



UNIVERSITY OF ISLAM students peer curiously at photographer as they line up for orderly entrance into the famous school. More than 300 students from kindergarten through high school are enrolled here, one of only two Muslim parochial schools in

America. The other is located in Detroit, Mich. The above photo was taken when a group of community and educational leaders were invited to tour the school and meet some of these cheerful and alert youngsters.

Islam U. Program Features Dramatic 'Speaking Choir'

A summer highlight at the University of Islam was the Aug. 3 program, "An Hour of Poetry, Prose and Music," which featured the surprise appearance of the "Speaking Choir."

The Speaking Choir is composed of girls in the fifth and sixth grade English classes. Members of the group, wearing attractive floor-length full green skirts, white blouses and white head scarves decorated with green appliqued leaves, gave a number of inspiring and moving presentations.

The group featured quotations by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad; farewell message of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, and an excerpt from one of F. Douglass' speeches. Also included were favorite children's verses and family

quotes from Shakespeare's Macbeth.

Two delightful musical selections were played on the flute.

The Speaking Choir also included a selection by Langston Hughes. Their presentations were well done and impressive against a background of Mosques.

The program participants, their English teacher, Sister Effie X Norman, who was assisted by Sister Mattie X Walton, another teacher, won the applause and approval of schoolmates, parents and other teachers.

Ministers James Shabazz was on hand with his camera. Sister Christine Johnson, principal of the school, was in Accra, Ghana, at the time, attending a peace conference.