

(Notes taken by Emma Jones, of Escondido, California, at the 3rd session of the Intercontinental Conference, Sunday the 4th of May, 1958 in Chicago, Ill.)

The session began with devotions--prayers said in English, Spanish, French and Persian.

Announced by 6 _____ "that we will see about the cost of reproducing Guardian's great map--will consult with the Hands in the Holy Land." Gratifying spirit manifest in outpouring of volunteers for service on many fronts.

One purpose of the Conference was to raise funds to help complete the 3 Temples-in-Africa taken care of by their Conference. Australia and Frankfurt need help. 900 attending the Kampala Conference raised \$300,000.00 and \$30,000.00 raised in Australia.

Approximately \$14,000.00 pledged by individual Persians for Crusade goals; and many have also volunteered to pioneer in our Crusade territory. One has pledged \$120.00 per month for rest of Crusade--approx. \$7,500.00.

"They cannot go until they are replaced in weak LSA's.--they cannot be broken." This is the Guardian's instructions. Mr. Kavelin, made very clear and emphatic.

One older pioneer, 66 Y _____? said "As I get older I find moving around in the Faith keeps me from getting in a rut."

One Negro, who had been for 52 yrs, a Baptist minister, and only two months in the Faith, said he is going and will light where his wings fall.

Madame Varga brought messages from Rhuyyih Khanum and herself. Said, "One day in London R. K. was speaking--'This is important today, the only thing we can offer the Guardian is our souls, and to volunteer and pioneer and work, and work,". In the Holy Land a year ago, the Guardian said, "At first is is one pioneer, and then a group is formed, and then and LSA and then and NSA. In Baghdad, in the Garden of Ridwan, we will have an International Congress of Baha'is--(60 NSA's and 200 countries must be represented). It will be a congress not a conference, and he shook his finger when he said this. (He shook his finger emphatically) Last year Salzburg had 3 LSA's and this year a NSA.

Francis Johnson spoke re American Indian work. Told what Dorothy Baker said Shoghi Effendi said to her when she was on her pilgrimage to Haifa, about the Indians; that we have really made little beginning. Pioneering among the Indians would require the same dedication required of pioneers who went to Africa. We will have to have marked enrollment in the ranks of the Faith from among the Indians. Francis Johnson said the committee is better equipped than ever before to help the pioneers. Ethel Murray made the translation into Cherokee possible. She is pioneering among the Indians at Cherokee, So. Carolina. Edna Atkinson is the pioneer among the Indians at Macy, Nebraska; and the situation there is very RUGGED. This is the most difficult teaching task on the homefront. The Indian work is the only remaining task of the original 7 yr, plan. The greatest memorial to Shoghi Effendi would be the completion of this task--the one that the Guardian had his heart in. Mr. & Mrs. Madoni are going to Gallup to replace Grace Dean who leaves because of health.

Mrs. _____ of Canada said the Indians there are 3-400 years behind. White cannot live on reservations. Have to make contacts with Indians on outside. Now have 2 Indians enrolled. Their Band Council met on the 9th of April to decide about Baha's being able to go onto the reservation, and their decision read: "All members of the B.W.F. be free to come to the Pecan reservation in Canada when the Indians ask them to come." The council voted and recorded the above statement. Now have one Indian on the reserve and one other ready to go to another reserve to pioneer. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pulley cannot pioneer, but have pledged \$50.00 a month assistance for one who can.

89 volunteered this morning for pioneering.

Mr. Bert Reskowsky (of Canada) spoke re Costa Rica. "Pioneering is moving from the lower self to a higher self." After being a long time in Costa Rica Shoghi Effendi sent him to Zechoslovakia and Austria to teach. He says the B's there in Zechaslavakia are made from the same wood as Dawnbreakers. He asked them about negotiating with the Govt. for recognition of the Faith and they were very happy and said go ahead!--they were not afraid. And, believe it or not, the Govt. has recognized the Faith. We must be diplomatic! He said, "Pray for Baha-u-llah to send you a heavenly host, and the little fellow will arrive soon and you will no longer have a split personality, because He will direct you and you will not need to worry about putting the Faith first!"

Hand of the Cause, Leroy Ioas: "With no little emotion I arise to speak after this demonstration of volunteers to carry the Banner of Baha-u-llah to various places. This causes me to recall Shoghi Effendi's joy over the pioneers and their service. I am particularly impressed with the Negroes who have arisen to serve in the South. Shoghi Effendi referred to the Negroes as the "apples of my eyesight". The entire structure of the Faith is built for one purpose--to carry the Banner of the Faith of Baha-u-llah to the world. "One evening Shoghi Effendi came to dinner and there were no pilgrims present. I asked S. E. how he was feeling, and he said, "Well." He pushed away his plate and silver and did not eat anything, and said he had bad news that day. A cable stating some pioneer friends on a certain island had been deported and the new native B's been put in jail. And I have another cable stating that an American pioneer in Africa had passed away. S. E. said, "What will these pioneers think if their Guardian sends them out to be put into jail?" I said, Shoghi Effendi, how can you feel that way? They go gladly and willingly to serve Baha-u-llah, and they re happy to make the sacrifice." Wherever you serve the Holy Spirit is with you.

Hand of the Cause, Horace Holley: "Shoghi Effendi said the American Baha'i Community would have to be the reservoir to provide pioneers for the rest of the world to carry the Crusade. He repeated many times this statement. Our capacity to send out pioneers depends upon our capacity to confirm new souls. All cannot go out, but all can contribute to the unity of our Communities and arise above personal harrasments and support the institutions and contribute to the confirming if souls.

Hand of the Cause, John Robarts: "Every minute of this Conference has been a great inspiration. I am trying to get as much as possible to take back to Afri Africa. Shoghi Effendi meant to disperse not only to far away places, but to centers in the U.S. B. E. said "people in cities are immersed in gross materialism, not so in the small places." An African went to his first Baha'i meeting, and after listening for about an hour, said, "Do you mean I would love all people if I become a Baha'i? But I cannot, because there are some I cannot love." But after a while he came to my house and said, "I used to go to bed at night hurseing my hate feelings, but now I have learned to love."

Then an official came from the school and wanted to know about the Faith as such a change had come over this teacher, and he became a Baha'i.

Africans are pure hearted. Can be brought in and then taught. One of the tribesman of the Paramount Chief came in and made his declaration and brought his two wives and they smilingly signed cards. When the Chief comes in he has 80 wives! In Kampala a Baha'i murdered his wife and went to the authorities and said as a Baha'i he would take his punishment and was sent to prison. In there he confirmed 26 souls and they wrote the S. E. asking permission to form an LSA, but he lovingly told them to return to their communities and teach the Faith.

Hand of the Cause Dr. Giachery: "I cannot express enough my gratitude for S. E. singling me out to come here on this occasion. Only my wife known. When I received the message from S. E. to come here I felt so unworthy and cabled this to S. E. and he replied: "You deserve the honor, and in my wisdom I have chosen you.", and I feel so humble. I have an invisible bond. The demonstration of love and affection is for S. E., not for me. I take all this love as a tribute to him."

As S. E.'s personal representative in the Holy Land his interest centered particularly on Institutions of Twin Cities of Acca and Haifa. "Few years ago S. E. sent a gift of a photo of Mt. Carmel taken about 1900. It was a dry rocky mountain; no buildings, no vegetation. The Only building on Mt. Carmel was a Carmelite monastery on the N. E. side of the mountain. Going to Haifa from the beginning of his stewardship of beloved S. E. the mountain has undergone tremendous transformation. In the Jewish language Mt. Carmel means "vineyard of God". All the Holy Ones of God have trod on the mountain. Gings. pp 14-15-16 is the Tablet of Carmel. A profound document upon which is based whole transformation of Mt. Carmel. Memorize it if possible, and you will understand better the meaning of the Institutions, particularly the phrase regarding the sailing of the Ark and the Book of names. This is the charter of the Institutions of the Faith on Mt. Carmel. Of all the religions, dead or alive, the Baha'i Faith is only one that has both administrative and a spiritual center on Mt. Carmel--one spot. Other religions are like dismembered body--scattered institutions. This is very important point in teaching the Faith. Holy Land--the land of Bahje, penetrated by Spirit and Power emanating from **Their remains** and **Their Being**. S. E. wanted to impress with the spiritual power of the Center of Mt. Carmel. Baha-u-llah pitched His Tent on it and on one occasion revealed this Tablet which is **Charter**, and is midway, and one time pointed with His Finger showing Abdul Baha where He wanted the

Shrine of the Bab and this place is now marked by a clump of cypress trees **towering** over the Shrine of the Bab. (the trees mark the spot where His tent was pitched.) In barely 50 years the remarkable transformation. The original one story of local stone. (refer to G. P. B.) Abdul Baha said every stone is a tear. After the beginning of the stewardship of S. E. this transformation took place. Those who shared bread with S. E. at the table noticed the far away look and could not understand. He was seeing something not now but looking into future centuries. That is why Faith has such a strong foundation. We can never do anything worth while to express to S. E. our gratitude to pay for his supreme sacrifice. He erected a strong foundation to withstand storms that are to shake the world. His vision was milleniums ahead. Nothing can shake them. (the foundations) He built institutions and embellished them. Wish I could show motion picture showing these buildings, but because of mechanical difficulties it is impossible. I hope that in the future you can take the trip to see the testimonial and memorial S. E. has built; every tree, every flower, every pot, was placed by him personally or under his direction.

The Golden Dome--the Queen of Mt. Carmel crowned with His Glory. The National Archives, the 1sts a series of 5 buildings he had planned to erect. This arc begins where the Shrine ends and covers about 300 meters or 900 ft. It is visib

ible from ship and land. The world center has started to rise from Guardians initiation. In several messages since 49 when he embarked upon erecting the World center in Haifa.....l....

\$250,000.00 is the established value of property at the World center/ The efforts, and labor, and anguish, expressed in money, would be an astronomical figure. S. E. knew exactly what had to be done.. Divine Inspiration, not always orthodox manner, but the quickest, best manner, was his way. Whenever you enter the Shrine or Garden you are overcome with Spiritual Peace and calm you cannot describe. Not only B's feel this, but others who come from all over world feel so keenly the repose no other where found. 792,000 plus ? visitors to the Shrine since the beginning of the Crusade, until Nov 4th. Visitors are coming now by the thousands and remaining longer. The minister of Agriculture and his wife, and 2 newsmen, both members of Parliament of Iran, all 4 Moslem, and one of them and archenemy of Faith, came. They were surprised they were admitted. When asked to remove shoes at entrance, they were a bit disturbed, but when it was explained that in Moslem Mosques it was done they acquiesced, and when they entered the wife whispered to her husband, "Isn't it beautiful? Why can't we do something like this at home at our shrines?"

Sometimes it is flooded with light on occasions, and can be seen from Haifa. Mayor of Haifa requested that during the 1st anniversary of celebration of their nationhood (?), to please keep the lights burning. It was their expression of love for what Baha'is are doing there.

There is one house where Abdul Baha lived and S. E. lived for 36 years. Rooms of A.B. and S. E. and Baha-u-llah and the Greatest Holy Leaf all kept as during their lifetime.

Millie Collins contributed funds for land on top of Mt. Carmel, which was not easy to get, and through efforts of Leroy Ioas it was possible. Some day in future, the Temple will be there. The most sacred spot in Holy Land is the Tomb of Baha-u-llah, near old city of Agrippa, site of Crusaders. Bahje is a little bit out of city, about 4 miles. For a long time the Mansion itself was in the hands of covenantbreakers, until about 46, and it was in terrible disrepair. But S. E. has rebuild it, and it is magnificent now. It was surrounded by sand, but now embellished. Since the beginning of the Crusade, through the generosity of a descendent of Baha-u-llah it is now possible to obtain and beautify the Tomb of Baha-u-llah. When you enter the Tomb of Baha-u-llah it is different from the Shrine.--an overpowering feeling makes you feel so small--like a pebble--you feel the immensity of Baha-u-llah's revelation through the Tomb. Much has been accomplished since the beginning of the Crusade.

On S. E.'s part especially the band of covenantbreakers was evicted.--a terrible fierce battle. This desecrated building came down piece by piece. It was attacked with such fury--was completed in 10 days instead of regular 30. Even the dust was removed. Everything was removed. S. E. said very long high terrace should be built--about 27 or 30 ft high.--runs along a long path that leads to Collins gate--being completed and landscaped with flowers and lamp-posts. When standing on terrace you have all the gardens under your scrutiny, the Shrine, the gardens, the Tomb of Baha-u-llah, and you see the 2 centers are connected--a not visible bridge (spirit) connects the 2 centers. A beautiful new door at the Tomb of Baha-u-llah turns it into a beautiful garden of flowers. If emotion overtakes you you have to stop and bow your head to the ground and await strength to go on and then you take a few steps more to enter the Shrine where you let emotion overtake you. The Chandeliers, rugs, flowers,.....

The Archives contain photos of pioneers, individual and families; martyrs, knights, incorporations, marriages--(recognized by countries)--All these here for eternity. If you want the privilege of seeing the incorporation papers of your LSA--hurry and it will be placed in golden frame on a table,(during crusade

There was a plan of embellishing the Tomb with something monumental, and he (S. E.) had a clear idea of what he wanted, and I hope it can be carried out. Then Bahje will be the most beautiful spot in the world. New land is being bought--deals are through the government. Since the formation of the State, the population is pushing from every side, so we must hurry to protect the mountain. S. E. was farsighted and assured the friends it would be protected.

The endowments include the rights of 7 NSA's there. Can withstand assaults from every source because of being so secure. The endowments of 5 1/2 are increasing every day.

The officials of the government need our gratitude. The Guardian says "protect the dignity of the Cause at any cost." The Israeli people respect the Baha'is. We have no taxation there. Wherever the Hands in Haifa go they are greeted with courtesy and pleasure and a willingness to assist. S. E. had precedence over ALL other religious heads in Israel because he was the head of both the Spiritual and Administrative centers.

To speak of the Guardian was very difficult for Dr Giachery. He could not tell of the Guardian's life.

The Guardian's days started very early and ended late, with no time for repose or amusement in the worldly sense. The administration of the affairs is in the hands of The Custodians. The brain, the center of the entire B. W. F.--the delicate machinery which operates in the revelation of Baha-u-llah--is in the presence of broad foundation laid by Baha-u-llah and Abdul Baha and Shoghi Effendi.

I have one request. I am the treasure in the Holy Land and assisted by Miss Revell. The funds are greatly needed. Keep the flow! Baha'i Custodian's Fund is title recognized by the Israeli govt. Please send it! From the World Center is where allocations for other projects are made all over the world.

Dr. Giachery wept.

☞ volunteered for the Indian home-front.

Mrs. Mengahiz ^{Mumiff?} (?) double Knight of Baha-u-llah--has opened two fronts to the Faith--the newest is Spanish Sahara--the 3rd request of S. E. of her.

AFTERNOON Session:

Sydney is short about \$4500.00. Frankfurt is hoping enough friends will be present to subscribe enough to fulfill that objective.--by Borah Kavelin.

Hand of the Cause, Horace Holley: re Temples.

Looked up references to House of Worship to find our exactly the purpose and meaning and function of the Temple as through the yrs much mythology had developed, such as that over each door to be the name of a religion so that those of that religion could enter in that door! Among the Institutions of Holy Books is foundation of place of worship in order for humanity to have place of unity. Real Temple is Word of God--all must turn to it--center of worship. Temples symbols of Divine Uniting Force that man may recall fact Law has been revealed for them and they must turn to it. That is why Baha-u-llah commanded a building for worship."Ages of darkness have passed away, and the century of Light has come". Abdul Baha. S. E. afforded relief, sustenance, education, solace, and security.

Interior is not to become a conglomeration of religious services--various avenues of approach converging under the dome. Will not serve as entrances for each religion.

Tablet of Abdul Baha stating there were to be 9 doors, galleries, its beauty, etc. Its mystery great and cannot be unveiled yet. The 5 buildings are to one for orphans; a hospital; (or dispensary for the poor; a college; a hospice, and a home for the aged; thus fulfilling the principle that science and religion becoming handmaids to each other. No instruments whatever. Readings from all Holy Books of extant religions; Old and New Testaments; Koran; and Writings of Baha-u-llah. Create a commotion that would attract the hearts of the people. Represents wholeness of life....spirit and science; worship and faith. Fu;fills a service to mankind. Unity and progressive revelation are not in the revelations of the past. The wholeness of life represents the one eternal religion of God; and immeasurable spiritual experience. Eventually Temples will not be built only in the continents but in every city. There is only one **POWER** that can redeem humanity from its own sins, and bring about the establishment of the New World Order of Baha-u-llah.

Borah Kavelin: Mr. Holley suggested that B. K. fill in the gaps in Mr. Holley's talk, so B. K. had nothing to say, except that Temples are beacons to the world.

Lloyd Carpenter spoke on the needs of Canada: Need a Negro couple for either Anchorage or Fairbanks; couple to settle outside village of Barrow.

Several pioneers spoke, mentioning their experiences, qualifications, bounties bestowed, and the joyous reward of serving; Mrs. Munsiff; Ted Cardell; Phillip Marangella; Arden Thur; Mrs. Ruth Blackwell; Elizabeth Cheny; Jenabe Caldwell; Dale Tup (?); Greetings from Sofia by friend of Miss Jack; Mr. A. S. Petzhold; Mrs. Samandari Banani, (granddaughter of the Hand of the Cause) from Turkey; Mr. Juan de los Pena of Mexico; Mrs. Catherine McLaughlin;

An announcement made over loudspeaker; A Col. Primo of Brazil who is at the YMCA Hotel wants to meet a Baha'i as he has heard of Faith and wants to know more about it.

It was arranged that at the close of the session, after the closing remarks by the 5 Hands of the Cause present, that the prayer "The Remover of Difficulties" would be said in as many languages as represented at the Conference. This to follow immediately, without any spoken words, after Dr. Giachery finished speaking.

Mason Remy spoke briefly of gratitude of the spiritual outpouring.

John Robarts told of incidence related by Rhuyyih Khanum and closed with this; "The destiny of our own souls is secure only by reason of love, service, and dedication of our selves."

Horace Holley stepped to the microphone and called Ya Baha-ul-Abha 3 times. This was a soul stirring experience, and the refrain rang clear as a silver bell throughout the entire auditorium, moving everyone deeply.

Leroy Ioas was next and told several things that S. E. had said about the Crusade and teaching; "Now we will have to wait and see what the friends will do." I thought how can S. E. be sure and publicly state these victories will be won,

