

W.C.I.W. News

Community views Muslim parade

The Child Interest Committee of the Masjid Elijah Muhammad No. 2 in Chicago recently sponsored an impressive parade down Stony Island Avenue, the South Side thoroughfare on which the masjid is located.

The parade, held on Father's Day, was designed to dramatize the need to "Save The Bilalian Family."

Approximately 400 participants marched down the broad thoroughfare from Masjid Muhammad at Stony Island and 74th Street to 63rd Street where the new Masjid Bilal is to be built.

The marchers carried signs which read "Families Unite - Protect Our Young and Elderly," "Children Need Truth, Reality, Direction and Order From Parents," and other inscriptions.

They chanted slogans such as "Save The Family, Allah -u- Akbar (God is the Greatest) and "Who's the man with the master plan? W.D. Muhammad."

The Creations Committee is one of the several committees established by Emam W.D. Muhammad, leader of the World Community Of Islam in The West (W.C.I.W.). They were established to provide opportunities members in W.C.I.W. social, economic and governing affairs.

Masjid No. 2 along with Masajid throughout the U.S. and other parts of the Western Hemisphere are operated under the auspices of the

W.C.I.W.

Women dressed in colorful garb, and many men and children marched the full distance, having been joined by a few elderly persons who walked partway before stopping to rest.

An automobile leading the parade displayed the W.C.I.W. flag, bearing on it an inscription of the green and gold colored Holy Quran.

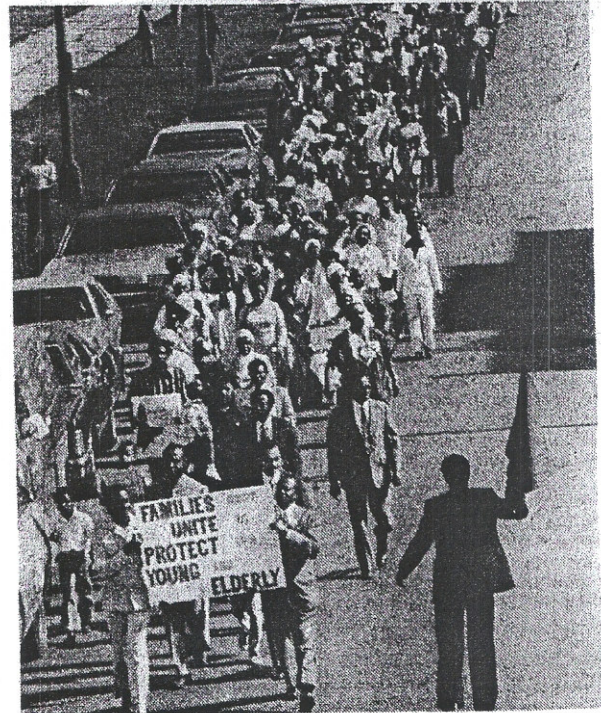
As the parade neared its destiny, the "Save the Family" chant had built to a rhythmic chant.

A reporter standing on the Stony Island elevated train platform overheard several spectators made such remarks as "Look at the Muslims'." Some marchers held, copies of the Bilalian News in their hands, and near the finish many carried children on their shoulders.

A W.C.I.W. security and community beautification unit, the Blight Arrest Pioneer Patrol (BAPP), served as marshals while the Chicago Police Department provided additional escort.

The Creations Committee announced that it will sponsor seminars to develop programs to save the family. Seminars also will be set up to aid the single parent in coping with modern society.

The committee has sponsored a number of projects since its formation in 1975, including plays, fashion shows, and entertainment for inmates at several Illinois area jails and prisons.



MARCHERS MOVE along Stony Island Avenue towards site of proposed Masjid Bilal. (Photo by Waki Akbar Muhammad)

'New World Patriotism Day' schedule of events

Emam Wallace D. Muhammad, spiritual leader of the World Community of Al - Islam in the West (W.C.I.W.), has proclaimed July 4 'New World Patriotism Day.'

Emam Wallace D. Muhammad has set aside July 2 through July 4 for activities and events that involve and evolve around the entire community. In view of this, a number of masjid around the country have scheduled dinners, workshops, bazaars, parades, and spiritual gatherings.

Bilalian News will be covering these events for the next few issues to give our readers insight into the "New World Patriotism Day."

Schedule of Events Miami, Florida

Friday, July 1

"New World Patriotism Day Awards Banquet" Dupont Plaza Hotel (downtown) 7:00 p.m. Donation: \$10. Semiformal dinner, entertainment, presentation of awards and proclamation.

Saturday, July 2

"Festival in the Street" 5245 N.W. 7th Ave. 12:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Donation: Free. Cultural events, children's activities,

fashion shows, food, displays, booths, demonstrations, counselling.

Sunday, July 3

"Interfaith Day", DuPont Plaza Hotel (downtown), 11:00 a.m. to mid-afternoon. Donation: Free. Addresses by religious and community leaders, "Survival Day" film, address by Emam Wallace D. Muhammad over national hook-up.

Monday, July 4th

"Community Picnic - Carnival", Allapattach Comstock Park, 28th Street N.W., 17th Avenue, 6 a.m. Family outing, free food, games, special consideration for senior citizens.

For more information contact: Emam Abdul Najji (305) 757-8741.

Chicago, Illinois

The Bilalian Artists Association will sponsor "Reflections of the Mind" reception Monday, July 4, 1977 at the Bilalian Art Gallery, 7801 South Cottage Grove Ave. Featuring the grand opening of the gallery, music, poetry reading, art exhibit and sale, refreshments.

For more information contact: Alice Selfallah (312) 753-1341 or Daa'iyah Ziyad 225-3332 Ext. 21.

Washington, D.C.

All of the following events are to be held on the campus of Howard University, Washington, D.C.

Saturday, July 2

"Crosstown Family Job-A-Thon", From the District Building to Howard University Stadium 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. to raise funds for a scholarship fund. Donation \$2.

Seminar (Workshops)

Gymnasium and Douglass Hall, 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Adults \$5 Students \$3. Children under 12 Free.

"Community Service Awards Banquet", 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Gymnasium. Nominations open to the public for award recipients.

Sunday, July 3

Committee Workshops 9:30 a.m. to 10:25 a.m. Douglass Hall. General Assembly 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Gymnasium. Film 12:30 p.m. Gymnasium. Telephone hook-up address of Emam Wallace D. Muhammad 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Gymnasium.

Monday, July 4

International picnic, exhibits, games, prayer Quadrangle. All are invited to bring their musical instruments. A community - wide bazaar will be held July 2, 3 and 4 on the Howard University campus. For further information and accommodations contact: Hakiimah Ar-Raqib. (202) 783-4800 Ext. 7070; 483-8832 or 387-9514.

Dallas, Texas

Saturday, July 2

Community Parade from Lincoln High School to Fair Park, south to 2nd Avenue. There will be participants representing city, state and federal

governments, and religious and social organizations.

"New World Patriotism Day Community Awards Dinner", Marriott Motor Hotel (Conquistador Ballroom), 2101 Stemmons Freeway Donation \$8.

Marchel Ivory Quartet and awards presentation to outstanding persons in the field of education, medicine, social services, politics, law and religion. Donations accepted at the door.

Sun., July 3

Interfaith Activities at Dallas Convention Center at Akard and Cadiz in the Theatre Room X. Doors open at 10:00 a.m. Admission free: Telephone hook-up address of Emam Wallace D. Muhammad. Participation from religious and community leaders. Narrative skit to follow. Dinner to be held at Masjid No. 48 in the Cultural Center, 5414 Bexar \$3.

Monday, July 4

Community Picnic at Moorland Branch YMCA, 907 East Ledbetter Drive - 10:00 a.m. (earlier time is allotted for setting up). Special consideration for senior citizens. Recreation, games, live music, food. For further information contact: Nasir Ziyaad (214) 428-2075 or Donna Muhammad 941-1007.

Brooklyn, New York

Monday, July 4

Bus Ride to Bear Mountain - 8:00 a.m. sharp from 130 Madison Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. Donation \$6 per seat. For further information contact: Julia Abdul Salim (212) 780-0000.