



AFRICA NEWS

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*"The earth is but one country, and
mankind its citizens."—Bahá'u'lláh.*

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" Should anyone arise for the triumph of Our Cause,
him will God render victorious though tens of
thousands of enemies be leagued against him.
And if his love for Me wax stronger God will
establish his ascendancy over all the powers of
Earth and Heaven. Thus have We breathed the
Spirit of Power into all regions. "

Baha'u'llah

MADAGASCAR. As all of us know Mrs. Meherangiz Munsiff went to
Madagascar after the Kampala Conference, where she
has been residing for the past seven months. She has tasted of
all the experiences through which a Baha'i pioneer goes on entering
new territory, and her only support has been Baha'u'llah and her
unlimited love for His Glorious Faith and trust in her beloved
Guardian's guidance. The Guardian has showered upon Mrs. Munsiff
many kindnesses and through Mr. Ioas requested her to stay in
Madagascar as long as possible and accomplish for the Faith the
great victories which are now in sight as a reward for her
selfless and devoted labours in some very unusual and difficult
circumstances.

The prayers of the friends are asked for the confirmation
of these new souls and for the assistance of the newly formed
Baha'i group in Tananarive, that they may grow in number and in
spiritual strength and take their rightful place among their sister
communities in the Baha'i world.

Mrs. Munsiff's address is: c/o Librarie Biblomad, Boîte
Postale 602, Tananarive, Madagascar.

MAURITIUS
ISLAND It is with joy and gladness that we inform the friends
of the arrival in Mauritius of Miss Ottelie Rhein of
the U.S.A. Miss Rhein is the first pioneer to set
foot on that island and open it to the light of Baha'u'llah's
glorious teachings.

Miss Rhein visited Britain, Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika on
her outward journey to her new home, and left very happy memories
in the hearts of the friends in those territories.

Our prayers and the prayers of all the friends will be with her in her courageous venture.

FRENCH
EQUATORIAL
AFRICA The good news has come from the Kampala Local Assembly that Max Kanyerezi has been fortunate enough to secure an excellent position in an art school in Brazzaville. The school is run by a Frenchman who seems to have taken an instantaneous liking to Max and vice versa. With such an advantage Max can most certainly impart the love of Baha'u'llah to many of his colleagues and neighbours and can settle to a very successful and triumphant pioneering career. The friends everywhere will be rejoicing at this auspicious beginning and will be sending their heartfelt best wishes to Max.

His address is: Centre d'Arts Africains de Poto-Poto, Brazzaville, French Equatorial Africa.

SOUTH-WEST
AFRICA At the time this bulletin goes to press Ted Cardell will have arrived in South-West Africa and made his residence at Windhoek. His arrival will mark the opening of that most backward territory to the illumination of the divine teachings of Baha'u'llah.

Ted has reached South-West Africa after having served the Cause well in East Africa, and particularly in Kenya, where he was a resident from November 1951 to July 1953. With this background of devoted service and experience in pioneering and teaching Ted enters a new phase in this area. We supplicate the Blessed Perfection to shower upon him His blessings and confirm his efforts in the service of His Glorious Faith.

Ted's address is: c/o Barclays Bank (D.C. & O.), Windhoek, South-West Africa.

SOUTHERN
RHODESIA We have recently had the privilege of receiving a long and detailed letter from our dear Clare Gung, describing fully her many encounters in Southern Rhodesia and the final victory, resulting in her obtaining a resident's permit, a job, and a house to live in. She is the first Baha'i to obtain residence in Southern Rhodesia and has earned herself the honour of being called a Knight of Baha'u'llah.

When the clarion call was sounded and Africa was declared a goal for the Baha'is of the British Isles, Clare volunteered and pioneered in Tanganyika, and earlier this year moved to Kenya and was one of the mainstays of the Baha'i Community in Nairobi. Now we wish her a very happy and successful time in Southern Rhodesia and assure her of the loving appreciation of all the friends.

Her address is: c/o P.O. Box 1349, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.

KENYA

The Local Assembly of the Baha'is of Nairobi have imparted to us the news of a very important step towards the official recognition of the Faith in East Africa. They have been accorded exemption from registration under the Registration of Societies Ordinance of 1952. This Ordinance came into force at the beginning of the emergency in Kenya under which no society with more than ten members can exist without registration. At the discretion of the Registrar some societies may be exempted, the Christian missionary societies among them. So after consultation with the National Assembly of the British Isles the Nairobi Assembly applied for exemption, and after five months during which the authorities have made all the investigations and enquiries they deem fit, the friends in Nairobi, to their great joy, have been issued with the certificate of exemption. Congratulations, Nairobi.

The Nairobi Community has recently had a visit from Jalal Nakhjawani of Dar es Salaam, which lasted an all-too-short period of two weeks. During this period Jalal participated in the activities of the community with his usual enthusiasm. At the request of the Local Assembly he also spent a few days in Mombasa on his return journey to Tanganyika. Many meetings were held with Jalal and Nairobi reports that since his visit to Mombasa three more declarations have been received.

Ursula and Medhi Samandari left Nairobi on 30th October for a short visit to Kisumu to follow up the teaching work that was reported in last month's AFRICA NEWS.

UGANDA

On 3rd October a sheep was roasted and about 200 Baha'is and their friends participated at a most lavish Baha'i Unity Feast. The occasion was the opening of the Teso Conference at the Tilling Baha'i Centre. At the opening session of the Conference proper on Sunday morning, 4th October, the attendance reached 100.

A school for the duration of two weeks started on Monday, 5th October, the programme consisting of stories of the early days of the Faith, dramatised lessons of administration, lessons on the teachings in story form, and literacy classes. The Uganda Teaching Committee hoped that all the school "students" would be able to read in their own language by the end of the two weeks. Bill and Marguerite Sears were there full-time and did magnificent work.

PIONEERING
IN EAST
AFRICA

In response to the beloved Guardian's desire for Baha'is to scatter far and wide in neighbouring territories and in other locales of their own territory, in consultation with the Africa Committee, London, the Uganda Teaching Committee has formulated plans for the despatching of Baha'i pioneers to both Kenya and Tanganyika.

To the port of Mwanza on Lake Victoria Tito Wanantsusi, a Mugishu of the Mbale district, sailed from Port Bell on 16th October and arrived at Mwanza on the 18th. Tito is now settled in a job with the Public Works Department.

Peter Mutabazi, a Mutoro, is resigning from a very good post in the Public Relations Department in Kampala and hopes to move to Bukoba early in November. Peter is one of the African authorities on the language group of Runyoro-Rutoro, to which group the local language of Bukoba belongs. Peter will find that there is already a Baha'i in Bukoba, who has recently been accepted in the Faith by the Africa Committee, London. Together with Alfred Kafanabo they will make a wonderful team and will help each other in the spreading of the teachings in the Bukoba district.

Enas Epyeru, an Etesote who was one of the two Teso translators at the Kampala Conference, is going to Eldoret, Kenya. Jevan W. Gutosi, a Mugishu, will move to Kapsabet in Kenya as a pioneer. The latest news we have about these last two pioneers is that it was hoped that they would leave for their respective posts on 17th October.

TANGANYIKA The Dar es Salaam Assembly is thrilled to report the joyous news of the acceptance into the Faith of Miss Margaret Lloyd, who is British and is serving with the Tanganyika Government. Margaret is the first woman to accept the Faith in Dar es Salaam. We extend a very hearty welcome to her.

Dar es Salaam has also been privileged to receive Mrs. Mahboubah Naimi, of Teheran, who arrived after attending the All-Asia Inter-Continental Conference to visit her son, Mr. Farhang Naimi, and her daughter, Mrs. Derakshandeh Nakhjawani.
