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(for Bahá'ís only)

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE

"We are happy to inform you that the Universal House of Justice has decided that you should make arrangements to form local Spiritual Assemblies next Ridván in as many of the boroughs as shall have nine adult believers at that time.

"Believers outside London should not move into Greater London for the purpose of forming Assemblies in these boroughs. Neither should believers in the Greater London area be deterred from moving out of London to assist in the teaching or consolidation work in other areas of your country. However, believers living in the London area are free to move from one borough to another for the purpose of forming as many local Assemblies as possible.

"Please convey our warm greetings to the believers in London on the occasion of the announcement of this project and assure them of our prayers at the Holy Shrines for its success."

- Letter dated 4 June 1965 from the
Universal House of Justice to N.S.A.

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There are thirty-three London Boroughs in the Greater London Area, seven of which have at present nine or more adult Believers in them. L.S.A. is at present considering the implications and future course of action that would be necessary to carry out the significant direction given by the Universal House of Justice. Now the time is fast approaching for every adult and young Bahá'í to grasp the ample opportunities thrown 'in their laps' in the service of our Beloved Faith.

London friends should bear in mind that the need and importance of pioneering to places outside London require prior attention.

19-DAY FEASTS

Sunday, 1st August : Feast of Kamal : Hosts - Vivian Isenthal and Ron Rowe
at 3.30 p.m.

Friday, 20th August : Feast of Asmá : Hosts - Ann and Phillip Hinton
at 7.45 p.m.

Wednesday, 8th September : Feast of Izzat : Hosts - Ron Stee
at 7.45 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Jaganathan

LONDON BAHÁ'Í FUND

The position of the Fund as on 20th July 1965 for the current Bahá'í Year is as follows:

<u>Contributions and Expenditure</u>	<u>Income</u>
£40 National Fund	
£40 International Fund	
£10 Frankfurt Temple Fund	£389
£94 Rent for London Centre	
£41 Bulletin	
£162 'Underground' posters' rental	
£18 Public Meeting cards	
<u>£405</u>	<u>DEFICIT BALANCE</u>
	<u>£16</u>

Our Beloved Guardian wrote in August 1957: "All, no matter how modest their

resources, must participate. Upon the degree of self-sacrifice involved in these individual contributions will directly depend the efficacy and the spiritual influence which these nascent administrative institutions, called into being through the power of Bahá'u'lláh, and by virtue of the Design conceived by the Centre of His Covenant, will exert."

PUBLIC MEETINGS

at The London Bahá'í Centre : at 7.45 p.m.

<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Chairman</u>
5th Aug.	John Morley	"Bahá'í Child Education"	.. Mrs. A. Cameron
12th Aug.	Meherangiz Munsiff	"Towards a Better World"	.. Donald Millar
19th Aug.	Charles Webb	"The Rising Sun" Miss M. Shaker
26th Aug.	Eruch Munsiff	"Majesty of Man" Mr. F. Safidvash

at The Carnarvon Hotel, Ealing Common, W.5.

at 7.30 p.m.

Monday 23rd August. Speaker: Mr. A. Golestaneh Chairman: Mrs. Rose Jones

Thursday 12th August at 7.30 p.m. at Memorial Hall, Northolt.
Speakers: Miss V. Isenthal and Mr. Charles Webb
Chairman: Mr. D. Knox

The Barnet Area

10th and 24th August. Fireside meetings at 14 Northumberland Road, Barnet.

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LONDON BAHÁ'Í BULLETIN

A copy of the London Bulletin is sent each month to the Secretaries of all L.S.As. in the British Isles. Often London L.S.A. is requested by various communities to urge London believers to support week-end schools, public meetings and other Bahá'í functions arranged outside London. It is requested that the details of the functions arranged be sent to the Bulletin Editor (Eruch Munsiff, 28 Inner Park Road, London, S.W.19.) at the latest by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the issue of the following month, so that all London friends can be informed in good time.

Copies of the London Bulletin can also be ordered by individual Bahá'ís outside London by sending an annual subscription of six shillings to the Bulletin Editor.

FOR SECRETARIES OF LOCAL COMMITTEES

Please ensure that the reports of your committees are given to L.S.A. Secretary (Ron Stee) at least twenty-four hours before the 19 Day Feasts so that they can be presented to the Community at the Feasts.

COVENANT BREAKER

Mr. Amin Chandhary (also known as Mr. Amin or Mr. Mohammed Amin) has been declared a covenant breaker. The guidance for not associating with covenant breakers is clearly explained by The Master ('Abdu'l-Bahá) in the "Will and Testament" and it should be followed by all Bahá'ís. The Master has enjoined on us: "O ye beloved of the Lord! Strive with all your heart to shield the Cause of God from the onslaught of the insincere, for souls such as these cause the straight to become crooked and all benevolent efforts to produce contrary results."

BAHÁ'Í MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Those friends who have not collected their cards may please do so immediately. The Secretary of the L.S.A. may be contacted at the Centre.

VISIT A FARM

Alicia and Ted Cardell will welcome friends to visit their farm (Manor Farm, Great Paxton, St. Neots, Hants.) on any Sunday in August. Please take packed lunch. Children should be kept away from the heavy farm machines.

AREA TEACHING COMMITTEES

Five committees are appointed with the following terms of reference and are given specific notes for guidance in their vital work:

- i To undertake teaching activity in all its phases as extensively as possible within the area.
- ii To ensure active participation of as many Bahá'ís as possible among those living in the area, in teaching as well as social activities.
- iii To disseminate information about the Faith through various publicity media within the area.
- iv To organise study classes for the Bahá'ís, particularly in Bahá'í administration.
- v To undertake appropriate welfare activities among the community in the area.

Guidance Notes

- i All major plans regarding teaching and publicity should be approved by the Assembly before they are implemented.
- ii The Assembly would be glad to consider financial help for projects whenever required.
- iii Additional terms of reference in connection with the pending formation of Borough Assemblies will be intimated as soon as London Assembly has examined the whole project in more detail.
- iv The list of addresses of Bahá'ís in your area is for the information in confidence of the Committee members only and is to be utilised only for official Bahá'í purposes; on no account should the full list of names and addresses be given to any Bahá'í or non-Bahá'í outside the Committee membership.

PUBLIC MEETING CARDS

If you want these cards to be sent regularly to your non-Bahá'í friends, please send their names and addresses to Mrs. Rose Jones (8 Spencer Road, W.4.).

Area Teaching Committees are requested to notify the Centre Meetings Committee (Hasan Afnan, 67 Manor Drive, Wembley, Middx.) about their regular teaching meetings so that they can be printed in the cards.

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* BAHA'Í CHILDREN'S SCHOOL *

* Every Saturday3 to 4 p.m. *

* at The London Bahá'í Centre, 27 Rutland Gate, S.W.7. *

* TWO CLASSES: One for 'toddlers' *

* Another for children up to 12 years *

* Those who can help in giving talks at these classes, *

* Please Contact CHE. 1325 or PRO. 5205. *

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Students of Maria Grey College enquired about the Bahá'í marriage ceremony. L.S.A. supplied the details and presented a Bahá'í prayer book.

A paper-back edition of "God Loves Laughter" at seven shillings and six pence is now available for sale.

We wish and pray for the speedy recovery of our Bahá'í friend, Mrs. Ivy Shindle, who is confined to Brompton Hospital (Lind Gallery, Hall Ward), Fulham. The visiting hours are from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Miss Njila Baghdadi has claimed, and L.S.A. has been pleased to give her, voting rights.

If you know of any place not far from London suitable for children's week-end school, please contact CHE. 1325 or PRO. 5205.

Each Tuesday (8 p.m.) an informal teaching meeting is held at the flat of Mrs. Bobby Leedham (53, Oxford Street, W.1. - very near Tottenham Court Road underground station). All Bahá'ís with their contacts are welcome. If you find any difficulty in finding the flat, please contact Bobby (GER. 4992).

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One day while He was in business a man gave Him something to sell for him. The man told Him just what the price was to be. When the Bab sent him the money for the article, there was more than the man had asked. So the man wrote to Him to find out about it. The Bab wrote back: "What I have sent you is entirely your due. There was a time when the trust you had delivered to Me has attained this value. Failing to sell it at that price, I now feel it My duty to offer you the whole of that sum." You see, when He sold the article, it did not bring so much money as it would have earlier. The Bab felt that was His fault because He did not sell it in time. So He sent the man the extra money, beside that which He received for the article. Perhaps not everyone would do that.

It is no wonder that everyone loved Him. Even when He was a little boy, they must have loved Him because He never could bear to be unkind to anyone.

In Persia, the country where the Bab lived, the summer is very, very hot. This did not keep Him from praying many hours a day from the house top. Their houses are built with flat roofs, where people can sit in the evening when it is cool. But the Bab would not wait for evening. Every Friday at dawn He would go up to the roof and pray until the sun rose. At noon, when the sun was hottest, He would go up to pray again, and He would be so deep in His prayer that He did not seem to feel the burning rays. Here He would stay until late afternoon, thinking and praying, with a heart full of love and joy. Some thought that He was praying to the sun, but of course this was not true. To Him the sun was a sign of God. The sun sends its light and heat to the earth to make the trees and flowers and everything grow. In the same way God sends His love to us to help us grow more loving in spirit or more like Him. We could not live without His love any more than the flowers and birds could live without the sun.

Some years later, the Bab was married, and a little boy was born to them. He was named Ahmad, and you can imagine how the father and mother loved him. But one day, while Ahmad was still very little, he was taken sick and died. Of course his father and mother missed him a great deal, but in spite of this the Bab would not feel sad. He knew that God had a place for His small son. And He prayed that some day, He, too, might die in such a way that it would show His love for God. God answered His prayer. You will hear how the Bab died in another story.

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Bahá'í children in London would very much like to have other Bahá'í children in different parts of the British Isles, as their pen-friends. Please contact Aunty Audrey or Aunty Edith (Bahá'í Children's Committee, 27 Rutland Gate, London, S.W.7.) to arrange suitable pen-friends.