

## Human Rights are God-Given Rights

### A Bahá'í Statement on Human Rights

*The Bahá'í Communities of North America—on the occasion of the world-wide commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the call to the world's leaders to establish universal peace through justice and unity by Bahá'u'lláh, Founder of the Bahá'í Faith—hail the International Year for Human Rights, 1968. At the Bahá'í Intercontinental Conference in Chicago the Bahá'ís affirm that in accordance with the Teachings of Bahá'u'lláh, human rights are God-given rights.*

**T**HE GREATEST CHALLENGE to this age is the recognition of the oneness of mankind. The painful but inevitable broadening of each man's allegiance from his own ethnic, racial, religious, national, cultural and economic group to the wider embrace of all mankind constitutes the central revolution of our time. Every person is affected by this revolution, which calls for changes in the provincial attitudes and behavior of all the people in the world. The recognition that mankind belongs to one family under one God brings with it the responsibility to respect and to help one another in every way.

*THE PROPHETS OF GOD* have stressed the unique character of man's individuality and of his right to live a fruitful life. Human rights, then, are not the exclusive prerogative of the few, to be parcelled out at the legislative discretion of human institutions. We believe rather that human rights are God-given and hence inviolable.

*ALL PERSONS* of whatever sex, race, nationality, ethnic group, religion or economic class are creations of God and all are equal in their spiritual essence and human dignity. Any act which discriminates against or otherwise restricts the human rights of any person demeans the dignity of the individuals involved and is contrary to the Teachings of God.

*DISCRIMINATION OR UNJUST RESTRICTION* against persons under any pretext poisons our relationships and thereby creates conflicts which threaten to destroy our civilization. This is undoubtedly the gravest sickness infecting our age. The dynamic accomplishments which could result from a truly organic and unified society, freed from all prejudicial attitudes, are thus denied us. Social repression and enforced degradation have created masses of people unable to exercise the functions of citizenship, making it impossible for them to contribute to the advancement of civilization and to enjoy its benefits.

*EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES* for developing their unique capacities are the right of all individuals. Variety, not conformity, is a basic characteristic of a progressive society. Therefore, an equal standard of human rights must be upheld throughout the world.

## Human Rights Conferences Scheduled for June

NABOHR and the Regional Human Rights Conference sponsors are in the midst of extensive planning and preparation for the first thrust of our national proclamation program during International Year for Human Rights. The statement featured in this issue of the NATIONAL REVIEW, "Human Rights Are God-Given Rights," constitutes the basis for our action.

The June Conferences will discuss specific subjects with relation to human rights. Although the Conferences are sponsored by the Bahá'ís, the viewpoints expressed could be varied in direct proportion to those people and organizations participating. The opportunity to acquaint awakened individuals with the relevant application of basic Bahá'í principles to our modern society will constitute a new dimension in Proclamation. We Bahá'ís, on the other hand, will have the opportunity of becoming acquainted and involved with people already actively functioning in fields of social concern. Such a situation should prove both stimulating and rewarding to all participants. We invite you to support the Conference nearest you!

## U.N. Seminar Set for May

The Committee for the United Nations in cooperation with the North American Bahá'í Office for Human Rights announces its fourth annual Seminar to be held at the United Nations in New York on May 3rd and 4th, 1968. This year's Seminar theme will be, "The United Nations and Human Rights," emphasizing the proclamation of 1968 as Human Rights Year.

The Seminar this year is specifically intended to provide information and guidance to Bahá'í teachers and conference leaders. It is aimed at preparing Bahá'ís to take an active role in their home communities as speakers, program planners, and discussion leaders at public meetings, fireside, summer school programs and other conferences, particularly the Human Rights Conferences planned by NABOHR for June.

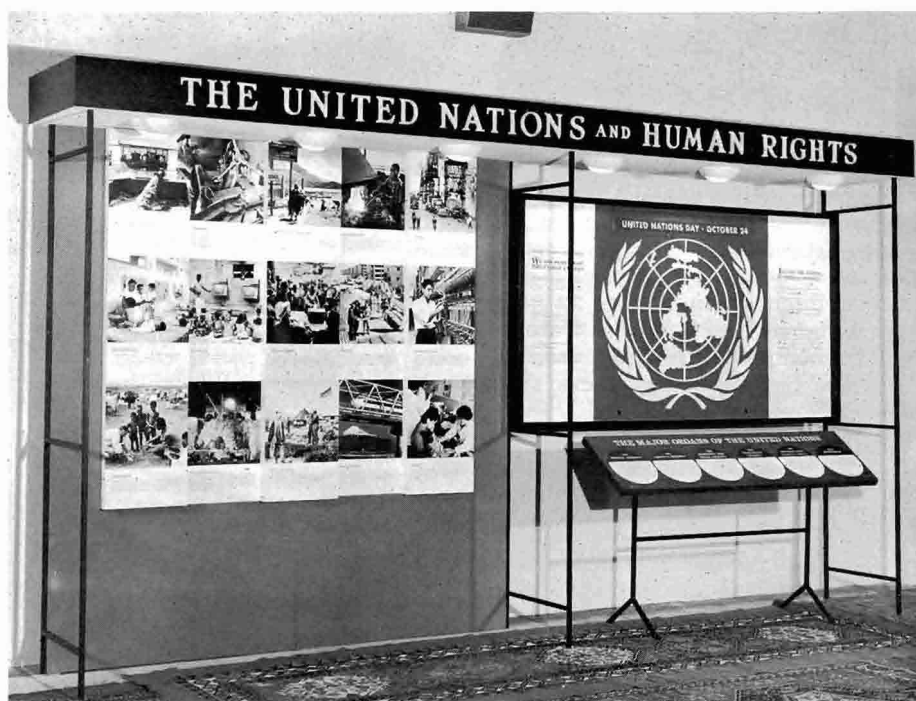
Local Bahá'í communities, summer school committees, and state goals committees throughout the United States are encouraged to designate Bahá'ís from their areas who will take active teaching roles after attending the Seminar. A special invitation is extended to representatives of Bahá'í university and college clubs.

Attendance is limited. Applications for registrants will be processed in order of their receipt by the Bahá'í Committee for the United Nations. The registration fee to cover materials for the Seminar will be \$10.00 (\$5.00 for youth), which will be collected after reservations are confirmed. Please send your application for the Seminar to:

BAHÁ'Í COMMITTEE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS, 866 UNITED NATIONS PLAZA, R.M. 446, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10017

### NORTH AMERICAN BAHÁ'Í OFFICE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS REGIONAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

DATE	BAHÁ'Í SPONSOR	SUBJECT	AREA OR REGION
May 3-4	U.S. Bahá'í Committee for the United Nations, New York City	Seminar on the United Nations & Human Rights	United States
June 7-8	Gallup, New Mexico	Conference on the American Indian & Human Rights	Ariz., N.M., Colo., Nev., Utah
	Atlanta, Georgia	Conference on Education and Human Rights	Ala., N.C., Ga., S.C.
	Memphis, Tennessee	Conference on Prejudice and Human Rights	Tenn., Ky., Miss.
	Richmond, California	Conference on Youth and Human Rights	Cal.
	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	Conference on Employment and Human Rights	Okla., Neb., Kan., Ark., Mo.
June 14-15	Cleveland, Ohio	Conference on Education and Human Rights	Mich., Ind., Ohio, W.Va., Western N.Y., Pa.
	Boston, Massachusetts	Conference on Housing and Human Rights	Conn., Mass., Vt., N.H., R.I., Me., Eastern N.Y.
	El Paso, Texas	Conference on the Mexican-American and Human Rights	Tex.
June 21-22	Bellingham, Washington	Conference on the American Indian and Human Rights	Wash., Ore., Mont., Idaho, Wyo., N.D., S.D.
	Miami, Florida	Conference on Prejudice and Human Rights	Fla.



*The above exhibit on the United Nations and Human Rights is now on display in Foundation Hall of the Bahá'í House of Worship in Wilmette, Illinois. The exhibit was designed by Mr. Hal Nickel of the Brookfield, Wisconsin, Bahá'í Community. He worked with the U.S. Bahá'í United Nations Committee on this project. The exhibit is another feature of the U.S. Bahá'í observance of International Human Rights Year (1968).*

## **SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL YEAR FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**

Nineteen Hundred and Sixty-Eight — the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations — is being commemorated this year throughout the world. The National Spiritual Assemblies of Alaska, Canada, the Hawaiian Islands, and the United States, in issuing their statement, "Human Rights are God-given Rights," are in full support of and active in this commemorative year. The comprehensive program, administered through the North American Bahá'í Office for Human Rights (in cooperation with all Bahá'í institutions and committees) will constitute the primary vehicle for proclamation in the United States. The U. S. Committee for the United Nations is developing and supplying materials specifically on the United Nation's own programs for Human Rights Year.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights asserts that the recognition of the dignity and rights of the human being is the basis for world peace. It is therefore important for each Bahá'í to support International Human Rights Year 1968 by:

- becoming informed of what the United Nations has achieved in this field,
- learning of the content and the broad scope of

the United Nations Human Rights Conventions, (Information is available from local chapters of the United Nations Association and your own Public Information Department.)

- being alert for activities in your community which support International Year for Human Rights. (Watch the news media for public addresses, lectures, courses and seminars at universities and colleges, and formation of local Human Rights Commissions.)

Your Committee for the United Nations, after approval by the National Spiritual Assembly, is in the final stages of publishing a pamphlet, "Human Rights — Prerequisite for World Peace," which will be co-sponsored by the United Nations Association and other nongovernmental organizations, and will be an effective tool for proclamation.

This Committee is also compiling an extensive bibliography of material available on the subject of Universal Human Rights, a copy of which is available upon request from: U.S. Committee for the United Nations, 866 United Nations Plaza, Suite 446, New York, New York 10017.

## Time-Clocking Our Foreign Goals

Very soon we will complete another year of the Nine Year Plan. It is timely to look back over this past Bahá'í year and evaluate the progress the American Community has made in meeting the responsibility placed upon it of settling the specific goals assigned to it by The Universal House of Justice last Ridván.

The Foreign Goals Committee is very happy to report that many of these goals have been filled. Many, many Bahá'ís have declared their intention to pioneer as soon as personal circumstances permit, and this expressed ambition is gratifying. To complete the 1967-1968 assignment we are listing the number of pioneers still required in the specified U.S. goals:

Africa	Number of Pioneers Needed
South Africa	5
Central Africa Republic	2
Gabon	1 (replacement)
<b>Americas</b>	
Ecuador	2
Dominican Republic	2
Honduras	3
Panama	1
Paraguay	4
Venezuela	3
St. Pierre-Miquelon Island	1

### Continuing Goals for Duration of Nine Year Plan

Falkland Islands	2 pioneers in residence Formation of Assembly required
Bahama Islands	2 pioneers in Nassau 1 pioneer in Grand Bahama Formation of 2 Assemblies required
Bermuda	1 Assembly existent 1 additional Assembly required
Puerto Rico (11 pioneers settled)	1 Assembly existent 2 additional Assemblies required

Since our supreme and infallible Body in its wisdom designated the goals and the number of pioneers required to go from this country to settle them, we have no doubt that this can and will be done. Last Ridván we were asked for 56 pioneers to settle specific goals. It is interesting and rewarding to state that during this year 47 pioneers have left the United States to settle these particular goals. Twenty-four more pioneers are required to fulfill our obligation because some goals have more than the specified number required by The Universal House of Justice and a few pioneers have had to return for various personal reasons. The entire American Community should be eternally grateful to these 47 courageous and dedicated fellow-believers listed below who since last Ridván have settled the goals specified by The Universal House of Justice:

<b>Africa</b>	
Mr. Jeffery Gruber	Botswana
Miss Louie Stewart	Cameroons
Mr. William and Mrs. Mary E. Maxwell	Nigeria
Miss Jean Swinney	Nigeria
Mr. Duane and Mrs. Stephanie Troxel	Nigeria

### Americas

Mr. Jeff and Mrs. Diane Wartchow	Bolivia
Mr. Gerrold and Mrs. Florence Bagley	Ecuador
Miss Nadine Close	Honduras
Mr. Jere McKinney	Honduras
Mr. Monroe and Mrs. Muriel Michels	Mexico
Miss Susan Millett	Mexico, Yucatan
Mrs. Mara O'Malley	Mexico, Yucatan
Mrs. Lillian Baker Gregory	Mexico
Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Stevenson	Panama
Mr. Victor Alexander	Return to Paraguay
Mr. Wallace Baldwin	Peru
Mr. Ervin Thomas	Peru
Miss Mary Ann Gorski	Peru
Mrs. Creadell Haley	Venezuela
Miss Trina Gil	Venezuela
Mr. Alan Scheffer	Venezuela

### Asia & Europe

Mr. George and Mrs. Vivienne Nixon and family (2 Youths)	Philippines
Miss April Edwards	Thailand
Mr. Roy L. Simerly	Thailand
Mr. Harold South	Luxembourg

### Bahamas, Puerto Rico and other Islands

Mrs. Doreen Hockley	Bahamas—Grand Bahama
Mr. Robert and Mrs. Karin Leonard & Family	Bahamas—Nassau
Mr. Philip and Mrs. Karin Wood	Barbados
Mr. Howard Snider	Bermuda
Mr. Edvard and Mrs. Janet Lindstrom	Martinique
Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Alice Burke	Puerto Rico
Mrs. Norma DaVar and daughter	Puerto Rico
Mrs. Lilia Witzel Ericks	Puerto Rico
Miss Naomi Washington	St. Thomas
Mrs. Gladys Smith	St. Vincent
Miss Winifred Jerrels	St. Vincent

Thirteen American pioneers plan to fill our goals during the next few months. As these are definite commitments they are not counted in the unfilled goals named above. They are: one pioneer each to: Mexico, Cameroon Republic, South Africa; two pioneers each to: Brazil, Guatemala, Luxembourg, Peru, Venezuela.

With full understanding of the problems involved in pioneering to a foreign country purely for the love of Bahá'u'lláh, our gratitude to these valiant believers is beyond words to express. The listing above is concerned only with goals assigned to the United States Community by The Universal House of Justice and does not include the many pioneers who have taken the healing message of Bahá'u'lláh to other world goals during this period, engaging in the most meritorious service a Bahá'í can render. We also salute those valiant souls.

—FOREIGN GOALS COMMITTEE

## Importance of Letters from the Guardian Emphasized by Universal House of Justice

Subsequent to the publication in the National Bahá'í Review No. 1, January 1968, of the call for Tablets of 'Abdu'l-Bahá and letters from the beloved Guardian, the National Spiritual Assembly received from The Universal House of Justice a communication dated December 26, 1967 on this same subject. Because it emphasizes the great importance of the prompt collection of all such writings, the National Spiritual Assembly is sharing most of this letter with the friends, while at the same time directing attention again to the call published in January.

The letter from The Universal House of Justice states:

"You are also requested to appeal to the friends under your jurisdiction calling on those who were privileged to have received letters from the Guardian but have not as yet sent their texts to the Holy Land to take immediate steps to do so. In carrying out this important project we offer the following points for your consideration:

- 1) Recipients of letters from the Guardian have the inherent right of deciding to keep the letters themselves, or to have them preserved for the future in their families. To assist The Universal House of Justice, however, in its efforts to study and compile the letters of the Guardian, the friends are urged to provide, for dispatch to the Holy Land, photostatic copies of their communications from the Guardian if they wish to keep the originals themselves.
- 2) If they are not in a position to provide such copies, they should kindly allow National Spiritual Assemblies to undertake this project on our behalf.
- 3) Should any believer possess letters so personal and confidential that he does not wish to disclose their contents to any institution other than The Universal House of Justice, he is invited to send either the originals or copies of such letters, marked confidential, directly to The Universal House of Justice, by registered mail, with any instructions he wishes to be followed.

"We hope these guide-lines will help you in promoting a project directly linked with the vital functions of The Universal House of Justice."

The National Spiritual Assembly has already forwarded to The Universal House of Justice facsimile copies of several thousand letters from the Guardian in its National Archives. As soon as the remainder have been forwarded, steps will be taken to send copies of Tablets from 'Abdu'l-Bahá. At the same time measures will be taken to protect all these precious communications from deterioration.

## The Bahá'í Teachings on Sex and its Relation to Marriage

Some thirty years ago an American Bahá'í asked the beloved Guardian about the Bahá'í attitude toward the problem of sex and its relation to marriage. The Guardian's reply through his secretary, dated September 5, 1938, is being published here with the approval of The Universal House of Justice. It states:

"The Bahá'í Teachings on this matter, which is of such vital concern and about which there is such a wide divergency of views, are very clear and emphatic. Briefly stated the Bahá'í conception of sex is based on the belief that chastity should be strictly practiced by both sexes, not only because it is in itself highly commendable ethically, but also due to its being the only way to a happy and successful marital life. Sex relationships of any form, outside marriage, are not permissible therefore, and whoso violates this rule will not only be responsible to God, but will incur the necessary punishment from society.

"The Bahá'í Faith recognizes the value of the sex impulse, but condemns its illegitimate and improper expressions such as free love, companionate marriage and others, all of which it considers positively harmful to man and to the society in which he lives. The proper use of the sex instinct is the natural right of every individual, and it is precisely for this very purpose that the institution of marriage has been established. The Bahá'ís do not believe in the suppression of the sex impulse but in its regulation and control.

"In the Aqdas and innumerable Tablets, most of which have not been yet translated, both Bahá'u'lláh and 'Abdu'l-Bahá emphasize the above view and uphold the principle of chastity. In *The Gleanings* there are some important references, more or less direct, to this question. You should carefully go over them, and ponder on their meanings and their far-reaching implications."

## Art Volume of Writings of Bahá'u'lláh to be Published by Noted French Artist

A well-known publisher of art books, Mr. Pasteur of the Editions Padoux of France, was approached some time ago by the National Spiritual Assembly of France with the idea of publishing a volume of Writings of Bahá'u'lláh in the original Persian and Arabic, with a French translation. Mr. Pasteur, who has already published beautiful volumes on Christianity, Judaism and Islam, was interested in the idea, and negotiations have now come to the point where he will begin publication as soon as the Bahá'ís guarantee a sale of 300 volumes at a maximum price of \$40.00 per volume, a price that may be lowered.

The book of about 200 pages will be approximately 9 by 12 inches in size. On the left hand pages will be the Persian or Arabic text, and on the right hand the French. Sixteen of the pages, texts from *The Hidden Words*, will be in color, and all the pages will be illuminated by an artist working in Turkey. Hand of the Cause of God Mr. A. Q. Faizí, has been working many

months on the selection of the passages of Bahá'u'lláh's Writings, and has worked with the Persian calligrapher and Turkish artist in producing the exquisite illuminated pages. The texts of *The Hidden Words* are in the handwriting of Bahá'u'lláh's emanuensis.

The Universal House of Justice has been the first to subscribe and has expressed the hope that this prestige volume will be published and will be of great assistance to the Cause during the proclamation period. Without doubt this visual tribute to the beauty of Bahá'u'lláh's Words will win much admiration for the Faith.

Surely many of the friends will wish this book to be part of their personal libraries, therefore they are invited to subscribe for their copies promptly. An initial payment of \$10.00 must be made with each order. In the United States these deposits are to be sent to: BAHÁ'Í DISTRIBUTION AND SERVICE DEPARTMENT, 112 Linden Avenue, Wilmette, Illinois 60091.

One or two months after the printing has begun, there will be a request for an additional payment of \$15.00, and several months after that, the final payment will be requested.

### Miss D. Thelma Jackson Appointed Assistant to Secretary

At its February meeting the National Spiritual Assembly appointed Miss D. Thelma Jackson to serve in the National Bahá'í Secretariat as Assistant to the Secretary. Miss Jackson will be responsible for certain types of correspondence and projects that heretofore have been handled by the Secretary and Assistant Secretary, thus enabling them to give more attention to other pressing duties.

Because of her many years of service at the National Bahá'í Center, including national teaching and community development, Miss Jackson has excellent knowledge of the American Bahá'í community and its activities. While retaining membership on the National Teaching Committee for the present, she will no longer hold office as head of the Department of Community Development.

Mrs. Lois Goebel who has served in a secretarial capacity in the office of the National Teaching Committee, Department of Community Development, has been appointed as acting head of the Department of Community Development.

### Prices Quoted for Attendance at Oceanic Conference

For the Bahá'ís who may wish to avail themselves of the service of Travel Specialists, Inc., for travel and housing for the First Oceanic Conference in Palermo and Haifa-'Akká, we are able to quote approximate all-inclusive costs. The dates will be from Tuesday, August 20 to Thursday, September 5.

From the following points of departure and return for group flights they are:

Los Angeles/San Francisco .....	\$985.00
Chicago .....	885.00
New York .....	810.00

The price includes sightseeing in Jerusalem and vicinity between the close of the conference in Palermo August 25 and the time of arrival in Haifa for the

Commemoration. For those who wish to visit Frankfurt and London, an optional extension of five days is offered for an additional cost of \$120.00 added to any starting point.

The services include: economy class jet transatlantic air and tourist class air within Europe, with deluxe motor coach in Israel;

twin-bedded rooms with private bathroom except where absolutely not available;

continental breakfast and table d'hote dinner daily at hotels, with luncheon while traveling from point-to-point by motorcoach in Israel;

sightseeing by motorcoach, including guide services and entrance fees;

transfers to and from hotels and airports;

all taxes and gratuities.

Those who have sent in their coupons or requests for information will have received from the Travel Specialists, Inc. all information that will enable them to make prompt reservations, deposits and arrangements.

### Important Information About Housing for the National Convention

It is no longer possible to provide housing in private homes in Wilmette or Evanston for numbers of Bahá'ís. Any who have maintained satisfactory arrangements in such homes in previous years and wish to return this year should make their own personal arrangements. Those wishing to stay at hotels or motels should make their own reservations promptly and comply with any requirements, such as a deposit or payment for the rooms in advance. There are no hotels in Wilmette. The following hotels and motels are nearby. The address, telephone number and daily rates (not including tax) are given in each instance.

#### HOTELS

**Orrington Hotel;** 1710 Orrington Avenue; UN 4-8700. Single \$9.00 to \$18.00; double \$13.00 to \$21.00.

**Evanshire Hotel;** 860 Hinman Avenue; UN 4-8800. Single \$8.00; double beginning at \$9.00; twin \$13.00.

**Library Plaza Hotel;** 1637 Orrington Avenue; UN 4-8000. Single \$8.00; double \$11.00 or \$12.00.

**North Shore Hotel;** 1611 Chicago Avenue; UN 4-6400. Single \$8.50; twin \$10.50; single in suite \$14.00; 2 persons in suite \$18.00.

**YMCA Hotel;** 1000 Grove Street; GR 5-7400. Men only. \$3.75 per night; reservations requested.

#### MOTELS

**Admiral Oasis;** 9355 Waukegan Road; Morton Grove; YO 5-4000. Single \$9.00; double \$11.00; (3) \$13.00; (4) \$15.00.

**Glenview Motel;** 1829 Waukegan Road; Glenview; 724-9669. Single \$7.00; family room with two double beds — (2) \$10.00, (3) \$12.00, (4) \$14.00.

**Holiday Inn;** Edens at Lake-Cook Road; Highland Park; VE 5-4000. Single \$13.00 or \$16.00; double \$17.50 or \$21.50.

**Hyatt House;** 4500 Touhy Avenue; Lincolnwood; 677-5400. Single \$17.00 to \$21.00, double \$22.00 to \$27.00.

**Morton Grove Motel;** 9424 Waukegan Road; Morton Grove. YO 5-6400. Single \$10.00; double \$14.00; Family room (3) \$16.00; (4) \$18.00.

**Howard Johnson;** 9333 Skokie Ave.; Skokie. 679-4200. Single \$13.00; double \$15.50; twin \$19.00.

## Information for Bahá'ís Wishing to Visit Iran

Bahá'ís who wish to visit Persia and the sacred places in that land associated with the life of Bahá'u'lláh are requested to inform the National Spiritual Assembly before making their plans. This is for the purpose of providing them with proper credentials and information regarding how to contact the National Spiritual Assembly of Irán.

The National Spiritual Assembly of Irán has provided all National Assemblies with much useful information and instructions that will enable the Bahá'í visitors to derive maximum spiritual experience from their pilgrimage to their country. This material will be made available to American Bahá'ís who inform our National Spiritual Assembly of their contemplated travel. The information includes a suggested schedule for visits to Isfáhán and Shíráz in addition to Tíhrán.

Before leaving for Irán all believers must have in their possession proper Bahá'í credentials from the National Spiritual Assembly.

## National Spiritual Assembly Announces Enlargement of National Teaching Committee

The National Spiritual Assembly has appointed five new members to the National Teaching Committee. The new members are William Allison of Atlanta, Georgia; Miss Magdalene Carney of Nashville, Tennessee; Mrs. Lois Goebel of Winnetka, Illinois; Albert Porter of Little Rock, Arkansas; and Paul Young of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mrs. Lois Goebel has become the Acting Head of the Department of Community Development, replacing Miss D. Thelma Jackson, still a member of the National Teaching Committee.

## *Blessed is he that expended in Thy path what Thou didst bestow upon him through Thy bounty and favor.*

The chart shows contributions and other income of \$67,385 in February, bringing the 11-month total to \$793,535. It is also possible to report additional receipts of \$23,554 in the first week of March, giving a cumulative total of \$817,089. Although this is a record-breaking total and already 21 percent greater than the amount contributed last year, we are still \$242,911 from our goal with only 3 weeks to go. We pray that, when the results of giving throughout the period of the Fast and the remaining days of March are totaled, it will be possible to report an outstanding Victory in the May NATIONAL BAHÁ'Í REVIEW and at the National Convention.

Even as we await the final results, we know that the year ahead holds even greater challenges than the last. We must not relax in the early months awaiting word on the next year's budget. Already we know that we must at least maintain that rate of giving which in November, December and January we demonstrated was possible.

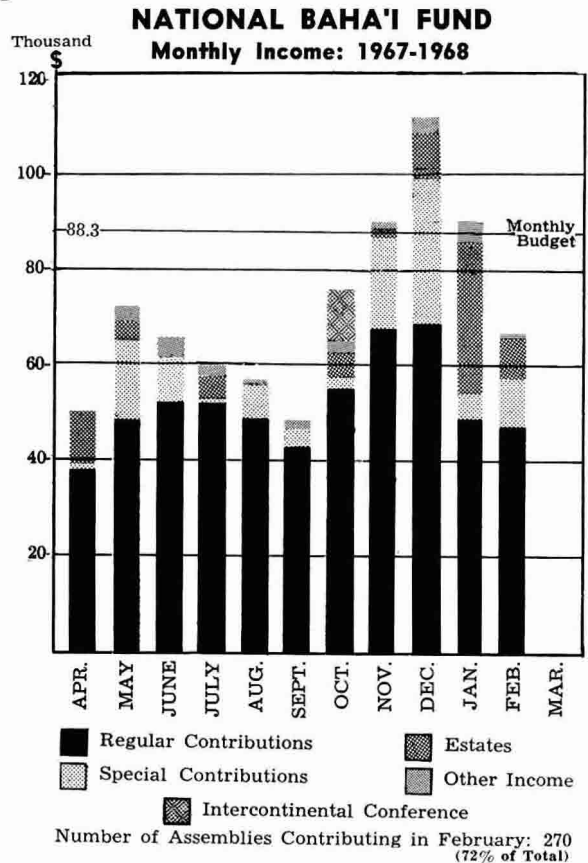
One of the most heartening experiences of the past year has been the increase in the total number of contributions flowing into the Treasurer's Office in Wilmette. As we approach still closer to the goal of Uni-

versal Participation by each individual Bahá'í, it is inevitable that we will also achieve the budgetary goal in actual dollars.

Many stimulating letters have been received from faithful contributors. We would like to share excerpts from a few of them. One from a Local Spiritual Assembly: "With this check for \$200.00 we have surpassed our Assembly objective of \$900 by 15 dollars. The money is for Jan. and Feb. We have almost two full months to accumulate funds to meet a new objective which will be put forth at the next Feast."

And from among the many groups and individuals: "Praise be God for this chance to serve. Wish I could send more. All of us in \_\_\_\_\_ are looking for ways to sacrifice. We sold our piano and are able to send this to you. Will send more a little later." . . . "The enclosed check is for the 12 year old whose letter appeared in the Feb. NATIONAL BAHÁ'Í REVIEW. After all we both know 'there is not much chance to earn up money during the school year.' " . . . "(The Bahá'ís) are trying to straighten out what the others destroy. If the people live up to the teachings then you only have success. I enclose a check for \$xxxxxx for the Temple and wish you a most blessed Naw-Rúz and may all the wishes of Bahá'u'lláh and the Báb come through."

An individual writes: "This small gift I am sending is only a token of what I would love to be able to give but making money easy has not been my gift so am thankful to be able to spare the small gift to the Cause that I consider to be the greatest help for humanity in this age of confusion. May it be used wisely and according to God's will and wish. With near 50 years in the service I love, it is the spiritual desire of my heart and life. Even though I am now in my 88th year, would be glad to add a few more years of service, God willing."



## National Spiritual Assembly Holds Proclamation, Expansion, and Consolidation Conferences Throughout the United States

About 1400 believers participated enthusiastically in the consultations and other programs during the eighteen conferences called by the National Spiritual Assembly throughout the United States during February. The Hands of the Cause of God in the Western Hemisphere, the National Spiritual Assembly and the National Teaching Committee were all represented as moderators at these conferences which took place during the first three weekends of the month.

A study class on the Covenant was led by the Auxiliary Board member during which he or she stressed the continuing unerring guidance available to the friends now through The Universal House of Justice. This class also served as a model for the kind of class which The Universal House of Justice has called for in its Ridván 1967 message: ". . . let them organize regular study classes for its\* constant consideration, and as reinforcement to their effort, let them remember conscientiously the requirements of daily prayer and reading of the Word of God enjoined upon all Bahá'ís by Bahá'u'lláh."

The National Spiritual Assembly member presented fresh news and a description of the current phased plans for the accomplishment of the goals of the Nine Year Plan, emphasizing the need for preserving all goals already won.

One of the special treats at all the conferences was the showing of the slide presentation, "The Hundredth Year," prepared by the International Bahá'í Audio-Visual Centre, including views of the six Intercontinental Conferences and accompanied by a tape recording of the sounds of those conferences.

Discussion of proclamation, presented by the National Teaching Committee member and discussion of expansion and consolidation, keyed by the Auxiliary Board member, came on Saturday. The main part of Saturday evening and Sunday was devoted to consulta-

tion with universal participation, sometimes in smaller workshops and roundtable groups, on topics of concern in the teaching work in the United States: The Bahá'í Concept of the Oneness of Mankind; the "Most Challenging Issue"; the Crises in Spiritual, Moral, Social and Political Deterioration (Prejudice, Materialism, Moral Laxity and Political Confusion); Human Rights Year 1968; The Paramount Goal of Teaching and Essential Qualities of a Teacher; God's Purpose for Mankind in This Age and the Two Processes Set in Motion by Him; The Responsibility of Bahá'ís to the World of Humanity; and Action, Now.

Discussion of all of these topics was not complete, obviously, due to the shortness of time but the facing up to a controversial issue such as the "most challenging" one, with frank expressions was encouraged and welcomed.

Since many of the subjects could not be covered, the topics and references were printed in the March NATIONAL BAHÁ'Í REVIEW for the friends to study on their own and as a local community during the Fast.

Fifteen of the eighteen local Spiritual Assemblies arranging the conferences held public meetings in connection with the conference, with speakers from outside the local area, thus sparking interest and increased publicity.

Four of the eighteen conferences were held in a minority section of town where the presence of many Bahá'ís of all backgrounds was a source of comment and curiosity.

The believers who attended have expressed their appreciation for the learning process that occurred at these conferences and for the presence of representatives of the two institutions in major roles, the Auxiliary Board of the Hands of the Cause of God and the National Spiritual Assembly.

\*This ocean . . . the Sacred Writings of our Faith.

*Friends who attended the N.S.A. Conference at Sarasota, Florida.*





## Washington Proclamation Honors Poet

The Washington D.C. Bahá'í Community has launched its proclamation of the Bahá'í Faith in a unique manner and with great success.

The Bahá'í Club at Howard University together with the Department of English and the Founders Library of that Institution sponsored a Poetry Reading on February 14, at Howard University, at which Prof. Robert Hayden, Bahá'í and Poet Laureate of Fisk University, read his poetry and received a special citation from the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States. There was an overflow audience of 300, both students and members of the Washington Bahá'í Community, to hear this very gifted poet in his first Washington appearance. The citation, presented by Richard Witter acting as representative of the National Spiritual Assembly, mentions Prof. Hayden's contributions to expanding the concept of human rights through his poetry, refers to his ennobling view of African culture and Negro life in his writings which have been read around the world, and pays tribute to his dedication to the cause of promotion of the oneness of mankind.

At a well attended meeting at the Washington Bahá'í Center Prof. Hayden spoke further to many who were attending a Bahá'í meeting for the first time. A number of dinners and receptions during Prof. Hayden's visit gave him the opportunity to make eloquent mention of the Bahá'í Faith.

The Washington Bahá'ís consider these events have given great impetus to their teaching work.



*Professor Hayden, right, receives Human Rights Citation from National Spiritual Assembly representative, Mr. Richard Witter.*

### Study Institute in Evanston



*A few of the participants at the Evanston, Illinois Institute study on "The World Order of Bahá'u'lláh." led by Mozhan Khádem, second from left, chairman of the Community Development Committee. This Committee combines with the Hospitality Committee in Sunday afternoon and evening institutes. Mrs. Minnie Hadley, chairman of the Hospitality Committee is shown in center. The Evanston Assembly has found that this type of study over a more extended period of time, broken by a fellowship-supper hour, is best suited to the Community's deepening purposes. The Institutes are held less often than regular weekly or bi-weekly classes but are concentrated in effort and make it possible for more people to attend.*

### Bahá'í Participation in Day of Prayer

That lone Bahá'í in Rhinelander reports again! This Bahá'í continues to remain stunned at that which took place in Rhinelander (Wisconsin) on a recent afternoon. The International World Day of Prayer observance was held in this city at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church including participants from nine different Christian denominations plus the Bahá'í Faith. At the request of the committee in charge, who were so impressed with the Bahá'í prayer "For All Mankind," copies were made and distributed with the program given out to the approximately 300 people in attendance. As the Bahá'í stood at the altar of the recently "stripped" (of traditional statues, etc.) modern Catholic church, addressing the audience with: "I will now share with you one of the Bahá'í prayers 'For All Mankind,'" she was astonished to hear the entire audience repeating after her, word for word, the prayer by 'Abdu'l-Bahá. One could only conclude: how easily the "sheep" could be led to the teachings of Bahá'u'lláh if they were not hindered by "blind leadership." Since World Day of Prayer is a women's sponsored observance, the audience was made up entirely of women with the exception of a few ministers from the represented churches, seated on the back row.

Refreshments and fellowship followed and favorable comments came from all directions as well as an invitation to meet with one of the dialogue groups.

It was just one year ago that the Bahá'í was refused participation in the World Day of Prayer event, which at that time was reported to have lost its appeal, attracting only a small group of people. Although stated to be "universal," it is still very limited in its embrace, as a Jew, Hindu, etc. would find it impossible to take part in the prepared agenda. It has been discovered that the average Christian layman is not aware of its limitations and does not realize the true meaning of "universality," until educated, which apparently is the job or responsibility of the Bahá'í.

Again, how astounding! Three hundred Christians from nine denominations seated in the pews of a Roman Catholic Church repeating 'Abdu'l-Bahá's prayer, led by a Bahá'í at the altar — which for centuries could only be tread by a priest!



*Presentation of first Bahá'í literature (Bahá'í World Faith, Some Answered Questions) to the new Clark County, Nevada library. Charles Atkins, Library Director, receives books from Kay and Bob Rozario.*

## The First Dependency Serves Mankind



THE FIRST DEPENDENCY of the Holiest House of Worship in the world, the Bahá'í Home, recently entered its tenth year of service to humanity. It was one of the Guardian's cherished goals of the Ten Year Crusade, and its founding marks the beginning in the establishment of those institutions of social service "... which in the fullness of time . . . shall afford relief to the suffering, sustenance to the poor, shelter to the wayfarer, solace to the bereaved, and education to the ignorant."<sup>1</sup> Undoubtedly the beloved Guardian saw reasons, perhaps not immediately apparent, for selecting this as the first dependency.

Throughout the decade the Bahá'í Home has sheltered over 50 guests, with an average residence of 20 women and men of many faiths who have learned there the true meaning of Bahá'í hospitality and service. These persons have, for the most part, been those whose families or former homes have been in the general locality of Northern Illinois. It bears emphasizing that the Home is a "limited care home for the aged" which legally can admit only those in reasonably

good health and not requiring nursing care.

Because, in accordance with the Guardian's wishes, the Home exists primarily to be of service to the general public and not specifically for Bahá'ís, Bahá'í residents have been a small minority throughout the years. There has always been at least one believer in the Home and the occupants exemplify our belief in the Oneness of Mankind.

February of this year marked the passing of a devoted Bahá'í, Coranne Willis. The last decade of her lifespan of over 90 years had been spent in the Bahá'í Home, until her condition finally made it necessary to place her for a brief time in a nursing home. The necessity for transferring her at a critical juncture of her life emphasizes the need for a Bahá'í Nursing Home as part of a developing complex of home facilities to meet the total needs as medical science continues to extend the years of our lives. Our prayers should include this means of enlarging Bahá'í service to humanity.

From the standpoint of costs, the Home has come



closer each year to self-sufficiency, due in part to the many extra hours of service freely given by the Bahá'ís who assist in its operation. Certain of these devoted Bahá'ís must be on call twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

The anticipated budget deficit for the current year is \$5,000, representing only one-half cent of every dollar being contributed to the National Fund to meet our Million Dollar Budget. The amount to be paid out of the Fund this year will probably exceed the amount budgeted due to unusual circumstances, including the extended illness of the Director, Mrs. Florence Gibson.

The original investment of \$200,000 in the Home and its furnishings, all given prior to the time of construction, has been guarded by a policy of regular maintenance, augmented by gifts of equipment. The Home is now greatly increased in value, again showing the Divine wisdom of the Guardian in selecting this as the first dependency in the Crusade Plan.

1. *Bahá'í Administration*, 5th Ed., p. 184



## TEACHING AND CONSOLIDATION

### A New Day in Indian Teaching

"You must give great importance to teaching the Indians, that is, the aborigines of America. For these souls are like the ancient inhabitants of Peninsular Arabia, who previous to the Manifestation of His Holiness Muḥammad were treated as savages. But when the Muḥammadic light shone forth in their midst, they became so illumined that they brightened the world. Likewise, should these Indians and aborigines be educated and obtain guidance, there is no doubt that through the divine teachings, they will become so enlightened as in turn to shed light to all regions."

A brilliant new age has dawned for the American Indian. In response to our beloved 'Abdu'l-Bahá's historic announcement in The Tablets of the Divine Plan clarifying the imperative need to bear the Message of Bahá'u'lláh to a people endowed with such extraordinary spiritual capacity that they could stand some day among the greatest champions of the Bahá'í Faith throughout the world, many Bahá'ís have arisen to the challenge of Indian teaching throughout the Western Hemisphere in past years. Spectacular results have been achieved in certain areas, particularly in Latin America. In the United States, especially since the 1950s after the Guardian urged us to concentrate on this key area of teaching on the home front, Bahá'ís began pioneering on or near reservations, aiding such pioneers, and contacting Indians living off reservations in cities and towns throughout the country. But since October, 1967, signs of a new, impelling force have appeared. From a handful of some 15 pioneers resident on reservations in the United States at that time, the figure has almost doubled to about 25. A new sense of urgency is felt among believers teaching Indians off the reservations. We may finally be passing the stage of slow, painful seed-sowing in the Indian work and attaining the day of mass effort,

mass dedication and sacrifice, mass conversion, and mass deepening. The American Bahá'í Community must respond to this opportunity.

The question continually arises — How do we teach the Indians? No two persons have exactly the same approach. But from the thoughts of Indian believers and pioneers, a few general suggestions can be presented. Two key words are *prayer* and *love*. The bond of spiritual love with Indian people can be so powerful and beautiful that it is impossible to describe. The road is sometimes easy, sometimes not. Less may be accomplished by spectacular but infrequent efforts than by persistence over many years and loving patience. A few months or a year or two of work is often far from enough, unless someone competent is available either from the Indian community itself or from the outside to replace the pioneer. It is often better for a couple or group, rather than just one person, to concentrate their teaching efforts in a given place, as Bahá'ís can draw much spiritual force and strength from each other. Any suspicion, misunderstanding, or indifference faced by a pioneer in an Indian community can gradually be conquered by prayer, wisdom, patience, and friendliness. Developing negative attitudes toward Indians' particular personal or social conditions is absolutely deadening.

The Bahá'í pioneer or worker should strive to become good, close friends with the Indians; he will seldom enjoy more beautiful and lasting friendships. He must learn to teach by listening, by speaking sincerely and simply but never condescendingly, by using only appropriate literature when needed, by remembering follow-up deepening and constant contact with the new Bahá'í, and by persevering in his efforts. Dedicated, effective teachers must be nurtured from within the ranks of the Indians themselves. The day a sufficient number of these souls arises to teach, the Cause could spread like wildfire in this

country among Indians and non-Indians as well.

If a Bahá'í is new to the work, he should immediately become familiar with the particular characteristics of the tribe or group with which he is working, as no two groups of Indians are alike. An old hand, particularly an Indian Bahá'í, can frequently give valuable help to the newcomer.

The pioneer may never receive a better opportunity throughout his lifetime to teach the Faith by living the Bahá'í life. The rewards — for all — are without limit.

Special help and information, including a list of reservation goal areas, is available from the National Teaching Committee. *'Abdu'l-Bahá's promise for the American Indian must and will be transformed into a reality.*

### New Look in Proclamation

In its Riḍván 1967 Message to the Bahá'í world, The Universal House of Justice refers to the new dimension of world-wide proclamation. It is imperative for all of us to have a clear understanding of what is meant by this "New Look" in proclamation.

"The paramount goal of the teaching work at the present time is," in the words of The Universal House of Justice, "to carry the message of Bahá'u'lláh to every stratum of human society and every walk of life." In that single sentence from the letter dated October 31, 1967, and appearing in the BAHÁ'Í NEWS of January 1968, is the complete explanation of the new dimension. Two words deserve special emphasis. We are called upon to CARRY the message of Bahá'u'lláh to EVERY stratum of society.

When a community, group or State Goals Committee consults on plans for proclamation, it should consider whether its method CARRIES the message to the people, or does it

merely make the Teachings available to some segment of the general society with the hope that the individuals of that segment will somehow come to the Bahá'ís to receive the life-giving Message. For example, does the community base all its plans on having a few Bahá'í public meetings for proclamation purposes, or does it actively seek to provide Bahá'í speakers to other organizations, such as clubs, churches, and schools? Reports from all around the country affirm that indeed "The time is ripe and the opportunities illimitable." "The friends must now TAKE the Message to the rest of humanity."\* Our mass media communications in this country offer tremendous opportunities to carry the Message to every stratum of society. We continually endeavor to obtain as much free radio and television time and newspaper space as possible, so that the Faith of God will at long last, "emerge from obscurity into the arena of public attention."\*\*

Our proclamation plans must recognize that "the same presentation of the teachings will not appeal to everybody."\*\*\* We must be diversified in our approach when we attempt to carry the Message to EVERY stratum of society. A monthly public meeting in a centrally located hotel or Bahá'í Center will attract a particular section of society, but to reach every stratum, we must vary the location, the talks, the speakers, the invitations and our approach to those waiting souls. In analyzing our proclamation efforts, we must assess our local area, determine which strata of human society are represented and what we are doing to ensure that we carry the Message to every stratum of human society and every walk of life.

We must pattern our teaching methods after those used by 'Abdu'l-Bahá. He went out to be with the people — all kinds of people from all walks of life. He visited the wealthy churches as well as the poverty pockets. We must do the same. "Upon our efforts depends in very large measure the fate of humanity."\*

\*Message from The Universal House of Justice to the six Intercontinental Conferences, October 1967 (BAHÁ'Í NEWS, November 1967, p. 1)

\*\*Message from The Universal House of Justice to all National Spiritual Assemblies, October 31, 1967 (BAHÁ'Í NEWS, January 1968, p. 1)



### Seize Every Opportunity

A newspaper article in a local paper caught the eye of one of five Bahá'ís in Concord, California. The article said there was to be a panel discussion organized by one of the professors of history of the local college with the topic, "The Negro and Religion." The quickly organized efforts of the believers resulted in having a Bahá'í on the panel. Mrs. Adrienne Reeves of San Jose represented the Bahá'í Faith. There were several more articles in the local paper and the Bahá'í Faith was mentioned. One also carried a pic-

ture of Mrs. Reeves and told of her activities with the Faith.

There were six speakers on the panel (see photo) with the following topics: Black People — White Gods; The Negro Church and Its Significant Role in the Negro Community; Judaism and the Negro; Integrated Churches, Myth or Reality?; Catholicism and the Negro; and The Bahá'í Faith and the Oneness of Mankind.

The discussion was attended by about 350 students and adults. A number of youth came up afterwards to speak with Mrs. Reeves and two Bahá'í books have been placed in the college library.

### The Oneness of Mankind—A Study Outline

Referring to the article "Education of a Bahá'í" in the March NATIONAL BAHÁ'Í REVIEW, page 9, the following basic questions and topics for study are suggested. These are based upon the need of the believers to be able to meet the demands resulting from the new dimension in our work — proclamation of the Station and Mission of Bahá'u'lláh. They are aimed toward increasing knowledge of certain basic principles in Bahá'u'lláh's Teachings, and, most important, toward growing in depth of understanding so that the Bahá'ís may carry the spirit of the Teachings to the seekers.

It is suggested that study groups be formed to discuss the questions and topics. However, if this is not possible, individual study will be beneficial also.

The study of these topics should not be limited to the references given. Others may be found in the Bahá'í Writings that will enlarge our knowledge and understanding of them.

#### Discussion Subjects

Topics for discussion are given with suggested references:

Name and discuss the meaning of the six points forming the Bahá'í

concept of the oneness of mankind as found in *The World Order of Bahá'u'lláh*, pages 41-44.

What is the only power that will succeed in establishing the principle of the oneness of mankind, and who will accomplish it? *The World Order of Bahá'u'lláh*, 2nd paragraph from bottom of page 43, and letter from The Universal House of Justice, BAHÁ'Í NEWS, February 1968.

What are the earliest manifestations, discernible today, of the establishment of the principle of the oneness of mankind? *The World Order of Bahá'u'lláh*, last paragraph of page 43.

What is the most vital and challenging issue confronting the American Bahá'í community to which the Guardian refers and which has not yet been fully resolved? *The Advent of Divine Justice*, pages 28-33.

How does this most challenging issue relate to the crisis in social deterioration in America? *Citadel of Faith*, pages 126-127.

How does the great and vital principle of non-discrimination against any minority group affect the principles governing Bahá'í elections? *The Advent of Divine Justice*, 3rd line from bottom of page 29 to top of page

30. See also U.S. SUPPLEMENT, March 1967, page 1.

Discuss the following specific actions Bahá'ís should take to eliminate racial prejudice and demonstrate complete freedom from it, as outlined in *The Advent of Divine Justice*, page 30:

1. Adopt freedom from racial prejudice as their watchword.
2. Demonstrate freedom from racial prejudice in every phase of activity and life, whether in the Bahá'í community or outside it.

3. Deliberately cultivate freedom from racial prejudice through the various and every-day opportunities, no matter how insignificant.

4. Make freedom from racial prejudice the keynote of the policy of the Bahá'í institutions.

What are the points of agreement and points of distinction between the white and colored races which 'Abdu'l-Bahá states warrant just and mutual consideration? *The Advent of Divine Justice*, page 32, beginning with 10th line down.

What are the characteristics which Shoghi Effendi states the white race must make a supreme effort to abandon? *The Advent of Divine Justice*, page 33, last paragraph.

What are the attitudes which Shoghi Effendi states the colored race must make a supreme effort to gain? *The Advent of Divine Justice*, bottom of page 33 and top of page 34.

What are the attitudes which Shoghi Effendi states both races must make a supreme effort to gain? *The Advent of Divine Justice*, top of page 34.

## YOUTH AND COLLEGE

### First National Youth Conference to Convene in June

The National Spiritual Assembly has called for a National Youth Conference during June 22 and 23, in Wilmette. The Bahá'í youth, believers between 15 and 25, are encouraged to attend this momentous gathering, since it is expected to set the tone and direction for youth activities during the proclamation period. A special mailing on the details of the conference has been sent to all youth by the Department of Youth and College Activities, which is responsible for the arrangements.

### Youth Hold Conference in Blue Ridge Mountains

Sixteen Virginia Bahá'ís took a lesson in detachment from material comfort when they crowded into one small cabin for a youth retreat in the Blue Ridge Mountains on February 3 and 4. But even the drafty Doyle River Cabin was a welcome sight after a snowy two-mile trek to the falls!

Although emphasis was mainly on recreation and survival (?!), two thought-provoking discussions of the teachings were held and ideas for future activities pooled.

This was the first of a series of bi-monthly outings sponsored by the State Goals Committee.

### An Invitation from Holland to American Youth

Dear Bahá'í Friends:

We are very pleased to announce to you the European Youth Summer School, which will be held at Ellecom (Holland) from 21-31 August 1968.

The school building is in beautiful, wooded surroundings, about 10 kilometers from Arnhem, a city of 180,000 inhabitants. There are excellent accommodations for 350 persons, with separate rooms for meals, lectures and recreation.

A good program is planned to give you a wonderful time during these

ten days in this attractive conference place, and we hope you all will come and help to make this International Summer School a huge success. The lectures and seminars will be in English, French, German and Dutch languages.

The indicated price will be \$3.00 per day per person. Detailed information about the place and program will be forwarded later. With warmest Bahá'í love,

NATIONAL YOUTH COMMITTEE  
OF HOLLAND

Miss Rigdje Jonkers, Secretary

Riouwstraat 27

THE HAGUE



Bahá'í Youth attending N.S.A. sponsored Conference in February in Sarasota, Florida.

## PUBLIC INFORMATION

### Intercommunity-Publicity Committees

As the tempo of proclamation increases, more and more Bahá'í communities that border each other or that share the same newspapers, radio and television stations, will wish to consider the advisability of forming Intercommunity-Publicity Committees.

Such a committee can be most useful in handling proclamation campaigns. Not only can it coordinate all public information activities in the area and handle situations which involve the use of the same news media by all the communities concerned, but it can also work out arrangements for sharing in the cost of advertisements. This will make the cost of ads much less for each of the Bahá'í communities involved. Or, plans can be made to secure a larger ad without adding much to what would be charged for single ads. Also, such a committee could see to it that the newspapers or other news media will not receive the same news release or article from the several communities that are being served by these media. For example, if there are five such communities, all of them may send in a release for World Religion Day, and all saying about the same thing, except for differences in the names of places. When this happens, the news media may discard all of them. It is much better to have one release for the entire area being served by the media, but telling what is happening in the various communities. Such articles are more apt to be accepted.

An Intercommunity-Publicity Committee is formed by consultation among the Bahá'í communities concerned, including groups. One of them calls the first meeting to which all send official representatives. The idea of an Intercommunity-Publicity

Committee is proposed and explored, and the results of the consultation and recommendations are taken back to the assemblies and groups involved, for approval. If set up, such a committee must come under the administrative jurisdiction of one local Spiritual Assembly to insure the proper application of all Bahá'í procedures. However, the membership of the committee should be composed of one or more representatives from each of the communities and groups concerned.

Intercommunity-Publicity Committees can develop good coordinated public information and proclamation plans to cover large metropolitan areas. Because of their united efforts, they save time and money. Achievement of the proclamation goals of the American Bahá'í community calls for the dedicated efforts of individual Bahá'ís as well as well-planned and cooperative efforts on the part of the communities.

### Speakers Bureau

An effective method of taking the Bahá'í Message to the public is through the medium of a Speakers Bureau. Each large Bahá'í community should set up such a bureau. Here are the steps in doing so: 1. Determine the speakers available in your Bahá'í community who can talk to civic clubs, schools and other organizations. 2. Determine the subjects they can speak best on, both directly on the Faith or on subjects that stress Bahá'í principles. 3. Make a list of the speakers, their subjects and a short biography of about two or three sentences on the speaker. Stress the non-Bahá'í background of the speaker. 4. Send this list with a covering letter, or the material incorporated into a printed folder, to the program chairmen of all the civic clubs, church clubs, women's

clubs, etc. in your town. The covering letter or introductory material tells that you have a speakers bureau and that you can make the listed speakers available for their meetings. Provide a coupon they can fill out to request a speaker for a particular date. 5. When such a request is received be sure to acknowledge it promptly and to provide the club with a more detailed biography of the speaker and if possible a photo. 6. You can usually secure a list of all clubs and organizations in your town from the local Chamber of Commerce. The letters to the clubs are best sent out in June or July since many clubs set up their programs months in advance.

### Notes

- The President of the United States has proclaimed October 31st of each year as National UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) Day.

- The May issue of *Escapade* magazine will carry a feature article on the Bahá'í Faith written by Jessyca Russell Gaver. Mrs. Gaver is the author of the book, *The Bahá'í Faith: Dawn of a New Day* and is a member of the New York City Bahá'í Community. . . .

- Public Information Representatives should remember to send out publicity on delegates attending the National Convention in May. Suggested releases and other information on the convention for public release will be provided by the Public Information Dept. . . . A new dictionary being prepared by Consolidated Book Publishers, Evanston, Illinois will have information of the Bahá'í Faith and Bahá'u'lláh. The book is expected to be completed in about a year. . . .

- Some communities in their proclamation ads in newspapers forgot to list where persons can send for further information on the Faith. Remember this and be sure to check the local telephone listing of the Faith to see that it is up-to-date. . . . The Public Information Dept. is still in need of good quality photographs showing Bahá'ís and Bahá'í activities. These are needed in both black and white, and color slides. Originals will be returned to sender after duplicates are made if so requested.

## BAHA'I DIRECTORY CHANGES

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## In Memoriam

Melvin Arnett  
Lookout, Calif.  
1967, no date

LeRoy A. Becker  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
January 5, 1968

Mrs. C. Josephine Dooley  
Alhambra, Calif.  
December 27, 1967

Mrs. Lethia Fleming  
Cleveland, Ohio  
1963, no date

Orrin K. Fry  
San Antonio, Texas  
January 11, 1968

Thomas Gidney  
Healdsburg, Calif.  
No date

Mrs. Ellen Harris  
St. Paul, Minnesota  
January 7, 1968

Miss Josephine E. Held  
Feasterville, Penna.  
January 2, 1968

Miss Lillian A. Luebtow  
Wauwatosa, Wisconsin  
December 25, 1964

Mrs. Grace Marshall  
Ridgewood, New Jersey  
November 27, 1967

Mrs. Helena J. Barclay  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
1967 - no date

Mrs. Leta Bectel  
Issaquah, Wash.  
January 19, 1968

Homer A. Dary  
Bradenton, Florida  
February 26, 1968

George Roth  
New York, N.Y.  
February 14, 1968

John Rourke  
Fort Myers, Florida  
February 17, 1968

Miss Coranne Willis  
Wilmette, Illinois  
February 15, 1968

Mrs. Pearl Wilson  
Long Beach, Calif.  
January 27, 1968

## ADDITIONS TO COMMITTEES

### National Teaching Committee

Mrs. Lois Goebel, Acting Head of Dept. of Community De-  
velopment  
Miss Magdalene Carney  
Albert J. Porter  
William W. Allison  
Paul L. Young  
(no deletions from Committee)

### Committee on Music

Louis Kaye  
Hymeld Ganniard

## Baha'i House of Worship

### Daily Visiting Hours

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Sunday Devotions

3:00 to 3:30 p.m.

### Sunday Public Meetings

3:45 p.m.

### Firesides

Sunday, 4:45 p.m.

Thursday, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

### Deepening Class

Tuesday, 8:00 to 9:30 p.m.

## Calendar of Events

### Feasts

April 9 — Jalál (Glory)  
April 28 — Jamál (Beauty)  
May 17 — 'Azamat (Grandeur)

### Holy Days

Feast of Ridván — April 21-May 2  
May 23 — Declaration of the Báb (May 22, about two  
hours after sunset)  
May 29 — Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh (3:30 a.m.)

### Auxiliary Board Team Conference

April 6-7 — Seattle, Washington

### U.S. National Bahá'í Convention

May 23-26

## Geyserville School Solicits Help

The Geyserville Bahá'í School is undertaking a re-  
search project on many Bahá'í topics this summer at  
the School library. We are seeking the help of a Bahá'í  
who would be available for the entire summer session,  
from July 21, 1968 through September 8, 1968. A small  
stipend will be made available to the person interested  
in this project. In addition opportunities are available  
to earn room and board at the school by donating about  
4 hours of work to the school per day. If interested in  
participating in this project please contact Dr. Megha  
Shyam, P.O. Box 1105, Los Altos, California 94022, or  
telephone at (415) 474-4910.