

Baha'i Temple to Be Opened May 1

To Hold 23d Convention at Wilmette, Ill.

The first temple in the West dedicated to the principle of religious unity will be formally opened when delegates and visitors convene on May 1, 2 and 3 at Wilmette, Ill., for the 23d convention of American Bahais, according to an announcement from the National Spiritual assembly.

The convention will be composed of a body of 95 delegates elected by the local Bahai communities in 50 cities of the United States and Canada. Similar conventions will be held in England, Germany, Iraq, Persia, India and Australia.

In the Bahai temple now nearing completion the followers claim that the American people "are given the first visible symbol of the ideals of religious peace and social brotherhood which have inspired the true spiritual teachers of humanity in all parts of the world since the dawn of time.

"Through this edifice, raised in fulfillment of the world message uttered by Baha'u'llah more than 50 years ago, it will be possible to put into actual demonstration the longings for unity and co-operation hitherto frustrated by the separation of the people into different sects and creeds."