



BEHIND EMAM Wallace D. Muhammad was an impressive display of Bilalians who made great contributions to our ethnic heritage. Exhibit was shown in all five of the cities where the Emam made major addresses during Ethnic Survival week. Display was Emam Muhammad's idea and conception, and was coordinated by John Omar.

(Photographs by Wali Akbar Muhammad)

# Emam Muhammad called on America to drop terms that promote racism

where social scientists concentrate their attention on this development! "This is a phenomenon; this is a miracle on the planet Earth," he said. This miracle, he pointed out, has been accelerated in the last three years as the community moved from a protected myth-laden society to a higher humanistic community with deeper spiritual guidance and insight.

He called on America and mankind to eliminate words and terms that suggest or promote racism. In this connection, he recommended that the name Bilalian be used as opposed to black as an accepted name.

### CALL ME BILALIAN

The word Afro-American, he said, was better than some, but that it also had a non-ethnic origin for non-Caucasian people. In support of his insistence upon the usage of Bilalian as "a meaningful name," Emam Muhammad read an official document which listed among the early American arrivals an African named Bilal.

This, he said, was historical support for his call for identification with the name. Shallow definition goes no further than skin color.

Throughout his address, Emam Muhammad encouraged his predominantly Bilalian audience to seek balance in their lives. He condemned lust, waste, and materialism. He showed how the Bilalian experience is preeminently a marvel of the survival of the human spirit.

Having endured centuries of repression, social, economic and educational—Bilalians have come out "still in human form," he said.

In addition to Master Fard Muhammad and Master Elijah Muhammad, Bilalians honored on this occasion included Sis, Clara Muhammad, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Dr. David Walker, Sojourner Truth, Mary McLeod Bethune, Nat Turner, Booker T. Washington, George Washington Carver, W.E.B. DuBois, Dr. Ralph Bunche, Richard Douglas, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Harriet Tubman, Benjamin Banneker, Marcus Garvey, Noble Drew Ali, Malik Shabazz, and others.



PATIENTLY WAITING to enter Radio City Music Hall in New York City to hear Emam Wallace D. Muhammad speak are these women of all ages and backgrounds who join more than 7,000 persons to pack the historic New York landmark.

(Photo by Raouf Muhammad Abdullah)