Please make cheques payable to Mrs. M. Appa, address below.

### POSTER COMPETITION

We want new, fresh, imaginative ideas so we are launching a competition for all those interested in introducing new ways of attracting people to our faith.

There are two sections:

- a) To produce creative, lively, imaginative posters with original ideas for stimulating interest in the Faith. Either in colour or black and white.
- b) To produce designs in any art form or media — graphics, sculpture, relief sculpture, painting, collage etc — each expressing any one of the basic principles of the faith, which could be combined to produce a *compact portable exhibition*.

We hope to display the entries for both sections at Teaching Conference and prizes will be awarded for the most successful.

From this competition we hope to produce posters for sale and an exhibition that could be hired out to the community.

Please send designs for posters and exhibition to the Audio Visual Committee secretary — address below; or bring your designs to Teaching Conference.

**Mrs. A. M. Appa, Secretary, Audio Visual Committee,  
14A Northumberland Road, New Barnet, Herts.  
Telephone 01-449-4232.**

### CANADIAN BAHÁ'Í NEWS

A one-year subscription to the Canadian Bahá'í News may be ordered by sending \$4.00 to the Canadian Bahá'í News Committee, 7290 Leslie Street, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada.

### FIRST REGIONAL TEACHING CONFERENCE FOR NORTH ENGLAND. OCTOBER 9-10.

Leeds was the setting for the gathering of Bahá'ís from nearly every community in North England. All but three of the eighteen local spiritual assemblies were represented and the spirit throughout the conference was ecstatic.

Most of Saturday was taken up with community reports, combined with discussion and consultation on any current problems. During the dinner break many Bahá'ís went out to invite people to see the film "It's Just the Beginning" followed by a slide show with tape-recorded commentary about the Faith and the functioning of a local community.

The sessions on Sunday were mainly devoted to aspects of teaching including mass teaching. There were numerous suggestions aimed at increasing the tempo of teaching in the region, and many offers of travel teaching were received.

Since, judging by community reports, there was evidence of so much activity within the region it was decided that a regional information sheet should be published on a regular basis to assist communities to plan their own programmes of activity and also to stimulate movement within the region as a whole.

Suggestions made at the conference were so many that the committee is still consulting about some of them, but plans for an intensive teaching campaign in the goal town of Bangor have now been drawn up. Ideas for stimulating activity in some of the weaker communities were discussed, and the committee has now consulted with each of these to determine what can be done.

The Bahá'ís who attended this conference went back to their communities, having rededicated themselves to winning the goals of the Nine Year Plan, with a feeling that the very near future will bring an unprecedented acceleration in the number of people accepting this wonderful Faith.

Many thanks to all who made it a huge success!

(NORTH OF ENGLAND REGIONAL TEACHING COMMITTEE).

### NEWS FROM IRELAND

We are very happy indeed to record that there is a new believer in Cork — this is the first native of that city to become a Bahá'í while living there and the first fruit of the work of the Spiritual Assembly of Cork.

Limerick is still the spearhead of activity in the Republic, with new faces appearing every week at the firesides and a number of further declarations since the last Journal. The enthusiasm of the believers there is wonderful and events usually continue into the early morning.

Recent events include a deepening week-end in Limerick and a teaching week-end in Cork, arranged by the National Teaching Committee (R.I.) and enthusiastically supported.

All Bahá'ís in the Republic of Ireland will gather together to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Passing of 'Abdu'l-Bahá in Dublin. The commemoration will take the form of a deepening school on the subjects of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, the Covenant and the Formative Age.

A teaching campaign in Limerick covering three week-ends is to take place in December and early January under the direction of the National Youth Committee. The ideas for this campaign were born of a joint consultation of the National Youth Committee and the National Teaching Committee and through it we hope to fan into more intensive flame the fire already alight in Limerick.

We ask you for your prayers and we assure you that in these last few months as a part of the British community we are turning our thoughts outwards to all the British Goals, particularly those in Northern Ireland.

**National Teaching Committee — Republic of Ireland.**



## NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITIES

**CAMBRIDGE:** A deepening weekend school was held at the end of October which was blessed by the presence of Hand of the Cause Mr. Faizi, who spoke on the "Importance of becoming a Bahá'í" and the "Importance of Prayer". Charles Macdonald also contributed greatly to the success of the school with talks on the Guardianship and the Universal House of Justice and by giving a review of Bahá'í books. About forty people attended the school on the Saturday and eighty on the Sunday and the school was rounded off with a selection of "folk"-type songs written by a young American Bahá'í.

**EALING:** For the Southall carnival, the Bahá'í community was allocated a site at the junction of three paths at the main entrance, and pitched a blue tent among many white ones. For three days, tea and pamphlets were given to hundreds of people, many of whom heard of the Faith for the first time. A multiplicity of languages was used to converse with all our visitors and we learned, to our delight, that the Indian word for brother is Bahá'í. The Bahá'ís of Ealing worked solidly to make this event a success and are particularly grateful for the help of a non-Bahá'í who spent many hours making the motor equipment used on the stand. The work done at the carnival has resulted in an enlargement of firesides, the starting of a fourth weekly fire-side and a follow-up meeting in Southall. Ealing is most grateful for the help given by the Cardell family of St. Neots.

**EXETER:** On September 29, the film, "It's Just the Beginning" was shown in the coffee bar of the College of Further Education with an introductory talk and musical entertainment. Over a hundred young people came to see the programme, most of them non-Bahá'ís. There have since been interesting discussions with some of those attending and a follow-up meeting is planned.

**HAMILTON:** The first meeting where the name of our Faith was publicly mentioned in Hamilton was held at the Royal Hotel in the town centre on 30 September. It was well supported by Bahá'ís from surrounding towns and some non-Bahá'ís also attended. The meeting had been advertised in the local weekly and youth from Motherwell helped by distributing handbills. Talks were followed by refreshments and questions and we are happy to report four subsequent declarations. Prior to this meeting we had two intense prayer sessions and to the blessings which these invoked we attribute no little of our subsequent success. Firesides are held regularly in several Bahá'í homes.

**HARINGEY:** Our community mourns the passing of Dr. Rosey Pool on September 29. A travelling teacher *par excellence*, she brought back fresh inspiration from every one of her trips, whether in the United States, South America, Africa, or Holland, when she combined harmoniously her professional work and her ardent desire to advance the interests of the Faith. Her latest work was in Cyprus where her energetic and fruitful teaching earned her the warm praise of the Universal House of Justice.

Born in Holland of a Jewish family, she suffered during the second world war all the horrors of Nazi persecution, and lost her parents in its maelstrom. She would sometimes speak of the sufferings of her pupil Anne Frank, but rarely of her own. We felt that she brought to the Faith of Bahá'u'lláh the same untiring energy she had shown as a member of the Dutch resistance.

Dr. Pool is best known to the outside world as an authority on Negro poetry. It was largely due to Robert Hayden, the famous Negro poet and Bahá'í, that she joined the Faith. As a visiting professor to universities in the United States, she lectured on



*Fiona Dunn and May Hofman entertaining at the Ryde teaching weekend. One adult and several youth declared.*

Negro poetry and often used it as a vehicle to convey her great love for Bahá'u'lláh. Both her books and her broadcasts on radio and television were woven from a background of Bahá'í ideals. A talented and much-loved sister has left us.

**HAVERING:** A weekend school was held early in October at the local Scout Headquarters and was a memorable and joyous weekend spent with many old and new friends. The community would like to thank everyone who supported us.

**JERSEY:** Anne Thorne, who is on a residential teaching project here, writes that she has recently been privileged to read many of the letters received in Jersey by all of the friends, including Knight of Bahá'u'lláh Evelyn Baxter — whom many of you knew and loved. Another Knight of Bahá'u'lláh lies buried here, Diya'u'lláh Asgharzadih, who is mentioned by Hasan Balyuzi in his book "Abdu'l-Bahá". (page 57. Note 45).

A letter, specifically addressed to the friends in Jersey, from Hand of the Cause Bill Sears, is pertinent to the entire British Community, and we should like to share these extracts with you.

"You have been in my thoughts and prayers many times since I had the joy and bounty of meeting you. The more I thought about your inspiring contribution to the Faith, the more confident I became that every one of the beloved Guardian's promises of great homefront victories would come true. They depend on your success in one of these 'key' islands that surround the rest of the British Isles, and they are in good hands. The time of germination, of patient waiting, of struggle, is coming to an end. Together, those of you on these precious islands are the 'circle' from which the triumph of the Faith of Bahá'u'lláh will penetrate to the 'heart' of the mainland and bring about the fulfilment of that teaching triumph which is destined to 'surpass' even those outstanding victories your national community has already won in Africa. It is a promise of the beloved Guardian."

What a glorious prospect! What a wonderful objective! What greater purpose in life could any Bahá'í have than to usher in such a long-awaited soul-stirring victory; one that will not only set on fire the British Isles, but one which will ignite a similar fire in the entire Bahá'í World Community.

We have already seen the beginnings of these achievements with 'entry by troops' in the British Isles, Iceland, and now Europe, but that 'circle' is not complete, and "the fulfilment of that teaching triumph" consequently delayed. Is it significant that both the northernmost and southernmost assemblies are, as yet, unachieved? Must the Shetland and Channel Islands remain deprived for yet another year?

Our dear Hand of the Cause quotes the Beloved Master in this letter:—

"Had I been free during my forty years of imprisonment... I would have travelled to the east, west, north and south of the world. I would not have kept still for one minute, and I would have illumined the horizons with the light of the Sun of Reality. And then you would have seen what great results had been obtained." (Star of the West. Vol X)

We all have this same responsibility — not only to the British and World Bahá'í Communities, but to the work put in by valiant pioneers, these Knights of Bahá'u'lláh, to the Guardian, 'Abdu'l-Bahá, and to Bahá'u'lláh Themselves. "What greater purpose in life" do you have that you cannot lend some assistance to either of these goals?



*Stall at the "Societies Fair" for new students held on 9 October, arranged by the Edinburgh University Bahá'í Group.*





*The stall at St. Giles Fair, Winchester.*

**LEEDS:** A further recognition of our Faith has been achieved here in that we have received permission from both Hospital Boards for any member of the local assembly to visit patients in Leeds hospitals in just the same way as priests are allowed to make visits outside visiting hours. A Bahá'í Society has been formed at the University under the chairmanship of Vida Astani and is already flourishing, with well attended meetings held in the Students' Union. Twice monthly public meetings continue to be held in the very pleasant atmosphere of the Leeds Council of Social Service, where we also held our meeting for the Birthday of Bahá'u'lláh. This was a particularly happy occasion, where the Bahá'ís were far outnumbered by non-Bahá'ís, who included some well known Leeds personalities.

**MOTHERWELL:** Regular weekly firesides on Friday evenings continue to be exciting and well attended and their success can be gauged by the declarations which we have been privileged to witness in recent months. We have also been fortunate with our visitors which in early December included Alma Gregory and Philip Hainsworth.

**MULL:** A youth project with three young Bahá'ís from Motherwell and Dundee took place in September, when the young Bahá'ís toured the island. As this was by way of being a reconnaissance project, more proclamation than teaching was done; prayer meetings included walking round the town of Tobermory saying "The Remover of Difficulties".

**WINCHESTER:** The Bahá'í community here was one of fifty-three societies invited to take part in St. Giles Fair on 18 September. All stall holders were dressed in medieval costumes. A record crowd attended the fair, many of whom came to the Bahá'í Rest Tent, above the entrance of which was the quotation "Enter therein in peace, secure". Many examined the Bahá'í posters of the Shrines, Temples and Principles and discussed the Faith. As a result, two young Frenchmen declared the following day and have now returned to France. In addition, three contacts are attending the Winchester firesides regularly.

#### 1972 UNICEF WALL CALENDAR

The 1972 UNICEF Wall Calendar features Holidays and School Celebrations and is illustrated with Art by Children from Around the World. As was the case in the 1971 edition of this calendar, several Bahá'í holy days (Naw-Rúz, Riqvân, the Birth of the Báb and the Birth of Bahá'u'lláh) have been mentioned, and one, Naw-Rúz, is described more fully in a section at the end of the calendar entitled "Holidays of Special Interest."

This calendar is available only in English, from the United States Committee for UNICEF, and costs U.S. \$1.00. If you wish to order please send the appropriate amount to the NATIONAL OFFICE and a composite order will be sent to the U.S.A.

#### ALL RECORDS BROKEN

Never before, since the "Bahá'í Journal" was first issued in 1936 have we had the privilege of welcoming so many new believers in one issue. After the tremendous success of the teaching work which led up to the successful conclusion of the Ten Year Crusade, a list of two hundred and twelve new believers and eighty-two arrivals from overseas was published in December 1962. This list, however, covered a period of no less than twenty months! The average increase by new members of fourteen per month then was quite remarkable. The new list we publish today covers a period of five months only and includes no fewer than three hundred and sixty-seven new declarations, an average increase of seventy-three per month. If this rate is maintained we could well witness the stupendous victory of enrolling nine hundred new believers in one year. Because of the large amount of space this list is occupying in the "Journal", the National Spiritual Assembly has now decided that the practice of printing the names of new believers in this way will be discontinued.



UNITED KINGDOM YOUTH

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Jackie Pomeroy (Miss) " "	Stuart J. Hoyles " "	Gareth B. Lewis " "	Tina Goode (Miss) " "
Sally Jenkins (Miss) " "	Elaine Johnson (Miss) " "	Shaun Atkins " "	R. P. Breen " "
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Mark Jones " "	Ian Burdett " "	Angus Smith " "	Kenneth Humphreys " "
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Ronald Tyler " "	Paul Hall-Smith " "	David Winfield " "	Ian Dibble " "
Diane J. Saunders (Miss) " "	Alison Venn (Miss) " "	Dennis Frere-Smith — Norwich	Harcharan S. Chhina " "
Mark A. Coe " "	David Ratcliffe " "	Cynthia Kaye (Miss) " "	Jill Cocker (Miss) — Stamford
Elaine Bandy (Miss) " "	John Brouett " "	James Bryant — Isle of Wight	Ruth Walker (Miss) " "
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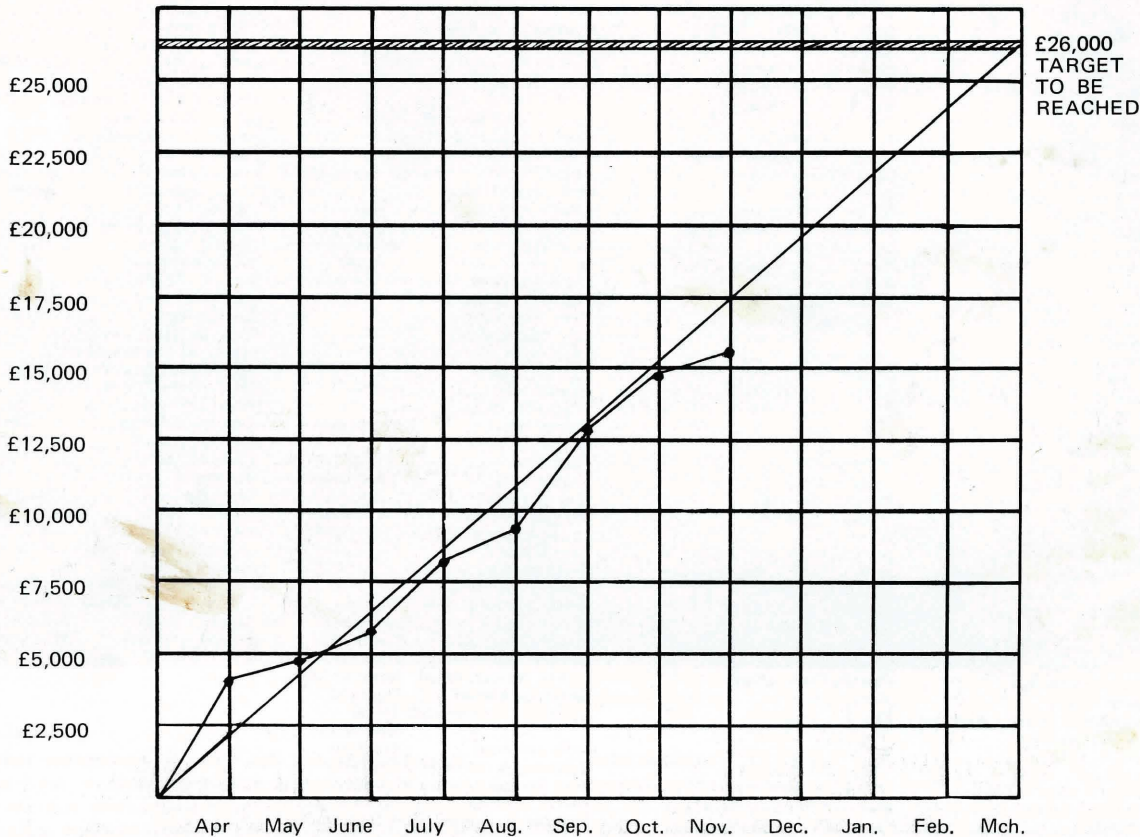
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LIFEBLOOD OF THE CAUSE

Rate of Contributions



So that we can see the exact state of the Fund throughout the year, the National Assembly has decided to discontinue the formal income and expenditure report each quarter, and in its place give this easily-read graph of the contributions. This will be included in every Journal and will enable everyone to see at a glance whether the life-blood of the Cause is flowing at the rate required to complete our victories by Riḡvān 1972.

It will be noted that in April and May contributions were well up but have not been maintained. In September our target was nearly reached, but in November has fallen short and there is now a deficit of £2,000.

Up to the present, expenditure by the various committees has been kept well within the budgets allocated, but this situation could seriously hamper the teaching efforts during the next few crucial weeks as we strive towards victory at Riḡvān.

Let us all, young and old, rich and poor, make sure that by the next issue of the Journal the "contribution spot" is well over the line!

URGENTLY NEEDED to bring contributions up to target by the end of December ..... **£4,000**

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Looking forward to hearing from every single believer!

With deepest love,

Betty Goode, National Treasurer,  
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