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"It (the Fast) is essentially a period of meditation and prayer, of spiritual recuperation, during which the believer must strive to make the necessary readjustments in his inner life and to refresh and invigorate the spiritual forces latent in his soul . . . Fasting is symbolic and a reminder of abstinence from selfish and carnal desires."

Shoghi Effendi

DAYS OF FASTING

The privilege of fasting is once again with us. The period starts on 2nd March and ends on 20th March.

For the guidance of the friends the following table of the timing of sunrise and sunset is furnished.

	<u>Sunrise</u>	<u>Sunset</u>
March 2nd .. ..	6.45 a.m.	7.41 p.m.
March 14th .. ..	6.17 a.m.	6.03 p.m.
March 20th .. ..	6.00 a.m.	6.15 p.m.

It may be noted that as the days of fasting roll on, the sun rises a few minutes earlier and sets a few minutes later. The exact "times" for each day can easily be determined by referring to "Weather" in your morning or evening newspaper.

Those who are over 70 years of age or under 15 years, who are travelling, or ill or pregnant or suckling a child, are excused from fasting.

19 DAY FEASTS

Sunday, 1st March (8.0 p.m.)      Host: Mrs. Rohani Vargha  
Friday, 20th March (8.0 p.m.)      Host: London Bahá'í Assembly

BIRTH

Margaret and Hasan Anfan's family has now an addition of a boy. May he grow up soon to serve His Cause.

CELEBRATION OF NAW-RUZ

The usual 19 Day Feast will be at the Centre on 20th March (Friday) at 8 p.m. after the sunset. This occasion will be for Bahá'í friends only. As Naw-Ruz is the first day of our new year 121, the Assembly has decided, as desired

by the Community, to organize a joyous function which can be attended by the Bahá'ís along with all their family members and non-Bahá'í friends. This function will be

at THE NORFOLK HOTEL, Harrington Road, S.W.7. (near South Kensington  
on SATURDAY, 21st March, 1964, (Underground Station.  
from 3 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

The cost of the ticket will be 8/- per adult and 6/- per child under the age of six years. The price includes soft drinks, tea, coffee, and refreshments. The tickets will be issued only after payment is made, and they should be presented at the door for gaining admission.

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS FUNCTION, BRING ALONG YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS and PARTICIPATE IN THE GAIETY, FUN AND HAPPINESS ON THE OCCASION. There will be music and spot prizes.

Tickets can be obtained from: Eruch Munsiff, 28 Inner Park Road, S.W.19.  
(Telephone: PUTney 8472).

Volunteers, who can help with floral and other decorations, organizing party games, are requested to get in touch with Eruch Munsiff, as soon as possible. Donations of paper decorations, hats, streamers, blowers, balloons etc., would be most welcome, and should be handed to Eruch Munsiff at the latest by 15th March.

DO NOT FORGET TO BRING YOUR CHILDREN.

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THE LONDON FUND

A provisional statement of account for the period 22nd March 1963 until 14th February 1964, is provided below for your information.

<u>Contributions</u> <u>Received:</u>	<u>Contributions paid and expenses incurred:</u>
<u>£989. 6s. 1d.</u>	Centre Rent .. .. . £252. 10. 0.
	National Fund .. .. . 120. 0. 0.
	International Fund .. .. . 100. 0. 0.
	Frankfurt Temple Fund .. .. . 136. 2. 2.
	Rental "Underground" Posters .. .. . 324. 2. 6.
	Public Meeting cards .. .. . 42. 3. 7.
	Rental of Hall for Public Meeting .. .. . 10. 2. 6.
	Expense of Travelling Teachers .. .. . 1. 8. 9.
	Provision for Coffee Evening Meetings.. 10. 15. 6.
	Postage for Public Meeting cards, Bulletins etc. .. .. . 45. 6. 1.
	London Bulletin .. .. . 23. 3. 7.
	Incidental Expenses .. .. . 5. 0.

**DEFICIT BALANCE** £76. 13. 7.

£1,065. 19. 8.

From the above it will be seen that the Fund is in need of GENEROUS AND

IMMEDIATE HELP. The Bahá'í Year soon comes to a close and nobody in our Community would like the closing accounts to show a deficit. To meet all our obligations up to the end of the year, we need approximately £125. Please send your donation as large as you can and immediately, to the Treasurer (28, Inner Park Road, London, S.W.19.).

In the February Bulletin, an appeal was made. In response, a beloved former member of the London Community sent her generous donation to the Treasurer with a letter saying: "I see by the London Bulletin that you are short of funds. You seem to be moving fast and it is so cramping to be short of funds. May I, as an old member of the group, send a contribution?" May Bahá'u'lláh reward her sincere response and encourage other friends to send their immediate donations and spare the Fund the embarrassment of the large deficit.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

At the London Bahá'í Centre

<u>Thursday (7.45 p.m.)</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Chairman</u>
5th March	Habib Nahai	"All Ways to Harmony Open"	Bill Dixon
12th "	Eruch Munsiff	"Acceptance of His Call"	Jack Steed
19th "	Dr. Nabil Mustafa	"The Large World is So Small"	Helen Brace
26th "	John Morley	"Our Daily Bread"	Farhang Rameshni

At the Carnarvon Hotel, Ealing Common, W.5.

<u>Monday (8 p.m.)</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Chairman</u>
9th March	Hugh McKinley	"A New Creation"	Joan Giddings
23rd "	Ron Stee	"The Dynamics of Change"	Maryam Shaker

At the Millicent Café, Lytton Road, New Barnet

<u>Tuesday (8 p.m.)</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Chairman</u>
10th March	Rose Wade	"The Wider View"	Robert Semple

Also at the London Bahá'í Centre

- Each Monday at 7.45 p.m. Informal Discussion Evening (coffee served)
- Each Sunday at 11 a.m. Devotional Programme

SUNDAY MEETINGS

Regular devotional meetings are held at the Centre, each Sunday morning at eleven. Please support these meetings with your family and friends and have the unique benefit of spiritual exhilaration and satisfaction.

NEW DECLARATIONS

The Assembly is pleased to announce the acceptance of the declaration made by Graham David Peper and Ivan Dundab.

OUR NEIGHBOURS

The need for closer co-operation and mutual help between the London Community

and the Bahá'ís in Romford, Epsom, and Watford, is becoming more and more pressing. In order to ensure that all of us get to know the details of activities organized in these four centres, the Assembly proposes to include a section in our Bulletin providing information about their activities. This will start probably with the April 1964 issue.

PIONEERS . . . are badly and urgently needed for Romford. If you can help, please get in touch with the National Bahá'í Office.

#### ORIENTAL WORDS

The Universal House of Justice has called upon the Bahá'ís all over the world to pay particular attention to the spelling and pronunciation of Persian and Arabic words, when Roman alphabet is used. In this connection, references to the undermentioned publications would be helpful:

"Bahá'í World" Volume XII Pages 855-856 and 857-858

"Bahá'í Glossary" (Bahá'í Publishing Trust, U.S.A.) Price 13s.6d.

#### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Jean Campbell has left London and gone to Malta to help with the Bahá'í work there. During the time Jean was with us in London, she made herself one of the most endearing and helpful members of our Community. Her services in connection with the Book Sales and informal Coffee Evenings are particularly missed by us all. In expressing our thanks for all that she willingly did for 'London', we wish Jean a happy and successful sojourn in Malta.

Geraldine and Patrick Robarts with their young son leave for Kampala on 2nd March. May they have a happy time in Africa.

Kit and Varonica Forrest leave London this month. Kit goes to Geneva to a new job and Varonica, God willing, will join him in the near future with a "new arrival" in the Forrest family. Their familiar presence and willing services will be missed by 'London'.

Mimi Thormessabi has kindly agreed to take charge of the Book Sales work. Friends are requested to extend their co-operation and help to Mimi in every possible way. Since Jean's departure from London, Joan Giddings has been efficiently managing the Book Sales, for which we are indebted to her.

Please note that the Tree-planting Ceremony, followed by a public meeting in the Ealing Town Hall will be on April 17th, 1964. Fuller details will be published in the April issue of the Bulletin. Please keep that evening free and support the occasion with your friends.

The Assembly has now purchased a cyclostyling machine for the use of various local committees. This indicates the growing volume of work associated with the London Community. Because of the pressure of work, for the last few months, the Assembly has met every Tuesday.

It is gratifying to record that the London Assembly is regularly asked to provide Bahá'í speakers, by various institutes and organizations in and around London, in addition to enquiries made by individuals.