

At Muslim fish-fry in Harlem

Thousands register to vote

By Joe Walker

HARLEM, N.Y. — More than 8,000 people turned out for the Muslim Youth Committee's "Fish Fry" (as much as one could eat) at the 369th Armory May 7. Thousands of the adults who came also registered to vote, many for the first time in their lives.

WNBC-TV filmed the fish fry-voter registration event. Reporter Gil De La Madrid observed: "During election time one of the biggest problems politicians face is how to get qualified people to come out and register to vote." Politicians' promises are not so good anymore, he said, but a little fish can help. He acknowledged the success of the Muslim-sponsored affair in

"awakening the Black community to the need for registering and their right to vote."

In the crowd were State Senator H. Carl McCall; City Councilman Fred Samuels and countless other Bilalians civic officials.

Sister Khalilah Ali (wife of World Heavyweight Champion Muhammad Ali), in town promoting "Salaam Brand Imported Sardines," was greeted warmly and delivered a brief talk. She was also active autographing photographs while the Nation of Islam imported products of Morocco did a brisk sale by the can and case.

People got into the swing of things with entertainment

provided by Leon Thomas, the K-Gees, Richard Morero and Group, and the Earl Coleman Ensemble.

CHILDREN SAFE

"The most beautiful thing was that we had the families out — with children everywhere — having a good time without being bothered by anything," Mosque No. 7 Secretary Quasin Bakiriddin told Bilalian News. "Families looking out for other families is marvelous," said the Mosque secretary who has six children of his own.

Community spirit was evident throughout the Armory in all the smiling faces. Cheerful children, most with balloons, ran around freely without any

worry of being attacked by anyone or run over by a car.

During the same weekend, a four-day Bilalian Cultural Festival was held at the Harlem Performance Center on Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd., sponsored by the Cultural Development Committee of Malcolm Shabazz Mosque No. 7.

The play "Jamimma," written and directed by Marty X Evans Charles, was presented as well as "A Salute to Mother's Day Concert" with Percy Mathews and Roscoe Orman, with a special

appearance by Stella Marrs (WRVR Radio's "Ms. Soft Soul"). Proceeds from the festival went to Mosque No. 7's Education Fund.

Events planned and held by Mosque No. 7 include: May 15, MYC Family Outing to Van Courtland Park in the Bronx; May 22, Street Bazaar from 114th Street and Lenox Avenue to 116th St. and Lenox Avenue; June 12, MWDC Talent Show at the N.Y. State-Office Building in Harlem; June 12, an Awards Dinner and F.O.I. Dinner at locations to be named later.



SIS. KHALILAH T. Ali (right) joins a New York shopper in displaying cans of Moroccan-imported Salaam sardines.

(Photo by Ted Gray)

Opposes trumped-up charges

Community rallies to support Louis Dupree

By Joe Walker

HARLEM, N.Y. — In a stirring address to thousands who attended a Muslim fish fry here, Minister Ali Rashed, of Malcolm Shabazz Mosque No. 7, appealed for Bilalian community support for Brother Louis Dupree. Bro. Dupree was recently indicted for the murder of a policeman who died in an

armed assault on Mosque No. 7 four-years ago.

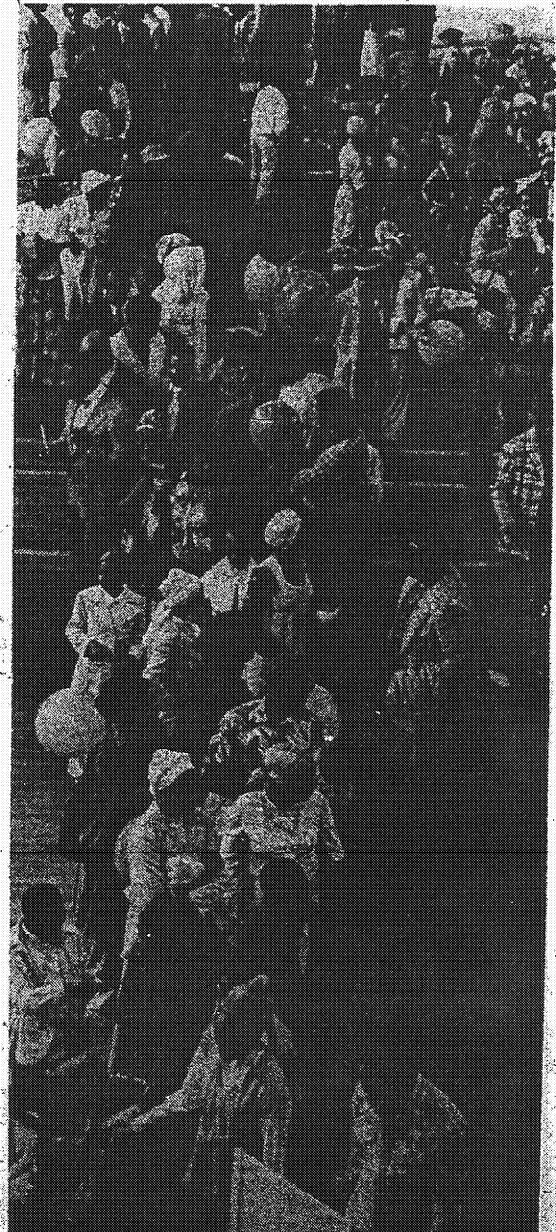
Conviction for the killing of an officer means the electric chair in New York State.

On April 14, 1972, New York City Police broke into the Mosque at 102 W. 116th st. firing guns and rifles. In the blaze of gunfire a policeman was fatally wounded.

Besides the indictment of Bro. Dupree, the family of the slain cop is suing the Harlem Mosque for \$10 million.

Laborers of Malcolm Shabazz Mosque No. 7 declared that the indictment was "an intolerable act of victimizing the victim" and makes mockery of the judicial system."

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CITIZENS FROM all over New York City (above) line up to participate in massive fish festival and voter drive.

(Photo by Ted Gray)