

# Clara Muhammad students learn Jumah prayer

By Amatullah Sharif  
On Saturday, Aug. 7, 1976, the Department of Islamic Studies of the Sister Clara Muhammad Elementary and Secondary School performed the "Muslim Jumah Prayer Service."

After days and weeks of excited anticipation by the students, their presentation of the Muslim Jumah Prayer Service, held at the Honorable Elijah Muhammad Mosque No. 2 was indeed enlightening.

The 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th grade students, under the direction of Bro. Darnell Karriem, showed clear astuteness, alertness and a keen desire to perfect their ability and achievement in learning how to pray, and in learning the Arabic language.

In keeping with the desire of the Honorable W.D. Muhammad that our children learn their prayers, by doing so, they will learn more about their Creator and their purpose in life.

The students gave essays on "What is Islam," "What is a Muslim," "What is Prayer," and "The Necessities of the Five Pillars of Islam." They made a profound impression upon their parents, visitors and friends in their presentations.

Thus, as the students performed the chanting, Adhan, the Khutbah, and the Prostrations to the One God, the Creator of the Heavens and the Earth, they truly reflected the light of Divine Mind given to them by the Chief Minister, which serves to move them into their development of natural growth.

### STUDENT PARTICIPANTS

Al-Fatiha — Bro. Rahman Abdur-Rahim

Essays — Sisters Regina, Sadybra, Jamillah Muhammad, Nadira Bey, Cheryl Salim

Student Commentators — Sisters Veronica, Charlotte

Chanters — Sisters Ngina Muhammad, Fatimah Muhammad

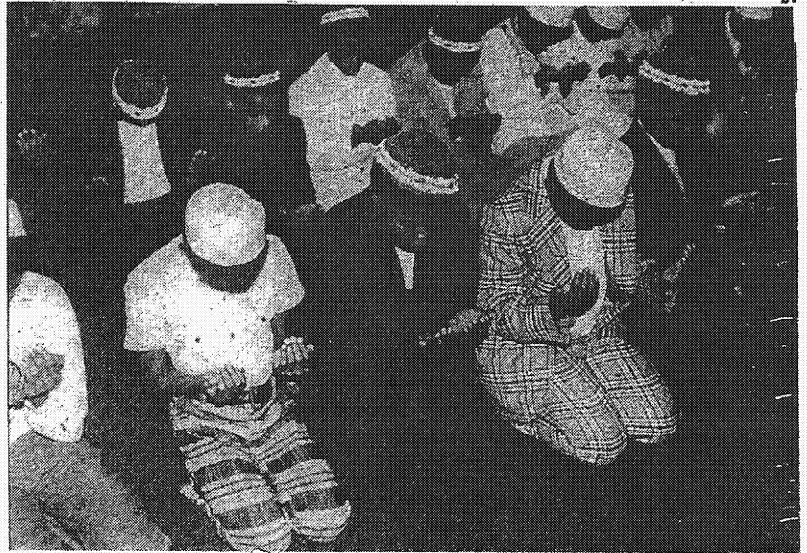
Athaan — Sis. Sakina Sharif

Iqamah — Bro. Syid Muhammad, II

Khutbah — Bro. Rahman Abdur-Rahim

Student Imam — Bro. Rahman Abdur-Rahim

(Bro. Karriem explained that customarily, sisters do not call the Adhan, however, Sis. Sakina Sharif showed such outstanding ability to call to prayer that she was allowed to do so.)



## Ugandan fairy tales

By Salim Muwakkil

Virtually everyday, a new report on Uganda's alleged brutality is released by the Asian-owned Kenyan newspaper, The Nation, and like dutiful animals the major wire services pickup the doleful news and report it as if it were "Gospel."

After the "news" is projected around the Western world, other news organs decide to make comments and compose various editorials on the latest "atrocities" to be committed in Uganda. Some of these organs are in ideological complicity with obvious Western-world attempts to subvert the regime of Uganda's President Idi Amin, but other usually Bilalian-oriented news organs are making comments based on information they assume to be factual, but which is spurious at best.

One prominent Bilalian newspaper in Chicago made several editorial stabs at President Amin based on information provided solely by the dubious Kenyan publication.

It must first of all be pointed

out that THE NATION is owned primarily by Aga Khan the ruthless Asian entrepreneur who owned several sugar, coffee and banana plantations in Uganda, and who was ousted when President Amin began nationalizing the Ugandan economy.

So, it can logically be assumed that Mr. Khan has some sort of "axe to grind" against Idi Amin and should not be seen as an impartial observer of Ugandan affairs. None of The Nation's sensational stories have been substantiated, indeed, many have been, exposed as fabrications, but the Western media does not report those stories.

This obvious conflict of interest on the part of the Asian-owned paper has apparently been ignored, or is either not known by the Western press (I prefer the former), but it is terribly unfortunate that the Bilalian press should blindly follow the lead of the major Western media: salivating, Pavlovian-style whenever the proverbial bell rings.

## Adult education -- a vital need

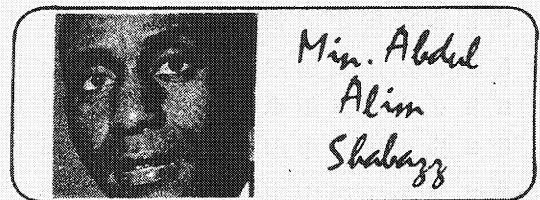
In previous discussions of adult education—that living knowledge which enables man (mind) to become adult or grown—in this column, it has been shown that continuous education is essential for every member of the Bilalian community in the West, regardless of his position or function in life.

This is especially true if we take seriously our mission to help the Honorable Wallace D. Muhammad, Chief Minister of the Nation of Islam, remake the world. However, this vital need cannot and will not be fully realized by the masses of the people until the nature of and the goals of adult education are made generally known among us.

It is incumbent, therefore, upon all business and educational leaders (ministers, school directors and directresses) of the Nation of Islam to make conscious and persistent efforts to help promote adult education.

Before the Nation's program of adult education can truly be effective and beneficial for our illiterate and ignorant people, it is necessary to provide for them time to attend adult education classes and participate in other adult educational activities.

Throughout the country in



general and in the Nation of Islam in particular most of our working people have to spend so much time on their jobs that it is very difficult for them to find time for self-education and for adult education classes. Although in the West, Saturdays and Sundays are usually off-days, many Bilalians are working on those days. Therefore, much effort should and must be made to schedule working hours, so that the masses of the people can have time to attend late afternoon, evening and weekend classes.

The entire Bilalian adult population must be educated in the best use of its off-the-job time. During the week days, they can attend the much needed adult education classes and the Mosque educational meetings. On Sundays, they can take time to read newspapers and good books, listen to the teachings of the Honorable Wallace D.

Muhammad in the Mosque and over the radio, and participate in whatever other educational activity available.

On Saturdays and holidays, they can go to the libraries and museums, visit historic monuments, shrines, art galleries, public gardens and parks, even participate in or watch some athletic activity, or see some educationally significant and elevating play or show.

Certainly our people should be freed of being tied down almost completely in the very limited world of work and in the struggle to physically survive, so that they can see and experience portions of the vast creation of Allah, view and meditate over its natural grandeur or the wonders made by man and thereby gain living knowledge enabling them to develop morally, mentally and spiritually into fully-grown or complete human beings.