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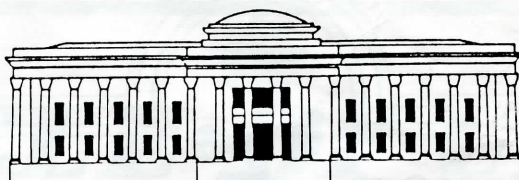
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**Architect Husayn Amanat with a model of the Samoan House of Worship. Behind, friends and guests arrive for the dedication**





# THE UNIVERSAL HOUSE OF JUSTICE

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WITH HEAVY HEARTS ANNOUNCE MARTYRDOM SHAHPUR MARKAZI OUTSTANDING SERVANT FAITH IN IRAN MEMBER PREVIOUS NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY AND AUXILIARY BOARD MEMBER.

HE SUFFERED CRUEL TORTURE PAST FEW MONTHS. PURPOSE THESE TORTURES WAS FORCE HIM TO ADMIT FALSE CHARGES IMPLICATING BAHAI INSTITUTIONS AS NETWORK ESPIONAGE AND HIMSELF AS SPY.

HIS GROWING RESISTANCE INCREASED INTENSITY TORTURES WHICH MAY HAVE CAUSED HIS DEATH 23 SEPTEMBER. HE WAS BURIED 25 SEPTEMBER WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE RELATIVES FRIENDS.

REGRET ANNOUNCE ALSO PASSING AWAY IN PRISON OF AMANULLAH QURBANPUR 60 YEAR OLD MASON ON 25 AUGUST 1984. CAUSE DEATH UNKNOWN. HOWEVER, BLOODSTAINED CLOTHES RETURNED TO FAMILY TOGETHER WITH HIS RECENTLY-WASHED SHOES MAKES CIRCUMSTANCES HIS DEATH SUSPICIOUS. HIS BODY WAS ALSO BURIED BY THE AUTHORITIES WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE RELATIVES.

UNIVERSAL HOUSE OF JUSTICE.



## From the Editor

Allah'u'Abha!

Dear Friends,

this issue contains a great deal to excite and to interest the community - pictures of the dedication of our new House of Worship in Samoa - the news of the Thomas Breakwell School for the children and youth of greater London - and much more.

Communities should by now have gone a long way toward organising their events for National Baha'i Week. If you have not then set out a programme of prayers, arrange a public talk and a party - it is the least that can be done to celebrate the birth of the Baha'i Revelation.

It is hoped to have a table at the National Teaching Conference for the Baha'i Journal, where the believers can

bring their comments and where the editor will be able to discuss applications with those who have made offers. See you there!

Finally, we are, of course, delighted to receive news of births, marriages etc. but please also inform the Department of Records c/o the National Office - they really ought to know first - along with any change of address.

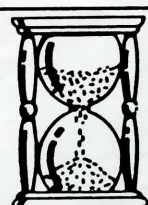
God bless you all and have a happy Birthday of Baha'u'llah!

The Editor.

# DEADLINE

# 12

# NOVEMBER



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



# A Mars a day....

"A Mars a day helps you Work, Rest and Play."

WE are all probably familiar with this little jingle which a chocolate manufacturer has used for so many years to advertise one of its more popular products.

Many of us probably do eat a Mars Bar every day or its equivalent on the way to school or college, at morning break or perhaps on the way home. We probably never even stop to think about it\_ it is part off our daily routine. We certainly do not notice what we spend on it, though we might just notice the difference to our appetites and our waistlines if we did not eat one each day! Having got used to and learned one little rhyme, let us try out another\_ it is very similar in sound, but very different in purpose:

"A Mars a Day helps the Fund pay its way"

Just try that out on your tongue a few times. Not too difficult to say, is it?

Ah, but what does it mean? It means the difference between the National Fund being between a half and a quarter below the national Assembly's Annual Budget and being able to meet that budget. It means the difference between being in debt and falling behind with its bills and being able to pay for everything on time and carry out its main objectives. Now THAT is quite a difference!

What we are being asked to do is very simple and straightforward, something that will not hurt us very much but will make a lot of difference. In addition to whatever we already contribute to the fund, each Baha'i family, each Baha'i household, is being asked to put aside the cost of a Mars Bar each day to send to the National Fund. That means that each member of the family should take turns on a regular basis to drop into a jar or tin set aside for the purpose, the money they would have spent on their favourite chocolate snack. If you live on your own that means every day, but if there are four of you that means only every fourth day. Even so it is not much to ask.

It is perhaps worth reminding ourselves about the Fund in case we are not sure about or sufficiently convinced of its importance. All the following quotations are taken from the Universal House of Justice Compilation Number 3 entitled: "Lifeblood of the Cause".

## 1) Why should we give?

"Both the local Assemblies and the individual believers should realise that unless they contribute regularly and generously to that Fund the progress of the Faith... will not only be considerably retarded, but will inevitably come to a standstill." p10 (Letter on behalf of Shoghi Effendi)

"The National Fund must be firmly established, generously supported and universally and continuously upheld, for it is the prerequisite of future progress and achievement." p4 (Shoghi Effendi)

"...I regard it of the utmost vital importance that individuals, as well as local Assemblies, throughout the land should, in view of the paramount importance of National Teaching and as an evidence of their absolute confidence in their national representatives, endeavor, however small at first, to contribute freely towards the upkeep and the increase of the National Baha'i Fund..." p2-3 (Shoghi Effendi)

## 2) How much should we give?

"As to the idea of 'giving what one can afford'; this does by no means put a limit or even exclude the possibility of self-sacrifice. There can be no limit to one's contributions to the national fund. The more one can give the better it is, specially when such offerings necessitate the sacrifice of other wants and desires on the part of the donor. The harder the sacrifice the more meritorious will it be, of course, in the sight of God." p10 (Shoghi Effendi)

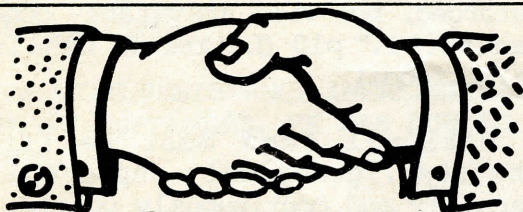
Other passages quoted in the same compilation remind us that only registered believers have the privilege to contribute to the Fund- those with their voting rights withdrawn may not-



and that since our numbers are still relatively small each one of us has a correspondingly heavier burden and responsibility. We are also reminded not to incur debts in making our contributions but, above all, to contribute regularly.

Let us all try this simple little idea for a few months at least- maybe until next Ridvan- and see if the Fund manages to stay on target for once. It is worth a try is it not? Once again, practise that new little rhyme:

"A Mars a Day helps the Fund pay its way."



The National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Cuba wishes to convey its expressions of Baha'i love to the friends in the United Kingdom.

## THE NEW TREASURY SUB-OFFICE

IS NOW OPEN!

Contributions to:

- the National Fund
- Capital Projects Fund

should now be sent to:

The Treasury Officer,  
6 Mount Pleasant,  
Oakham, Leics,  
LE15 6HU.

Tel: 0572-2780

Contributions to:

- the International fund
- Temple Funds
- Continental funds

should be sent to:

Mr John Long,  
2 South Street,  
Oakham, Leics.  
LE15 6HY

## SAMOAN PICTURE SPECIAL

Throughout this issue of the Journal you will find photographs of the dedication of the Samoan House of Worship. Technical difficulties make it impractical to print them on one or two pages.



Assembled Baha'is and guests stand as Amatu'l-Baha Ruhiiyyih Khanum opens the dedication of the House of Worship on Saturday afternoon, 1 September.



## Sepideh's essay wins a trip to Japan

Sepideh Taheri, a sixth former at Dalriada School in Coleraine, Northern Ireland, has won a prize of a trip to Japan with her essay on telecommunications. Education minister Nicholas Scott had an opportunity to talk with her when he presented the prizes to her and seven other winning students from Ulster.

During her chat with the minister she was able to point out the fact that her father, a Baha'i in Iran, was unable to join the rest of her family due to the situation in Iran. Afterwards Mr. Scott remarked on how impressed with her he had been.

Sepideh's essay does not mention the faith by name but voices many Baha'i viewpoints. It is rather too long and too technical to print in full, however we are printing the opening paragraphs for you to judge the standard for yourselves.

The title of the essay is : "The Telecommunications revolution: How this can contribute to greater social and economic progress in the United Kingdom."

On May 24th, 1844, in Washington D.C., Mr. Samuel F.B. Morse, the inventor of the telegraph, stepped to the keyboard of his new instrument. He was about to send the first official telegram in history flashing along the wires from Washington to Baltimore. By this invention, it was said, the world would be united physically in the twinkling of an eye. These lightning-like impulses looping along the wires shrink the size of the world, they said.

Samuel Morse put his hand to the keyboard of the telegraph and tapped out that first formal message. The words were taken from the Book of Numbers :

"What hath God wrought!"

And hence, began the Telecommunications Revolution; a revolution which has, ever since its inception, been identified with the unfolding of a fresh marvel every day, and, which has, in the course of less than a century and a half, indeed caused the contraction of the world.

Among the tangible consequences of this wonderful phenomenon is that for none is self-sufficiency any longer possible, since political ties unite all nations, and the bonds of trade and industry, of agriculture and education, are being continually strengthened. The interdependence of the people of the earth is already an accomplished fact. Its unity in the economic sphere is now understood and recognised. In such a world, then, inevitably the advantage of the part is best to be achieved by the advantage of the whole - the welfare of the part means the welfare of the whole, and the distress of the part brings distress to the whole.

Therefore, social and economic progress in any one nation cannot be successfully achieved without mutual co-operation with, and consideration of, the integral parts of the entire human race.

By social and economic progress, it should be stated, is meant an effective improvement in meeting the requirement of individual and public services in fields such as administration, security, education, health, commerce and banking, agriculture and labour organisation, and increasing, productivity in those areas by offering a pool of data and information to be used in problem-solving and decision-making. It cannot be disregarded, however, that ultimately, the highest and foremost of all the aims of social progress in particular, is the fostering of the spirit of unity and concord, and the promotion of understanding and amity among mankind, both at national and world-wide levels.

## BLUEPRINT FOR PEACE

BLUEPRINT FOR PEACE is the title of the International Youth Year essay competition which the Baha'is are organising. As soon as they have been produced, each community will be receiving information packs for each secondary school in their area and instructions on their role in this most important Baha'i project. More details will be released as they are finalised





Blending naturally into its woodland setting, the Baha'i House of Worship located just outside Apia, the capital of Western Samoa, receives the final touches before its official dedication. Many Baha'i came early, often literally spade in hand to complete the landscaping of the grounds surrounding the House of Worship and other tasks. Almost 1,300 Baha'is from 45 countries and island groups attended the dedication on 1 September at which Amatu'l-Baha Ruhiiyyih Khanum represented the Universal House of Justice.

## Fresher's Fairs- the key to success?

Between October 4 - 5 more than 2500 students saw the Baha'i Society stall at the Fresher's Fair at the London School of Economics.

As far as being able to proclaim the Faith is concerned, for Baha'is at university, college or polytechnic this can be the most satisfying time of the year. Each year hundreds if not thousands of new faces get the chance to discover the Faith through a college Baha'i Society.

The most delightful thing about this year's fair at the LSE was that almost all the students to whom the Baha'is managed speak had heard of the Faith before, through the media or through

seeing Baha'i Society meetings advertised on the college noticeboards during the past 2 years. Most of these students wanted to know more about the Faith because they had heard the name but had no background information. Many wanted to join the Baha'i Society. It is always good to know that all the effort put into proclamation can sometimes bear fruit.

For those Baha'i societies whose regular meetings are not well attended, it would be advisable to still continue to hold meetings and events, it at least gives one the opportunity to use the noticeboards to display the name "Baha'i". One day, perhaps at next years Fresher's Fair your fellow students will want to know what it stands for. If your college does not have a Baha'i Society or you wish to know more about the role of such a society please contact Mr Chris Lee, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Newcastle



# «THE POOR IN YOUR MIDST ARE MY TRUST»

He stood, leaning against a hand-rail, shy and cowed like a frightened animal, caught on the corner on the landing. We were alone for a moment on the wide, spotlessly-clean stairs between the floors of a London department store. He wore clothes worn and ragged, but clean. His face was worn like his clothes, but showed the innocence of a bewildered child. It was difficult to tell, as I approached, whether he was staring at me or straight through me.

I remembered 'Abdu'l-Baha, how he hed time and love for everyone, no matter how poor or destitute. My heart went out to this lonely old man, without friends or love, uncared for, trudging the streets overnight between charity hostels, seeking out warm shops during the day as refuge from the cold pavements outside. I wanted to help him, to detach myself from the thousands who walk past him unconcerned each day, to show him that I cared, to follow the Master's example.

I failed, through pride. I did not have the courage to be different from all those others. I looked at him without showing any trace of my inner turmoil. I invented reasons to excuse myself for walking straight past him - I had no time; he might be drunk or violent; Baha'u'llah has forbidden begging and indolence; and what if my colleagues from the office saw me?

I lay in bed the same evening and picked up Gleanings. I read:

"If ye meet the abased or the downtrodden, turn not away distainfully from them, for the King of Glory ever watcheth over them and surroundeth them with such tenderness as none can fathom except them that have suffered their wishes and desires to be merged in the Will of your Lord, the Gracious, the All-Wise".

Baha'u'llah, the King of Glory, was watching over that man, was surrounding him with tenderness, and I had turned away distainfully! I read on:

"O ye rich ones of the earth! Flee not from the face of the poor that lieth in the dust, nay rather befriend him and suffer him to recount his tale of woes

with which God's inscrutable decree hath caused him to be afflicted. By the righteousness of God! Whilst you consort with him, the Concourse on high will be looking upon you, will be interceding for you, will be extolling your names and glorifying your action". (Gleanings p313)

How easy it is to forget the poor, the downtrodden, and the destitute in this fast, rich, materialistic society of ours, and yet how much they deserve our attention. 'Abdu'l-Baha said that he was "in love with the poor", and that "no deed of man is greater than helping the poor". In New York he addressed 400 of society's outcasts at the Bowery Mission, and asked them to accept him as their servant. He told them that "while Baha'u'llah was in Baghdad, He left all He had and went alone from the city, living for two years among the poor. They were His comrades..."

To befriend and to love the poor and the destitute surely helps them; how much more must it help us? Baha'u'llah said that we should associate with the poor "for thereby we may inherit the Kingdom of Heaven". ('Abdu'l-Baha p177). We learn to open our hearts and embrace all of humanity, not simply those we like anyway. We learn to love others for what they are, and to see only the good. Baha'u'llah's command that we should befriend the abased and the downtrodden is, in truth, for our own good and our spiritual progress: "Whilst ye consort with him, the Concourse on high will be looking upon you, will be interceding for you, will be extolling your names and glorifying your action".

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# BEACON OF LIGHT

Following the International Youth Conference in Canada, two youth presented a project to the National Teaching Committee to carry the spirit of the conference to communities throughout England, Wales and Scotland.

The trip was modified to include Northern Ireland and the Republic. The project was to be called "The Beacon of Light". The following is a report from these youth:

Thursday, 27 September saw the launch of Beacon of Light. The name recalls an ancient British tradition whereby beacons of light are lit at vantage points across the country at times of momentous events, enabling the news to sweep across the country very quickly. By visiting local communities, Beacon of Light is like the light travelling from one beacon to another spreading the awareness that

beacons are being lit. It is not a command or even a request; it is simply a statement of fact. Twice in recent years this ancient tradition has been revived - to commemorate the Queen's Silver Jubilee (1977) and the Royal Wedding (1981). The knowledge of the message "Youth can move the world" (3 January 1984) from the universal house of Justice has given rise to what is becoming known as the Baha'i Youth Movement. It is a movement characterised by the highly spiritual; nature of its discipline, the relevance of its constant and continuous discourse, and the matchless example of its courtesy. It is the spontaneous movement of a renewed spirit; the manifestation of a spiritual energy; the capture of a new vision - that it is within our power to "contribute significantly to shaping the societies of the coming century". In sharing this challenge among Baha'i youth we are in turn presenting the same challenge to our peers across the land. In seizing the torch, the participants in the Baha'i Youth Movement offer the challenge to feel our energy, add your energy to ours, help us multiply our powers and to move with us.

## HELP!

The National Office urgently requires volunteer labour to help prepare for Teaching Conference. If you can give some of your time please phone the Office Manager on 01-584-2566

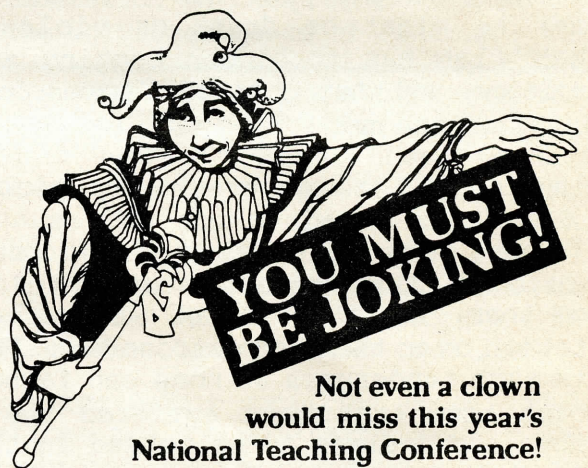
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And if any further reason were needed, we hold firesides in our homes; we invite civic dignitaries and leaders of society and thought to Town Hall dinners: perhaps we sometimes overlook, as individuals and communities, teaching the poor and the destitute of the coming of Baha'u'llah, even though their hearts may be more truly open and receptive than most others.

God grant that the next time I see that man, or one of his many comrades, and I have the time and the occasion is appropriate, that I shall overcome my prejudices at his appearance, conquer my pride, and shall befriend him in some way, and thereby catch a glimpse of that tenderness with which the King of Glory has surrounded him.

Mike Gammage

## Miss Teaching Conference?



Not even a clown  
would miss this year's  
National Teaching Conference!

WINTER GARDENS  
BLACKPOOL

NOVEMBER 17 & 18

## BOOK NOW!



# The Mystery of Pilgrimage

Every thing we experience in this earthly world suffers change. Try as we may we cannot hold the image of Sunset when myriad colours melt into colourless shadows, nor fix in the mind's eye Dawn's roseate hues that glow into brightness. From the fire of first love to our child's first smile, the most poignant human experiences, like brilliant stars, light up our world and are gone. Such is the world of dust.

Yet pilgrimage transcends this human paradox, when to experience beauty is to know its end. At that resplendent and hallowed spot - and only there - the beauty that vibrates in your soul had no beginning; can have no end. It permeates your very being and you glimpse the promised worlds upon worlds where there is no now, no yesterday - no tomorrow.

There, reciting the wondrous Tablet of Visitation the mystery of the Universe crystallises in every word.

There, where your forehead touches the rose-strewn step of the Sacred Threshold, words fail.

There, you learn a new language - you pray in tears.  
There you lay before The King of All Eternity, everything  
you have: your weakness, your sins and your failures.  
There you crave perfection - to lose yourself and become  
as nothing.

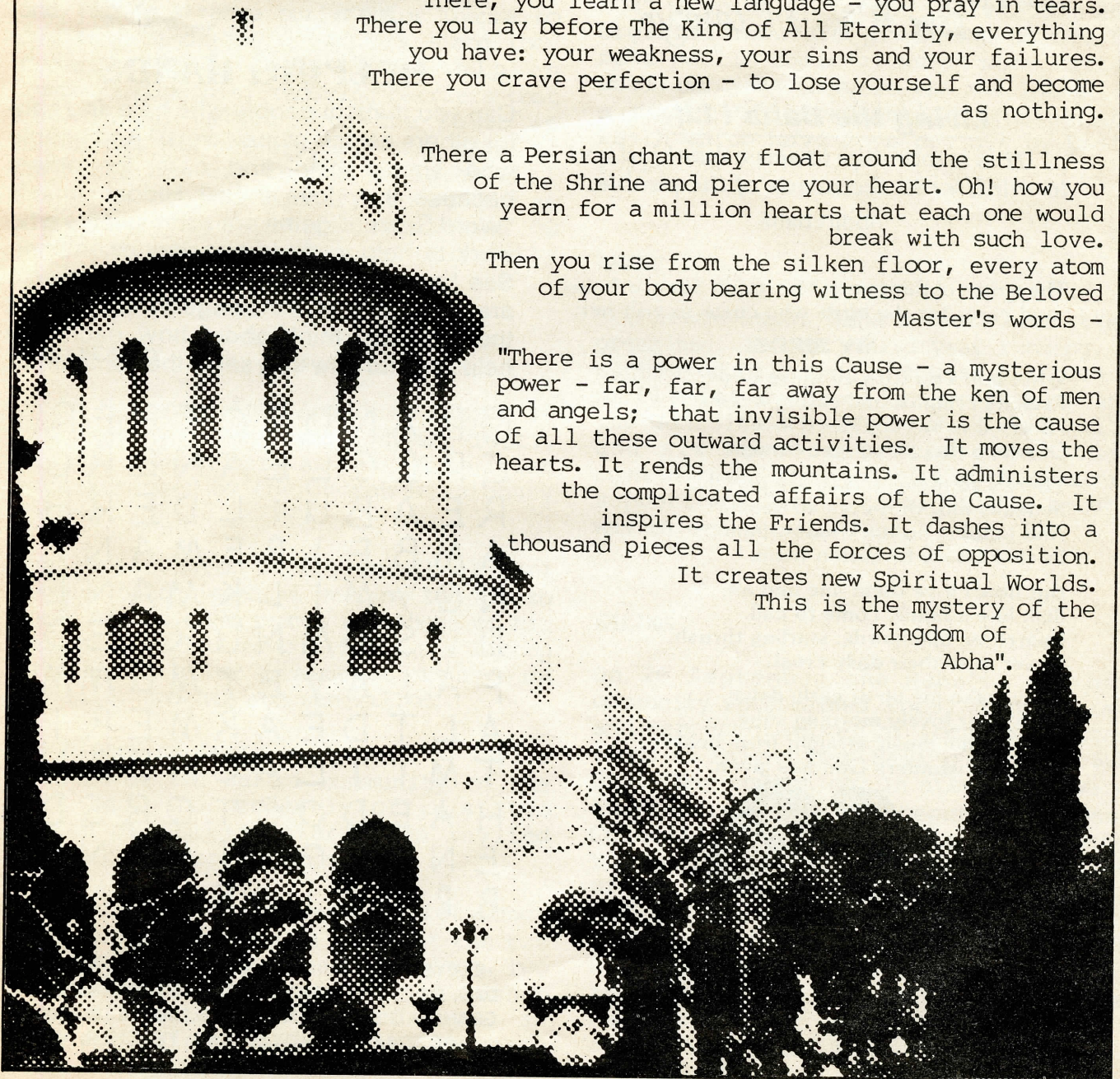
There a Persian chant may float around the stillness  
of the Shrine and pierce your heart. Oh! how you  
yearn for a million hearts that each one would  
break with such love.

Then you rise from the silken floor, every atom  
of your body bearing witness to the Beloved  
Master's words -

"There is a power in this Cause - a mysterious  
power - far, far, far away from the ken of men  
and angels; that invisible power is the cause  
of all these outward activities. It moves the  
hearts. It rends the mountains. It administers  
the complicated affairs of the Cause. It  
inspires the Friends. It dashes into a  
thousand pieces all the forces of opposition.

It creates new Spiritual Worlds.

This is the mystery of the  
Kingdom of  
Abha".





# Children's Page

Hallo!

How are you all? My family and I have been **very** busy this month, moving house. We now live on the island of Anglesey. If you have ever moved house you will know what hard work it is! Fortunately though, we had some wonderful helpers who gave up their spare time to help carry heavy boxes and furniture into the big removal van and then helped to unload everything at our new house - one helper even brought us all a hot dinner round after we'd all finished! Have you ever needed the help of someone? Most of us need a helping-hand now and again and it's so good to know that we can call on someone to assist us. It's also nice to know that **we** can help others too!

*Love to you all, Carolyn*

## Living the Baha'i Life

*"... This is worship: to serve mankind and to minister to the needs of the people."*

'Abdu'l-Bahá

The writer of this poem, Mrs. Edith Spence, helps and cares for the birds who come to visit her:

### MY BIRDS

What **will** I do with all these birds?  
Pecking crumbs, and eating worms;  
I know it is but cupboard love,  
Of which they never get enough.

There's so many and all are greedy,  
Seagulls too, with eyes so beady;  
And tapping on the window-pane,  
In case I have forgotten them.

But how I love them one and all,  
Just like a family come to call.  
Sparrows, blackbirds, starling thrush,  
Never miss their daily crust.

They wake me up at early dawn,  
With their lovely morning song.  
It's just like music straight from heaven,  
All these wonders God has given.



## HELPING HANDS

Can you think of people who help and care for others as part of their work? And people who simply help and care for others because they love them? Hidden in this "Word Search" game are some people who work to help us all in one way or another. See how many you can find. The answers are at the bottom of the page. When you find the answers, think about how each one helps us and how they serve the community.

GRANDMOTHER  
GRBCLEANERC  
REABUILDERH  
AMBFIREMANI  
NOYMILKMANL  
DVS DMNURSED  
FAI AVETMUMM  
ALTD FARMERI  
TMTTEACHERN  
HAEDOCTORS  
ENRPOSTMANE  
R POLICEMANR

The hidden helpers are:

BABYSITTER, BUILDER, CHILDMINDER, CLEANER  
DAD, DOCTORS, FARMER, FIREMAN, GRANDMOTHER  
GRANDFATHER, MILKMAN, MUM, NURSE, POLICEMAN  
POSTMAN, REMOVAL-MAN, TEACHER, VET

Can you think of any more?



# Community News



## BLAENAU GWENT

There is a new Baha'i teacher in this area; he's Thenna Daniel Abbas and he's six weeks old. His entry into the world enabled his drowsy mother to tell the Ugandan doctor about the Faith. Without speaking he's a great attraction, mother and father arrange parties for Thenna to invite friends and neighbours - and they come! He's a tremendous help in contacting people, removing barriers that can become raised when the Faith is mentioned. His parents feel sure that, as he makes his way in the world he will continue in this manner, especially as they have begun to say the prayer "O Lord, open thou the door...." on a daily basis.

## LONDONDERRY

On 15 September the Anglican Bishop of Iran, the Rt Rev Hasan Dehqani-Tafti, visited Londonderry as part of an Irish tour arranged by the Church Missionary Society.

The local Church of Ireland (Anglican) diocese held a special meeting for him to speak of his experiences and those of his church since the revolution - the Bishop is in exile after an attempt was made on his life, and his son was killed.

The Bishop of Derry telephoned to invite members of the Baha'i community to the talk and, independently of this, two Church of Ireland clergy had invited believers who are friends.

After the talk there was a buffet lunch and a chance to mingle and meet the two Bishops as well as those attending. Two Baha'is were able to talk with Bishop Dehqani-Tafti, and one of them, an Iranian believer was able to converse

with the Bishop and his wife in Persian, which was appreciated.

Bishop Dehqani-Tafti said in conversation that several Baha'is who were personal friends had been shot since the revolution, which was the cause of great sadness to him, and he looked forward to the time when he and his Baha'i friends would be able to meet freely once again in Iran.

A ten minute talk on the persecutions in Iran and the teachings of the Faith was broadcast on BBC Radio Foyle on 10 October. This radio station covers the Londonderry area as well as parts of the Republic of Ireland.

The talk was one of a series called "Soap Box" in which different individuals and organisations are given the chance to make public their views on some matter which concerns them. It was the latest in a number of broadcasts featuring the Faith which have been put out by Radio Foyle.

## BRENT

The Brent local Baha'i youth committee organised, for the third year running, a sponsored walk on 12 August. A distance of 10 miles was paced between Wembley and the Guardian's Grave by six Brent youth and six more believers from other communities who joined in for moral support and fun. A considerable amount was raised for the Fund.

## EALING

On 20 September the Baha'is in this community entertained local dignitaries and representatives of local organisations at Ealing Town Hall during the 6th Unity Day reception. In attendance were the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress, Councillor & Miss Kopeka, Sir George Young, Under secretary of the Department of the Environment, and MP for Ealing, and Mr Harry Greenway, MP for Ealing North. Also in attendance was Mr Michael Elliot the local Euro-MP. All proclaimed their interest in the well-being of the Faith and their willingness to be of assistance should they be called upon.



Sir George explained to those present what action he had taken so far, as regards the situation in Iran, which included approaching the various secretaries of state who could possibly help, as had Mr Greenway. Mr Greenway also spoke of his recent trip to Israel, where he visited the Baha'i shrines, which he greatly admired. Privately he told two of the believers that he had said prayers for the Baha'is there.

The Baha'i speaker pleased the Deputy Mayor by choosing the subject "Progress with unity", which is the Borough's motto. Unfortunately it stole the Deputy Mayor's punchline! The Deputy Mayor wished the Baha'is well and was presented with a Baha'i book which he promised to start reading that night.

#### **PLYMOUTH**

On 28 October the Baha'is of Plymouth will take part in an interfaith service at the Sherwell United Reformed Church as a contribution to One World Week. As the theme this year is "Women and children" there will be a children's prayer, a passage from the writings about the station of women as well as an introductory talk on the Faith.

Plymouth community continues its good relationship with the Unitarian Church and will attend the welcome service for its new minister on 17 November. The community have also recently joined the United Nations Association and will participate in the Autumn programme.

#### **WELWYN-HATFIELD**

Like Baha'is throughout the world, this community was horrified to hear of the torture of Baha'is in Iranian prisons. They decided to do two things, firstly hold an evening of prayers and secondly make a special approach to their MP.

At the end of the prayer meeting a senior Quaker speaking on behalf of the non-Baha'is present thanked the Baha'is "for the privilege of taking part in such a moving experience" and added that at their next meeting she would request the Quakers to remember the persecuted Baha'is, as did a Catholic speaker.

The Assembly adopted a different approach with their MP by sending him one of the press releases with a letter requesting that they discuss it with him at his next surgery. At the meeting he expressed great sorrow at the latest news and promised to bring it to the attention of the Foreign Secretary, but that he also felt a genuine regret that it was difficult to achieve positive results because the Iranian authorities did not respect outside opinion.

A new personal, rather than formal relationship has now developed with the MP on a first-name basis.

#### **CARLISLE**

On 1 September Carlisle Community took part in the carnival parade which was part of the festivities of Carlisle Great Fair Week.

After a lot of fun, and of course the odd bad moment, the float was finally completed with the help of other local Baha'i communities. The structure of the float was peg-board covered with crepe paper. The national costumes were cannibalised from items of the community's own clothing with the exception of the sombrero and stetson.

Approximately 70,000 people saw the float, which was well received, and which opened many opportunities for personal teaching.



#### **EPPING FOREST**

The Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Epping Forest have, with several other local organisations, including the UNA, the Council of Churches and Epping Women



for Peace, put together a Peace Directory which lists aims, meetings, resources and addresses of all participants. This constitutes an excellent avenue for proclamation and teaching as the directory is to be placed in libraries, doctor's and dentist's waiting rooms, hospitals, colleges and schools.

#### NEWBURY

The social Studies group of the Townswomen's Guild of Newbury decided to investigate various religions including the Baha'i Faith. Two members of the Newbury Baha'i group were invited to give a talk. Some 30 women were present at the talk and they questioned the Baha'is for two hours following the short talk. There were numerous requests for literature.

#### CANTERBURY

Canterbury community have taken positive steps in the field of social and economic development. Nearly every member of the community serves, as individuals, on a charitable committee.

Last year the community arranged a concert, the artists were all Baha'is, yet the proceeds were given to Cancer Research. This year, a similar event will provide funds for the Stoneham Housing Committee who have opened a home for mentally handicapped adults in Herne Bay.

The community members do not raise money in the name of the Faith, but merely state that the Baha'is have given freely of their time and skills. Through the individual Baha'i on the charity concerned, help with the booking, preparation of posters, publicity etc. It has brought the name of the Faith to many new people, in a most favourable way as they can see that the Baha'is are a concerned community who are willing to aid good causes.

#### SHEFFIELD

The Sheffield community held a week-long exhibition in the centre of Sheffield displaying posters and literature. Baha'i balloons were given out to children and hot drinks to many of those who enquired about the Faith.

The Baha'i caravan was visited by people from every religious, social and racial background, some making repeated visits. Many hundreds of brochures and also 25 books were taken by those visitors who showed a keen interest. Many people said that they would try to obtain other, more expensive books from the library. As a spin-off from this, the Sheffield City Library has asked whether they could subscribe to the Baha'i Journal.

(EDITOR'S NOTE - Whilst it would be a good idea to let libraries and such subscribe to the Journal or any other magazine which gives a Baha'i view on a range of topics, it should be remembered that, at least in its present form, the Journal is really for Baha'is only.)

#### HOW TO OPEN CHINA TO THE FAITH: TEACH THE CHINESE HERE

The International Chinese Teaching Committee appointed by the Universal House of Justice is encouraging every country to teach the Chinese in their midst.

Baha'istudents have the greatest opportunity to do this. They should make an effort to join the Chinese Societies in their universities, colleges or poly-technics.

Once sincere and genuine bonds of friendship are established, one may be able to introduce the Faith this of course requires patience and wisdom.

Please let the National Office know if there is a Chinese or Malaysian Baha'i in your community. It will help us formulate plans for teaching this important minorities.

Would believers travelling to the Holy Land please contact the National Office in case they should be able to carry small or light packages to the World Centre.





# PREPARE YOURSELVES FOR INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE YOUTH NOW!



With only two months remaining before the launch of International Youth Year the year of the youth department of the National Youth Committee would like to take this opportunity of highlighting some important areas of activity that concern us at this critical stage of preparation for 1985.

By now all youth should have all received a special package containing a copy of the U.N. Declaration of Human Rights, the Universal House of Justice letter of 3th January and a commentary specially prepared for you on the Charter of Human Rights. You are advised to carefully study this material as this may contain important information you might wish to use in preparation for the talks you will give next year. Great excitement has been generated by the proposal of this campaign, none more so than from the members of the National Co-ordinating committee for Youth Year (England). The packages which will eventually be distributed to school will be available at Teaching Conference or soon after. Communities should now also be thinking of perhaps holding "deepening" classes or even one-day school on the subject of the Universal Declaration, the purpose of which will enable you to not only PARTICIPATE in discussion and gain knowledge of the subject, but also to become eager and curious to know and find out more about it.

Many youth have expressed great interest in the possibilities of setting up Local Youth Year Committees in their area. A list of ALL such committees in existence can be obtained from the secretary of the I.Y.Y. Department (see below for address).

Where no such committees exist, Local Assemblies, Youth Committees or individual youth should first contact

their Local Council on the matter. If an encouraging response is received then local youth groups, U.N.A. branches and friends could be approached to help form a committee, but bearing in mind that your I.Y.Y. National Co-ordinating committee should be kept in touch about your proposals and, if possibly, the I.Y.Y. Department. You can be assured of warm and encouraging support.

In Cambridge the Baha'i youth took up the challenge of Youth Year by holding a public meeting to discuss and formulate plans for 1985. Many of their friends were invited, but the best response came from a non-Baha'i youth group who were greatly impressed by the presentation and the Faith. Perhaps all areas could do something similar. A weekend school on I.Y.Y. has been organised in Edinburgh for the end of November.

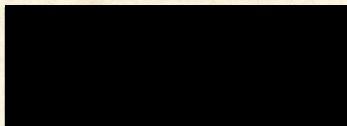
A warm and enthusiastic response has been received from all four National Co-ordinating Committees in the United Kingdom and we hope to arrange a meeting with some of the members of the English committee in the very near future. Publicity of our plans will, hopefully also appear in their I.Y.Y. bulletin which should be coming out towards the middle of the month.

Among the other plans that we have in store are the international exchange (involving Baha'is and non-Baha'is) next summer, tree-planting activities for the late autumn, possibilities of holding a series of one-day seminar on topical social issues (e.g. disarmament, peace, human rights, development) to which non-Baha'i youth groups will be invited and a photographic competition which will run concurrently with the human rights campaign. Please tell us if you have any further ideas or comments on ideas already proposed. We also hope to touch



I.Y.Y. with a special extravaganza (in the form of a weekend school) in the National Baha'i centre.

We hope you have found these comments and suggestions useful, we will gratefully welcome any suggestions, queries and any news you have to give and will willingly extend our guidance on any matter relating to any aspect of I.Y.Y. mentioned here. Please sent all mail to Kishan Manocha,



and preferably not to the secretary of the N.Y.C. Have a wonderful time preparing for Youth Year !

During the summer some 30 to 50 Baha'is in Southern California, most of them youth, volunteered for a variety of community assistance projects. Touring from area to area the youth helped paint a YWCA building, did gardening work for the elderly, packed and moved food for a home for abused children, helped landscape a public park, taught English to refugees, and distributed anti-crime leaflets for a local police department.

Attracting much favourable comment from local civic leaders and the media, the Baha'is emphasised that they wanted to avoid giving the impression of being merely a religious sect seeking converts. "Its not enough," said one of the volunteers, "to simply go around and say this is what we believe. We want to live the life, not just preach it".

## RECORD REVIEW

### ONE IN THE SPIRIT Adrian Burns

It was with great pleasure that this record (actually I got a pre-release tape) arrived on the desk. Adrian Burns has been around for many years and has always had great potential. Unfortunately the true worth of his music has always failed to be realised. His stint as a professional musician under the name Byron Burns was not a great success, partly probably due to the mould he was fitted into (The publicity pictures are quite dreadful- not at all the true man).

At last Adrian has settled down with some session musicians and produced something of note. This EP (extended play) record has 4 songs on it. None of them actually mention "Baha'i" but all are illustrating different aspects of the Faith.

The first song "Old World Order Blues" is a blues track in the traditional mode. (it actually begins with "Woke up this morning"!)

The message comes over clearly and it shows Adrian's powerful voice off to the full. Its a strong production and not for the more staid listener. One thing I've always wished to hear in Baha'i music is a bit of "bite" and the horn section and electric guitar deliver on this track.

"Taste" is a nice melodious track with pleasant production giving a light floating feel to the song. This track is a good contrast to the first track but is perhaps a bit lightweight compared to the others.

"Step Outside of Self" starts off side 2 and once again Adrian's powerful voice helps lift the song out of the greyness that a lesser voice would let it languish in. Good production helps as well. From the powerful opening the song conveys its message well right through to the end.

The final song "(When we believe) Mankind is One)" is mellower yet in its way just as powerful. The deceptively catchy horn passages work their way into one's mind quite effectively. Again a good competent piece of work.

The most striking featrue of this EP is the sheer professionalism of the production and performances. It will certainly find a use in providing music on local radio stations where records are preferred. It costs £2.75 and is available from the Audio Visual Centre. In a word this record is "recommended".

HUP! is a news sheet for Baha'i youth. It will be launched at the Teaching Conference and will be available on subscription only. It is a vital tool in keeping youth aware of what is happening.



# International News



## AMATU'L-BAHA RUHIYYIH KHANUM

Prior to the dedication of the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar in Samoa, (see cable in last issue) Ruhiyyih Khanum completed three months of arduous travel from Korea through many islands and countries in the South Pacific.

Using many varied means of transport, including dugout canoes, Ruhiyyih Khanum spared no effort to visit believers in outlying villages. During a 45 minute

stop in Funafuti, Tuvalu, en route to Fiji, she and her companion, Mrs Violette Nakhjavani, made a brief visit to the Baha'i centre for "prayers, speeches and loving gifts".

In her cable to the Universal House of Justice about her two week visit to Fiji, Ruhiyyih Khanum reported she renewed "old ties". In Suva, excellent press and radio interviews marked the visit. She was received by Governor General Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau for half an hour, also a one hour cordial visit to the Indian High Commissioner. At a National Assembly reception she met other notables, the Minister for Foreign Affairs Jonati Mavoa and the Ombudsman for Fiji, Sir Moti Tekaram. She also met the National Assembly, pioneers and youth in a large meeting held in a village near Suva. The meeting was also attended by a prominent



Amatu'l-Baha Ruhiyyih Khanum (left) following the presentation of a model of the House of Worship (which can be seen at the bottom of the picture) to His Highness Malietoa Tanumafili II, the king of Western Samoa. The Hand of the Cause H. Collis Featherstone and Mrs Featherstone are also present, seated in the second row. His Highness had just participated in the official dedication of the House of Worship and is shown seated with his wife, Her Highness Masiofo Lily. The leis (the flower chains) around their Highnesses' necks were presented by Ruhiyyih Khanum before the ceremony and are traditional gifts of welcome throughout the Pacific islands.



Paramount Chief, the local Methodist Pastor and believers from many places.

During her visit to Tarawa, Kiribati, Ruhiyyih Khanum spoke many times at a three day conference at the Baha'i Institute, where she was deeply touched and impressed by the devotion of the native believers and beautiful native dances and songs.

"48 hours visit....so packed full it seemed like one month experience in this fascinating country". With these words, Ruhiyyih Khanum described her visit to Malaita, the largest of the Solomon Islands.

After arriving by plane at Auki, Ruhiyyih Khanum spent the entire day meeting believers from 5 communities in the Baha'i Institute culminating in a public meeting in the evening. Auki was remarkable for the harmonious relations between Baha'i pioneer couple and many Christian denominations. In the words of Ruhiyyih Khanum it was an exceptional demonstration of what the Baha'i spirit and example should be.

Extensive media coverage was given in the Solomons, particularly two half hour radio broadcasts. A 30 minute interview with Prime minister Solomon Mamoloni was most cordial owing to a long standing contact with the Baha'is. At a dinner party Ruhiyyih Khanum met the Finance Minister, the National Police Chief and other notables, who showed much interest in the Faith. An all day conference held at the National Baha'i Centre in Honiara where many attended to perform songs and dances, as well as a similar festive meeting in White River Baha'i Community, near Honiara, endeared these warm devoted native believers to the heart of Ruhiyyih Khanum.

Ruhiyyih Khanum accompanied Mrs Gertrude Blum, Knight of Baha'u'llah (The first Baha'i resident in a country) to the grave of Mr Blum for prayers. Recently the Solomon Baha'is celebrated 30 years of the Faith in the islands - brought by Mr & Mrs Blum. Later the National Assembly met with Ruhiyyih Khanum.

Baha'is in many communities in Papua New Guinea had the opportunity to meet Ruhiyyih Khanum, as she travelled by helicopter, canoe and other means to

visit isolated jungle areas. Highly successful meetings were held in the Mt. Brown and Gulf areas of New Guinea.

Mount Brown is a poor, very isolated jungle area in the mountains. Ruhiyyih Khanum stayed for 3 nights in Kunaia, where many Baha'is joined in a festive and fruitful conference. She also visited 4 villages, spending a night in each after many hours of travelling to them in a 14ft dugout canoe through a "tropical dreamland of waterways". These visits, where Ruhiyyih Khanum slept on the floor of the native huts reminded her of her trips to Africa.

Ruhiyyih Khanum visited many areas of New Guinea, one of the most rugged and inaccessible countries in the world, including a meeting with the National Assembly in Lae, 3 nights in Kimbe in the New Britain area and a visit to the tiny island of Makati where the entire population is Baha'i. A sumptuous welcome by the 100 strong, animated and devoted community awaited Ruhiyyih Khanum after a 4 hour boat ride. This part of the trip ended in Rabaul where the population is living in the shadow of the volcano which threatens to explode with devastating results. In New Ireland she met the Baha'is of Medina, where the first Local Assembly of New Guinea was established. Whilst here Ruhiyyih Khanum met John Thurlston, a travel teacher who is on a 6 month intensive teaching trip travelling by boat throughout the region.

Port Moresby had remarkable, sympathetic and repeated press and radio interviews; the largest concentrated proclamation ever in the country. A half-hour call on the Governor-General Sir Kingsford Dibela was so successful that he accepted an invitation to attend a banquet given in honour of Ruhiyyih Khanum - very unusual for such a high-ranking official. Also present were the Governor of the National Bank of Papua New Guinea and the chief representative of the United Nations as well as many other officials.

On her departure for the dedication of the Mashriqu'l-Adkhar in Samoa Ruhiyyih Khanum cabled the House of Justice;

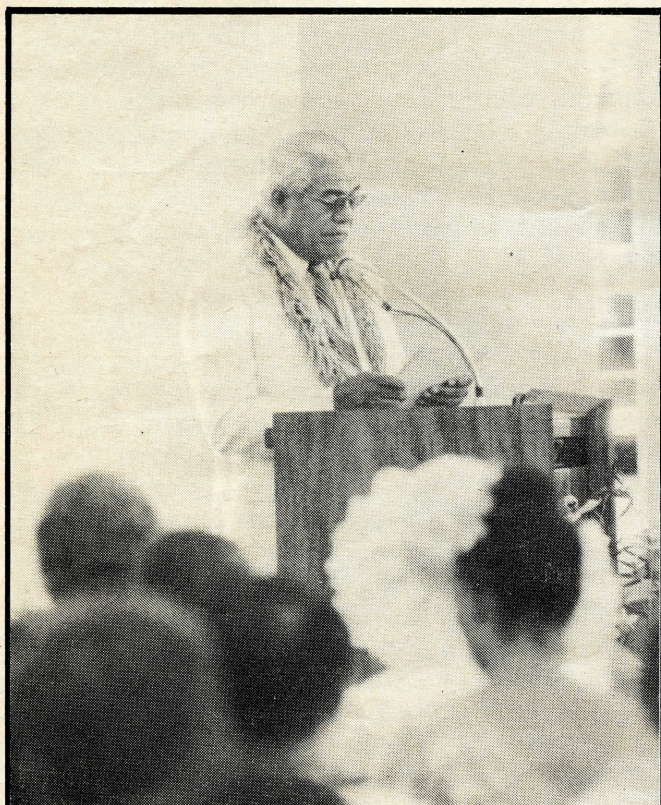
"Throughout all these countries have been deeply impressed number devoted well-informed believers, largely village level. Emphasising supreme importance



teach Faith Pacific, especially outer islands, in far greater depth, reaching all categories particularly villagers and pagans..."

#### AUSTRALIA

A number of programmes involving aboriginal education and culture have been launched by the National Assembly, in their development of social and economic projects. Amongst these are; an agricultural seminar arranged in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture in Western Australia; Aboriginal education programmes in social skills and language development, arranged by Baha'is and supported by the Cairns College of Technical and Further Education; Aboriginal and islander arts and crafts enrichment and marketing programme; Free education and legal advice in the Gumeracha Community. The National Assembly is now cooperating with UNICEF on implementing low-cost, high-yield health projects in the Pacific, with the possibility of extending the project to Australian Aboriginies.



His Highness Malietoa Tanumafili II delivers his address immediately before the commencement of the official dedication of the House of Worship.

#### BOLIVIA

A presidential decree permitting Universidad Nur to be opened was signed on 28 August. In a cable to the House of Justice Counsellor Athos Costas said "Its founders all Baha'is will work development Baha'i concept education, also promote accomplishment high destiny indigenous people..."

Thousands of people attended the ceremonial inauguration of Radio Baha'i Bolivia on 8 July. The National Assembly cabled the House of Justice:

"With hearts overflowing joy announce 8 July ceremonial inauguration Radio Baha'i Bolivia. Oruro Department authorities were present and other prominent persons promising support radio station and appreciating Baha'i work. Counsellors Isabel Calderon and Athos Costas, CIRBAL representative Schiantarelli, fellow delegations Peru and Chile in festival that gathered thousands of persons, 90 folkloric groups participating gathering active Baha'i indigenous all country sources pride and victory spiritual conquest Bolivia..."

#### HAITI

Favourable response to the Anis Zunuzi Baha'i School and the rural programme at Lilavois has been reported by the Haitian community.

The Anis Zunuzi school has been in operation since October 1980. Recently, parent groups, after receiving special training, have opened a number of other centres where 12-25 children take part three mornings a week, in activities designed to assist in moral, intellectual and art education, as well as psychomotor development.

The National Assembly writes:

"Parents have started commenting on the changes in their children, who seem to enjoy their new activities. The parents themselves seem to be gaining confidence in their ability to work together to bring about changes in their villages. In a country which has neither traditional community ties nor cooperative movements, the degree of dedication and voluntary



participation already shown by teachers, trainees and parents involved in this project is especially significant and encouraging".

A UNICEF sponsored training seminar, with eight instructors, provided 120 hours of instruction to 42 men and women at the school in January 1984. Of the 42, 19 were representatives of Baha'i projects and schools.

## FRANCE

The acquisition of a new Haziratu'l-Quds by the National Assembly, one of the major goals of the Seven Year Plan, has now been completed. over 60 properties were investigated before the decision was made to purchase the building at 45 rue Pergolese, in the 16th arrondissement of Paris.

The location is of historical significance, since Abdu'l-Baha spent much of his time in this part of Paris during two visits to the city, and the Guardian expressed the desire that the first Haziratu'l-Quds be located there.



An independent town house of three storeys, the building has an annexe that is connected to a residence for the National Secretary, as well as a spacious garden. The main building has been renovated to provide appropriate meeting and reception areas on the ground floor; expanded booksales, printing, kitchen and informal gatherings in the basement; the National Assembly and secretariat offices on the second floor, and committee rooms on the third floor.

## INDIA

Named in memory of the Hand of the Cause Rahmatullah Muhajir, a teaching project in Bhind, North Madhya Pradesh, has enrolled 73,000 new believers in less than 3 months. More than 20 years ago mass teaching started in this area, which is densely populated and has the highest literacy in the state.

An Auxiliary Board Member and volunteer teachers, working without any funds from Baha'i institutions, succeeded in enrolling this vast number of believers and in establishing Local Spiritual Assemblies in every one of the 1200 villages in this area.

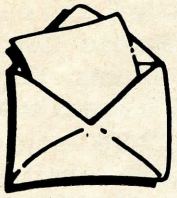
A number of villages offered 10 kilos of wheat for the State Teaching Committee Fund. Another village, Makrandpur, gave 10 kilos of wheat and organised a public meeting through which the village headman, a resident doctor and teachers of the government school all accepted the Faith. A strong deepening programme is now underway, with resident teachers and literature provided for the new believers.

## Have you Moved?

OR DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO HAS?

Each month quite a few copies of the Journal are returned to the National Office as people have moved and not informed the Records Dept. **PLEASE** ensure that your new address is quickly sent to the Records Dept as this helps save money and time.





# YOU WRITE...

Dear Editor,

I have just received the following news from Dee Harris, an English Baha'i, resident in Jamaica:

"Eighteen Baha'is were held up by six armed men in my friends' house a few days ago and a lot of money, jewelry and tapes were stolen. However, nobody was hurt which was merciful. The robbers were quite amazed at the gathering of black and white, rich and poor, gathered together with a Bible and Baha'i books in their hands. They even returned all the wedding and Baha'i rings to their owners!"

Baha'i greetings,  
Roberta Strain.

Dear friends,

I wonder if it has escaped your notice that National Baha'i Week exactly coincides with our Royal British Legion Remembrance Week, and that Baha'u'llah's Birthday is regularly celebrated on November 11th, which is the Armistice Day Parade at the Cenotaph, when the dead of two world wars are remembered and wreaths laid in their honour?

It is truly Divine Coincidence and a unique opportunity for proclaiming the Faith. I have been a Baha'i for 5 years and a member of the Royal British Legion Women's Section for 16 years. Two years ago, on Armistice Day, the Cambridge Spiritual Assembly made a £9 donation to our local Trumpington British Legion for the Poppy Day Appeal. The donations were read out at the meeting and there was loud applause at the magic word "Baha'i"!

Lois Hainsworth, in her article on Baha'i women, (see last issue) mentions the Women's Institute and the Business and Professional Women's Club. It costs only £1 per year to join the Royal British Legion Women's Section, and anyone who is ex-service or has a close relative in the services may join. Nationality is no bar.

The Legion motto is "Service Not Self", a truly Baha'i aim, and I personally have declared my faith in Baha'u'llah as I feel it is the only insurance policy against war!

Baha'i greetings,  
Christine Courtney

Dear Editor,

No doubt the friends throughout the country have heard about the tragic incident which Daryoush Mazloun encountered before embarking on his sponsored cycle ride "The Shiraz Project".

Although the brunt of such an unexpected event may have seemed unbearable for any person confronting a similar situation, the spirit of steadfastness, devotion and radiant acquiescence demonstrated by Daryoush in carrying out the assigned project, aimed at serving the Cause of Baha'u'llah, inspired many of us.

Indeed he set an example that the trials and tribulations which now and then beset us, or unfavourable circumstances of life that may surround us should not dampen our zeal and steadfastness, or dim the light of faith enkindled in our hearts to render service to our glorious Cause.

With warm Baha'i greetings,  
Pari Firoozmand.

Dear Sir,

It is an emotional plea that I make to all the Baha'i friends in the United Kingdom. Within each community there are friends whose company is less sought, opinions less requested or presence less invited than others. These souls are the ones we should love the most. When we declared our belief in Baha'u'llah we all did it equally, and our status is the same. But we do come from different backgrounds, educational abilities and social standing: and remember the "difficult" friends in your community embraced Baha'u'llah in the same way as us all. For me, I had to realise this through the tragic death of a young Baha'i - I pray that we can all learn from my experience.

With Baha'i love  
Wendy Keenan.



Dear Editor,

The Baha'is of Guernsey are putting together the history of the Faith in Guernsey. To this end we require information from and about those Baha'is who have visited the island, especially the early believers who may have visited before the island was opened. We would therefore be most grateful if those friends could write to us with some information about themselves or those they have known and if possible enclose a photograph. Great care will of course be taken with photographs and they will be returned to owners if required. We are sure that you are all aware of the importance of this work. We will welcome any information, no matter how small or insignificant it may seem.

Please send your information to: Mrs Helen Smith, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

To the Editor,

first of all you mention the lone Baha'i who kept on holding his 19 Day Feasts; I have just returned from a visit to the Baha'is in Iceland and the Faroe Islands. In the Faeroes, Eskil Lunjeberg, now 98 years old and still active and dedicated, held his 19 Day Feasts alone for 15 years, observing all the procedures of the Feast and having a prayer session, then his business meeting and a little feast. For many years nobody spoke to him in the Faroes and would even cross the road rather than pass him on the same side. Now he is loved and respected wherever he goes, and much revered by the few pioneers there.

I would like to comment on the excellent article by Lois Hainsworth on the value of women in a community. I have attended three of the triennial conferences of the Associated Countrywomen of the World, in Australia, Hamburg and Vancouver, representing Guernsey. I find that in addition to bringing the name Baha'i to the fore in my local community, that here is a field which I wholeheartedly support because it is doing Baha'i work. It is demonstrating unity, emphasising the role of women in peace projects, teaching literacy and hygiene and home making in the third world, outlawing prejudice and bringing together people who care about their fellow men.

At each conference Baha'is have been represented in the interfaith service and the World President was made aware of the injustices in Iran and her sympathies aroused. She promised the utmost support, and would try to get an organised project from the millions of women in the movement. I still correspond with women from all parts of the world to whom I have introduced the Faith and its beliefs.

Yours Sincerely  
Pauline Senior



One of the more common strange entries in local papers takes the same form as this example from the Forfar Herald.



6. "I have made death a messenger of joy unto thee; wherefore dost thou grieve?"

—Baha'u'llah.

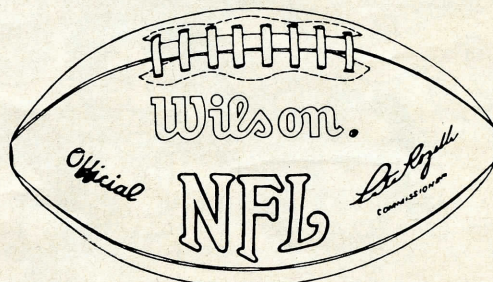
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- NOV 1 Public meeting in conjunction with Wembley UNA on "Disarmament" UNA & Baha'i speakers. Venue - Wembley Park United Reform Church, The Broadway, East Lane, Wembley. 8pm. Details Kishan Manocha [REDACTED]
- NOV 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 Marion Klyne, Tel [REDACTED]
- NOV 3 "Time Out Project" Visit to Westonbirt Arboretum. Enjoy a day in 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.
- NOV 4-12 **NATIONAL BAHAI WEEK**
- NOV 7 Public Meeting, Venue Friends Meeting House, 12 Jesus Lane, Cambridge, 7.30pm.
- NOV 9 Public Meeting "Women in the World" Details see Nov 7
- NOV 10 Public Meeting "Science and Religion" Details see Nov 7
- NOV 10 Preston, Lancashire - A Country Dance to celebrate the birthday of Baha'u'llah, at Preston Polytechnic Arts Centre, St Peter's Square, off Fylde Rd. Admission £2 per person.
- NOV 10 Fire & Snow in concert, Knaresborough Hall, Knaresborough, Yorkshire followed by late supper. Details Bets O'Niell, [REDACTED]
- NOV 11 Public Meeting, Level 8 Physics Common Room, Physics Building, Imperial College, Prince Consort Rd, London SW7.
- NOV 11 Celebration of Birth of Baha'u'llah, YWCA, Lockyer St, Plymouth, 5pm. Details Pauline Glsagow, [REDACTED]
- NOV 18 **NATIONAL TEACHING CONFERENCE BLACKPOOL WINTER GARDENS**
- NOV 23 Public meeting, Guild Hall, Grantham, 7.30. Details Peter Dowson, [REDACTED]
- NOV 24 One day school on Baha'i Administration and Baha'i Marriage. Venue as Nov 7. 10.30 - 5.30. Bring own lunch
- DEC 1-2 Music weekend for all those interested in using music in teaching events. Venue - Woolverstone Hall School, Nr Ipswich. Registration fee £1. Details Elisabeth Smithson, [REDACTED]
- DEC 1 Fire and Snow in concert, Friends Meeting House, Hitchin, Herts. 8pm. Details Hitchin 33327.
- DEC 5 Public Meeting, Balmoral Community Centre, Salisbury Ave, Southend, Essex. 8pm. Details Angela Tidswell, [REDACTED]
- DEC 8 One day school. Venue Sherwood Community Centre, Mansfield Rd, Nottingham. Details Godfrey Nix, Nottingham [REDACTED] (evenings)
- DEC 14 Public meeting, Grantham Town Hall. Details see 23 Nov.
- DEC 27-JAN 2 **WINTER SCHOOL 1984** Trafalgar Hotel, Manchester. Limited space available so book early. Booking form and information from: Baha'i Schools Central Registration, 2 Culcheth Hall Drive, Culcheth, Warrington, Cheshire. WA3 4PS.
- DEC 29-JAN 4 Aberdeen Winter School, Youth Hostel, Queen St. Only 70 beds so please register before 30 Nov. cost £25 for adults, less for children. Food will cost extra but come anyway and donate what you can. Details Debbie Raafat, [REDACTED] or Nic Sier [REDACTED]

Public meetings at the National Centre, 27 Rutland Gate, Thursdays 8pm.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS ARE SENT IN AT LEAST TWO MONTHS BEFORE THE DEADLINE. CHECK THE INFORMATION - DATE, VENUE, WHAT IT IS, SUBJECT, WHO TO CONTACT FOR FURTHER DETAILS, COST (IF ANY), TIME AT WHICH IT STARTS ETC.



# **CIRCLE OF UNITY**

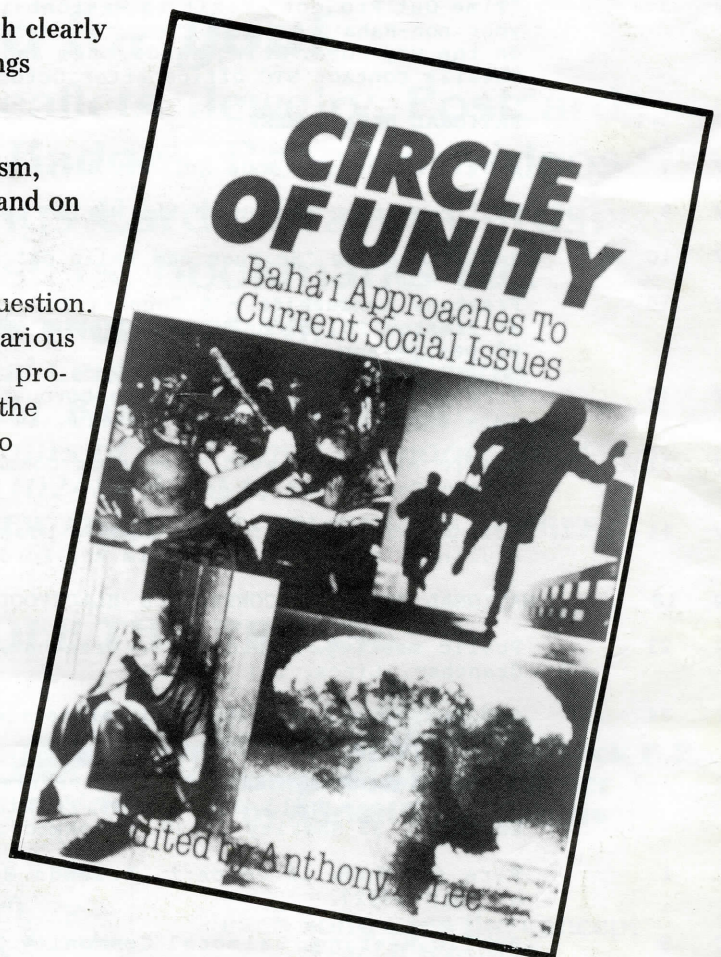
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