

Notes of Lecture by Mr. A.K. Brohi, organized by the

A.M.A. Azeez Memorial Committee

6.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 6th January, 1976

INTRODUCTION: Al-Haj Dr. Badiuddin Mahmud, M.P., Minister of Education.

Mr. Brohi, Your Excellency Abdul Rauf Khan, Gentlemen,  
Assalamu Alaikum!

First of all, I must express my joy in welcoming Mr. Brohi on behalf of the Muslims of Sri Lanka. It is a great privilege to me to preside today and inaugurate the A.M.A. Azeez Memorial Lecture series with you<sup>Sir,</sup> as the first Guest Speaker.

The significance of the occasion cannot be understood unless we know the man whose name we ~~will~~ are assembled here tonight <sup>(to perpetuate.)</sup> ~~to remember~~ Mr. Azeez was a long standing friend of mine. He won the Ceylon Government Arts Scholarship on the results of the History Honours Degree Examination held in 1933. He was the first Ceylon Muslim to pass the Civil Service Examination which he entered in 1935. He served as a Civil Servant for 13 years and held various positions in different parts of the country.

In 1942 he established the Ceylon Muslim Scholarship Fund which has enabled more than 600 youth to attain positions of eminence in this country today.

In 1948 Mr. Azeez retired from the Civil Service and became the Principal of Zahira College, which post he held till 1961. In 1950 Mr. Azeez put fresh life into the Y.M.M.A. movement which is today the premier cultural and social service movement among the Muslims of this country.

He also became a Senator and contributed with his immense intellectual resources to the deliberations of that body on all questions of national importance.

Later on he gave up the principalship of Zahira College and the then S.L.F.P. Government appointed him as a member of the Public Service Commission.

In his last days, until death claimed him suddenly in November, 1973, his wise counsel and guidance were freely available to anybody who sought them, specially to the Jamiah Nalimiyya which was very close to his heart.

Now, this is a very important occasion to the Muslims who have assembled here to manifest their gratitude to a man who had done so much for them. Hence, I was compelled to cancel the engagement I already had, to be here tonight.

Gentlemen, this is not the first occasion on which Mr. Brohi came to Sri Lanka. Once before, during the <sup>SW.R.D.</sup> Premiership of the late Mr. <sup>^</sup>Bandaranaike of revered memory, Mr. Brohi had come and addressed the All Asia Philosophic Conference that was held in Kandy. On that occasion he made a most profound contribution.

I must congratulate the A.M.A. Azeez Memorial Committee on the choice of this outstanding personality to deliver the first lecture in the series.

Mr. Brohi, as you are all aware, received his early education at Garhi Yaseen, District Sukkur. He graduated from D.J. Sind College, Karachi, in 1937, securing first class Honours and standing first in Sind. He passed his M.A. and LL. B. Examination in 1939. He was admitted to the Bar in 1941. As a lawyer he built up a lucrative <sup>(and ~~an~~ extensive)</sup> practice. He became the Advocate-General <sup>(Prosecution)</sup> Sind, in 1951. He was appointed the Chief/Counsel of the well known Rawalpindi Conspiracy Case in 1951 to 1953. In that year he was taken into the Cabinet of Pakistan and he served as Minister of Law. In that capacity he served that country until

October 1954.

He attended the Session of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations as a member of the Pakistani Delegation in 1950. He also led the Pakistani Delegation to the Economic and Social Council at Santiago (Chile) in 1951. He was High Commissioner for Pakistan in India in the year 1960-61.

In 1964 he was also invited to deliver lectures in international law at the University of Geneva. In 1966 he was one of the six invited to deliver orations in connection with the International Co-operation Year.

He was also Professor of Jurisprudence and Constitutional Law in Pakistan. His book on the "Constitution of Pakistan" is a masterpiece in the field of constitutional studies.

He was a well-known figure in the United Nations for the part he played in the formulation of the Charter on Human Rights. Apart from Mr. Brohi's activities as a great constitutional lawyer and statesman, there is another aspect of his activities in which we Muslims are specially interested. That is, he is a great scholar of Islamics and a writer of distinction with many books and articles to his credit.

He is also one who is interested and engaged in the propagation of Islam. Today, as *Kuraid Ahmed* says, the idols of material worship, race worship and land worship that were abolished by Islam have been revived. The principles of Islam have now been restricted and placed on a high pedestal. Man is once again the slave of his objects and is hardly conscious of this <sup>bondage</sup> ~~potential~~. All lovers of humanity are uneasy over this <sup>situation</sup> ~~state~~. They are convinced that this is the time to warn man

against the impending catastrophe and bring about peace and  
salvation and greenness in our

Mr. Brohi is one such restless soul. He has been *Writing*  
mainly to kindle, to shed light and dispel darkness. He has  
a heart that throbs for humanity and a mind that can

I have, therefore, great pleasure in calling upon Mr. Brohi  
to deliver his address.

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MR. ALLAHBUX KHAN BROHI

اعوذ بالله من الشيطان الرجيم بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم  
اشهد ان لا اله الا الله وحده لا شريك له واشهد ان محمدا  
عبده ورسوله . شهد الله انه لا اله الا هو والملكوت واولوا  
العلم قائما بالقسط لا اله الا هو العزيز الحكيم ان الذين  
عند الله الا سلام . بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم ان الله وملائكته  
يصلون على النبي يا ايها الذين امنوا صلوا عليه  
وسلموا تسليما اللهم صل على سيدنا محمد وعلى ال  
سيدنا ونبينا ومولانا محمد .

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم  
يَسْبِغْ لِي اللهُ مَاءِي السَّمَاءِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ الْمَاءِ الْقُدُّوسِ  
الْعَزِيزِ الْحَكِيمِ .

هُوَ الَّذِي بَعَثَ فِي آلِ مَيْمِنٍ رَسُولًا  
مِّنْهُمْ يَتْلُوا عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِهِ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ  
وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَإِنْ كَانُوا  
مِن قَبْلُ لَفِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ ۝  
ثَاخِرِينَ مِنْهُمْ لَمَّا يَلْحَقُوا بِهِمْ  
ذَلِكَ فَضْلُ اللَّهِ يُؤْتِيهِ مَنْ يَشَاءُ  
وَاللَّهُ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ ۝