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Convention '98 Chicago

From 2nd to 5th July

Convention '98 Chicago in July is talk of the town these days. Friends and acquaintance are calling and confirming to see each other at the convention. There is a frantic rush to find the cheapest airfare to O'Hare airport. The Convention Committee is working hard to make this convention a memorable event in the history of SANA. Those who have been involved in organizing SANA Conventions know very well how difficult the task is. So far, organizing committee is doing a wonderful job. We wish them success and pledge them our support.

President Iqbal Tareen has appointed Mr. Ishaq Tunio as chairperson of the organizing committee with the following gentlemen as members: m/s Aijaz Turk, Gul Agha, Amir Turk, Nadeem Jamali, Juman Khudai, and Rahim Khawaja. The detailed program of the convention will be issued by OC as soon as possible. The Sindhis of Chicago or 'The Windy Sindhis' as they call themselves are working feverishly to patch up a very interesting and colorful program for this convention. And we are excited, indeed!

After reviewing information from 30 hotels in the local area andPlease see CHICAGO on page 19

Shaikh Ayaz

... .. *heroes never die*

Shaikh Ayaz, who died in Karachi, on Sunday was a towering figure of Sindhi literature, known and respected nationally and by Sindhi-speaking people all over the world. As a perceptive observer of his land and its people, he depicted their pains and sufferings, their dreams and wishes in whatever he wrote in a captivating way.

Born on March 23, 1923 in Shikarpur, Ayaz was lawyer by profession. He also served as vice chancellor of Sindh University. But poetry was his forte. He wrote profusely and expressed himself in all genres of literature. He has to his credit 46 collection of poetry, short stories, essays, and diaries. He was awarded Hilal-il-Imtiaz in 1995.

He died on December 28, 1998 of heart failure. He was 74. When he suffered a heart attack for the third time, he remarked to a reporter, "I have won this round from death but I know that the final victory belongs to the death." The mortal remains of the revolutionary poet of Sindh, were laid to rest near the shrine of Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai at the banks of Lake Karrar.

Shaikh Aziz, journalist

Shaikh Ayaz was the greatest Sindhi poet of 20th century who stood against all odds to fight withPlease see AYAZ on page 8

from the President Status Report

Iqbal Tareen

I take this opportunity to submit this report before you. It covers post-Toronto Convention activities and planned events.

CONVENTION 1998

SANA's annual convention 1998 will be held in Chicago. Dallas and San Francisco were also active contestants for 1998 convention. Chicago took a great advantage of this split and stole the day. Dallas and San Francisco could not match the lobbying genius of Mr. Ishaq Tunio, Dr. Aijaz Turk, Mr. Nadeem Jamali and other Chicagoans.

We are truly thrilled about our next convention. I assure you, it is going to be a great family event for our community. Further details of the convention will be published in SANGAT as soon they are released by the committee.

FEROZ STUDENT AID FUND

Executive Council has approved two vital projects. It has approved establishing an independent Student Aid Fund, which is named after Dr. Feroz Ahmed. This fund will be administered by an independent committee. EC has appointed Mr. Manzoor Hussain Shah, Torrance, CA, as the Chairman of the committee. Mr. Shah will appoint additional four members and will submit operational details of thisPlease see IQBAL on page 12