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LONDON BAHAI BULLETIN

Baha'i Centre,  
158a Old Brompton Road, S.W.5.

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"Let the light of truth and honesty shine from your faces, so that all the world may know that your word, in business or pleasure, is a word to trust and be sure of. Forget self and work for the whole". Abdu'l-Baha.  
(message to the London Baha'is,  
October 1911)  
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Dear Friends,

We are approaching the end of the year, and as we look at the dates in the Baha'i calendar, there are certain facts we should bear in mind. One of these is, that the 19th month, which we shall soon be entering, is a time for spiritual renewal, not only by the outward symbol of fasting, but by special prayer and re-dedication. (See Esslemont, page 214)

Before then, however, we have the Intercalary Days, which are days on which we are to show special kindness and hospitality to all people. Your Assembly asks you specially to remember the Relief Fund, during those days. This year we are holding the Intercalary meetings in various Baha'i homes - those in which London regional teaching is carried on, and it is hoped that we shall be able to persuade non-believers to attend and see part of our Baha'i life and celebration of Feast days. It would be appreciated if you could inform the hosts if you expect to come.

The last Feast is being held at the Centre, and you are asked to stay on for the evening, since, in actual fact, the Baha'i day starts at sunset, and therefore we shall be holding the Feast of Ola at the right time, as we shall be fasting during the hours between sunrise and sunset on Sunday.

With loving greetings to you all,

In warm fellowship,

Your Local Spiritual Assembly.

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19-DAY FEAST OF MULK.....Friday, 7th February, at 7.30 p.m.

Host:

#### OUR NEW HOME

Any Sunday afternoon you can drop in at 158a Old Brompton Road, (Tel: Freemantle 0077) from 3.30 onwards, for a "fireside" meeting. It is not meant as a public meeting, but if you have somebody genuinely interested in the Faith, bring them along to meet a few other believers and see the books on loan and on sale.

#### ALLIANCE HALL

At the January meeting, the audience was an extremely small one. Although there were quite a number of believers, this time, - 13 in the audience, and 4 on the platform, there were only 11 visitors. More believers are wanted at the next meeting, - but together with their non-Baha'i friends. If each believer brought one friend or enquirer, we might get nearer the marvellous record of the Leeds group, recently - 105 listeners at the Brains Trust, for which only 25 chairs had been provided. Our next meeting on the 11th, will also be a Brains Trust, and although official invitations are sent out to many contacts, nothing succeeds as well as the personal touch. Let London community show what it can do.

#### APPEAL

As you have read in the letter part of this bulletin, Mrs. Hall is now chairman of the N.T.C. - and that means that London loses much of the useful help that she gave in so many ways. Volunteers are therefore requested for some secretarial work, as well as for the formation of a strong room committee and a hospitality committee. If you are not already a member of some Baha'i committee what about an offer for one of the above?

#### N.S.A. Letter

You will have received a letter from the Treasurer of the N.S.A. a short while ago, which gave much food for thought. Our own Treasurer reports that contributions to the London Fund have fallen off, and asks you to remember that in contributing to the London Fund you are supporting the National Fund, since a fixed percentage of all donations is sent to the National Treasurer each quarter. You are also asked to send your donations direct to Donald Millar at 52 Cedar Court, N.10 with the cheques made out to "The London Baha'i Fund", as this will facilitate the Treasurer's work, and ensure a prompt receipt.

FOOD FOR GERMANY It is now possible to send parcels of rationed food, and old clothing, direct to Austria and Germany. There are many of your Baha'i brothers and sisters would be only too happy to receive something from you, as they are in dire need. You can get names and addresses from the Centre, and also the particulars of the limitations as to contents, and despatch regulations can be ascertained at the post office.

BAHA'I STAMPS There are some very striking "stamps" for sale, which could be stuck on the backs of envelopes, and are sure to attract attention. These can be obtained from the Centre, at 1/3d per 100.

FIRESIDES Thursdays.....H.M.Balyuzi, 6 Cannon Place, N.W.3.  
3rd Tuesday each month...Mrs. Hyett, 28 Tregunter Road, S.W.10.  
Ealing or South London...phone V.Isenthal at Perivale 1326 or  
D. Ferraby at Tulse Hill 4324

### INTERCALARY DAYS

February 26th, Wednesday at 8.0. p.m.: Hostess: Vivian Isenthal  
95 The Avenue, West Ealing, W.13  
27th, Thursday at 8.0 Hosts: Hasan & Molly Balyuzi  
6 Cannon Place, Hampstead, N.W.10  
28th Friday at 7.0. Hostess: Mrs. Hyett  
28 Tregunter Road, Earl's Court  
S.W.10.  
March 1st. Saturday at 4.0 Hostess: Mrs. M.E. Hall  
at the Centre  
7.0 p.m. FEAST OF OLA. Host: Brian Townshend  
Special N.S.A. programme.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY is celebrated annually, on February 24th.  
This year, we, in London, will hold our meeting on Sunday, 23rd at  
the Centre, at 8.30 p.m. The meeting will be called

"Security for a Failing World"

which is the theme chosen for these meetings, the world over.

Please take this opportunity of inviting your young friends,  
especially those under thirty, to come along, as London lags behind  
the other communities in the number of youth members it has.  
You are asked to send in the names of those people you would like to  
invite, to the Local Youth Correspondent, Mrs. N. Dehkan, 3 Parsifal  
Road, N.W.10., and she will send them special cards for this occasion.  
We have a strong duty to pass on the message to the young people who  
will be able to attract still more of those who will carry our work  
on into the future.

SPEAKER'S TRAINING COURSE The National Teaching Committee have  
issued a leaflet outlining a method of training would-be speakers,  
of which we are in desperate need. This leaflet is available to any  
member of the community, upon application to the local secretary.  
It is earnestly hoped that volunteers will come forward for the  
formation of a class, as we need more speakers in order to give the  
audience more variety, and to relieve the heavy demands made upon the  
"first of the few". The course will be instructive and amusing.  
There is no need to feel shy.

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TO YOU PROVIDE PIONEERS NEEDS CRUCIAL YEAR STOP CHAIRMAN AND ONE  
MEMBER DEPUTED MEET YOUR COMMUNITY EXPLAIN POSITION STOP PLEASE  
ARRANGE FULL ATTENDANCE MEETING IN CONSULTATION MRS. HALL LOVING  
GREETINGS

NATIONAL TEACHING COMMITTEE"

The consultation has been arranged for Wednesday, 19th February, at 7.0  
Please do your best to be there.