

# 'A New Heaven and a New Earth!'

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## OPENING REMARKS

In opening remarks on Jubilee Day, Minister Abdul Karim Hasan, Western regional representative of the Honorable W.D. Muhammad, observed that: "The idea of bringing people together from all walks of life regardless of their color or creed is an idea that should continue to grow and develop to such an extent that all men and women can enjoy peace of mind and contentment."

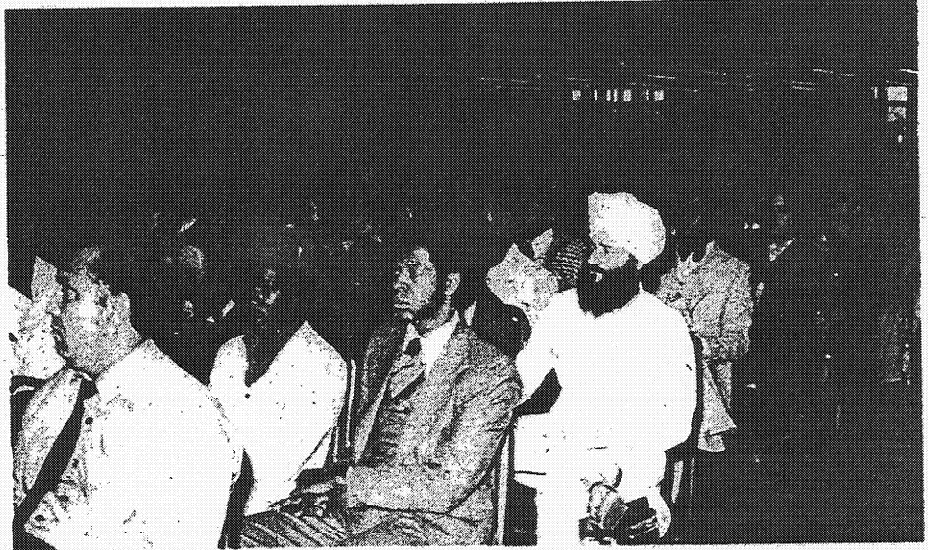
Among the key speakers were: Mayor Thomas Bradley; California's Lieutenant Governor Mervyn Dymally; Sister Angela Davis of the National Alliance Against Racism and Repression; Mr. Kenneth Hahn, a Los Angeles County supervisor; Dr. Carlton Goodlett, noted publisher; the Rev. Priscilla Chaplin of the Southern California Council of Protestant Churches; Imam Rashid Tifrit, assistant director of the Islamic Foundation of Southern California; the Rev. Earl Hazly, president of the United Christian Association; and Minister Mukhia Khalsa of the Sikh Dharma Brotherhood.

Endorsees included: Dr. Mohammed Mehdi, secretary general of the Action Committee on Arab-American Relations; Rabbi Morton Hoffman of the Bureau of Jewish Education; Dr. Armando Rodriguez, president of East Los Angeles City College; and San Francisco Mayor George Moscone.

One of the first speakers, media expert Michael Prokes, lauded the multi-racial Peoples Temple Church as an institution which has "saved hundreds of people from jail sentences and hard-line drugs" while giving "medical care to thousands of senior citizens." The Temple also operates an agricultural mission in Guyana, South America, whose crops go to feed needy nations.

Mr. Prokes cited another positive example—the adoption by the Rev. Jones and his wife Marceline of six children of different nationalities.

Dr. Goodlett reminded the audience that this



CHRISTIAN AND Muslim, Caucasian and Bilalian, Hindu and Buddhist, rich and poor converged at the Los Angeles Convention Center to witness the historic Spiritual Jubilee.

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year's Bicentennial also marks the "200th anniversary of the exodus of Richard Allen from the United Methodist Church because he was no longer able to endure racism in organized religion."

Mr. Kenneth Hahn emphasized that: "When the Honorable Wallace D. Muhammad consented to come here, I wanted to be here to listen to Him."

## MAYOR BRADLEY

Mayor Bradley characterized the Jubilee as "a magnificent occasion which will bring together

diverse elements and set the tone for other communities a round the country."

Angela Davis pointed to the rising up of people across the globe to challenge "the forces of disease, illiteracy and starvation. They have discovered that their most important weapon is unity." She cautioned citizens about stepped up repression in the United States.

The S-1 bill, if it is passed, "could even outlaw such wonderful gatherings as this," she said. Just last week, she added, the "Federal Center for Experimentation and Behavior Control was opened in Buckner, North Carolina." Miss Davis called for a unified struggle to free unjustly imprisoned men such as the Rev. Ben Chavis.

Mr. Dymally noted that "Fourteen years ago it wasn't safe to greet anyone with 'As-Salaam-Alaikum.'" He reflected on the brutal attack of the Los Angeles Police on Muhammad's Mosque No. 27 in 1962. His support of the Nation of Islam in that case led to racists branding him as a "Black Muslim."

"My, my how times change!" he remarked. "That 'Black Muslim' is now your acting governor."

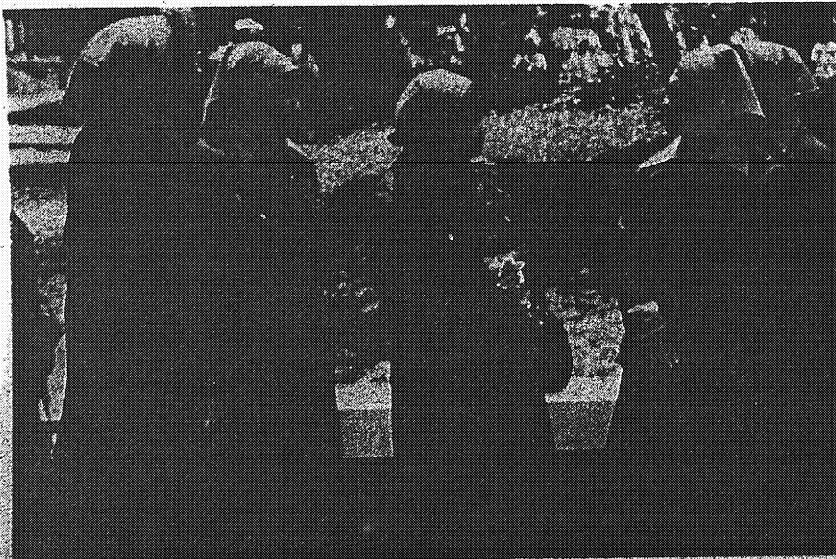
## REV. JIM JONES

The Rev. Jim Jones expressed joy in the "symbolic and literal union" of the Peoples Temple and the Nation of Islam. That union, he said, "represents a victory over the forces that seek to sow disunity."

The Native American evangelist warned that materialistic powers of racism, greed and profit now threaten to go to the extent of "destroying our planet." But oppressed people everywhere "are beginning to come into a resurrection of humanistic reality"—a keen awareness of the need to unite or perish.

Bro. Jones bore witness that: "I have received more acceptance and brotherhood from the Nation of Islam in these past few months than I have received from many quarters of the Christian Church." He paid tribute to the wise-

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WOMEN MEMBERS of the Peoples Temple Church actively participate in all church programs, including: homes for orphans and senior citizens; drug rehabilitation centers; legal assistance programs and an agricultural mission in Latin America.

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