

Hands of the Cause of God:
Amatu'l-Bahá Rúhíyyih Khánum:
Some Tidbits:

- 1) When my daughter, Judy, went on Pilgrimage in the early 1980's with Nancy Cole, she was invited to have dinner with Rúhíyyih Khánum. I understand that Khánum did this on a regular basis to those she had met and/or spent some time with when she was traveling. To my regret she was not in the Holy Land when I was there.

However, Judy did have the great privilege. When she got home she told me about it and said she sat next to this really nice man. I, of course, asked who it was, but Judy said she didn't know his name, but they had taken pictures. When the photos came back, she showed me and pointed out the nice man. It was Ali Nakhjavani!

- 2) My husband Frank also was on Pilgrimage in 1976, and he was asked to dinner. It was, as he describes it, a delightful experience. Rúhíyyih Khánum asked Frank if he had seen her new film, "The Green Light Expedition". He said no, and she said, "You must see it, it's the best thing I've done!"
- 3) One of the things one also remembers of Rúhíyyih Khánum's visits is her traveling companion, Violette Nakhjavani. She was so unobtrusive, yet charming and always helping in any way she could. Frank has a wonderful memory of her and she washing up dishes one night after a meeting held in Pavee Road, St. Lucia, the home of the Trutza's. They chatted and Frank told her about a book he had sent to someone in Germany, and she said "that's my brother..".
- 4) In 1972 at the formation of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'is of the Windward Islands in Barbados, Rúhíyyih Khánum was present as the representative of the Universal House of Justice.

During the instructions to the delegates as to the voting procedures, one of the delegates raised his hand to speak. He began a long, vague, carefully worded question asking about voting for someone who had been on one of the islands and was now on another island, but wanted to move back to the first island, etc. Everyone knew who he was talking about, but didn't want to call by name. Rúhíyyih Khánum listened to this with obviously growing impatience, and finally broke in to his talk saying, "Of course you can vote for the Paccassis".