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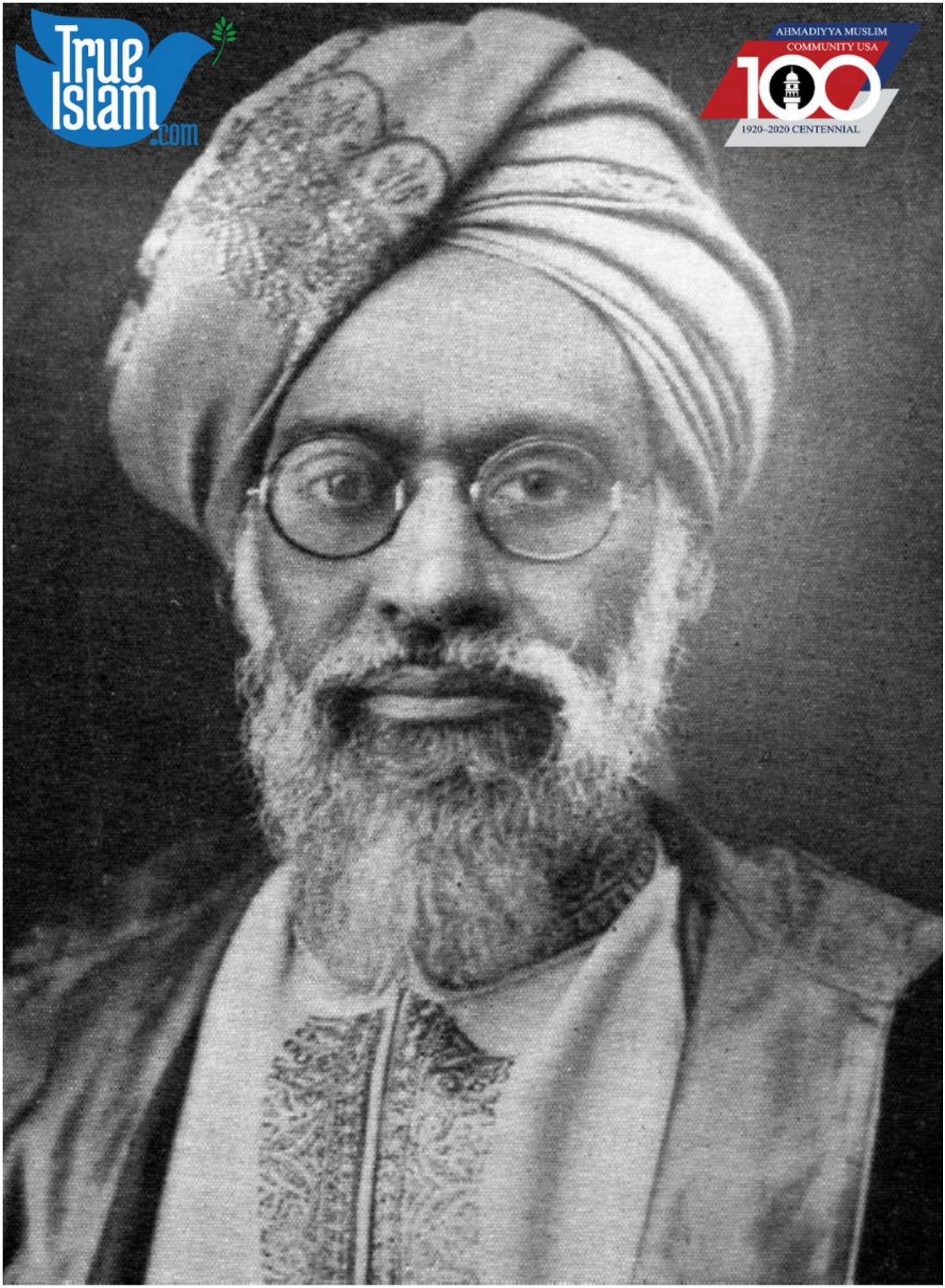
101 years ago today, Islam reemerged in modern America with the arrival in Philadelphia of a sage and scholar named Mufti Muhammad Sadiq.

Follow along as we recount his story alongside a brief history of Muslims in the United States. (1/16)
#100YearMovement



The presence of Islam in America dates back to the 13 colonies, when West Africans were enslaved and brought to the new world against their will. Many were Muslim and continued to practice their faith even as it was impossible for them to live freely. (2/16)

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But by the end of the 19th century, Islam as a religion in the U.S. started to wane. The descendants of Muslim slaves had little connection to their forefathers, though some had inherited relics such as prayer mats and copies of the Holy Quran. (3/16)

Around the same time Islam was fading in America, a new spiritual movement was awakening halfway across the world.

It was known as the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, founded in 1889 by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian, India. (4/16)
#PromisedMessiah

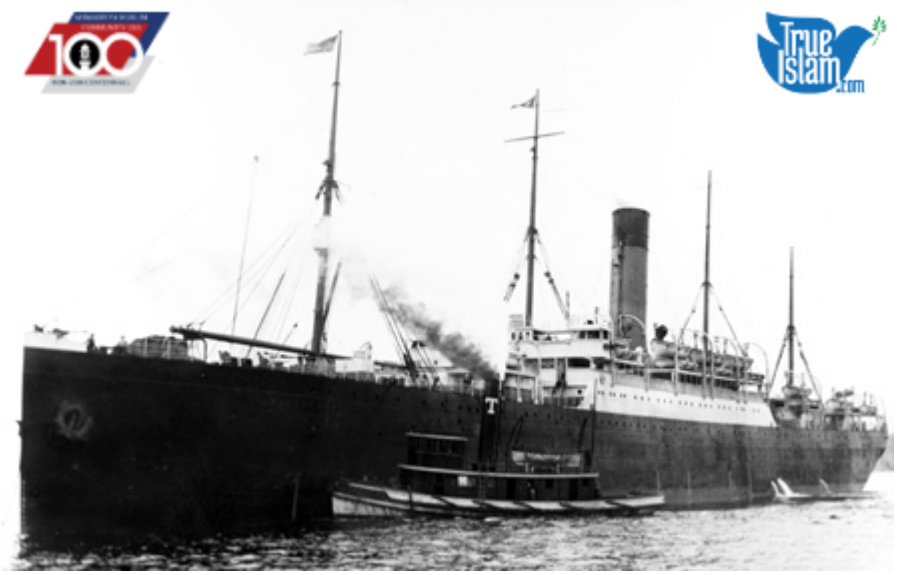


Ahmad claimed to be the awaited latter day reformer and Messiah for all religions, who came to revive the true and essential teachings taught by the Holy Prophet of Islam. His movement began as a small group in an Indian village and has grown to millions worldwide today. (5/16)

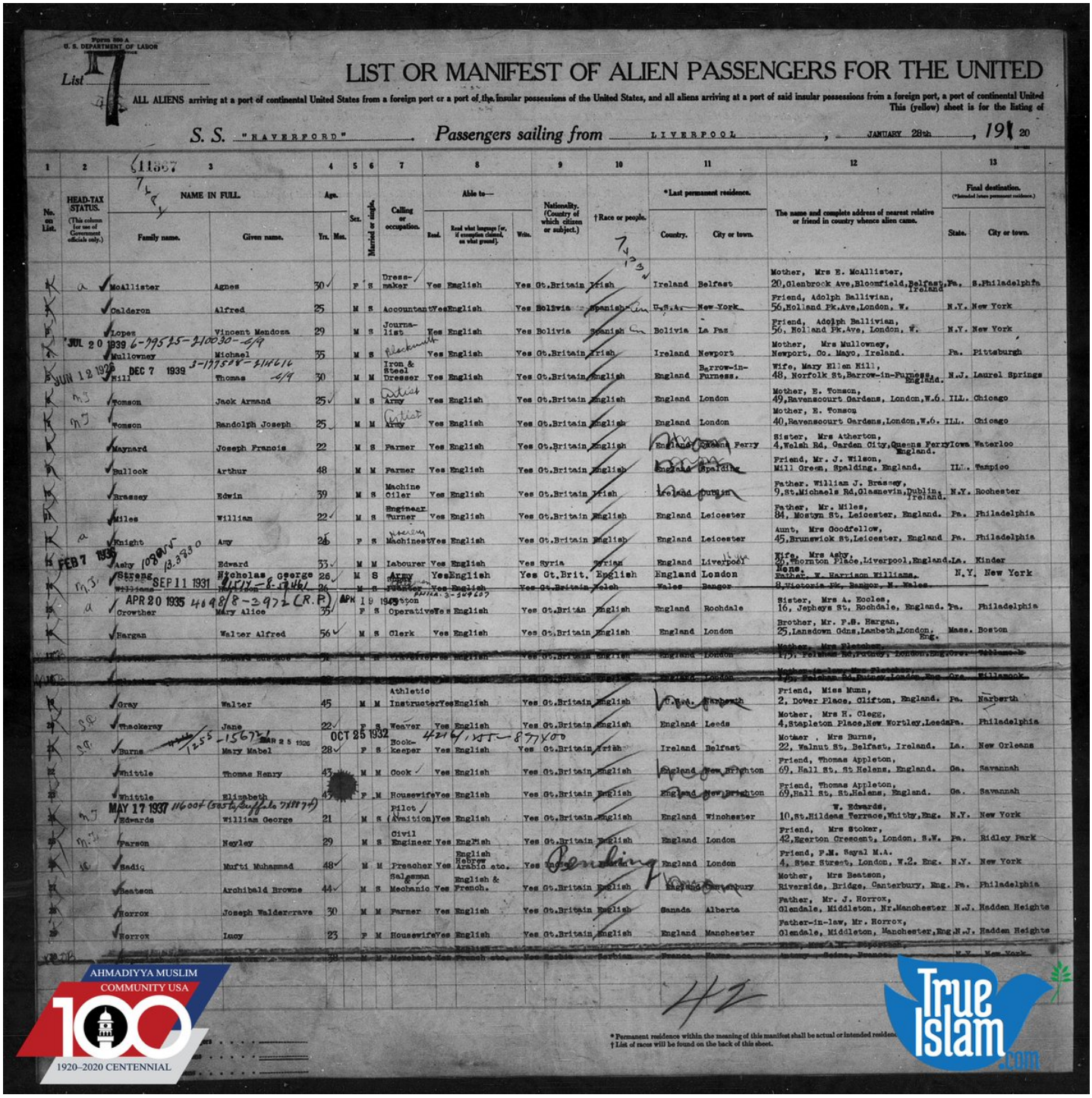
In Dec. 1919, the 2nd Caliph (successor) to the Promised Messiah and the global leader of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, instructed Mufti Sadiq—one of the community's learned missionaries and a companion of the Promised

Messiah—to take the message of Islam to America. (6/16)

Mufti Sadiq set sail from England on Jan. 26, 1920, aboard the SS Haverford. During his sea voyage to America, he preached the message of the Holy Prophet of Islam and the Promised Messiah, converting men from Bosnia, England, Syria and China. (7/16)



Mufti Sadiq landed on the shores of the United States on Feb. 15, 1920—exactly 101 years ago today. But his entry into America was not without trials. In fact, he was arrested and detained for two months before being allowed to enter Philadelphia. (8/16)



LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED

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S. S. "HAVERFORD" Passengers sailing from LIVERPOOL, JANUARY 28th, 1920

No. on List.	HEAD-TAX STATUS.	NAME IN FULL. Family name.	Given name.	Age. Yrs.	Mos.	Sex.	Married or single.	Calling or occupation.	Able to— Read.	Write.	Nationality. (Country of which citizen or subject.)	†Race or people.	*Last permanent residence. Country.	City or town.	The name and complete address of nearest relative or friend in country whence alien came.	Final destination. State.	City or town.
		McAllister	Agnes	30		F	S	Dress-maker	Yes	Yes	Gt.Britain	Irish	Ireland	Belfast	Mother, Mrs E. McAllister, 20,Glenbrook Ave,Bloomfield,Belfast,Ireland	Pa.	S.Philadelphia
		Calderon	Alfred	25		M	S	Accountant	Yes	Yes	Bolivia	Spanish-Am	U.S.A.	New York	Friend, Adolph Ballivian, 56,Holland Pk.Ave,London, W.	N.Y.	New York
		Lopez	Vincent Mendoza	29		M	S	Journa-list	Yes	Yes	Bolivia	Spanish Am	Bolivia	La Paz	Friend, Adolph Ballivian, 56, Holland Pk.Ave, London, W.	N.Y.	New York
		Mullowney	Michael	35		M	S	Blacksmith	Yes	Yes	Gt.Britain	Irish	Ireland	Newport	Mother, Mrs Mullowney, Newport, Co. Mayo, Ireland.	Pa.	Pittsburgh
		Mill	Thomas	30		M	M	Iron & Steel Dresser	Yes	Yes	Gt.Britain	English	England	Barrow-in-Furness,	Wife, Mary Ellen Mill, 48, Norfolk St,Barrow-in-Furness, England.	N.J.	Laurel Springs
		Tomson	Jack Armand	25		M	S	Army	Yes	Yes	Gt.Britain	English	England	London	Mother, E. Tomson, 49,Ravenscourt Gardens, London,W.6.	Ill.	Chicago
		Tomson	Randolph Joseph	25		M	M	Army	Yes	Yes	Gt.Britain	English	England	London	Mother, E. Tomson 40,Ravenscourt Gardens,London,W.6.	Ill.	Chicago
		Maynard	Joseph Francis	22		M	S	Farmer	Yes	Yes	Gt.Britain	English	England	Queens Ferry	Sister, Mrs Atherton, 4,Welsh Rd, Garden City,Queens Ferry,England.	Iowa	Waterloo
		Bullock	Arthur	48		M	M	Farmer	Yes	Yes	Gt.Britain	English	England	Spalding	Friend, Mr. J. Wilson, Mill Green, Spalding, England.	Ill.	Tampico
		Brassey	Edwin	39		M	S	Machine Oiler	Yes	Yes	Gt.Britain	Irish	Ireland	Dublin	Father, William J. Brassey, 9,St.Michaels Rd,Glasnevin,Dublin, Ireland.	N.Y.	Rochester
		Miles	William	22		M	S	Engineer Turner	Yes	Yes	Gt.Britain	English	England	Leicester	Father, Mr. Miles, 84, Mostyn St, Leicester, England.	Pa.	Philadelphia
		Knight	Amy	26		F	S	Machinest	Yes	Yes	Gt.Britain	English	England	Leicester	Aunt, Mrs Goodfellow, 45,Brunswick St,Leicester, England	Pa.	Philadelphia
		Ashy	Edward	33		M	M	Labourer	Yes	Yes	Syria	Syrian	England	Liverpool	Wife, Mrs Ashy, 20,Thornton Place,Liverpool,England.	La.	Kinder
		Strees	Nicholas George	26		M	S	Army	Yes	Yes	Gt.Brit.	English	England	London	Home, Father, W. Harrison Williams,	N.Y.	New York
		Williams	[illegible]	26		M	S	[illegible]	Yes	Yes	Gt.Britain	Welsh	Wales	Bangor	8,Victoria Pk, Bangor, N. Wales.		
		Crowther	Mary Alice	35		F	S	Operative	Yes	Yes	Gt.Britain	English	England	Rochdale	Sister, Mrs A. Eccles, 16, Jephays St, Rochdale, England.	Pa.	Philadelphia
		Hargan	Walter Alfred	56		M	S	Clerk	Yes	Yes	Gt.Britain	English	England	London	Brother, Mr. F.B. Hargan, 25,Lansdown Gdns,Lambeth,London, Eng.	Mass.	Boston
		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Gray	Walter	45		M	M	Athletic Instructer	Yes	Yes	Gt.Britain	English	[illegible]	Narberth	Friend, Miss Munn, 2, Dover Place, Clifton, England.	Pa.	Narberth
		Thackeray	Jane	22		F	S	Weaver	Yes	Yes	Gt.Britain	English	England	Leeds	Mother, Mrs H. Clegg, 4,Stapleton Place,New Wortley,Leeds	Pa.	Philadelphia
		Burns	Mary Mabel	28		F	S	Book-keeper	Yes	Yes	Gt.Britain	Irish	Ireland	Belfast	Mother . Mrs Burns, 22, Walnut St, Belfast, Ireland.	La.	New Orleans
		Whittle	Thomas Henry	43		M	M	Cook	Yes	Yes	Gt.Britain	English	England	New Brighton	Friend, Thomas Appleton, 69, Hall St, St Helens, England.	Ga.	Savannah
		Whittle	Elizabeth	47		F	M	Housewife	Yes	Yes	Gt.Britain	English	England	New Brighton	Friend, Thomas Appleton, 69,Hall St, St.Helens, England.	Ga.	Savannah
		Edwards	William George	21		M	S	Pilot (Aviation)	Yes	Yes	Gt.Britain	English	England	Winchester	W. Edwards, 10,St.Hildeas Terrace,Whitby,Eng.	N.Y.	New York
		Parson	Negley	29		M	S	Civil Engineer	Yes	Yes	Gt.Britain	English	England	London	Friend, Mrs Stoker, 42,Egerton Crescent, London, S.W.	Pa.	Ridley Park
		Sadiq	Mufti Muhammad	48		M	M	Preacher	Yes	Yes	India	English Hebrew Arabic etc.	England	London	Friend, F.M. Sayal M.A. 4, Ster Street, London, W.2. Eng.	N.Y.	New York
		Beatson	Archibald Browne	44		M	S	Salesman & Mechanic	Yes	Yes	Gt.Britain	English & French.	England	Canterbury	Mother, Mrs Beatson, Riverside, Bridge, Canterbury, Eng.	Pa.	Philadelphia
		Horrox	Joseph Walderrave	30		M	M	Farmer	Yes	Yes	Gt.Britain	English	Canada	Alberta	Father, Mr. J. Horrox, Glendale, Middleton, Nr.Manchester	N.J.	Hadden Heights
		Horrox	Lucy	23		F	M	Housewife	Yes	Yes	Gt.Britain	English	England	Manchester	Father-in-law, Mr. Horrox, Glendale, Middleton, Manchester,Eng.	N.J.	Hadden Heights
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* Permanent residence within the meaning of this manifest shall be actual or intended residence.
† List of races will be found on the back of this sheet.

During his imprisonment, he wasted no time in his mission, sharing the message of Islam with his fellow detainees—19 of whom converted as Muslims by the time he was released. (9/16)

After being released, Mufti Sadiq spread the teachings of Islam around the US, delivering more than 50 public lectures and earning favorable coverage from newspapers in more than 25 states. One paper noted his success in spreading Islam "without the sword." (10/16)



MISSIONARY OF ISLAM
Dr. Mufti Muhammed Sadiq, leader in United States of Ahmadia movement in Mohammedanism, now in Philadelphia.

Cutting from *The Philadelphia Inquirer* (14 March 1920) in which news was given on Hazrat Mufti Sahib's detention upon arrival in the USA | *Ahmadiyya ARC*

ALIENS IMPATIENT AT LONG DETENTION

Englishman With American Wife Held at Gloucester Station Hopes for Release

Special to The Inquirer.

GLOUCESTER, N. J., March 13.—There are two impatient aliens in the detention house of the Bureau of Immigration who are anxious to know whether they are going to be liberated soon or sent back across the ocean.

One of them is Robert James Rockford, the young Englishman, who has an American wife in Boston, Mass., and has been ordered deported because he came across as a stowaway without a passport. He was scheduled to go back two weeks ago, but the ship on which he was to go did not go to Liverpool. He believes that the State Department will eventually release him so that he can join his American wife in Boston. Assistant Commissioner James I. Hughes said today that his case remains in the same state as before and he will go back on the first ship of the American Line that leaves Philadelphia for Liverpool. Then he will apply for a passport and come back as soon as possible.

The other detained alien is Mufti Sadiq, the East Indian missionary, who arrived three weeks ago on the steamship Haverford for the purpose of organizing Mohammed branches in the United States. He will not be released until he can prove to the authorities in Washington that he is a legitimate Ahmadi preacher. Sadiq has sent at least a hundred letters to Washington to prove his standing.

Haddonfield Girl to Wed

Special to The Inquirer.

HADDONFIELD, N. J., March 13.—Invitations were issued for the wedding of Miss Helen Biddle Dewey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin J. Dewey, of 210 Washington avenue, and Albert D. Stiles, of 421 Penn street, Camden, to take place on the evening of March 31 at the Dewey residence. The Rev. Joseph B. C. Mackie, pastr of the First Presbyterian Church, will officiate. Miss Helen Irving, of 401 Mansion avenue, and Miss Marie Sitley, of 200 Mansion avenue, will be the bridesmaids. A twin brother of Mr. Stiles, George Stiles, of North Broad street, Philadelphia, will be the best man. After the wedding the pair will reside at 3531 North Twenty-first street, Philadelphia.

Sea Isle City Approves Budget

Special to The Inquirer.

SEA ISLE CITY, N. J., March 13.—The Commissioners have approved the school budget as prepared by the Board of Education, calling for $9400. The State will add about $3500. Teachers' salaries will amount to $5400; $1400 is provided to repair the schoolhouse, and $1370 will be needed for transportation of high school pupils to Ocean City, besides $600 for their tuition.

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Mufti Sadiq was tireless in traveling around the country and corresponding with Americans of all stripes, including President Warren Harding, Thomas Edison and Henry Ford. He befriended Marcus Garvey and converted many of his followers. (11/16)

In Oct. 1920, Mufti Sadiq moved the US headquarters of the community to Chicago, establishing the first Ahmadiyya mosque on Wabash Avenue. Now known as the Al-Sadiq Mosque, it is one of the earliest mosques in the US and the oldest standing mosque in the country. (12/16)



The construction of the Chicago mosque was funded predominantly by donations from African American converts, who were drawn to Islam's message of social and racial harmony. (13/16)
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In Highland Park, Mich., he opened a mosque that welcomed "believers of all religions." He explained it was a Muslim's duty to be a good citizen and learn the country's language. The Detroit Free Press headline of the inauguration read "Moslems Avow Loyalty to US." (14/16)

Within 13 years of Mufti Muhammad Sadiq's arrival in the United States, 20,000 Americans had become Ahmadi Muslims. His legacy lives on today.
Read more about his life and work here (15/16): https://t.co/hLJOxc9LoC

Stay tuned for more on the history of Ahmadi Muslims in the US and the message of the #PromisedMessiah this week. (16/16)
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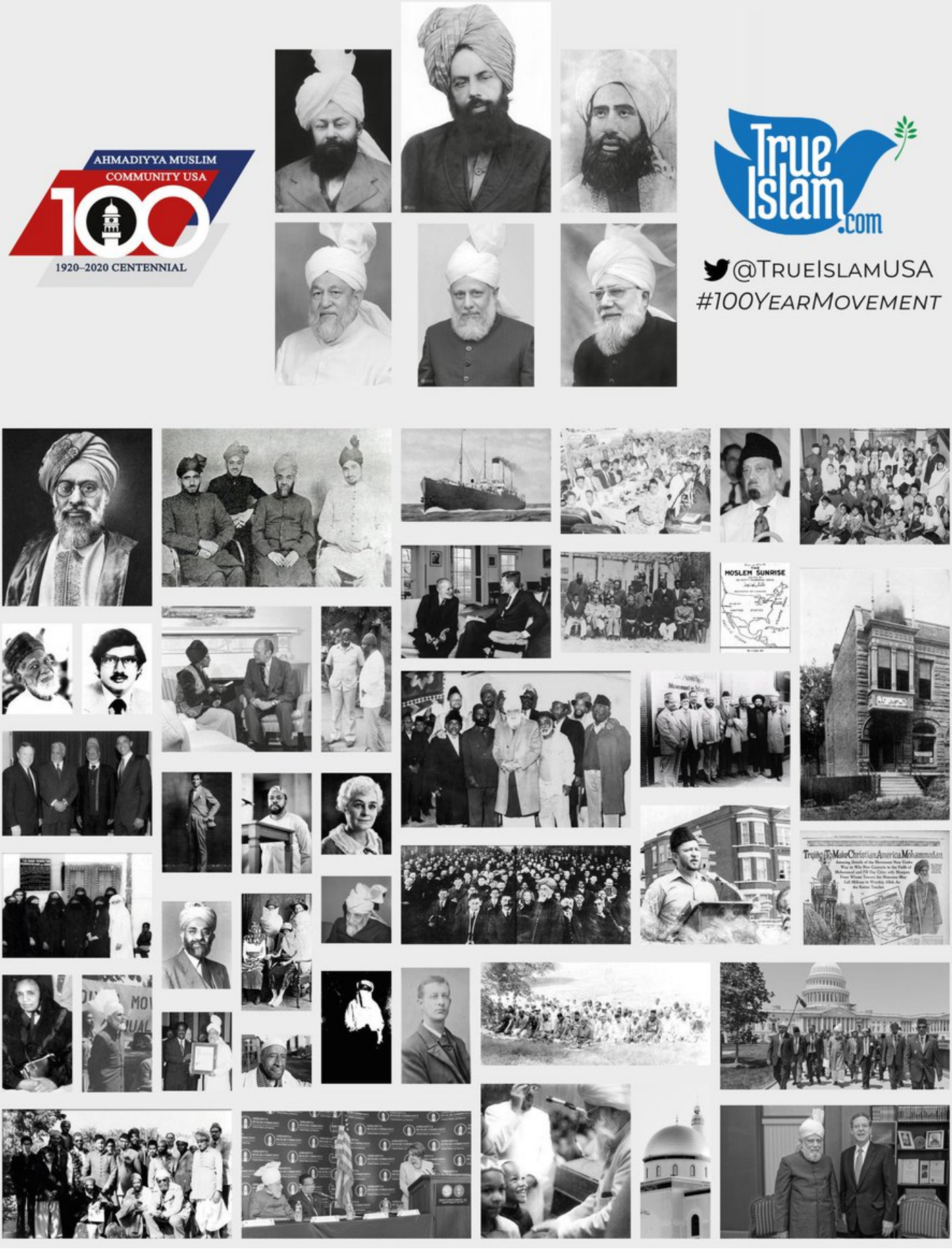
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