



ROYAL SONS OF MUHAMMAD, pay last respects to their Father, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad at Mount Glenwood Cemetery, in Thornton, Ill., a temporary resting place. They are: (from left) Grandson Sultan Muhammad, Captain Elijah Muhammad Jr., Dr. Akbar Muhammad, Minister Emanuel Muhammad, Minister Nathaniel Muhammad, Supreme Minister Wallace D. Muhammad (to the rear of Min. James Shabazz) and Brother Herbert Muhammad.

Reverent dignity at Muhammad's rites

By Alonzo 4X
(News Editor)

CHICAGO — The Honorable Elijah Muhammad, the Messenger of Allah, may the Peace and Blessings of Allah forever be upon Him, was placed in His temporary resting place on Feb. 28, 1975.

Earlier in the day more than 20,000 people, spanning all social class and color spectrums paid solemn tribute to the person and family of the Messenger at a dignified funeral service at Temple No. 2 here.

THE LINE of vehicles leading to the burial site — Mount Glenwood Cemetery located 10 miles away from the Temple in Thornton, Ill. — was so extensive that the hearse carrying the body of the Messenger arrived at the grave-site even before the last of the estimated 2,000 cars left the Temple.

Special accommodations for the unique situation were graciously made by the Chicago and Thornton Police and Fire Departments.

Although the 2,000 person-capacity Temple could not absorb the massive throng that had come to honor the passing of this great Black man, thousands of men and women waited in disciplined patience

magnificent Muslim edifice. AN ATMOSPHERE of quiet dignity pervaded the Temple during the 25-minute funeral service, defying the traditional display of excessive emotionalism common to funerals for figures venerated by masses of Blacks.

Yoshihiko Uyeda, president of the First Pacific Bank of

Chicago said "It was one of the most dignified ceremonies I've ever seen."

The actual service consisted of an Islamic prayer recited in English by Minister James Shabazz and repeated in Arabic by Professor Ali Baghdadi.

There was no jumping and shouting and screaming, but

you still could see that the people really loved and respected Mr. Muhammad," said Myrna Williams, a member of the League of Black Women.

IN ACCORDANCE with Islamic tradition, candy was dispensed after the service. This practice serves to symbolize the "recall of the

sweet presence of the departed," according to Min. Shabazz.

After the solemn ceremony, those waiting in the lines began filing through to salute the silver-lined casket bearing the body of the departed Messenger of Allah and to offer condolences to the Royal Family of Muhammad.

Royal Family of Muhammad receives:

National, international expressions of concern

By Harold X
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(Special to Muhammad Speaks)

CHICAGO—With the sad dening news of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's passing — may the Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon Him — also came a flood of telegrams and letters mourning the absence of the beloved leader, and testifying to the Divine aspect of His teachings and work.

POLITICAL AND social dignitaries expressed their regrets at the passing of the Messenger from across the country.

"I am saddened at the death of our nation's great spiritual leader, Elijah Muhammad. But He will live forever as the personification of Black pride

and self-esteem," wrote Congressman Charles B. Rangel, D-N.Y.

Hassan Abdullah, Consul of Jordan, and an official of the League of Arab States, who was in Chicago, said, "We are shocked beyond measure at the loss of one of the greatest leaders of the Muslim world. Personally, I lost a great friend and inspirational teacher."

Floyd McKissick, long-time civil rights activist, and founder of the billion-dollar Soul City development project in Durham, N.C. said, "The Honorable Elijah Muhammad had a profound effect on the progressive stride of Blacks."

THE FORMER director of CORE, the Congress of Racial Equality, said Mr. Muhammad taught economic self-

sufficiency when many of us were beggars, and were proud to be beggars."

In a telegram to this newspaper, Dr. Charles G. Hurst, Chancellor of Daniel Hale Williams University, described the life and work of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad as "unparalleled in contemporary human history."

"Having been personally affected by the wisdom and humanity of this great man, I feel a deep sense of personal grief."

Berkeley Burrell, president of the National Business League, which featured a spokesman from the Nation of Islam as the principal speaker at its 74th Annual Convention, praised the Hon. Elijah Muhammad's teachings of unity and Black economics.

"PLEASE KNOW that the brotherhood which was born between Black business and the Nation of Islam will continue to flourish in memory of this great leader," said Burrell in a statement to the press.

"His philosophy of unity, dignity, pride and self-reliance will remain indisputable and infinitum," he concluded.

Congressman Ronald V. Dellums, D-Calif., also sent condolences to the Royal Family of Muhammad.

"On behalf of myself, my family and my staff, I would like to express my deepest sympathy on the death of Elijah Muhammad. His leadership and strong voice will be missed, but certainly not forgotten," Congressman Dellums said.