

# Bahai's commemorate 154th birthday of Prophet-Founder

Wilmette, Illinois, Nov. 12, 1971. Baha'is in the United States will join millions of Baha'is around the world in commemoration of the 154th Anniversary of the Birth of Baha'u'llah, Prophet-Founder of the Baha'i Faith on Friday, November 12.

Mr. Glenford E. Mitchell, Secretary of the National Baha'i Assembly, stated: "In 1863, Baha'u'llah whose name means "the Glory of God," proclaimed to the world the advent of a new Revelation from God. He affirmed that his coming represented not only the second coming of Christ but also the fulfillment of the latter day prophecies found in all Holy Books. To the Jews He was the Everlasting Father, the Lord of Hosts."

According to Mr. Mitchell, "The Revelation of Baha'u'llah was either ignored or reejected by the religious leaders and authorities of His day. Today the Baha'i Faith has spread to every part of the world and is bringing together people of diverse races, nationalities, and backgrounds. Baha'u'llah proclaimed to mankind that the long promised age of world peace and world unity had at last dawned, and that He was the Bearer of God's Word for this new age."

Baha'u'llah was born in Tihiran, Iran (then Persia) on November 12, 1817. For his Teachings, Baha'u'llah suffered denial, exile and imprisonment for most of His life. He spent most of

this imprisonment in the Holy Land, then under the rule of Turkey. His tomb, a Baha'i shrine, is located across the bay from Haifa, where on Mt. Carmel is located the World Centre of the Baha'i Faith.

Mr. Mitchell stated that from within prison walls Baha'u'llah wrote to Queen Victoria: "That which the Lord hath ordained as the sovereign remedy and mightiest instrument for the healing of all the world is the union of all its people in one universal cause, one common Faith."

Baha'u'llah taught, according to Mr. Mitchell, that all true religions come from the same Divine Source, that all the Prophets of God proclaim the Word of God, and that mankind is one.