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"The Divine Springtime is come, O Most Exalted Pen, for the Festival of the All-Merciful is fast approaching. Bestir thyself, and magnify, before the entire creation, the name of God, and celebrate His praise, in such wise that all created things may be regenerated and made new."

(Bahá'u'lláh)

AFRICA: The Spiritual Assembly has received the following letter from the African Committee, which it shares with all the friends:

Dear Bahá'í Friends,

As more and more pioneers arrive in Africa there will be a need for more and more Bahá'í literature for teaching purposes, and the Africa Committee is planning to build up Bahá'í lending libraries in the various centres at which teaching is done.

We think that all the British friends will like to take part in building up these libraries, and we are therefore building up a stock of books in this country, which will be presented to the African libraries as occasion warrants. We ask your Assembly to bring this scheme to the attention of the friends in your Community, some of whom may like to present books, either new or second-hand, for the purpose, or to subscribe money with which to purchase books.

We would like to bring to your attention a method of contacting Africans in this country. An organisation known as The East and West Friendship Council organises hospitality for overseas students in Britain. Anyone who is able to provide such hospitality, either something as simple as an afternoon tea or more extensive like having a student to stay for a week-end, might like to get in touch with the local representative of the organisation. They could ask for a student from one of the countries of the Plan, but might have to accept an African from another country. The organisation also provides student speakers very willingly. The address of your local representative is: 101 Gower Street, W.C.1.

With Bahá'í Greetings,  
John Ferraby, Secretary.



LONDON DELEGATES TO NATIONAL BAHA'Í CONVENTION, 1951

Thirty-eight Ballot Papers were received from 54% of the London Community, two of which were rendered invalid because in one case the sender's name was indicated on the envelope, whereas the other was received after the closing date. The first 12 in the following list, who received the highest votes, were elected delegates.

<u>No. of Votes Rec'd.</u>		<u>No. of Votes Rec'd.</u>	
1. Mrs. Isobel Slade	33	21. Mr. A. Nazar	6
2. Mr. Hassan Balyuzi	30	22. Miss M. Parker	6
3. Mr. Donald Millar	29	23. Miss E. Gorvett	5
4. Mr. Hugh McKinley	28	24. Mrs. Hyett	5
5. Mrs. Gladys Blackwell	27	25. Mr. E. Kamming	4
6. Lady K. Hornell	26	26. Mrs. E. Millar	3
7. Mr. E. Munsiff	25	27. Mrs. A. Nazar	2
8. Mr. Henry Backwell	24	28. Miss F. Champion	2
9. Prof. Z. Zeine	23	29. Mrs. M. Balyuzi	1
10. Mrs. Dorothy Ferraby	20	30. Mr. A. Cole	1
11. Dr. M. Samandari	19	31. Miss N. Cooper	1
12. Mr. John Ferraby	18	32. Miss P. <del>Khan</del> KHATSÍ	1
13. Miss Kilford	14	33. Mr. A. Khorsandiyán	1
14. Mrs. M. Munsiff	13	34. Mrs. Leeds	1
15. Miss B. de Gruchy	12	35. Mr. C. Mansoori	1
16. Mr. Z. Asgarzadeh	11	36. Mr. Mabbutt	1
17. Mr. H. Hazari	10	37. Mrs. V. McKinley	1
18. Mrs. B. Kamming	10	38. Miss M. Shakib	1
19. Mr. A. Dehkan	9	39. Miss V. Samandari	1
20. Miss Cheeseman	6	40. Miss Grimshaw	1
<u>Total number of votes cast ... 432</u>			



The National Convention will be held in London at Bonnington Hotel, Southampton Row, W.C.1. (Holborn Tube Station) on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, April 28th, 29th and 30th. The Convention will open every day at 10 a.m.

Ridván Feast will be celebrated on Saturday, April 28th, at 8.30 p.m. at Bonnington Hotel. Our Community will act as host to delegates and visitors. Contributions in kind towards refreshments are invited.

Annual Meeting - Election of the Spiritual Assembly:

First Day of Ridván - Saturday, April 21st, at 3 p.m.

Nineteen-Day Feasts

The Feast of Jalál (Splendour) Monday, April 9th, at 7 p.m.

Hostess: Lady Hornell.

Consultation between Convention delegates and the Community will take place at this Feast.

Feast of Jamál (Beauty) Friday, April 27th, at 7 p.m.

Hosts: Mrs. Slade and Mr. and Mrs. Backwell.

(Please note that this Feast will be held on the 27th and not the 28th, which coincides with the Convention.)

Public Meeting Tuesday, April 24th, at 7.30 p.m.

Court Room, Caxton Hall, Westminster, S.W.1.

(St. James' Park Tube Station)

Speaker: Prof. Z.N. Zeine, M.A., F.R.A.S.

Subject: "The Ignorance of the Educated"

This is the first of four public talks which will be given by Professor Zeine, under the general title: "Signs of the Times".

The next three meetings will be on Monday, May 28th, (Caxton Hall),  
Tuesday, July 17th, (Alliance Hall),  
Monday, September 17th, (Caxton Hall).



Thursday Meetings at the Centre, at 7.30 p.m.

April 5th ... Talk by Mrs. Slade                      April 19th ... Discussion  
" 12th ...        " " Vivian Isenthal                      " 26th ...        Talk by Beryl de Gruchy.

A Fireside Meeting is held every Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Slade,  
129 Ebury Street, S.W.1.

Treasurer's Report:            (February 20th - March 20th)

Total Income	£22.10. 0.
Contributions from the Community to the Fund	£19.10. 0.
Expenditure	£48. 6. 4.

We show a big deficit.

Wedding Gifts        We have received the following letter from Mrs. McKinley, which we reproduce herewith: Dear Bahá'í Friends, As you know, Dick Backwell and Vida Johnston were married last week-end and Isobel Locke and Hasan Sabri are to be married on 7th April next. Perhaps you would like to make a contribution to me for a wedding present for these young people, who have all done such yeoman service in our beloved Cause.

Loving Greetings from yours in His Service, Violet McKinley.  
(122 Tooting Bec Road, S.W.17. February 27th 1951)

Our Community        Our dear friend Egon Kamming has been ill over a period of weeks. We hear that he is now recovering, and wish him a very speedy journey along that way. We look forward to meeting him soon at the Centre. Hushang Asasi who had gone to Tihiran on a short visit, has now returned. A loving welcome to him. We have been most glad to meet and welcome Mr. and Mrs. Izzatullah Alai (parents of Alapur Alai who was a member of our Community until he pioneered to Bristol two years ago), of Tihiran. Mrs. Violette Nakhjavani of Shiraz, Mr. Kuchikazadeh of Sheffield and his young daughter just arrived from Tihiran.