

Condolences from Muhammad on Sheik Shaltout



THE HONORABLE El-Sheik Mahmoud Shaltout, who died recently at the age of 70. His position in the Islamic world was equivalent to that of the Pope in the Catholic world.

On behalf of myself and of all Muslims in America, I offer the deepest and most sincere condolences to the Islamic world in general, and to the United Arab Republic in particular, on the unfortunate death of the Honorable El-Sheik Mahmoud Shaltout, the former rector of the historic Al-Azhar University.

I first met Sheik Shaltout some five years ago on occasion of my visit to Egypt. I was privileged to spend many enjoyable and informative hours with him as his guest.

Throughout his life and until the day of his death, Sheik Shaltout continued to make immense and valuable contributions to education and to Islam. His honesty and courageousness was almost legendary.

It was such honesty and courage which led him to refute the slanders of white American newspapermen who visited him last year in an attempt to get the great Sheik to deny that "Black Muslim" in America were true Muslims, and to otherwise speak disparagingly of his Muslim brothers in North America.



The Honorable Elijah Muhammad



THOUSANDS OF MOURNERS attended funeral rites in Cairo, Egypt, for The Honorable El-Sheik Mahmoud Shaltout. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad, leader of Muslims in America, offers condolences to the Islamic world in general on the loss of the highest ranking leader in Islam.

World Leaders at Funeral

CAIRO, Egypt—Thousands of mourners from all over the world attended the funeral rites of the late Honorable El-Sheik Mahmoud Shaltout, leader of the Islamic world.

All Egyptian officials were present, with the exception of President Gamal Abdel Nasser, who was on a state visit in Tunis. So great was the size of the crowd, many of the ministers present were obliged to pray in the street instead of the Mosque.

Their devotion and love for the great leader of Islam was of such intensity that the mourners refused to place the body of the Sheik on the funeral car, but insisted upon carrying him on their shoulders, walking more than 10 kilometers.

The Honorable El-Sheik Mahmoud Shaltout, rector of Al-Azhar University and holder of many exalted positions, died of a heart attack following his recovery from an operation.

However, he was very lucid until the last hour, and spoke to everyone by name, smiling and joking. Then suddenly—he died.

Both the Christian and

Moslem worlds respected him.

Nigerian Quits MR Over Kennedy Murder

LAGOS, Nigeria—Because of the "events surrounding" the assassination of President Kennedy, the parliamentary secretary of the Federal Nigerian Education Ministry, Dan C. Ugwu, resigned from the world-wide Moral Rearmament movement.

Ugwu said that "in the light of the trends of events surrounding the death of President Kennedy, it is the whites who need moral rearmament and not the simple black people who know no racial pride and lay no claim to any superiority over any race."

He added that the assassination of Kennedy "was because he championed the cause of black Americans."

To his everlasting credit Sheik Shaltout not only refused to indulge these harbingers of evils, as reported in Egypt's great newspaper Al-Ahram, but informed them that all Muslims were brothers as long as they believe in Allah and in the Holy Qur-an.

In response to the previous news of his death, I dispatched my son, Herbert

Muhammad, to attend funeral ceremonies of this great Islamic leader on my behalf and on behalf of Muslims in

America. May Allah (God) bless and compensate Islam and the Muslims for their loss.



A SECTION of the high ranking officials of Egypt and leaders from all over the world who attended services for Sheik Shaltout, including the son of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, Herbert Muhammad (2nd from right) who was sent as his father's personal representative.

MUHAMMAD SPEAKS



THE MEMORABLE MEETING of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and the late El-Sheik Mahmoud Shaltout, rector of Al Kazaar University, took place on the occasion of the Messenger of Allah's first visit to Egypt.

Sheik Shaltout, who accorded the Messenger highest honors during his visit, opposed until his death any slanders against American Muslims and upheld the Islamic brotherhood of followers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.