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"O Lord!    Make us brilliant lamps, shining stars,  
              and blessed trees adorned with fruit, whose branches  
              will over-shadow all Regions."  
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19 DAY FEASTS

5th June, Saturday : Feast of Nur at 3.30 p.m.
25th June, Friday : Feast of Rahmat at 7.45 p.m.

NOTE: All Bahá'í meetings will start at the timings
announced. Kindly be punctual.

L.S.A. OFFICE-BEARERS

For the current Bahá'í Year, the Assembly has elected

Eruch Munsiff as Chairman : Donald Millar as Treasurer
Ron Stee as Secretary : Kathleen Hyett as Vice Chairman

Kathleen Hyett has also kindly agreed to continue as Recording Secretary for
the Assembly.

DECLARATION

The Assembly is glad to announce the declaration of Dennis M. Taylor and welcome him as a Bahá'í.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

(at London Centre - 7.45 p.m.)

<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Chairman</u>
3rd June	Meherangiz Munsiff	"Return to a Spiritual Age"	John Twinane
10th June	Somesh Afnan	"Blue Print for Progress"	Ron Stee
17th June	Eruch Munsiff	"Spirit of Fellowship"	Maryam Shaker
24th June	John Wade	"The New Proclamation"	Ranjit Appa

(at Carnarvon Hotel, Ealing Common - 8 p.m.)

Monday

14th June	Meherangiz Munsiff	"An Interplanetary Community"	Charles Webb
28th June	J. Jaganathan	"What have we lost today?"	Rose Jones

Fireside Meetings: 14 Northumberland Road, Barnet.

8 p.m. on June 8th and 22nd.

DALSTON HALL SUMMER SCHOOL

All the friends have received the details about the School (3rd to 17th July 1965). Please book early and support the School. Registrar for the School is Mr. J. Coates (5, Overfield Road, Fawdon, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 3.)

BEDFORD PUBLIC MEETING

The first public meeting in Bedford will be held at The Guild House on Monday 28th June at 8 p.m. Mr. Owen Battrich will speak on the subject: "The Bahá'í Era - A New Age". London friends are urged to support this meeting.

LOCAL COMMITTEES

London Assembly usually devotes considerable time and thought in deciding the terms of reference for the various committees and their membership. The Assembly

feels that the Community should know and study the terms of reference of various committees which would prove mutually advantageous.

I Bahá'í Centre Meetings Committee

- i (a) To organise programmes for the regular public meetings on Thursdays at the Bahá'í Centre, using as speakers only names from the list approved by the Assembly.
- i (b) Keep in contact with the Regional Teaching Committees so as to include details of meetings organised by them in their areas on the public meeting card.
- ii To organise informal coffee evenings on Mondays at the Centre according to the procedure approved by the Assembly.
- iii To organise devotional programmes and attend to other relevant items (such as food, flowers, etc.) for the celebration of the Bahá'í Holy Days at the Centre.
- iv To explore the possibility of organising a suitable function at the Centre during the week-end on a regular or periodic basis for the Bahá'ís and/or Bahá'ís and non-Bahá'ís, and seek the approval of the Assembly for the final arrangements.
- v To submit to the Assembly an estimated budget of expenses likely to be incurred in the above directed Terms, for consideration.

Mrs. Rose Jones and Miss Cissie Le Gray have kindly agreed to continue the good work they have done in the past of distributing the public meeting cards. Bahá'í friends wanting non-Bahá'ís to receive these cards regularly should send the names and addresses to Rose Jones.

II Children's Committee

- i To organise suitable activity for Bahá'í children on a regular basis.
- ii To explore the possibility of including non-Bahá'í children if so desired by their parents.
- iii To maintain regularly the Children's Section in the London Bahá'í Bulletin.
- iv To encourage those children who are able and interested, to have pen friendships with Bahá'í children abroad.
- v To make suitable arrangements for the children to be looked after at Feasts and Holy Days, making reference to the parents of the children.

This Committee will also be advised to keep in touch with the Bahá'í Centre Meetings Committee with a view to possible participation of the children in the programmes to be organised on some Bahá'í Holy Days.

III Book Sales Committee

- i To indent for new Bahá'í books as needed, with the prior approval of the Assembly Treasurer.
- ii To arrange for the sale of the books including regular maintenance of accounts, checking stock position etc.
- iii To submit to the Assembly quarterly, statement of the purchase, sale and stock position (duly agreed by the Assembly Treasurer), commencing from the 1st August.

(Book Sales Committee - continued)

This Committee will be notified that they should make sure that all books invoiced to the Assembly have, in fact, been received.

IV Centre Wardens

Ron Stee and Iain McDonald have kindly agreed to carry on as Centre Wardens. They are authorised to co-opt the services of any other Bahá'í on an occasional or regular basis.

V Correspondent to Bahá'í Journal

Vivien Isenthal carries on in this capacity and she may co-opt the services of any Bahá'í on an occasional or regular basis in getting accounts of local activity.

VI Bulletin Editor

Eruch Munsiff agreed to carry on as Editor. Stanley and Prudence Lowe have agreed to continue literature distribution.

VII Area Teaching Committees

It was agreed to appoint 6 Area Teaching Committees, to be known as follows:

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| i Central London Teaching Cttee. | iv North London Teaching Cttee. |
| ii South West London Teaching Cttee. | v North East London Teaching Cttee. |
| iii South East London Teaching Cttee. | vi West London Teaching Cttee. |

The membership of various committees will be announced later when the replies from friends asked to serve on them are received by the Assembly.

HAND OF THE CAUSE The friends present at the 19 Day Feast on 18th May had the unexpected bounty of meeting and hearing the Hand of the Cause Mr. Samandari. In spite of his age and recent illness, Mr. Samandari in his characteristic style gave us a very inspiring talk. We pray that he be restored to good health soon. Mr. Samandari is to meet the friends from London and neighbouring areas at London Centre on Sunday, 30th May at 3 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Aubrey Cameron is doing splendid work in organising regular Children's Classes. In appreciation of the interest taken by the children, the Assembly has decided to give each child the gift of Abdu'l Bahá's photograph.

On 23rd May, Newington Green Unitarian Church presented readings from various Holy Scriptures. Philip Hinton read three Bahá'í prayers. There were about 15 nationalities represented and the gathering of about 50 people showed keen interest in the Bahá'í Faith. Those Bahá'í friends who supported this meeting and after it was over met and discussed the Faith with others, should be congratulated on their efforts.

The Assembly has requested the Secretary (Ron Stee) to maintain a "Diary of Events" at the Centre. All committee members are requested to consult this diary before organising their functions to avoid any overlapping of events.

The Indian Journalist Association had organised a reception for a distinguished Indian 'Swami' (a philosopher), and invited a Bahá'í representative to be present. Edith and Donald Millar represented the Bahá'í Assembly and the Community at this function which was attended by the High Commissioners of India and Ceylon, Lord and Lady Harewood, and other distinguished guests.

Speaker-training classes are a great success. About 32 friends have enrolled for the class which is conducted by a professional teacher. The class is held on each Friday. For details please contact Kathleen Hyett.

It is gratifying to announce that the portrait by Vivien Isenthal of Mr. Fujita is being purchased by Ruhyyiha Khanum.

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