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EDITORIAL***THE DAWN OF A NEW ERA******Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III Visits North America***

The summer of 1976 will be remembered in the annals of the American history as a turning point in which the spiritual future of almost two hundred fifty million people of the United States and Canada was set upon a revolutionary course.

It has been a year of destiny. It has been the year when Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, the third successor of the Promised Messiah, stepped on the shores of the Western hemisphere.

It has been the year of bringing the message of hope, peace, and spiritual revolution, to this materialistic region of the modern world - a message to be delivered by the blessed successor of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, chosen by the Almighty to lead the world to the teachings of the perfect faith of Islam.

It has been the year in which the cherished dream of the Ahmadiyya Muslims of the United States and Canada finally materialized. Beginning on July 25th, when the Hazrat landed at the nation's capital, the members of the Movement started to receive their long-awaited spiritual nourishment. For them it was a time of joy, of supreme bliss, the time when their souls were uplifted and their hearts' desire was finally fulfilled.

The following three rather hectic weeks of the Hazrat's stay witnessed him in Washington D.C.; Dayton, Ohio; Madison, New Jersey; the site of the twenty-ninth Annual Convention of the Ahmadiyya Muslims of America; and Toronto, Canada.

Everywhere there were long, busy hours of Hazrat's conferences with the sisters and brothers, individually and in groups, hours of dispensing spiritual sustenance, of rendering counsel, direction and guidance, of applying the healing balm to the hearts agonized with the complex, perplexing problems of the materialistic environment.

These were also the days of planning ahead for the coming decades toward an effective exposure of North America to the teachings of Islam. Press conferences were held. Islam's response to the social, economic and international issues of our times was discussed at receptions arranged to honor the Hazrat in the cities that he visited. The believers were led in fervent and ardent prayers for the welfare of the entire mankind, for Allah's succor to descend on this globe which seems bent upon leading itself toward the wreckless path of self-destruction.

It has also been the year when the annual convention of the Ahmadiyya Muslims of North America was blessed with the presence of their beloved leader. Men and women, young and old, converged to the university town of Madison, New Jersey, from far and near, constituting the nucleus of an Islamic society set in sharp contrast to the material values of the alien environment surrounding this unique assembly. For two days they were addressed by the Hazrat on various occasions giving them both an inspiring as well as a soul-searching experience.

What is offered in the following pages is a glimpse of these memorable three weeks as seen by the American and Canadian press. By their very nature, these dispatches can only offer some individual and rather limited impressions. A few inadvertant mistakes of facts and substance have however, found their way in some of these otherwise so superbly written dispatches. The writers of these news reports deserve our gratitude and appreciation for a job so excellently done. One does not expect these correspondents, however, to be fully well-versed in the matters of theological doctrines. We have found it desirable to add brief explanatory footnotes, wherever necessary, to correct some of the more serious errors fully realizing, that they have been made only unwittingly.

In addition, some news reports have erroneously underestimated the numbers of the Ahmadiyya Muslims in the U.S.A. Actual numbers exceed three thousand at present.

It remains for the future to evaluate the full impact and true significance of the Hazrat's brief visit.

We believe that it was North America's rendezvous with destiny.

We believe that the Hazrat's visit places heavy responsibility on the shoulders of the believers. Theirs is the task not only to take the message of Islam to every inhabitant of North America but also to become the living examples of a truly Islamic way of life.

Only when the Ahmadiyya Muslims fully understand their responsibility can the fruits of the Hazrat's visit be fully realized. Only then we can properly enhance and perpetuate its blessings.

PRE-ARRIVAL NEWS

Washington Star, July 24, 1976

By William F. Willoughby

GETTING TANGLED UP IN MIXED METAPHORS

I know one thing for certain. If we had about 215 million more Ahmadi Moslems in this country all our crime problems would be over. They claim that they have absolutely no record of any of their American members having their names inscribed on the police blotter. A zero crime record. Unbelievable.

Except that I want to believe. Therefore, it is believable. And I congratulate this country for being able to host them whether the 2 million "mainline" Moslems who live here agree with them or not.

The Moslem faith, like Christianity and Judaism, the religions of "the People of the Book," is by no means monolithic. This is something that all three religions do not apologize for, nor should they ever have to.

Diversity, so long as basic truth is not sacrificed, is what makes the faiths so downright interesting, although admittedly confusing to the casual observer.

But, in common with Christianity, and to a lesser degree, Judaism, there are groups which identify themselves as the "true" Moslem faith who believe that the mainstream of their religion is in need of restoration to its original purity. The Ahmadiyya movement in Islam is one of these groups.

The Ahmadi are not at war with anyone, but they're fighting with evangelical zeal to try to get a certain point of view across. And with the views that they have in a few major areas of belief, it's a good thing they are not trying to do it within the framework of Christianity.

If the Rev. Sun Myung Moon's followers think they have troubles in "restoring" Christianity to its pristine glory, the Ahmadi would really be in for it in the Christian context. But the Ahmadi, being part of a decidedly minority religion in the United States and Canada, go almost unnoticed in what would be considered radical and even heretical restoration attempts were some group trying to propagate similar ones in Christianity.

Parallels in Christianity to Islam's Ahmadiyya movement are such disparate groups as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons), Jehovah's Witnesses and the latest arrival of restorationists on the scene, Moon's Unification Church.

Even though all three are diverse from one another in major areas, and differ from one another in major areas, and differ from mainstream or historic Christianity at major junctures, each considers itself bent on restoring the authentic Gospel of Jesus.

I have made it a point to have many friends in all three of these expressions of the Christian faith, but I am by no means a devotee of or advocate for any of them. The rightness or wrongness of each's belief is not for me to decide for any of my readers. In America, thank God, they have a right to hold to their point of view and to try to persuade others, no matter how vehemently you or I might disagree.

The only reason I combine them in the same paragraph is that they have restoration of Christianity in common. Nothing pejorative is intended. That (I hope some of the more perspicacious among you will see it that way) will help to put the Ahmadiyya movement of Islam into its own perspective.

Being this far into the column, I get that sinking feeling that no one got up this morning really caring whether I put the Ahmadiyya movement into perspective or not. Plenty of Saturdays have been just fine without such theological gyrations.

But you're hooked. You'll read on to the end just to see if I say anything bad about the Unificationists, the Witnesses or the Saints. Or the Ahmadi. I'll just string you along for a little while.

Tomorrow through next Saturday, the international leader of an estimated 10 million Ahmadiyya Moslems will visit Washington as part of his plan to accelerate the spread of "true" Islam throughout the Western Hemisphere. The leader is Hazrat (the revered) Mirza Nasir Ahmad.

As the caliph of the Ahmadiyya movement, Ahmad is the grandson of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, founder of the movement headquartered in Rabwah, Pakistan.

Based on Ahmadi beliefs, this makes him in fact not only the grandson of the founder of the century-old movement, but the scion of the promised Messia, or Jesus in His Second Coming. Moon, you see, has no corner of being Jesus in His Second Coming. The Ahmadi believe He came back, in the person of their founder, a century ago.

Grandson Ahmad then, is following in the footsteps of his grandfather, who also had the title of Mahdi, meaning that he is regarded by his followers as the restorer of the Islamic faith.

The Islamic faith is considered by the Ahmadiyya Moslems to have undergone weakening influences during its 14-century existence, one of which has been dropping the authority of the caliphate. A caliph is regarded in Moslem thought in much the same way the Apostle Peter or Pope Paul is in Roman Catholic thought.

The Old Testament prophets, plus Jesus and Mohammed, planted the "seed" in their times, as Moslems look at the progression of spiritual truth which they feel finds its culmination in the Koran and Islam. switch to the Christian metaphor, they were picked to watch over the flock. Without that shepherding, the Christian sheep would go astray.

In Islam, the caliphate was intended for the care of the spiritual crop, to switch back to the Moslem metaphor.

M.S. Shahid, the missionary in charge for spreading the Ahmadiyya movement in the United States, says that "as long as Moslems held the rope of the caliphate in their hands, the victory was on their side and their dominions stretched from Spain in Europe to India and China. But as soon as they turned their backs on the caliphate, they started declining and eventually lost their whole power."

As I read what he says, even though he did throw a rope into the metaphor when I wasn't looking, without the man at the top, flop goes the crop.

Although Washington long has been one of the centers of the movement, Ahmad's visit here and in several other American and Canadian cities will be the first for any of the latter-day caliphs. The Ahmadiyya mosque is known as the Fazle Mosque, at 2141 Leroy Place NW. Other mosques are in Dayton, Troy (near Dayton), Brooklyn, Pittsburgh,

Chicago, and Athens, Ohio.

The Ahmadi differ from the mainline Moslems, among whom I have many deeply admired friends, in their notions about Jesus among other things. The Ahmadi don't believe Jesus died on the cross. His death and resurrection were only apparent.

What really happened after that whopper of an apparition is that Jesus migrated to what is now Kashmir so He could preach the Gospel to the Kashmiri. It is reminiscent of Mormon belief that Jesus, after His death, came to North America to preach the Gospel to its Mormon belief that Jesus, after His death, came to North America to preach the Gospel to its.

The Ahmadi believe that Jesus died at the ripe old age of 120 and they point to His tomb at Sirinagar in India as part of the proof.

I'll have to admit that the Ahmadi would have to do some long, fast talking before I'd let them "restore" any of my beliefs about what really happened to Jesus and I think I'm safe in saying the same for all the Moslems I've gotten to know over the years. Right now, that's neither here nor there.

But I certainly do admire their record with the law enforcement people. Caliph Ahmad, we know you're bent on sending more missionaries over to the United States and Canada. That's certainly your prerogative.

Don't be too surprised if all that many people over this way are not interested in the steak you serve. But I've certainly got to admit that the sizzle is something.

Remember the rope that Missionary Shahid got tangled up in my earlier metaphors? Well, that's what I just used to tie down this final metaphor of the column—Caliph Ahmad's steak. Can't afford to throw away anything these days.

Especially when you're in the business of stringing people along on some far-out yarn.

The Journal Herald, Dayton, July 31, 1976.

AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT ISLAM SECT LEADER TO VISIT

The head of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam will visit Dayton this week as part of a Bicentennial tour of the United States.

Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, 67, is the grandson and third elected caliph, or successor, of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, founder of the movement.

He will arrive from Washington, D.C., tomorrow afternoon and lead evening congregational prayers at 5:30 at Fazole-Omar Mosque, 637 Randolph St. Afterward, he will meet with the congregation.

A dinner in his honor, hosted by the Ahmadiyya communities in the Midwest region, will be held at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow at Model Neighborhood Community Center, 1530 Germantown St.

On Monday he will hold a news conference at 11 a.m. at the Biltmore Towers and appear at a reception at 7 p.m., also at the Biltmore. There will be a banquet in his honor at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Biltmore. He is scheduled to leave Wednesday morning.

Appointments to speak with Ahmad can be made by calling the Dayton mosque, one of seven in this country. The others are in Washington, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Brooklyn and Troy and Athens, Ohio.

The Troy Daily News, July 31, 1976

HEAD OF AHMADIYYAS TO VISIT AREA

Hazrat Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad, head of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam will be visiting the Fazli Omar Mosque, 637 Randolph St., Dayton Aug. 1-3.

He will be bringing an answer to the many problems through the message of Islam, the religion of universal peace and brotherhood, equality, non-violence and safety.

Born in 1909, Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, spiritual leader of over 10 million Ahmadiyya committed the entire text of the Holy Quran to memory in his childhood. He received his bachelor's degree and the terminal degree of honors in Arabic from the Panjab University. He pursued his post graduate studies at the Balliol College at Oxford University from which he holds a master's degree.

Before his election in 1965 as Caliph, the third successor of Hazrat Ahmad, he served the Movement in several eminent positions of responsibility, including principalship of the central educational institution for over 20 years.

This is his first visit to the United States and Canada.

The Dayton Daily News, August 1, 1976

AHMADIYYA MUSLIM HEAD SETS THREE-DAY DAYTON VISIT THIS WEEK

Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, 67, head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim movement, will arrive in Dayton Sunday for a three-day visit with members of the Ahmadiyya community here.

On Sunday the Khalifatul Masih will lead the evening congregational prayers at Fazole-Omar Mosque, 637 Randolph St. The Ahmadiyya communities of the Midwest Region have planned a dinner in his honor following the service.

Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad received his Bachelor's degree from the Punjab University. He also studied at Balliol College, Oxford University, where he received a master's degree. In 1965, he was elected Caliph, the third successor of the founder of the movement, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad.

The Toronto Sun, August 6, 1976

SPIRITUAL LEADER TALKS HERE

Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, head of more than 10 million Ahmadiyya Muslims, will be the speaker at an August 9-10 gathering of the movement at The Inn on the Park. The spiritual leader of this evangelical sect of Islam is launching a new drive toward the propagation of Islam in the western hemisphere.

The movement was founded in 1890 in India and has established many centres for the understanding and global expansion of Islam, having built scores of mosques in many European and African countries. Headquarters are located in Rabwah, Pakistan, and there is a mosque in Chicago.

The Toronto Ahmadiyya community is holding a reception in his honor on Tuesday which will bring together believers of various complexions and regional backgrounds, Oriental, African and Occidental. The Women's Association is holding a special session at the same time.

NEWS COVERAGE DURING THE VISIT

The Dayton Daily News, August 3, 1976

MUSLIM LEADER VISITS CITY 'TO TEACH PEOPLE TO LOVE'

Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, 67-year-old spiritual leader of a Muslim sect with about 100 followers in Dayton, said he came to "the most sophisticated nation in the world to help people to learn to love each other."

The white-turbaned Ahmad, who arrived in Dayton Sunday from Pakistan, said that although most of his sect's Dayton members are black there are missionaries working among whites. He said his sect is not related to the Black Muslims.

Ahmad said his community, the Ahmadiyya Muslims, arrived in Dayton about 30 years ago. M. Ibrahim is one of the sect's missionaries. Ibrahim said he has lived in Dayton at the sect's 637 Randolph St. mosque for three years.

Ahmad said his grandfather began the Ahmadiyya sect, which he said is known as one of the most "cheerful" of the Muslim groups in Pakistan. Its followers believe in life after death, he said.

The Journal Herald, Dayton, Ohio
August 21, 1976.

LOVE IS ALL, ISLAMIC LEADER DECLARES

Love is the answer to all world problems and crises, Hazrat Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad, head of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, feels.

"It is time for man to learn to love man," he told local Ahmadies on a visit to Dayton early this month.

Hazrat Ahmad, 67, is the grandson of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, founder of the movement in 1889 in India. Hazrat is third successor as head of the community.

He lives in Rabwah, Pakistan, headquarters of the sect since the partition of the subcontinent in 1947. His recent

visit was the first he has paid to this country, where Ahmady missionaries introduced the movement in the early 1920s.

The fundamental problem facing society today, he said during his visit, is that "humanity has lost its bearing."

Each person has been given inherent physical, moral, intellectual and spiritual powers. He said Muslims believe Allah has created the means for achieving full development of the four faculties, which is every person's right.

The communists, particularly the Russians, overemphasize intellectual and physical development, while ignoring moral and spiritual, he said.

"All powers are interlinked," Hazrat Ahmad explained. "The development of each helps the others."

The Muslim leader visited Dayton because it is the headquarters of the movement's Midwest region. M. Ibrahim, the missionary here, "shepherds" about 100 families at the Fazole-Omar Mosque, 637 Randolph St. The congregation is inter-racial, although the majority of local members are black. There has been a mosque here for 30 years.

There are also missions in Athens, Troy and Cleveland. M. Ibrahim came to Dayton three years ago from Pakistan.

He said that Muslims believe they must develop a personal relationship with God through prayer. Islam is universal, he said, because it embodies the essence of all other religions. They believe in all the prophets of all religions, particularly the Biblical prophets. The Quran is their scripture, believed to be the very word of God, intact for 1,300 years, since it was revealed to Mohammed.

They eat no pork and intoxicants of all kinds are banned because they might prevent performance of prescribed duties, such as prayer five times a day. Women are veiled from head to foot when in public or in the presence of men outside their immediate family. At Friday worship, men and women are separated by a curtain while the missionary discusses everyday problems and offers solutions from the Quran. The woman's place is generally in the home, although she may work outside if necessary as long as her job does not detract from her dignity.

Hazrat Ahmad's grandfather was a reformer. Ahmadies believe, of the 73 Islamic sects, they have the correct

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The Daily Record, Morris County, N.J.,
August 8, 1976

By John Mueller

GRANDSON OF PROMISED ONE TERMS ISLAM THE ONLY WAY

Some of the men were moved to tears praying with the solemn, grandfatherly figure. Most of the women delegates never even got to see the man who looked sort of like Burl Ives, though they could hear his voice through a partition in the college gymnasium.

The man was Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahman, grandson and third successor of The Promised One, and his message to 600 of his 10 million Ahmadiyyan followers was that there is no hope for humanity outside Islam.

Dressed in flowing robes, saris, or dashikis, with many of the women veiled, the listening believers were delegates to the 29th annual convention of North American communities in the Ahmadiyyan Movement over the weekend at Drew University.

Rubbing elbows with weekend joggers, tennis players and Shakespeare festival staghands, they gathered Friday and Saturday to pray and exchange ideas about their Islamic evangelical sect in what was described as "a true Islamic society in the midst of an overwhelming materialistic environment."

"The reality is that Christianity has failed to solve the problems of the world," Ahmad said. His grandfather, the Promised Mahdi (restorer of the faith), promised he could solve all the problems of the world through Islam, he said.

In a short address Ahmad said Islam is the only remedy to America's problems, droned some melodic incantations for peace, and led the delegates in silent prayer which was punctuated by sobs from members of the audience. To the uninitiated Judeo-Christian it was unclear whether the men were crying with joy on seeing their spiritual leader in the flesh or regretting his imminent departure.

Ahmad's grandfather, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadin, the Punjab, founded the evangelical sect in 1889, apparently trying to combine the thrust of major world religions under a universal Islam. Besides the promised *Mahdi*,

he claimed to be the second advent of Christ, an incarnation^{††} of the Hindu Krishna and a *buruz*, or reincarnation, of Muhammad.

Missionary for the Midwest Mian Muhammad Ibrahim explained, "What separates Ahmadiyya from not only the Muslims but from all other religions is a belief in ongoing revelation. If God spoke yesterday, he certainly can speak today. There is also the belief in the universality of prophets. It brings us closer together, closer to world unity."

Another key belief, he said, is Ahmad's reinterpretation of the Islamic precept *jihad*, or holy war, to mean persuasion by the pen rather than the sword, and a submission to temporal authority in temporal matters approximating the Christian "rendering unto Caesar."

Ahmadiyya is disowned by orthodox Muslims because Ahmad claimed to be an inspired prophet, while in Islam Muhammad is supposed to have been the final prophet.**

†† If the reporter is alluding to the traditional Hindu doctrine of incarnation which usually is interpreted in terms of actual embodiment in flesh of Krishna or Muhammad then it is clearly contrary to the Ahmadiyya beliefs.

The Promised Messiah never claimed that the soul of either Krishna or Prophet Muhammad had embodied in him. The Ahmadiyya belief is founded on the concept that the Promised Messiah came in the spirit of the revered messengers of God reflecting in his person their traits and characteristics.—Ed.

** What we believe is that "The spiritual universe will continue to be ruled by the Quran and the Holy Prophet of Islam till the end of days. But man is liable to forget, is apt to fall into error and is prone to rebel. To maintain the dominion of the Quran it was necessary to provide a remedy for all these ills. Provision was necessary that the forgetful may be reminded, the erring set right and the rebellious brought to submission. We learn from the Quran that as in the material universe the moon obtains light from the sun and illuminates the earth when the light of the sun is not directly available, in the same way men will continue to appear who will obtain spiritual light from the Holy Prophet

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Ahmad's liberalization of Islam, especially its principles of social justice and egalitarianism, appealed originally to middle-class Muslims, and while decidedly non-racist, is fairly close to the American Black Muslim social and political outlook.

Men and women entered the auditorium/gymnasium by separate doors and were blocked from each others' view by a partition, although squalling children and an occasional crash were audible from the other section. Speakers, including Ahmad, stood on the men's side of the floor, unseen to the women.

A women's exclusive session was scheduled "to deliberate on problems peculiar to the female society."

A basic tenet of Ahmadiyyan Islam is that each person should develop his physical, moral, spiritual and mental faculties to their fullest. This of course necessitates equality of the sexes, said the prophet,* who added that in the Quran

* Evidently, the Caliph, not the Prophet—ED

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and will continue to illumine the spiritual universe. These men in accordance with the degree of the need which they are designed to fulfill will appear in the shape of Reformers, but in the case of wide-spread disorder and mischief in the spiritual realm would be appointed as Prophets subordinate, and in strict obedience, to the Holy Prophet. The Quran indicates at various places the appearance of one such Prophet who would be the spiritual image of the Holy Prophet and whose advent would be regarded as the advent of the Holy Prophet himself. In the Tradition, this image of the Holy Prophet has been given the name of Messiah and the Quran also at one place indicates the applicability of this name to him (43:58). Another name mentioned in the Traditions for this Prophet is Mahdi. Both these names, however, are applicable to the same individual, though they express different capacities. The Gospels also refer to this second advent of the Holy Prophet by holding out the promise of the second advent of Jesus." (Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II, Introduction to the Holy Quran) —Ed.

men are commanded to uphold the rights of women," a press handout said. It pointed to a 100 per cent literacy rate in Rabwah, Pakistan, the sect's center, compared to 7 per cent in the rest of the country.

Those surveying the throng outside could hear a mixture of Pakistani, Indian and a scattering of African and European languages. One black woman dressed in a colorful, flowing outfit was asked if she could explain the separate-but-unequal facilities and how she felt about them.

She turned out to be from Teaneck. "I'm not a delegate. I'm not even a Moslem. I'm the mother of one of the speakers, and my son's friend made me this outfit because she said I had a Moslem body," she explained. "They almost always separate the gentlemen from the ladies. Usually I don't notice it but it does take some getting used to," she said.

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interpretation of Islam, according to M. Ibrahim.

"To us, Islam is a religion that appeals to modern man," he said. "It solves all problems, economic, moral and spiritual. The Quran contains injunctions to solve world problems."

The movement has about 10-million members worldwide, several thousand in this country. During his visit, Hazrat Ahmad counseled the local community on expanding its membership and offered guidance to individuals on personal problems. He receives several hundred letters daily and tries to answer them with guidance.

The Hudson Dispatch, Union City, N.J.,
August 6, 1976

By Richard Meyer

MUSLIM TELLS SECT'S AIM

The teachings of Islam will succeed, where Christianity has failed, in solving the problems of mankind, Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, spiritual leader of more than 10 million Ahmadiyya muslims, said here yesterday.

His Holiness met reporters in New York while on his way from the movement's Rabwah, Pakistan, headquarters to the annual gathering of American members of the Evangelical sect today and tomorrow at Drew University, Madison. The movement has established centers in more than 20 American cities.

The Ahmadiyya movement, one of more than 70 muslim sects, was founded 87 years ago in India by the grandfather of its current head. His Holiness stressed yesterday that among the principal goals of the Islamic faith is that each individual be allowed to develop his physical, mental, moral and spiritual potentials to the fullest. Seated on a plush sofa in the Waldorf Astoria Tower, His Holiness commented in Oxford-accented English thatt "humanity has lost its direction." He said that as is the case with Christianity, the two leading economic-political movements, capitalism and communism, have come up short of providing fulfillment for mankind.

"Capitalism has failed to share its gains with the common man, and has become a reactionary movement," he said.

As for communism, its prophets talk of satisfying each individual's "needs," but do not deal with men's rights, he continued. "Allah commands that all be developed to the fullest," he said. "Then a person gets what is his 'right'."

Mankind must turn away, he went on, from attempting to solve all of its problems through purely human means. A more spiritual approach must be adopted, he said.

"Reason alone is not enough for well-being, progress and health," he said.

The Ahmadiyya movement has been making progress in winning converts in the U. S. since its introduction here more than 50 years ago, according to His Holiness.

The Record, Bergen County, N.J.,

August 6, 1976

By Lena Sherrod

AHMADIYYAS CONVENE

The Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam convenes its 29th annual convention this week at Drew University with a historic visit and inaugural address by its spiritual leader, Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad.

The primary purpose of Hazrat Ahmad's first visit to this country is to spread the doctrine of Islam, which he views as the only remedy to the ills of American society.

The Ahmadiyya Movement, noted for its evangelical zeal, was founded about 87 years ago and has more than 10-million followers worldwide. There are about 3,000 followers in the U.S. and a few hundred in New Jersey, says Dr. Madid Ali, a spokesman from the Teaneck Parish at 131 Intervale Rd.

In a recent interview, Dr. Ali explained that the Ahmadiyya sect does not differ in principle from the other sects, which include Sunni, the largest; Shiyya; Ismalili, and Whabis. However, he noted that the Ahmadiyya is the only organized Islamic missionary movement in the world.

The Ahmadiyyas have established more than 50 active centers and have built mosques, hospitals and schools all over the world, he said.

Hazrat Ahmad, the third successor of the founder, was elected as Caliph in 1965. Under his leadership, said Dr. Ali, many new plans for the propagation of Islam have been launched on a worldwide scale.

At the convention, according to Dr. Ali, Hazrat Ahmad will reveal a plan for the establishment of a community center in the U.S.

The convention begins Friday and is open to the public.

Hudson Dispatch, Union City, N.J.

AHMADIYYA MUSLIMS AT PARLEY

Members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim communities of North America concluded their 29th annual meeting recently at Drew University, Madison. Some 600 men, women and children from all parts of the United States, Canada and overseas participated.

The convention was addressed by the world leader of the Ahmadiyyas, Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, who visited the United States and Canada for the first time. This was an historic occasion for members of the movement in the western hemisphere.

Hazrat Nasir Ahmad is the third successor to the Promised Messiah, whose first modern incarnation was his grandfather who died in 1908.

An American mission was opened in Chicago a decade after his death.

Since then, the numbers of the Ahmadiyya Muslims have continued to grow. Missions and community centers have been established in more than 20 American cities and Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa.

Delegates to the conference reflected their differing cultures, attire and languages. In this background of contrasts, delegates give visitors the impression of being members of one close family even though many were meeting for the first time.

Hazrat Mirza Ahmad led the congregation in services. In a short sermon he exhorted members to realize their obligations toward themselves as well as the rest of mankind.

Mayor Roger Vernone of Madison visited the convention to greet and exchange gifts with the movement's spiritual leader. Vernone received a bound copy of the Holy Quran as a symbol of the movement's message to the world.

In his inaugural address, Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad emphasized the significance of his followers bringing about a spiritual revolution for themselves and all mankind. He led delegates in English and Arabic prayers.

The New Jersey Afro-American,
Week of August 17-21, 1976.

AHMADIYYA LEADER CITES ISLAM AS HOPE FOR HUMANITY

"Outside Islam there is no hope for humanity," according to Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, world leader of 10 million Ahmadiyya Muslims, in his first American press conference at the Waldorf Tower, New York City, and Drew University, Madison.

Hazrat Ahmad, a native of Rabwah, Pakistan, and a graduate of Oxford University, is the spiritual leader of the movement founded 87 years ago by his grandfather, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, who is believed by Ahmadiyyans to have been the promised Messiah. Hazrat Nasir Ahmad is therefore the third successor of the Messiah.

Ahmad's tour of cities in the United States and Canada included preaching to his followers in this country and other Americans in order to promote a better understanding of evangelical Islam.

At Drew University he addressed more than 600 Ahmadiyyan Muslims at their annual convention. Delegates were in attendance from all over the world.

"The reality is that Christianity has failed to solve the problems of the world," said the spiritual leader, whose movement has attracted followers in the United States for more than 50 years. He pointed out that his grandfather promised that he could solve all the problems of the world through Islam.

Ahmad discussed too the great world revolutions he has seen in his time, the capitalist and the communist. "Capitalism places more emphasis on material wealth, unlike communism, which stresses the intellectual sides of man," he said. He noted, however, that the Russian communist government is now in decline.

When questioned about the place of women in Ahmadiyyan society, Ahmad cited the literacy rate of 100 per cent among the girls in Rabwah, the center of the sect in Pakistan. The literacy rate for the rest of the country is seven percent, he said.

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The News, Paterson, N.J.

JERSEY RESIDENTS WELCOME HEAD OF AHMADIYYA MUSLIMS

Hundreds of residents of Passaic, Bergen and other New Jersey and New York communities visited Drew University Friday to welcome the spiritual leader of more than 10 million Ahmadiyya Muslims, Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad. The proceeds were also attended by delegates from all over the world.

Ahmadiyyas are known for their dedicated adherence to the Teachings of Islam. Founded in 1890 in India, this community has established its missions, centers and mosques in 100 countries. The Ahmadiyya Movement was brought to the shore of America in the 1920's. Since then it has established dozens of centers from coast to coast in both the United States and Canada.

In addition to the moral and spiritual deliberations, the contemporary social, economic and political problems were discussed from an Islamic point of view. For two days, the believers were living, worshipping and exchanging their thoughts and experiencing an Islamic society in the midst of an overwhelming materialistic environment, many of whose values and practices contrast sharply with those of Islam.

The Ahmadiyya women delegates held a special session to deliberate on problems peculiar to the female society.

This convention proved to be a fascinating spectacle of the meeting of the East and the West, the Oriental, African and Occidental, Ahmadiyya believers of various complexions and regional backgrounds, all sharing the common bonds of unwavering faith in the future of the world under the teachings of Islam.

Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad is visiting the United States to expand the propagation of Islam. He views Islam as the only remedy to the agonizing and complex ills of the American society. He comes with the conviction that ultimately the world has no choice but to accept Islamic solutions for the otherwise critical state of the social, economic and political institutions. The Ahmadiyya leader maintains his world headquarters in Rabwah, Pakistan.

The Teaneck News, August 18, 1976

SPIRITUAL LEADER WELCOMED

Members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim communities of North America concluded their 29th annual meeting his week at Drew University, Madison, N.J. Some 600 men, women and children from all parts of the United States, Canada, and overseas participated.

The convention was addressed by the world leader of the Ahmadiyyas, Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, visiting the United States and Canada for the first time, this creating an historic occasion for members of the movement in the western hemisphere.

Hazrat Nasir Ahmad is the third successor to the Promised Messiah, whose first modern incarnation was his grandfather who died in 1908. An American mission was opened in Chicago a decade after his death. Since then the numbers of the Ahmadiyya Muslims have continued to grow. Missions and community centers have been established in more than 20 American cities and in Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa. Delegates to the conference reflected their differing cultures, attire and languages. In the background of contrasts, delegates give visitors the impression of being members of one close family even though many were meeting for the first time.

Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, led the congregation in services. In a short but moving sermon he exhorted members to realize their obligations toward themselves as well as the rest of the mankind.

Mayor Roger Vernone, of Madison visited the convention to greet and exchange gifts with the spiritual leader. Mayor Vernone received a beautifully bound copy of the Holy Quran as a symbol of the movement's message to the world.

In his inaugural address, Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad emphasized the significance of his follower's bringing about a spiritual revolution for themselves and all mankind. He led delegates in fervent prayers, both in English, and in Arabic, language of the Islamic scripture.

Speakers addressed delegates on the role of Islam in
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AT AIRPORT

TOUR IN PICTURES



AT WASHINGTON D.C. ON ARRIVAL IN U.S. ON 25th. JULY, 1976



LEAVING AIRPORT WITH HIS COUSIN, M.M. AHMAD



CITY COMMISSIONER CARRAN PRESENTING KEY
TO THE CITY AT DAYTON AIRPORT ON AUG. 1, 1976



SEEING HIS FOLLOWERS AT DAYTON AIRPORT CORRIDOR



ANOTHER SECTION OF FOLLOWERS AWAITING HUZUR'S ARRIVAL



LEAVING DAYTON AIRPORT FOR BILTMORE TOWERS HOTEL

PRESS CONFERENCES



AT WASHINGTON D.C. JULY 28, 1976



AT DAYTON, OHIO ON AUGUST 2, 1976



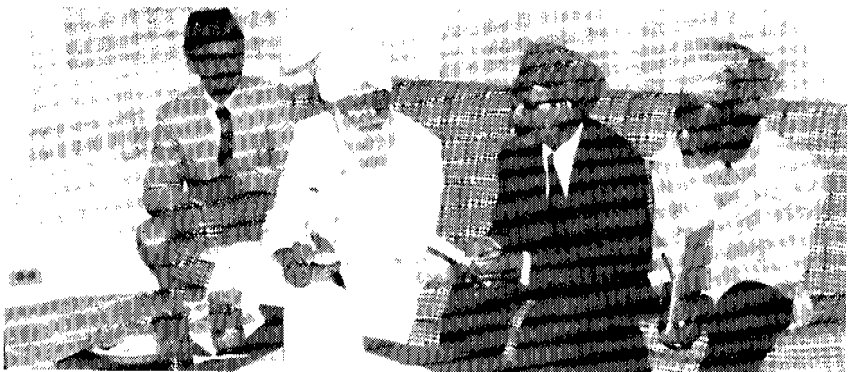
IN CANADA, TALKING TO REP. OF C.B.C. TELEVISION



AT TORONTO, CANADA ON AUGUST 9, 1976



**AT NEW YORK ON AUGUST 6, 1976
WHERE MORE THAN A DOZEN WERE PRESENT**



**ENLIGHTENING MISSIONARY IN CHARGE
NATIONAL AND WASHINGTON AMIRS**

VIP RECEPTIONS



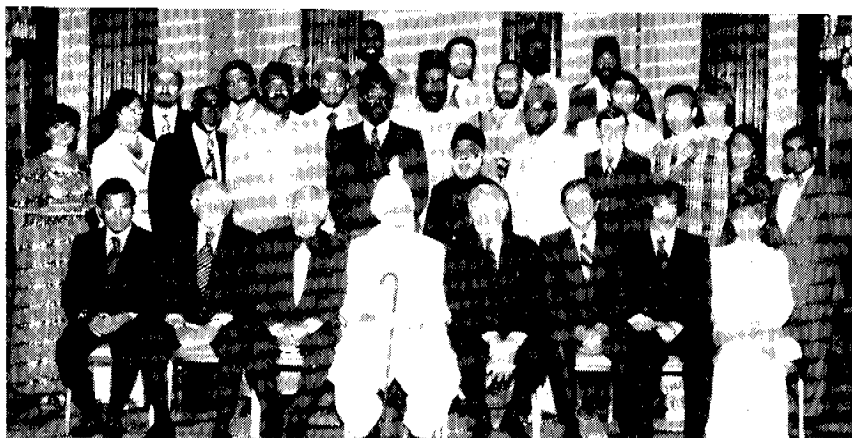
AT DAYTON, WITH THE MAYOR



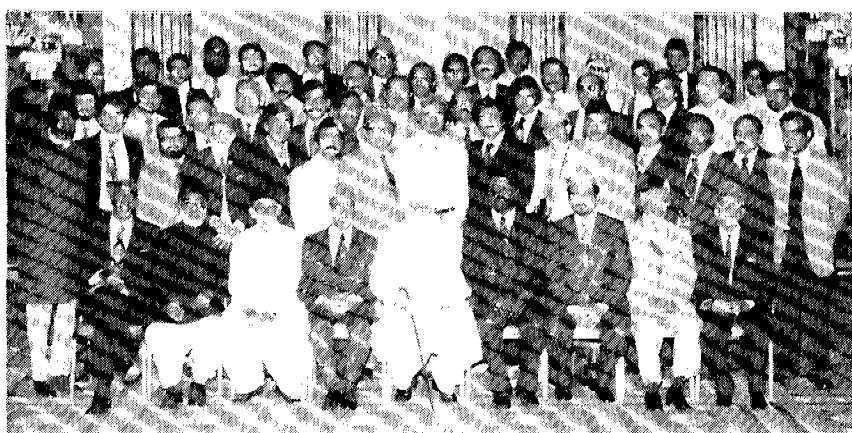
**AT NEW YORK, WITH MR. LEOVID ALEKCEVICH MOSKOV
REPRESENTATIVE, MISSION OF U.S.S.R. AT U.N.O.**



**AT NEW YORK - MR. NAZAMI AKIMAN
MINISTER, MISSION OF TURKEY TO U.N.O.**



SOME V.I.P. S AT NEW YORK RECEPTION



AT THE NEW YORK RECEPTION, WITH MEMBERS OF JAMAAT



AT NEW YORK, WITH HIS ENTOURAGE AND OTHERS



**TORONTO – TALKING TO MR. ROBINSON
MEMBER OF CANADIAN PARLIAMENT**



AT TORONTO WITH ANOTHER PARLIAMENTARIAN AT THE RECEPTION



**HONORING DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
AT WASHINGTON RECEPTION ON AUGUST 12, 1976**



**WITH MR. M.K.A. ACYEMAN COUNSELOR TO THE AMBASSADOR
OF GHANA AT WASHINGTON RECEPTION**



**WITH MR. MUHAMMAD SAID
FIRST COUNSELOR TO AMBASSADOR OF MAURITANIA**



**WITH MR. MANFRED P. BEUTCON
LOAN OFFICER WORLD BANK**

AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION



**MR. ROBERT VORNON, MAYOR OF MADISON
WELCOMING HUZUR TO THE CITY**



CROWDED AMONG HIS DEVOTED CONVENTIONALISTS

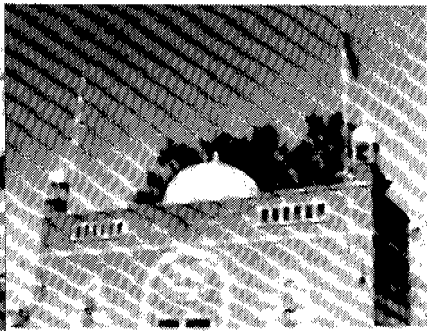
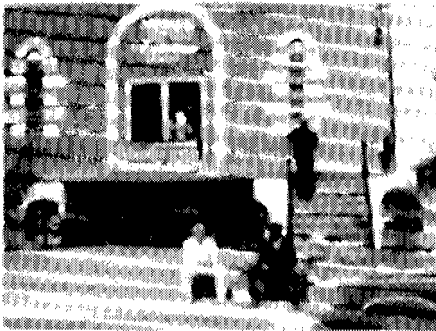


WITH MISSIONARIES WORKING IN U.S.A.

AT AHMADIYYA MOSQUES



AT FAZAL MOSQUE IN WASHINGTON D.C.
AFTER CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS



THE FAZL—E—UMAR MOSQUE IN DAYTON
WHICH HE VISITED ON AUGUST 1 & 2



BROTHERS & SISTERS FOLLOWING HUZUR TO THE MOSQUE



LEADING PRAYERS AT DAYTON



**APPRECIATING THE CAKE INSCRIBED WITH
'I SHALL CAUSE THY MESSAGE TO SPREAD TO THE CORNERS OF THE WORLD'
AT THE MW JAMAATS' RECEPTION**



**GUIDING THE AMIRS AT THEIR MEETING
AT SAHIBZADA MIRZA MUZAFFAR AHMED'S RESIDENCE**

IN CANADA



**A SECTION OF AUDIENCE HUZUR ADDRESSED
IN RESPONSE TO WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE NATIONAL AMIR**



**BEING ESCORTED BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT
OF ONTORIO, DURING HIS VISIT TO THE NIAGRA FALLS**



PRAYERS BEFORE LEAVING THE CANADIAN SOIL

America, the relationship of religion and science, building a new society on Islamic foundations, and universality of the teachings of the faith. One session was devoted to problems of women.

The spiritual leader will visit Canada and arrive at the American headquarters of the religious community in Washington, D.C. on August 15th.

Washington Post August 14, 1976

(Caption under a picture)

GREETING HIS FOLLOWERS—Hazrat Nasir Ahmad (center), the 67 year old leader of 10 million Ahmadiyya Muslims, greets his Washington followers at the American Fazal Mosque at 2141 Leroy Pl. NW. The Pakistani leader predicted yesterday that within a century the majority of Americans will realize the beauty of Islam” and will, thereby, solve this nation’s problems.

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One of the basic tenets of Ahmadiyyan Islam is that each person should develop his given physical, moral, spiritual and mental faculties to their fullest.

“This of course necessitates equality of the sexes,” he said, and added that in the Holy Quram men are commanded to uphold the rights of women.

The Ahmadiyyan movement is only in its first century. Ahmad predicted a second century of great growth for this branch of Islam.

The New York Amsterdam News

August 14, 1976.

By J. Zamgba Browne

HEAD OF AHMADIYYA SECT HERE TO PROPAGATE FAITH

The leader of the world's 10 million Ahmadiyya Muslims arrived in New York last Thursday to begin a three-week tour of cities in the U.S. and Canada is not too impressed with the condition in which he found New York City.

Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad told the Amsterdam News in an exclusive interview at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel where he was staying that he is pleased with the hospitality accorded him, but expressed shock to find one of the world's largest and most prestigious city very unclean.

This is Ahmad's first visit to the United States made at the invitation of the U.S. citizens who joined Islam through the efforts of the Ahmadiyya missionaries in this country.

Ahmad will urge Americans to seek in the Islamic teachings the answer to their many problems in religious, economic, family, and social spheres.

WORKING RELATIONSHIP

He said that he is convinced more than ever that ultimately, the entire world will accept Islamic solutions for the critical state of the social, economic and political institutions.

Ahmad wouldn't say precisely what plans he has for a working relationship with other muslim sects in the country such as the Nation of Islam and Suni Muslims. "I have made several trips around the world to meet with religious and political leaders in order to exchange views of problems confronting mankind," he said.

Before his election in 1965 to head the Ahmadiyya Movement, Ahmad served in various eminent positions in Rabwah, Pakistan, where the Movement is headquartered. He was principal of the Talimul Islam College for 20 years.

Saturday, Ahmad addressed a special national convention of the Ahmadiyya Muslims which was held at Drew

University in Madison, New Jersey.

The convention offered an unusual experience for those who were not familiar with the movement. In addition to moral and spiritual deliberations, contemporary social, economic and political problems were discussed from an Islamic point of view.

REVIVAL OF ISLAMIC TEACHINGS

The Ahmadiyya women delegates, in addition, held their special session to deliberate on problems peculiar to the female society.

In the United States, the message of Islam based on the Ahmadiyya teachings was introduced by Ahmady missionaries in the early 1920's and, since then, more than two dozen communities of its followers have been established in different parts of the country.

The headquarters of the Ahmadiyya Movement in the United States is located at the American Fazl Mosque in Washington, D.C.

Ahmadiyyas are dedicated to the cause of the revival of Islamic teachings. They hold Islam to be a living faith and are working to establish contact with the Creator of mankind.

They also believe that Islam can provide positive and satisfying answers to the spiritual, economic, social and political problems of mankind in this generation.

ESTABLISHED IN 1890

The Ahmadiyya Movement was established in 1890 by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian, India. On the basis of divine revelation, he claimed to be the Promised Messiah and Madhi who was to appear in later days to begin the prophesied spiritual unification of the world as foretold in various religious scriptures.

He claimed that on the basis of Quranic teachings, Jesus did not die on the cross, but was miraculously saved from such a death. His own research establishes that Jesus escaped to India and died a natural death and is buried in Kashmir.

The Promised Messiah was a recipient of divine revelations and thousands of his prophecies were published in advance and their fulfillment was a source of immense strength to his followers in the belief of his divine mission.

These prophecies related to many great events of global significance like the Second World War, the fate of the Czar of Russia, and the emergence of Japan as a great power.

The New York Post, August 9, 1976

By Joseph Mancini

LOOK OUT, HE WANTS YOU

An elderly, turbaned man with a Santa Claus beard and an almost perpetual smile says he has come from Pakistan to convert every American to the religion of Islam.

Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, spiritual leader of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam Inc., held a press conference at the Waldorf- Astoria the other day, to announce his arrival and declare his movement's mission "to win every heart which beats in the United States."

The khaki-clad 60-year-old Oxford graduate, whose "evangelical" Muslim sect claims more than 10 million followers worldwide, admitted it might take many years to accomplish this "long-range goal."

But Ahmad added that he was a patient man.

LOVE AND AFFECTION

"We will win these hearts with love and affection," he said, pausing to smile between phrases. "And when people realize this is the reality of our ways, then they will join us."

Surrounded by a handful of followers and a dozen reporters in the 33rd-floor hotel suite, Ahmad sat on a velvet couch beneath a pastoral oil in a gilded frame and fielded questions for more than an hour. Communism, capitalism and Christianity have all failed he said, and the religion of Islam is "a perfect and positive answer to the spiritual, social and political problems" of the Western Hemisphere.

Ahmad — reputedly the grandson and third elected successor to Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, who founded the movement in India in 1889 — is scheduled to preach these writings in several cities in the U.S. and Canada over the next three weeks. He reportedly undertook the journey, his first ever to the West, at the invitation of U. S. Ahmadiyyan communities in more than 20 North American cities. The sect, with national headquarters in Washington, D.C., was introduced into this country in the 1920's, according to pamphlets distributed by the group, but there are only an estimated 1000 U. S. adherents. The movement's world

center in Rabwah Pakistan, and it claims hundreds of mosques, hospitals and schools around the globe.

The Bilalian News,
Chicago, Sept. 24, 1976

AHMADIYYAH LEADER VISITS U.S.

(from the Bilalian News, Chicago, Sept. 24, 1976)

Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim communities of the world, held a press conference at the Waldorf Astoria hotel in New York City, recently, to discuss his plans to help spread Islam while on his visit in America.

The Ahmadiyya community was founded 87 years ago in India by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad who is now deceased. During his recent visit to Guyana, Chief Minister W. D. Muhammad of the Nation of Islam, was a distinguished guest of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community. ††

Surrounded by reporters who directed "loaded" questions at him, Mr. Ahmad, who memorized the whole of the Holy Quran when he was a child, expressed his belief in the equal rights of women and backed up his beliefs with quotations from the Quran.

"I believe that women should develop all of their faculties to the fullest. If a woman demonstrates abilities to be a doctor or a lawyer, then so be it." The women who were present at the press conference echoed their approval of Mr. Ahmad's beliefs.

Commenting on the moral decay of America, Mr. Ahmad explained that he thinks that United States citizens will be

†† The organization which received Mr. Wallace Muhammad in Guyana belongs to the group commonly known as the "Lahore Branch." It originated as a result of their split from the mainstream of the Ahmadiyya Movement on the grounds of their refusal to accept the institutions of *Khilafat*, the concept of one divinely blessed *Khalifa* as the successor of the Promised Messiah to guide the Ahmadiyyas throughout his life.

more receptive to Islam as they examine their complex ills during the U.S.'s 200th birthday.

He pointed out that the Ahmadiyya Muslims have established health clinics in six African nations and have built scores of mosques in Europe and Africa. The Ahmadiyya's are also known for being prolific publishers of literature that gives indepth explanations of Islam as a positive spiritual, social and political force.

One reporter, probing a little deeper, asked Mr. Ahmad "Is it true that the Supreme Islamic Council of Pakistan has declared the Ahmadiyya's non-Muslim because of their belief that Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad was the promised messiah and prophet?"

Ahmad calmly replied that the Supreme Islamic Council's ruling was purely political. He said that Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad was only a servant of prophet Muhannad (peace and blessings be upon him) and that the man only brought fresh interpretations of the Quran. "Only the Quran and a person's conduct can tell who is and is not a Muslim — not politicians," he declared.

SOME TYPICAL PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS

(Below we reproduce some of the impressions about Huzur's visit sent to us individually, both by some Ahmadi and non-Muslim dignitaries. That will give our readers an idea of how deeply the Ahmadies felt inspired and animated and how profoundly the non-Muslims VIP s who had had opportunities of meeting with Huzur, were impressed by our beloved leader. Ed.)

VIYING WITH EACH OTHER IN MAKING SACRIFICES

(Br. Alhaj Muzaffar Ahmad Zafr, Regional Amir, Dayton)

Huzur's arrival in America was the greatest event in the history of our movement. By the grace of Allah, this was the year when Huzur blessed us by his presence. Seeing Huzur entering the lobby at Dulles Airport was the epitome of blessings for us Ahmadies in America. My blessings were just beginning.

My mind was full of anticipation concerning how will we benefit from this visit both Ahmadies and non-Ahmadies. This anticipation was removed after seeing the faces of Ahmadies having seen Huzur; they were aglow. One woman who was working at the airport asked me who were we expecting to arrive. I told her 'the supreme head of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam.' She said, she would not leave her post until he arrived so she could see him. After Huzur passed her, she was telling her co-worker how very impressive Huzur was. This was remarkable. By the grace of God, I was to see this happen many times during Huzur's visit to America.

To further elaborate on the benefits we received, the following day at the Amirs meeting, a problem that had plagued us for years, was cleared up in a jiffy. Answers were given and directions were shown that only one chosen by Allah could give with such deep understanding and precision. A week later Huzur entered our airport in Dayton, Ohio at about 2:00 p.m. We were filled with anticipation. This was the day that we in Dayton had planned for many weeks. Could we please our beloved Calif? To my gratification, while awaiting Huzur in the airport, I noticed ~~that~~ each member present displayed the discipline that Ahmadiyyat teaches. Lines were formed quickly by men and women and children.

When the plane arrived Huzur was met by other dignitaries who presented him with the key to the city. It was not so much as the presentation of the key, but the way Huzur received the key, that I shall never forget. Such conduct is exemplary and worthy only of one of high esteem.

As he entered the terminal, he was met with takbirs, As Salamu Alaikums, and other Islamic formulas. This was history making for me for the first time in the city of Dayton, this had taken place and by the grace of God, I was to witness it.

He greeted us (the men) with a handshake and exchanged greetings with us, sometimes making statements or asking questions of a particular member. Attention was given to the children also. Whenever my own daughter sees a picture of Huzur, she says, 'he patted my cheek.' I am sure many other children make similar statements. So many rewarding incidents happened, I wish I had the time and the space to express them. I had had the pleasure of seeing Huzur tend to administrative matters with such concern and quality. At the reception we had a peep into another trait of his character. Whether a person was a dignitary or not, all were received with equal warmth, and attention. Mr. Benny Williams, one of our non-Muslim guests stated to other Muslims that if we did not follow this man we were fools, and God would be displeased with us. What a blessing to have such a model to imitate!

The thing that impressed me most, was that every Ahmadi during Huzur's visit was vying with each other to perform good works and making sacrifices to be near his beloved Caliph. The spirit of competing for the blessings of Allah has been aroused by Huzur's visit and my belief is that Islam shall, Insha Allah, triumph in America!

VISIT DIVINELY INSPIRED

(Br. Hasan Hakeem, Amir, Waukegan, Ill., a journalist of repute)

As my mind drifts back to the warm summer months, I can only think of the historic visit of Khalifatul Masih III to the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam's convention at Drew University in New Jersey.

Our prayers were answered with his visit to the convention. At previous conventions we were always told "he might come, or it may be possible." But it never happened.

Nevertheless, I have never doubted that Huzur would visit America. On trips to the Jalsa Salana, he has told us over and over again, "I want to come, but I don't decide these matters."

His visit to our country can only be described as divinely inspired. As I watched him walk through the crowds of beaming Ahmadies, Huzur never appeared to be tired. It was as if some unknown force was guiding him.

Most impressive were his visits to the convention hall. As is the case where he goes, there is some confusion, but Huzur never seems to be affected by the confusion. He is above the confusion. Not once did he appear to be confused or disturbed by the habits and culture of Americans. Surprising because it is a culture that confuses and disturbs many native Americans.

But it is during his visits to the convention hall, that Huzur's presence seemed to make everyone feel at ease. He would walk slowly to the hall, stopping to greet faces he had recognized from the Jalsa Salana. He also took time out to greet little children, who flocked to him.

His most impressive visit to the hall was on the last day of the glorious convention. It was after his last speech when Huzur, walking out of the hall, asked members to form lines along the path, so he could personally greet each member.

The lines were formed immediately. Each Jamaat from the East coast to the West coast of America was represented. Huzur, walking and smiling as a light rain fell on the waiting Ahmadies, shook hands and talked to the members.

It was a touching scene. The spiritual father of the Ahmadi community, walking in the rain and greeting his

followers.

As I stood with the Waukegan Jamaat, waiting in anticipation, Huzur walked over to me with a smile and a slight twinkle in his eye, he said: "And how are you? I've missed you during this convention."

I was shocked, to say the least. I didn't even expect him to remember me from my two previous visits to his home in Pakistan, but he did.

Before I could reply, Huzur said: "Well, perhaps it is my fault that I've missed you."

Here we were, standing in the rain. I was standing before the most holiest man on earth and he was apologizing to me. I couldn't believe it and I couldn't get any words out of my mouth.

I just stood with water in my eyes and Huzur, with that certain twinkle in his eyes and warm smile, slowly walked away.

REALIZATION OF AN EARLIER DREAM

(Yahya Sharif, Amir of Central Pennsylvania)

The incredible experience of being with the Hazrat Ameerul-Mominin brought us closer than we have ever been to the Holy Presence of the Creator who is All-Knowing and All-Seeing and exceedingly Merciful.

We have never been able to travel outside the United States and the Orient is still shrouded in mists of antiquity to our Western minds.

Suddenly, in the very modern airport of our Nation's capital, in the midst of our bicentennial fervor, he appears! He is moving rapidly with purpose as though he knows exactly where he is going and for what purpose. The immense and impersonal airport was subject at once to the Greater Realm that the Khalifa was representing to us! We followed him with eyes and hearts, restraining our bodies with the instinctive self-discipline that comes to a Muslim through daily salat. We were bursting with pleasure and pride and eagerness to get a closer glimpse, and soon the waves of believers parted before him, like the seas before Hazrat Nabi

Musa, and we began to feel the warmth he generated. A Khalif of Islam was before us in the flesh!

Happy and cheerful, he shows no fatigue though he had traveled around the world to meet with us. He seems to be enveloped in light and his spotless white turban and shining countenance glow like a heavenly crown.

Allah provided some of us among the weaker in faith, with extraordinary subsequent opportunities to meet with the Khalifatul-Masih so that our flagging faith might be bolstered and confirmed. I was fortunate enough to represent my local Ahmadi jamaat in some consultative meetings with the Khalifatul-Masih, which, he presided as administrative as well as spiritual head of the community. I witnessed a skilled planner with all the highest qualities of a corporate magnate and wise judge.

It was in such a business meeting that I had a particular experience. The Amirs sat in a semi-circle around Hazur in conference. Suddenly, while engrossed in the affairs of the moment, a realization flashed before me in such a way as to shake me, that I was sitting very near the Khalifa of the Prophet, the spiritual pole for mankind. Everything but light emitting from the profile of his face disappeared before me, and I was inwardly and quietly in tears in the grasp of heavenly power. This state may have passed in a few moments, but before long I realized that a very important dream in my life had been fulfilled. Nearly a decade ago, I was torn by an internal struggle over the institution of Khalifat-i-Ahmadiyya. My mind and soul were in turmoil. In response to long prayers of more than 40 days, I was given this dream. I was seated in a semi-circle of white clad companions of Khalifatul-Masih I, and I was totally satisfied with him and his leadership and truly at peace. At the time of the dream, my wife was a Muslim but had not entered the ba'a'it of the Movement. When I told her of the dream and my intention to renew by ba'a'it with Khalifatul-Masih III, she was very happy and confessed her own firm belief in Ahmadiyyat. Hazrat Nuruddin was the symbol for establishment of Khilafat in these latter days. Since then, I have been entirely satisfied with all aspects of Ahmadiyyat and no doubt has entered my mind. Sitting among the amirs in the

circle about the Khalifatul-Masih was a renewal of the benefit of the dream for me and confirmed on a higher level the true Khilafat of Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad.

(Yahya Sharif, Amir of Central Pennsylvania and National Qaid of Khuddam, and his wife Aisha were born in Baltimore to Jewish families that had migrated from Baltic region of Europe to escape communist persecution. Mr. Sharif was introduced to the Ahmadiyya Movement in the 1950's. A graduate from Stanton Military Academy, supplemented by a degree in history, is a district executive with the Boy Scouts-Ed.)

BROUGHT ENLIGHTENMENT AND INSPIRATION

(Aisha Shaheed, President, Lajna Imaillah, Dayton)

Outside of one's self, how does one really express inner feelings of elation? — Absolutely impossible! August 1-3, 1976, has become one of a most profound significance, for the Almighty Allah, through His unfathomable beneficence vouchsafed to us the unique opportunity of our earthly lives of having our Revered Hazrat Amirul Momineen and in company with him, his wife, Hazrat Begum Sahiba, not only on American soil but, in Dayton, Ohio as well.

It was a blessed opportunity of seeing and listening personally to the illustrious head of our world-wide Ahmadiyya Community.

The time spent with them while they were here not only created a greater zeal for the propagation of Islam, but also regenerated in me a greater desire to practice the *Islamic* way of life and to learn more and more about true Islam.

The presence of Huzur and Begum Sahiba brought much enlightenment as well as inspiration to those whose hearts were open to receive the message. Observing non-Ahmadies at awe after they saw and talked with our leaders, was a practical experience. Their piety, patience and graciousness struck everybody, Ahmadies and others. May Allah reward them for the pains which they had taken to do us the great favor and for disseminating the light of Islam in America.

I pray that the elation and inspiration which we have experienced will become manifested throughout our lives, and we may prove worthy of the blessings which Allah has bestowed upon us. Amen!

IMPRESSIONS OF NON-MUSLIMS**MADE A DEEPLY MOVING IMPRESSION**

August 3, 1976

I am writing to express my appreciation, both personally and professionally, for the honor which you extended to the **Union of Experimenting Colleges and Universities and University without walls/Ohio** through your kind invitation to the reception and honor of the Caliph. The impression that the Caliph made upon me was indeed deeply moving and I feel myself privileged to have had the opportunity to meet him.

Again, thanks for so honoring us.

Sincerely

Mark Roseman

Director of

Program Development

HIS HUMBLENESS AND SPIRITUAL DEMEANOR

(Leonard Beall, Executive Officer, United Electric. Radio Machine Workers of America, and Ruth G. Beall, Coordinator, Rehabilitation Training, Wilberforce University.)

My husband and I felt that it was a great honor and distinct privilege to have been invited to share with the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. The visit to the Khalifatul Masih III to America and specifically, Dayton, Ohio.

We were greatly impressed with his humbleness and spiritual demeanor.

We hope the first of his visits, will lead to many more. His presence can be a great guiding influence for American Ahmadiyyas and to the Community as a whole.

ONENESS OF SPIRIT WITH GOD AND MAN

(Anita Bullock, Principal Jefferson School)

Life is a journey on which we have continuous experiences—some are good, some are unpleasant, but all are valuable learning experiences, I believe.

One of my most memorable experiences was the two evenings that I spent in the company of the members of the Islamic movement of Ahmadiyya. There was a spirit which I felt and perceived, a spirit of peace and harmony, of compassion and concern among the members toward each other as manifested in their actions and conduct and relationships that seemed to also envelop those of us who were non-members. That spirit was truly an impressive and uplifting one. One prays that it will continue and spread.

Khalifatul Masih III also made a deep spiritual impression on me. He has about him such an aura of gentleness, humbleness, and peacefulness that as he spoke I felt a oneness of spirit with God and man.

I am sincerely grateful for having had this opportunity to be in the presence of the women of the Ahmadiyya Movement, and pray that this tribe may increase—women of compassion, concern, and love.

HELD THE AUDIENCE SPELL-BOUND

(Mrs. Norman Watson, Director 4H Program, Montgomery County.)

On the evening of August 2, 1976, I had the distinct pleasure of being in attendance at a reception held in the comfort of Dayton's largest hotel. I was invited by friends I have known for many years, yet I didn't know exactly what to expect. To me their faith was entirely foreign. I knew them but I didn't know and understand their faith.

When I was ushered into the presence of Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih III, I knew immediately that he was the one in total command in the room. He held the audience spellbound by his words. He spoke softly so that those in the far corners had to strain to hear. Everyone listened. He smiled often and often the smile cushioned his answers to questions asked. He seemed a firm but gentle man.

It was a most unusual evening spent with happy, pleasant ladies. I left with my friends of many years whom I now know a little better.

WELCOME ADDRESS
PRESENTED TO HUZUR
BY THE NATIONAL AMIR, U.S.A.

Our Dear Imam
Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III,

Assalamo Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahe Wa Barakatohu!

Words fail to express the overwhelming joy and happiness which we feel when we realize that the dream of the American Ahmadies, whose life long ambitions of seeing you in person on the American soil has actually come true. This is the greatest chance of our life to see Huzur with our visual eye and feel the warmth of love and affection you have for us.

So, on behalf of the American Ahmadi Muslims, I welcome you and Begum Sahiba to the United States. We are extremely grateful to Almighty Allah for enabling us to witness this unique opportunity of seeing the third successor of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) place his feet on this American soil. Your presence has increased our faith in Allah, the most High. Your presence in America is an answer to our prayers. We prayed and fasted that, Allah would bless us with your visit. We have noticed that, wherever you have travelled during your visits to West Africa and Europe, the respective members have increased in their faith and devotion for the cause of Islam and Ahmadiyyat. We believe your presence in America will have the same effect.

We are aware of your eminent position as Khalifatul Masih and the institution of Khilafat. It is a responsibility entrusted to you by Allah Himself. It is an office that Almighty Allah has entrusted you with because of your obedience to Allah and the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) who was the greatest of Allah's creations and the Seal of Prophets. The message that was given to mankind through the Holy Prophet and was echoed by the Promised Messiah, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (peace be on them) is the same message you, the Khalifatul Masih the third successor of the Promised Messiah are proclaiming today.

Dear Huzur, you will have noticed, America is a country which enjoys unrestricted liberty and being economically rich offers temptations which lead the youth into spheres of delinquency, immorality and irreligiousness. American youth have fallen into the deepest depth of degradation with little hope to get out of this stupor, like the Arabs of the days of ignorance.

Your visit to America and the study of our problems that have hindered the progress and expansion of Islam in this country, will, we are sure, lead the American Ahmadies to the desired goal. Ahmadiyyat or True Islam in America is bound to dominate here as elsewhere, and the ways and means which will attain this objective, we believe, be adopted by the commander of our faith, who will by Allah's grace, find one and all of us, determined to follow the line he chalks out for us.

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) who came to sow the seed for the rejuvenation of Islam, was given the glad tidings by Almighty Allah that, "I will cause thy message to reach the farthest corners of the earth," this revelation has been literally fulfilled in America and the American Ahmadies are a witness to it.

The seed of Ahmadiyyat was sown by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him) through Dr. Mufti Muhammad Sadiq, an old companion of the Promised Messiah (P.B.O.H.) in 1920. His lonely voice raised in support of truth preached Ahmadiyyat was taken as the babble of a mad man, began to attract some of those who were destined to be the pioneers and torch bearers of truth in these United States. We confess we have not taken full advantage of Allah's blessings and bounties and had not fully utilized our utmost capacities and abilities, till 1973 by our personal contacts with you and the participation of some of us in the Jalsa Salana and seeing how the people live in Rabwah, we were able to know weaknesses and shortcomings and the reasons for our failure and our state of slumber and inactivity.

And we are now here Americans, Pakistanis and others, to ask you to pray that we become and remain your most obedient servants and sincere and strong Ahmadi Muslims.

Never in the history of mankind have the enemies (Satan) of Allah been so strong and powerful, and the believers are so weak, as now, but it is our firm belief that your prayers alone can regenerate and activate your humble followers in this country, to practice and propagate Islam in this 'New World'.

We all, men and women, pledge to remain loyal, obedient to Huzur and to the institution of Khilafat-i-Ahmadiyya, till the last breath of our lives and carry out our duties to Allah and His present representative on Earth.

Assuring you of our whole-hearted devotion to you and Ahmadiyyat,

We remain your most humble followers,

Members of the Ahmadiyya Movement
in Islam in America
(Rashid Ahmad, National Amir)

WELCOME ADDRESS

PRESENTED TO HUZUR
BY THE NATIONAL AMIR, CANADA.

Hazrat Ameerul-Momineen, Brothers and Sisters.

Assalamo Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahe Wa Barakatohu!

This 9th day of August is an epoch-making day in the history of Ahmadiyya Movement in Canada, as the grandson of Promised Messiah, the third Successor of our God-backed Movement, Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, is present among us.

This is the immense benevolence of Al-mighty Allah that the beloved Imam of the millions of Ahmadi-Muslims is to bless us with an inspiring discourse this evening.

My mind takes me back to the year 1965 when through a divine scheme of things, you were elected to administer the affairs of our Movement with profound insight and far-reaching vision.

It is to your grace and ingenuity that soon after your election to the graceful office of Caliph, you launched the scholarly enterprises of FAZLE OMER FOUNDATION which is a manifest evidence of your patronizing the

attainment of knowledge. The immediate response to your fervent call was so prompt that within a matter of years a handsome donation of 5 million Repees was left to your disposal.

You being yourself a HAFEZE-QURAN your tremendous love for that glorious Book of Allah has ever since been growing. This is your committed love for that Criterion of Truth that so many of us have flourished in the pursuit of the study of eternal Quran.

Brothers and Sisters: This is the phenomenal Caliph who visioned a scheme for the betterment of the African Continent. This is the first ever Caliph who visited West Africa and endowed them the splendid scheme of NUSRAT JEHAN RESERVE FUND, inspired to him during his momentous visit. This fund has yielded numerous educational institutions, health centers, clinics and the construction of a chain of Mosques in a score of countries. I must mention here the magnificent plan of Ahmadiyya's activities in the field of propagation. It is anticipated that under this Fund new Mission Centers in countries like France, Italy and Canada will be opened, The translation of Quran will be carried out in more languages and new mosques will be constructed in almost every possible place.

It is very heart-warming that the foundation stone of a mosque was laid last year in Sweden under this very project. According to the latest news, the construction has been completed, which is surely an evidence that God Al-mighty is always on the back of this Movement. ††

Hazrat Ameerul-Momineen is aware of the force of propaganda and vitality of literature. Accordingly a grand printing press equipped with modern facilities has been installed in the Center to meet ever-increasing demand of books.

The year 1974 embraces painful memories of the turmoil the members of our Community in Pakistan had to undergo. This is the year when many a big-shots could have lost their hearts in the face of tremendous loss of Ahmadi-life and property. In the modern times no community on earth has

†† This mosque has since been inaugurated. —Ed.

ever endured such persecution and experienced hardships which is certainly too much for a sensitive heart but a flood of tears gush out of eyes. All praise to Allah that under the dynamic leadership of Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad the community sustained this crisis and is again on the road to progress.

Hazrat Ameer-ul-Momineen: We the members of Ahmadiyya Movement are living in a distant place from our most charming city of Rabwah and are exposed to all perceptible evils of the West. There are, in our opinion, four ways to counter the effects of such evils.

Firstly more and more scholars of our Movement should visit this country to help train our members.

Secondly a good number of our members in Canada should travel to the Center for spiritual enlightenment.

Thirdly a powerful Mission House with a splendid Mosque should be built here in Canada with missionaries fully tuned to the modern methods of propagation.

Fourthly the scholarly literature published at the headquarters should be dispatched in large quantities to Canada.

We the members of Ahmadiyya Movement Canada have firm and unwavering belief in the institution of Caliphate. We have always endorsed your programs and shall inshaallah be doing so without a shadow of doubt. With all the force at our command we reiterate that every command of yours shall always be carried out whether it be distasteful to one or many.

We strongly declare to have full and unqualified confidence in your leadership and reaffirm our allegiance to you.

We, the members of Ahmadiyya Community command and laud your zeal and enthusiasm for the cause of Ahmadiyyat or true Islam, because WE KNOW that you are Committed to disseminate the message of Quran

Committed to bring dominance of Islam a step closer

Committed to the love, affection, sincerity and humbleness of Ahmadies

Committed to the revelation "I WILL CAUSE THY MESSAGE TO REACH THE CORNERS OF EARTH"

Committed to the slogan "LONG LIVE HUMANITY"

Committed to welfare, prosperity and progress of all human beings

Committed to see the banner of Islam waving on all parts of the globe.

To make Ahmadiyya Movement a force beyond challenge, we, the humble servants of Ahmadiyyat whole-heartedly welcome your august visit to Canada. We rejoice and hope that this will be fruitful and beneficial to all of us and a spiritual asset for generations to come.

MAY IT BE SO. AMEN!

Abdul Aziz Khalifa
National Amir, Canada.

**ADDRESS PRESENTED TO HAZRAT BEGUM SAHIBA
BY PRESIDENT, LAJNA IMAILLAH, USA**

Hazrat Syeda Mansura Begum Sahiba,
Assalamo Alaikum!

Lajna Imaillah of the United States of America cordially welcomes you, the consort of our divine leader, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III, on the occasion of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam's Annual Convention, 1976. It is with great respect, due honor and deep affection that we greet you today.

Your visit has gladdened our hearts and we are moved by your presence on this auspicious occasion. We are meeting in a bond of belief which is so strong that it transcends all ties; ties of kinship, color and race. The sisterhood we share is most blessed. We are proud and happy to receive you in our midst and regard you as a model and inspiration for the women of Islam.

We are highly appreciative of the way in which you are helping the course of Islam by looking after the convenience and health of our beloved leader and your exalted husband, around the clock, thereby foregoing your personal desires and comfort. May Allah reward you for your sacrifice and devotion to the representative of Allah on earth.

We extend our hospitality to you hoping to make your stay in America comfortable and enjoyable. We pray that this first visit with us will only be one of many. May Allah shower His blessings upon you and make us worthy of your attention and prayers.

Yours Sincerely,

Rashidah Saeed, President
Lajna Imaillah, U.S.A.

HAZRAT BEGUM SAHIBA'S RESPONSE

Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim

Dear Sisters:

Assalamo Alaikum Wa Rahmatullah.

I am very grateful to you for the honor you have done to me by presenting such a beautiful address. I appreciate the feelings behind it. May Allah reward you for all you are doing to make me feel comfortable and at home.

As followers of the Promised Messiah we all belong to the same spiritual parenthood and the ties of this spiritual relationship are undoubtedly stronger than blood relations. This spirit of sisterhood is unique. It is a demonstration of equality, love and affection.

American sisters who entered the fold of Islam and are trying to live and practice Islam deserve congratulation. Majority of you observe purdah and have proved to the world all injunctions of Islam can be practised in all places and at all times. I also find that those sisters who have visited Rabwah are trying to introduce Islamic way of life as holding meetings apart from men and thus avoid mixing with men. I have to commend you for all you are doing to propagate and establish Islam in America.

To look after the health and to provide facilities to enable Hazrat Khalifatul Masih is our common duty and I am grateful to my Allah for His giving me the opportunity of contributing my share of responsibility to our beloved Imam.

I thank you all once again for the sentiments you have expressed in your address and pray to Allah to enable us all to discharge our duties to Allah and His religion. May Allah bless you all and have mercy on you and watch over you and protect you from all dangers. Amen!

Hale Pakistan, Toronto, Canada, August 15, 1976.

امیر جماعت اہمدیہ کی ٹرانٹو میں پریس کانفرنس

مین کر سکتے ایک اور سوالی کے جواب میں انہوں نے کہا کہ ہم کو صرف آئین اور قوانین کی نظر سے ہی نہیں بلکہ اسلام کا گہرا علم اور اس کو تبلیغ کرنے کی ہمت اور اس کو تبلیغ کرنے میں آئین کی اس دفعہ پر پاکستان کو بجا طور پر نظر ہے۔ دسمبر کو وزیر اعظم پاکستان خاں ذوالفقار علی بھٹو نے بھارتی بارے میں آئین میں ترمیم پر جو تقریر کی وہ ان کے مصلحت کی دلیل تھی۔

بھارتی بارے میں آئین اور سوالات کے جواب میں انہوں نے ان اعتراضات کا نام حکومت کی سطح پر نہیں لیا جس کا جواب دیا کہ اس کے بارے میں بھارتی بارے میں کوئی قوت نہیں ہے جس کے بارے میں بھارتی حکومت کے حکام سوتے ہیں وہ ہر دور بھارتی حکومتوں کو صدمہ کرتے ہیں۔ اس طرح جو کچھ بھارتی عدالت نے کیا ہے وہ ہمیں چاہیے کہ اس سے بے دخل کرنے کے لیے خدا کی مدد سے رجوع کرتے ہیں۔

بھارتی سوال کے جواب میں انہوں نے کہا کہ پاکستان میں آج کل جماعت نے وزیر اعظم خاں ذوالفقار علی بھٹو کی مدد سے اپنی آپ بیتی فرمائی کہ اس کا جواب وزیر اعظم بھٹو ہی ہر دے سکتے ہیں۔

ٹرانٹو (حال پاکستان) جماعت اہمدیہ کے امیر مرزا ناصر احمد نے ایک پریس کانفرنس سے خطاب کیا جس میں حال پاکستان کو بھی دعوت دی گئی تھی۔

دل دو ماہ سے متصادم خیالات آ جا رہے تھے۔ دسمبر 1975 میں ان کی جماعت کے بارے میں ہینٹل اسمبلی آف پاکستان نے جو تاریخی قرارداد پاس کی تھی وہ لازمی طور پر ان کے لیے ناقابل برداشت تھی۔ ان کے بارے میں اور بین الاقوامی جماعت کے تمام عقیدت مند بھارتیوں نے غصے میں جماعتوں کے حال دیکھ کر تعجب کیا تھا اور ان کے خیالات میں کافی تبدیلی ہوئی تھی۔ اور پاکستانی قوم کے دل میں ان کے بارے میں کوئی شک نہیں رہا مگر جماعتی عقیدت کی انتہا نہ رہی جس بھارتی حکومت کے خلاف انہوں نے کہا کہ انہوں نے جماعت کے ممبروں کو بیرونی ملک سے جانے کا حکم دیا ہے۔ اور انہوں نے اپنے ملک پاکستان کے لیے جیش خون دیا ہے۔ اور انہوں نے ہم اسم کی حفاظت اور عزت کیلئے ہر قسم کی قربانی دی ہے۔ اور اور سوال کے جواب میں انہوں نے کہا کہ پاکستان کے تناظر میں فیصلہ دی گئی تھی جس سے بھارتیوں نے ان سے پیار کرتے ہیں۔ اس لیے کسی قسم کی دشمنی کا خیال ہی

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