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*TO THE BAHÁ'ÍS OF THE WORLD*

Ridván 1967

Dearly loved friends,

At the conclusion of the third year of the Nine Year Plan we acknowledge with thankful hearts the evidences of Divine favour with which Bahá'u'lláh unfailingly sustains and confirms the dedicated efforts of his servants everywhere, and we unhesitatingly affirm our confidence that the community of the Most Great Name can and will, by its determination and sacrificial efforts, achieve complete victory.

Last year the call was raised for the formation, in 1967, of eleven new National Spiritual Assemblies. All will be elected during the Ridván period. We welcome with great joy the National Spiritual Assemblies of the Bahá'ís of Algeria and Tunisia with its seat in Algiers; Cameroon Republic with its seat in Victoria; Swaziland, Lesotho and Mozambique with its seat in Mbabane; Zambia with its seat in Lusaka; Belize with its seat in Belize; the Leeward, Windward and Virgin Islands with its seat in Charlotte Amalie; Eastern and Southern Arabia with its seat in Bahrain; Laos with its seat in Vientiane; Sikkim with its seat in Gangtok; Taiwan with its seat in Taipei; the Gilbert and Ellice Islands with its seat in Tarawa. The World Centre of the Faith will be represented at each National Convention by a Hand of the Cause of God, who will present a message from the Universal House of Justice welcoming the new national community and assigning it its share of the goals of the Nine Year Plan.

At this Ridván eighty-one of the 108 National Spiritual Assemblies, and more than six thousand of the 13,737 Local Spiritual Assemblies called for by 1973 will have been established; of a required 54,102 localities where Bahá'ís reside, 28,217 are reported; fifteen of the sixty-five National Incorporations called for have been achieved; seventeen of fifty-two National Haziratu'l-Quds seven of sixty-two Temple sites, thirteen of fifty-four National Endowments, fourteen of thirty-two Teaching Institutes, have been acquired; of the 973 Local Incorporations called for in the

Plan, 123 have been completed; Local Haziratu'l-Quds acquired are, twenty-four in India, seventeen in Kenya, nine in Uganda, two in South Africa, two in Turkey and a number in Congo (Kinshasa), while land for eight others has been acquired in Kenya, for four in Cameroon, for two in Pakistan and for one in Mauritius; in eight countries Local Endowments supplementary to those called for in the Plan have been acquired.

Iceland, Korea, Liberia, Luxembourg and Rhodesia now recognise the Bahá'í Marriage Certificate; the Dominican Republic, Guyana, Hawaii, Iceland, Italy, Kenya and Luxembourg recognize Bahá'í Holy Days. A Summer School has been established in Liberia, and one beyond the requirements of the Plan, in Canada, while land for others has been acquired in Argentina, Ethiopia and Samoa. Twenty-five new languages have been added to the list of those in which Bahá'í literature is available, bringing the total number to 397. The number of territories now opened to the Faith has reached 311, including the recently-settled virgin areas of Chiloe Archipelago, Bonaire, Phoenix Islands and St. Martin, and two territories in addition to those called for in the Plan, namely Melville Island in Australasia and Montserrat in the Windward Islands

After protracted frustration the National Spiritual Assembly of Persia has finally gained possession of the historic fortress of Chihriq, that bleak and lonely citadel which was the last earthly residence of the blessed Báb, and from which He was led forth to His martyrdom in Tabriz. Realization of the long-sought recognition of the Faith in Italy is a wonderful victory, resulting not only in the incorporation of the National Spiritual Assembly, but also of all Local Spiritual Assemblies in Italy and the ability to establish that National Spiritual Assembly's Publishing Trust. In Iceland the Faith has been recognised as one of the islands' religions. This provides not only for incorporation of the Local Spiritual Assembly of Reykjavik but authorizes

the chairman of that Assembly to perform Bahá'í marriages and Bahá'í burials, exempts the Faith from certain taxes, permits the observance of Bahá'í Holy Days and paves the way for incorporation of the National Spiritual Assembly of that country when it will be formed. The full number of Local Spiritual Assemblies, Groups and Localities called for in the Plan has been established in fifty-three territories and islands under the direction of twenty-six National Spiritual Assemblies; five territories have formed the required number of Local Spiritual Assemblies and seven have reached the specified number of Localities.

Since the call was raised a year ago, international travelling-teaching ranging over the five continents and affecting nearly all national communities has been undertaken. Seventy-eight projects have been completed in Europe, forty-three in America, twenty-seven in Asia, twenty-five in Australasia which, with those in Africa brings the total number to about two hundred. It is greatly hoped that this stimulating activity, so dear to the beloved Master's heart, will be constantly expanded.

Sustaining all these visible achievements is a constant activity throughout the world of teaching and administration — a perpetual movement like the ceaseless surge of the sea within the Bahá'í community which is the real cause of its growth. National and Local Spiritual Assemblies facing difficult problems devising new plans shouldering responsibility for a community growing in numbers and consciousness Committees striving to accomplish objectives Bahá'í Youth in eager and dedicated activity individual Bahá'ís and families making efforts for the cause to give the Message or hold a fireside these constant services attract the confirmation of Bahá'u'lláh and the more they are supported by prayers and intense dedication and the more extensive they become the more they release into the world a spiritual charge which no force on earth can resist, and which must



eventually bring about the complete triumph of the Cause. It is this organic vitality of the Faith, so readily felt at the World Centre, whose exhilaration we wish every believer to share.

At the World Centre of the Faith codification of the Kitáb-i-Aqdas and collation of other important Texts has continued. Work on the highly important task of formulating the Constitution of the Universal House of Justice is well advanced. Development and extension of the gardens surrounding the sacred Shrines in both Haifa and Bahji is continuing. Publication of "The Bahá'í World" Volume XIII has been undertaken; this book covers nine years, from 1954 to 1963, almost the entire period of the Ten Year Crusade, and includes a comprehensive article on the beloved Guardian by Amatu'l-Bahá Rúhiyyih Khánum. A planned development of relationships with the United Nations is being actively pursued. An important supplementary achievement is the establishment of an International Bahá'í Audio-Visual Centre whose function is to provide teaching and deepening aids to all National Spiritual Assemblies, as well as to store and index audio-visual records.

Throughout the year the services of the beloved Hands of the Cause have shone with an unfailing light. Their constant encouragement of National Spiritual Assemblies and of believers everywhere to pursue the goals of the Plan and to obtain a deeper understanding of the true meaning of Bahá'u'lláh's Revelation is contributing in no small measure to the progress of that Plan and must exercise a lasting effect on the development of the Bahá'í community. These few gallant and dedicated believers whose place in history is forever assured by virtue of their appointment to their high office, are indeed a precious legacy left to us by our beloved Guardian, and as the years go by there is increasingly added to the honour and respect which is their due by reason of their exalted rank, the love and admiration of the friends evoked by their constant services.

In response to special needs two changes have been made in the disposition of the Hands during the year, Hand of the Cause John Robarts returning to the Western Hemisphere with a special assignment to his native Canada, and Hand of the Cause William Sears returning to Africa. In addition we are delighted to announce that Hand of the Cause Tarazu'lláh Samandari, whose eyes were blessed by beholding Bahá'u'lláh, will represent the Universal House of Justice at the Inter-Continental Conference in Chicago, replacing the late Hand of the Cause Leroy Ioas.

In the international sphere the great project of raising the Panama Temple has begun with choice of a design submitted by Mr. Peter Tillotson, an English architect. Mr. Robert McLaughlin, sometime member of the National Spiritual Assembly of the United States and Dean Emeritus of

the School of Architecture of Princeton University, who served as a member of the Technical Advisory Board for the construction of the interior of the Mother-Temple of the West in Wilmette, has been appointed Architectural Consultant to the Universal House of Justice for the building of the Temple. He and Mr. Tillotson have visited the site together and are working in close co-operation. Pictures and drawings of the new Temple will be published shortly, and the friends will be kept informed of the progress of construction of this House of Worship "situated between the two great oceans", a location which 'Abdu'l-Bahá indicated would become very important in the future and whence the Teachings, once established, "will unite the East and the West, the North and the South."

The brilliant pioneering feat of the second year of the Plan is beginning to reveal its beneficent effects, but pioneers are still urgently needed and will continue to be needed in all parts of the world for consolidation and development of the Faith in the newly-won territories as well as for those resettled during the opening years of the Plan. The immediate requirement is for 209 pioneers to settle in eighty-seven territories named on the attached list, and the call is now raised for the speedy achievement of this task. Service in this highly meritorious field is open to every believer and all those who are moved to respond to this particular call are asked to consult the list of territories and to make their offers to their own National Spiritual Assembly. Full details of the requirements in each territory have been sent to the National Spiritual Assemblies concerned and to the Pioneer Committees.

The constant need for pioneers no less than the approaching world-wide proclamation render it imperative to pay special attention, in every continent, to the homefronts, for they are the sources of manpower and of administrative experience, the solid bases from which all expansion begins, both at home and abroad. The largest increases in numbers of Local Spiritual Assemblies of Groups, and of believers are called for on the homefronts, and these tasks must be vigorously pursued. Some National Spiritual Assemblies have phased these important goals, assigning a specified number for achievement each year, thus ensuring a planned and flexible approach to the total requirements. Such a systematic and determined prosecution of the home-front goals is highly recommended.

The pressing and ever-growing needs of the Bahá'í Fund are called to the attention of all believers. There are great projects already under way or lying ahead which require very large amounts of money for their realization. The Panama Temple — the first only of the two called for in the Nine Year Plan — the beautification and development of the World Centre itself, involving a necessary and inevitable increase in facilities to serve the growing

needs of the Faith; support of the vital teaching programme in many parts of the world; establishment and development of new National Spiritual Assemblies — all these urgently require the support of the friends everywhere through sustained and sacrificial contributions. As inflation spreads around the world, the consequent increase in the cost of living is balanced, at least in the more affluent countries, by a corresponding increase in personal incomes. The expenses of the Bahá'í Fund are inevitably and seriously affected by this inflationary condition which can only be relieved by contributions, both of larger amounts and from a larger number of contributors. The House of Justice believes that the financial needs of the Cause should be met by universal participation in giving and urges National and Local Spiritual Assemblies to pursue this goal with vigour and imagination, recalling to the friends the plea of the beloved Guardian to every believer "unhesitatingly, to place, each according to his circumstances, his share on the altar of Bahá'í sacrifice." The fact that only we, the Bahá'ís, can contribute financially to the Cause is both our honour and our challenge.

As we approach the third phase of the Nine Year Plan there opens before us a prospect of enthralling opportunities such as to thrill the heart of every ardent follower of Bahá'u'lláh. For more than a century we have toiled to teach the Cause; heroic sacrifices dedicated services, prodigious efforts have been made in order to establish the outposts of the Faith in the chief countries, territories and islands of the earth and to raise the framework of the Administrative Order around the planet. But the Faith of Bahá'u'lláh remains, as yet, unknown to the generality of men. Now at last, at long last, the world-wide community of the Most Great Name is called upon to launch, on a global scale and to every stratum of human society, an enduring and intensive proclamation of the healing message that the Promised One has come and that the unity and well-being of the human race is the purpose of His Revelation. This long-to-be-sustained campaign, commencing next October in commemoration of the centenary of the sounding of the "opening notes" of Bahá'u'lláh's own proclamation, and gathering momentum throughout the remainder of the Nine Year Plan, may well become the spearhead of other plans to be launched continually until humanity has recognised and gratefully acclaimed its Redeemer and its Lord.

A hundred years ago Bahá'u'lláh Himself addressed the kings, rulers, religious leaders and peoples of the world. The Universal House of Justice feels it its bounden duty to bring that message to the attention of the world's leaders today. It is therefore presenting to them, in the form of a book, the essence of Bahá'u'lláh's announcement. Entitled *The Proclamation of Bahá'u'lláh* a special edition will be presented to Heads of State during the opening of the



proclamation period and a general edition will be available to the friends in English, French, German, Italian and Spanish.

The Hands of the Cause of God, Amatu'l-Bahá Rúhíyyih Khánum, Ugo Giachery, Tarazu'lláh Samandari, Ali Akbar Furutan, Paul Haney, Abu'l-Qasim Faizi, who will represent the Universal House of Justice at the Inter-Continental Conferences in October to be held in Panama, Sydney, Chicago, Kampala, Frankfurt and New Delhi respectively, will gather at the World Centre in September, a few days before the Feast of Mashíyyat. The members of the House of Justice will join these Hands in supplication at the Shrine of Bahá'u'lláh in Bahjí and will meet with them for consultation in the Mansion. From that Holy Spot these Hands of the Cause will make a special pilgrimage on behalf of the entire Bahá'í world to Adrianople where the Súriy-i-Mulúk was revealed. One hundred years after the historic event which it is their purpose to commemorate, they will, on September 27th gather in the House of Bahá'u'lláh for prayer and meditation, while the members of the Universal House of Justice will, in the Most Holy Shrine at Bahjí, share in the same commemoration and pray for the success of the Conferences and of the Proclamation programme. The entire Bahá'í world will, between the Conferences and Ridván 1968, commemorate the centenary of the opening of that wonderful period in human history when the clouds of Divine bounty showered in lavish profusion their treasures upon men and the portals of the Kingdom were thrown open, disclosing to all who had eyes to see, a new heaven and a new earth, and the new Jerusalem coming down from God.

Immediately after the Feast of Mashíyyat the Hands of the Cause will travel from Adrianople to their Conferences, each bearing the precious trust of a photograph of the Blessed Beauty, which it will be the privilege of those attending the Conferences to view. These distinguished Hands will, on their own behalf, each address the Conference which they attend, and will bear a message to each Conference from the Universal House of Justice whom they represent.

These six Conferences, convened to commemorate the opening of Bahá'u'lláh's own Proclamation and to inaugurate a period of proclamation of His message by the entire company of His followers, will doubtless demonstrate yet again the spirit of joy which pervades such gatherings of the friends and will reinforce them in their determination to seize whatever means and opportunities they may find to raise the Divine call. Honoured by the presence of Hands of the Cause, these Conferences, focal points of the love and prayers of the friends everywhere, magnets to attract the spiritual powers which alone can confirm their work, will, it is confidently hoped, be potent sources of unity, spiritual enthusiasm and realistic planning.

National Spiritual Assemblies are called upon to ensure that they are represented at the Conference held in their continent so that they may share their plans for proclamation with other National Spiritual Assemblies as well as discuss with them the remaining goals of the Nine Year Plan.

To all those friends in so many countries, suffering in varying degrees from restrictions and oppression which will either prevent altogether, or greatly inhibit their public commemorations and subsequent proclamation programmes, we send a special message of love and assurance. To them we convey the love and admiration of their fellow believers, who, in gratitude for their greater freedom, are determined to blaze abroad such a proclamation of the Divine Message as may well pave the way for the eventual emancipation of the entire body of the Faith.

World-wide proclamation, the unknown sea on which we must soon sail, will add another dimension to our work, a dimension which will, as it develops, complement and reinforce the twin processes of expansion and consolidation. This pattern of teaching, emerging so soon after the completion of the framework of the Administrative Order, may well be the means of advancing the vital work of consolidation and of rendering more effective the teaching wisdom which has been gained in a hundred years, and more particularly since the beloved Guardian called us to systematic and planned activity. Therefore in those countries where we are free to publicize our religion this activity must become part of our regular work, included in budgets assigned to National and Local Committees for study and implementation and above all for co-ordination with the programmes operating to achieve the goals of the Nine Year Plan. Every effort of proclamation must be sustained by teaching, particularly locally where public announcements should be related to such efforts. This co-ordination is essential, for nothing will be more disheartening than for thousands to hear of the Faith and have nowhere to turn for further information.

The beloved Guardian wrote, "To strive to obtain a more adequate understanding of the significance of Bahá'u'lláh's stupendous Revelation must, it is my unalterable conviction, remain the first obligation and the object of the constant endeavour of each one of its loyal adherents," a statement which places the obligation of deepening in the Cause firmly on every believer. It is therefore upon the nature of deepening, rather than upon the desirability of pursuing it, that we wish to comment.

A detailed and exact knowledge of the present structure of Bahá'í Administration, or of the By-Laws of National and Local Spiritual Assemblies, or of the many and varied applications of Bahá'í law under the diverse conditions prevailing around the world, while valuable in itself, cannot be regarded as

the sort of knowledge primarily intended by deepening. Rather is suggested a clearer apprehension of the purpose of God for man, and particularly of His immediate purpose as revealed and directed by Bahá'u'lláh, a purpose as far removed from current concepts of human well-being and happiness as is possible. We should constantly be on our guard lest the glitter and tinsel of an affluent society should lead us to think that such superficial adjustments to the modern world as are envisioned by humanitarian movements or are publicly proclaimed as the policy of enlightened statesmanship — such as an extension to all members of the human race of the benefits of a high standard of living, of education, medical care, technical knowledge — will of themselves fulfill the glorious mission of Bahá'u'lláh. Far otherwise. These are the things which shall be added unto us once we seek the Kingdom of God, and are not themselves the objectives for which the Báb gave His life, Bahá'u'lláh endured such sufferings as none before Him had ever endured, the Master and after Him the Guardian bore their trials and afflictions with such superhuman fortitude. Far deeper and more fundamental was their vision, penetrating to the very purpose of human life. We cannot do better, in this respect, than call to the attention of the friends certain themes pursued by Shoghi Effendi in his trenchant statement "The Goal of a New World Order" "The principle of the oneness of mankind" he writes, "implies an organic change in the structure of present day society, a change such as the world has not yet experienced." Referring to the "... epoch-making changes that constitute the greatest landmarks in the history of human civilization," he states that "... they cannot appear when viewed in their proper perspective, except as subsidiary adjustments preluding that transformation of unparalleled majesty and scope which humanity is in this age bound to undergo." In a later document he refers to the civilization to be established by Bahá'u'lláh as one "... with a fullness of life such as the world has never seen nor can as yet conceive."

Dearly-loved Friends. This is the theme we must pursue in our efforts to deepen in the Cause. What is Bahá'u'lláh's purpose for the human race? For what ends did He submit to the appalling cruelties and indignities heaped upon him? What does He mean by "a new race of men"? What are the profound changes which He will bring about? The answers are to be found in the Sacred Writings of our Faith and in their interpretation by 'Abdu'l-Bahá and our beloved Guardian. Let the friends immerse themselves in this ocean, let them organize regular study classes for its constant consideration, and as reinforcement to their effort, let them remember conscientiously the requirements of daily prayer and reading of the Word of God enjoined upon all Bahá'ís by Bahá'u'lláh.



Such dedicated striving on the part of all the friends to deepen in the Cause becomes imperative with the approach of the proclamation programme. As this becomes effective more and more attention will be directed to the claims of Bahá'u'lláh and opposition must be expected. "How great, how very great is the Cause," wrote the Master. "How very fierce the onslaught of all the peoples and kindreds of the earth. Ere long shall the clamour of the multitude throughout Africa, throughout America, the cry of the European and of the Turk, the groaning of India and China, be heard from far and near. One and all, they shall arise with all their power to resist His Cause. Then shall the knights of the Lord, assisted by His grace from on high, strengthened by faith, aided by the power of understanding, and reinforced by the legions of the Covenant, arise and make manifest the truth of the verse: "Behold the confusion that hath befallen the tribes of the defeated!"

Mindful of the countless expressions of Divine love found in our Scriptures and aware of the extraordinary nature of the crisis facing humanity, we call the friends to a new realization of the very great things which are expected from us in this Day. We recall that the Blessed Beauty, Bahá'u'lláh, as well as His "Best-Beloved" before Him and 'Abdu'l-Bahá after Him bore Their sufferings in this world in order that mankind might be freed from material fetters and "attain unto true liberty", "might prosper and flourish", "attain unto abiding joy, and be filled with gladness." and we pray that the endeavours of the friends may be the means by which this glory and felicity will speedily come to pass.

(signed and sealed)

THE UNIVERSAL HOUSE OF JUSTICE.

#### LIST OF 87 TERRITORIES FOR WHICH 209 PIONEERS ARE NEEDED.

N.B.—This list does not include the 29 territories whose settlement is dependent upon favourable circumstances, and the figure of 209 pioneers includes 25 projects already in process of completion.

AFRICA (35)	AMERICA (23)	ASIA (13)
Botswana	Anticosti I.	Afghanistan
Cameroon Republic	Argentina	Ahsa
Cape Verde Is.	Barbuda	Al-Masirah
Central African Republic	Belize	Cambodia
Chagos Archipelago	Bolivia	Ceylon
Comoro Is.	Brazil	Imroz
Congo Rep. (Brazza)	Cape Breton	Indonesia
Congo Rep. (Kinshasa)	Dominican Rep.	Kuria Muria Is.
Corisco I.	Ecuador	Laos
Dahomey	Franklin	Maldiva Is.
Fernando Po I.	Guatemala	Marmara
French Somaliland	Honduras	Philippines
Gambia	Magdalen Is.	Thailand
Ghana	Martinique	
Guinea	Mexico	
Ivory Coast	Mocha I.	
Lesotho	Panama	
Libya	Paraguay	
Malagasy Rep.	Peru	
Malawi	St. Lawrence I.	
Nigeria	St. Pierre & Miquelon Is.	
Reunion I.	Seri Reservation (Tiburón)	
Rhodesia	Venezuela	
São Tomé & Príncipe Is.		
Seychelles		
Somalia		
South Africa		
Spanish Sahara		
Sudan		
Swaziland		
Tanzania (Mainland)		
Uganda		
Upper Volta		
Zambia		
Zanzibar		

#### EUROPE (5)

Austria  
Greece  
Inner Hebrides  
Luxembourg  
Spitzbergen

#### AUSTRALIA (11)

American Samoa  
Bathurst I.  
Caroline Is.  
Cocos I.  
Fiji  
Marquesas Is.  
New Caledonia  
New Hebrides Is.  
Tuamotu Arch  
Tonga Is.  
Western Samoa

#### CABLES from CONVENTION.

ALL FRIENDS CONVENTION UPLIFTED INSPIRED RIDVAN MESSAGE RESOLVED IMPLEMENT SYSTEMATIC THREE-DIMENSIONAL PROGRAMME DEEPEN UNDERSTANDING INAUGURATE PROCLAMATION CAUSE BAHÁ'U'LLÁH BROADEN BASE HOME FRONT THEREBY ENSURING RESERVOIR DEDICATED BELIEVERS RESOURCES SUFFICIENT PROSECUTE DESTINED OBJECTIVES BRITISH BAHÁ'I COMMUNITY DEEPLY MOVED ASSURANCE YOUR PRAYERS \* BAHÁ'I LONDON HANDSFAITH HAIFA WISH EXPRESS DEEP LOVE HEARTFELT GRATITUDE DEVOTED SERVICES BELOVED HANDSFAITH HOLY LAND BEG PRAYERS SHRINES UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS OUR EFFORTS \* BRITISH CONVENTION.

#### FIRESIDES.

**Barnes, S.W.13.** Mrs. B. Caprez, 59, Castelnau. 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.

**Burnley.** Mr. and Mrs. M. Cleasby, 42 Chatburn Avenue. Friday, 8 p.m.  
Mr. and Mrs. P. Fothergill, 23 Fifth Avenue. Saturday 7-45 p.m.

**Manchester.** Mr. and Mrs. F. Varjavandi, 52 Cornbrook Street, Old Trafford. Friday 8 p.m.

**Twickenham.** Mr. Afsharian, 46 Queens Road. 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.

**Westcliffe-on-Sea.** Mr. and Mrs. G. Brereton, 61 Northville Drive. Wednesday Evening.

#### OVERSEAS GOALS COMMITTEE.

##### MALTA.

We have to establish one L.S.A. in Malta as a goal of the 9 Year Plan. We need more Pioneers.

Because of the growing unemployment on the island, which is closing wage-earning jobs to outsiders, we make a special appeal to those who are considering starting a business or are reaching retirement age. With regard to business opportunities, the tourist industry offers great potential, as Malta is in the Sterling area.

May we remind students of the opportunity to study and serve the Faith at the University of Malta?

Details may be obtained from Ray Humphrey, 108 Wendover Drive, Bedford.

A sincere "Thank You" from our Bahá'í brothers and sisters in remote areas, for the Bahá'í pictures and post cards which are beginning to come in. These will be a treasured link between the friends on the Home Front and in our Overseas Goals. If you meant to send cards last month, but did not do so, please sent them now to K. Kouchekezadeh, 3, Wentworth Close, Watford, Herts.



# NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY'S NEWS LETTER

## UNIVERSAL HOUSE OF JUSTICE ANNOUNCES THAT ONLY HANDS OF THE CAUSE WILL VISIT TURKEY, SEPTEMBER, 1967.

The Universal House of Justice has made the following announcement, which the National Assembly asks everyone to note carefully and obey:

"In the 1965 Ridván Message from the Universal House of Justice we announced that in September 1967, on the Feast of Mashíyyat, a few appointed representatives of the Bahá'í world would visit the site of the House of Bahá'u'lláh in Adrianople where the Súriy-i-Mulúk was revealed. We have decided that the six Hands of the Cause of God who will represent the Universal House of Justice at the Inter-Continental Conferences in October are the ones to make this visit. Immediately following this historic act they will proceed to their respective Conferences.

For the protection of the Faith it is essential that no one, except the Hands, travel to Turkey on this occasion."

## ELECTION OF THE NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY, RIDVÁN 124.

Seventy-five of the seventy-six delegates voted in the election of the N.S.A. 675 votes were cast, and the National Spiritual Assembly this year consists of

Charles Macdonald  
Betty Reed  
John Long  
Adib Taherzadeh  
Eric Helicar  
Abbas Afnan  
Joe Jameson  
Philip Hainsworth  
Owen Battrick

The Officers of the N.S.A. are:

Chairman — Joe Jameson  
Vice-Chairman — John Long  
Secretary — Betty Reed  
Treasurer — Charles Macdonald.

At the first N.S.A. meeting of the new administrative year, held over the weekend May 12th/14th, the National Assembly re-appointed the following Committees: Assembly Assistance Teaching Committee, New Territories Teaching Committee, Scottish Teaching Committee, Welsh Teaching Committee, Irish Teaching Committee, National Pioneer Committee (for Home Front pioneering), London Movements Sub-Committee of the National Pioneer Committee, Overseas Goals Committee, Irish Hazíratu'l-Quds and Temple Land Committee, National Hazíratu'l-Quds Committee, Child Education Committee, Sales Committee, Blind Services Committee, Journal Committee, Reviewing Committee, National Youth Committee, Committee for the Care of the Guardian's Grave, Personal Consultative Committee, Community Development Committee, Public Relations Officers and Bahá'í News

Distribution Agent. All those Friends so far appointed have already been invited to serve. The Publicity and Proclamation Committees have been combined in one joint Committee, and its membership has also been appointed, although it may well need additional manpower. The Publishing Trust Committee has a vital task in the Nine Year Plan and its membership will be appointed at the N.S.A.'s next meeting. At that time too, Terms of Reference of all the Committees will be re-considered and either re-confirmed or expanded. This early appointment of Committees, however, means that they can all continue their work under their present Terms of Reference without interruption, and the British Community can swing into action immediately. There is much to do in the next four-and-a-half months, which are all we have left before the Inter-Continental Conferences.

## DECLARATIONS.

We are delighted to welcome Miss Lindsay Rutherford of Wokingham R.D. (Youth); Mr. Masoud Poostchi, Harringay (London) (Youth); Mr. Thomas W. Musson, Nottingham; Mrs. Anne Olley, Norwich; Mrs. Rosalie Moon, Bovingdon; Mr. George F. Watts, Chippenham; Mrs. Gertrude V. Wilson, Eccles; Mr. Harold D. Gascoigne, Mapperley; Miss Zoe Backwell and Miss Katherine Villiers-Stuart (both Youth) Green Island; Mr. Richard Blake, Salisbury; Mr. Mordecai Baptiste and Mr. Fred Williams, both Guyana; Mr. Tawfiq Sakkaf, Westminster (London); and the following Bahá'í Youth who have claimed voting rights: Miss Helen Brace, Hammersmith (London); Mr. Terence Beverton, York; Miss Faizih Shakibai, Manchester; and Mr. Sirus Vazirzadeh, Worthing.

## AN HISTORIC OCCASION.

At the invitation of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Mrs Betty Reed, Secretary of the National Assembly, was present at Evensong in Westminster Abbey on Sunday, May 21st, when the Commission commemorated the 50th Anniversary of its founding. This was the first time an official representative of the Bahá'í Community had attended a service in Westminster Abbey. H.R.H. Princess Marina, Duchess of Kent, was present, as well as ministerial and diplomatic representatives of Commonwealth and Foreign Governments and representatives of a number of religious communities and of various bodies and people connected with the Commission's work. As requested by the Commission, prayers have been said in Bahá'í Communities throughout the British Isles and the Commonwealth; a special service was held on May 21st in the Temple in Kampala, Uganda.

## "WORLD" MAGAZINE.

The Spring 1967 issue of this magazine which is published by the Council for

Education in World Citizenship, carried an excellent introductory article on the Faith. The magazine has a wide circulation amongst sixth formers.

## VISITS OVERSEAS: NEED FOR CAUTION.

The National Assembly urges anyone thinking of visiting one of our island goals or other overseas territories, to get in touch in good time with the Overseas Goals Committee, so that the Committee can give guidance concerning places where utmost caution must be shown. Please send your enquiries to: Overseas Goals Committee, 27 Rutland Gate, London S.W.7.

Anyone thinking of visiting any country in the Middle East should contact the National Assembly immediately. Please note too that any Bahá'í who is not Persian must get special permission to visit Iran, so anyone thinking of going to Persia must also contact the National Assembly.

## OBITUARY.

Mrs. Stella Selfridge (nee Johnston), who passed to the Abhá Kingdom on 26th April 1967, was the first Bahá'í to declare in Northern Ireland. Stella had been ill for many years, but there was such a great spirit of unity at her funeral that one of the Friends wrote us, "It seemed as if Bahá'u'lláh was giving a special blessing of unity, power and teaching at Stella's funeral, to make up for all she would have liked to have done but was unable, in her life." This special spiritual atmosphere was a perfect setting for the beauty of the Bahá'í prayers read at the graveside, and attracted Stella's relatives to enquire more about the Faith. We would like to share with you one of Stella's poems, which she called, "Thoughts"

"Death is over,  
The sky above is white with stars,  
The cornflowers dancing in the sun,  
The children laugh.  
The world is now so happy  
The cripples walk,  
The aged smile.  
All dreads have vanished  
In the dawning light."

## CABLES TO CONVENTION 124.

"WARMEST ADMIRATION  
NOBLE RESOLVE BRITISH  
FRIENDS ASSURE PRAYERS CON-  
TINUANCE DIVINE FAVOURS  
RICHLY BLESSED COMMUNITY  
UNIVERSAL HOUSE OF  
JUSTICE."

"DEEPLY APPRECIATE HEART-  
WARMING MESSAGE ASSURE  
FERVENT PRAYERS SHRINES  
DIVINE ASSISTANCE BLESSINGS  
DEVOTED SERVICES FRIENDS  
HOMEFRONT FOREIGN GOALS  
HANDSFAITH."



## SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY TO CONVENTION 124

### THE HOME FRONT CRISIS.

In the last four weeks before Ridván, the British Community faced a serious crisis. At first twelve, then thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen Assemblies fell below numbers, fourteen in England and two in Scotland. The National Assembly feels it necessary to draw special attention to the situation in England, where almost one-third of the Assemblies outside the London Boroughs were under numbers. If we look at the overall position, we see that of the 56 Local Assemblies reformed last year, 47 were in England, and 3 others there had lapsed, making a total of 50; 12 of them were in the London Boroughs, so if we take those out and look at them separately, we have 38. Of those 38, twelve Assemblies, 31.6% were under numbers, Burnley, Chester, Epsom, Hove, Northampton, Nottingham, Peterborough, Portsmouth, Sutton Coldfield, Torquay, Winchester and York. In addition, the London Boroughs of Ealing and Lambeth fell below numbers, and not one goal town in England has this year reached Assembly status.

The seriousness of this situation is clear when we realise that England is by far the largest portion of our Home Front reservoir; weakness there threatens all our activities at home and overseas.

The responsibility of the Bahá'ís who form the English section of our Community is inescapable; it was indicated by Shoghi Effendi as long ago as 1947, at which time Eire, Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland were still virgin territories. In his letter to us of October 24th 1947, the beloved Guardian said, "... the steps preliminary to the formation of a Bahá'í administrative centre in every county throughout the British Isles, must sooner or later be taken, as an essential prelude to the effective proclamation of the Faith to the masses. That the English Bahá'ís, aided and reinforced gradually by fresh recruits from among their Irish, Welsh and Scottish countrymen, may hasten the advent of such a glorious day in British Bahá'í history is the dearest wish of my heart and the object of my constant supplication at the Threshold of Bahá'u'lláh." In the Nine Year Plan the Universal House of Justice set for Scotland the goal of doubling the number of Local Assemblies (from five to ten); for Northern Ireland and Wales the goals of trebling the number of Local Assemblies (from two to six in each country) and opening every county, for England the goal is to establish a Local Assembly in every county, which means the addition of another 18 Assemblies to the present total, thus giving England at least 68 L.S.A.'s in the Nine Year Plan.

### RESPONSE TO THE CHALLENGE.

But it is a completely united British Community that will accomplish the tremendous tasks which lie before us, and it was to the whole Community that the National Assembly appealed twenty-eight days before Ridván for a

great, united effort, to save as many Assemblies as we could. Our highest hope was that the Home Front, by the grace of Bahá'u'lláh, would "break-even," newly forming Assemblies compensating for those which would be lost, so that we should end up with the same figures as last year, 56 L.S.A.'s in the British Isles. The magnificent response exceeded all our hopes. The cable sent to the Universal House of Justice on the evening of April 21st summarises the position:—

"JOYOUS RIDVÁN GREETINGS  
HAPPY REPORT NEW ASSEMBLIES  
SWANSEA CASTLEREAGH  
RICHMOND STOP STUPENDOUS  
EFFORT COMMUNITY REFORMED  
ABERDEEN BURNLEY MAINTAINED  
NINE OTHERS STOP  
OVERALL POSITION UNCHANGED  
AT 56 L.S.A.'s SUBJECT ONE  
FURTHER CONFIRMATION STOP  
PLEASE SHARE HANDSFAITH  
LOVE \* BAHÁ'Í LONDON".

The Universal House replied:—

"GRATEFUL YOUR LOVING  
RIDVÁN GREETINGS CONVEY  
ASSEMBLIES SWANSEA CASTLEREAGH  
RICHMOND WARM AND LOVING  
GREETINGS ASSURE ALL FRIENDS  
ARDENT PRAYERS GRATITUDE THEIR  
DEVOTED EFFORTS \* UNIVERSAL HOUSE  
OF JUSTICE."

The nine Assemblies maintained were Motherwell, Chester, Hove, Nottingham, Peterborough, Sutton Coldfield, Winchester, Ealing and Lambeth, and we have in fact 57 L.S.A.'s. Epsom, Inverness and Portsmouth have lapsed; Northampton and Torquay which lapsed last year, have not been reformed. The position of York is not yet clear.

Forty-five permanent pioneers have moved on the Home Front in the past year, the highest number ever to do so. Twenty-four went to goal towns and twenty-one to strengthen or maintain weak Assemblies. Prayers are still needed for these devoted Friends, especially for those who are now settling in their pioneer posts.

### LOOKING TO THE FUTURE.

We should perhaps pause here to see what had produced this crisis situation. The answer lies in the number of new declarations over the last three years, the first three years of the Nine Year Plan: during the year ended:

	Adult	Youth
April 20th 1965	86	57= 143
April 20th 1966	103	46= 149
April 20th 1967	120	24= 144

The Teaching tempo is too slow, as will be noted in steady decrease during these three years in the number of Youth declarations.

The National Assembly drew special attention to the situation in England. It is unusual to put special emphasis in

this way on any section of the Community, but close study of the "scatter" of the Community throughout the British Isles will show more clearly why this has been done, and the reason for the National Assembly's grave concern.

In the area of Yorkshire, Lancashire and Cheshire there are 14 Assemblies. In the London area there are 13 Assemblies in the London Boroughs and one in nearby Watford.

The concentration of believers in the British Isles is in these two areas.

Of the 33 goal towns to be brought to Assembly status, 25 are open; all five islands to be brought to Assembly status are open.

### NEXT YEAR ON THE HOME FRONT

In their letter of the 24th February 1967, clarifying their cable to Teaching Conference, the Universal House of Justice urged that we "REINFORCE (the) NORTHERN ISLANDS", explaining that they had in mind "the beloved Guardian's letter to the British community of 11th July 1956, in which he called attention to" "... the newly opened islands bordering the homeland itself, now standing in such dire need of a flow of pioneers and a concentration of material resources unexampled in British Bahá'í history.", and he indicated that even greater results could be expected from such attention paid to these islands than had been vouchsafed to the Africa campaign."

When we look at the geographical location of the Scottish Islands in relation to the British Isles, the vital importance of Inverness, as well as Aberdeen, in our chain of communications can be clearly seen.

The tremendous responsibility we have for the development of Eire and the formation of the new National Assembly there, is seen more clearly when we are aware of the very slender resources Bahá'í-wise of the Irish Republic just now. The Dublin Assembly is held with ten Bahá'ís, not all of whom can be active, and there are three adults and one youth in the goal town of Dun Laoghaire. There is one other believer just outside Cork, and that is the entire Southern Irish Community, which is to have a new National Assembly in five years' time. In the past three years we have opened one goal town there. Can we see what will happen if the work in Southern Ireland continues at this pace? Only a flow of dedicated pioneers, and sustained personal effort will win the battle in Eire.

### OVERSEAS VICTORIES.

Turning from the Home Front to our Overseas goals, we are delighted to report the formation of the first Local Assembly in Mackenzie, Guyana, with Anthony Worley, the Auxiliary Board Member for the Guianas and Trinidad, present.



There have been 14 new declarations in Guyana this year. This Community, which has less than 100 Bahá'ís, has been tremendously active. They have had approximately 175 minutes free broadcasting in the last year, over the transmitter of the Guyana Broadcasting Company; when Guyana became independent last May, they were invited to send Greetings to the new nation, and included a Bahá'í prayer for unity in their greeting; the Georgetown Assembly and the Area Teaching Committee have worked jointly on many teaching projects outside the area of that Mother Assembly; "firesides" are held three times a week at the Bahá'í Centre, and they use tape-recordings, slides, talks and devotional readings, and over 250 people throughout the year attended those gatherings. From the finances of the Georgetown Assembly there is an indication of their world-consciousness and their own lively awareness of their local responsibilities: they contributed £24 to the International Fund and have saved up £340 in their Capital Projects Fund towards the £1,000 allocated by the National Assembly for the purchase of Temple Land in Guyana, they have £20 in their local Proclamation Fund; over £156-worth of books have been sold this year, and the Assembly owns another £140-worth of book stock. The Georgetown Assembly is entirely self-supporting; and the new Haziratu'l-Quds is being managed to try to be self-supporting not only now, but in the years to come, outgoings are offset by income from rents. Teaching work outside Georgetown is supported by the Guyanese Community itself and by a budget from our Overseas Goals Committee, but they have never yet used all the budget allocated to them. The Local Assemblies and the believers in Guyana receive basically the same communications from the National Assembly as the British Community receives, and in turn we receive from the Georgetown Assembly and the Area Teaching Committee copies of their minutes. Our links with Guyana are very strong. Indeed, we felt a personal loss when that Community reported the passing last October of Dr. Malcolm King, the pioneer who first took the Faith to Guyana, British Guiana as it was then, in 1955; and when dear Mrs. Adriana Winter of Georgetown passed away on April 9th.

Looking in the other direction, to the Pacific, we are happy to announce the departure on April 7th of Mrs. Bobbie Leedham for Fiji. Mrs. Leedham was planning to attend the Convention of the South Pacific Bahá'í Community in Apia, Western Samoa, on her way to her pioneer post, and she should in fact now be there. She carried a message of greeting to the Convention from the British Community.

In Tarawa, Gilbert and Ellice Islands, the new National Assembly was formed at the first national Convention of that Community, held last week-end, and David Hopper kept us closely informed of the exciting preparations, with which he was helping.

British pioneers have taken part in the preparations for the elections of seven of the eleven new National Assemblies, being formed this Ridván. Mrs. Jan Mughrabi is in Cameroon Republic, which is having its own N.S.A.; helping with preparations for the new N.S.A. of Swaziland, Lesotho and Mozambique were Iris Foster and Sheila Powell; for the new N.S.A. of Zambia, Eric Manton of Northampton, who pioneered with his son, Terry, in the 1950's; for Belize Ruhi Yeganeh from Birmingham; and Mr. and Mrs. Wally Haines of Romford are part of the Bahá'í Community of the Leeward and Windward Islands in the Caribbean.

#### FINANCE.

As was announced to the Community in the April 1967 "Bahá'í Journal", the National Assembly has responded to the appeal of the Universal House of Justice to all N.S.A.'s to increase their contributions to the World Centre to help with important developments there, by pledging to increase our contribution from the National Fund to the International Fund from £500 to £2,000 in the coming year. Delegates will no doubt wish to keep this in mind when consulting on finance.

We ask you please to adjust one figure given in the National Assembly's Annual Report, on p.3, under 'Overseas Capital Projects Fund', the last item (vi) reads "\$4,000 (U.S.A.) is being sent to the N.S.A. of Venezuela towards the Haziratu'l-Quds in Trinidad," that figure should read \$1,000.

#### TELEGRAM TO H.M. THE QUEEN.

For the first time, our telegram of birthday greetings to Her Majesty, sent on April 21st, was in the name of the British Bahá'í Community only; we confidently expect that many Bahá'í Communities in the Commonwealth sent their own messages of greeting to Buckingham Palace that day. Our telegram read:

"THE NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE BAHÁ'ÍS OF THE BRITISH ISLES ON BEHALF OF THE BAHÁ'ÍS IN THE BRITISH ISLES EXTENDS TO YOUR MAJESTY LOYAL AND JOYOUS GREETINGS ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR MAJESTY'S BIRTHDAY"

to which the Queen's Private Secretary replied by telegram:

"THE QUEEN SINCERELY THANKS THE BAHÁ'ÍS OF THE BRITISH ISLES FOR THEIR KIND MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF HER MAJESTY'S BIRTHDAY."

#### RECOGNITION OF THE FAITH.

We are happy to share the news that a representative of the National Assembly has been invited by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to attend Evensong at Westminster Abbey on May 21st, an important occasion which commemorates the 50th Anniversary of the Commission's Founding; and in response to other invitations, a repre-

sentative of the N.S.A. has been appointed to the United Kingdom Committee on Human Rights, and one to the Religious Organisations Committee of the Human Rights Committee, both in connection with the organising of events in the United Kingdom to mark Human Rights Year, 1968.

#### CABLE TO CONVENTION.

Convention has been honoured by a cable from the Universal House of Justice, in addition to the Ridván cable. Their cable to Convention reads:

"ASSURE ALL FRIENDS CONVENTION ARDENT PRAYERS RAPID UNFOLDMENT GLORIOUS DESTINY BRITISH BAHÁ'Í COMMUNITY \* UNIVERSAL HOUSE OF JUSTICE."

There are already indications that, as the destiny of the British Community unfolds, we shall be led into new and undreamed of paths. One such development has been foreshadowed by the Universal House of Justice in their letter to the National Assembly of 8th August 1966, concerning the development of the Bahá'í Publishing Trust in which they said, "The position of the British Bahá'í Community as the champion builders of the Administrative Order of the Faith of Bahá'u'lláh throughout those territories associated with the British Commonwealth will be enormously re-inforced by the sound development of the British Publishing Trust, which must indeed, become the chief agency for the production and distribution of a flood of Bahá'í literature, both basic scriptures and teaching literature throughout these vast areas." This is food for thought, as those territories include many large-scale conversion areas.

Our overseas pioneer goals for next year have already been allocated by the Universal House of Justice; they are to send 2 more pioneers to Swaziland, 2 to Uganda, 2 more (making 4 in all) to Dahomey, 2 more to Ghana, 2 more to Belize, 1 to Ceylon; and at home we must re-open the virgin territory of the Inner Hebrides with 2 more pioneers. That means 10 pioneers are needed for Africa, 1 for Central America and 1 for Asia; as well as 2 for our own Northern Island of Skye.

The National Assembly feels that at this stage we cannot do better than to draw the attention of the friends to the letter we received from the Universal House of Justice dated January 20th 1966, of which every believer had a copy, in which the House said,

The tremendous strides which the British Community has made within the last few years, and the bright future which now lies open before it, both require that its home base be made sound and strong. Your tasks will not lessen as the years unfold and you may not have time later on to consolidate that reservoir of manpower, energy and administrative experience which must be the springboard for your



## FAR AWAY PLACES

It is now exactly one year since we arrived at our pioneering goal, a year which has been full of new and interesting experiences.

We are happy to report that this part of Africa, so long dormant, is now awakening. A large measure of credit is due to the Aiff family who, for many years, maintained the spark of faith for Bahá'u'lláh in this difficult region. It is most rewarding for them and for us to see eleven declarations since last Ridván. This means that the lapsed Assembly of Windhoek can be re-established this year and a new Assembly formed at Oneheke, Ovamboland. Teaching has been somewhat difficult but as from April 28th study classes will be held with official permission, in an African township, and will be conducted in a native school. That this development represents a tremendous stride forward can only truly be appreciated by those who have experienced the phenomenon of racial segregation. It is a resounding victory for Bahá'u'lláh.

Another milestone in the development of the Faith in South West Africa was the holding of the first-ever Summer School in this country. It took place from December 17th, 1966, to January 2nd, 1967. As originally conceived, the idea was to take advantage of the Christmas holidays at mid-summer and give the eight European children and Youth a deeper grounding in their Religion. From such a modest beginning grew the Summer School which had a total of twenty-three souls in attendance and was crowned by having two declarations. The presence of Auxiliary Board Member Mrs. Helen Wilks, was a source of inspiration to all participants and her drive, enthusiasm and energy contributed greatly to the success of the School. It is intended that Summer Schools will be a regular feature in South West's calendar.

Another field of advance has been that of translation. Until a few months ago the language of the Ovambo people had no set written form and so translations into Kuanyama were few, and those few were very individualistic. Now that a Government-sponsored team of linguists has produced a standardised version of Kuanyama we have employed two African teachers to check old translations and to prepare new material for us. Various prayers, some laws and teachings of Bahá'u'lláh, an outline of Bahá'í history and an outline of Administration are all now available in Kuanyama.

Yes, this has been an interesting year and we thank God most sincerely for the privilege of having spent it in South West Africa.

SUBMITTED BY OVERSEAS GOALS COMMITTEE

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world-wide tasks no less than for the proclamation of the Faith to the masses in the British Isles. Now is the time to send out pioneers to settle in the goals, both overseas and at home, and to institute a campaign of regular teaching

## FROM THE NATIONAL TREASURER

In response to the announcement by the Universal House of Justice, of major undertakings at the World Centre (printed in the last issue of the Journal), and calling for greatly increased support the British N.S.A. has pledged a donation of £2,000 to the International Fund this year. This is four times the amount given last year; it must come from the National Fund and is quite separate from individual donations which are specially ear-marked for the International Fund.

Added to this is the extra demand which the opening this year of the great period of Proclamation will make on the Fund. The N.S.A. will be considering the budget at its next meeting, but we can be sure it will be formidable, so an immediate and continued response is needed from every believer.

It is very timely therefore to share the following extract of a recent letter from the Universal House of Justice to the National Spiritual Assembly.

"The National Assembly should neither feel embarrassed nor ashamed in turning to the friends, continuously appealing to them to exemplify their faith and devotion to the Cause by sacrificing for it, and pointing out to them that they will grow spiritually through their acts of self-abnegation, that the fear of poverty should not deter them from sacrificing for the Fund, and that the assistance and bounty of the Source of all good and all wealth are unfailing and assured. The National Assembly should realize that in the long run it would be a greater service to the Cause in its country if it trains its own believers to support financially their Bahá'í activities rather than rely on outside help. It might be useful to share with the friends extracts from the writings of the beloved Guardian, such as the two passages we quote below:—

"Above all he wishes through you to reiterate his wish, already expressed in his recent cable to the N.S.A. that the National Fund, which undoubtedly constitutes the bedrock upon which all the activities of the Cause ultimately rest, should receive the continued and whole-hearted support of all the believers. Both the local Assemblies and the individual believers should realize that unless they contribute regularly and generously to that Fund, the progress of the Faith in India and Burma will not only be considerably retarded, but will inevitably come to a standstill. There should be a continuous flow of funds to the National Treasurer of the N.S.A. if that body wishes to properly administer the manifold and ever-increasing activities of the Faith. Every Bahá'í, no matter how

such as has never before been seen in Britain, and which, if well planned and relentlessly pursued will so consolidate and extend the homefront as to enable you to concentrate all your energies on your glorious overseas mission and on proclamation at home."

poor, must realize what a grave responsibility he has to shoulder in this connection and should have confidence that his spiritual progress as a believer in the World Order of Bahá'u'lláh will largely depend upon the measure in which he proves, in deeds, his readiness to support materially the Divine institutions of His Faith."

(From a letter of the Guardian written on his behalf to the National Spiritual Assembly of India and Burma, dated July 17, 1937).

"The institution of the National Fund, so vital and essential for the uninterrupted progress of these activities must, in particular, be assured of the whole-hearted, the ever-increasing and universal support of the mass of the believers, for whose welfare and in whose name these beneficent activities have been initiated and have been conducted. All, no matter how modest their resources, must participate." (From letter of the Guardian written on his behalf to the National Spiritual Assembly of Central and East Africa, dated August 8, 1957.)

The National Assembly is confident that these words will reach the hearts of the friends and will produce a greatly increased flow of the vital "life-blood" of the Faith. Donations should be sent to the National Treasurer, C. R. Macdonald, 25 Martello Park, Craigavad, Co. Down.

### "HIS MIGHT SHALL STAND UNSHAKEN"

"O Kamál: The heights which, through the most gracious favour of God, mortal man can attain, in this Day, are as yet unrevealed to his sight. The world of being hath never had, nor doth it yet possess the capacity for such a revelation. The day, however, is approaching when the potentialities of so great a favour will, by virtue of His behest, be manifested unto men. Though the forces of the nations be arrayed against Him, though the kings of the earth be leagued to undermine His Cause, the power of His might shall stand unshaken. He, verily, speaketh the truth, and summoneth all mankind to the way of Him Who is the Incomparable, the All-Knowing.

All men have been created to carry forward an ever-advancing civilization. The Almighty beareth Me witness: To act like the beasts of the field is unworthy of man. Those virtues that befit his dignity are forbearance, mercy, compassion and loving-kindness towards all the peoples and kindreds of the earth. Say: O friends. Drink your fill from this crystal stream that floweth through the heavenly grace of Him Who is the Lord of Names. Let others partake of its waters in My name, that the leaders of men in every land may fully recognise the purpose for which the Eternal Truth hath been revealed, and the reason for which they themselves have been created." from "Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh", CIX, pp 213-4

(Offered to you for meditation by the Community Development Committee).



# BAHÁ'Í PUBLISHING TRUST

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 123. (1966/67).

The year started with much promise but it proved to be, to use the phrase in the Ridván message, one of 'protracted frustration' and we can but share with the friends some account of the trials which beset us as the year unfolded.

In July last year the N.S.A. gave new and extended terms of reference to the Trust designed to provide for its expansion in accordance with the goal of the 9 year Plan and providing for a closer working relationship between the Reviewing Committee and the Trust.

In August the N.S.A. entered into a 3-year agreement with C. & A. Book Distribution Ltd., to act as 'Trade Counter' for the Trust and the transfer of stock to their London warehouse was made during September to enable the new distribution arrangements to commence at the beginning of October. It will be remembered that this was anticipated in last years report and high hopes were held that C. & A' would provide us with a more expeditious service and relieve the burdens which had proved so onerous on our faithful Distribution Manager (Reg. Coulson) and on our Accounts Dept. To date these hopes have not been realised, indeed the burden on the Accounts Dept. has become almost unbearable through the manifold errors which have been perpetrated by the packers and clerical workers at the Trade Counter. We can but express to the friends everywhere our regrets at the poor service and numerous mistakes which have caused them so much trouble, perhaps they in turn may realise how, having to check every order, every item and every price on every invoice, and every extension and other details and failing to get replies from C. & A. to letter after letter drawing attention to mistakes while one after another Assemblies and individuals both at home and abroad write to the Accounts Department complaining of wrong deliveries, wrong charges or delayed supplies has brought Vera Long almost to the point of despair. The Trust asked the N.S.A. to seriously consider whether they should seek annulment of the agreement and as a result of the representations made by the Trust and now reinforced by those of the N.S.A. the Trade Counter is making a determined effort to eradicate these weaknesses, and we are praying that they will speedily succeed.

Here one can only state that up to today we are still waiting for information about missing copy invoices, about money paid into our bank but with no advice to us as to which customer it came from, about cash paid by an Assembly to whom no goods have, apparently, been invoiced and a number of other queries — until this information is supplied our books cannot be completed for sending to our auditors — this is why no accounts were in the hands of

the delegates. It will be quite some time before they can be finalised and audited even when the missing information is supplied.

By Christmas substantial progress had been made in agreeing their old accounts position with customers at home and abroad who had received no statements for some five years and most of them have commenced making payments against these old accounts. When we mention that in the case of one overseas National Assembly the details of transactions which had to be turned up in response to their queries went back to before the commencement of the 10 Year Crusade in 1953 you will appreciate the extent of the work and patient delving involved. Less than half a dozen home accounts and less than a dozen overseas ones still remain to be dealt with but until the swollen volume of bookkeeping and letter writing which has arisen through the Trade Counter troubles diminishes, further work on clearing up the position of these old accounts cannot be undertaken. One thing we can feel confident about though, from the experience we have had so far, and that is that practically every one of these debts will, in course of time, be paid and nothing like the amount which was at one time envisaged as being irrecoverable will in fact prove to be so.

Undoubtedly the biggest disappointment to the Trust itself has been the blockage which has prevented us publishing the new items we had so looked forward to when we reported last year. All six of the leaflets and seven of the nine booklets were written and submitted together with some new manuscripts to the Reviewing Committee. Other items for reprinting had likewise been sent to them as no reprint can take place without the Reviewing Committee checking whether any revision is needed in the light of the existence now of the Universal House of Justice but of all this material only three leaflets have been received back, two approved and one rejected — and that one was promptly rewritten by two fresh authors and resubmitted last year. The N.S.A. has recently strengthened this Reviewing Committee and we do hope that we will soon be receiving manuscripts back from them although it remains to be seen whether some will have to be rewritten when their verdicts are given. The friends should know that in order to keep the price of the leaflets down, all six will be printed on a single sheet of paper and separated when cutting and folding takes place, so even the two approved by the Reviewing Committee cannot be printed until the other four leaflets are also approved.

So too, delay after delay outside our control, has held up completion of the new prayer book. We really had expected to get this on sale today but we have only just received the final page proofs from the printers — as these have

to be checked for every word and transliteration, a new contents summary and indexes added, it will be some weeks yet before they will be available. However, when this is done we expect every British Bahá'í will want one for they contain 10 prayers which were not in the former editions as they replace ones which cannot be authenticated and in 10 other cases new translations have been supplied by the Universal House of Justice — every prayer in the new edition therefore is fully authenticated. We have also investigated a new and, we believe, more attractive form of binding, a plastic material which keeps its fresh appearance so much longer than does cloth binding. We have not received the revised quotations so we cannot yet quote the price for this new prayer book.

With the transformation of the former London Assembly into a series of London Borough Assemblies new arrangements had to be made for sales at the Hazíratu'l-Quds. An attractive display-cum-storage showcase was installed in the Parvine Room, the annex to the main meeting room, and nearly £400 worth of literature is on sale there. 'Manning' of the bookstall has proved difficult, an appeal to all the London Borough Assemblies to help in manning on a 'rota' basis produced disappointing results and too heavy a burden is being borne by too few of the London friends — we would earnestly appeal for further help and would ask anyone willing to assist say once in every two months — surely not very much time to give up — to contact Farhang Afnan or write to the Trust.

The new catalogue, published last Autumn and available free to any Bahá'í sending a stamped addressed foolscap envelope was warmly welcomed by the friends at home and abroad and we were complimented on it by the Hands residing in the Holy Land. It contained many items from overseas Publishing Trusts not previously listed for sale by us and in the last issue of the Journal you will have seen the first supplementary list of additions to the Catalogue. A second supplementary list will be in the next Journal including items from the United States which have not arrived in time to sell at Convention. Amongst these will be four new Teaching Manuals.

Purchases of literature from overseas Trusts has nearly trebled as compared with the previous year, amounting this year to over £900, perhaps we should point out, however, that by the time we have paid postage and the Trade Counter's charges the sale of overseas publications contribute practically nothing to our overhead expenses, they are virtually sold by us 'at cost'.

It was with very great regret that we learnt in January, that Bill Prince had been advised by his doctor to resign from the Managership of the Trust. His conscientious and constant work was making him a most valuable member of the team — for every member of the Trust has specified and in most cases substantial duties to carry out, for the Trust



## DISCIPLINE — FREEDOM

The twentieth century has witnessed changes in many aspects of human life sociological, economic, political, educational; but the most outstanding seems to be in the pattern of family life and the parent-child relationship.

In recent years tremendous work and research have been carried out in the field of child psychology in the hope that this would help parents to understand their children and realise their needs so that they would be able to give them adequate training and education for a full life in modern society.

The Victorians said "Spare the rod and spoil the child". They believed that discipline was necessary for the upbringing of children and that to train a child one must start at the bottom. Contrary to this attitude many parents today wish to bring up their children in complete freedom, saying "I'll let him do what he likes, because if I restrain him, I'll frustrate him and he may later become a neurotic."

These two principles, freedom and discipline seem incompatible and present us with a dilemma. As parents, what are we to do?

Let us examine these two issues.

Freedom implies freedom to direct our personality, not freedom to give way to our impulses. This means freedom to select a course of action, not freedom to yield to base desires like anger, lust and covetousness whenever these are aroused.

Unbounded freedom is a source of abnormalities within the personality. Fear and jealousy in sexual relationships, which may threaten a marriage, are examples of these abnormalities. Excessive lying is another: it can lead to neurosis, which is a disorder of personality.

Giving a child freedom of personality means allowing him to do things for himself. Instead of making all his

decisions for him, he is given ample opportunity to make them for himself and encouraged to do so. Every child naturally wants to learn. Our duty is to provide him with the right opportunities and give him the right guidance.

Discipline functions like a safety-valve, directing our natural impulses into the right channels. The old concept of discipline was based on the belief (encouraged by the theological doctrine of "original sin" and the "old man") that animal instincts are essentially evil and should therefore be crushed.

Discipline, restraint and self-control are among the laws of life, physical as well as psychological. A driver must understand and obey the laws of the road before he is free to drive. In the same way it is the law-abiding country whose members have the greatest freedom. It is only through discipline that we have freedom to achieve our goals.

An important part of the brain is the mid-brain, surrounded by the cortex which inhibits and controls the impulses. The body contains flexor as well as extensor muscles, sympathetic as well as parasympathetic nerves. One stimulates, the other controls. These opposing functions are necessary for the harmonious functioning of the body.

Living in a society needs discipline if we are to recognise and respect the rights of others, if we are to be free to live our lives to the greatest advantage. The spoilt child who always wants to get his own way and wants to do as he likes always spoils the game and soon finds that the other children are not willing to play with him.

However, discipline is not to be confused with repression of desires. Discipline simply means controlling our desires and directing them into useful channels. A maladjusted person who sets out to commit crime and violence

has to be restrained, but it is important that the community should provide him with a more constructive outlet. A child who hits his fellows also needs to be restrained, but the most successful method is to divert his attention to playing a game.

Repression of impulses leads to rebellion, neurosis and perhaps breakdown, but discipline directs them in such a way as to bring at the same time freedom, efficiency and happiness. Repression is harmful: restraint on the other hand is necessary for a healthy life. In the early years of life parental restraint is called for to protect the child from danger and physical harm. The simplest form of restraint is the mother's disapproval, for a small child depends on the mother for security and love.

Praise and blame correspond to approval and disapproval. Warnings too are necessary, e.g., a child must be warned of the danger of accidents on the road, young people of the dangers of smoking and drinking, adolescent girls of the dangers of extramarital pregnancy. These are all forms of discipline which are essential to healthy, living.

Threats are different from warnings. They are more personal and are therefore likely to provoke resentment.

There is a place for punishment, though it should not be resorted to except in extreme cases, and never without due warning. Far too often a child is spanked without having any idea why.

Reward or punishment, as the case may be, must be immediate. If there is too long an interval between the act and the punishment or reward, the child is unable to associate the two. The punishment should fit the crime, and should be neither too severe nor too lenient. If it is too lenient, it encourages breaking the rules, and if it is too severe, it leaves behind a sense of injustice.

The best deterrent to crime is the certainty of detection. Few people would break the law if they were bound to be discovered. It is the same with a child. Punishment, blame and disapproval deter him from reprehensible acts. Praise, reward, encouragement, and approval on the other hand provide the incentives for good actions.

All these arguments and illustrations prove that freedom and discipline, so far from being opposed to each other, are in fact complementary notions, neither being complete without the other.

CHILD EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

### ZENITH—Youth Magazine.

Publication of the above has ceased. Contributors requiring refunds should inform the Sub-Editor,

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14 Geary Road,  
Belfast, 5.

Contributions still held on 30th June will be donated to the National Fund.

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is a trading organisation with all that that involves and it will take sometime before Geoff Bridle, who we are so glad to welcome as Bill's replacement, becomes familiar with the many duties which fall to the lot of the Manager. We regard the loss of Bill as just one more set-back in a year full of set-backs.

As you will by now appreciate, the past year has been fraught with many difficulties. But, it has been blessed, as far as the Trust is concerned, by the growth of very effective team-working amongst the members of the Trust and by the assistance of many friends and the help and consideration of Assemblies and their Librarians with the result that our sales have gone up by some 15% over the previous year — subject to completion of the accounts and to audit it is expected that they will be found to exceed £3,300 or some £450 more than in the previous year.

### Draw Nigh unto Bahá'u'lláh.

*Say: O people of God! Adorn your temples with the adornment of trustworthiness and piety. Help, then, you Lord with the hosts of goodly deeds and a praiseworthy character. We have forbidden your dissension and conflict in my Books, and my Scriptures, and my Scrolls, and my Tablets, and have wished thereby naught else save your exaltation and advancement. Unto this testify the heavens and the stars thereof, and the sun and the radiance thereof, and the trees and the leaves thereof, and the seas and the waves thereof, and the earth and the treasures thereof. We pray God to assist His loved ones, and aid them in that which beseemeth them in this blest, this mighty, and wondrous station.*

*Bahá'u'lláh.*



# NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITIES

## BANGOR.

A weekend school was held in the Bahá'í Centre on April 8th/9th and at most sessions the Centre was packed to the doors. We were privileged to have Bahá'ís and their friends from Liverpool, Dublin, Belfast, Greenisland, and other parts of Ireland and Mrs. Betty Reed from London.

The general theme of the school "Focus on the New Age" was introduced by Dick Backwell who welcomed Betty Reed as the first speaker. Betty explained the questionnaire on "living in the Bahá'í Community" and each person had a copy to answer. This sparked off many queries particularly about the Bahá'í marriage ceremony and its spiritual meaning. In the afternoon Adib Taherzadeh spoke on "Understanding the New Age" in which he explained the causes of the outstanding advance in science and technology during the past century. In the evening Betty showed a varied and interesting selection of coloured slides of her visit to South America. This was followed by an informal evening.

The opening Sunday Morning session was taken by a panel of speakers, the subject being "Present day Religious problems." Dr. Margaret Magill spoke on "The problem of Christian Unity," Charles Macdonald on "Understanding the Bible," Dick Backwell on "Social laws" and Lesley Gibson on "The purpose of life." A public meeting held in a local restaurant was attended by between 50 and 60 people. Betty Reed inspired the audience with her talk on "Towards a World Commonwealth" illustrating it with some of her experiences in South America which explained among other things "The essential oneness of mankind."

About twenty non-Bahá'ís attended some sessions of the school. The Public meeting was advertised twice in the local weekly paper and a report of the school was accepted and printed the following week.

## DUBLIN.

The Bahá'ís of Dublin were pleased to welcome friends from Northern and Southern Ireland to a weekend school on 21st/23rd April. It was the first meeting of this kind to be held in the new Hazirat-ul-Quds and was in many ways a successful and happy occasion. Discussions and talks, the themes of which were the 'Two Natures of Man' his attempt to overcome his environment and the "Building of a New World Order" were interesting to both Bahá'ís and non-Bahá'ís. Attention was paid to the personal and communal application of the Teachings of Bahá'u'lláh and the final talk was appropriately on "Unity". Our auxiliary board member was able to be with us for the whole weekend, and gave support and council to the friends in many ways. There seemed a general awareness that something great was afoot and the friends

parted with an earnest wish to "Be swift in the path of holiness" — the title of our school.

## LEICESTER

The Leicester friends are happy to announce that their new Centre will be officially opened at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 24th.

## LYME PARK

About 80 people attended a highly successful school at Lyme Park on the weekend May 19th—21st. Madeline Hellaby gave a challenging talk on spiritual preparation for proclamation and read an inspiring letter from American pioneers in Pennsylvania. Philip Hainsworth spoke on the action called for during this period. These Saturday sessions culminated in a lively and entertaining cabaret at which several non-Bahá'ís were present. The Sunday programme commenced with an impressive talk by Eric Hellicar. A panel held in the afternoon included short talks on the work of the United Nations, Save the Children Fund and the World Health Organisation, by Meherangez Munsiff, Mrs. Richard and Philip Hainsworth. Earl Cameron quoted appropriately from Bahá'í writings. The school was brought to a close with an open discussion ably guided by Ernest and Joan Gregory.

## NEWCASTLE

Fourty four people attended a Weekend school on 6th and 7th May. Youth arrived from Burnley, Bradford, Oldham, Sheffield and Sunderland. On the Saturday afternoon Dr. K. Gibbins of the Psychology Department of Newcastle University, a non-Bahá'í, gave a talk and lead a long, intriguing discussion on the Purpose of Education. He was impressed by the responsiveness of the group. The lively social evening included Excel Bowling for some, and a trip to the coast, returning at dawn, for others. Sunday's programme began soon after breakfast with an illustrated talk by Iraj Zamiri on the "Letters to the Kings" and their relevance to the approaching period of Proclamation. After some interesting discussion and a short coffee break, the youth gravitated to Exhibition Park for a spontaneous game of mock-football. Following lunch, prepared by the Newcastle Youth Committee, the friends heard Aldie Roberts give an encouraging talk, spiced with humour and engendering much discussion, on the role of youth during Proclamation. A Devotional brought this enjoyable school to a close.

## THE OUTER HEBRIDES.

A party set out at 10.0 a.m. from Inverness by car to cover the 90 miles of wild but beautiful country to Kyle of Lochalsh, there to board the steamer and make the 4 hour voyage through the Inner Sound and across the North Minch to Stornoway, it was a glorious sunny day and the vista from land or

sea of the snow capped mountains was a sight to behold.

Annaliese was waiting on the quay as the boat pulled in, within 10 minutes we were all waiting our chance to get a word in.

The following programme was arranged for this the first Weekend School in the area.

Saturday Evening, Public Meeting.  
Sunday Afternoon, Devotional.  
Sunday Evening, Consultation with pioneer.

Monday evening, slides of the Holy Land.

Tuesday Evening, Discussion 'Religious Unity'.

Everything was carried out according to plan but with no response by the inhabitants except on Tuesday evening, one young man appeared, he was already conversant with the Bahá'í Faith having read several books and followed a study course based on 'The New Era'.

The interim periods of the daytime took us about the island to look and see for ourselves, also in search of people who had previously made enquiries about the Faith. The western seaboard is a rewarding sight with rock masses and coves where Atlantic rollers break upon golden sandy beaches.

Alas the time of departure was at hand already, the regrettable feeling was general, that having started something, we would not be at hand to follow it up.

Although the physical attendance was so unresponsive, the psychological effect of publicity together with the Bahá'ís on the island has upset the equilibrium.

£5 worth of books were sold and many pamphlets given away.

## RICHMOND.

A one-day school will be held on Saturday 17th June commencing at 10 am at WIGAN HALL.

Further details may be obtained from:

Mrs. Bahieh Caprez,  
59 Castelnau,  
Barnes,  
London, S.W.13.

## STAFFORD.

On Sunday April 16th members of the Birmingham and Sutton-Coldfield Communities travelled to the goal town of Stafford to join the growing community there in a one-day study school, on Bahá'u'lláh's Tablets to the Kings.

As a prelude to the studies, a special devotional programme was arranged, based on the commencement of the period of Proclamation, supplicating for wisdom, strength, courage, and above all love, for all the Bahá'ís, to face what is to come during this exciting period in the Faith.

Following the outline given by Hand of the Cause, Col. Jalal Khazeh, a study outline was prepared, using the books, "God Passes By," "The Promised Day is



Come" and "Bahá'í Revelation." From the experience gained at Teaching Conference, it was felt strongly that more lasting benefit was to be gained by the active participation of all friends attending the School and the method of study was channeled accordingly. All friends attending brought a book which contained the Tablets to the Kings.

The Chairman and secretary of the Stafford Group took turns to lead, guide and pilot the study, which commenced with a number of questions, prepared by them, that few knew the answers to, not even those leading the study. The friends then were given time to find the answers in their books.

After this, each Tablet was read in full, the friends each taking turn to read, then special notes were made of (i) the Realization of Bahá'u'lláh's condemnation, praise, in the light of what has happened during the last century, (ii) What happened to those who rejected Bahá'u'lláh's warning. Constant references were made to the remarks of the Guardian in "God Passes By" and "The Promised Day is Come."

As a conclusion, notes were made of the chronological order of the Tablets, and further questions were asked, this time to be answered without reference to any of the books.

As time went on, everyone became more and more absorbed, and by the end of the afternoon, it was agreed that everyone felt refreshed and invigorated by the experience, which was so successful, that the Stafford friends have been asked to arrange similar studies on other aspects of the Faith.

The secretary of the Stafford Group has been approached by the scripture master of the local Girls High School, to speak at the school about the Faith. This is the first invitation of this kind since the opening of this town to the Faith.

#### ST. ANNES-ON-SEA.

A one day school was held at the Fernlea Hotel, South Promenade, St. Anne's-on-Sea, on April 2nd. Bahá'is and friends from St. Annes, Blackpool, Southport and Liverpool attended varied and interesting sessions in pleasant surroundings.

The School's theme laid particular emphasis on proclamation year with guidance and knowledge from our Auxilliary Board members. Joan and Ernest Gregory ably assisted by Margaret Shanks, and Lou Turner.

All agreed that this was a successful first public venture for St. Annes and it is hoped similar events can be arranged before very long.

#### WESTCLIFFE-ON-SEA

A very successful fireside recently held was supported by friends from Romford and Chelmsford and attracted 5 non-Bahá'is.

A further fireside has been arranged at which slides of Haifa will be shown. It is also hoped to hold another Public meeting in the near future.

## PROCLAMATION

### URGENT APPEAL.

The initial impact on the British public will be made in September, only four months away, and all the resources of the British Bahá'í Community should be directed to making an effective, stirring yet dignified presentation of the theme. To this end it is vital that all the talents, skills and expertise available amongst the Bahá'is should

be known to the various committees helping to prepare the Proclamation measures.

Please study the following questions and, if you have a positive answer, write at once to:—

Mr. Phillip Hainsworth,  
Sharaf,  
Church Road,  
Horsforth, Nr. Leeds,  
Yorkshire.

### IRISH TEACHING COMMITTEE REPORT.

Since our last report an exciting move has taken place in the North of Ireland—that of Charles and Yvonne MacDonald from Belfast to the goal area of Castlereagh Rural District. Their move has brought the group to nine and has also opened up a new area of Castlereagh. The Local Spiritual Assembly of Castlereagh was established at Ridván.

Also in the North, Larne Rural District, a group of four members held an extremely successful one-day school in Carrickfergus. The theme of the school was the "Covenant and the Administration." About fifty people attended the school, including Bahá'is and their friends. The children were specially catered for, and the Belfast Sunday school was well represented. Joan and Ernest Gregory came over from England to speak at the school, between them they took most of the sessions from which we all learnt a great deal.

Public meetings and firesides continue in Belfast, Bangor and Castlereagh. In Dublin Margaret Magill was asked to speak to a group of young Quakers on the Bahá'í Faith, as a result some of the young people have asked about Bahá'í meetings.

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### DEADLINE:—

Material for the next issue of the Journal to be in by 31st July, 1967. to—

Mr. J. Coates, Editor,  
45 Overfield Road,  
Fawdon,  
Newcastle upon Tyne, 3

Have you professional or highly qualified experience likely to be of value during the coming months and years?

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Would you be able to give any free time of say one week or more to helping to man the exhibition in London or elsewhere from April 1968 onwards?

Could you work at home collecting names, addressing envelopes, etc.?

PLEASE WRITE NOW.

All letters and offers will be acknowledged; we must mobilise at once, even though all your suggestions may not be called upon immediately.

The Universal House of Justice has said that:

"World-wide proclamation, the unknown sea on which we must soon sail, will add another dimension to our work, a dimension which will, as it develops, complement and reinforce the twin processes of expansion and consolidation."

We are too close to this message to realise its implications, but we can glimpse a vision of future victory if all our efforts, talents and resources are effectively utilised.

We are confident that the British Bahá'í Community is capable of reaching as great a height of service in this "new dimension" as it has in pioneer effort.

Please write to Philip Hainsworth, as soon as you have read this paragraph if you have any idea or service to offer.

PROCLAMATION COMMITTEE.

### EUROPEAN SUMMER SCHOOLS

Details of the Summer Schools in Europe this year are available and will be sent to anyone who sends a self-addressed stamped envelope to the National Office.