



**Muhammad family compound**, constructed at a cost of \$2 million, consists of a 19-room mansion (top) and four smaller homes (above) on Chicago's Southside.

Messenger. Stretching his arms wide, as if to invite analysis of a poor unworthy soul, he claimed that he would have been nothing had it not been for Muhammad, that he owed all that he was and ever hoped to be to the Messenger of Allah, and then he was quiet. He was crying, shedding some of the few tears observed that day.

Wallace, 41, spoke last, as is customary for the leader of the Nation. Believed to be more concerned with theology than business matters, he spoke of unity as the strongest seam of the Muslim faith, and warned that talk of disunity would be treated as heresy and would be driven out with the force of a righteous God.

"We have not been raised to be a foolish and disrespectful people," he said. "This work we do means you can say I am home, I am true to nature and I am belonging to myself."

The new Muslim leader is believed to be less rigid in his interpretation of Muslim theology, more of a scholar than his father, and willing to defer to his brother Herbert on most financial matters. Herbert, who manages Muhammad Ali's fighting career and financial interests, is said to be the financial genius behind the Muslim's considerable business holdings.

Little is known about Wallace's personal life except that he served for three years as minister of the Philadelphia Temple and spent another three years in prison when he refused to join the armed services in 1960. It has been reported that he tried hard to reconcile the differences between Malcolm X and Elijah Muhammad when Malcolm left the faith in the early 1960s. Otherwise, he has tended to remain in the background.

**F**UNERAL services for the Messenger were held beneath the vaulted dome of the Nation's \$4 million Temple Number 2. The services were brief. Long lines of uniformed faithful waited outside of the Temple, unable to get in. Inside, Dick Gregory, Floyd McKissick, Stanley Scott (representing Pres. Gerald Ford), Rev. Jesse Jackson and emissaries from foreign governments paid their last respects. Afterward, the family, followed by a procession of 150 cars, travelled to the cemetery where the \$20,000 silver-lined casket was lowered into the ground.