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Marion Yazdi

1928, Marion Yazdi

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Marion Yazdi

1928

1121
Spruce
Street
Berkeley
California.,
Oct. 27,
1928
Dear
Mrs. True:

I can
no
longer
delay
an-
swer-
ing, at
least
briefly,
the
letters
re-
ceived
from
you
and
Mrs. Maxwell,
asking
us to
share
with
you
the in-
struc-
tions
giveb
by
Shoghi
Ef-
fendi,
while
we
were
with
him
the
last
part of
June
of this
year.

Shoghi

Ef-

fendi

spoke

to us

again

and

again,

on the

Plan

of Uni-

fied

action

and

the

need of

organi-

zation;

always

when

he

talked

with

us, he

went

back

to

these

topics.

And

his

part-

ing

words

were

that

he

hoped

we,

and all

the

friends,

we

would

be (1)

closely

associ-

ated²

with

the

work

of the

Na-

tional

Spiri-

Shoghi
Ef-
fendi
said
that
all
other
activi-
ties
are at
present
sec-
ondary
to the
Uni-
fied
Plan
of
Action;
that
we
must
all con-
cen-
trate
on this
one
thing.
Shoghi
Ef-
fendi
be-
lieves
that
the
Ameri-
can
believ-
ers are
capa-
ble of
putting
the
plan
into
effect.
(1) He
made
it very
clear
that
non-
Bahá'ís
are not
to con-

We
asked
what
should
be
done
when a
person
truly
wishes
to con-
tribute
to an
activ-
ity and
would
feel
hurt if
his of-
fering
were
not ac-
cepted.
In that
case,
Shoghi
Ef-
fendi
said,
the
money
might
be de-
voted
to the
poor
with
the
con-
sent of
the
donor.

(2)
Fur-
rher,
he
said,
that
the
Per-
sian
Bahá'ís
were
eager
to
assist
in the
con-
struc-
tion of
the
Tem-
ple,
but
that
he will
not
permit
them
(to
con-
tribute
again),
until
Amer-
ica has
shown
her
willing-
ness to
sacri-
fice.
The
Per-
sians
would
give
every-
thing
they
have.

The
Uni-
fied
Plan
of
Action
is a
consci-
en-
tious
indi-
vidual
obliga-
tion
accord-
ing to
Shoghi
Ef-
fendi,
and
one be-
liever
cannot
impose
it on
an-
other.
We
asked
Shoghi
Ef-
fendi if
we
should
go
with-
out
food in
order
to
meet
this
obliga-
tion.
His
answer
was
that⁷
one
must
have
bal-
ance in
all
things,

We
told
Shoghi
Ef-
fendi
that in
our
own
Assem-
bly we
had
rented
a hall
in the
hope
of
mak-
ing
new
Bahá'ís,
thereby
in-
creas-
ing the
num-
ber of
con-
tribu-
tors to
the
Fund.
How-
ever,
we had
not
been
able,
as an
Assem-
bly, to
give
our
full
quota.
Shoghi
Ef-
fendi
said⁸
that
we
would
not
make
many
new

And
then
Shoghi
Ef-
fendi
spoke
of the
next
war,
more
terri-
ble
than
the
last,
which
Bahá'ís
could
not
pre-
vent,
but
whose
hor-
rors
they
might
mitigate.
Lovingly
yours
in His
Cause,
(signed)
Mar-
ion
Yazdí
