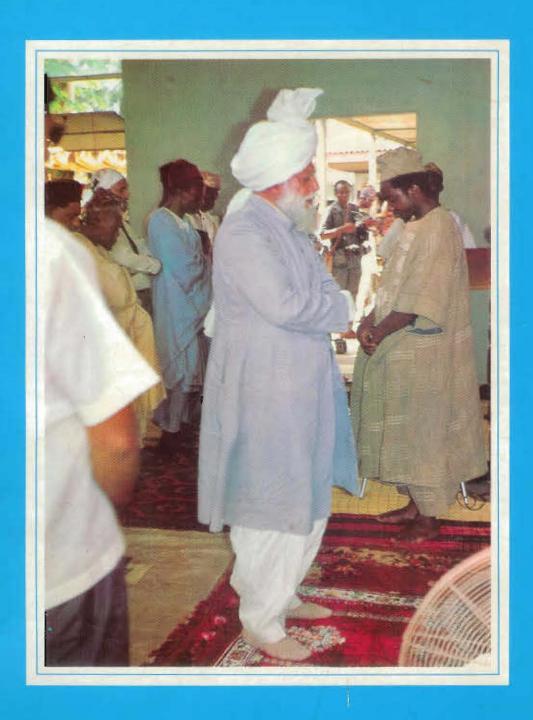
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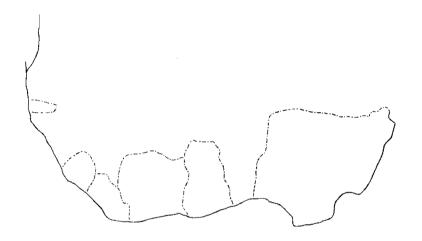


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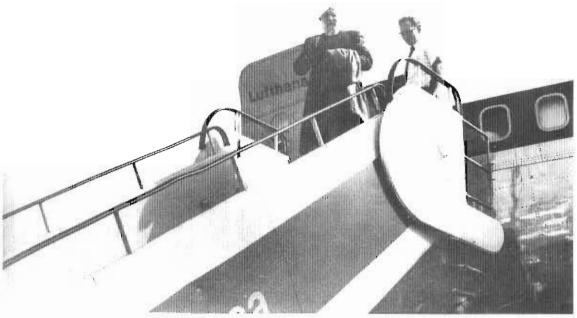
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An account of a five-week tour of six African countries, on the West Coast, by Hazrat Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad, Head of the Ahmadiyya Community and third Caliph of the Promised Messiah and Mahdi, peace be on him, exclusively based on published or broadcast reports taken from the Press and Radio of the countries concerned viz. Nigeria, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Liberia, the Gambia and Sierra Leone.







On the occasion of the formal opening of the Kumasi Mission House — the local people were overjoyed to see their spiritual leader in their midst.

Acknowledging tremendous ovation of the Nigerian Ahmadis.



The SUNDAY TIMES carried the following report in its issue dated April 12.

WORLD MUSLIM LEADER FLIES INTO LAGOS

The Supreme Head of the World Ahmadiyya Muslim Organisation, Hazrat Hafiz Mirza Ahmad, said in Lagos yesterday that man had no right to hate his fellow men

He was speaking to reporters at Ikeja Airport when he arrived on a week's goodwill visit to Nigeria.

The Muslim Leader who is currently touring West African countries declared "All men are equal; there is no difference between one man and another man", adding that "if the world realises this, there will be far less trouble".

Hazrat Ahmad enjoined on all men, Muslims, non-Muslims and Pagans, to be tolerant with one another.

He said, during his stay in the country, he would visit various parts of the country including Ibadan and Kano.



A section of the Nigerian Ahmadis anxious to catch a glimpse of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih

The NIGERIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION, next day, carried the following news item in its mid-day news bulletin.

The Supreme Head of the World Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, the Khalifa, Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, is now in Lagos for a week's visit to Nigeria.

He was welcomed by a large section of the Muslim community in the Federal capital last night.

Today, the Khalifa will perform the opening of the thirty-five thousand pound Ahmadiyya Mosque in Ijebu-Ode, in the Western State.

He will also open the fifty thousand pound Ahmadiyya Clinic in Kano later this week, before proceeding to other West African countries.

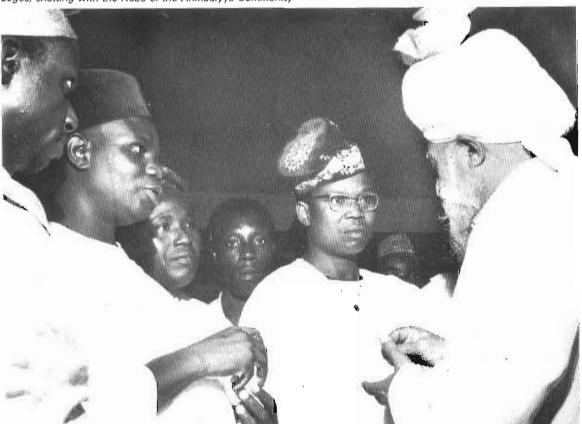


Ahmadi women — no less anxious than their counterparts.



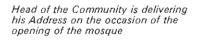
A group of Nigerian Ahmadis with Huzur at a Reception at the Federal Palace Hotel, Lagos

The Officer Commanding of the Mobile Forces, Lagos, chatting with the Head of the Ahmadiyya Community



The Minaret of the mosque at Ijebuode formally opened by the Head of the Ahmadiyya Community





FROM THE NIGERIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION'S NEWS BULLETIN FOR 13TH APRIL, 70 (7 p.m.)

The Head of State, Major-General Yakubu Gowon, has commended Nigerians for demonstrating their willingness to make peace particularly at the end of the civil war.

He pointed out that there is a good understanding among the various religious organisations in the country adding that if this had not been so, there could have been more trouble in the country.

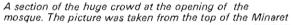
General Gowon was speaking during an audience he gave to the Supreme Head of the World Ahmadiyya Muslim Organisation, Mirza Nasir Ahmad, at his Dodan Barracks residence.

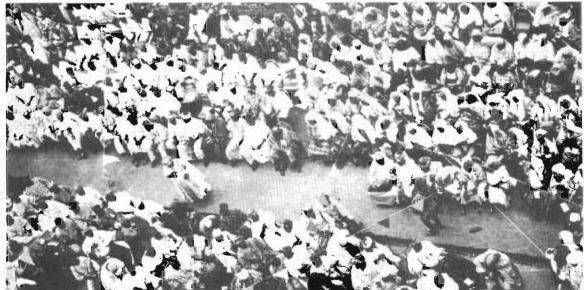
He said it was remarkable to note that during the crisis, Nigerians, irrespective of their religious differences, co-operated in ensuring the unity of the federation.

General Gowon expressed appreciation for the contributions of the Ahmadiyya Movement to the moral, physical and intellectual progress of the nation.

He noted that the movement had built schools and clinics for the welfare of the people.

The Muslim Leader, who is currently visiting Nigeria, had earlier spoken of the patience and tact of the Head of State during the crisis. He said the nation was properly guided under General Gowon's leadership.







Major-General Yakubu Gowon, Head of the Nigerian State, welcomes Hazrat Khalifatul Masih

MORNING POST, Lagos, dated April 14 reported as follows:

THE MIND MUST BE WON Gowon

The mind has to be won in the process of reconciliation, the Head of State, Major General Yakubu Gowon, said in Lagos yesterday.

General Gowon said this while receiving the Supreme Head of Avid Ahmadiyya Muslim Organisation, Hazrat Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih III, who paid a courtesy call at his Dodan Barracks residence.

He told the prominent Muslim Leader that "We in Nigeria are lucky that there is good understanding among various organisations, otherwise we would have had more trouble if we had listened to some overseas religious propaganda.

"Thank God, Nigerians were not waylaid to believe this, and our people co-operated regardless of religious groups to which they belong", he declared.

The Head of State also told the Muslim leader that the last civil war was the dream of an individual, pointing out that he warned the rebel leader, Ojukwu, and his foreign backers that secession would never succeed.

The trends of events after the end of the war, he emphasised, proved that if Ojukwu had been out of the scene the whole problem could have been solved.

During the crisis, he went on, the Federal Government felt innocent victims were misled and "We did not think in terms of our power, because we realised there is One who is more powerful than we are. He is our Creator and we hope our future leaders will continue to think in this way, serve the people faithfully and not think of the people serving them."

He urged all religious bodies to continue to pray "so that God will see us through"

On the achievement of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Nigeria, General Gowon expressed appreciation for its contribution to moral, physical and intellectual progress of Nigeria.

Earlier, Hazrat Ahmad had expressed admiration of the patience and tact of the Head of State.

"We have followed with keen interest the events in Nigeria during the crisis; the nation is properly guided under your leadership", he observed.

Details of the interview were also published by the NIGERIAN OBSERVER, DAILY TIMES, DAILY EXPRESS, DAILY SKETCH (Ibadan) and NEW NIGERIAN.

NEW NIGERIAN quoted Head of Ahmadiyya Community as saying to General Gowon:

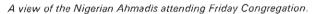
"I see everybody is happy at the end of war. It is significant to see smile on every face, no end-of-war bitterness as in case of other wars".



Mr. Justice A. R. Bakare of Lagos High Court held a Luncheon in his honour. Justice Bakare is seen sitting extreme right.



Huzur delivering Friday Sermon at the Muslim Teachers' Training College, Surulere (Lagos) which is being simultaneously translated in local language







Listening to Huzur's Khutba at Suru Lere, Lagos.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih delivered a lecture at the Mapo Hall, Ibadan.

The DAILY TIMES carried the following report in its issue of April 15:—

TEACH RELIGION TO ALL - FAITH LEADER

The Supreme Head of the World Ahmadiyya Muslim Organisation, Hazrat Hafiz Mirza Ahmad, has called for the introduction of courses in religious education at all levels in Nigerian schools.

Delivering a lecture at Ibadan this week Hazrat Ahmad said religious education would help accelerate the speed of discovery and set the search for new knowledge in direction relevant to man's well-being.

"It may set us thinking of one another—and of all peoples of the world—as creatures with an equal right to live and prosper as creatures with duties towards themselves and their fellow beings," he said.

Attitude

Such an attitude, the religious leader stated, would put the pursuit of knowledge in its proper place.

He called on students to offset the 'cramping influence' of specialisation which had become a feature of modern education.

Rather, he urged them to be curious about fields of knowledge other than theirs'.

Hazrat Ahmad declared: "Whatever our special interests or lines of study and discovery, we must not become indifferent to the rest of our environment".

The following is the text of Address delivered by Amirul Mo'Menin, Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, the Khalifatul Masih III, the Supreme Head of World Ahmadiyya Muslim Organization, at Mapo Hall, Ibadan, before a mixed audience of intellectuals, University students and members of the Ahmadiyya Community on the 13th of April, 1970.

Great Sons of a great Land,

Assalam-o-Alaikum, Greetings of peace to you all.

I cannot tell you how happy I am to be with you and in your great country. West Africa generally and Nigeria especially arose in my consciousness when I was ten or eleven, about fifty years ago. It was then that the first Ahmadiyya Muslim Missioner and educator set foot on your soil. Travel was then difficult and distances very long. The enterprise of a solitary visitor coming here to set up schools and mosques and community centres seemed so romantic. Since then, as many of you would know, more and more people, out of our part of the world, have come to work here in your midst. Our contacts have increased. So have mutual knowledge and confidence. The accounts of your country and people we received and read in the 1920s fired our imagination and I for one have ever longed to see things for myself and meet the people whose hospitaility and kindly interest we have enjoyed since those days. Finding myself here I find a dream fulfilled. I have become aware of your history, of your

culturally rich past. But I foresee for you—as indeed many people do now—an even richer future. A strange wind blows today, promising change and hope, inducing a new awareness, new enterprises, and, if I may add, pointing to new evidences of divine involvement in your destiny. How much, therefore, should all this mean to me and to you, and how very welcome should this occasion be—of a meeting with you—to me:

Your richer future which I can foresee is in the hands of youth, and as I have worked with young people through the greater part of my life, you need not be surprised—as indeed I am not surprised—at my own special urge to say something that will move young hearts.

And what could I wish to say but what is uppermost in my own mind and heart? It is to explain to you, if I may, how important it is to pursue knowledge and what is the Islamic way of pursuing it.

Everybody today is talking of science and technology and I am not indifferent to this. How can I be when I know that Allah—Almighty Allah—has created the heavens and the earth for subjugation by man and how can they be subjugated except by knowledge patiently gathered and wisely applied to the betterment of human life and the fulfilment of purposes prescribed by Allah?

So I must, first of all, wish you well in the pursuit of your studies. It may be natural science that you study. It may be social science. It may be history or literature. It may be some branch of applied or professional science, or it may be, as I hope, theological science. The pursuit of knowledge is the special prerogative and privilege of the youth of the world. But what I wish to tell you is that Truth is knowledge and that there is an Islamic way of pursuing it. I would suggest that you experiment with it to make sure if this is not the best way of the pursuit of knowledge.

The Islamic way is the way of prayer. I will tell you presently what exactly I mean by prayer and why I commend this to you while you are engaged in your enterprise of study and research. My view is that all the crucial accessions to knowledge have come through prayer. Great discoverers and inventors and great men of science tell us this. But you will point to scientists who are indifferent to

faith in Allah and to praying to Him. True, there are scientists of that kind. But even they have had to knock at the door of the Great Unseen, to implore it to yield some of its secrets to them. This is not very different from the solicitations of a believer in Allah, a believer who has had experience of Divine grace and mercy, who has prayed to Him often and whose prayers have been heard almost as often. The believer and unbeliever both turn to the Unseen for help. Both receive this help. Only, the unbeliever does not know and the believer knows that this help-which they both seek and find-comes from Almighty Allah, Lord, Creator and Sustainer of us all. The unbeliever and believer both sustain themselves with prayer, with the hope of help from somewhere. The unbeliever does not know that he prays, nor to Whom he prays, nor Who receives his prayer and rewards it with acceptance. The believer out of long experience knows that he prays and prays to his Lord and Master, Who opens for him the door to knowledge and discovery. The unbeliever prays in ignorance, the believer prays with knowledge and confidence. Both have their prayers heard. But how different are the two prayers!

It is this difference I invite you to grasp. The difference is that if you pray with knowledge and confidence and trust and conviction, you have far more chance of being heard and rewarded. And how relevant is this to our present predicament. You and me and many others in Asia and Africa are charged with backwardness. But neither you nor we were backward always. We had our day, the day on which we led the world not only in our knowledge of Almighty Allah but—with His grace and mercy—in our knowledge of the world. That day is going to dawn on us again. Once again you and me are going to become the torch-bearers of knowledge, knowledge of God, knowledge of nature, knowledge of man. But those who will combine natural means and methods—and these have been given to us as to others by Allah Almighty—those who will combine natural means and methods with prayer and trust and confidence in the power, grace and mercy of Allah, will go forward and march to progress with greater speed. What is more, they will have no delusions about their own powers. They will not become arrogant, attributing everything to themselves. They will have due humility. They will not march nor lead others to destruction. On the other hand, they might save others from the disasters into which the blind, unguided pursuit of knowledge is certain to lead us.

There are other things I wish to invite you to consider. Allah Almighty, we learn from the Holy Quran, wants us, again and again, to view and view with care whatever there is in the heavens and the earth. Allah wants us to view ourselves, our humble origin, our growing aspirations, our life and death here, and our limitless life Hereafter. All of which means that whatever our special interests, our special lines to study and discovery, we must not become indifferent to the rest of our environment which may be men or animals or birds or material things. The key to knowledge is curiosity. We must not become indifferent to the interests and aspirations of fellow human beings. We must ever remain aware of the obligations and duties we owe to one another, to the human community to which we belong and to the Maker of us all, our Allah. If we take care of this simple matter, we will steer clear of dangers—dangers to a full, happy and purposeful living-which lie in wait for modern civilization. We will place ourselves in the grand cosmic context. For, after all, what are we but creatures endowed with limited freedom and will, who, if they really knew, ought to bend humbly to their Creator in fulfilment of His purpose? If we become aware of our environment, our total context, our Maker, we should go about, not oblivious of the existence of other people, nor of fields of knowledge other than our own, nor of the Ultimate purpose of our birth and being viz., our peace with God. Even a superficial acquaintance with modern scientific pursuits is salutary. All sciences impress upon us the wisdom and meaningfulness of Allah's creation. Even so there is difference between science and science—one difference is that some sciences are relatively more specialized, some relatively more general. The most general sciences are those which deal with man as whole. These, I suggest, should have more charm, more appeal for you. For, these will take you nearer to that ultimate goal and purpose which makes our life important and meaningful. Such fields of study, therefore, should have a special charm for you. Let us not be over-impressed by the conventional divisions of modern knowledge. Let us look at them in our own special way. Let us prefer—if we have the chance—to choose studies which involve acquaintance with man as a whole, his capacities, interests, aspirations, obligations, duties and so on. Let us prefer even studies which produce in us a concern with life Hereafter. Maybe, if we modify our attitude to the pursuit of knowledge in this way, we will realize and realize sooner than we think, that our life here is a small—very small—segment compared with our life Hereafter. How differently we should then treat our passing life-interests, our squabbles, our competitive living, our mutual fears and our hates: With this faith, the pursuit of knowledge—the distinctive occupation of youth in the universities of the world—should acquire a new quality, a new dimension, a new edge.

At present, we are not so well aware that all things in this world have unlimited possibilities, unlimited properties. If we happen to have fallen back in the race for knowledge and discovery, therefore, we need not feel discouraged. We need not think that everything of importance has been discovered and there is nothing very much more for us to discover. The true scientist who has seen something of the vastness of nature and limitlessness of the properties with which all things in nature are endowed, will not say or think so. But lesser students of science would think or say so. The lesser scientists need to know and remember that our Lord's creation is infinite in its vastness, that the properties of all things in His creation are also infinite, and that is but a reflection of the infiniteness of the powers and attributes of our Lord, Allah. The voyage of discovery, therefore, can never come to an end. My message, therefore, is: Pull vourselves together. There is much more left for you to discover than has been discovered in the past. There may be much more—very much more—in store for you than you imagine. Maybe the knowledge you will now acquire is not only more extensive but more meaningful and more relevant to the purpose of existence, therefore, more pleasing to Allah, our Lord, Creator and Master.

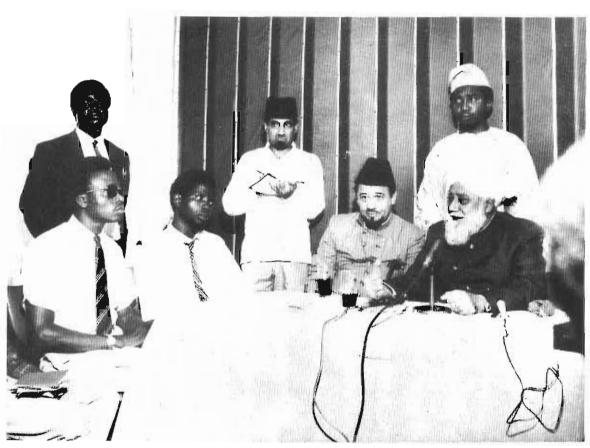
Give serious thought to my plea for prayer in the pursuit of knowledge. Remember, prayer does not acquire its full character unless it is accompanied by a proper awareness of Allah as our Lord, Creator and Sustainer, Lord of all that is in the Heavens and the Earth. Turn to Him, it may be, only half-believing. He will turn back and answer your prayer and enter all the tasks you undertake for His sake and for the sake of His creatures. This is an attitude more appropriate to the pursuit of knowledge.

There is something more you may do; and this is to try and offset the cramping influence of specialization which has become such a feature of modern knowledge and modern education. Specialization I know is inevitable, even useful. There is so much to know in every field, and there are so many more fields which keep cropping up that nobody can afford to apply himself to more than one or two fields of knowledge. Even so, I feel something can and should be done to correct the present situation in education and research. A proper attitude, again, can make all the difference in the world. The attitude I advocate is the attitude which makes you curious about fields of knowledge other than your own. This is the attitude which helps you eventually to view Allah's entire creation as a whole with

its beauty, grandeur and purposefulness. We can promote this attitude by instituting courses in religious education at all levels and for all denominations and all functioning in an atmosphere of freedom. Religious education should exercise a steadying influence on those undergoing modern education. It may turn the minds of future generations of educated men and women to Allah, our Lord, Creator and Sustainer, Just think, what it would mean. It will accelerate the speed of discovery. It will set the search of new knowledge in directions relevant to our well-being: physical, moral and spiritual. It may set us thinking of one another—and of all peoples of the world—as creatures with an equal right to live and prosper, as creatures with duties towards themselves, towards their fellow-beings and towards Allah. Such an attitude will put our pursuit of knowledge in its proper places. So placed, our pursuit of knowledge should make us humble. It should make our lives more significant, more useful to ourselves, and to all others. Knowledge we may have but knowledge which fails to do this, fails outright, fails basically.

I pray that our Gracious and Merciful Allah may give a proper direction to our efforts for a better life. May He save us from mistakes we are liable to make and forgive the mistakes we nevertheless happen to make. May He bless our good intentions and our little deeds. And whether we deserve or not, may He favour us with His approval and His pleasure. May He re-enter the minds and hearts of those who have forgotten Him and driven Him out of their thoughts and may He save them from the folly of relying only on themselves and the means at their disposal.

God of Power and Might; Creator of all things and of all their properties; Our Guide and Help! The doors to true and useful knowledge have ever been opened through Your Grace and Mercy. Open these doors to those of us who have been left behind in the quest. Open these doors to us, to our generations. So that we may have insight into the nature of everything You have created: So that we may become aware of what is pleasing to You; and so that we may walk the ways that lead to the fulfilment of purposes for which You have created us. Our Lord, make us love one another, make us serve one another. Above all, make us love You, make us Your true servants, and bind us ever in gratitude to You, and may we become worthy of the quest for knowledge and discovery with which—out of Your wisdom and grace—You have endowed us and may the knowledge we acquire and the discoveries we make, help to bring us nearer to one another and bend us all to Your purposes, Your wishes, Your will. *Amin*.



Huzur addressing a Press Conference at the Federal Palace Hotel (Lagos).

The SUNDAY POST dated April 19, carried the following report:

AHMADIYYA TO BUILD MEDICAL CENTRES

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission have completed arrangements to set up medical centres in various parts of the country, as part of its contributions torwards the post-war reconstruction work in Nigeria.

Disclosing this to reporters, shortly before he flew out to Ghana yesterday, the supreme head of the World Ahmadiyya Muslim Organisation, Hazrat Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad, said that qualified doctors and surgical specialists would be sent from Pakistan to administer the hospitals.

The renowned world Muslim leader had been in Nigeria for the past week on a good-will tour to the West African Ahmadiyya Muslim Communities.

Hazrat Ahmad further stated that arrangements, to build four secondary schools in the North-Western State of the country, were being carried out between himself and the Military Governor of the State Commissioner—Usman Farouk

Delivering his farewell address to hundreds of Muslims who besieged the airport to see him off, Hazrat Ahmad urged them to remember that they are the sons and daughters of a great land which is rich in natural and human resources.

"You have a great future which is greater than you can imagine provided you establish a living link with our Lord and Master, Allah", he affirmed.

The Nigerian Broadcasting Corporation carried a report in its 7 a.m. news on April 17, 1970.

The Ahmadiyya Movement of Nigeria is to build sixteen Secondary Schools and four medical centres in the country within the next five years.

This was announced at a news conference in Lagos yesterday by the Supreme Head of the World Ahmadiyya Muslim Organisation, Nasir Ahmad, the Khalifatul Masih the third.

The Muslim Leader said, the decision, to build the schools, is in conformity with the Organisation's policy to give maximum opportunity and material help to all people to enable them to develop their talents.

The Khalifa, who has been touring parts of the federation, said that he was impressed by the development of his movement in the country.

The Nigerian Press met Hazrat Khalifatul Masih at the Federal Palace Hotel. The DAILY TIMES (April 17) carried a report about it.

PANEL TO BUILD 16 HIGH SCHOOLS FIVE-YEAR PROJECT

The Supreme Head of Avid Ahmadiyya Muslim Organisation, Hazrat Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih III, said in Lagos yesterday that "It is only Islam that has so far helped to solve the economic problems of mankind".

This, he said, had been so because Islam preached tolerance, love and respect for others' feelings.

Hazrat Ahmad was addressing newsmen at the Federal Palace Hotel, Victoria Island, yesterday.

Every individual, he said, must be allowed to "develop his faculties with the aid of material means to the advantage of others".

His organisation, he said, had set up a committee to work out the possibility of establishing 16 secondary schools and four medical centres in Nigeria within the next five years.

The Muslim Leader also suggested a special broadcasting station for the purpose of teaching Islam in Nigeria.

The MORNING POST carried the following report in its issue dated 17th April.

AHMADIYYA TO BUILD SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS

Within the next five to seven years, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Organisation (Nigeria Branch) will build 16 more schools and four medical centres.

Ten of the schools will be for girls while the remainder will be for boys.

The Movement also has plans on the drawing board to have its own broadcasting station in West Africa to educate people and teach them to live in peace.

Disclosing this at a news conference in Lagos yesterday, Hazrat Hafiz Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih III, said he had set up a sub-committee to draw up plans for the realisation of the goal.





With the Chairman of the Presidential Commission, Brigadier A. A. Afrifa

The Ghanaian Press gave some pre-arrival publicity.

The GHANAIAN TIMES carried the following report in its issue of April 7 with a large profile.

ISLAM HEAD DUE IN ACCRA

The Supreme Head of the World-wide Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, His Holiness Mirza Nasir Ahmad, known by his appellation as Khalifatul Masih III, is due in Ghana on April 18.

This is for the first time that the Supreme Head is personally undertaking a visit to the Missions in the West Africa ever since the Movement was established in this country about 50 years ago.

The DAILY ECHO also carried a similar report in its issue of April 12.



He arrived in Accra, on 18th April where he was received by the Ghanaian Minister of Transport and Communications.

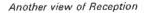
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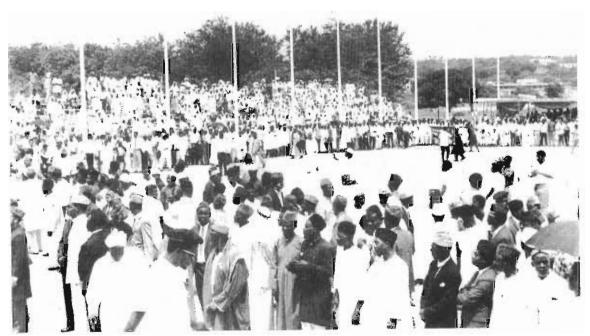
AHMADIYYA LEADER FLIES IN

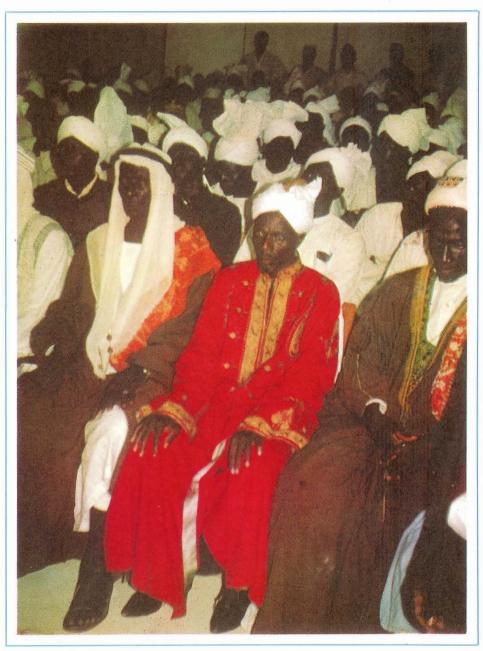
His Holiness Mirza Nasir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih III, the Supreme Head of Ahmadiyya Movement, arrived in Accra on Saturday by air from Lagos, Nigeria, to continue his tour of West African countries.

The Khalifatul Masih who is visiting Ghana for the first time, was accompanied by an eight-member entourage including his wife, Begum Mansura and Mr. Mirza M. Ahmad, Director of Ahmadiyya Foreign Missions.

The Supreme Head said on arrival that during his one-week visit, he would meet representatives of the Movement to discuss how best the headquarters could assist in contributing more effectively towards the spiritual and social advancement of the country.







Meeting the Ahmadis from Wa

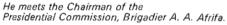
Hazrat Khalifatul Masih met the Chairman of the Presidential Commission, Brigadier A. A. Afrifa, Here is the report published by DAILY GRAPHIC on April 22.

AFRIFA MEETS AHMADIYYA HEAD

(Caption of a Picture)

The Chairman of the Presidential Commission, Brigadier A. A. Afrifa, chats with His Holiness Mirza Nasir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih III, the Supreme Head of Ahmadiyya Movement at the Castle, Osu, when the latter paid a courtesy call on members of the Commission.

The Religious Leader who is currently on a visit to the country and other West African states, has left Accra for Kumasi as part of his tour.





He addressed the Staff and the students of the T. I. Ahmadiyya Secondary School in Kumasi. The PIONEER carried the following report in its issue of April 22.

USE KNOWLEDGE TO SERVE, STUDENTS TOLD

Students have been advised to use their knowledge to serve and redeem but not to enslave, because knowledge is a divine gift which must be used for the good of mankind.

Addressing the students of T. I. Ahmadiyya Secondary School here yesterday, His Holiness Mirza Nasir Ahmad, Supreme Head of the Ahmadiyya Movement, advised students to be honest and sincere in their service to God and man.

He said the world cannot go on unless people become honest and maintain their relations with their Creator.

His Holiness who is currently on a two-day visit to Kumasi, as part of his one week visit to Ghana, observed that man cannot succeed in any undertaking without the help of God, and appealed to the students to be alive to their religious duties.

It will be foolhardiness, His Holiness said, for one to depend on one's own cleverness alone because everyone needs the guiding and helping hand of God.

He warned the students against the dangers of going after only the material things of life and said it is of the utmost importance to strive rather for spiritual excellence than to acquire the material things of life.

He advised the students to be faithful to themselves and their ideals, keeping in mind the power of God and His grace to man.

His Holiness appealed to the students to translate their ideals into practical reality and called for humility among them.

Speaking to over 8000 Muslims later at the opening ceremony of the NC 24,000 Ahmadiyya Muslim House here, His Holiness Nasir Ahmad declared that the time of divine succour to Ghana and indeed the whole of Africa has dawned.

He appealed to the audience to be alive to their temporal as well as their religious duties, and said unless people become honest and true to themselves much could not be achieved on this earth.

Present at the ceremony were Nana Osei Asibey II, Kokofuhene; B. A. Bashir, Ameer-designate to the Muslim Church in Ghana, and M. Malik, regional head of the mission in Ashanti.





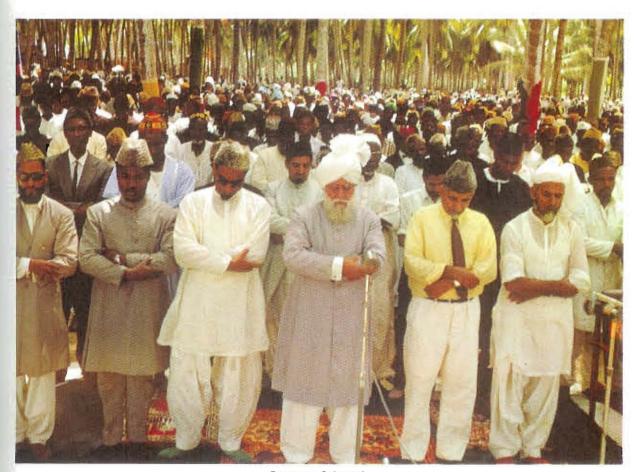
After addressing the staff and the students of the school, this group photograph was taken with the students





The formal opening of the Kumasi Mission House.

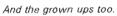




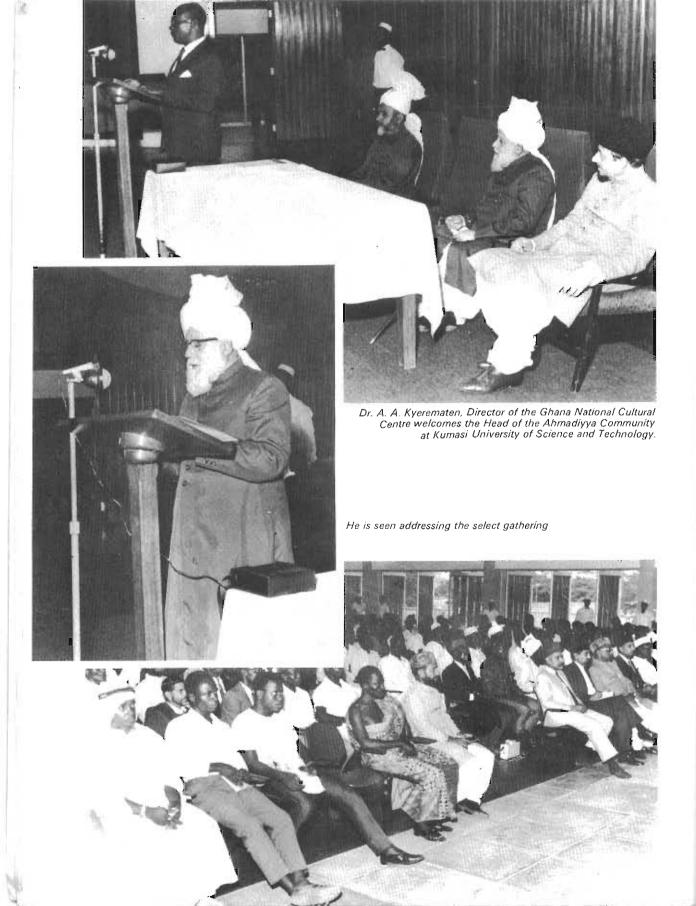
Prayers at Saltpond



Two pictures of joy — a child in ecstasy.







DAILY GRAPHIC carried the following report in its issue of April, 23.

PREPARE FOR TASK AHEAD — MASIH III

His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih III, Supreme Head of the Ahmadiyya Movement, has called on students to realise that they were engaged in the sacred task of learning and preparing themselves for the great role they are destined to play in the affairs of the country and the world.

Addressing Muslim students of the Kumasi University of Science and Technology at the University's Great Hall, he said that the information the students gather from the class room should be utilised and be made part of their being and transformed into something genuine, real and useful.

His Holiness said that knowledge is an infinite, persistent and continuous process which has no "halts nor wayside stations".

They have, therefore, only to continue to be students and researchers throughout their lives, and either relax or stop at their own peril. They should, however, not forget that in the pursuit of such ends, the only way to success is to invoke divine guidance, he said.

Danger

The Khalifatul Masih said they should always be aware of the danger inherent in man's godless quest for knowledge and urged them to watch each step they took towards the journey to study and control the phenomena of nature.

"The looming shadows of an atomic holocaust which mankind faces today" he observed, "result from the blunder man has committed in divorcing his material effort from the protective shell of prayer".

"Physical knowledge does arm man with power but prayer gives him the sight and sense to use this power properly. Divorced from prayer, knowledge becomes a curse", he stressed.

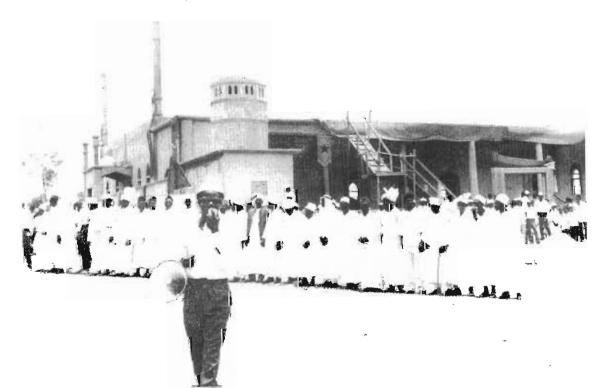
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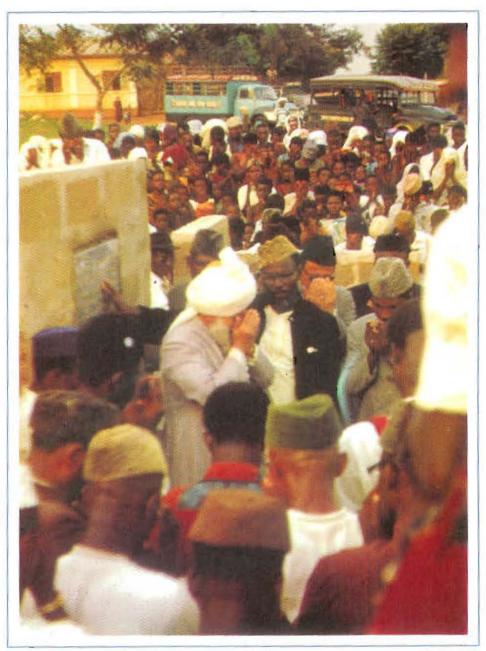
GHANAIAN TIMES carried a similar story in its issue of April 23.



He performs the formal opening ceremony of the Ahmadiyya Mosque at Mangoasi, by fixing a plaque there.

Front View of the Techiman Mosque.





Mangoasi Mosque—Prayer after fixing the plaque



FRATERNITE-MATIN

17 AVRIL 1970

UNE DELEGATION-TION ISLAMIOUE **PAKISTANAISE BIENTOT** A ABIDIAN



inportante délégation islamique du Pakistan arrivera bientôt dans notre
capitale. La délégation sera conduite par le Khallfe de la Communanté Ahmadlyya, accompagaé de neu membres.

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Ahmadiyya est une personnalité
très Importante dans le monde
Islamique et religieux. L'actuel
Khallfe « Hazarat Mirza Nazir
Abmad » est agé de 61 ans. Dès
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prépare les missionnaires, puis
directeur du 7.1. Collège Universitane et aussi membre du sénai
e l'Université de Punjab (Pakistan).

La Communique sta Abmadisso

de l'Université de Punjab (Pa-késtan).
La Communauté Ahmadiyya nusnimane est la seule organi-sation Islamique quí a établi des Centres Ahmadiyya » pour l'ex-pansion de la religion Islamique dans le monde entier. Il y a plus de claquante centres Islamiques dans le monde.

La Communauté Ahmadiyya a coastruli la première mosquée à Londres, puls à Zurich, Francfort, Hambourg, Copenhague et la Haye. La Communauté a public galement la traduction du Coran en anglais, en allemand, en hollandais, et en danois. La traduction en français est en preparation. La Côte d'Ivoire, pays amis et auxs honsilaiter a gracieus-men.

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Children of the Ahmadiyya French Arabic School in Abidjan, capital of Ivory Coast, being entertained to tea by Huzur.



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ABIDJAN

LE KHALIFE DE LA COMMUNAUTE AHMADIYYA EN COTE D'IVOIRE



La plus haute personnalité de la communauté Ahmadiyya est saluée à son arrivée à l'aéroport de Por t-Bauet par le missionnaire Mohamed Afsal Qureshi (à droite)

AEROPORT international de Port-Bouêt a enregistré Jund à 12 h Parrivée
d'une délégation islamique almadiya de 9 membres. Abidjan est
la 3º étape du vovage qu'entreprend la délégation islamique du

A propos de la Centrale de Vridi

Les documents photographiques illustrants la page ALSTHOM dans notre édition d'hier étaient extraits du film en couleur : « OBJECTIF AN 2 000 » réalisé par Yves COLMAR et relatant les phases de la construction de Vridi 1, de la pose de la lere pierre à l'inauguration.

Pakistan qui a déjà véjourné au Nìgéria et au Ghana,

Nugeria et au Ghoma.

La délégation a été accueillic à sa descente d'avion par M. Mohamed Afzal Qureshi, missionnaire du centre abmadiya d'Adjanté, dont l'établissement date de 1961.

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coran en auglas et en allemand,
a constrait une mosquée dans
différentes capitales europécanses

notamment à Londres, Zurich, Copenhague, Hambourg, La Ha-

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La traduction du Saint Coran
en français est en cour de préparation.

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih discusses future plans with members of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat, Ivory Coast.



LIBERIA — STATE VISIT

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih was treated as State Guest by President Tubman of Liberia.

LIBERIAN STAR carried the following pre-arrival report in its issue dated April 29.

AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT HEAD ARRIVES HERE TODAY

The Head of the Islamic Ahmadiyya Movement, Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad Sahib, is scheduled to arrive here today for a two-day official visit upon the invitation of President Tubman.

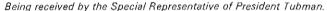
During his visit, the Ahmadiyya Leader will have audience with President Tubman and confer with Muslim leaders in Liberia.

This evening, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission in Liberia will tender a dinner in his honour at the Ducor. He will also visit some parts of the interior.

Mr. Sahib, who is third Caliph of the Movement, was educated at Qadian, India and Oxford, England.

Before election to his exalted office, he was Principal of T. I. College, an affiliate of Punjab University and also Principal of Jamia Ahmadiyya College in India.

The Caliph has authored three widely read pamphlets on the Ahmadiyya Movement.





The Head of the Community arrived in Monrovia, the capital of Liberia.

The LIBERIAN STAR in its issue of April 30 carried the following report:—

BIG WELCOME FOR ISLAMIC LEADER INVITED HERE BY PRESIDENT TUBMAN

The Head of the Islamic Ahmadiyya Movement, Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad Sahib, arrived here yesterday for a two-day official visit upon the invitation of President Tubman.

The Caliph, who is accompanied by his wife and a seven-man party, was met on arrival at Roberts International Airport by the President's Special representative, Colonel Henri R. Gobson.

Also on hand, at the airport, were Muslim Governor Farfini Kamara, Alhaj Varmuyah Corneh and other leaders of the Muslim Community.

The Caliph who hails from Pakistan, told reporters on arrival that this was his first visit to the continent.

First Meeting

He said that he and President Tubman knew each other, although this would be their first meeting.

Caliph Sahib described the President as a man with a noble heart and wise mind, a man of whom the nation should be proud.

The Caliph was scheduled to have a private audience with President Tubman yesterday evening at the Executive Mansion.



He makes a formal call on President Tubman.

An official handout issued by the Liberian Department of Information and Cultural Affairs gives the following report on airport interview.

PRESS RELEASE

MONROVIA, April 30:—The visiting Islamic Ahmadiyya Head, Hazrat Mirza Ahmad Sahib, today disclosed plans for the construction of an Ahmadiyya School and Medical Clinic in Monrovia.

Speaking to reporters at a Press conference at the Ducor Hotel, Caliph Sahib noted that since the coming of the Ahmadiyya Movement to West Africa, 50 years ago, it has not taken a penny away. The mission is only here to serve the people in developing their capacities and capabilities. This should, in turn, open avenues of a cultivated living relationship between them and their Creator, he declared.

The Caliph said although the Movement is small in Liberia, it has nothing but love and sympathy for the Liberian people. "Love and sympathy will triumph", he added.

Answering a reporter's question about how his sect differs from other Muslim religious sects, the Caliph replied that all the sects believe in Allah. Allah has infinite attributes. Each of these attributes has its manifestations. Allah is Almighty, the source of all knowledge. All sects believe in Mohammad as the Holy Prophet and in the Koran.

The Caliph submitted that there are no differences in fundamental principles of Islam but when it comes to interpretation, there are divergences.

The 63-year-old Caliph yesterday conferred with President Tubman in a private audience and presented him with a Pakistani silver handicraft set.

Later, at the Ducor Hotel, the Ahmadiyya Mission here tendered a dinner in the Caliph's honour. Brigadier General Samuel Johnson was President Tubman's special representative on the occasion.

Among the guests at the affair were Under-Secretary T.Nelson Williams of the Department of Information and Cultural Affairs, Presidential Press Secretary John G. Rancy, Deputy Chief of Protocol James Dennis, and Leaders of the Muslim Community.

Tonight, President and Mrs. Tubman will tender a dinner, at the Executive Mansion, in honour of the Caliph.

Caliph Sahib ends his two-day visit tomorrow.

(The LIBERIAN STAR published this Press Release in its issue of 4th May.)



The Mayor of Monrovía being received by him at the Reception given by the Jamaat at Ducor.



President Tubman of Liberia held a State Banquet in honour of the Ahmadiyya Chief at the Executive Mansion. The picture shows President Tubman speaking after the banquet welcoming the Ahmadiyya Chief.

The Ahmadiyya Chief replying to the welcome speech by the President Tubman.



President Tubman of Liberia held a State Banquet at Chief Executive Mansion. This was a State function and the diplomatic corps and the elite were invited.

Liberian Star carried a detailed report on this State function in its issue of May 4.

Dr. TUBMAN DEMANDS PLAN TO RESOLVE IDEOLOGIES

President Tubman, on Thursday, urged all religious sects to prepare and formulate a plan that will resolve political ideologies that believe in world domination.

The Chief Executive was addressing guests who attended the dinner which he and Mrs. Tubman tendered in honour of the visiting Islamic Leader, Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad Sahib, at the Executive Mansion.

"Politicians and Statesmen have lost ability to cope with the situation in the world today, the President declared. They have fumbled, sinned and are frustrated with the deteriorating situation," he noted.

Earlier, the President described the occasion as "unique" because, it was for the first time that "the sheep were being separated from the goats." He was referring to women being separated from the men at the dinner, which is part of Pakistani culture.

The President recalled that the founding fathers of the nation believed in God, but their concept of Him was not narrow. They wrote that no Christian sect shall enjoy any privilege or benefit over another. Every religion shall be tolerated.

He said being a Christian does not make his religion better than another. All religions believe in the supreme Being, which we Christians call God, and Muslims call Allah.

The President asserted that it was an honour to welcome the Caliph, "one of the greatest leaders in Islam, who has missionaries all over the world."

The President disclosed that Ahmadiyya Movement here had asked for one hundred acres of land. He said they are welcome to it. This country is open, Christianity and Islam alike.

The President Tubman then proposed a toast to the health of the Muslim Leader.

Responding, the Caliph thanked the President on behalf of his wife and himself for the honour.

The Ahmadiyya Head told the President that his human sympathy, abundant goodwill and deep devotion to the Liberian people are the manifestation of the Almighty's grace.

The Caliph said that he was pleased to observe that the President was fully aware of the basic realities of life and doing his utmost by the Lord's grace to realize the cherished goals of the nation.

"May the sons of your great nation enjoy progress, prosperity, unity and solidarity under your fatherly and benign care," he concluded.

Caliph Sahib then asked God's blessing on the President, Mrs. Tubman and the whole nation.

Attending the dinner were, Vice President and Mrs. William R. Tolbert, Jr., Speaker and Mrs. Richard A. Henries; members of the Cabinet, Legislature, Judiciary and other high ranking officials of government.

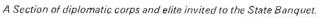
Also present were prelates representing various denominations and Islamic Leaders in the Community.

He left for the Gambia on Friday.

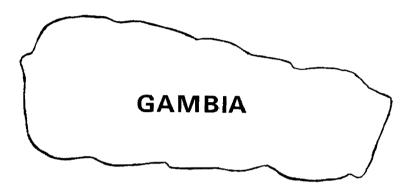
(This report was released as a handout by the Department of Information and Cultural Affairs).



The Guest and the Host talking after the Dinner.







The GAMBIA NEWS Bulletin published the following news about the arrival of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih on the 23rd of April, 1970:

AHMADIYYA LEADER DUE HERE

The Head of the World Movement of the Ahmadiyya in Islam; Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III is due to arrive in Bathurst on May first, for a five-day visit to the Gambia.

During his stay, he will call on the Head of State and address a gathering of local Ahmadiyyas. The visit is part of a tour of West Africa. The Ahmadiyya Movement started in the Gambia in 1955 and the first Missionary came here in 1961.

Reception at the Airport—Former Governor General of the Gambia, Afhaj Sir F. M. Singhateh, a distinguished member of the Jamaat on the Jeft



He arrived in Bathurst, the Gambia's Capital on a 5-day visit on May 1,1970.

The Gambia's leading paper The GAMBIA NEWS BULLETIN front-paged the arrival story and carried it as a lead story in its next issue. It runs:

AHMADIYYA HEAD HERE

The Supreme Head of the world-wide Ahmadiyya Movement Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, who is Khalifatul Masih III, arrived in The Gambia yesterday for a five-day visit. He was met at the airport by prominent members of the Movement and other leading personalities. Before coming here, he visited the 1,000,000 Ahmadis in Nigeria, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Liberia and the Ivory Coast.

The Supreme Head said that he had been looking forward to his visit and hoped to meet as many Gambians, both officials and private citizens, during his stay. This morning, he will meet the President and will be guest of honour at a reception at the Atlantic Hotel in the evening. At the Gambia High School tomorrow, the religious leader will meet members of the public.

A spokesman for the local Movement said the Supreme Head's visit is an historic occasion. He recalled that the Movement's literature had been introduced into this country several years ago but it was not until 1955 when a Gambian, the late Mr. Bara N'Jie, initiated action to get a missionary stationed in the Gambia. The first two overseas Ahmadis to come here were a Nigerian and a Ghanaian, who visited here in 1960. In 1961, the Movement's Mission was established by Chaudhry Mohammad Sharif. It now has branches all over the country and operates a medical centre at Kaur. The spokesman said the foundation stone of a secondary school, which will be located at Bununkunda in the Mombo St. Mary Division, will be laid by the Khalifatul Masih during his visit. He also said that the establishment of many more schools was planned.

Khalifatul Masih III was elected to his office in 1965 after a distinguished academic career. He is a former Principal of the Talimul Islam College, an affiliate of Punjab University and a member of the Punjab University Senate. The 61 years old Head is married with two daughters and three sons.



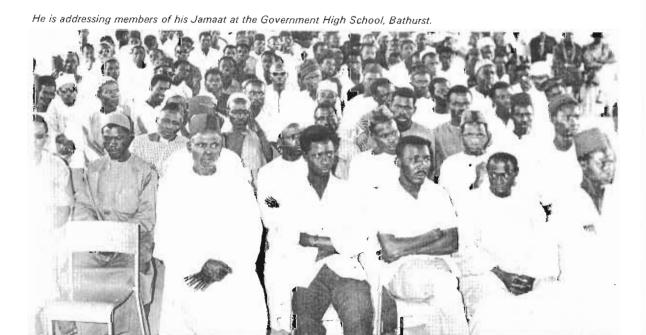
The Head of the Ahmadiyya Community meets the Gambian President, Sir Daud Jawara.

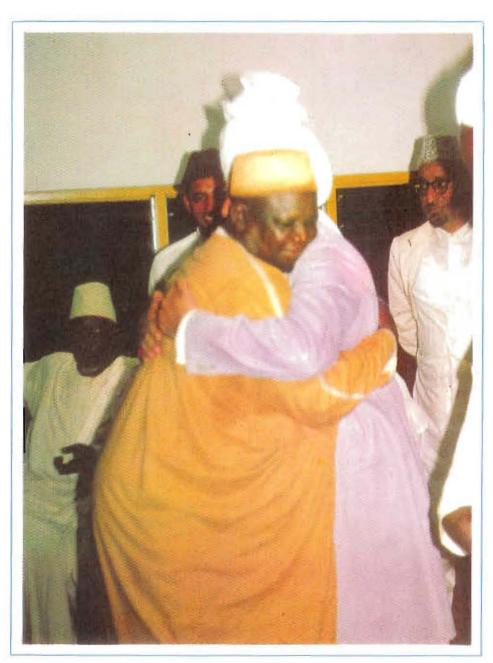
Alhaj Sir F. M. Singhateh held a Reception at the Atlantic Hotel.





Laying the Foundation Stone of a Secondary School.





An overjoyed Ahmadi meets his spiritual leader





On arrival at the Airport, he is being warmly received by senior members of the local Jamaat.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih was received at the Airport by the Sierra Leone Minister of Health, Paramount Chief Jai Kaikai and the President of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat, Sierra Leone, Paramount Chief N. K. Gamanga.



SIERRA LEONE

THE UNITY—leading paper of Freetown—carried a curtain-raiser on May 5, the day he was to land in Freetown. Radio Sierra Leone made special arrangements for a running commentary. It started from the moment he landed at Lungi Airport and continued for about one-and-half hour till he reached the State Guest House.

The UNITY reported:

MESSIAH DUE TODAY

His Holiness Mirza Nasir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih III, the Supreme Head of Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, is arriving in Sierra Leone today.

At the Lungi Airport he will be met and received by the Amir, the Executive, and the Elders of Ahmadiyya Jamaat and by the Freetown dignitaries including some Ministers of Government and other high officials.

His visit to this country forms the last stage of his tour of West Africa which began on April 10, 1970 with his visit to Nigeria.

He has visited Nigeria, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Liberia and Gambia where he met the Heads of State and addressed public meetings.

The purpose of his tour is to convey the message of Islam and Ahmadiyyat to African nations.

In Sierra Leone, His Holiness Khalifatul Masih will call on the Head of State and the Prime Minister, visit educational institutions in Freetown and Bo, address public meetings and grant audience.

His Holiness is a great exponent of brotherhood and equality of mankind irrespective of differences of race or colour.

Below is given a brief sketch of his life.

Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih, 3rd Caliph of the Promised Messiah and Mahdi (Peace be on him) and august Head of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam; was born in 1909 at Qadian, India.

Early in life he learnt the Holy Quran by heart and was educated at Qadian, Lahore and Oxford.

Before election to his exalted office, he worked as Principal, Jamia Ahmadiyya (Missionary College), Principal T. I. College, an affiliate of the Punjab University and as member of the Punjab University Senate, Academic Council and various other committees.

He also headed the Central Anjuman Ahmadiyya, (the main executive of the Ahmadiyya Community), Khuddamul Ahmadiyya (Youth Organisation) and Ansarullah (Organisation of Elders).

Scholar; sportsman; thinker; educationist; and leader; he keeps himself busy with the Community's spiritual, moral and educational programmes which have multiplied manifold since his election as third Caliph of the Promised Messiah in 1965.

An early riser, his daily work starts immediately after dawn and keeps him busy till late in the night.

He himself attends to his daily mail which keeps pouring in from all over the world.

He is the promised grand-son of the Promised Messiah and Mahdi, Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement.

His election as Caliph fulfills a prophecy of the Talmud which mentions "the throne of the Messiah descending to his grand-son".

Dynamic Head of a dynamic missionary movement with centres all over the globe and with schools and colleges in Africa and elsewhere he believes that the emancipation of mankind lies in return to the one and only one God and his Message.

Elected for life, he is the voice articulate of the age and is in direct communication with God.

During his visit to Europe in 1967, he warned the West that the world was fast heading towards an unprecedented catastrophe.

Unless the West paused in its craze for physical power and material domination it was bound to destroy itself as foretold by the Holy Quran and earlier scriptures.

A great champion of freedom and brotherhood of man, he is opposed to want and injustice at all levels of human existence.

True Islam alone according to him can solve and correct social, economic and other problems of the world.

He has one wife, two daughters and three sons.

His hobbies: shooting, sports, horse riding, farming and photography.

His address: Rabwah, Pakistan.



He was given tremendous ovation when he arrived in Freetown.

The UNITY carried the following report in its issue of 6th May.

BIG WELCOME FOR AHMADIYYA HEAD

The Supreme Head of the Ahmadiyya Movement, Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih III, flew in to a tremendous welcome yesterday to begin a nine-day visit to Sierra Leone.

The spiritual leader flew in from the Gambia, accompanied by his wife, Sahibzada Mirza Mubarak Ahmad, to be greeted by hundreds of enthusiastic Ahmadis gathered from all over Sierra Leone.

He was met on arrival by the Deputy Minister of Defence, Mr. E. J. Kargbo, who represented the Sierra Leone Government.

At Kisay Ferry Terminal, hundreds more, including school children mobbed the car carrying their spiritual leader to Freetown.

Speaking at a Press conference at the Lodge where he is staying, Hazrat Ahmad said that the purpose of his visit was to win men's hearts.

He said he believed a time was coming when love will triumph over hatred.

He spoke of the possibility of extending its work from the educational field in Sierra Leone, to the medical field.

The Ahmadiyya Movement in Sierra Leone now had 24 schools, four of which are secondary schools.

During his stay in Sierra Leone, the spiritual leader will visit Leicester where he will dedicate a new mosque, and Bo where he will lay the foundation stone of the Ahmadiyya Central Mosque.

A series of receptions have been arranged in his honour.

This evening, there will be a reception at the British Council Hall.

On Friday, the Sierra Leone Muslim Congress will hold another reception in his honour at the Town Hall.

Friday's prayer which will follow the dedication of the mosque there, will be relayed over Radio Sierra Leone.

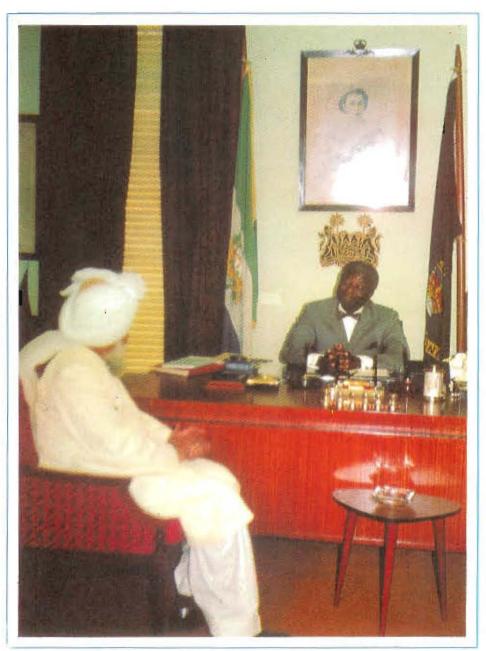
Today, Hazrat Ahmad is paying a courtesy call on the Acting Governor-General and the Prime Minister.

On Tuesday next week, he will hold a banquet in honour of the Governor General and the Prime Minister.

Hazrat Ahmad leaves on Wednesday, this week.

Motorcade being ferried from Lungi to Freetown.





Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III with the Acting Governor General of Sierra Leone.

The DAILY MAIL (May, 6) another leading paper of Freetown carried the following report on the reception.

RELIGIOUS HEAD ARRIVES

Ahmadiyya Movement plans to do more service to Sierra Leone. Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih III stated in Freetown last evening a few hours after his arrival in Sierra Leone to begin a nine-day visit.

My party and I are here to meet the people and your leaders so that we get to know details of the requirements of the country in order to do proper service.

"We should be able, while we are here, to think, ponder and pray for Allah's guidance in making our decisions to do service as friends and fellow human beings, not as masters and servants", the 61-year old religious leader added.

Informal and smiling as he addressed a Press conference at the Lodge, Hill Station, Hazrat Ahmad pointed out, "our wealth lies in voluntary service". He explained how the Ahmadiyya Movement can get doctors, surgeons and physician specialists for Sierra Leone at less than one-quarter of the cost.

Hazrat Ahmad who holds a master's degree of Oxford University in Philosophy, Economics and Political Science, declared that in five years time, the Ahmadiyya Movement will flood Sierra Leone with translations of the Holy Quran in English and set up a press in one year.

"All human beings will be one like one family in years to come", Khalifatul Masih III prophesied.

Mr. Edward Kargbo, Deputy Minister, Prime Minister's Office and Minister of State, Paramount Chief Jai Kai-Kai and member of Parliament M. S. Mustapha were some distinguished who joined a cross section of Ahmadis from all walks of life in Sierra Leone to welcome the first religious leader to visit Sierra Leone after the Archbishop of Canterbury.

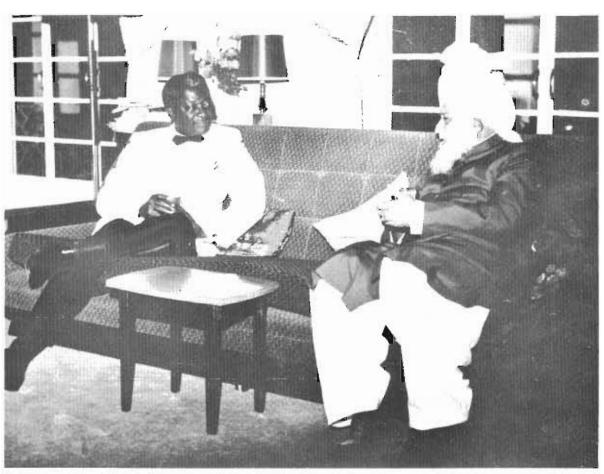
Mr. A. K. Zubairu, General Secretary, represented the Sierra Leone Muslim Congress in welcoming the Caliph of the Promised Messiah and Mahdi.

Hazrat and his wife Hazrat Begum Sahiba, left Pakistan on April 5, accompanied by six members of his entourage. He and the party have visited Nigeria, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Liberia and the Gambia.

He is in Sierra Leone on the last leg of his West African tour after which he may visit some European countries.

No. 1 on the party is Hazrat Sahibzada Mirza Mubarak Ahmad, Director of Foreign Missions who visited Sierra Leone in 1965.

The Muslim Religious Leader is in Sierra Leone with two Private Secretaries—Professor Chaudhry Mohammad Ali and Chaudhry Z. A. Bajwa, Ex-Imam of London Mosque.



The Ahmadiyya Chief chatting with the Acting Governor General of Sierra Leone, after the Dinner arranged by the latter

DAILY MAIL splashed a detailed report of his meeting with the Acting Governor General and the Prime Minister in its May 7 issue. Here is the full text of the report.

DELIGHTED LEADER

Prime Minister Dr. Siaka Stevens expressed great appreciation yesterday to the visiting Ahmadiyya Leader for the good work of the Movement in Sierra Leone.

Replying Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih III, who was paying a courtesy call on the Prime Minister at his Town Hall Office, in Freetown, said that the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam is prepared to do more service to Sierra Leone.

"If you require the services of doctors and physicians," Hazrat Ahmad said, "I think we can spare some as the idea of the Movement is to serve friends and brothers".

"I pray to God and hope that the cooperation between Sierra Leone and the Ahmadis of Pakistan will grow from strength to strength", said the Muslim Leader.

"I have no doubt about it," replied Dr. Stevens.

Leaders like Dr. Stevens, said Khalifatul Masih III, bore great responsibility on their shoulders keeping their people united and building their progress.

He reiterated that "Africa is awakening; Africa which has been sleeping for centuries and people throughout the world are getting a feel of the great re-awakening in what was once called the Dark continent."

Having been welcomed by the Prime Minister, 61-year old Hazrat Ahmad said he had noticed that wherever he went there were smiles on the peoples' faces.

Dr. Stevens told his visitor that all the tribes of West Africa are represented in Freetown, which he said, had been the first to establish contacts with the Western World.

"That makes Sierra Leone a cosmopolitan country," Hazrat Ahmad stated. He and his party presented to Dr. Stevens three "handwork" of our people.

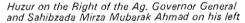
Speaking about Islamic Socialism, Hazrat Ahmad said that Islam was a resource of peace, service to others, rligion based on the principle and the concept of equality of all mankind in the relationship with the Creator.

The visitor advocated the doctrine of the basic principles of the fundamental human rights but warned that religion would only gain ground if it is unmixed with politics.

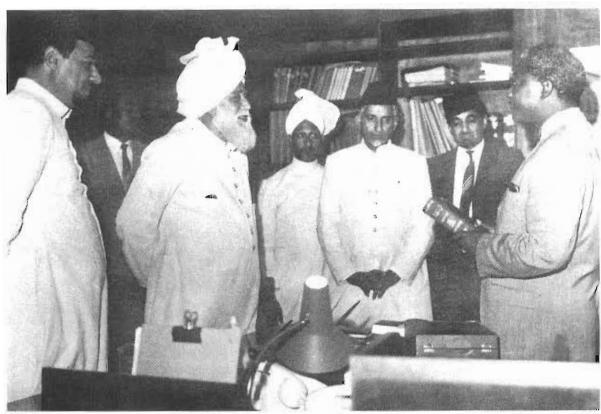
Both the Acting Governor General and the Prime Minister were presented with hand-made silver wares from Pakistan and Mr. Justice Tejan—Sie also received from the visitor an English translation of the Holy Quran with commentary.

Christians and Muslims attended last evening's reception given by the Ahmadiyya Community in honour of their leader, Khalifatul Masih III.

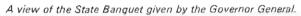
There were Rev. H. M. Gibson, a Minister of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland who is acting Head of the Department of Theology of Fourah Bay College and Rev. Dr. M. E. Gloss-well, a lecturer at Fourah Bay College and of the Sierra Leone Anglican Church.







He meets the Acting Governor General, Mr. Justice Banja Tejan Sie to whom he presents a copy of the Holy Quran





Radio Sierra Leone reported the opening of the Leicester Mosque, thus:—

The Supreme Head of the Ahmadiyya Movement, Nasir Ahmad Khalifatul Masih the Third, today opened the Ahmadiyya Mosque at Leicester.

In his sermon at prayers, Hazrat Nasir Ahmad said that man's success comes through his faith in God.

The foundation stone of the mosque was laid, in 1965, by the President of the Ahmadiyya Foreign Missions, Monsieur Mobarak Ahmad. It was built through communal labour by the people of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat of Leicester and Freetown.

The Sierra Leone Muslim Congress, this evening, held a reception in honour of the Supreme Head.

The UNITY carried this report in its May 9, issue.

AHMADIYYA HEAD HAS A BUSY TIME

The Spiritual Head of the Ahmadiyya Movement, Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih III, who is on a nine-day visit to Sierra Leone, has been having a busy time this week.

Yesterday, before a large crowd of distinguished personalities, he opened and dedicated a new mosque of Leicester Village.

Hazrat Ahmad seen (right) about to open the door of the new mosque with a key.

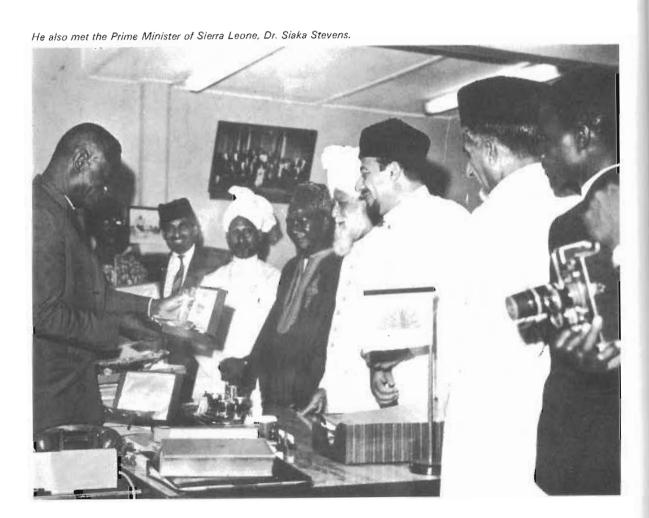
Among the distinguished guests was M. S. Mustapha MP (below).

Hazrat Ahmad arrived in Freetown on Tuesday and, on Wednesday, he paid a courtesy call on the Acting Governor General Mr. Justice Banja Tejan—Sie and the Prime Minister Dr. Siaka Stevens.

He is seen (left) with the Acting Governor General and in the last picture (bottom right) with the Prime Minister.

On Thursday he visited the Ahmadiyya Secondary School at Kissy Dockyard where he presented a silver trophy to the School's best sportsman (pictured below).

He is also seen (left) at the school, chatting with the Principal.



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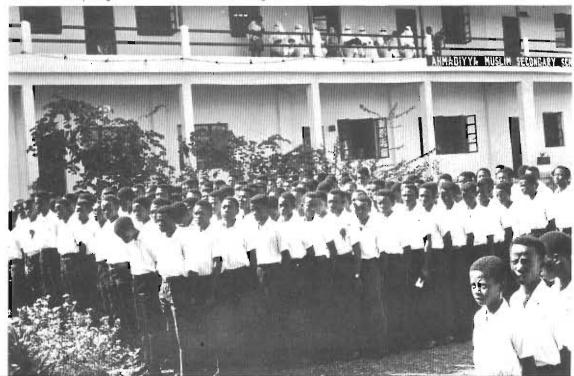


Formal opening of the Leicester Mosque.



Formal opening of Leicester Mosque and Juma Prayer,

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih Visits the Ahmadiyya Secondary School, Picture shows young Sierra Leonian students waiting for him.



DAILY MAIL on May 9 published this pre-arrival story about his visit to BO—one of the major towns of Sierra Leone.

HAZRAT AHMAD IN BO TODAY

Bo Town, with the largest community of Ahmadies in Sierra Leone, welcomes the august Head of the world-wide Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam today.

Hazrat Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih III, his wife Hazrat Begum Sahiba and entourage leave Freetown by road this morning for Bo on the fifth day of his nine-day visit to what he describes as "The Blessed Country".

They will be welcomed by the Bo Jamaat and dignitaries and elders call on his Holiness, Caliph of the Promised Messiah and Mahdi, this evening.

He opened the Ahmadiyya Mosque at Leicester village yesterday and stressed in his sermon that man's success comes through his faith in God. Sierra Leone Muslim Congress held a reception in honour of the visitor last evening.

Ahmadiyya Mosque at Leicester was built by the Jamaat, its foundation stone having been laid by Sahibzada Mirza Mubarak Ahmad, Director of Foreign Missions when he visited Sierra Leone in 1965.



A science laboratory in the school after performing formal opening ceremony.

BO TO GET NEW MOSQUE

Foundation Stone for the Ahmadiyya Central Mosque in Bo was laid yesterday by Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih III.

Ceremony was watched by a vast crowd at mid day yesterday. Dignitary men called on Khalifatul Masih III while ladies had an audience with his wife Hazrat Begum Sahiba.

A reception followed in the evening at the Bo Town Hall.

Today, the Caliph of the Promised Messiah and Mahdi, visited the Bo Ahmadiyya Muslim Secondary School and addressed the Ahmadiyya Community. He will also visit the cemetery.

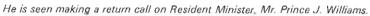
Hazrat Ahmad will return to Freetown tomorrow, the eighth day of his visit to Sierra Leone and in the evening he will give a banquet in honour of the Acting Governor General. Mr. Justice Banja Tejan-Sie and dignitaries in Freetown.

He laid the foundation stone of the Ahmadiyya Mosque in Bo. Picture shows Begum Sahiba laying a stone.





Prayers after the function.





Hazrat Khalifatul Masih addressed a general meeting of the Jamaat. The report of the meeting was broadcast on May 11. The DAILY MAIL published the following report in its issue of May 12:

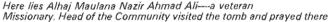
VISIT CUT SHORT

After cutting short his visit to Bo, Hazrat Ahmad was back in Freetown last evening with his wife and his entourage—Director of Ahmadiyya Foreign Missions, Sahibzada Mirza Mubarak Ahmad, Private Secretaries, Professor Ch: Mohammad Ali and Ch: Z.A. Bajwa (Ex Imam of London Mosque), Mr. Salim Nasir, Maulvi Abdul Karim and Dr. Saeed Ahmad.

Khalifatul Masih III cut short his visit to have the opportunity of meeting local missionaries in Freetown today.

This evening the 61-year old Head of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam will give a banquet in honour of Acting Governor General, Mr. Justice Banja Tejan-Sie. He will be addressing a Press conference tomorrow morning, the ninth day of his visit to Sierra Leone.

Hazrat Ahmad leaves Sierra Leone on Thursday at the end of his West African tour and may go on to visit some European communities.





The Radio Sierra Leone broadcast the following news item on the 11th of May:

The Supreme Head of the Ahmadiyya Movement, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III, has said in Bo that humanity was afflicted by three major problems—the problem of equality of all human, the wise and even distribution of all wealth endowed to man by God and the cultivation of man's true relationship with his living Greator.

Mirza Nasir Ahmad was speaking to the general public at a mass meeting at the Ahmadiyya compound in Bo today. Among other things, he explained that Allah created every individual and endowed him with a capacity and capability to develop his integrity to the utmost.

In their address, read and presented by Paramount Chief Kenawa Gamanga, the Sierra Leone Ahmadiyya Jamaat expressed their gratitude and indebtedness to the parent body for sending Missionaries here to spread the Movement, which solely existed for bringing about a renaissance of true Islam.

Earlier, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III was taken round on a conducted tour of the Ahmadiyya Secondary School in Bo by the Principal, Mr. Ahmad Hassan.

Before they returned to Freetown this afternoon, the Khalifa visited Bo Town Cemetery, Christ the King College (C.K.C.) and called on the Resident Minister, Mr. Prince J. Williams.

DAILY MAIL and UNITY prominently published reports of his Press Conference.

DAILY MAIL reported in its issue of May 14, as follows.

LE 200,000 FOR WEST AFRICA

Sierra Leone is one of the six West African countries to benefit from a Le 200,000 medical and educational project to be undertaken by the Ahmadiyya Movement-in-Islam, according to Khalifatul Masih III, present Head of the Movement.

The money will be expended in the West African countries—Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Ghana, The Gambia and Liberia—within the next three years, Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad told a Press Conference yesterday at the Lodge, Hill Station.

Hazrat Ahmad stated: "Our Mission of service has seen the need for many more medical clinics in Sierra Leone. We are sending out some more qualified doctors who will volunteer to do service in the hinterland and serve the villagers. Ahmadiyya Movement will also establish more primary and high schools. I have mentioned these things to the authorities and I am sure Government will co-operate because we are not here to exploit".

"We are here to do service and maintain the moral, spiritual and physical health of the country".

I have been extremely happy during my stay in Sierra Leone. The only thing that worries me is that you (Sierra Leoneans) have not yet got all your resources fully developed to reach your ideals.

You have a great future but hard work and sincere prayers are required. The nation must struggle very hard to get the fruits of destiny. People have been doing quite a bit but all must work and strive as a nation to achieve their aims and aspirations.

"People have been very friendly. I hope and pray that the leadership will continue to get the people working in unity", Hazrat Ahmad went on.

Love, affection, sympathy and tolerance among the races will achieve greater results than all the bombs of the world put together.

Hazrat Ahmad leaves Sierra Leone today for Amsterdam, Holland for two days, before he, his wife and entourage fly on to England and Spain where he has an appointment with General Franco.



Ahmadi Children welcoming Huzur with Arabic Songs



Addressing a News Conference after concluding tour of Sierra Leone and also of six countries of Africa

The UNITY published the following report in its issue of May 14:—

LE 200.000 AID FROM AHMADIYYA

Sierra Leone will be amongst six African countries which will benefit from a three-year crash programme, costing Le 200,000 for educational and medical development to be undertaken by the Ahmadiyya Movement.

This was disclosed at a Press Conference held at the Lodge at Hill Station yesterday, by the Head of the Movement, Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, Khalifatul Mashih III.

He said that in Sierra Leone, more medical centres and schools will be built in remote areas, to meet the needs of the people.

Other countries which will benefit from the plan are Nigeria, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Liberia and the Republic of Gambia.

Hazrat Ahmad said that Sierra Leone has a great future, which depends on the willingness of Sierra Leoneans to work harder.

He continued: "One day, you will be able to work as a nation and strive hard to get what is due to you, and what you deserve."

Answering a question, Hazrat Ahmad said he was satisfied with the progress made by his Movement in Sierra Leone.

He and his party leave Freetown by air today for Amsterdam.

He will also visit Britain and Spain, where he hopes to meet the Spanish Leader, General Franco.

DAILY MAIL carried full text of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih's prayer which is reproduced below:—

MESSIAH'S PRAYER

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful. Yesterday the Head of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih III, ended his historic visit to this country after nine days. Before he left Freetown, he offered for us a prayer after opening the Mosque at Leicester.

He prayed for our people and Sierra Leone and asked the Almighty Allah for mercy and to visit this country with love and compassion and to grant us unity, prosperity and mutual confidence and a united will to enable us to leap forward.

This is the full text of his prayer:—

"O Our Omnipotent, True and Perfect Allah! All our souls and every particle of our being bend towards You in humble supplication and worship.

"Your powerful hand created our souls and things in this universe, with all their powers.

"To You everything owes its existence. Nothing is outside Your knowledge or control. There is no creation beyond Your creation.

"You alone are our Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful, the True God of infinite grace, infinite power, infinite beauty and infinite beneficence. There is no god but You, O'our Lord and Master Allah.

"Have mercy on us and bless us with abundance of gifts and graces, graces You bestow upon Your chosen ones whom You love so much.

"O our Lord Allah visit this country with love and compassion and grant its people unity, prosperity and mutual confidence and a united will and enable them to leap forward under Your merciful and benign guidance".

That was the prayer Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih III (Caliph of the Promised Messiah and Mahdi, august Head of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam) quoted from the Promised Messiah in his sermon at Leicester village's Ahmadiyya Mosque near Freetown.

He declared that his brothers and sisters who were in the mosque that Friday, May 9, were a sign of the divine grace and fulfilled the prophecy of the Promised Messiah and Mahdi when God said to him, "I shall give you a large party of Islam."

Hafiz Ahmad pointed out that the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam is not a club or association—it is a Movement founded by Allah Himself.

He stated: "Mahdi was for a definite purpose, therefore, the Movement is sustained and protected by Allah. Its main purpose is to strengthen and purify our belief or faith in Him".

"A true Ahmadi's reference is always Allah. All his hopes and fears emanate from Him, he prays to Him and is never tired of his prayer. He has his faith strong and firm and his will strong.

"He attaches an identity of purpose with the divine will, to the extent, that his own will disappears and ceases to have a separate entity.

"He is enveloped by divine Glory of God and his communion penetrates his being. God enters his heart and refuses to leave him alone. His soul is purged of everything base and gives him a dynamism which is unique.

"God becomes his guide and visits him with his Glory and Majesty. Faith gushes into his heart like water from a spring. He enjoys a spiritual experience in which he is completely lost.

"Divine light descends on him and signs of new life appear in his person. Just as trees put on green leaves in the spring and are covered with flowers.

"Hazrat Mahdi and Promised Messiah was commissioned to bring this heavenly light to us. It is our duty now to size up to the standard of virtue and truth described by the Promised Messiah.

"The world has forgotten its Creator and is standing on the fringe of annihilation. This my Mission prays that God save mankind from his fate. Amin."

West Africa (Weekly,) London, summed up the African tour of Ahmadiyya Chief in its issue No. 2763 dated May 23. Here is the full report.

Of all the millions of Muslims in West Africa, relatively few follow the Ahmadiyya Movement, the reformist sect started in India 80 years ago; nor is it, historically speaking, the leading reformist Muslim Movement in an area where the Tijaniyya are still powerful after two centuries, and the influence of Dan Fodio lives on. But few Muslim Communities in West Africa are so much in the news as the Ahmadiyya, especially during the recent tour by the Head of the Movement. This is surely because of the energy with which the Movement follows its twin of reforming the practice of Islam, and of converting others to it. The Ahmadiyya, whose national missions are headed by Pakistanis but run mainly by Africans, are an active missionary body who like the Christian churches in West Africa, have been noted for the number of their schools which provide all round education. In Ghana, where they are most strongly established, they run 44 schools, including a secondary school in Kumasi, besides a missionary training college at Saltpond, their Ghana Headquarters, and an Arabic College at Wa. The 1960 census listed 168,000 Ahmadis in Ghana, but there may have been more. In Sierra Leone they have four secondary schools at Freetown and Bo among other places, and over forty middle schools.

Several new Ahmadiyya Installations, including a new mosque at Accra, were inaugurated by the Head of the Movement, Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, during his recent tour. This white-bearded Pakistani, a Balliol graduate, happens to be a descendant of the founder of the Movement, Ghulam Ahmad: the succession is not hereditary, however, Ghulam Ahmad preached that he was the Messiah whose coming the Prophet foretold, and the title of his present successor is Khalifatul Masih (Messiah) III. One of the main points of Ghulam Ahmad's has been its rejection of "HOLY WARS" and forcible conversion; the Ahmadiyyas revere Dan Fodio as a reformer, however, and are established in Kano and elsewhere in Northern Nigeria. In general their beliefs are not different from those of most Muslims; the belief that the Messiah has already come is sufficient to divide them from many other Muslims, and they have their own separate mosques—164 in Ghana, 158 in Sierra Leone.

Because of a prophecy by Ghulam Ahmad, the Ahmadiyya reserved a special blessing, to be conferred by their founder's garments, for the first Head of State to follow their Movement. This blessing was conferred on Alhaji Sir Farimang Singhateh, who as Governor General of the Gambia, was first to earn it. Only a few years before this, the Ahmadiyya had been excluded from The Gambia altogether, as Muslims there opposed the entry of a Nigerian Missionary of the Movement. Since 1957 they have expanded in the Gambia as elsewhere; they have just completed a medical mission at Bathurst. They have four medical centres in Nigeria, the largest being at Kano; and in Nigeria, in spite of its thousand years of Islamic history, there is only one Muslim Newspaper, THE TRUTH, and that is published by the Ahmadiyya.

Khalifatul Masih III was received by General Gowon and other Heads of State on his tour, which included two countries where the Movement is just beginning to take root—Liberia (where President Tubman offered him a plot of land) and the Ivory Coast. He arrived just too late to be received by Sir Farimang as Governor-General in The Gambia but the acting Governor General of Sierra Leone, Mr. Banja Tejan-Sie, is the son of an Ahmadi (other prominent Ahmadis in Sierra Leone include the ex-Ministers Kandeh Bureh and Kamanda-Bongay), the large number of non-Ahmadis who took part in the ceremonies marking the tour shows how prominent the Movement has become in Commonwealth West Africa.

ITINERARY

April 4, 1970 (Saturday)

Left Rabwah — Headquarters of the

Ahmadiyya Jamaat — for Lahore.

Left Lahore for Karachi.

April 5 (Sunday)

Left Karachi for Geneva via Teheran,

Istanbul.

April 6-10, unscheduled visits to London, Zurich and Frankfurt.

NIGERIA

April 11 (Saturday)

Left Frankfurt for Lagos.

Arrived in Nigerian Capital-Lagos.

Reception at Federal Palace Hotel.

April 12 (Sunday)

Lunch by Mr. Justice A. R. Bakare of the

Nigerian High Court.

Left Lagos for Ijebu-Ode-70 miles from

Lagos—and inaugurated Ahmadiyya

Mosque—returned to Lagos.

April 13 (Monday)

Met Major General Yakubu Gowon, Head of

the Nigerian State.

Left Lagos for Ibadan-120 miles from the

Capital.

Arrived in Ibadan.

Lecture at MAPO HALL.

Left Ibadan for Lagos.

April 14 (Tuesday)

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April 15 (Wednesday)

Free

April 16 (Thursday)

Met Professors and students of Lagos

University.

Press Conference at the Federal Palace

Hotel.

April 17 (Friday)

Juma Prayer at the Muslim Teachers

Training College, Lagos.

Dinner by H. E. High Commissioner for

Pakistan.

April 18 (Saturday)

Left Lagos for Accra by Air.

GHANA

April 18 (Saturday)

Arrived at Accra—Ghanaian Capital.

Foundation stone laying ceremony of

Ahmadiyya Mosque, Accra.

April 19 (Sunday)

Reception at Ambassador Hotel by the

Jamaat of Ghana.

Dinner by Pakistan High Commissioner.

April 20 (Monday)

Met Brigadier Afrifa, Chairman, Presidential,

Commission of Ghana.

Left Accra for Kumasi—169 miles from

Ghanaian Capital.

April 21 (Tuesday)

Addressed Staff and students of Ahmadiyya

Secondary School.

Opening ceremony of the Mission House at

Kumasi.

Lecture at Kumasi University of Science

and Technology.

April 22 (Wednesday) Left Kumasi for Techiman. Welcome Addresses by the Christian Paramount Chief and by the Jamaat. Performed opening ceremony of the Techiman mosque. Laid Foundation stone of Laina Hall. Returned to Kumasi in the evening. Reception at City Hotel. April 23 (Thursday) Left for Accra. Visited Nayyar Mosque on the way. April 24 (Friday) Left for Saltpond—Ghanaian Headquarters of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat. Juma Prayer at Saltpond. On way back, laid Foundation Stone of Mangoasi Mosque. April 25 (Saturday) Press Conference. April 26 (Sunday) Interviews. April 27 (Monday) Left Accra for Ivory Coast. **IVORY COAST** April 27 (Monday) Arrived at Abidjan—Capital of Ivory Coast. Reception by Jamaat.

Met Minister of Interior.

Liberia.

Left Abidjan for Monrovia-Capital of

April 28 (Tuesday)

April 29 (Wednesday)

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LIBERIA

April 29 (Wednesday)

Arrived at Robertsfield. Stayed at DUCOR

as Government Guest.

Met President Tubman at Executive

Mansion.

Dinner by the Jamaat of Liberia at DUCOR.

April 30 (Thursday)

State Banquet by the President of Liberia at

Executive Mansion.

May 1 (Friday)

Left Monrovia for Gambia.

GAMBIA

May 1 (Friday)

Arrived at Bathurst—Capital of Gambia.

May 2 (Saturday)

Met President and Prime Minister of Gambia,

Sir Daud Jawara.

Addressed the Jamaat at Government High

School.

May 3 (Sunday)

Reception by Alhaj Sir F. M. Singhateh,

former Governor General of Gambia, (an

Ahmadi) at Atlantic Hotel.

May 4 (Monday)

Free

May 5 (Tuesday)

Left Bathurst for Sierra Leone.

SIERRALEONE

May 5 (Tuesday)

Landed at Lungi Airport.

Reached Hill Lodge—State Guest House.

Press Conference.

May 6 (Wednesday)	Met Acting Governor General, Mr. Justice Banja Tejan-Sie.
	Met Prime Minister Dr. Siaka Stevens.
	Reception by Sierra Leone Jamaat.
May 7 (Thursday)	Visited Ahmadiyya Secondary School.
	Dinner by Acting Governor General Mr. Justice Banja Tejan-Sie.
May 8 (Friday)	Opening ceremony of Leicester Ahmadiyya Mosque and Juma Prayer.
	Reception by Sierra Leone Muslim Congress at Railway Union Hall, Freetown.
May 9 (Saturday)	Left Freetown for Bo.
	Reception at Bo Town Hall in the evening.
May 10 (Sunday)	Laid Foundation Stone of Ahmadiyya Mosque, Bo.
	Visited Ahmadiyya Secondary School.
	Separate Addresses of welcome by Christian Paramount Chief, Mr. Kenewa Gamanga and Ahmadiyya Mission. Visited Maulvi N. A. Ali's tomb.
	VISITED MADIN N. A. All'S LOMB.
May 11 (Monday)	Met Resident Minister Mr. Prince J. Williams.
	Return call on Resident Minister.
May 12 (Tuesday)	Returned to Freetown.
May 13 (Wednesday)	Press Conference.
May 14 (Thursday)	Left Freetown for Amsterdam on way to London.

