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MANUCHIHR RUHI, WELL-RESPECTED 52 YEAR OLD PHARMACIST, EXECUTED BY FIRING SQUAD ON 16 AUGUST, IN BOJNURD, KHORASAN PROVINCE, IRAN, AFTER SPENDING ELEVEN MONTHS IN PRISON. ALL HIS PROPERTIES CONFISCATED. LIVES TWENTY-FIVE OTHER BAHA'IS IMPRISONED IN DIFFERENT PARTS COUNTRY AT STAKE AS DEATH SENTENCES ALREADY PRONOUNCED AGAINST THEM. SHARE NEWS WITH MEDIA AND AUTHORITIES.

UNIVERSAL HOUSE OF JUSTICE

This is the text of a telex sent on 7 September. The Journal hopes to give a full, well illustrated account of the dedication of the Mother Temple of the Pacific Ocean in a forthcoming issue.

OVERJOYED AUSPICIOUS UPLIFTING HEARTWARMING EVENTS ASSOCIATED DEDICATION TO PUBLIC WORSHIP OF MOTHER TEMPLE PACIFIC. COMMENTING ON ARRIVAL AMATU'L-BAHA RUHIYYIH KHANUM IN WESTERN SAMOA COUNSELLOR 'ALA'I CABLED:

"AMATU'L-BAHA WAS BEFITTINGLY AND GRACIOUSLY RECEIVED AT AIRPORT BY HIS HIGHNESS MALIETOA TANUMAFILI II, HEAD OF STATE, AND WAS LATER ACCOMPANIED BY HIS HIGHNESS IN HIS LIMOSINE WITH FULL MOTORCADE CEREMONY TO APIA." ALSO PRESENT AT AIRPORT WERE HONOURABLE PRIME MINISTER OF WESTERN SAMOA TOFILAU ETI, CABINET MONISTERS, DIPLOMATIC AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AS WELL AS MANY BAHA'IS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD. "AMATU'L-BAHA WAS IMMENSELY TOUCHED AND HEARTS FRIENDS LEPT WITH JOY AND FILLED SENSE GRATITUDE THANKSGIVING TO BAHA'U'LLAH THIS UNPRECEDENTED RECOGNITION AND RESPECT BESTOWED UPON REPRESENTATIVE UNIVERSAL HOUSE JUSTICE BY HIS HIGHNESS MALIETOA WHO VALIANTLY AND COURAGEOUSLY DEMONSTRATED HIS UNDIMINISHED LOYALTY PROFOUND LOVE FOR SUPREME BODY IN MANNER UNPARALLELED HISTORY OF FAITH IN SAMOA."

AMATU'L-BAHA RUHIYYIH KHANUM DEDICATED MASHRIQU'L-ADKHAR IN APIA, WESTERN SAMOA, ON 1 SEPTEMBER 1984 IN PRESENCE HIS HIGHNESS, MEMBERS OF ROYAL FAMILY, PRIME MINISTER AND FOUR MEMBERS HIS CABINET, AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND HIGH-RANKING OFFICERS SAMOAN CHURCHES, TOGETHER WITH MORE THAN 1,000 BAHA'IS FROM 45 COUNTRIES AND ISLANDS.

RUHIYYIH KHANUM DESCRIBING HISTORIC OCCASION CABLED: "MOTHER TEMPLE PACIFIC ISLANDS SCENE UNTIL LAST MOMENT HUNDREDS BELIEVERS FROM ALL PARTS WORLD, ALL AGES, ALL COLOURS, LEVELING GROUND, PLANTING SHRUBS, CREATING ROCK GARDENS, CLEANING HUGE EDIFICE... SAMOAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND BAHA'IS, FORGOING DAY AFTER REST OR SLEEP, WORKED ROUND THE CLOCK PREPARATIONS ALL DEPARTMENTS ENSURE BEFITTING SPIRITUAL MATERIAL CELEBRATION HISTORIC EVENTS SEPTEMBER FIRST DEDICATION. SAMOAN LADIES CREATED HUNDREDS OF FEET FRAGRANT FRANGIPANI GARLANDS ALONG ENTIRE LENGTH MAIN PATHS, DECORATING ELECTRIC STANDARDS IN GARDENS WITH PLAITED PALMS AND FLOWERS, HANGING CHAINS FERMS INSIDE ON TEMPLE BALCONY...

"THE ONE-HOUR TEMPLE SERVICE, CHARACTERIZED BY BEFITTING PROTOCOL AND DECORUM, COMMENCED WITH HIGHLY SUITABLE, DIGNIFIED AND MOVING SPEECH IN BOTH SAMOAN AND ENGLISH BY HIS HIGHNESS MALIETOA TANUMAFILI II, OUTLINING HIGHLIGHTS TEMPLE HISTORY AND THANKING UNIVERSAL HOUSE OF JUSTICE FOR ITS ERECTION IN WESTERN SAMOA. THE BEAUTIFUL SINGING OF THE CHOIR, THE WONDERFUL SELECTIONS FROM BAHA'I SCRIPTURES AND THE BIBLE, READ IN BOTH SAMOAN AND ENGLISH, CULMINATING WITH INSPIRINGLY-CHANTED PRAYER WERE ALL PERFECT AND CREATED UNPRECEDENTED GLORIOUS HISTORIC OCCASION.

"ALL GATHERED IN PERFECT WEATHER FOR BOTH SACRED FIRST SERVICE IN PRECIOUS MASHRIQU'L-ADHKAR AND, FOLLOWING DEDICATION, THE JOYFUL TRADITIONAL SAMOAN SUA CEREMONY HELD OUTSIDE WHICH LASTED ONE AND A HALF HOURS..." THIS CEREMONY INCLUDED PRESENTATION BY RUHIYYIH KHANUM TO HIS HIGHNESS OF TEMPLE MODEL SENT AS GIFT BY UNIVERSAL HOUSE OF JUSTICE, AND PRESENTATION OF TRADITIONAL GIFTS OF ROAST PIGS, FINE MATS, TAPA CLOTH AND FOOD TO ALL HIGH OFFICIALS PRESENT. JOYFUL SPEECHES SINGING DANCING AND WELL-ATTENDED BANQUET ENDED OPENING DAY FESTIVITIES.

BELOVED AMATU'L-BAHA FURTHER REPORTED: "SUNDAY MORNING IN THREE SESSIONS LASTING OVER FIVE HOURS OVER ONE THOUSAND BAHA'IS WERE ANOINTED ATTAR OF ROSE AND VIEWED PORTRAIT BLESSED PERFECTION IN TEMPLE, OBVIOUSLY OVERCOME BY PRIVILEGE AND GREAT EVENTS TAKING PLACE. PACIFIC ISLANDERS CONSPICUOUSLY REVERENT, DEEPLY STIRRED, AWARE GREAT PRIAVILEGE. SUNDAY EVENING TEMPLE PACKED FULL SERVICE DEDICATED BELOVED MARTYRS AND PERSECUTED BRETHREN IRAN..."

PRAYING HOLY SHRINES THAT FORCES NOW SET IN MOTION WILL RESULT UNPRECEDENTED GROWTH FAITH SAMOA AND ALL AREAS VAST PACIFIC OCEAN.

UNIVERSAL HOUSE OF JUSTICE

National Spiritual Assembly

Some yearsago the National Assembly felt obliged to advise the friends that if any believer is approached to make a personal loan to another Baha'i, he or she should seek the advice of the local assembly. This is for the protection of both parties as it is contrary to the Teachings for one Baha'i to take legal action against another if, for example, anything should go wrong with the loan. If the proposed loan is, however, a substantial one for business purposes, as has been the case on a number of occasions in the past, the Baha'is should take competent professional advice, and follow it before making such a loan.

'Abdu'l Baha always encouraged the friends to turn to the local assembly and it was indicated thatit was against the spirit of the teachings that one Baha'i should appear in court against another Baha'i. Obviously there must be cases when this cannot be observed, particularly in the case of divorce where, in some countries such as England, the civil divorce must be completed before the Baha'i divorce can be granted, even though the requirements of the Baha'i divorce have been met for some considerable time. To have to go to court is an admission, in many cases, of failure to solve a problem in the Baha'i way. It must be said however that there are cases in addition to those of divorce, where it may become neccessary, and in a letter written in 1936 the Guardian through his secretary wrote:

"The Guardian wishes to emphasise the importance of avoiding (reference to civil

courts) of cases of disputes between believers even in non-Baha'i issues. It is the assembly's function to endeavour to settle amicably such disputes, both in order to safeguard the fair name and prestige of the Cause, and to acquire the necessary experience for the extension of its functions in the future."

If therefore there is any problem which appears to need some civil court action, and the local assembly is unable to resolve the issue, the parties concerned should turn to the National Assembly before beginning legal proceedings.

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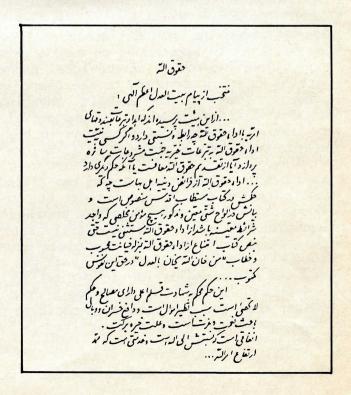
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3. By Post Office Giro. Our number is 43 301 4008. Please write clearly who has sent it.

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From the Editor



Dear friends,

one of your bewildered editorial staff has recently returned from a long holiday in the United States. He has recovered sufficiently to notice with pleasure the growing volume of material in the Journal contributions on, by and for women in the Faith. The principle of equality is all very well to talk about but putting it into practice is another matter.

During the next few months the editorial staff hope to build on the base we have established and make some exciting changes. We do still desperately need a persian editor - as yet no one has come forward. It was our intention to provide at least a page of material for the persian believers but this has not been possible since the departure of Forouzan Golshani. We also need London based typists fo one or two evenings a week. One of the benefits we can offer volunteers is free word processor training! We also hope to sort out all the offers we have had for various other positions on the Journal staff before long - be patient!

Incidentally it would be appreciated if the Journal (and the National Office) were, as a matter of course, informed of all births, deaths and marriages with full names, dates and venues. Many people are still sending material for inclusion just before the deadline. Please remember that this a only guideline and that it is prefferable if material is sent as early as possible to give the over-worked staff a chance.

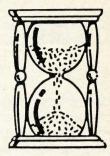
Our thoughts and best wishes go out to all those who have started, or are about to start, college or university at the beginning of this academic year remember that it is the young and the enquiring minds who are most receptive to new ideas - happy teaching!

Warmest Baha'i love,

The Editor.

DEADLINE

October 16



No material received after this date can be considered for inclusion in the next issue.

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Miss Teaching Conference?



WINTER GARDENS BLACKPOOL

NOVEMBER 17 & 18

Accommodation list available shortly

The Special Branch

Are you "One of the Specials?" Could be... No, not a member of the constabulary wherever, not a Baha'i on an Assembly, or even a committee. In fact, in all probability you are none of these things. You are "Special" because you are isolated, or a member of a small town or village rarely visited by other Baha'is, you are "Special" because you are the only Baha'i within miles and miles, the only "Beacon of Light", the only chance, perhaps, of anyone else in your district being able to know about the Baha'i Revelation. That's why you are very special indeed.

It's not easy being an Isolated Baha'i, or just a married couple, perhaps, in what could be a large rural area, keeping open a district and missing out on many of the other activities Baha'is usually enjoy in larger communities. In fact, it could be very hard to keep that Beacon of Light shining, to maintain the courage to be different, to maintain one's faith when it has little to nurture it, isolated from the mainstream of events. Nevertheless, you are even more precious, just because you are alone, and it's extra hard to be so isolated.

Reading this, our minds may go out to a couple in Preseli, South Wales, to another couple on the coast of North Yorkshire, to the scattered believers in North Cornwall, Cumbria, Lincolnshire, the remote north of Scotland, to a family sitting tight in the Scilly Isles, and to many, many others, elderly and youth. Two districts are kept open in Scotland by precious youth living alone in caravans bought for the purpose by the Scottish Teaching Department - yes, didn't you know that even a youth under 21 can open a district to the Faith? You, who are "One of the Specials", a Beacon of Light, are the very first glimmerings of that blaze of light which will, in time, envelop the whole earth. The importance of being the lone believer in an otherwise unopened district canot be underestimated. One Baha'i is a potential group, an Assembly, a whole community! And that time will surely come, perhaps very soon.

As we all know, to keep our spirits illumined with the fire of the love of God, each and every Baha'i must carry out those aspects of our Baha'i life which are required of us - the daily Obligatory Prayer, the daily reading from the Writings, morning and evening, the Fast, the contribution to the Fund, however small, even the Nineteen Day Feast ... and teaching. There you have it, the good old Five Finger Exercise - the Feast, the Fast and the Fund, Prayer and Teaching. Teaching, even if you can only put a book in a local Library,... and take it out at regular intervals, if necessary to stop it being put away on the stack.

But the Feast? Surely not - the Feast is an adminstrative institution held in communities where there is an Assembly, isn't it? Well yes, of course, but anyone can still hold a Unity Feast to observe the day, and keep the spiritual "Feast" with all the other Baha'is around the world. If possible, isolated Baha'is and groups should try to join their nearest Assembly for the Feast, but if this is not possible except for the odd occasion in the year, we share with you the story of a very isolated Baha'i who pioneered to a country hitherto unopened to the Faith:

"... Every Nineteen Day Feast, Mansour, alone in the whole country, used to prepare the day with care and reverence. He would arrange the room with flowers and place a photograph of 'Abdu'l-Baha in a place of honour. He would also place other photographs, of the beloved Guardian, of Hands of the Cause, and Baha'i friends and family collected over the years, all around the room. sunset he would pray and recite readings, then the spiritual part of the Feast was followed by meditation and inward consultation on how best to teach the Faith, to proclaim the Cause in what was, in fact, a very difficult and alien country. Mansour even had to learn the language properly before he could begin to teach very well! Finally he came to the 'Social' part for which he always prepared a special treat, some fruit or cake he would not normally have enjoyed. With the photographs around, Mansour did not feel that he kept the Feast alone. Eventually, when more Baha'is and his family pioneered to join him in that country, and he was no longer physically alone, he said that he almost regretted

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"If only you knew...."

International Youth Conference, London, Ontario

The seven Baha'i youth from the United Kingdom who attended the International Baha'i Youth Conference in Canada will take back memories of the unique spirit which touched the hearts of the 2,000 participants. The vision was clear: to set out to move the world - the expectation that the Universal House of Justice so overwhelmingly desires.

The conference was held at the University of Western Ontario in London, a very appropriate site, to which much publicity had already been given. It was fitting that the Mayor of London had declared the week of the conference "Baha'i Week".

The participants were addressed by three Hands of the Cause of God, Ali-Akbar Furutan, John Robarts and Ali-Muhammad Varqa on two separate occasions. Two counsellors and innumerable auxiliary board members were also present. The session covered a wide range of subjects from the forthcoming International Youth Year to "God!", as well as a special session devoted to the Baha'i Youth Movement. By far the most moving session was "Stories of Martyrdom" in which the speaker, herself imprisoned and tortured by the Iranian Authorities, recounted the events surrounding the martyrdom of the Baha'is in Shiraz in June 1983, and especially the story of Mona Mahmudnizhad who at 16 was the youngest of those to die. As those tears of sadness that must have filled the eyes of all those present eventually passed, the realisation that those precious souls had been sacrificed to inspire us to achieve those great victories that they so undoubtedly wished filled the audience with greater determination and renewed strength, in the knowledge that all our humble efforts will bring the utmost joy to their hearts. The song of tribute performed that afternoon captured that feeling she had died so that "We'll be free".

One of the characteristics of the conference was the great emphasis laid on music. Each session either began or ended with a musical presentation of some sort

- from modern dance performed by the Ballet Sheyda to traditional east indian dancing. The "official" music which was performed throughout the three days of the conference is available on cassette entitled "If only you knew" and has already made its way across the Atlantic.

All good things have to come to an end, some quicker than others, and by the morning of 28 August as the participants made their departure many friendships, both old and new, became unwittingly reconciled to the fact that they have to wait for another year. London may think it can recover from the influx of Baha'is of every imaginable shape and size, but the presence of those assembled during those 5 days will ensure that it will never quite be the same again! (already one local had declared during the conference)

However memories will linger in mindsthe humour and wisdom of the Hands of the
Cause, the inspiring motivating sessions,
the radiant cheerful young faces from all
corners of the globe or the unforgettable
and extremely delicate art of
breakdancing which soon became an
obsession with the British contingent.
All of these made an indellible
impression on all present. In the
immortal words of one of the Texan Baha'i
it was truly "Awesome!"

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not being an isolated Baha'i any longer - because the sweetness of those Feasts, shared only on the spiritual plane, brought the greatest joy and upliftment to his heart. Knowing too, that he was the only one able to fulfil the Covenant of Baha'u'llah for this new Day, and thus put that country within the framework of the Faith".

To all of us ordinary Baha'is - let's remember the "Specials", write to them with our news, invite them to our Feasts - and pray for them, those staunch and steadfast ones who are alone.

My First Summer School

My first summer school began on the third day after registration. We sat under the stars, in two large informal circles of chairs, outside the Rock Park Centre. It was very late on a warm clear evening. The discussions had ranged from genetic engineering to rememberances of pilgrimage. This, I suddenly thought, is Summer School.

The formal sessions in those first three days had been stimulating; and it was marvellous to meet old friends and make new ones. But at that moment on that beautiful evening, I suddenly became conscious of the love and unity that was with us. it was as though I needed three days to leave behind the old world and feel at home in the loving happy Baha'i atmosphere of Summer School.

Surely there is no other event quite like Summer School? Participants from the ages of 3 to 90, from all kinds of backgrounds and occupations, even including some not yet declared Baha'is, gathered together in unity to learn from each other. Open to all - no trace of the elitism of many Universities - and dedicated to the pursuit of truth, to our greater comprehension of the word of God for today. Where could we find its like in the old world order?

The formal sessions and seminars taught me about the Book of Certitude, about Islam, about the meaning of deepening, and much more besides. More important, they left me eager to study more for myself.

But above all else, my first Summer School was happy and fun. Strangers met me at the top of a flight of stairs and were like old friends by the time we reached the bottom step. We played softball, volleyball, and table tennis; we danced and we swam. The concert on the last night was a mirror of this happy diversity - the adults' fancy dress was won by a roast chicken; there were pieces on the clarinet, guitar, recorder and bongo drums; there were Davy's jokes; there were songs, some beautiful and moving, some cheeky; and there was an hour of drama written and rehearsed during the week.

Funniest moment of the week: The Baha'i youth on the sidelines during the Baha'is verses Rock Park Staff football match who called out "Let's have more violence!" or was it Kamlesh, who, when asked what he would do if he had 10 minutes to live, responded immediately: "I'd improve my windsurfing!"?

The only problem with Summer School is leaving. Thank goodness there is next year to look forward to.

Michael Gammage.

First Scottish Women's Conference a success

Baha'is travelled from all over Scotland to attend this conference at the Baha'i centre in Edinburgh. They listened to talks from three speakers, the first of which was on the Greatest Holy Leaf. It was a poignant insight into this wonderful lady. In the discussion which followed the conference looked at these qualities and discussed how Baha'i women today can best emulate Bahiyyih Khanum.

After a break for lunch the next speaker spoke on equality. The speaker dispelled many of the myths which have built up round this subject. The speaker pointed out the current devaluation of the Baha'i teachings on the harmony of the sexes, emphasised the important and distinct role of women. The speaker concluded from extensive reseach that the current concepts of equality are but a chimera and that the Faith teaches that true equality comes from the elimination of the limits on fulfilling one's potential.

The final talk of the day was illustrated by slides depicting women in developing countries. The gap between their lifestyle and that which we enjoy in this country seems insurmountable and yet, as the speaker pointed out, there are basic similarities in roles. Child raising, homemaking, looking after the health of the family are important roles which are given little or no recognition in society. The importance of the Baha'i teachings on education was highlighted. If the importance of the woman's role were recognised then women would be educated and trained in the essential requirements for the survival of mankind.

Bahá'í Women – Stand up & be noticed

This article is addressed to all Baha'i women in Britain, but most particularly to those who are confined to their homes, who feel frustrated because they are tied by children and domestic duties and wish to do more to teach the wondrous Cause of Baha'u'llah.

Every Baha'i woman in Britain must surely have spoken to her neighbours about the Faith, to the milkman, the postman, and others who call at her door (if not, perhaps we should all ask ourselves "Why not?")

However, in addition to this, there are a number of women's organisations which have grown up over the years from the need of women everywhere to compare notes and exchange ideas about their everyday lives, and to extend their horizons. These organisations are easy to join and are all fertile ground for the seeds of the Teachings of Baha'u'llah; in fact, some of them, in the outline of their organisations, contain much that is common to our Teachings.

It should not be thought that these organisations exist for indigenous British women only; anyone may join and women from other racial backgrounds are made welcome. Especially the Iranian ladies, with their warm and loving personalities, may find that this is a field of service in which they may be active.

In almost all the cities, towns and villages of this country there is a branch either of the Townswomen's Guild or the Women's Institute - sometimes both. In the larger towns there are branches of the National Council of Women, and in more recent years the National Housewives Register has a growing number of branches.

The Women's Institutes, or their equivalent all over the world, have an international body called "The Associated Countrywomen of the World", and the National Council of Women's organisation is "The International Council of Women". Both these international organisations

have triennial conferences held in different countries: it so happens that the next triennial conference for each is to be held in 1986 in the British Isles - that of the International Council of Women in London and that of the Associated Countrywomen of the World in Dublin.

The plight of the Baha'i women in Iran has recently been raised with both these organisations, but the numbers of Baha'is represented at the last international gatherings were pitifully small: in Vancouver in 1983 only three Baha'is were there, two of whom were from the United Kingdom and one from Africa; at the international meeting held in Kiel, Germany, this year, only one. If we had a larger representation at local branches, we would surely have a louder voice at international meetings.

Most women, until their families are grown or their finances improve, will find it difficult to travel abroad, but in 1986 two international meetings will be held in the British Isles, which will give British and Irish women an opportunity which they may not have again for many years.

It is easy to find out which organisation has a branch in your area - simply go to the information desk at your local library, or look on the notice board there, where you will usually find the address of the local secretary and a notice of forthcoming meetings. subscriptions are very low - £8 a year for the National Council of Women and £3.75 for the Women's Institute. frequency and timing of meetings vary; sometimes there will be an afternoon and an evening branch of the Women's Institute to cater for the differing needs of members. Women's Institutes and Townswomen's Guilds have different sections within their branches to cater for the varied tastes of members international affairs, play-reading, flower arrangement, etc., and there are usually one or two outings during the year when arrangements are made to visit an interesting house or go to a theatre

performance. National Council of Women branches alternate their meetings with reports from members of various standing committees and speakers upon a multitude of subjects, and usually arrange an annual outing or theatre visit for their members.

The National Housewives Register is a much younger organisation, which is spreading rapidly, and arose from the need for young mothers to get together to discuss current affairs, art, and other subjects not related to bringing up baby. Meetings usually rotate in members' homes.

In addition to these general organisations which are open to all women, there are more specialised societies - "The Business and Professional Women", and the "University Women", which are open only to those women who fulfil these qualifications. Both groups are composed of thinking, caring women and generally meet in each other's homes: I have given talks to both groups and found them very receptive indeed. If you are a business woman, a professional woman, or hold a university degree, or both, do consider joining a group if there is one in your town: again, addresses may be found in the library or the Citizens' Advice Bureau.

Our motives for joining these societies may be the need to teach the Cause, to find seeking souls in an environment in which we are at ease, but, whichever organisation we decide to join, the same criteria apply as for joining a music society, a dramatic society, or any other group - there must be a genuine interest and wish to make a contribution on the part of the Baha'i; a desire to become involved, to help the organisation concerned. Without this, we might just as well stay at home, for discerning women will soon discover our motives and the reflection upon the Faith may be different from our goal.

Please do not think that you have nothing to offer. In having accepted the Baha'i Faith you have been given the greatest gift any human being can expect - find ways of offering this same gift to other women, through organisations which already exist.

The Baha'i International Community wrote on 2 July: "We are truly impressed with the dedicated efforts which are being made throughout the Baha'i world to promote positive change in the condition of women". Can the Baha'i women of our community arise to serve in these organisations so that we may make a significant contribution to this world-wide effort?

It has not been possible to go into detail about any of these organisation, but if anyone cares to write to me, I shall be happy to provide more information.

Lois Hainsworth,
The Middle House,
Morants Court,
Dunton Green, TN14 6HD

Over 450 at North Sea Conference

Over 450 believers, including 80 children and more than 150 youth, participated in the most successful North Sea Border Conference yet held.

On Friday evening the message from the National Assembly (see elsewher in this article for the full text) was read out to an ever increasing number of believers. The programme continued with two video films of last year's International Convention, which was held in Haifa.

The carefully prepared devotional programmes, which began each session were matched by te vast amount of effort with which the various speakers must have researched their subjects. "How it all began..." illustrated the historical parallels in the 4 year history of the North Sea Border Conferences and the 1,000 year period of East Anglia/Low Countries inter-relating history. The talk also revealled the similarities between what the Baha'is are doing today and what Christendom was doing in the Middle Ages.

The youth session "Tomorrow's Generation" consisted of a description of the inspiring International Youth Conference in Canada (see page __), and a session on living a Baha'i life 24 hours a day

rather than mere idle worship or intellectual acceptance. Counsellor Adib Taherzadeh centred his session on one of the Hidden Words.

During the evening the (lady) Sheriff of Norwich was welcomed and, during the reception, when she was presented with a book, assured the Baha'is of the good wishes of the city. She stayed to watch the audio-visual presentation "The glorious future of mankind". The evening closed with a performance by Fire and Snow.

Durnig Sunday the youth enjoyed their own sessions with Counsellor Taherzadeh. Meanwhile the main programme consisted of a talk "Women - the educators of mankind" which included vignettes of the 8 female Hands of the Cause.

Perhaps, among all the excellent and often moving sessions, the highlight of the conference was a talk entitled "How true progress will come about". Ostensibly about he casting off of prejudices and of emptying oneself to allow the entry of the Spirit of God, this inspiring talk led each one to ponder for themselves, not "What can I do for the Cause" but rather "How the Cause should be served".



The Sheriff of Norwich addressing the conference on Saturday night

During the afternoon, following another session by Cousellor Taherzadeh, Mrs Jahirih Dalvand appealled to the youth to give a week of their time, in any kind of activity in serving the Cause, in memory of her two martyred daughters Mona and Shirin.

The conference was an undoubted success, despite earlier fears of a poor turn out (once again the last minute rush). All eyes are now fixed upon Belgium, the site of next years North Sea Border Conference.

STATEMENT OF THE NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY TO THE NORTH SEA BORDER CONFERENCE

Dear friends,

five hundred and 40 years ago, this building started life as a chancel of the Blackfriar's church which was part of the Norwich Dominican Friary.

In 1565 the Dutch Reform Church was attacked in Holland, and many of its faithful adherents decided to flee the reign of religious persecution by crossing the English Channel. They arrived here in Norwich, depressed, soulweary of animosity, hatred and debasement. They arrived anxious, fearful and sad, but they arrived to find a warm, helpful and considerate people who tried to comfort them; a people who gave them respect and hope for the future; a people who gave them this beautiful hall to worship in.

Eventually the Dutch refugees became a part of this land. Their labours and their talents brought new life and vitality to the region. As the Dutch had found in their dispair new friends and a sense of belonging, the English in their compassion had found contentment and grace. Both gave and both received.

This morning the Baha'is of the United Kingdom welcome you to this historic hall, to participate in the fourth North Sea Border Conference, honouring those links of friendship that exist among the countries that border the North Sea; not only in rememberance of the time-honoured alliances and mutual support over the centuries, but in recognition of the growing respect and co-operation of those self same countries in today's world.

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The Silent Service...?

Todays troubled world will put many additional pressures on Baha'is. The curent state of affairs regarding eastwest relations affect us all. Much of our money which vanishes in taxes is spent on defence. For the vast majority of us this is the limit of our involvement with the arms race. But what about a Baha'i who is uf at the front end of things (excuse the pun)?

All around us there is a world unknown to most of us. But here deadly games of hide and seek are played. It is a bit strange to think of something hundredsof feet long with scores of people aboard hiding. But the ocean is a big place and a submarine is comparatively small.

Aboard one such submrine is Mike, the only Baha'i among the crew of 130. Mike's submarine is the USS Dace, a fast hunter/killer, its job is to seek out and destroy enemy vessels. His job is tending to the nuclear propulsion plant. He does not consider himself as non-combatant as he is as liable to get killed as anyone else aboard the Dace.

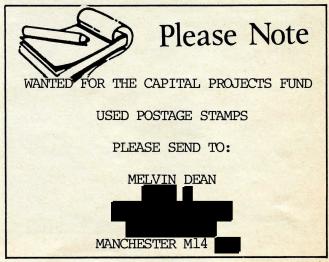
Mike joined the navy after he became a Baha'i. He did so after much soulsearching and even consulting with his local assembly. he enlisted with several goals in mind. In joining the US Navy he contracted for a great deal of education and training which in the years to come, after he leaves the navy will become the means of more effective service to the cause of God. Baha'u'llah has also instructed us about the Most Great Peace and Mike feels that it is important that some Baha'is should understand the instruments of war in order that they may be applied or dismantled as necessary in the future.

Most of those who encounter the world of the submariner quickly begin to search for answers of one sort or another. As fear and frustration mount their search can become more frantic and misguided. Many turn to drugs, alcohol and sexual promiscuity, but some look inward (or is it outward?) recognising that the lasting answers to our troubled material worldare spiritual. Many of these souls are quite receptive to the Baha'i Faith, having developed a more acute sense of the state the world is in.

Aboard any submarine, a good deal of unified effort is required, and this sense of co-operation often manifests itself in the leisure activities of the crew, and so members of different religions aboard a submarine work together for mutual benefit. Such activities include everything from simple scheduling of meetings to members of one faith providing musical accompaniment for another's services, as Mike does. Baha'i firesides are given weekly aboard the Dace, and members of all faiths and ethnic groups can be found in attendance.

Personal time for prayer and deepening is difficult to manage, especially when you consider that three crewmembers share two bunks scarcely bigger than a man. But even regular deepening has its teaching apications. Reading material during a long cruise can become scarce and so shipmates sometimes ask to borrow Baha'i books simply for something to read, and end up learning more than the had originally planned! Aboard the Dace the Seven Valleys has been continuously in circulation for over a month. Others ask about the faith simply out of curiosity, and of course, the responses are as varied as the people that ask.

Life as a Baha'i, aboard a submarine is far from normal, but it seems that many normal principles apply, sometimes with tremendous clarity, for in the undersea world aboard the Dace all must work together for the common good or perish and that is the exact state of mankind today.



A Sobering Thought

The year 1945 was a turning point in the history of mankind, because in that year was perfected the first steps of the now ever-evolving and increasingly sophisticated mechanisms of destruction. This year was the first time the concept of world peace became a reality if we were to avoid elimination. Since that year, however, 150 wars have taken place in the world in which 25,000,000 people have perished. Besides this slaughter, countless more have suffered the agonies of bereavement, mutilation, homelessness and all that goes hand in hand with the scourge of war.

Until fairly recently, attention has been so riveted on the arms race between the superpowers that very little thought has been given to the possibility that a third world war may well be caused by the escalating conflicts in the third world.

A few years ago our inner cities erupted in violence. This violence was perpetrated by a minority of our poulation. Among many causes of this outbreak was the growing resentment of those youths who were surrounded, via the media, by luxuries that others and not they posessed. There is an interesting correolation here on a global scale. Increased global communications has enabled the 75% of the world's population living in the third world to see what the other 25% of the population do with 80% of the world's wealth.

Unlike our violent youth, these people do not need luxuries to supplement their lives, they need food, water, clothing, homes and shelter in order that they may enjoy the luxury of life. Violence, which may well culminate in a third world war may well be the price we pay for ignoring their needs.

When we in this country raise shouts of peace, talk about CND and protest for nuclear disarmament, what exactly are we asking for? What is it we are so anxiously trying to save?

Are we anxious to free mankind from the starvation and malnutrition that one out

of five children die from? Are we trying to eradicate their innumerable debilitating deseases? Are we trying to improve and make safe their water supplies? Are we trying to decrease their child mortality rate so that one in five does not have to die? Are we trying to find homes for the 800,000,000 men, women and children who are destitute? Or, when we talk about peace are we talking about maintaining and safeguarding our own standard of living and comfortable way of life?

When it is known that Great Britain is 4th equal with Italy (behind the USA, USSR and France) in arms dealing to the third world, then it seems that arms dealing and ultimately war is of no little importance to us and to our economy.

We are at various times called upon to do something in order to help our third world bretheren, most of which we pay mere lip-service to, both as people and as nations. We talk about the abstract concepts of "infant mortality" rather than face the vast number of children who are dying. We talk about how many planes we have sold instead of how one of those planes could supply, perhaps 1,500,000 people with good, clean, safe water, we talk about defence spending when half a day's spending could rid the world of malaria. People quote statistics about the amount of aid going to these countries without saying how many people remain hungry, ill or homeless.

When we turn our backs on the third world and its suffering, what distinguishes us from those Germans who turned their backs on the plight of the Jews during the Holocaust and pretended it just didn't exist?

Unless we face the fact (and soon) that the problem besetting mankind is moral, we will go the same way all civilisations have gone before us, and for the same reasons (corruption, materialism, decay of principles and moral fortitude, etc.). The resolution of this problem begins with ourselves, and until we recognise this we are all living on borrowed time. This is a summary of a talk given at the Westminster UNA by Frank Judd, outgoing director of VSO and director elect of Oxfam.

Similarities between this talk and the Baha'i writings are left for you, the reader to extract for yourself.

Community News

DERBY

On Thursday 16 August a public meeting was held in Derby. The meeting had been arranged for the Shiraz Project had as its guest speakers Daryoush Mazloum who spoke briefly on the plight of the Baha'is in Iran, and Madeline Hellaby who gave a vision of the future with a thought provoking talk on universal peace.

The audience of about 60, 10 of whom were not Baha'is, also enjoyed the musical entertainment which followed. Several pamphlets were also taken away from an exhibition at the hall.



STOKE ON TRENT

On 9 August one of the Baha'is from this community had to attend the inquest of Ian Mellin, a devoted Baha'i who met with a road accident in March.

After the proceedings the Coroner asked the Baha'i to join him for coffee. The

meeting lasted for 45 minutes during which the basic teachings of the Faith were discussed. The Coroner expressed his interest in the Faith and wished to meet with other local Baha'is. As a result of this meeting he has been invited to a fireside and as promised an introductory book has been sent to him.

WAVENEY

The Waveney spaceship landed at three carnivals in the area this summer. The idea of the spaceship was chosen partly for effect and partly to show the Faith as a religion "for the future". It certainly achieved the former, being especially popular with the children watching all the processions, and was noticeably the only float which received applause from the crowds as it passed by. On the 4th August at Beccles it won the first in category prize and the most entertaining float prize (the two cups are to be engraved with the word Baha'i this year!) which meant that the float had a mention and a photograph in the local paper. On 12th August, 30,000 people (including many tourists) saw the



float in Lowestoft where it won second in category prize. The third "landing" was at Bungay 'Hog Fair' and Carnival, where the spaceship lingered at the fair after the procession, attracting many children and a few adults, who were curious about the inside of it. The Baha'is put on some live entertainment until the fair finished in the early evening, when the spacecraft had to retreat to base before the light failed: a strange sight, seeing a spaceship driving through the East Anglian countryside!

At all three events, spacemen gave out 8,000 leaflets bearing the same logo as the float "One planet, one people... please" and both local and national

addresses. One child was heard by a Baha'i saying to its parent "You must read this, the spaceman gave it to me"!!! The feedback is slowly coming in - three letters have been received so far, and much interest has been generated by this valuable talking point.

To make the float, a wooden frame was placed over a Ford Transit and covered in cardboard and silver foil - two weeks' intense preparations for several people, a lot of time, energy and expense, but well worth the very widespread publicity achieved. The float was most definitely noticed. The spaceship was accompanied by music, and sound effects, including "taking off" and "landing"; at intervals it stopped, opened its door to let out various "space travellers" (at Lowestoft Baha'i balloons were given out at these points), and on "take off" blasted out two jets of "smoke".

The Waveney Baha'is would like to thank members of South Norfolk community who helped in the building of the float, and endured the hot spacesuits; also the Breckland group children who took part at Beccles.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL

On Friday 31 September two members of Hull community were married at the Station Hotel, Hull. They were Alison Heard and Derek Vint, both 20, who met at school four years ago. They are setting up home in Barnsley, a goal town where there are no Baha'is, although Alison has lived there for the last 6 months. The Baha'i community in Hull received much publicity including an article on the front page of the Hull Daily Mail.

There were nearly one hundred guests at the wedding including many contacts, friends and relatives of the bride and groom, and many Baha'is from all over the country.

Recently five members of Hull and Beverley community were interviewed by Viking Radio, the local commercial radio station. As well as the interview, the Baha'is sang songs and said prayers. As a result a 20 minute programme went out one Sunday morning and a 10 minute programme the following Sunday morning.

A lady contacted the local secretary

asking for more information on the Faith. She had met an Iranian Baha'i couple in Africa ten years ago and found them very attractive. Recently she had seen a Baha'i exhibition in Beverley Library and picked up a leaflet. She felt that now she would like to look into the Faith. She lives in Beverley - and the Beverley community need one more Baha'i to make their Assembly!

STOCKPORT

On Saturday 21 July, the Baha'is took part in Stockport Carnival. This has become a regular event for Stockport community. The day began at 9 a.m. when the friends met to decorate the lorry. The theme was "Uniting the World, One Heart at a Time". The youth rode in procession on the float through the city centre. The procession was witnessed by thousands of people.



Leaflets and sweets were distributed from the float. This was backed up by an exhibtion in a local park - the procession's destination. The day was hot, and crowds had flocked to the park. The day was rounded off by meeting together for a meal in the home of one of the community members.

SOUTH PEMBROKE

On August 13, the isolated believer from South Pembroke, with the help of the Swansea friends, organised a very successful afternoon programme at the Bloomfield Centre, Narberth. Slides of the Holy Land, including a Baha'i Pilgrimage, were shown to a group of about 15 non-Baha'is. Many remembered the Baha'is who visited Narberth for a Weekend School held at the Centre in

Spring 1983. The friends were warmly thanked for the entertainment and invited to return soon.

NORTHERN IRELAND

On 14 August the "Belfast Telegraph" published a number of letters of praise and comment about their article on the persecution of Iran's Baha'is of 4 August. Most were from Baha'is. The one whose text is quoted below may be of special interest as the writer is a Roman Catholic.

"LET IRAN KNOW IT IS REPELLENT"

Congratulations to your churches correspondent on the article "Baha'is - the people who suffer in silence" which appeared on August 4. Although not a Baha'i myself, I know some here in Ireland, and have seen their distress at the news of how their brethren are being made to suffer in Iran.

I still remember the shock I felt last year when it came to light that ten Baha'i women were hanged on one day (June 18) because they would not deny their faith.

The Baha'is have not taken up arms against their persecutors. I believe it is our duty as Christians to speak out in their support and let Iran know that what is happening is repellent to everyone of conscience.

Mrs M. O'Neill"

NEWTOWNABBEY

On 25 June, a delegation consisting of three Baha'is from Newtownabbey Spiritual Assembly were invited to Stormont (home of the Northern Ireland political Assembly, the Province's only political forum) by Mr Gordon Mawhinney, the Alliance party member for South Antrim.

Receiving the delegation with great kindness, he listened sympathetically to all the latest news about the plight of the Baha'i community in Iran, and was supplied with all the latest press releases etc. Mr Mawhinney then courageously offered to raise the matter before the House, despite the fact that foreign affairs are normally outside the jurisdiction of this body.

Subsequently on 4 July, Mr Mawhinney made a historic speech before this body, contrasting the right of freedom to worship in Northern Ireland against the complete denial of such rights to the Baha'i Community in Iran. The following is an extract from this very moving speech. (As recorded in Parliamentary Hansard 4 July).

Mr Mawhinney "Despite the allegations we often hear in this country of religious discrimination, I think that the worst of those allegations, even if they were true, relate to the failure to employ someone because of his religion, or the failure to be housed because of one's religion. These are, of course, all very serious matters, but one seldom is placed in the situation where an employer says 'Unless you leave your religion and join my religion you will lose your job', or 'Unless you give up your religion, you are going to be put in gaol', or - and I trust it has not happened in our lifetime - 'If you do not give up your religion you will pay the ultimate price of being executed'.

"There is, within my constituency, and I think perhaps within the constituency of some other honourable Members, a small group of Baha'ists. This is a religious group which has a lot of problems. Its members do not take part in politics, and so they have no political voice. They obey implicitly the rules and laws of the country where they reside, and that includes not practising their religion publicly but dismembering and dismantling structures of their church where the law requires it. If it should ever happen and God forbid that it will - that we would introduce legislation forbidding Baha'ists to have religious worship then they would cease to practise their religion; that is how much they adhere to the laws of the state. They adhere implicitly to the laws of the state in which they reside. There are 20 or so Baha'ists living in my constituency. Some of them are local people, some of them are people from various other countries, and some indeed are from the Middle East from the home of the Baha'i religion, Iran. Unfortunately their freedom to practise their religion here which they cherish greatly - is not something which is shared by their friends and relatives in Iran. In Iran today the Baha'i community is being persecuted. Its members are being murdered for their religion, and are being gaoled for their religion. This is the last opportunity I have before the summer recess to mention this, and I think it would be unfortunate - the opportunity next week for so many of our fellow citizens to assert their right to religious freedom - if we did not raise one voice in protest at this persecution".

At this point, Mr Jack McKee (Democratic Unionist) rose and added his support to Mr Mawhinney's speech. The speaker of the House, Mr Jim Kilfedder (Independant Unionist) also warmly supported the sentiments expressed, although he was forced to point out that such matters were 'out of order' in the Northern Ireland Assembly. Still, he had allowed the speech to be made. All the members present suported the sentiments expressed and no objections were raised. We believe that this is the first occasion that the Baha'i Faith has been raised in this forum.

SOUTH HAMS

A joint effort by the Torquay and Plymouth youth lead to a travelteaching weekend in Totnes. Youth from as far away as Manchester, Cambridge, London and Southampton took part, and what had started out as a small team grew to number over 25.

On Saturday 1 September an exhibition took place in the town centre followed by

a barbeque. Among the non-Baha'is present were those from Vietnam, America and India. The unity of those who took part was amply demonstrated in the variety of the entertainment that night. Baha'i songs and persian dances mixed with that from the other countries represented.

On the Sunday after a session of prayers and consultation the youth visited various beauty spots around Totnes where many people informed of the precepts of the Faith.

EDINBURGH

On 12 September the Edinburgh community, with the support of the neighbouring communities participated in the carnival parade which is a highlight of the Edinburgh Festival.

The Baha'i float with the theme of "One Planet, One People Please..."represented the family of mankind with twelve different nationalities dressed in colourful costumes. The centrepiece of the float was a large balloon with the world painted on it.

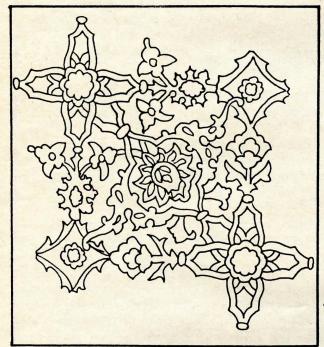
On the morning of the carnival the friends gathered at the Baha'i centre by 6am to decorate the float. The balloon was filled with air using a vacuum cleaner. By noon the float was on its way to the assembly point. Unfortunately the balloon burst, but determined to take part in the parade, where tens of thousands of onlookers awaited the single large balloon was replaced by a multitude of smaller ones.





Crossword

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ANSWERS OVER THE DAGE....

this picture is copied from a wall-tile in a monastery in the Middle East. Bahá'u'lláh would have visited buildings with walls covered in this kind of pattern. This one was first made 300 years ago. It would have been very colourful - perhaps you'd like to colour it.

4. The land of the birth of the Bahá'í Fair. "Nur" is the Arabic name of this month.

O little children, children everywhere, with a song in your heart, and a song in the air; Be happy, little children, children everywhere, Thanking Lord Almighty, Thanking Him every day Thank Him for the work you've done, Thank Him for your play; Thank Him for your dancing feet; And when youre playing hide and seek, Be happy little children, children everywhere.

A NINETEEN DAY KHINGS FEASTS CALENDAR What you will need:

2 pieces of coloured card (52 x 45 cms) 1 piece of thick card cut into a 4½ cm square; scissors; paper paste; crayons or felt-tips; a pencil, a ruler; piece of ribbon.

What you do:

ODraw 19 squares on one sheet of card using the square shape to draw round. Space the squares evenly so that they spread out over the whole of the card. OCut along the top & bottom lines of each square, and down the middle: 1 you will now have made 19 little windows. 3) Turn the card over on to the wrong side & paste around the edges and between the windows. Be careful not to get any Distick the second sheet of card onto the back of the first one. Press under a heavy weight until dry.

6) Now write the name of each Bahá'í Feast in the correct order on the piece 2

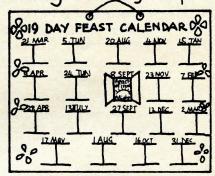
of card that shows through the windows like this: put the English name at the bottom and draw & colour a picture in the middle. (Try to draw

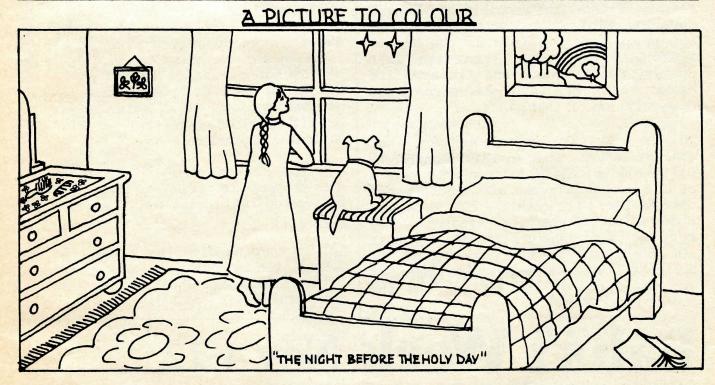
pictures that mean something similar to the name of the Feast.)

6 Write the date of each Feast above the windows.

7 Draw & colour pictures or patterns on the front of the calendar to make a border

(8) Make two holes in the top; thread ribbon through to hang it up.





ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD: ACROSS: 2. NABIL; 5. RIDVAN; 6. KAMÁL; 8. BIBLE.

DOWN: 1. SHIRAZ; 2. NAVVÁB: 3. ASMA; 4. PERSIA; 7. LIGHT.

Circle of Unity a first glimpse

One of the criticisms sometimes levelled at Baha'is is their lack of a stand on current social issues. We are sometimes accused of ignoring many of these in favour of a somewhat "Pie-in-the-sky" answer which will take effect sometime in the dim, distant future. It is therefore refreshing to see a book which addresses many of these issues directly.

Circle Of Unity is a collection of 10 essays by various authors. The subjects covered are - disarmament and the peace movement, race relations, poverty and wealth, human rights, the women' movements, economic and social development and Marxism. A mixed bag of subjects, but each one is of great importance to us as Baha'is. We must, if we are to persuade others of the verity and potency of the answers the Faith contains within its teachings,

demonstrate a good understanding of the problems themselves. This book is therefore <u>vital</u> reading to all Baha'is. We cannot afford to sidestep issues like these. It is therefore strongly recommended that all Baha'is purchase, read and ponder.

The answers in Circle of Unity are not definitive, they represent only the views of their respective authors. Kailmat press, the publishers, are actively seeking replies, even rebuttals, to the various essays. They see Circle of Unity as the beginning of a process, not the end. The editor, Anthony Lee, says of the book, "The whole idea of the book was to begin constructive discussion and debate within the Baha'i community on the most pressing social issues of our time." Kalimat Press plans to take this process further by publishing a sequel which will contain different points of view.

Contributions to the second volume should be sent to Anthony Lee, Kalimat Press, 10889 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA, 90024, USA.

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As Baha'is we have transcended the limitations of nationality and boundaries, and accepted the universality of mankind.

Our fellow believers from Holland, Belgium, France, the Republic of Ireland, Germany, Finland and even those from countries as far afield as the United States, South Korea, Iran, the Gulf States, Saudi Arabia and Zimbabwe are here this morning as a living demonstration of that unity.

In some small way, we hope and pray that the spirit generated in this magnificent hall this weekend will touch the hearts of all our countrymen who, in fairness and resolve, will take the time to ponder those spiritual energies released by the Revelation of Baha'u'llah, causing this new generation from every country of the North Sea to raise their voices together for the unity of the nations and the brotherhood of man.

SOUL WARS SUCCESS

By all accounts the Youth School in Worthing from 7-11 August was a box office hit. The programme had been excellently conceived with some very exciting and necessary topics. The theme of the school was to remind us of the battle we face as Baha'i youth in this decadent society. In a letter written on behalf of Shoghi Effendi we find the following quotation:

"... the Master used to say sometimes that the western friends will be severely persecuted but theirs will be primarily moral..."

So, in keeping with the imagery of the school, let us have more of such schools before the Empire Strikes Back! And may the FORCE be with you!

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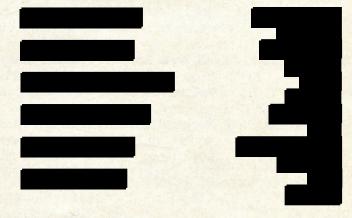
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Births



In Memoriam

Mrs Sheila H. Bell	Shepway
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OCT	2	Public meeting. Level 8, Physics Common Room, Physics Building, Imperial College, Prince Consort Rd, London W8. 7pm.
OCT	13	Day school at the Unitarian Church Hall, Park St, Kingston-upon-Hull. Subject "Baha'u'llah's revelation". Details send SAE to C. Vodden, Kingston-upon-Hull. Telephone
ОСТ	14	Day school "Walking the Spiritual Path with Practical Feet" 15 Woodlands Drive, Harrogate. 10am. Details Bets O'Neill,
OCT	14	Day school, Red Cross Hall, 244 London Rd, Leicester.
OCT	14	Day school "Christ and Baha'u'llah" Manchester Baha'i Centre, 360 Wilmslow Rd, Fallowfield, Manchester, 10am.
OCT	17	Public meeting on "Racial Unity" in the presence of the Mayor of Brent. Brent Town Hall, Forty Lane, Wembley, 8pm. Details and complimentary invitation cards conatact Hasan Afnan 01-904-4265
OCT	19	Fire & Snow in concert Acre Hall, Pinner Rd, Northwood, Middx, 8pm. Contact Ruislip 31677
OCT	19	Birthday of Bab celebration. Tickets £5 (adults) and £2.50 (children) Limited number of tickets available so book early. Contact Noura Tel 01-221-6280. (Venue same as October 2)
OCT	20-21	Weekend School "Social and Economic Development" Accommodation available 26 North Fort Street, Edinburgh. Contact Kehler Kuhbor to book your place. Tel
OCT	20-21	Weekend school "The World - One Family" Talks for adults and youth, childrens programme. Venue - The English In Chester Building, Chester. 10.30 am. Celebration of the Birth of the Bab. Details G. Smith,
OCT	24	Public meeting, "Women and Children". Speakers include representatives of Amnesty International, The World Development Movement, and The Anti-Slavery Movement. Room 119, Lambeth Town Hall, Brixton, 8pm. Refreshments provided.
OCT	25	Public meeting, Guild Hall, Grantham, 7.30. Details Peter Dowson,
OCT	25	As part of the Epping Forest Peace Festival (Oct 15-27) Fire and Snow in concert, Methodist Church, High Rd, Loughton. 8pm. Details Shahla Far,

OCT 27 One World Week event "An Evening of Music and Words" 15 Woodlands Drive, Harrogate, 7.45pm. Details see Oct 14. OCT 28 United Nations Day Interfaith Celebration. GuildfordCathederal Refectory 7.30. Archbishop Trevor Huddlestone and followers of the Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh, Moslem and Christian Faiths will also be present. Public meeting in conjunction with Wembley UNA on "Disarmament" VON 1 UNA & Baha'i speakers. Venue - Wembley Park United Reform Church, The Broadway, East Lane, Wembley. 8pm. Details Kishan Manocher VON 2 - 4"Spiritual Renewal Weekend" Live, work, study and pray together. Bring Advent of Divine Justice & prayer book. Accommodation and meals provided. Cost £3 per day. For details contact Mation Klyne, Tel 3 "Time Out Project" Visit to Westonbirt Arboretum. Enjoy a day in NOV the country with your non-Baha'i friends. Team leaders with cars wanted to help at local firesides on the way home. Bring sandwiches and wear waterproof shoes/wellies and kagools. Details contact NTC office after October 1st. 4-12 VON NATIONAL BAHA'I WEEK Preston, Lancashire - A Country Dance to celebrate the birthday of Baha'u'llah, at Preston Polytechnic Arts Centre, St 10 VOV Square, off Fylde Rd. Admission £2 per person. Peter's Fire & Snow in concert, Knaresborough Hall, Knaresborough, VON 10 Yorkshire followed by late supper. Details Bets O'Niell, Harrogate. NOV 11 Celebration of Birth of Baha'u'llah, YWCA, Lockver St, Plymouth 5pm. Details Pauline Glsagow, NOV 18 NATIONAL TEACHING CONFERENCE BLACKPOOL WINTER GARDENS 23 NOV Public meeting, Grantham Town Hall. Details see 25 Oct. DEC 1-2Music weekend for all those interested in using music in teaching events. Venue - Woolverstone Hall School, Nr Ipswich. Registration fee £1. Details Elisabeth Smithson, 35 Shotley Close, Brookwood, Ipswich. WINTER SCHOOL 1985 Trafalgar Hotel, Manchester. Limited space 27-JAN 2 DEC available so book early. Booking form and information from: Baha'i Schools Central Registration, 2 Culcheth Hall Drive, Culcheth, Warrington, Cheshire. WA3 4PS.

Public meetings at the National Centre, 27 Rutland Gate, Thursdays 8pm. A series of talks by Peter Hulme, 4 Oct, Basic Principles of the Faith; 11 Oct, The Baha'i way of life; 18 Oct, The New World Order; 25 Oct, Prescription for the ills of the age.

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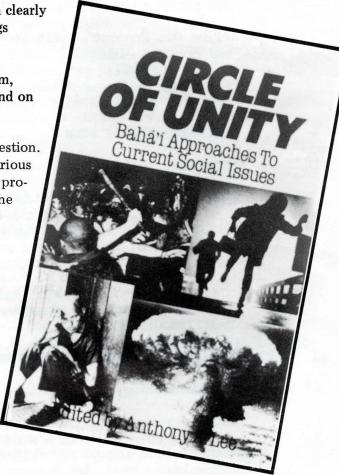
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