

## LONDON BAHA'I BULLETIN

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"Let their hearts, O my Lord, be carried away by Thy remembrance, and their souls enriched by Thy riches, and their wills strengthened to proclaim Thy Cause amidst Thy creatures. Thou art, verily, the Great Giver, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Compassionate." (Bahá'u'lláh)

## Beloved Friends,

No.127

Your Spiritual Assembly urges you to attend the Final Phase Day at Northampton on Sunday, November 14th.

The National Teaching Committee writes: "As you may have gathered from the N.S.A.'s letter, this Conference is going to be one of the most important Conferences to be held in the British Isles, and the idea is that it will not only ensure the success of the Final Phase of the Plan, but will give a new spiritual impetus to all the friends, by the fact that they are uniting together in the knowledge that throughout the entire British Bahá'i Community the friends are gathered together at the same time with the same purpose in mind....."

"The most important thing about the Conference will be the play written by the wife of the Guardian, for it is not only humorous but also brings home in a wonderful way the many aspects of Bahá'i Community life..... The occasion will be a momentous one, and as the Guardian is praying for the success of these meetings, we do hope that every single member of your Community will be able to attend..... In addition to the Conference, and in order to utilise available speakers, there will also be a large public meeting..... This day, then, dear Friends, will be a historic one in the life of the British Community, and we hope that the Guardian's expressed wishes to Summer School for 'closer association' will be cause of the Faith taking an enormous step forward on 14th November."

The Northampton Spiritual Assembly which is the host assembly on this occasion, for the Midland and London region, writes: "Northampton Spiritual Assembly sends its most loving Bahá'í greetings to all members of your Communities.... We look forward with real joy to welcoming the friends of the Midland & London region... and express the hope that our Unity Feast will be a time of unforgettable happiness and true Bahá'í fellowship."

The Northampton Assembly sends a complete list of all relevant information, a comprehensive summary of which is given below:

## PROGRAMME OF THE DAY

Foregathering at the Plough Hotel, Bridge Street, for lunch. (The Plough 12.30 Hotel is less than ten minutes walk from Castle Station, but all buses passing the station go to Town Centre, a penny fare. Bridge Street is the first turning on the right, coming from the station, on entering Town Centre Square.)

Opening of the Conference in the Hotel Conference Room. 2 p.m. N.S.A Presentation - Marion Hofman, Hasan Balyuzi. General Discussion. "How to Be and Now Not to Be of A Spiritual Assembly's Growing Pains" -A Flay by Ruhiyyih Khanum.

> Commentary on the Play. N.T.C. Presentation - Marion Hofman. General Discussion. Close of Conference.

5 p.m. Afternoon Tea.

6.30 p.m. Public Meeting - Speakers: Marion Hofman, Hasan Balyuzi. Theme: "Two Views of our Time"

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 Trains:
 Sunday Euston 9.10 a.m. - arr. Northampton 11.11 a.m.

 " 11.15 a.m. - arr. "
 12.40 p.m. (non-stop)

 Northampton 6.00 p.m. - arr. Euston
 7.45 p.m.

 " 9.17 p.m. - arr. "
 10.55 p.m.

Other Arrangements and Notifications. Arrangements have been made with the Plough Hotel for Sunday mid-day dinner to be served at a cost of 5/- per head. Please notify at once Mrs. Ethelreda Nutt, 25 Hampton Street, Northampton, if you propose to be there for this meal.

For tea you will be the guests of the Northampton Assembly, but please let Miss Vera Rate, 17 Barnwell Road, Kingsthorpe, Northampton, know of your coming as soon as possible, so that adequate arrangements can be made.

For hotel accommodation over the week-end (if required) also notify Mrs. Ethelreda Nutt.

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19-Day Feast

The Feast of Qawl (Speech) - Tuesday November 23rd at 7 p.m. Hostess: Marjorie Parker.

Note: During the social part of this Feast a sale will be held which includes Bahá'i ringstones (presented by Asher Nazar) and paintings by Vivian Isenthal.

At the Alliance Hall - Friday, November 12th at 7 p.m. Meeting to Commemorate the Feast of the Birth of Bahá'u'lláh. Mrs. Routh of Sydney, Australia, will speak on the theme, "The Promise of All Ages".

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The Day of the Covenant - Friday, November 26th. Meeting at the Centre at 7 p.m.

Note: You are requested to contribute in kind to the above Feasts.

The Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá - Sunday, November 28th. Commemoration Meeting at the Centre at 3 p.m.

Note: Accommodation at the Centre makes it impossible to hold this meeting at the appropriate time: 1 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at the Centre - 7.30 p.m.

November	10th	-	"Human Rights"
November	17th	-	"The Certain Way to Peace"
November	24th	-	"Man's Supreme Affliction"

OUR COMMUNITY We extend the most loving and joyous welcome to Mr. H. Backwell who has declared his faith and joined our Community.

Iraj Poostchi has transferred his residence to London, to pursue his studies. Loving greetings and welcome to him.

OUR PIONEERS Our dear friend Richard Backwell is now settled in Newcastle.

Manuchehr Sabetian has also gone to Newcastle, to continue his studies at the University of Durham.

<u>OUR VISITORS</u> It is a great privilege to welcome Dr. Lutfullah Hakim of Tehran. Dr. Hakim was in this country during 'Abdu'l-Baha's visits and for many years after. Subsequently he spent five years in the Holy Land in the service of the Master and later of the Guardian.

We have also been very happy and fortunate in meeting once again Mrs. Marion Little of New Orleans, and Major Khademi of Tehran. Mrs. Little was on her way to a five years' sojourn on the Continent as a travelling teacher. She spoke at our Wednesday evening meeting on October 27th. Later she visited Dublin. Major Khademi, who as an air pilot has visited many Bahá'i Communities in the East and in France, will be with us for a few months.

THE BY-ELECTION Mrs. Slade was elected to the Assembly (voting figures next bulletin),

NOTES & NEWS

1. Mehrangiz Munsiff has been appointed to the local teaching Committee. 2. We contributed £19 last month to the National Fund.