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THE WASHINGTON MOSQUE  
(OUR NEW HEADQUARTERS)

IT IS WITH GREATEST JOY AND GRATITUDE TO ALLAH THAT WE ARE ABLE TO ANNOUNCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WASHINGTON MOSQUE. GREAT NEED WAS FELT FOR A LONG TIME TO HAVE A MOSQUE IN THE CAPITAL OF THE NATION. FINANCIALLY IT WAS NOT AN EASY STEP TO TAKE BUT OUR BELOVED MASTER, HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASHI, DECIDED TO FULFILL THIS NEED IN SPITE OF THE HARDSHIPS AND SACRIFICES THROUGH WHICH THE MOVEMENT HAS BEEN PASSING FOR SOME YEARS. THE NET PRICE PAID WAS \$42,000 AND ANOTHER \$8,000 WILL BE NEEDED FOR NECESSARY REPAIRS AND FURNITURE. THIS IS A GREAT AND ARDUOUS STRAIN WHICH THE CENTER WILL HAVE TO UNDERGO IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THIS MOSQUE IN AMERICA. I APPEAL TO THE AMERICAN AHMADIES TO DO THEIR SHARE TO LIGHTEN THIS HEAVY BURDEN ON THE CENTER. THIS CAN BE DONE BY VERY GENEROUS DONATIONS. SO FAR OUR SHARE IN CARRYING THIS RESPONSIBILITY HAS BEEN VERY MEAGRE. FOLLOWING IS A REPORT OF THE DONATIONS SO FAR RECEIVED:

DONATIONS:

DAYTON MISSION	\$ 155.00
PITTSBURGH MISSION	349.00
SISTER AND BROTHER AHMAD ALI (INDIANAPOLIS)	100.00
SISTER KAREEMA (KANSAS CITY)	5.00
SISTER ALIYYAH (KANSAS CITY)	25.00
SISTER KAREEMA (CHICAGO)	5.00
CINCINNATI MISSION	25.00
	\$ 664.00

LOANS:

DAYTON MISSION	\$ 500.00
BRO. AMEER ALI (YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO)	200.00
	\$ 700.00

WE HOPE THAT MISSIONS AND MEMBERS INDIVIDUALLY WILL MAKE AN EARLY RESPONSE TO THIS VERY NOBLE CAUSE AND SHARE THE BLESSINGS OF ALLAH IN ABUNDANCE.

NEW ARRANGEMENT OF CIRCLES

DUE TO THE TRANSFER OF OUR HEADQUARTERS FROM OHIO TO WASHINGTON IT HAS BECOME NECESSARY TO MAKE SOME CHANGES IN THE PRESENT SET-UP OF OUR ORGANIZATION. FROM MAY 1950, THE FOLLOWING DIVISION OF MISSIONS WILL BE EFFECTIVE:

1. NEW YORK CIRCLE, IN CHARGE OF BROTHER GHULAM YASIN WILL INCLUDE ALL MISSIONS IN CONNECTICUT, MASSACHUSETTS, NEW YORK, RHODE ISLAND, NEW JERSEY AND MARYLAND STATES.
2. PITTSBURGH CIRCLE, IN CHARGE OF BROTHER ABDUL QADIR WILL INCLUDE ALL MISSIONS IN PENNSYLVANIA, OHIO AND MICHIGAN STATES.
3. MISSOURI CIRCLE, IN CHARGE OF BROTHER SHUKAR ILAHI, WILL INCLUDE ALL MISSIONS IN MISSOURI, ILLINOIS AND INDIANA STATES.

THE MEMBERS AND OFFICE-HOLDERS ARE REQUESTED TO CO-OPERATE FULLY WITH THE NEW ARRANGEMENT AND TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS.

## RAMADHAN

THE MONTH OF FASTING BEGINS ON JUNE 16TH

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ كَمَا كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ

"O YE WHO BELIEVE! FASTING IS PRESCRIBED FOR YOU, AS IT WAS PRESCRIBED FOR THOSE BEFORE YOU, SO THAT YOU MAY BECOME RIGHTEOUS." (THE HOLY QURAN 2:184)

IN THE MONTH OF RAMADHAN FASTING IS OBLIGATORY ON EVERY ADULT MUSLIM, MAN OR WOMAN. THE NEXT MONTH OF RAMADHAN STARTS ON FRIDAY, JUNE 16TH, 1950. SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS ARE GIVEN BELOW FOR THE BENEFIT OF MUSLIMS IN AMERICA.

### WHO SHOULD FAST AND EXCEPTIONS:

EVERY ADULT MUSLIM SHOULD FAST FROM EARLY DAWN TO ACTUAL SUNSET EXCEPT THE SICK, THOSE WHO ARE ON JOURNEY, AND THE WOMAN IN HER PERIOD. ALL THOSE WHO ARE EXEMPTED ARE SUPPOSED TO FAST LATER IN THE YEAR TO COMPENSATE FOR THE FASTS LOST IN RAMADHAN. AGED PEOPLE, THOSE AFFLICTED WITH DISEASES OF LONG STANDING, WHO DO NOT EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO COMPENSATE WITH FASTING LATER IN THE YEAR; OR A WOMAN WHOSE NURSING PERIODS AND PREGNANCY ALTERNATE AT SUCH SHORT INTERVALS THAT SHE NEVER HAS AN OCCASION TO FAST FOR YEARS SHOULD MAKE UP FOR THEIR OMISSION BY PAYING FOR ONE MONTH'S MEALS OF SOME POOR PERSON.

### LIMITS OF THE FAST:

1. THE FASTING MUSLIM SHOULD HAVE HIS MORNING MEAL BEFORE THE FIRST APPEARANCE OF DAWN, WHICH IS GENERALLY ABOUT ONE AND A HALF HOURS BEFORE SUNRISE. THIS MEAL IS NOT ESSENTIAL BUT SPECIAL STRESS IS LAID ON IT BY THE HOLY PROPHET BECAUSE IT ENABLES THE FASTING MUSLIM TO COPE BETTER WITH THE HARDSHIPS OF THE FAST.
2. THE FAST LASTS FROM EARLY DAWN TILL ACTUAL SUNSET WHEN IT SHOULD BE BROKEN IMMEDIATELY.
3. EATING, DRINKING, CHEWING, TAKING SNUFF, MEDICINE OR AN ENEMA AND GOING IN UNTO WIVES ALL ARE FORBIDDEN TO FASTING MUSLIMS DURING THE TIME OF FAST.
4. ETHICALLY AS IT IS CLEARLY SHOWN FROM THE VERSE OF THE HOLY QURAN QUOTED ABOVE THAT THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE FAST IS A TRAINING TO GUARD AGAINST EVIL AND SUFFERING AND BECOME RIGHTEOUS, A MUSLIM SHOULD SPECIALLY TRY TO ABSTAIN FROM FOUL SPEECH, FIGHTING, QUARRELING, ABUSING AND EVIL WORDS AND DEEDS OF ALL KINDS.
5. IF THE FAST IS BROKEN IN THE EVENING UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT IT IS TIME TO BREAK THE FAST WHILE THE SUN IS STILL ABOVE THE HORIZON OR IF IT IS BROKEN BECAUSE OF GETTING SUDDENLY SICK OR STARTING ON A JOURNEY, SUCH A FAST WILL BE MADE UP BY OBSERVING AN EXTRA FAST SOMETIME AFTER THE RAMADHAN. HOWEVER, ANYTHING DONE BY MISTAKE AND STOPPED THE MOMENT IT IS REALIZED DURING THE FAST DOES NOT BREAK THE FAST.
6. A MAN INTENTIONALLY BREAKING A FAST OF RAMADHAN, OR NOT FASTING IN RAMADHAN IN THE ABSENSE OF AN EXCUSE, IS GUILTY OF A GREAT SIN AND THE PENALTY IS 60 FASTS WITHOUT A BREAK, OR IF HE IS NOT CAPABLE OF THAT, TO FEED 60 POOR PEOPLE.

GREAT STRESS HAS BEEN LAID UPON OBSERVING THE TAHAJJUD (AFTER MIDNIGHT) PRAYER; AND RECITATION OF THE HOLY QURAN DURING RAMADHAN.

NEWS FROM RABWAH  
EXCERPTS FROM BROTHER RASHID AHMAD'S DIARY

MARCH 4TH:

IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT OUR BELOVED MASTER, HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH 2ND WOULD BE GOING ON A TOUR OF SIND WHERE MANY THOUSAND ACRES OF LAND HAVE BEEN BOUGHT THROUGH THE NEW SCHEME CONTRIBUTIONS SO THAT ITS PROCEEDS MAY HELP THE MISSION WORK ALL OVER THE WORLD. THE HAZRAT WAS EXPECTED TO LEAVE AROUND 9 A. M. THE AHMADIES OF RABWAH STARTED GATHERING TOGETHER TO SAY "GOODBYE" TO THEIR BELOVED MASTER WITH THEIR SINCERE AND HUMBLE PRAYERS. WHEN THE HAZRAT STEPPED OUT OF HIS HOME THERE WERE MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED AHMADIESTO MEET HIM, HAZRAT DR. MUFTI MUHAMMAD SADIQ WAS THE FIRST ONE TO KISS HIS HANDS AND I WAS VERY FORTUNATE TO BE THE SECOND. ALONG WITH THE HAZRAT WENT HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY, HIS DOCTOR AND SOME FAMILY MEMBERS.

MARCH 5TH:

I HAVE STARTED GETTING INSTRUCTIONS IN PHYSICAL EXERCISE FROM THE MISSIONARY-STUDENT FROM CHINA.

MARCH 6TH:

THIS IS THE DAY ON WHICH ONE OF THE VERY FAMOUS PROPHECIES OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH WAS FULFILLED. THE PROPHECY WAS ABOUT ONE HINDU, PANDIT LEKH RAM, WHO USED TO MENTION THE HOLY PROPHET'S NAME WITH ABUSIVE AND FILTHY LANGUAGE. HE WAS ASKED MANY TIMES BY THE PROMISED MESSIAH TO RESPECT THE BELOVED MASTER OF MANY HUNDRED MILLION MUSLIMS OF THE WORLD BUT HE DID NOT PAY ANY HEED TO HIS WORDS. AT LAST, ON RECEIVING A REVELATION FROM ALLAH, THE PROMISED MESSIAH ANNOUNCED THAT THE PANDIT WOULD DIE A MISERABLE DEATH WITHIN A SPECIFIED PERIOD. HE ALSO GAVE MANY OTHER SIGNS ABOUT THIS PROPHECY. ACCORDING TO THIS CLEAR PROPHECY, PANDIT LEKH RAM MET HIS FATE BY THE HANDS OF A PERSON WHO WAS IDENTIFIED AS ONE OF HIS OWN DISCIPLES, ALTHOUGH HE WAS NEVER FOUND.

IN RABWAH WE CELEBRATED THE HISTORIC DAY BY HOLDING A PUBLIC MEETING IN THE MOSQUE. IN THIS MEETING THE DETAILS OF THE PROPHECY WERE REFRESHED.

MARCH 8TH:

THE SHAH OF IRAN WHO IS ON A VISIT TO PAKISTAN CAME TO LAHORE. THE MISSIONARY-STUDENTS IN RABWAH WERE GRANTED A DAY OFF SO THAT THEY COULD GO TO LAHORE TO ATTEND HIS RECEPTION. THE RECEPTION OF THE SHAH WAS LED BY PRIME MINISTER LIAQUAT ALI KHAN AND THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL KHAWAJA NAZIMUDDIN IN THE FAMOUS SHALAMARG GARDENS BUILT BY THE MUSLIM MUGHAL EMPERORS. THE ATMOSPHERE OF GRANDEUR WAS SIMPLY UNEQUALLED SINCE THE TIMES OF THE MUGHAL EMPERORS.

ANOTHER COLORFUL FUNCTION WAS HELD IN HIS HONOR IN THE OPEN GROUNDS OF THE PUNJAB LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. THIS WAS FOLLOWED WITH ILLUMINATIONS AND FIRE-WORKS. MANY PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT WERE INVITED TO ATTEND THESE CEREMONIES.

MARCH 10TH:

JUMMA PRAYERS WERE LED BY HAZRAT DR. MUFTI MUHAMMAD SADIQ IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PROMISED REFORMER, HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH, WHO WILL BE IN SIND FOR A FEW WEEKS.

### MARCH 11TH:

WHEN THE LAND FOR OUR NEW CENTER, RABWAH, WAS PURCHASED IT WAS GENERALLY UNDERSTOOD BOTH BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PUBLIC THAT THIS WAS A BARREN AND WORTHLESS PIECE OF LAND, ALLAH HAS BLESSED US ABUNDANTLY AFTER THE FOUNDATIONS OF RABWAH HAVE BEEN LAID BY THE HAZRAT, ONE OF THE GREAT PROBLEMS WAS TO GET GOOD WATER TO DRINK, THE HAZRAT RECEIVED A REVELATION THAT THIS DIFFICULTY WOULD BE OVERCOME AND THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF GOOD WATER. SOON AFTER MANY HAND-OPERATED WATER PUMPS WERE FIXED TO SUPPLY SWEET WATER TO THE SETTLERS, TODAY AN AUTOMATIC-ACTION PUMP WAS SET WHICH WILL ALSO IRRIGATE SMALL TREES NEAR THE MOSQUE. INSHAALLAH, PRETTY SOON WE WILL HAVE NICE AND GREEN SURROUNDINGS.

### MARCH 12TH:

TODAY I DELIVERED MY FIRST PUBLIC SPEECH IN SARGODHA, A TOWN NEAR RABWAH, THIRTEEN OF US, INCLUDING SOME AHMADI STUDENTS FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, WERE RECEIVED BY THE AHMADIES THERE. THEIR FACES WERE EXPRESSIVE OF THEIR HEART-FELT LOVE AND JOY. IN MY SPEECH I ADVOCATED THE NEED OF MAKING OUR AHMADIYYA MISSION STRONGER IN AMERICA, I ALSO CONVEYED THE FEELINGS OF AMERICAN AHMADIES AND REQUESTED PRAYERS FOR THEM.

### MARCH 14TH:

SHEIKH MUBARAK AHMAD, ASSISTANT PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE HAZRAT, TOOK ME TO A WALK, WE TOOK SOME PICTURES OF THE LITTLE TREES GROWING NEAR RABWAH'S CENTRAL MOSQUE. ON OUR WAY BACK, MR. MUBARAK AHMAD SHOWED ME SOME PICTURES OF QADIAN. IT BRINGS TEARS TO A TRUE AHMADI TO SEE THAT SOME HOLY AND CLEAN PARTS OF QADIAN ARE NOW BEING USED BY THE HINDUS AS LAVATORIES, AND RUBBISH IS BEING THROWN THERE.

### APRIL 5TH:

HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH WENT TO LAHORE TO ADDRESS THE STUDENTS OF OUR TAALIMUL ISLAM COLLEGE AT THE OCCASION OF THEIR ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

### MARCH 17TH:

DR. MUFTI MUHAMMAD SADIQ DELIVERED THE FRIDAY KHUTBA. AFTER JUMMA PRAYERS HE TOLD ME ABOUT A BOOK OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH IN WHICH THE HAZRAT HAD PROPHECIED TWO YEARS BEFORE ABOUT HIS DEATH SAYING THAT HIS WORK HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND HE WAS READY TO GO TO ALLAH. DR. MUNAWAR AHMAD, GRANDSON OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH, LATER EXPLAINED SOME PARTS OF THIS BOOK TO ME.

### MARCH 19TH:

THE MISSIONARY RETURNING FROM HOLLAND TOOK SOME PICTURES OF THE STUDENTS GETTING TRAINING AS MISSIONARIES TO BE SENT ABROAD.

### MARCH 20TH:

TODAY I STUDIED MY ARABIC WITH A NEW AHMADI BROTHER COMING FROM SUDAN, AFRICA.

MARCH 22ND:

HAKIM FAZLUR-RAHMAN, FORMER MISSIONARY IN NIGERIA, DELIVERED A LECTURE IN OUR SCHOOL ON THE SUBJECT OF "ISLAM IN WEST AFRICA".

MARCH 23RD:

TWO MORE MISSIONARIES WERE TODAY SENT TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES, ONE WAS MAULVI ABDUL KHALIQ WHO LEFT FOR IRAN, THE OTHER WAS MAULVI SAUD AHMAD, DESTINED FOR THE GOLD COAST. I ASKED BOTH OF THEM TO GIVE ME A MESSAGE FOR THE AMERICAN AHMADIES. MAULVI ABDUL KHALIQ SAID, "THE AMERICAN AHMADIES SHOULD ALWAYS REMEMBER THE MESSAGE OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH AND SHOULD DO ALL IN THEIR POWER TO MAKE THAT MESSAGE KNOWN TO THE WHOLE WORLD". MAULVI SAUD AHMAD HAD THIS TO SAY, "THE AHMADIES IN AMERICA SHOULD STRENGTHEN THEIR TIES WITH THE CENTER AND SHOULD NOT SPARE ANY SACRIFICES TO WIN THE PLEASURE OF ALLAH".

MARCH 24TH:

TODAY HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH RETURNED FROM HIS TRIP TO SIND. IT WAS ABOUT 1:45 P.M. WHEN HIS CAR WAS SEEN APPROACHING RABWAH. ABOUT SIX HUNDRED AHMADIES OF RABWAH HAD ASSEMBLED ON THE ROAD-SIDE TO GIVE A HEARTY WELCOME TO THEIR BELOVED MASTER. AS SOON AS THE HAZRAT STEPPED OUT OF THE CAR, THE FAITHFUL ORGANIZED THEMSELVES INTO LONG LINES TO GET THE HONOR OF A HANDSHAKE WITH HIM. WORDS FAIL TO EXPRESS THE DEEP LOVE AND JOY WHICH ONE NOTICES IN THE EYES OF THE AHMADIES WHEN THEY MEET THEIR MASTER.

THE HAZRAT DELIVERED THE KHUTBA AND LED THE JUMMA PRAYERS.

MARCH 25TH:

DONATIONS WERE INVITED TODAY FROM THE AHMADIES IN RABWAH FOR THE WASHINGTON MOSQUE. I SINCERELY WISH THAT AMERICAN AHMADIES WILL ALSO DISCHARGE THEIR PART OF THE OBLIGATIONS HONORABLY.

MARCH 26TH:

THIS DAY WAS SET ASIDE AS THE PROPAGATION DAY. THE SCHOOLS AND OFFICES WERE CLOSED AND ALL AHMADIES SENT IN GROUPS TO PREACH IN THE VILLAGES AROUND RABWAH. I ALSO ACCOMPANIED A PARTY. WE HAD A DOCTOR IN OUR GROUP WHO ATTENDED TO THE MEDICAL NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE WHILE WE PREACHED.

MARCH 30TH:

I WENT WITH A GROUP OF AHMADIES TO PREACH IN A VILLAGE AT A DISTANCE OF 14 MILES. WE TRAVELED ON AN UNIMPROVED ROAD BY A HORSE CARRIAGE. THE MEETING IN THAT VILLAGE WAS ENTHUSIASTICALLY ATTENDED. WE RETURNED FROM THIS VILLAGE AFTER TWO DAYS.

APRIL 1ST:

ON MY RETURN FROM THE VILLAGE WHERE WE WENT FOR TABLIGH, I HAD THE PLEASURE OF SAYING MY AFTERNOON PRAYERS LED BY HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH. AFTER THE PRAYERS, THE HAZRAT VERY KINDLY ASKED ME, "RASHID, DID YOU GO TO SOME VILLAGE? DID YOU MAKE ANY SPEECH THERE? COULD THE PEOPLE UNDERSTAND YOU?" I ANSWERED

MY BELOVED MASTER IN THE AFFIRMATIVE AND EXPLAINED THAT I SPOKE IN ENGLISH WHILE ANOTHER BROTHER INTERPRETED IT FOR ME IN URDU.

#### APRIL 4TH:

TODAY, MAULVI MUHAMMAD IBRAHIM KHALIL, OUR MISSIONARY WHO WORKED FOR THREE YEARS IN ITALY AND TWO YEARS IN WEST AFRICA, RETURNED TO THE CENTER. HE IS THE BROTHER-IN-LAW OF OUR MISSIONARY-IN-CHARGE OF NEW YORK CIRCLE, BROTHER GHULAM YASIN. HE WAS CALLED BACK AFTER HIS WIFE HAD DIED LEAVING NINE CHILDREN BEHIND. WHEN THE TRAIN PULLED IN AT 3:15 P.M., THE AIR RESOUNDED WITH THE SHOUTS OF ALLAHU-AKBAR FROM THE MANY HUNDRED AHMADIES WHO HAD GATHERED TOGETHER TO GIVE A LOVING WELCOME TO THEIR DEAR BROTHER. THE HAZRAT, BEING SICK WITH GOUT, COULD NOT RECEIVE THE RETURNING MISSIONARY AT THE STATION.

#### APRIL 7TH:

TODAY BEGAN THE ANNUAL SESSION OF THE AHMADIYYA CONFERENCE HELD REGULARLY TO ADVISE THE HAZRAT ON IMPORTANT PROBLEMS AND THE BUDGET. THE SESSION WAS FORMALLY OPENED BY HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH AFTER THE JUMMA PRAYERS. DELEGATES CAME FROM ALL PARTS OF PAKISTAN. THE MEETINGS WERE HELD IN THE GIRLS' SCHOOL BUILDING. AFTER RECITATIONS FROM THE HOLY QURAN, THE HAZRAT LED THE DELEGATES IN PRAYERS. THE SESSION CONTINUED FOR THREE DAYS AND A LONG AND HEAVY AGENDA WAS COVERED IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT HAZRAT AMIRUL MUMININ WAS UNWELL. HIS DOCTOR SAT BESIDE HIM ALL THROUGH THE MEETINGS GIVING HIM MEDICINES. THE HAZRAT PREFERRED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE CONFERENCE AT THIS CRITICAL PERIOD IN THE HISTORY OF THE MOVEMENT IN SPITE OF HIS BAD HEALTH.

#### APRIL 19TH:

YOUNG AHMADIES OF RABWAH ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE PHYSICAL EXERCISES EARLY IN THE MORNING AFTER THE FAJAR PRAYERS. THIS IS A PART OF THE NATIONAL GUARDS PROGRAM OF PAKISTAN. ONE SEES ABOUT ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIVE YOUNG MEN OUT IN THE FIELD PARADING AND EXERCISING.

TODAY I LEARNED FROM HAZRAT MUFTI MUHAMMAD SADIQ THAT HE KNEW SEVEN LANGUAGES INCLUDING ESPERANTO. IN FACT HE DELIVERED THE MESSAGE OF ISLAM TO AN ESPERANTO SPEAKING SOCIETY IN FRANCE.

ALSO TODAY, MAULVI NUR AHMAD MUNIR, OUR MISSIONARY WHO HAS RECENTLY RETURNED FROM SYRIA, SPOKE IN OUR COLLEGE ON THE SUBJECT OF "HOW TO LEARN ARABIC".

#### APRIL 21ST:

THE KHUDDAMUL AHMADIYYA HAD A VERY INTERESTING PROGRAM TODAY. THIS WAS THEIR DAY OF COLLECTIVE CLEANING OF RABWAH. IT WAS WONDERFUL TO SEE DOCTORS, PROFESSORS, STOREKEEPERS AND OFFICE PEOPLE ALL CARRYING SHOVELS, PICKS AND BASKETS TO CARRY DIRT AND TO LEVEL THE UNEVEN SPOTS. THIS CREATES A REMARKABLE SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION AND MUTUAL HELP.

THE HAZRAT IS STILL SICK. THE JUMMA PRAYERS WERE LED BY DR. MUFTI MUHAMMAD SADIQ.

#### APRIL 23RD:

HAZRAT AMIRUL MUMININ, KHALIFATUL MASIH, VERY GRACIOUSLY INVITED ME TO A LUNCH GIVEN IN HONOR OF A GERMAN AHMADI, MR. ABDUL KARIM DUNCKER, WHO ARRIVED

IN RABWAH TODAY. THE HAZRAT WAS HOST TO ABOUT 17 AHMADIES. AT THE TABLE, I NOTED WITH GREAT INTEREST THE WIDE RANGE OF CONVERSATION AND TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF KNOWLEDGE WHICH THE HAZRAT COULD CONTRIBUTE TO ALMOST EVERY SUBJECT. FOR EXAMPLE, THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED INCLUDED THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CULTURE AND CIVILIZATION, HOW DIFFERENT NATIONS PRONOUNCE CERTAIN WORDS, DIFFICULTIES OF THE MISSIONARIES IN LEARNING FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND SO FORTH. THE HAZRAT EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT INDIA HAD NEVER BEEN ONE NATION ON ACCOUNT OF VAST DIFFERENCES OF SPEECH, LANGUAGE, CUSTOM, CIVILIZATION, RELIGION AND IDEAS.

#### MARCH 29TH:

HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH LED THE JUMMA PRAYERS. IN HIS KHUTBA HE EXPLAINED THAT WE SHOULD NOT BE SATISFIED IN OUR ACTIVITIES WITH MERELY HOLDING MEETINGS. WE SHOULD MAKE PROGRESS AND SPEED UP OUR ACTIVITIES. WE SHOULD USE OUR BRAINS AND CHANNEL OUR THINKING AND ACTIONS IN THE DIRECTION OF THE THINKING OF THE LEADER IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE COMPLETE UNITY OF ACTION.

#### APRIL 1ST:

THE LAJNA IMA ULLAH HELD THEIR EXAMINATIONS WHICH MANY MEMBERS OF THE LAJNA TOOK. LAJNA MEMBERS WERE ASKED ABOUT THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN IN ISLAM IN THE QUESTION PAPER.

#### APRIL 3RD:

SIR MUHAMMAD ZAFRULLAH KHAN VISITED RABWAH TODAY. THIS WAS HIS FIRST VISIT AFTER HIS LATEST TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES. I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING HIM DURING HIS BRIEF STAY. HE DELIVERED A SPEECH IN THE MOSQUE BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE.

#### APRIL 8TH:

THE HAZRAT TODAY GAVE A TEA-PARTY IN HONOR OF THE MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE RECENTLY RETURNED FROM HOLLAND, ITALY, AFRICA, SYRIA, INDONESIA AND ENGLAND. THIS WAS A MOVING EVENT TO SEE THE BELOVED GENERAL AMONG THE COMPANY OF HIS FAITHFUL SOLDIERS BACK IN THE CENTER AFTER SERVING IN THE BATTLEFIELD. HAZRAT DELIVERED AN INSPIRING SPEECH ON THIS OCCASION.

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### SOME GLIMPSES OF LIFE IN RABWAH

BY RASHID AHMAD

AN AHMADI IN RABWAH STARTS HIS DAY WITH SALATUL FAJR, THE PRAYERS SAID IN CONGREGATION IN THE MOSQUE BEFORE SUNRISE. MANY AMONG THEM GET UP EVEN EARLIER TO SAY THEIR TAHAJJUD, THE PRAYER OFFERED IN THE LATER PART OF NIGHT. AFTER THE PRAYER SOME PART OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH'S WRITINGS IS READ AND EXPLAINED BY SOMEBODY ASSIGNED BY THE ORGANIZATION. THEN EVERYBODY GOES HOME AND RECITES SOME PART OF THE QURAN INDIVIDUALLY. ONE CAN SEE MANY AHMADIES SITTING OUT IN FRONT OF THEIR DOORS CHANTING THE VERSES OF THE QURAN. OTHERS MAY PREFER TO RECITE IN THEIR HOMES BUT THEIR DEVOTIONAL AND INTRIGUING VOICES ARE OFTEN HEARD BY THE PASSERS-BY IN THE STREETS. AFTER THAT ONE USUALLY TAKES SOME BREAKFAST AND GETS READY TO GO TO WORK. MOST OF THEM WORK IN THE OFFICES OF THE CENTER. OTHERS MAY HAVE SMALL SHOPS OR SOME BUSINESS TO ATTEND. BUT, EVERYTHING GOES ON SO PEACEFULLY AND QUIETLY IN THE SPIRITUAL ATMOSPHERE OF THIS LITTLE PLACE. IF ONE GOES TO VISIT A FRIEND, HE WILL SAY



"ASSALAMU ALAIKUM" (PEACE BE UNTO YOU) BEFORE ENTERING HIS HOME. ON THE STREETS ONE NOTICES DIFFERENT KINDS OF PEOPLE. FOR EXAMPLE ONE MAY SEE BLIND MEN WHO ARE GENERALLY CALLED HAFIZ, MEANING THE GUARDS, FOR THE FACT THAT MOST OF THEM HAVE COMMITTED THE WHOLE OF THE QURAN TO MEMORY. ONE NOTICES A WASHERMAN DELIVERING LAUNDRY WHICH HE CARRIES ON HIS HEAD. HE USUALLY CHARGES ABOUT FIFTEEN CENTS FOR SIX CLOTHES. IN THIS SMALL PLACE WHICH WAS NOTHING BUT SAND ONLY TWO YEARS BACK, ONE WILL SEE AN AMERICAN, A CHINESE, AN INDO-NESEAN, A SUDANESE, AN EGYPTIAN AND A GERMAN ALL DISCUSSING THE TEACHINGS OF THE HOLY QURAN OR SOME PARTS OF THE SAYINGS OF THE HOLY PROPHET OR THE MESSAGE OF HAZRAT AHMAD, THE PROMISED MESSIAH. IN THE OFFICES, THE WAYS AND MEANS ARE DEVISED TO EXPEDITE THE VICTORY OF ISLAM OVER THE FORCES OF EVIL. THEY WORK VERY STRENUOUSLY ALL DAY, GETTING A SHORT BREAK ONLY FOR LUNCH AND PRAYERS. IN THE EVENING MANY OF THESE PEOPLE WHO HAVE WORKED IN THE OFFICES WILL BE SEEN TAKING A STROLL IN THE FIELDS AROUND RABWAH IN THE COMPANY OF THEIR FRIENDS OR CHILDREN ENJOYING THE SOLITUDE AND SPIRITUAL BLISS OF THE PLACE. EVEN AT THAT TIME THEIR MINDS WILL CONCENTRATE UPON THE WAYS AND MEANS OF SPREADING ISLAM TO THE WORLD. THEY WILL ASSEMBLE FOR THE EVENING PRAYERS BEFORE THEY TAKE THEIR SUPPER AND GET TOGETHER AGAIN IN THE MOSQUE FOR THEIR ISHA (AFTER SUPPER) PRAYERS BEFORE THEY GO TO BED. THE EVENINGS IN RABWAH ARE SIMPLY BEAUTIFUL. ONE ENJOYS THE SUN SETTING IN THE CLEAR HORIZON AND BRIGHT STARS APPEARING SOON AFTER AND COVERING THE WHOLE SKY. IN THIS BLISSFUL ATMOSPHERE ONE IS FILLED WITH PRAISE OF ALLAH WHEN HE FALLS IN LINE BEHIND THE PROMISED REFORMER, HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH, TO SAY HIS ISHA PRAYERS WHERE ALL OF THEM, AFTER DISCHARGING THEIR HUMBLE SERVICES FOR THE SAKE OF ISLAM ALL DAY, PRAY THAT HIS NAME MAY BE GLORIFIED OVER THE WORLD AND THAT ALL NATIONS AND RACES MAY ACCEPT HIS MESSAGE AND ATTAIN A LIFE OF ETERNAL PEACE. EVERY DAY ONE MEETS NEW AND STRANGE FACES OF VISITORS WHO COME HERE FOR DIFFERENT PURPOSES. SOME NON-AHMADIES MAY COME TO GET SOME MORE INFORMATION ON AHMADIYYAT. OTHERS INCLUDING AHMADIES AND NON-AHMADIES MAY BE THERE TO HAVE AN INTERVIEW WITH THE HAZRAT AND DISCUSS THEIR PERSONAL PROBLEMS IN ORDER TO BE BENEFITED BY HIS COUNSEL. THESE VISITORS ARE ENTERTAINED AT THE "LANGAR KHANA", A GUEST HOUSE FOUNDED BY THE PROMISED MESSIAH UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF A REVELATION. RICH AND POOR, PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT WALKS OF LIFE ARE SERVED HERE WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION. ON THE OCCASION OF OUR ANNUAL MEETING, MORE THAN 25 THOUSAND PEOPLE WERE SERVED FOOD THREE TIMES A DAY. I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF OFFERING MY SERVICES AT THAT TIME, AND WAS EXTREMELY AMAZED TO LEARN HOW SMOOTHLY THE WHOLE SYSTEM WORKED. THEY HAD A WAY OF KNOWING ALMOST TO PERFECTION HOW MANY THOUSAND PEOPLE HAD BEEN FED AT A CERTAIN TIME AND HOW MANY WOULD HAVE TO BE SERVED FOR THE NEXT MEAL. AT ALL TIMES, THE GUESTS ARE ENTERTAINED WITH WARM, FRESH AND WHOLESOME FOODS. IN THIS WAY ALL THOSE WHO COME HERE TO SEEK TRUTH FIND THAT THE PEOPLE IN THIS CENTER OF THE MOVEMENT ARE ONLY TOO EAGER TO MAKE THEIR GUESTS COMFORTABLE SO THAT THEY MAY SET AN EXAMPLE OF TRUE AND REAL BROTHERLY LOVE AS INFUSED IN THEM BY THE PROPHET OF THE AGE, HAZRAT AHMAD, THE PROMISED MESSIAH.

## NEWS FROM MISSIONS OVERSEAS

### ENGLAND:

THE IMAM OF THE LONDON MOSQUE, CHAUDHRI MUSHTAQ AHMAD BAJWA, HAS BEEN ON A TOUR VISITING MISSIONS IN OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

BROTHER NASIR MUHAMMAD SIAL, SECRETARY OF OUR SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION, LEFT FOR LONDON WHERE HE WILL STAY FOR A FEW MONTHS BEFORE HE DEPARTS FOR THE CENTER. AMERICAN MISSIONS WERE GREATLY BENEFITTED BY HIM DURING HIS PERIOD OF STUDIES IN AMERICA AND THEY WISH HIM THE BEST OF SUCCESS.

BROTHER CHAUDHRI MOHAMMAD ABDULLAH, WHOSE NAME IS WELL-KNOWN TO AMERICAN AHMADIES, WAS THE GUEST OF OUR MISSIONS IN SWITZERLAND AND FRANCE. HE DELIVERED A LECTURE IN THE LONDON MOSQUE ON THE SUBJECT OF "ISLAM IN AMERICA" WHICH ACCORDING TO A DISPATCH APPEARING IN "THE KNOWLEDGE", A NEW, INFORMATIVE AND ATTRACTIVE PERIODICAL PUBLISHED BY THE LONDON MISSION, "WAS VERY INTERESTING AND INSTRUCTIVE".

### NETHERLANDS:

HAZRAT AMIRUL MUMININ KHALIFATUL MASIH HAS BEEN VERY PLEASED TO DECIDE THAT AN AHMADIYYA MOSQUE BE ESTABLISHED IN THE INTERNATIONALLY FAMOUS TOWN OF THE HAGUE. THE HAZRAT DESIRES THAT WHILE THE MALE MEMBERS OF THE MOVEMENT SHOULD CONTRIBUTE FOR THE NEW MOSQUE IN WASHINGTON, LADIES OF THE MOVEMENT SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HOLLAND MOSQUE. THE PLANS ARE PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY AND THE LAJNA IMA ULLAH MEMBERS ARE CONTRIBUTING ENTHUSIASTICALLY FOR THIS HOUSE OF WORSHIP IN EUROPE. WE APPEAL TO OUR SISTERS IN AMERICA TO STAND UP TO THEIR TRADITIONS AND PROVE TO THE SISTERS IN MISSIONS ALL OVER THE WORLD THAT THEY WILL NOT REMAIN BEHIND ANY OTHER LAJNA IN CONTRIBUTING THEIR SHARE. THEIR RESPONSIBILITY IS HEAVIER AS A SIGN OF GRATITUDE FOR THE DECISION OF THE HAZRAT TO PROVIDE THE AMERICAN MISSION WITH A BEAUTIFUL MOSQUE IN WASHINGTON.

### SPAIN:

OUR UNTIRING MISSIONARY IN MADRID, MR. KARAM ILAHI ZAFAR, HAD A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY THE MESSAGE OF ISLAM WHEN RECENTLY HE WAS INVITED TO SPEAK ON THE NATIONAL RADIO SYSTEM IN BARCELONA. MR. ZAFAR WAS FORTUNATE TO BROADCAST FOR ABOUT 45 MINUTES.

### SWITZERLAND:

OUR MISSIONARY, S. NASIR AHMAD, IS PUBLISHING HIS MONTHLY PERIODICAL IN GERMAN, "DER ISLAM", REGULARLY. THE PLANS TO PUBLISH A GERMAN TRANSLATION OF THE HOLY QURAN ARE UNDER WAY. SOME NEW MEMBERS HAVE STRENGTHENED OUR ZURICH MISSION BY ACCEPTING ISLAM RECENTLY.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

IN THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE "GAZETTE", WE MADE A FINANCIAL REPORT COVERING THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEAR (MAY TO DECEMBER). FOLLOWING IS A REPORT FOR THE REMAINING FOUR MONTHS, COMPLETING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING ON APRIL 30TH.

### INCOME:

MONTHLY DUES: AMERICAN MISSION H.Q. (1/2 OF THE DUES IS KEPT BY THE MISSIONS FOR LOCAL USE. 1/4 GOES IN THE CENTRAL FUND AND 1/4 IN THE BUDGET OF THE AMERICAN MISSION).  
----- \$ 580.52

AID FROM CENTER,  
RABWAH, PAKISTAN ----- 1872.90

### EXPENDITURE:

ALLOWANCES TO MISSIONARIES FOR 4 MONTHS (1) KHALIL AHMAD NASIR AND FAMILY, (2) GHULAM YASIN, (3) SHUKAR ILAHI, (4) ABDUL QADIR ---- \$ 1560.00  
OFFICE RENT ----- 338.43  
STATIONERY ----- 11.13  
CONVEYANCE (CENTER & CIRCLES) 219.00  
MAIL (CENTER) \$ 32.06 }  
          (CIRCLES) 60.00 } 142.06  
OFFICE FURNITURE REPAIRS- 19.00

INCOME : (CONTINUED)

EXPENDITURE : (CONTINUED)

		LITERATURE AND GAZETTE (THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE THE PUBLICATION OF OUR BOOK, "THE AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT").	
		-----	\$ 95.00
		MISCELLANEOUS -----	68.75
(TOTAL INCOME)	\$ 2453.42	(TOTAL EXPENDITURE)	\$ 2453.42

THE MUSLIM SUNRISE  
(STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS ON APRIL 30, 1950)

INCOME FOR APRIL 1950 :

EXPENSES TILL APRIL 30, 1950

CLEVELAND MISSION -----	\$ 30.50
SH, NAZEER ELAHI -----	10.00
INDIANAPOLIS MISSION -----	30.00
MISCELLANEOUS -----	4.50
	<u>\$ 75.00</u>

PRINTING OF FIRST QUARTER--	\$ 176.81
PRINTING OF SECOND " --	180.41
ENVELOPES (BOTH MAGAZINES)--	35.57
MAILING CHARGES -----	35.50
	(TOTAL) \$ 428.29
PREVIOUS DEBIT	317.46
	<u>\$ 745.75</u>
TOTAL OF DONATIONS TILL APRIL	143.66
NET DEBIT STILL TO BE PAID	\$ 602.09

OTHER OUTSTANDING DONATIONS BEFORE APRIL 1950 INCLUDE : DAYTON 60.00

JAZAKUMULLA TO ALL WHO UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING THIS ONLY MAGAZINE OF ISLAM IN THE STATES RUNNING.

TABLIGH DAY

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN MISSIONS, A TABLIGH (PROPAGATION) DAY WAS CELEBRATED ON NATIONAL SCALE. THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE BY THE CENTRAL SECRETARY FOR TABLIGH IN THE LAST ISSUE OF THE "GAZETTE", FIXING APRIL 9TH AS THE TABLIGH DAY. MOST OF THE MISSIONS PLANNED THEIR ACTIVITIES AHEAD OF TIME. MEMBERS IN NEW YORK AND ST. LOUIS DID A GOOD JOB OF DISTRIBUTING LITERATURE AND THEY MET WITH BOTH INTEREST AND OPPOSITION FROM THE PEOPLE. THIS SPECIAL DAY HAS HELPED IN MAKING MANY NEW CONTACTS AND OPENING NEW WAYS FOR TABLIGH. WE HOPE THAT THE RESPECTIVE OFFICERS WILL ORGANIZE MORE OF THESE DAYS AND MAKE IMPROVED PLANS FOR CONVEYING THE MESSAGE OF ISLAM TO THE PEOPLE.

AMERICAN AHMADIYYA MISSIONS GREET  
THE PRIME MINISTER OF PAKISTAN

ON THE RECENT VISIT OF HONORABLE MR. LIAQUAT ALI KHAN, PAKISTAN'S PRIME MINISTER, TO THE UNITED STATES, THE AMERICAN AHMADIES FELT GREAT PLEASURE IN EXTENDING HIM THEIR HEARTIEST WELCOME AND BEST WISHES. THE MISSIONS WERE RE-

PRESENTED BY MISSIONARIES AT THE RECEPTIONS ARRANGED IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S HONOR IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK. MANY MISSIONS SENT HIM FELICITATIONS BY TELEGRAM ON HIS WAY TO THE WEST COAST.

THE AMERICAN AHMADIES FEEL THAT SINCE THE CENTER OF THE AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT IS NOW IN PAKISTAN, IT HAS A PLACE IN THEIR HEARTS SHARED BY NO OTHER FOREIGN COUNTRY. DUE TO THESE SPIRITUAL TIES WITH PAKISTAN, THEIR EXPRESSION OF RESPECT FOR HER PRIME MINISTER HAS CERTAINLY A VERY DEEP MEANING. THE PRIME MINISTER HAS VERY GRACIOUSLY ACKNOWLEDGED THE SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED BY AMERICAN AHMADIES IN HIS LETTER TO BROTHER NURUL ISLAM OF CHICAGO, AND THANKED HIM FOR EXTENDING A WELCOME ON BEHALF OF AMERICAN AHMADIES.

### NEW SCHEME 1950

ALMOST HALF THE YEAR HAS PASSED FROM THE PERIOD OF 1950 NEW SCHEME PAYMENTS. IT IS REGRETTABLE THAT THIS YEAR THE MISSIONS HAVE NOT MADE AS GOOD A RESPONSE AS IN THE LAST YEAR TOWARD THE NEW SCHEME PLEDGES. A TRUE BELIEVER NEVER STEPS BACK IN HIS UNDERTAKINGS FOR THE SPREAD OF ISLAM.

THE FIRST LIST OF 1950 NEW SCHEME PAYMENTS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH 2ND ON JUNE 30TH. WE FULLY HOPE THAT THOSE AHMADIES WHO WANT TO BE AMONG THOSE FORTUNATE ONES WHOSE NAMES WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE HAZRAT FOR SPECIAL PRAYERS WILL TRY THEIR BEST TO PAY THEIR PLEDGES BEFORE JUNE 30TH. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE EXAMPLE OF THE DAYTON MISSION IS WORTHY OF CREDIT. THEY HAVE ALREADY PAID ABOUT 80% OF THEIR PLEDGES. STILL MORE REMARKABLE IS THE EXAMPLE OF INDIANAPOLIS MISSION WHO HAVE PAID THEIR PLEDGES ALMOST 100%. MAY ALLAH BLESS THEM ABUNDANTLY AND ENABLE ALL OF US TO DISCHARGE OUR OBLIGATIONS IN THE BEST WAY. AMEN.

### NEW LITERATURE

A NEW SUPPLY OF THE FOLLOWING BOOKS WHICH HAVE BEEN IN DEMAND LATELY HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED. MEMBERS ARE URGED TO SEND THEIR REQUESTS BEFORE THE PRESENT SUPPLY IS EXHAUSTED.

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| (1) THE HOLY QURAN WITH ENGLISH TRANSLATION AND COMMENTARY, VOL. I WITH AN INTRODUCTION BY HAZRAT AMIRUL MUMININ KHALIFATUL MASIH 2ND | \$ 16.50 |
| (2) THE ARABIC PRIMER                                                                                                                 | .85      |
| (3) THE ECONOMIC STRUCTURE OF ISLAMIC SOCIETY                                                                                         | 1.00     |
| (4) NEW WORLD ORDER                                                                                                                   | 1.00     |
| (5) WHERE DID JESUS DIE?                                                                                                              | 1.00     |

THE MEMBERS MAY ALSO BE PLEASED TO NOTE THAT TWO NEW BOOKS HAVE BEEN RECENTLY PUBLISHED. ONE OF THEM, "THE AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT IN ISLAM", THE BOOK OF THE YEAR PRESCRIBED FOR SPECIAL STUDY BY OUR SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION, HAS BEEN PUBLISHED BY AMERICAN MISSION AFTER ITS TRANSLATION WAS REVISED BY HON. SIR MUHAMMAD ZAFRULLAH KHAN. THE LONDON MISSION HAS PUBLISHED AN ATTRACTIVE VOLUME, "INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF ISLAM". THIS BOOK SHOULD BE A MUST IN THE LIBRARY OF EVERY MEMBER. IN FACT IT SHOULD BE INTRODUCED TO THEIR NON-MUSLIM FRIENDS FOR A GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF ISLAM. 446 PAGES, PRICE \$3.00

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### EDUCATION:

WHILE THE LIGHT OF ISLAM IS PENETRATING DEEPER INTO THE DARKNESS OF THE WEST, IT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY NECESSARY FOR THE FOLLOWERS TO TEACH AND LEARN JUST AS MUCH ABOUT THEIR RELIGION AS IS POSSIBLE. ONE OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF OUR RELIGION IS THAT WE INCREASE OUR KNOWLEDGE.

AT OUR LAST CONVENTION WE ADOPTED SOME RESOLUTIONS AND PLEDGES WHICH WERE CONSIDERED THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF EDUCATION WE SHOULD HAVE. THOSE RESOLUTIONS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

DURING THE YEAR, EVERY MEMBER SHOULD

- (1) MEMORIZE THE KALIMA (LA-ILAHA-ILLALLAHO-MUHAMMADUR RASULULLA)
- (2) LEARN AND SAY THE PRAYER REGULARLY.
- (3) MEMORIZE THE INITIATION FORM.
- (4) STUDY THE BOOK OF THE YEAR, "THE AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT" WRITTEN BY THE KHALIFATUL MASIH.
- (5) LEARN TO READ THE PRIMER (YASSARNAL QURAN) AND THE HOLY QURAN.
- (6) MEMBERS WHO HAVE LEARNED AND COMPLETED READING THE HOLY QURAN SHALL START TO LEARN THE URDU LANGUAGE TO ENABLE THEM TO READ THE WRITINGS OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH (PEACE BE ON HIM).
- (7) ALL MEMBERS SHALL TRY TO SET A GOOD PERSONAL EXAMPLE.

AS THE RESULT OF OUR PLAN TO SEND ONE AMERICAN AHMADI TO HEADQUARTERS EACH YEAR TO BE TRAINED FOR MISSIONARY WORK, BROTHER RASHID AHMAD IS NOW IN RABWAH, OUR NEW CENTER, STUDYING. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY HERE JAZAKUMULLA TO THOSE MISSIONS WHO ARE CONTRIBUTING TO OUR EDUCATIONAL FUND AND FOR THOSE WHO AREN'T, YOU ARE URGED TO MAKE A SACRIFICE IN THIS WORK.

FOR THOSE WHO HAD WANTED TO BUY ONE OF THE TRANSLATED QURANS AND WERE UNABLE TO DO SO BECAUSE OF THE LIMITED SUPPLY, WE HAVE GOOD NEWS. YOU MAY NOW OBTAIN A BOOK "THE INTRODUCTION TO THE HOLY QURAN" WRITTEN BY HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH 2ND, OUR BELOVED MASTER. THIS BOOK MAY BE OBTAINED BY WRITING TO BRO. KHALIL AHMAD NASIR, OUR MISSIONARY-IN-CHARGE. IT CONTAINS VERY VALUABLE INFORMATION AND WILL HELP YOU TO UNDERSTAND THE HOLY QURAN WHEN YOU START READING IT. THE PRICE IS \$ 3.00

BY ALLAH'S HELP, THE BOOK "THE AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT" IS ALSO AVAILABLE NOW. THIS BOOK SHOULD BE SECURED BY EVERY AHMADI.

THE LOCAL SECRETARIES ARE URGED TO CHECK THESE REGULATIONS CLOSELY AND SEND THEIR REPORTS REGULARLY.

(SIGNED) AHMAD SHAHEED  
CENTRAL SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION  
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DUQUESNE, PENNSYLVANIA.

### THE CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE:

THE AHMADIYYA CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE WAS ONE OF THE NEW DEPARTMENTS CREATED AT OUR SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION HELD IN PITTSBURGH IN SEPTEMBER, 1949.

THE PRINCIPAL OBJECT OF THIS DEPARTMENT IS TO INSTITUTE WAYS AND MEANS OF HELPING OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS TO WORK IN UNITY AND TO COOPERATE WITH ONE ANOTHER TO BETTER THEIR CONDITION SPIRITUALLY, SOCIALLY AND FINANCIALLY.