

corso. Naturalmente si dovrà far in modo che chi inizia a frequentare il corso, dovrà innanzitutto presenziare per tutta la sua durata.

Vi preghiamo di dare le proprie adesioni di partecipazione al I° o al II° corso, presso la segreteria del Comitato -Tel. 0376323985- e di rispettare gli orari da programma.

Durante la settimana ci saranno i fire sides ai quali potremo portare i nostri simpatizzanti -

I membri del Comitato e tutti gli amici che lo desiderano, accompagneranno tutto il programma con la recita della "Tavola di Ahmad" tutte le sere.

La sfida adesso è quella di una partecipazione totale di tutti noi a questo progetto e alla dichiarazione di almeno due anime.

Ad ognuno di Voi giunga un senso di profonda ammirazione.

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MRS. MEHERANGIZ MINSIFF

Curriculum vitae

Mrs Munsiff viene dall'India da una famiglia Zoroastriana di Bombay, abbracciò la Fede nei suoi primi anni. E' vissuta per lunghi anni in occidente. I suoi viaggi estensivi hanno coperto circa 181 Paesi e principali isole di tutti i 5 Continenti: in Australia all'Est, nelle isole Hawaiiiane, Circolo Artico a Nord, a Sud Città del Capo, offrendo la sua profonda visione delle condizioni in cui vive l'umanità in questa Epoca.

Ha incominciato a viaggiare fin da adolescente e continua tutt'ora: ogni anno Lei viaggia in differenti parti del mondo, rivisitando i suoi vecchi amici e conoscendone di nuovi nei differenti strati della società.

E' stata la prima persona dell'India a visitare un certo numero di tribù d'Indiani d'America (Hopis, Navajo e Zunis).

Durante il 1950, rimase nelle loro riserve a studiare la loro cultura.

Nel 1954 per il suo pionierismo nel Cameroun Francese ebbe l'alto privilegio di essere insignita del titolo "Cavaliere di Baha'u'llah".

Fu accompagnatrice instancabile di Marta Rooth durante la sua visita a Bombay.

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Survey of Activities of Bahá'í Women in the Five Year Plan

by Rachel Collins

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Prominent among women consecrating their energies and talents to the field of international travel teaching during the Five Year Plan was Mehrangiz Munsiff. Born into the Zoroastrian community of Bombay, Mrs Munsiff embraced the Bahá'í Faith at an early age, earned the title of Knight of Bahá'u'lláh by pioneering to French Cameroon in 1954, and has energetically served the Cause at home in England and abroad for many years. The Five Year Plan has seen the fulfilment of her lifelong desire to be able to travel teach in all parts of the world. When the Universal House of Justice asked her to undertake a journey to Australasia and the Pacific islands in 1977, she wrote in reply, thanking them for granting this wish by sending her to the one area of the world she had not yet visited, saying:

'When I was fourteen I looked after Miss Martha Root during her visit to Bombay and then travelled with her to Ajmer...[She] lovingly told me that she would pray that I may teach the Faith all over the world. How little one believes in the statements of such holy souls till they come true!'

Mrs. Munsiff's first journey in 1975 took her from Spain and Portugal throughout west and part of central Africa. She visited Bahá'í communities in Sénégal, the Gambia, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Togo, Dahomey (now Benin), Central African Republic, and Chad, then back home to England through France. Throughout her travels, she met with government officials, from heads of state to village chiefs, and addressed public meetings and gatherings of Bahá'ís. Among the Bahá'ís she helped the believers to deepen their understanding, love, and faith in the Revelation of Bahá'u'lláh, encouraged the pioneers in their work for the Faith, and, by words and actions, ever stressed the unity and love between diverse peoples that wholehearted allegiance to the Cause of God can and must bring about. In October 1976, Mrs Munsiff headed to the western hemisphere, visiting Guyana, Surinam, French Guiana, Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados, the Windward Islands, the French Antilles, Puerto Rico, Haiti, Jamaica, and Mexico, returning to England in February 1977. Later that year, she taught the Faith on the European continent, before leaving in October for the Asian Bahá'í Women's Conference in India. From India Mrs Munsiff travelled to Australia, visiting Perth in the west and Sydney in the east. Then she embarked on the journey to the islands of the Pacific which enabled her to finish encircling the world in service to the Faith. She visited communities in New Caledonia, the New Hebrides, the Solomon Islands, Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, Tahiti, the Tuamotu Archipelago, the Marquesa Islands and the Cook Islands. Mrs. Munsiff completed this extraordinary tour in Hawaii, where she visited and prayed at the graves of Martha Root, her early mentor, and Agnes Alexander, the first Bahá'í in the Hawaiian Islands. After rest and recuperation made necessary by her arduous efforts, Mrs. Munsiff travelled through Italy, Germany and Luxembourg, returning to London in late July 1978. Her final travel teaching tour of the Five Year Plan took her back to Africa, this time to Ghana, Nigeria, Zaire, South Africa, South West Africa, Reunion, Mauritius, Madagascar and Kenya. Throughout her travels, Mrs. Munsiff's actions and words attracted considerable attention and coverage from the news media in the countries she visited. When questioned about the principles of the Faith, she never lost an opportunity for stressing the significance of Bahá'u'lláh's Revelation for the progress of humanity in this day. She often spoke about the Bahá'í principle of the equality of men and women to Bahá'ís and to those inquiring about the Faith, and often encouraged the women in communities to arise to travel teach. The dramatic example of Mrs Munsiff's fearlessness and energy, however, has undoubtedly served more than mere words to inspire both the women and the men she met throughout the world to undertake a fuller service to the Cause of God.

MRS. MEHERANGIZ MUNSIFF

Curriculum vitae

Mrs. Munsiff hails from India but has lived in the West for a number of years. Her extensive travels, covering about one hundred and eighty-one countries and main islands from all the five continents - Australia in the East to Hawaiian Islands in the West, Arctic Circle in the North to Cape Town in the South - have given her a deep and wide insight into the conditions under which humanity lives in this day and age. Her travels started when she was in her teens and have continued to the present day. Every year she travels to different parts of the world, revisiting her old friends and making new ones; meeting with all strata of society. She was the first person from India to visit a number of Native American Indian tribes - Hopis, Navajo and Zunis - during the 1950s, when she stayed with them on the reservations and studied their culture. In April 1978, while on a visit to Thailand, Mrs. Munsiff was received in audience by Her Majesty the Queen. Most recently she has visited Eastern Siberia and Japan.

Mrs. Munsiff has been associated with the BBC for a number of years, as she has made her home in London, England. She has broadcast a number of talks on the overseas service of BBC Radio, has been presented on many occasions as a guest personality to be interviewed, and acted as an interviewer/co-ordinator/chairman for a number of Hindi programmes on BBC Television. From 1968 to 1976 she served as a member of the Board on the Advisory Committee to the BBC Programmes for Immigrants on Television and Radio.

Mrs. Munsiff started taking a keen interest in the plight of mankind whilst in her teens, when she worked to improve the living conditions of the poor in Ahmedabad, a leading textile centre in India. This concern continued unabated during the years she lived in the United States of America - where her husband held a diplomatic assignment - and in England. In 1956 she received the American National Red Cross Award for exceptional humanitarian services. In 1957, at a full session of the State Legislature of Maryland (USA) she was awarded a replica of the State Seal along with a standing ovation from the house. In the same year she was accorded Honorary Membership of the Capitol Hill Lions' Club for her contributions through lectures in promoting better international understanding. She served as a member of the United Kingdom Executive Committee for Human Rights during the Human Rights Year 1968, when she was presented to His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Patron of the organisation.

Mrs. Munsiff has devoted considerable time and energies to many humanitarian and benevolent activities. In the United Kingdom, Europe and the United States of America, she has helped various charities to raise funds. From 1965 to 1975 she has served on the Executive Committee of the Royal Society of India, Pakistan and Ceylon, whose patron was Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. During the years 1965 to 1972, she served on the Executive Committee of Women's India Association of the British Isles. She was for nine years a member of the Sub-Committee, Olave House, Girl Guides Association and Associated Member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts from 1972 to 1977.

During her travels Mrs. Munsiff lectures mainly on the following subjects:

Role of Women in This Age
Women of Eastern Lands
Women of India
Women of Iran
My Travels and Experiences

Religions of the World
World Peace
Prayer and Meditation
Role of Youth Today
Training of Children