

Baha'i's mark 'Day of the Covenant' death of 'Abdu'l -Baha

On Sunday, Nov. 28, the Baha'i Community of Chicago will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the passing of 'Abdu'l-Baha, son of Baha'u'llah, Prophet-Founder of the Baha'i Faith.

A public meeting will be held at 1 p.m. at the Baha'i Center 116, South Michigan. Dr. Heshmat Moayyad, Professor of Persian Literature, the University of Chicago, and Chairman of the Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Chicago, will speak on 'Abdu'l-Baha, Exemplar of the Faith.

Friday evening, Nov. 26, the Baha'i community will observe the Day of the Covenant. On this day in 1912 in New York City, 'Abdu'l-Baha announced to the Baha'is that He was the Center of His Father's Covenant — the person Who Baha'u'llah promised would lead the Baha'is after His Death.

'Abdu'l-Baha was born in Tihran, Persia (now Iran). May 23, 1844. From childhood He shared exile and imprisonment with His Father, a life that permitted Him no formal education and no contact with Western thought. In 1912 'Abdu'l-Baha traveled from the Holy Land to the United States. He spoke to numerous uni-

versities, synagogues, peace and philosophic societies while in America.

He spoke with scholars, philosophers and scientists. David Jordan Starr, president of Stanford University, said that the teachings 'Abdu'l-Baha proclaimed would unite the world for He walked the "mystic way with practical feet."

'Abdu'l-Baha, whose name means "Servant of the Glory," laid the cornerstone in 1912 of the

world-famous Baha'i House of Worship on Chicago's north shore at Wilmette, Illinois.

In His addresses in the United States, 'Abdu'l-Baha spoke frequently of the glowing destiny of America both past and future. In Washington, D. C., He prayed that America would be "the first nation to establish the foundation of international agreement . . . the first nation to proclaim the universality of mankind."