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 \*\* "Waft, then, unto me, O my God and my Beloved, from  
 \*\* the right hand of Thy mercy and Thy loving kindness, the  
 \*\* holy breaths of Thy favours, that they may draw me away from  
 \*\* myself and from the world unto the courts of Thy nearness  
 \*\* and Thy presence. Potent art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee.  
 \*\* Thou, truly, hast been supreme over all things."  
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 \*\* - from The Tablet of Visitation.  
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19 DAY FEASTS

at London Centre (7.45 p.m.)

Tuesday, 8th February	Host: Anvar Achorghian
Tuesday, 1st March	Hosts: Mabel Joseph, Bobby Leedham, Freda Nazar

INTERCALERY DAYS

Saturday, 26th February 1966 till Tuesday, 1st March 1966.  
During these days, friends are advised to offer hospitality to as many as they can, and be charitable.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

London Bahá'í Centre  
(at 7.45 p.m.)

<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Chairman</u>
3rd Feb.	Charles Webb	"Unity or Uniformity"	Peter Hardwick
10th Feb.	Frank Safidvash	"Influence of Religions on Civilizations"	Diana Momtaz
17th Feb.	Betty Reed	"Meeting tomorrow's needs today"	Donald Millar
24th Feb.	Jyoti Munsiff	"The Spirit of Fellowship"	Michael Williams

Carnarvon Hotel, Ealing Common, W.5.

Monday

(at 8 p.m.)

14th Feb.	Mr. E.G. Cardell	"Israel: Land of four major religions" (coloured slides to be shown)	Vivian Isenthal
28th Feb.	Audrey Cameron	"The Supreme Physician"	John McIlree

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## FIRESIDE MEETINGS

- Every Monday (7.45 p.m.) ..... Informal Coffee Evening at London Centre.  
Every Tuesday (8 p.m.) ..... Flat of Mrs. Bobby Leedham, 53 Oxford Street, W.1.  
Monday, 7th Feb.) (8 p.m.) .. at 8 Spencer Road, Chiswick, W.4.  
Monday, 21st Feb.) (8 p.m.).. at 14 Northumberland Road, New Barnet.  
Tuesday, 8th Feb.) (8 p.m.).. at 14 Northumberland Road, New Barnet.  
Tuesday, 22nd Feb.) (8 p.m.).. at 14 Northumberland Road, New Barnet.  
Friday, 11th Feb.) (8 p.m.) .. at 67 Grasmere Avenue, S.W.19.  
Friday, 25th Feb.) (8 p.m.) .. at 67 Grasmere Avenue, S.W.19.

## DECLARATION

L.S.A. was very happy to accept the declaration of Miss Ann Lambert. We wish her a joyous welcome to our community.

## WORLD RELIGION DAY MEETING

This was held at Kensington Central Library on Saturday, 15th January, when Marion Hofman and Riaz Khadem addressed the gathering of over 150 present. The readings concerning the progressive revelations of Divine Manifestations presented by the children and youths and the prayers read by the children were most impressive. There were a number of non-Bahá'ís present and the evening was a great success in the service of our Beloved Cause. Jane Cameron (a child), submitted the following report about the

meeting: "First we heard some music. A few minutes later we came on the stage. Then Mr. Munsiff said a speech called Good-evening friends. Then we talked about all the religions. Then the grown-ups spoke about all the prophets. I liked best the story of Muhammad. 'But all the prophets are the same', Bahá'u'lláh says. Then a lady and a man gave a speech. Then me and Parvin each said a prayer. They were called prayer for spiritual growth. I was very happy that evening, because we were serving God."

BAHÁ'Í ADMINISTRATION : ONE DAY CONFERENCE

This was held at the London Centre on Sunday, 9th January, from 10.30 a.m. till 6.30 p.m. There were about fifty Bahá'ís present and the main speakers were John Wade and Frank Safidvash. Eruch Munsiff was the Chairman of the Conference and also demonstrated the working of an Assembly meeting at a 'mock' ISA meeting. Those attending the Conference gained a good deal of knowledge and information about the spirit and working of Bahá'í Administrative institutions.

NINE WEEK COURSE on BAHÁ'Í ADMINISTRATION

As after the next Ridvan, London Assembly would cease to exist and a number of Borough Assemblies will be formed involving the participation of a large number of Bahá'ís in forming local assemblies, these nine Courses are arranged to impart as much knowledge about the Bahá'í Administration as is possible during the short intervening period. It should be emphasised that these Courses would be a help, but do not substitute the need for studying the standard publication "Principles of Bahá'í Administration", which costs 7s.6d. for the paper edition and 11s.6d. for the cloth one. It is suggested that all the Bahá'ís may buy this book for study and reference.

Courses at the London Centre : 8 p.m.

<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Spekaer</u>
Jan. 12th	The Nineteen-Day Feast - Continuity - News - Obligations	Miss V. Isenthal
" 19th	The Local Spiritual Assembly - Part I: Election - Relationship to Community	John Wade
" 26th	The Local Spiritual Assembly - Part II: Officers and their qualities	John Wade
Feb. 2nd	The Local Spiritual Assembly - Part III: Teaching - Deepening - Incorporation	John Wade
" 9th	Consultation - Part I: "L.S.A. Workshops"	Mrs. Betty Reed
" 16th	Consultation - Part II: "Consultation Workshops"	Mrs. Betty Reed
" 23rd	The N.S.A. and Groups: New Believers - Qualities - Activities	Mrs. Betty Reed
Mar. 2nd	Committees: Origin - Structure - Responsibilities	Miss J. Robins
" 9th	Résumé - Summary	Mr. Eruch Munsiff

PLEASE ATTEND MOST .... IF POSSIBLE ALL .... THE NINE COURSES.

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## ELECTION OF L.S.A. SECRETARY

It was reported in the last month's Bulletin that two new members were elected to the Assembly at a bye-election in place of Ron Stee (formerly L.S.A. Secretary), and Ali Gollesstaneh. Frank Safidvash was elected by the Assembly as L.S.A. Secretary. Kathleen Hyett would continue as Recording Secretary.

## HAND OF THE CAUSE

Mr. A.Q. Faizi addressed a large gathering of over 200 friends at the Centre on Friday, 7th January. Meeting and listening to Mr. Faizi is always a great pleasure and a bounty for the friends in London and surrounding areas, who attended this meeting.

## PIONEER

Jena Davachi has pioneered to Inverness. We pray that her efforts may help the Cause in that area.

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DAYS OF FASTING

--: From 2 March up to 20 March 1966 ::-

Fast is to be observed from the time of  
sun-rise up to the moment of sun-set.

These timings are usually given in all  
leading daily newspapers of London.

BOOK SALES

Please buy up all the books you need (and some extra ones also) as soon as possible. Stocks are limited and no further orders will be placed by London Assembly after the last week of February 1966.

LONDON FUND

The position is unfortunately very unsatisfactory and all Bahá'ís are urged to send immediately whatever contributions they can donate, to the Treasurer (Donald Miller, 67 Grasmere Avenue, S.W.19.).

Those who shop at Co-operative Stores and are desirous of allowing the dividends on their purchases to accrue for the benefit of the Fund, are requested to quote "No.RA-452560". Please remember this number ... note it in your diary, and always quote it at the time you pay for your purchases at Co-operative Stores.

CENTRAL TEACHING COMMITTEE

Earl Cameron has kindly agreed to serve on this Committee.

YOUTH MEETINGS

Please come along to the Centre on Saturday, 5th February (8 p.m.), and find out "Who will win? F..... or M.....?" Tony MacCarthy will be in the chair and Jeanette Robbins and Charles Webb will be the two judges. A 'Social' will follow.

On Saturday, 19th February (8 p.m.), Betty Reed will give a talk on her trip to South America, and also show slides. Diana Momtaz will be in the chair. Games and a 'Social' will close the meeting.

Please come along to these meetings with your friends.

The Youth Committee would welcome your suggestions for making our Youth Meetings more and more attractive and enjoyable.

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IMPORTANT FOR ALL

LONDON BAHÁ'ÍS

Pioneering should be upper-most in our minds between now and the next Ridvan period. That service is most essential for our Divine Plan and all those who can should arise without further delay.

PLEASE FILL IN THE FORM & POST IT TO-DAY.

ALL BAHÁ'ÍS KINDLY TO RETURN THIS FORM, DULY COMPLETED.

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CHILDREN'S SECTION

THE STORY OF BAHÁ'U'LLÁH

(His Early Years)

Bahá'u'lláh, the world's great teacher, was born between dawn and sunrise on 12th November 1817. He was related to the royal family of Iran. His father descended from the Sasanian dynasty. His mother was a descendant of the Prophet Abraham through Abraham's wife, Katurah.

As a child, Bahá'u'lláh was known as Husayn 'Ali. He later received the name, "Bahá'u'lláh" from the Pen of the Bab.

Bahá'u'lláh was an unusual child. He did not go to school. This is a well known fact in Tihiran. From His earliest childhood, He was different from His relatives and friends. They said: "This child has a very great power." He was advanced beyond his age in wisdom, intelligence and knowledge.

Although he never had a teacher, He was able to solve the difficult problems of all who came to see Him. Like Jesus, He was considered an expert on any subject being discussed, anything from science to philosophy and religion.

Bahá'u'lláh's father realised that his child was very unusual. He paid great attention to his children, but for Bahá'u'lláh he showed great interest and respect.

One day, when Bahá'u'lláh was still quite a little child, He happened to walk near His father and mother where they were sitting together. He heard His father remark, "This son of ours is without equal. There is no one else like him. He cannot be compared with the rest of our children in any way."

His mother said, "I think he is a little bit too short."

His father replied, "What does that matter? If his height is not so great, that only makes his brain nearer to his heart. He is perfect in every way."

From earliest childhood, He had an extraordinary power of attracting people to Him. It was felt by all. Everybody loved Him, and people liked Him so much that they always crowded around Him. Bahá'u'lláh was a very generous person, and a lover of the outdoor life. Most of His childhood was spent in the garden or in the fields. He was very happy when he was talking to people.

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