

BAHAISTS MOURN LOSS OF NOTED INDIAN LEADER

A distinct loss to the cause of better race relations throughout the world occurred in the death of Abdul

Baha, noted Indian religious teacher, at Halsa, Syria.



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Abdul Baha was the leader of the Bahai movement. This doctrine had as its basis one religion for all mankind and universal brotherhood. The racial features of the program developed as the movement spread. It was noticeable throughout the teachings of Ab-

dul Baha that he never deviated from the strict limits of his own convictions. No ground was given for American prejudice, and as a result many American Negro men, notably Louis Gregory, became adherents.

There are many thousands of converts to Bahaism in America. Chicago is one of the most advanced Bahai communities. A \$2,000,000 temple in this city has been proposed. Last April a four-day session was held here.

Abdul Baha's true name was Abbas Effendi. He was born in Persia May 23, 1844. At one time during his life he was thrown into prison for upholding his convictions.