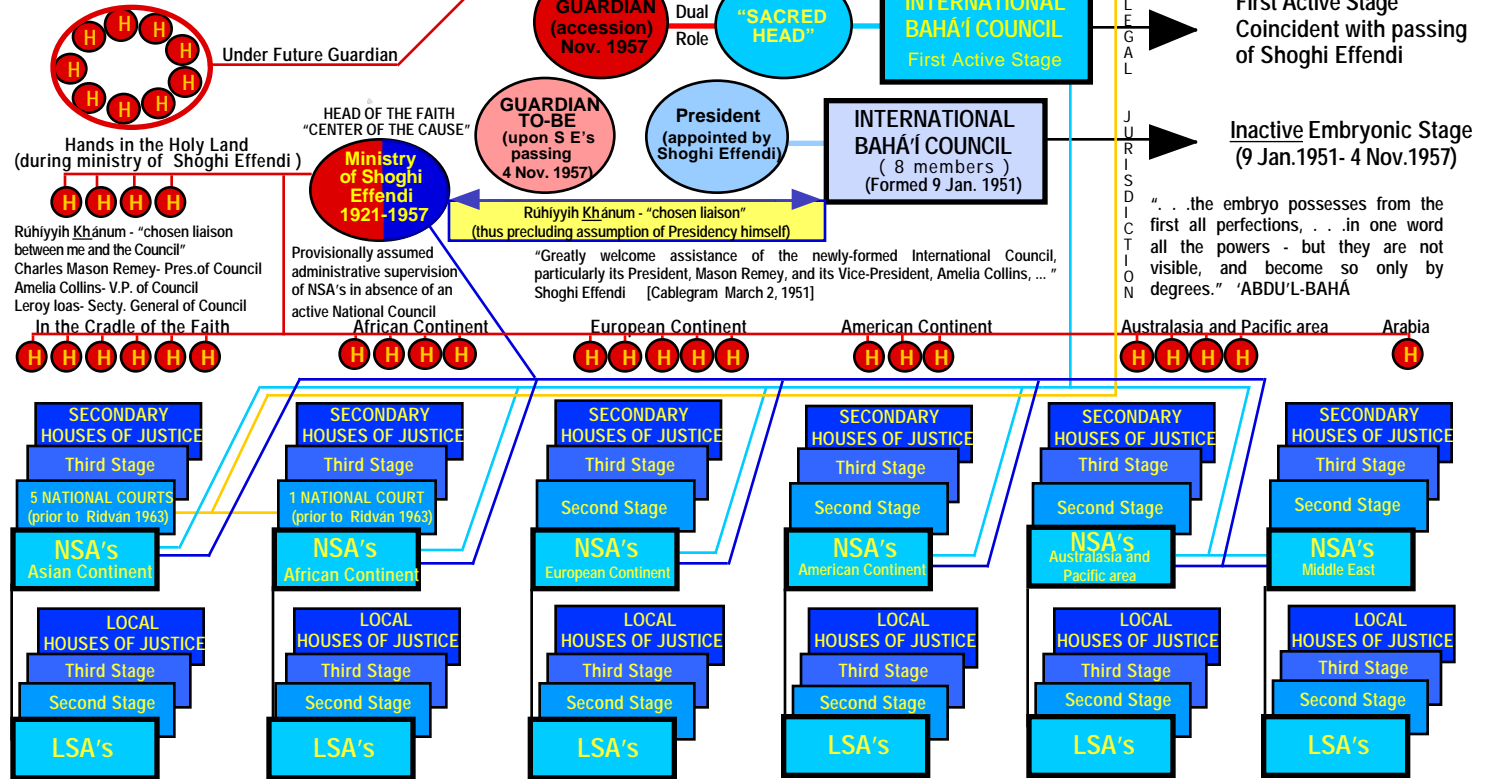


# RAMIFICATIONS OF SHOGHI EFFENDI'S MOMENTOUS PROCLAMATION OF 9 JANUARY, 1951

"PROCLAIM National Assemblies of East and West weighty epoch-making decision of formation of first INTERNATIONAL BAHÁ'Í COUNCIL... marking most significant milestone in evolution of Administrative Order... Nascent Institution... this first EMBRYONIC INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTION... which history will acclaim as the GREATEST EVENT shedding luster upon the second epoch of the Formative Age of the Bahá'í Dispensation, potentially unsurpassed by any enterprize undertaken since the inception of the Administrative Order of he Faith on morrow of 'Abdu'l-Bahá's Ascension..." [Caps added]

Shoghi Effendi [Cablegram 9 Jan. 1951]

Nine Hands elected in the future from their own number to serve under the Guardian at the World Center as specified in the Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Bahá.



**KEY:**

- International Bahá'í Council ( **embryonic** UHJ) appointed by Shoghi Effendi, 9 Jan. 1951, and its HEAD announced in 2 Mar. 1951 but retained in **INACTIVE** status as a functioning administrative body during remaining years of his ministry.
- Projected 1st **active** stage of IBC, coincident with passing of Shoghi Effendi, and consequent exercise of administrative authority over subordinate administrative bodies.
- 2nd stage of IBC as International Bahá'í Court with initial parallel development of 6 identified NSA's into National Courts by Ridván 1963 as outlined in goals of 10 Year Crusade.
- 3rd evolutionary stage of administrative institutions paralleling development of IBC, as the progress of the Faith permits.
- Projected "efflorescence" of IBC as Universal House of Justice and parallel evolution of subordinate Houses of Justice in accordance with terms of Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Bahá.
- Spiritual functions performed by the Guardian and Hands of the Cause assigned localities by him as shown.
- Appointed Guardian-to-Be coincident with passing of Shoghi Effendi (4 Nov. 1957).
- Lines linking Guardian to the Hands performing duties under his direction.
- Lines showing provisional direction exercised by Guardian pending functioning of active IBC.
- Lines indicating administrative jurisdiction exercised by National Spiritual Assemblies over Local Spiritual Assemblies.
- Lines showing jurisdiction that is exercised by an actively functioning International Bahá'í Council over subordinate bodies.
- Lines indicating supreme judicial authority initially exercised by the International Bahá'í Court over National Bahá'í Courts. Additional National Bahá'í Courts will be established as circumstances permit.

- NOTES:**
- Evolutionary development of Bahá'í Administrative Institutions at national and local levels will not be simultaneous but, for example, in the case of the establishment of Bahá'í Courts will depend on authority granted by governments.
  - The then 27 Hands of the Cause were assigned by Shoghi Effendi to areas shown.
  - National Bahá'í Courts were to be established by Ridván 1963 in Baghdád, Cairo, Kabul, Karachi, New Delhi and Tíhrán.

"It is incumbent upon the guardian of the Cause of God to appoint in his own life-time him that shall become his successor, that differences may not arise after his passing." Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Bahá

"At the World Center of the Faith, where, at long last the machinery of its highest institutions has been erected,..." Cablegram Shoghi Effendi, 30 June, 1952