



THOUSANDS CAME, only half could sit, the rest stood—in some areas six and eight deep—to hear the Honorable Wallace D. Muhammad deliver his fourth in a series of five "Ethnic Survival Week" lectures, in the Los Angeles Convention Center. More than 1,000 people were turned away when a parking lot became full.

That's how this survival day week was. It was a blessing—more than we knew.

"In New York, Radio City Music Hall was filled. They had about three of four tiers that went straight up. It was kind of dark, but I could see that the tiers were filled. They told me that people were standing outside. 'They're standing all around the side. They can't get in.' The place had reached its capacity....

"As I was coming into the meeting, a reporter asked me, 'Have you lost many? Are you losing many people?'

"I said, 'Yes—some people are lost, but we are gaining.' I told them to go in and take a look.

"That was just one location. That's where they were seeing us face to face. The masjid was also filled, I was told. And at another meeting place too, where they were seeing us over the t.v. monitors.

"In Atlanta we had a beautiful meeting. Brother Emam Ibrihim Pasha has a carrying voice that rings out. He has a lot of fire and force, and he has a way with words. He knows how to put beautiful word pictures together, one behind the other.

"I told him, 'You're the rappin' emam we've got.' He had me so I felt like I wanted to get up and do a little dance. The brother can teach!

"He set the place on fire and I got up there with my water and tried to put it all out.

"What I mean by that is he excited the people's love in their hearts and their sentiments and I got up there and watered that down to turn on some sense in them.

"And it was beautiful, really beautiful!

"We went from there to Kansas City. I was surprised to find in Kansas City that the Believers are really growing. They're increasing their numbers.

"The Emams are the seeds you know. Not all of them, but a lot of the Emams are the seeds. They think that because a lot of people don't come out regularly, they don't have their same attendance: they think

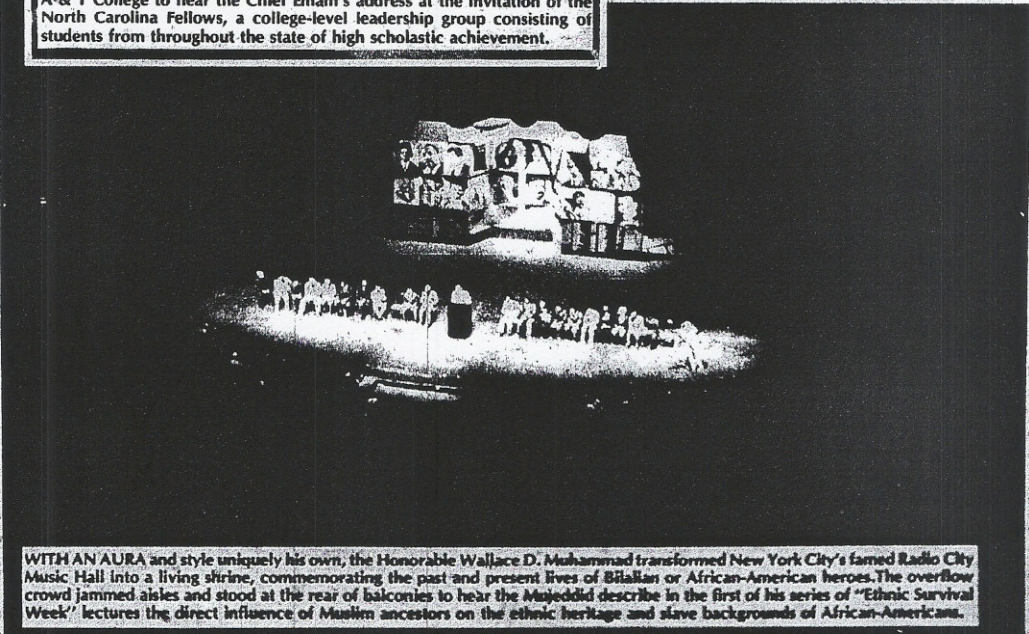
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NEARLY 1,000 students and friends filled the auditorium at North Carolina A & T College to hear the Chief Emam's address at the invitation of the North Carolina Fellows, a college-level leadership group consisting of students from throughout the state of high scholastic achievement.



IN RESERVED SEATS some of the pioneers of Masjid Muhammad No. 27 in Los Angeles, Calif. listen intently to Chief Emam Wallace D. Muhammad as he speaks to an overflow crowd in the L.A. Convention Center.



WITH AN AURA and style uniquely his own, the Honorable Wallace D. Muhammad transformed New York City's famed Radio City Music Hall into a living shrine, commemorating the past and present lives of Bilalian or African-American heroes. The overflow crowd jammed aisles and stood at the rear of balconies to hear the Mujaddid describe in the first of his series of "Ethnic Survival Week" lectures the direct influence of Muslim ancestors on the ethnic heritage and slave backgrounds of African-Americans.