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## Hands of the Cause in Western Hemisphere Appoint New Auxiliary Board Members

The Hands of the Cause in the Western Hemisphere on January 18 announced to the National Spiritual Assemblies in North America the appointment of the first contingent of additional Auxiliary Board Members for teaching the Faith in North America. They are:

Mr. Jack McCants, Tampa, Florida  
 Mr. Anthony F. Lease, Los Angeles, California  
 Mr. Ted Anderson, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada  
 Mr. Chester Kahn, Flagstaff, Arizona  
 Dr. William Tucker, Asheville, North Carolina  
 Mr. William H. Maxwell, Jr., Melrose, Massachusetts

The following Auxiliary Board Members previously appointed and still serving are:

Mrs. Katherine McLaughlin, Princeton, New Jersey  
 Mr. Frederick Graham, Stony Creek, Ontario, Canada  
 Mrs. Peggy Ross, Cardiff, Ontario, Canada  
 Mr. Albert James, Jessup, Maryland  
 Mr. Curtis D. Kelsey, Bradenton, Florida  
 Mrs. Velma Sherrill, Webster Groves, Missouri  
 Mrs. Florence Mayberry, Santa Paula, California  
 Mr. Marc Towers, Honolulu, Hawaii

## NSA Reports Actions Taken on State Convention Recommendations

At the meeting of the National Spiritual Assembly December 31 — January 3 consideration was given to the recommendations and suggestions which had been received from the 1964 State and Electoral Districts. Those which offered suggestions for program and procedures for the conventions were referred to the incoming National Assembly for further consideration when planning the conventions for 1965. Others that were of special concern to the National Teaching Committee and the Community Development Committee were referred to these committees for their study and possible action. The balance which appeared to be of concern to the Bahá'ís community as a whole were acted upon as indicated below. It should be noted that although mentioned in connection with one state only, several of the recommendations came from several states or electoral districts.

ALABAMA. (1) That the NSA clarify with the Department of Internal Revenue the relationship between the

local assemblies and the National Spiritual Assembly regarding tax deductions.

*Action:* This is a very complex matter on which the Treasurer's Office has been working for some time. As soon as the relationship has been clarified by the Department of Internal Revenue the national Bahá'í community will be notified.

(2) That the Treasurer recommend a simple accounting procedure as a guide by treasurers of local assemblies and groups.

*Action:* The Treasurer is working out such a guide and will make it available as soon as possible.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT No. 1. (1) That the expenditure of moneys for the teaching, deepening and "teacher-training" of declared believers, (compilations, re-compilations, etc.) be de-accentuated, and that instead a program of assistance for the aged and/or sick and needy among us be set up; that such a program in itself could be considered both a deepening program and a public demonstration of the solidarity of the Bahá'í world.

*Action:* The expenditure of moneys for the materials referred to in this recommendation has been de-emphasized, but the teaching, deepening and training of new and older believers alike are primary objectives of the Nine Year Plan and must be given constant attention and emphasis. As for assistance to the aged, sick and needy, all local assemblies even at this time of the relative smallness of the national community, can set up limited programs of assistance, counselling and service, but should continue to call upon public resources wherever available, as instructed by Shoghi Effendi.

(2) That the NSA consider ways and means for better contact and association with, and enrollment of people in the United States who speak Chinese and Japanese.

*Action:* This objective of the Nine Year Plan is being considered and plans are being developed for contacting these and other minority groups.

CONNECTICUT. That the NSA consider updating and republishing the book, "Race and Man," both in hard cover and pamphlet form.

*Action:* The book, "Race and Man," is so outdated that it will not be republished, but a booklet on this general subject is now under consideration and will be published as soon as possible.

COLORADO. (1) That a yearly form be sent to each local assembly for suggestions on pamphlets and books the believers would like to have reprinted and for which they feel there is a need, this to be done before reprinting any item, thus forming a two-way channel of information between the assemblies and the Bahá'í Publishing Trust.

*Action:* The Bahá'í Publishing Trust made a very helpful survey of literature needs last year and will periodically repeat the experiment in order to ascertain the wishes and feelings of the believers with respect to literature needs. It should be noted that many of the needs already on record are difficult to fill because of the absence of or lack of knowledge of good writers in the Bahá'í community for the subjects desired.

(2) That a portion of the U.S. SUPPLEMENT of BAHÁ'Í NEWS be allotted to the youth with reports in each issue of the progress of youth activities, membership, conference reports, etc. This section would serve as a unifying force among the Bahá'í youth of the United States.

*Action:* All useful material on youth activities that is not too repetitive can and will be carried in the U.S. SUPPLEMENT when supplied. This recommendation will be considered further by the National Assembly when planning the National Convention and in recognition of the importance and need for a youth activities agenda.

(3) That the Treasurer's report at the National Convention include a detailed statement of how the budget was met and that there be an itemized report on monies used by each trusteeship and each committee.

*Action:* This recommendation is impractical from the standpoint of accounting procedures as carried through in the Bahá'í year, but copies of the audited statements will be available on request following receipt of these statements by the National Treasurer which occurs several months after the National Convention.

(4) That the NSA provide a secretary's manual for each local spiritual assembly similar to the manual provided for area teaching committees by the American National Teaching Committee some years ago.

*Action:* "The Bahá'í Community" was prepared to serve this specific purpose. Secretaries are constantly urged to maintain a policy file containing letters of instructions and changes in policies and procedures. The Community Development Committee will send on request a copy of the letter of instructions to secretaries prepared for new assemblies two or three years ago.

(5) That there be made available more material on the junior youth level.

*Action:* The Child Education Committee has been assigned responsibility for producing material of this type but the NSA will also make special efforts to increase such items.

IDAHO. Two recommendations calling for clarification of Article II, (c) of the National By-Laws and of a communication from Shoghi Effendi regarding the procedure for the enrollment of new believers.

*Action:* Clarification of enrollment procedures will be provided at an early date both in the newly amended By-Laws of the National Spiritual Assembly and of local spiritual assemblies, and in communications to the American Bahá'í community.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS. (1) That the NSA issue a suitable guide for parents on the rearing of Bahá'í children, including up-to-date psychological and educational methods.

*Action:* The Committee on Child Education has been requested to compile such a guide as soon as possible.

(2) That the State Conventions be held early in November.

*Action:* Voted to hold the Annual State Conventions

the first Sunday in November beginning in 1965. It is hoped that this earlier date will obviate the persistent problems of weather which obstructs larger attendance at these conventions.

KANSAS. That the National Assembly consider renewal of a publication similar to the "World Order Magazine" with ample space for inserts for regional news.

*Action:* The National Assembly hopes that funds and other resources will be available in the near future for the restoration of "World Order Magazine." The suggestion that space be provided for regional news is impracticable.

MICHIGAN. (1) That Summer Youth Projects be continued and sponsored by the National Assembly or the National Teaching Committee.

*Action:* This program is under consideration at this time.

(2) That the NSA recommend to local spiritual assemblies that they plan community activities for all believers, youth and adult, so that all can observe and participate in all the Holy Days.

*Action:* The National Assembly has repeatedly recommended to local assemblies that they plan appropriate community observance and activities for the Bahá'í Holy Days.

MINNESOTA. That a suggestion be made through BAHÁ'Í NEWS that all believers save a penny a day for the National Bahá'í Fund in addition to their regular contributions, to help eliminate the national deficit.

*Action:* This is a worthy suggestion and the NSA hopes that many believers will choose to follow it.

(2) That the spiritual assemblies of Minnesota systematically cover the state — city after city, town after town — advertising the Faith through all possible media, following up with a public meeting in order to bring the Message of Bahá'u'lláh to the masses.

*Action:* This idea is a commendable and feasible one for any state.

WESTERN NEW YORK. That in view of the fact that local school authorities do not have the power to excuse Bahá'í children from their classes on the Bahá'í Holy Days, the National Spiritual Assembly take whatever steps are possible with the New York State school system to secure such permission.

*Action:* The National Assembly is taking steps to achieve this goal of the Nine Year Plan and at the proper time will involve the assemblies of New York State.

NORTH CAROLINA. (1) That the NSA consider the publication of a pictorial history of the Faith, accenting its interracial and international aspects and the highlights of the Faith from the time of its inception.

*Action:* The recommendation is commendable, but at this time the cost is too great to consider.

(2) That the NSA consider reprinting the pamphlet "Atomic Mandate" in view of its challenging and relevant presentation of the Faith in an age marked by apprehension of nuclear warfare.

*Action:* This recommendation will be given serious consideration following consultation with the Bahá'í Publishing Trust as to the extent to which the current pamphlet has been distributed.

OHIO. That the National Assembly publish an explanation of the Day of the Covenant so that the friends may be more familiar with its origin and purpose and thus know better how to commemorate it appropriately.

*Action:* This will be done in the September or Octo-

ber, 1965 issue of BAHÁ'Í NEWS.

OREGON. That an appropriate set of slides and narrations about the Bahá'í gardens in Haifa and Wilmette be made available for showing to garden clubs.

*Action:* Steps will be taken immediately to assemble such a set of slides and an appropriate narration.

TENNESSEE. That a pamphlet or series of articles be published concerning conditions in unfamiliar goal areas for the use of individuals considering pioneering and desirous of exploring employment and other possibilities.

*Action:* Persons requiring such information can write to the Goals Committees responsible for the areas in which they are interested.

EAST TEXAS. That Mr. Roy Massey's slides and tapes of the Holy Land be forwarded to the NSA for review and editing with a view to making them available for widespread teaching use. They are descriptive of Jewish, Christian, Muslim and Bahá'í Shrines.

*Action:* The National Assembly will immediately request Mr. Massey to lend his slides and narration to the Assembly for such review.

VIRGINIA. That the NSA investigate the possibility of a forum in the BAHÁ'Í NEWS wherein letters of concern to individual believers could be answered, the objective being to decrease the necessity of the National Assembly having to answer the letters of many believers asking the same or similar questions.

*Action:* The National Assembly will attempt to inaugurate such a column in the U.S. SUPPLEMENT in the near future.

WESTERN WASHINGTON. That the NSA make available for purchase through local Bahá'í librarians a folder containing appropriate quotations from the Bahá'í Writings for bereaved families to furnish mortuaries for distribution at Bahá'í funeral services, the personal data about the deceased to be inserted locally by the mortuary involved.

*Action:* The Community Development Committee has been asked to consider the possibility of preparing such a leaflet.

## American Indian Service Committee Appeals for Cooperation

In order to keep a current record of Indian tribes who are represented in the Faith and also to know where we may go to find potential Indian teachers who would have great influence in attracting their own people to the Faith, we need to be informed of the American Indian believers who are enrolled by local spiritual assemblies or by the National Teaching Committee.

We do not want to give any impression of "separateness" in the case of enrollment of believers who are American Indians, but it is essential for us to have this information if we are to make the necessary progress in attracting Indian believers to the Faith. Therefore, will local spiritual assemblies that enroll new Indian members send us a brief note reporting this achievement, including the name of the tribe and such other pertinent information as will enable us to make maximum use of the new believer's talents in teaching and serving the Faith.

*American Indian Service Committee,  
Mrs. Nancy Phillips, Secretary  
736 Encanto Drive, S.E., Phoenix, Arizona*

## NSA Names Indian Service Committee Representatives

Several months ago, with the approval of the National Spiritual Assembly the American Indian Service Committee appointed a number of individuals to serve as committee representatives in providing leadership, creative planning, and active teaching among Indian people. The individuals chosen were among those living in or near areas where there is a concentration of American Indians. They are:

Mr. Alvin Myers, Rapid City, South Dakota — for  
*North and South Dakota*

Mr. and Mrs. Prudencio Mori, Edmonds, Washington, and Mr. and Mrs. Foster Mudd, Seattle, Washington for *Washington, Oregon and Idaho*

Mr. William Musler, Great Falls, Montana — for  
*Montana*

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Manuelito, Laramie, Wyoming  
— for *Wyoming*

Mr. Kenneth Jeffers, Rochester, Minnesota, and Mr. Robert Cameron, Duluth, Minnesota — for *Minnesota*

Mrs. Beth McKenty, Milwaukee, Wisconsin — for  
*Wisconsin*

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Davison, Ochopee, Florida —  
for *Florida*

Mr. Clarke Langrall, Baltimore, Maryland — for  
*Northeastern States*

Mr. and Mrs. Don Livermore, Rogers, Arkansas —  
for *Oklahoma*

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Jamir, Winnebago, Nebraska  
— for *Nebraska*

Mrs. Ethel Murray, Cherokee, North Carolina — for  
*Southeastern States*

Local spiritual assemblies, Bahá'í groups and individual believers are urged to extend the fullest possible cooperation in insuring good attendance and success at all pow wows, Indian teaching conferences, and other events being planned in the several areas.

## International Indian Pow Wow Announced for Next Summer

The American Indian Service Committee has made an advance announcement of an International Indian Pow Wow to take place in early summer near the Canadian border. This gathering, which is expected to attract numbers of Indian and non-Indian Bahá'ís as well as other interested people, is being planned in collaboration with the Western Indian Reserves Committee of Canada. Watch for further and more detailed announcements of this important event, the first of its kind on the North American Continent.

## Opportunities for Service in Bermuda, the Bahamas and Carribean Islands

Since it is necessary to possess a British passport to establish residence on certain islands in the Caribbean area assigned to the American Bahá'í community under the Nine Year Teaching Plan, any Canadian Bahá'ís in the United States who wish to pioneer might not find it difficult to procure employment in those goal islands under British control. If there are such believers in the United States interested in this service they should communicate promptly with the Caribbean Goals Committee, *Mrs. Maurine Kraus, Secretary, 300 North Broadway, Yonkers, New York.*

The committee recommends that teachers who are free in the summer consider spending the vacation months pioneering in one of these goal islands. This would be a delightful and enriching experience as well as a much needed contribution to the Nine Year Plan.

All Bahá'ís planning to leave the country to teach the Faith anywhere in the world would do well to familiarize themselves with the book, "The Silent Language," by Edward T. Hall, a Fawcett Publication, paperback, at sixty cents. It contains invaluable information all persons should have about differing cultures.

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## Status of Edward L. Polley Clarified

The National Spiritual Assembly wishes to make it known among the believers of the United States that Mr. Edward L. Polley of Denver, Colorado, is a Bahá'í in good standing. He was never declared a Covenant-breaker by the Hands of the Cause either in the Western Hemisphere or in the Holy Land. Mr. Polley is a sincere and active member of the Denver Bahá'í Community.

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## Special College Bureau Project

Through the generous subsidy and industry of one of our American Bahá'í educators, with experience in teaching both at home and abroad, the College Bureau was able to launch a most rewarding and successful college teaching project.

Last year, the above-mentioned benefactor proposed to sponsor a program directed toward college professors and doctors of education who teach philosophy and religious courses. These, he indicated, should be teachers at various lesser-known colleges and universities in the sparsely Bahá'í-populated areas of the United States, and a list of such educators and schools was submitted. The College Bureau contacted each one of the named professors, offering to supply material upon their request. An outline or summary of the Bahá'í Faith was enclosed with the initial letter.

The response far exceeded expectations — fifty percent of the professors requested the books offered, and the following have been sent to them: *God Passes By*, *Bahá'u'lláh and the New Era*, and *Six Lessons on Islam*. Some of the professors indicated previous knowledge or contact of the Faith through the Bahá'í Temple at Wilmette or the Holy Shrines and Gardens at Haifa.

## Outstanding Program Planning by Bahá'í College Clubs

The Inter-College Club of Western New York in cooperation with surrounding Bahá'í communities presented a series of lectures by Dr. Stanwood Cobb for one week. Program for the week included: lecture on United Nations sponsored by the Spiritual Assembly of Rochester, N.Y.; observance of the Anniversary of the Birth of the Báb held in Geneva, N.Y.; lecture on "Religion and Education — The Bahá'í View" sponsored by the University of Rochester Inter-religious Council; lecture on "Islam and the Bahá'í Faith" to a comparative religion class at Rochester University; lecture on the Bahá'í Faith at State University College, Oswego, N.Y. to a sociology class studying religion in American culture. Several hundred persons learned about the Bahá'í Faith during this week because of the careful planning and persistent effort of busy Bahá'í college students with a dedication to serve the Faith of Bahá'u'lláh.

At Stanford, California, the Bahá'í Club of Stanford University, with assistance of nearby communities and groups, has begun a lecture series under the title "Religious Roots and Modern Practice." Dr. Dwight Allen, chairman of the National Advisory Committee on Education for Bahá'ís, was speaker for the opening talk. The series will cover Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism. Its main purpose is to promote understanding of various cultures and motivations of minority groups for the elimination of racial and religious prejudice. Over one hundred persons have attended the first two lectures, and the Bahá'í Club feels confident more will attend as its progresses.

The newly organized Bahá'í Club of North Carolina College at Durham held a series of meetings during the last quarter of 1964. The meetings follow a pattern successfully used before by Tennessee A. & I. University Bahá'í Club. They are based on talks covering various religious, philosophical, scientific and artistic subjects submitted by those attending the meetings. The Bahá'í viewpoint is presented in introductory remarks and in discussion periods following the meetings. As a climax to the series, a Bahá'í-focused presentation will be given.

Thus far, Dr. Sherwood Augur, professor of Education at North Carolina College, discussed "Existentialism and the Meaning of Life" at the December 13 meeting. Dr. John Freeman, research associate in the Parapsychology Laboratory at Duke University, spoke on "The Religious Implications of Parapsychology" in the November 22 dinner meeting held at the College dining hall. William Allison, a Bahá'í and associate director of the employment on merit program of the American Friends Service Committee, High Point, North Carolina, presented an introduction to the Bahá'í Faith at the initial meeting, giving the significance of the religion from which the Bahá'í Club draws its name.

The above Bahá'í Club activities demonstrate what can be done to promote the Faith when initiative and effort are put forth to promote the Word.

## Youth of Fairfax County, Virginia Contribute to Virgin Islands Temple Fund

Beginning early in October the youth members of Fairfax County, Virginia Bahá'í community made plans for a dinner and talent show to be held on December 27 for the purpose of raising money to aid in the purchase of the Temple site to be acquired in the Virgin Islands under the Nine Year Plan. The local Spiritual Assembly heartily approved with the provision that tickets could be sold to Bahá'ís only.

Invitations were sent to the neighboring assemblies in Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia, and permission was secured to use the cafeteria of one of the local elementary schools.

The dinner was simple and good, and the show included a wide range of talent, from folk singing to an interpretative dance to the First Movement of "Peer Gynt."

Despite bad weather and heavy holiday traffic 108 persons attended. After deducting expenses the remaining sum of \$100 was sent to the National Treasurer earmarked for the Charlotte Amalie Temple Site Fund.

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## Extreme Caution Urged in Contact with Persons of Islamic Backgrounds

The Bahá'ís in their hospitality, their enthusiasm, and their spirit of love for the origins of their Faith in Iran, Iraq, Turkey and Palestine, frequently feel warmly toward persons of Islamic background from those countries. They open their homes and their hearts, but also their lips, telling of their love and devotion to the Faith. Usually they are unaware of the dangers implicit in contacts with individuals of that cultural and religious background who emerge from families whose present interests may be hyperdefensive of nationalistic points of view, and who may also, in their personal feelings, be very hostile to Israel and everything apparently connected with that State. The Faith can be greatly harmed if this position is misinterpreted and thereafter maligned in letters or conversation from and by students and visitors from these lands. Believers sometimes mix their own viewpoints with the nonpolitical position of the Cause which must be maintained in these areas. Unfortunate results may and have occurred. Therefore, extreme caution in extending Bahá'í hospitality must be considered essential. Because he was intensely aware of the potential for irreparable harm which could be done to the Faith, the beloved Guardian was strong and explicit in his admonitions about teaching persons of Islamic backgrounds, and particularly from the Middle East.

The loving friendship of the believers should not be withdrawn or withheld from needy strangers in our sometimes inhospitable U.S.A. Conversely, in the uneasy world of the present, and with the delicate situations which obtain in many Middle Eastern lands, great care must be taken not to produce impressions of the Faith which will rebound to its harm or even to its unwarranted proscription.

## Membership of Mental Patients and Prisoners is Clarified

Every religious community must accept some responsibility for those less fortunate persons who require hospitalization for mental difficulties, or who have been committed to institutions for infractions of the law. Bahá'í communities should be aware of their responsibilities, and must know the administrative practices which are followed.

A mental patient or wrong-doer should receive every support within the framework of scientific knowledge and justice which the community can muster. Each such person is both a test and a reward, for through successful assistance to fellow Bahá'ís one by one the assemblies come to maturity. When commitment occurs, the person is shut off temporarily from community life; his Bahá'í membership privileges are held in abeyance, though he may continue to receive whatever communications his community feels will be encouraging and appropriate. Upon release, with medical certification or legal discharge, the community will reinstate his active membership, either upon its own initiative or upon request by the Bahá'í, providing it is satisfied, after investigation and gaining documentation, that he is able to fulfill the requirements of such membership. Again, every support and assistance possible within the resources of the community is to be made available to the person.

When Bahá'í communities grow in numbers, strength and human resources, it is to be expected that ever greater preventive and therapeutic assistance will be extended to needy fellow citizens of the Bahá'í society.

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## Maintenance Committees Responsible for Deciding Suitability of Gifts

At its November meeting the National Spiritual Assembly acted to assign to the Temple Trustees through the Temple Activities Department responsibility for determining the acceptability of any properties or furnishings, exclusive of financial contributions, which may be offered as gifts to Foundation Hall of the Bahá'í House of Worship.

A similar action was taken with respect to gifts of properties or furnishings offered to any of the Bahá'í schools. Friends wishing to donate equipment, furniture or similar items to the Bahá'í schools are requested to offer them to the appropriate Maintenance Committee, such committees now being authorized to accept or reject the offers as they see fit. This procedure seems a reasonable one in connection with current efforts to enhance the general appearance and operation of the several schools.

## Important Information About the National Convention

While the agenda of the Annual Bahá'í Convention is planned primarily for the delegates to fulfill their two-fold obligation to elect the National Spiritual Assembly and to consult on matters of important concern to the teaching and consolidation work of the American Bahá'í community, any duly registered Bahá'í, adult or youth, is welcome to attend. No non-Bahá'í can be admitted to any session except those that are announced as being open to the public. There will be further announcements in the April issue of the U.S. SUPPLEMENT about the agenda.

All Bahá'ís attending the Convention must register and at the time of doing so must present *current* identification cards. *It is the responsibility of each believer to see that his card is kept current.*

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 arrangements required, such as a deposit or payment for the rooms in advance. There are no hotels in Wilmette. The following hotels are in nearby Evanston. The address, telephone number and daily rates (not including tax) are given in each instance.

Orrington Hotel; 1710 Orrington Avenue; UN 4-8700

Single \$8.00 to \$15.00; double \$12.00 to \$18.00.

No rooms available with two double beds.

Evanshire Hotel; 860 Hinman Avenue; UN 4-8800

Single \$6.00 to \$7.00; double beginning at \$8.50; twin \$10.00.

Library Plaza Hotel; 1637 Orrington Avenue; UN 4-8000

Single \$8.00; double \$10.00 and \$12.00.

North Shore Hotel; 1611 Chicago Avenue; UN 4-6400

Single \$8.50 to \$10.00; double \$11.50 to \$13.00.

YMCA Hotel; 1000 Grove Street; GR 5-7400

Men only. \$3.34 per night; reservations requested.

### MOTELS

Admiral Oasis; 9355 Waukegan Road; Morton Grove. YO 5-4000.

Single \$7.00 to \$8.00; double \$9.00 to \$10.00; twin \$10.00 to \$11.00; family accommodations (4) \$13.00.

Ed Robert's Colonial Hotel; 9101 Waukegan Road; Morton Grove. 966-9600.

Single \$7.00; double \$9.00; twin \$10.00. \$2.00 extra for each child up to 12 years of age.

Glenview Motel; 1829 Waukegan Road; Glenview; PA 4-9835.

Single \$6.00; double \$7.00; twin \$8.00.

Holiday Inn; Edens at Lake-Cook Road; Highland Park; VE 5-4000.

Single \$11.50 to \$14.50; double \$16.50 to \$20.50.

Hyatt House; 4500 Touhy Avenue; Lincolnwood; 677-5400.

Single \$13.00 to \$17.00; double \$18.00 to \$21.00.

Please direct any inquiries about the above listings to the Secretary of the Convention Arrangements Committee: *Mrs. Dorothy Redson, 681 Garland Avenue, Winnetka, Illinois.*

## Music for Bahá'ís Now Available

The National Music Committee has completed its first collection of "Music for Bahá'ís." Packet No. 1 contains choral music—twenty a cappella numbers by the following composers: Charles Duncan, D. Parsons Goodrich, Saffa Kinney, Mimi McClellan, Phoebe Pfaehler, Jeanne South, Louise Waite, Marion Wilcox, S. Esther Wilson, and Charles Wolcott.

This is the first in a series of packets. The second packet, soon to be available, will contain children's music. Together they and subsequent collections will begin to fulfill the need for song in Bahá'í community life. Packet after packet, the music publication will provide trial musical numbers which will be proven in community use so that selections can ultimately be published in the forms of books and recordings. The last page of each packet is an evaluation sheet for the directors and singers. When filled out and returned to the Committee, some measure of each song's popularity can be gained.

The packets are offered in four forms. Attractive, durable, washable, Bahá'í-imprinted white plastic covers will offer child-proof, loose-leaf volumes for the packets as they become available and can be added to each chorus repertoire. 19-hole binders are standard and recommended; 3-hole binders are optional.

The cost of these packets and covers, single and in lots are as follows:

	Single Copies	Lots of		
		10	20	50
Packet only, 3-hole punched, reinforced	\$ .60	6.00	11.00	27.00
Plastic covers, 3-hole, set of music	\$1.25	12.00	23.00	55.00
Plastic binder, 19-hole 3/8" loose-leaf, packet of music	1.25	12.50	24.00	57.50
Plastic binder with 19-hole 1/2" metal spine, loose-leaf, packet of music (binder recommended for directors)	1.50	13.00	25.00	60.00

Order from, and make out checks to: *Bahá'í Distribution and Service Department, 112 Linden Ave., Wilmette, Illinois 60091*

## Cost of Bahá'í Recording Reduced

The Bahá'í recording, "Bahá'í Meditations," composed of quotations from the Sacred Scriptures, and narrated by Anthony Lease, first made available in July, 1963 at \$3.50 may now be purchased for \$2.00 each from the *Bahá'í Distribution and Service Department, 112 Linden Avenue, Wilmette, Illinois 60091*. Made especially for radio and television public service use, the short narrations provide excellent "Thoughts for the Day" or "Sign On" and "Sign Off" inspirational material. Each side of the record is continuous play with five-second spacing and any cut may be cued independently. Checks, made payable to Bahá'í Distribution Department, must accompany orders for the record.

## BAHA'I DIRECTORY CHANGES

### ASSEMBLY SECRETARIES

#### Northern California

Santa Rosa: Mr. William E. McDermott, 350 - 2nd St.

#### Southern California Dist. #1

Hermosa Beach: Mrs. Sandra Freitas, P.O. Box 362

#### Indiana

Warsaw: Mrs. Louann Kelsey, 505 S. Washington St.

#### Louisiana

Baton Rouge: Mrs. Frances Gleason, Chr., 1766 Nicholson Dr., zip code 70802

#### Missouri

Kansas City: Mrs. Mary Conner, 1329 E. 45th St.

#### North Carolina

Greensboro: Mr. F. Kimball Kinney, 1311 Gatewood Ave., zip code 27405

#### Texas

Houston: Miss Jo Dean Quisenberry, State National Bldg., 5th fl., 412 Main St. zip code 77002

#### Wisconsin

Milwaukee: Mrs. Lauretta Turney, 506 W. Walnut St., Z 12

### NSA-STATE SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES

#### Missouri

delete name of Mrs. Lois Goebel, Clayton, Mo. (moved out of area)

#### Rhode Island

Mrs. Margaret Searles, 112 Mauran Ave., Cranston 02910 (new address)

## In Memoriam

Adolphus Byrd  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
December 28, 1964

Samuel B. Kraus  
Yonkers, N.Y.  
January 16, 1965

Mrs. Frances Cotman  
Lima, Ohio  
October 7, 1964

Raymond Ruger  
Philadelphia, Pa.  
December 29, 1964

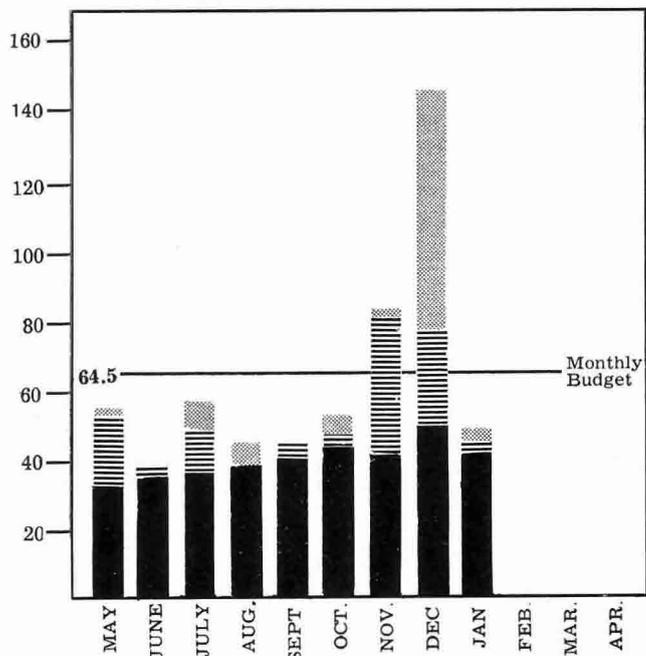
## "Thief in the Night" Still Available

The book *Thief in the Night* by Hand of the Cause, William B. Sears is still available from the original publisher, *George Ronald, 5 Barandon Street, London W. 11, England*, from whom it can be ordered at \$1.25 each, preferably through local book stores. It is *not available* from the Bahá'í Publishing Trust in Wilmette.

## NATIONAL BAHAI FUND

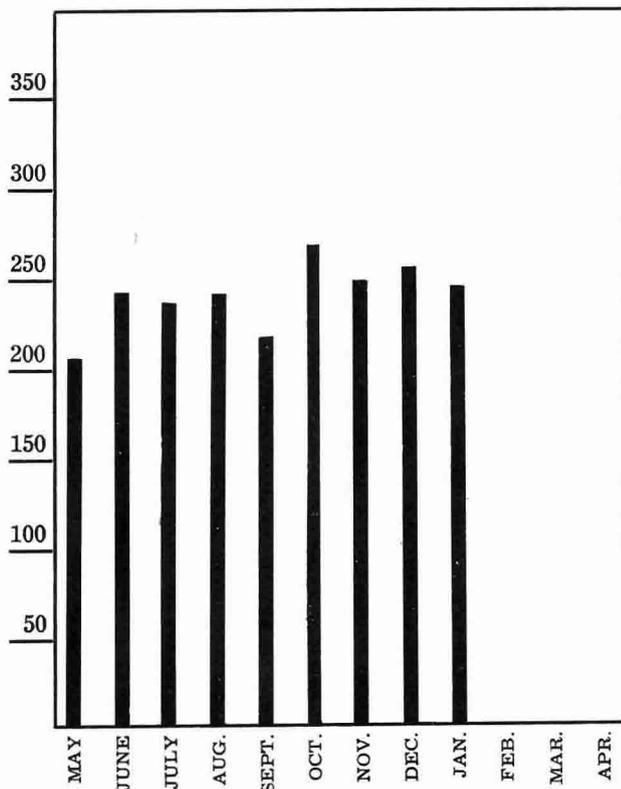
### Monthly Income: 1964-1965

Thousand \$



- Regular contributions
- ▨ Special contributions & Miscellaneous
- ▤ Estates

## Local Assemblies Contributing Each Month



## News Briefs

"The Creative Power of the Bahá'í Faith" was the theme of a highly successful youth conference sponsored by the Bahá'ís of Bernalillo County and Gallup, New Mexico, on December 26 and 27 at the Don McMillin home in Sandia Park. Ninety persons attended from ten states, and three foreign countries (frán, India and Canada) were represented. Included in the group were eleven Indian friends. Mrs. Ruth Moffett, Mr. David Smith, Mrs. Edna Andrews, Mrs. Margretta LeRoy, and Mrs. Loraine Landau were the speakers.

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In response to a direct invitation from radio station WGR in Buffalo, New York, Mrs. Florence Pringle of Hamburg, New York, who had spoken from this same station several times a few years ago, was interviewed on January 6 on its current popular program, "The Art of Living." Guests on the program are interviewed for ten minutes and then the public is invited to telephone in questions to be answered over the air by the speaker. The announcer informed Mrs. Pringle afterwards that this was one of the best interviews he had had and that when it was time to go off the air the telephone lines were still jammed with calls from the listeners. The station has a listening audience of 250,000 persons and is heard as far north as 250 miles in Canada.

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## Apparent Teaching Failure Brings Success

An apparently unsuccessful effort to bring the Faith to a minority group in Rockland County, thirty miles north of New York City, turned into a most rewarding undertaking.

Original plans of two small Bahá'í groups in that county called for a public meeting, with William Maxwell, Bahá'í speaker from Boston on "Has God Forgotten Us?" to be followed by several meetings for discussion in succeeding weeks.

In spite of extensive promotion, nobody from the neighborhood came to the meeting or to the discussion sessions. Yet the efforts were highly rewarding. Thirty-five Bahá'ís from a 100-mile radius came to help with advance publicity, distributing flyers to over 300 nearby homes. In the pouring rain one evening they visited these homes, leaving flyers, extending invitations and answering questions. Afterward they enjoyed an unforgettable evening of song, good talk and dinner together. Friendships were cemented and new ones made.

At the meeting the hall was filled to capacity with Bahá'ís and their guests from other areas, a wonderful spirit prevailing from the very start when everybody joined in Bahá'í songs, then listened to the inspiring message of Mr. Maxwell, and finally enjoyed discussion and refreshments.

Another successful aspect of the effort was the extensive publicity obtained through radio, newspapers and posters. Even the town officials learned about the Faith when they gave official permission for the activity.

## Baha'i Marriages

*In accordance with Shoghi Effendi's instructions, the U.S. SUPPLEMENT reports only those marriages which are carried out by local assemblies authorized by civil law to perform such ceremonies.*

*Marriages which embody Bahá'í ceremonies but which are not legal under state law are not published.*

Phoenix, Arizona: Miss Mary Theodora Miller to John C. Eichenauer, III on December 20, 1964

Burbank, Calif.: Miss Christine Ann Read to George Brooks Gosting on December 19, 1964

Fresno, Calif.: Miss Tahirih June Rouse to Michael Leo Ward on December 27, 1964

Los Angeles, Calif.: Miss Billie Louise to Farhang Vahdat on January 6, 1965

Wilmette, Illinois: Miss Julie Rae Gibson to Christopher Kunz Ruhe on December 20, 1964

Royal Oak, Michigan: Miss Leanna Marie Curwin to Michael A. Dungey on December 22, 1964

Royal Oak, Michigan: Miss Lois D. Henson to Gary R. Hurdlow on December 27, 1964

Las Vegas, Nevada: Mrs. June Marie Grimblot to Hugh Hamilton Foy Cooke on December 30, 1964

Reno, Nevada: Miss M. Faye Wilson to Daniel L. Pignard on December 19, 1964

New York, N.Y.: Mrs. Ligia E. Ruiz to Jorge Ruiz Rios on December 24, 1964

Seattle, Wash.: Miss Irene Patterson to Isaiah J. Abney on January 1, 1965

South King Co. C.D., Wash.: Mrs. Mirian Veronica Johnson to John P. Boot on December 24, 1964

Los Angeles, Calif.: Miss Sandra V. Jacob to Candido Freitas on November 14, 1964

San Francisco, Calif.: Mrs. Annabelle Kirby to William Willoya on November 14, 1964

Flint, Michigan: Miss Constance A. Waters to Paul A. Peters on November 28, 1964

Seattle, Wash.: Miss Kathleen Joyce Little to Shigeichi Tanaka on December 4, 1964