

Baha'i Activities

FREE LECTURES NO COLLECTIONS
Activities in the Chicago Baha'i Center Reading Room
116 So. Michigan Ave., Rm. 308-10, Hours, 12 to 4 p.m., Except Sun.

With the Orient seething with unrest and Western nations in a turmoil, America's foremost lay-ambassador for Universal Peace, Miss Martha L. Root, journalist and international Baha'i teacher and lecturer, is returning to this country at the behest of Shongi Effendi of Haifa, Palestine, the present guardian of the Baha'i faith. Miss Root arrives July 28, on the Norwegian liner, Bergensford, from a five-year lecture tour of the European continent.

While abroad on this last tour Miss Root was entertained, among the many notables, by H. M. King Gustav of Sweden; H. M. King Haakon of Norway; H. M. King Faisal of Iraq; Dowager Queen Marie of Roumania; H. R. H. Prince Paul and Princess Olga of Jugoslavia; the Archduchess Anton of Austria; former President Thomas Masaryk of Czechoslovakia; President Ghanzi Kemal Pasha of Turkey and Mrs. Lina Tsaldaris, intellectual leader and wife of the prime minister of Greece.

Miss Root has lectured in more than four hundred of the leading universities, colleges and other higher institutions of learning in the five continents. Being a fluent Esperantist made it possible for her to reach all races with her direct message and to associate with them on a basis of complete understanding.

On her last visit to this country on a similar mission in 1931, Miss Root lectured from coast to coast before Chambers of Commerce, Kiwanis clubs, women's clubs, universities and especially to youth

groups in the interest of universal peace. Her talks were also broadcast from radio stations in every city through which she passed during her eleven months in America.

To those who hoped that the World War would be the final method of disposing of international problems by means of war, much in the past five years has tended toward utter disillusionment. Armaments have increased, navies increased, national taxes attained unbearable burdens, nevertheless the idea of settling issues by pacific means has permeated a large portion of the world's population. This is especially true of the youth in America, which realizes that if a war comes in the future it will be their lot to carry it. They therefore consider that they should have a say in the direction of world affairs. Thus it is to the youth of the world that Miss Root has directed her lectures, speaking in universities everywhere.

Events foretold over seventy years ago by the founder of the Baha'i faith, Baha'u'llah, have actually come to pass in the last decade. The present chaos everywhere apparent he indicated would be the result of the world's delay in taking the necessary steps to bring about the federation of mankind.

It is to make America realize that we are to take the lead in a new social order that Miss Root returns to this country.

If further information is desired between the dates of July 11 and 22, inclusive, call Philip Marangella, Graceland 6292.