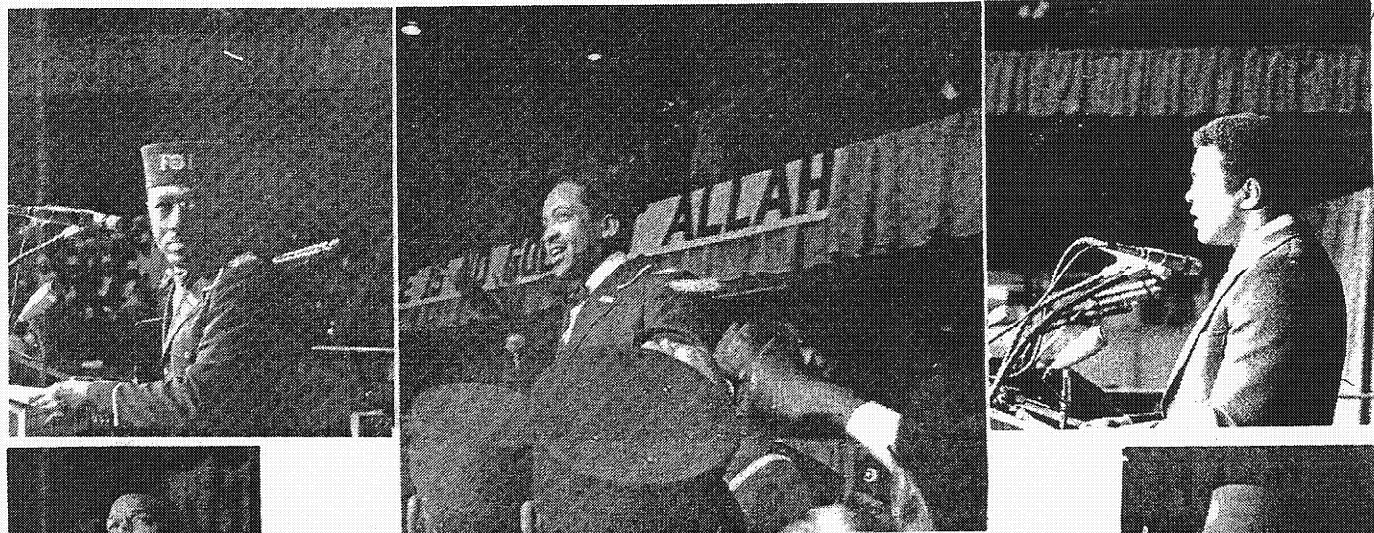


'Undying support' for undying leadership



PLEDGING SUPPORT for the continued Spiritual and Administrative leadership of the Nation of Islam behind the Honorable Wallace D. Muhammad, Servant of Allah. Muslim ministers from key U.S. cities, verified their allegiance. Ministers who spoke at 1975 Saviour's Day meeting are (clockwise from second row left): Min. Yusuf Shah, Temple No. 2; Min. Nathaniel Muhammad, Temple No. 30, Kansas City; National Secretary of the Nation of Islam, Abass Rassouli; Raymond Sharrieff, Supreme Captain of the Nation of Islam; Heavyweight Champion Muhammad Ali; Min. Abdul Karriem, Temple No. 27; Min. Abdul Rahman, Temple No. 15; Min. Jeremiah Shabazz, Temple No. 12; and Min. Louis Farrakhan, Temple No. 7. Min. Wallace D. Muhammad, Leader of the Nation of Islam, is lifted onto the shoulders of enthusiastic, and loyal ministers. (Center Photo).



(Photo by Emerson Muhammad)

Muslim ministers declare support for new leadership

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CHICAGO—All of the speculation by the Media, much of it accompanied by dire predictions of factionalism, division or confusion among the followers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad in the event of his death, were quickly laid to rest on "Saviour's Day," February 26, 1975, here in Chicago.

IN FACT, the greatest

expressions of unity, loyalty and dedication, perhaps in the Nation's history were repeated over and over by the fervent laborers and followers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

In his opening remarks, the Nation of Islam's National Secretary, Abass Rassouli announced that the mantle of leadership of the Nation has fallen to Minister Wallace D. Muhammad, 41, the Messenger's seventh child, and

second youngest son.

It was pointed out that the young minister had been selected, even prior to his birth, to aid the Honorable Elijah Muhammad upon his maturity.

Immediately, acclaim, and expressions of dedication and loyalty began to echo from the rostrum, and throughout the Chicago Amphitheater.

The chant of, "Long live Muhammad" went up, and it

was immediately evident that Minister Muhammad would receive the support and active loyalty of the entire Nation of Islam: the laborers ministers and the Royal Family.

SECRETARY RASSOULI declared that "we the laborers and followers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, pledge to the Royal Family, and to Minister Wallace D. Muhammad, our love, loyalty and devotion...and we love you,

and we offer to you, our very lives."

MINISTER YUSUF Shah of Temple No.2 acknowledged his personal indebtedness to the Messenger and the Royal Family, and also pledged the Nation's support of Minister Muhammad.

THE SUPREME Captain of the Nation, Raymond Sharrieff followed with a reading of the Holy Qur'an in a reference to

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