

# Egyptian Educator Gives View of Islam University

Egyptian educator Ibrahim M. Shalaby, after an exhaustive inspection of the University of Islam, highly praised the institution founded by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and declared that its continued success was assured. The Egyptian scholar spent several days in Chicago examining every aspect of the Muslim school before going on to branches in Atlanta and Detroit.

Mr. Shalaby is a professor at the world-famed Al-Azhar University in Cairo. He is in America working on his doctorate in education at the University of Arizona. His thesis will be based on the Muslim

schools established by Mr. Muhammad. Mr. Shalaby said he selected the University of Arizona, after having received his master's degree from Michigan State University, because Arizona's climate was more nearly like that in Egypt.

**THE EDUCATOR** said his visit to and study of the University of Islam in Chicago was made possible through the "kind and wonderful help" from the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and with the cooperation of Minister Marvin, principal of the Muslim parochial

school; Minister James of Muhammad's Mosque of Islam No. 2 and staff members of the school.

"I want to express my thanks to the Honorable Elijah Muhammad for his kind and wonderful help, which has made my visit to the University of Islam possible and fruitful," Professor Shalaby said.

"I also want to thank Minister Marvin, the principal, and Minister James and all the school personnel for their sincere cooperation.

"**REALLY AND** truly," he continued, "I have been very much impressed by the success of the educational program in the University of Islam in Chicago. I hope the university will always proceed toward success and progress."

Speaking of conditions in his homeland, the educator said that "socialism meets the needs of the people of my country." He noted that when King Farouk was forced into exile, about 85

per cent of Egyptians were illiterate, but that 10 years later that percentage figure had been reduced to 60.

"And we are doing our best to bring about a further reduction," he declared.

He pointed out that two elementary schools are opened in Egypt every two days. In higher education, 10,000 Egyptian students are in the exchange program with other nations and studying abroad, including the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China. He said there are 1,500 Egyptians attending universities and colleges in the United States.

Professor Shalaby, who teaches in the education department at Al-Azhar University in Cairo, said all education in Egypt is free — including higher education — to visitors as well as Egyptians.

**HE SAID** students from 54 different countries are studying in Egypt, with about 5,000 from Africa.

## Zambians in China

**ZAMBIA:** A Zambian agricultural mission headed by Mr. Elijah Mudenda is in Peking, China for a week's official visit.

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**THE SECRETS** of scientific knowledge, keys to the modern world, is opened before eyes of both boys and girls at Chicago's only Muslim parochial school, the University of Islam, founded by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. Here Zanabid Sharrieff adjusts microscope for entry of a new specimen. The Muslim school has advanced rapidly because of its top-flight staff of teachers, administrators under the direction of the Messenger of Allah. (See other photos on page 20.)