Baltimore Muslims unveil Moral Excellence plans

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Leader of 11,000 speaks at banquet

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

Addressing a throng of members and visitors at a Hilton Hotel banquet recently, the leader of Maryland's 11,000 members of the Muslim faith called for respect for human life and the end of man's inhumanity to man.

In his address, the Baltimore resident Imam Alfred Muhammad, termed the new emphasis of his local messengers of Allah "A Call for Moral Excellence" amid applause from guests who attended from the Eastern Seaboard.

He said priorities are education for Muslims to go into business; jobs for heads of households, men interested in marriage and family life and reemphasis on the standards set down by the founders, respect for women, unification of all humanity; culture and beauty.

He said, "Human life today reflects man's inhumanity to man. We must educate for the responsibility of human beings to humanity. This can solve most problems. The human being is indeed good but the image today is that he is bad. Now is the time to unify all mankind and rededicate to Moral Excellence."

The 31 - year old leader who is one of 17 members of the National Council under Chief Imam Wallace D. Muhammad, the head of America's eight million followers and the world's one billion believers, also hit Motown Records, Hollywood movies, TV, Playboy and "Kojack monstrosities" as aimed toward degradation not only of black citizens but all humanity," shooting, killing and opposing moral excellence." He advocated a return to "sane music" with the Big Band Sound.

IMAM ALFRED MUHAMMAD
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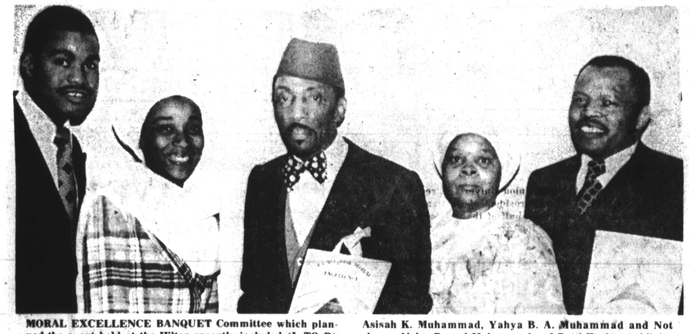
MORAL EXCELLENCE BANQUET Committee which planned the event held at the Hilton recently included (L TO R) James A. Karim, Djenalia Aled, Un Nur, Jameel Ansari, Asisah K. Muhammad, Yahya B. A. Muhammad and Not shown, Abdur Rageel Muhammad and Patti Karim, publicity

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What Muslims stand for

The highly respected members of Baltimore's Muslim faith have long been noted for family life and preservation of the home as the center of living-and education. The local Masjid No. 6 is located at 514 Wilson St.

The Muslim movement, of which boxing's world champion Muhammad Ali is a national officer, is open to all but feels the first responsibility is to "kith and kin". Today the local mosque is dedicated to joining hands with all community groups to forward its Moral Excellence Program.

Other areas of concern are expanding the Sister Clara Muhammad Elementary School at 514 Wilson St., renovating the building to include recreational, educational and social facilities, an extensive voter registration drive, appreciation for work and dignity of the worker.

The elementary school now has grades one through four and most of the children are accepted in public schools Grade 5 with excellent rating and superior grades. One of the guiding principles of their education is, "The Muslim is the mirror for his brother."

Duty to God and society pulls each brother and sister back from wrongdoing.

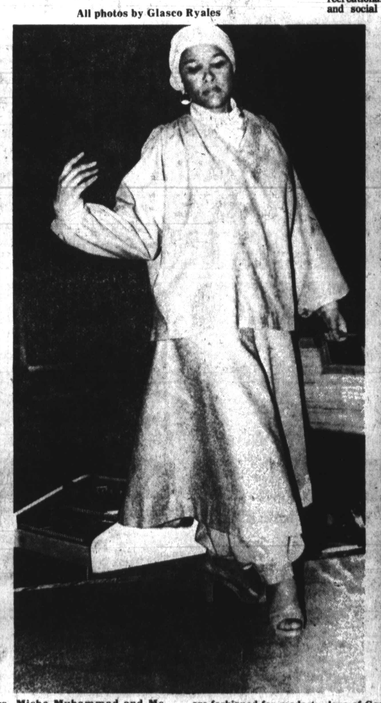
Iman Alfred Muhammad says the national office is now entering a potential $66 billion contract with a Chinese inventor which will produce a food product, "a new horizon in nutrition."

He reminds black citizens have the sixth highest income on the planet earth but "we must put down our petty jags and bags and come together."

A national credit union is proposed by the national office. The group respects all prophets including Jesus Christ. However, the personal belief involves bearing witness that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah and Allah is the one alone who deserves worship.

All persons are welcome to the Masjid Muhammad, 514 Wilson St., Sunday services 1 and 3 p.m. and Friday noon. For information call 728 - 1363 or 728 - 7666.

The Bilalian News, one of the world's largest newspapers, is sold everywhere in Baltimore but is published at 7801 S. Cottage Ave., Chicago, Ill., 60619.



BEAUTIFUL LADIES in traditional frocks are (L to R) Mrs. Misha Muhammad, Miss Muhammad, daughter of Mrs. Misha Muhammad and Ms. Subhanallah Ali. Their soft, feminine garments are fashioned for modesty, love of God, obedience to parents, beauty and reverence. The head wrap is the trademark of a believing woman. The style permits ease of prayer five times a day.

Food poisoning fells 13 at church dinner

By Curtis Austin

WASHINGTON

No one is worried about the food poisoning mishap which blighted the Providence Baptist Church's best dinner for out - of - town visitors, Sunday, than the pastor, Rev. Nancy Pointer.

"We made a special effort to contact everyone," explains Rev. Pointer, "I left my wife (who was also hospitalized) to visit everyone in the hospital on that tragic day."

The tragic day that Rev. Pointer refers to happened last Sunday when Providence Baptist Church hosted Oakrum Baptist Church of Thoroughfare, Va., for a joint communion Service.

"I had pastored at Oakrum for twelve years," states Pointer. "It was to be the first time the two churches came together since I left. It is spiritually proved to be the undoing of Rev. Pointer's special day.

"This was an unusual situation," continues Pointer, because of the long line food that was normally kept warm, became cold. We called the gas company, but evidently the bacteria had already set in. Around five (p.m.) that afternoon people became noticeably ill."

The illness was an outbreak of food poisoning which sent 13 people to Capitol Hill Hospital late Sunday evening suffering from severe nausea and diarrhea.

According to Florence Deutsch, Capitol Hill Hospital nursing director, three of the 13 victims were released, the others were hospitalized for further treatment.

"At present," states Deutsch, the particular type of food poisoning is undefined. DHR (the Department of Human Resources) is conducting an investigation."

Dr. Martin B. Levy, chief of the Communicable Disease Control Division of DHR, confirmed Rev. Pointer's suspicion that the gas line was probably the culprit for the Sunday mishap.

"Apparently the gas stove wasn't able to get much flow; the food wasn't kept properly warm," states Dr. Levy.

Although Levy was unable to make a medical statement, he did concede that ham was the "likely candidate" among the church's massive buffet which included chicken, macaroni and cheese, a rice dish, onion soup, and a variety of cakes and baked goods.

"It will be a few weeks before the investigation is concluded," states Levy. "We want to interview all of those at the dinner to help pin down the cause."

Although visibly shaken by the experience, Rev. Pointer states his church has not abandoned the concept of the church dinner.

"The Health Department gave us a clean bill of health," he explains. "I want the public to know we plan to serve food again this Sunday. Not for the food or the money, but because it is part of the black church experience."

"It is a conveyance of fellowship," he concludes, "and a chance to know one another and express love."

Metro Church Briefs

The Men's Chorus of Knox United Presbyterian Church will celebrate their anniversary on Sunday, Feb. 25 at 3 p.m. Knox is located at 1414 Broadway and the Rev. Lennie J. Oliver is pastor.

The annual Afro American Heritage Day will be observed Feb. 25 at Grace A.M.E. Church, 67 Winters Lane at 11 a.m. The Rev. Reginald Boston is pastor.

Members of the Choir Club of St. Mary The Virgin Episcopal Church, Walbrook Avenue and Allamont Street, will sponsor a pancake disco on Feb. 27, 6 to 9 p.m. Rosamond Diggs is president.

The men of Enon Baptist Church, Edmondson Avenue and Schroeder Street, will sponsor a fashion show and luncheon on Feb. 24, 2 p.m. Revival services are scheduled for March 8 and 9 at Enon with the Rev. Samuel Ray, pastor of Morning Star Baptist Church as speaker.

The Baptist Ministers Conference of Baltimore will sponsor a gospel program March 4, 8 p.m. at the Civic Center with the Rev. James Cleveland and the Cleveland Singers. For ticket information contact any local Baptist church.

The Chancel Choir of Douglas Memorial Community Church, Madison and Lafayette Avenue will be presented in a concert on Sunday, Feb. 25, 5 p.m. The Rev. Marion C. Bascom is pastor.

The Social Action Committee of the Ray of Hope Baptist Church, will conclude their observance of Brotherhood Week on Feb. 25, 3 p.m. with Doug. Perren J. Mitchell as speaker. Ray of Hope Baptist is located at Harford Road and Parkside Drive. The Rev. Charles M. Franklin is pastor.

The Sanctuary Choir of Pennsylvania Avenue A.M.E. Zion Church will present Ms. Vera Newton in concert on March 4, 3:30 p.m.

'Crescent' victim survives odds, leaves hospital

CHARLOTTESVILLE — Med Haynes Jr. of Atlanta, a cook who was injured on his own stove for 11 hours after the wreck of the Southern Crescent last December, has gone home.

"I feel 10 percent better than I did when I came in," he said last week.

When Haynes arrived Dec. 3, 1978, at the University of Virginia Hospital after the Southern Crescent wrecked near Shipman, Va., his left leg and left hand were pulverized masses of bone, burned flesh and muscle. His ribs were broken, his hip fractured and internal organs were injured.

Those injuries kill the old, the weak, the "people who give up," said Dr. John W. Hiebert, the plastic surgeon who was the patient's attending physician at the University of Virginia Hospital.

The internal injuries, the ribs and pelvis had healed. The burns had been grafted with live skin. But his left leg and left hand were gone, amputated when infections began to rage through them.

But 67 days after the accident, Haynes, 37, was all smiles.

"I feel great, really great," he said.

The stumps of his arms and legs sometimes trembled and his face sometimes lost its grin.

It was "phantom pain," pain felt in the hand and leg that were no longer there, but very real pain nonetheless, that caused the trembling, said Dr. Richard Pollich, chief of the hospital's emergency service.

A small reception had been organized for him in the conference room of Ward South Three, where he talked to reporters under the bright television lights, the doors and room filling up with the doctors, nurses, orderlies and attendants.

"I'll try to recuperate, get my leg," he said about his artificial leg.

"I hope to come up here and see y'all good people.

"I'll be piddlin' around, trying to use my leg and arm," he said about his artificial arm, and then "I'm sure I will. I have to keep my faith."

When Haynes first came to the hospital Hiebert gave him little better than a 50 - 50 chance for life.

His stamina and, even more, his inner strength, his ability to bear the physical and psychological wreckage of his wounds, won the admiration of those who cared for Haynes at the hospital.

To ensure his wounds, Haynes relied on his faith in God as much as the ministrations of his physicians.

"Last year was a tough year," he said.

"My mother passed, a lot of my relatives passed, '78 was the year for us.

Four black army generals gather at same ceremony

FT. LEE, Va. — During an Honor Guard ceremony, honoring the visit of a newly promoted Major General to Ft. Lee, it was suddenly realized that another first in the Army's history had occurred.

The U.S. Army Quartermaster Center and Ft. Lee ceremony had for the first time brought together the Army's only four black quartermaster generals. One of the four generals was Ft. Lee Commanding General.

"Maj. Gen. Robert C. Sheffey.

"It was just a coincidence," said Sheffey. "(Maj Gen. Robert C. Gaskill, deputy director, Defense Logistics Agency, Cameron Station, Alexandria, Va., had been invited to be the keynote speaker at the Advanced Officers Course graduation here," he continued.

"Gaskill was being honored for his first official visit to the quartermaster center as a general officer."

Brig. Gen. Leo A. Brooks, commanding general, U.S. Army Troop Support Agency, who is normally traveling was not scheduled for travel that day. Brooks knew Gaskill and decided to attend the ceremony," Sheffey said.

"Then finally," he continued, "it was just ironic that months earlier Lt. Gen. Arthur J. Gregg, director for Logistics, Organization of the Joint Chief of Staff, Washington, had been invited to be the keynote speaker at the U.S. Army Logistics Management Center.

Gregg heard that Ft. Lee was having an honor guard ceremony for Gaskill and decided to attend, and that set the scene," Sheffey concluded.

Gregg is the highest ranking black general on active duty. He is one of only two black Army officers to have reached the grade of lieutenant general.

Sheffey is the next highest in rank of black quartermaster generals and is belived to be the first and only black general commanding a major U.S. Army installation.

The first black colonel promoted to the rank of brigadier general was Benjamin O. Davis Jr., during World War II. The Army did not promote another black colonel to brigadier general until 1950.

Fred Davision, a combat commander, was promoted to the rank of brigadier general in Washington after having commanded a brigade in Vietnam.

HEALTH GRANT — Dr. John L. S. Holloman Jr. (L), president of the board of trustees of Virginia Union University, receives a check for $44,250 from Robert B. Clark, president of Hoffmann - La Roche Inc. The grant will fund more than half of the cost of expanding VUU's curriculum to include training for careers in allied health services.

Drug keeping nine Cancer patients alive

Nine of 13 patients being treated with the rare Drug Thymidine at the Baltimore Cancer Research Center are still alive and three have been helped by the drug, scientists say.

Center Director Dr. Peter Wiernik said that improvements in the patients were "minimal but scientifically significant" after receiving the drug intravenously. They include a 35 percent tumor shrinkage on a skin cancer patient, and a dramatic drop in cancer cells circulating in the bloodstreams of two leukemia patients, he said.

Cancerous blood cell counts on an adult leukemia patient fell from 50,000 to less than 1,000 after thymidine treatments, Wiernik said Thursday.

But the woman did not significantly improve because her bone marrow remains cancerous, he said.

A child with leukemia experienced a 40,000 drop in the number of recorded cancer cells after receiving thymidine. The cancer count in the child's bone marrow also decreased and doctors are waiting to see if normal cells will replace the cancer cells, Wiernik said.

A man who with cancer of the colon poses a mystery to doctors, ibecause thymidine stopped tumor growth but has not shrunk them, Wiernik said.

Thymidine testing has been slow because the drug is very scarce. It is a basic unit of the genetic code that has been used in laboratories for years.

But thymidine was not tested for its anti - cancer properties until last year in Texas. Scientists there found it to be effective against cancer in mice.

The small supply of thymidine has been divided between the Baltimore center and the Stehlin foundation for cancer research in Houston, where the mice experiments were done.

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