

Abdul Shabazz Servant of the people

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Committee as its overseer; a highly-respected Bilalian News columnist; an active prison reformist; a member of the Federal Census Advisory Committee for the Census on the Bilalian population for the 1980 Census; a member of the Nation Commission on Education which is sponsored by the Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated; an active member of National Alliance of Black School Educators (NAPSE); and an adjunct professor in the Union Graduate School at Yellow Springs, Ohio.

Dr. Shabazz also set a record for his work in prison rehabilitation with Lorton Va. Reformatory inmates. His intellectual brilliance began shining on a national scale very early in his career when 15 years of age he was selected to attend a school in Washington, D.C., for exceptionally gifted children.

A native of Bessemer (near Birmingham), Ala., he graduated with honors from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania in three years. At the Massachusetts Institute of Technology he earned the master of science degree in math, and at Cornell University he earned the Ph.D. in mathematics.

He spent a brief period in his 20s as an administrative specialist in the U.S. Army where he spent many long hours reading deeply into Philosophy, abnormal psychology, Nitsche, Shopen-hauf, Marx, and Engels.

None of those studies or thinkers, however, were able to give him the information "which would help me to resolve the many questions in me — for example, questions of self-control in

man.

"I saw that one day students would exalt their leaders; the next day they'd

want to destroy them." All those questions began to be resolved in 1960 when he accepted Islam, he said.

"Islam brought harmony to me, and I could see the dialectics of nature at work through Islam."



SCHOOL CHILDREN IN Uganda, East Africa need the expertise of professional education to lift the level of education in the valiantly struggling country. President Idi Amin has long

solicited assistance from Bilalian educators but the negative propoganda projected by the Western media has made Bilalians reluctant to lend a helping hand. (Photo by Ted Gray)

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