

munity of al-Islam in the West under the leadership of Imam Wallace Deen Muhammad.

"You have yet to understand what this man has done," he said. "You have yet to understand that those who criticize his movement in transforming this community from racism, dualism, false worship, confusion, all the things that have plagued our lives — have yet to see that he came in and worked with the Invisible that existed in the human being."

"Imam Wallace Dean knew the problem. He knew the problem in our community and we're here to bear witness and testify that we were transformed — brought into a better understanding, understanding that man is not physical fleshy bodies, but that man is homo sapiens, thinking being..."

"In al-Islam, belief counts for nothing unless carried into practice. Did we come here tonight to hear a speech, or did we come here tonight to seek ways and means to eliminate problems that are in our lives? We need human people, people that are concerned about the human development that exists in the world. Not people that are opportunists."

The evening concluded with a short greeting from U.S. Labor Party Chairman Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., by telephone link to New York City. Participants who had risen to leave when the Islamic leader concluded his address stopped, and listened in the aisles, as LaRouche described the world-wide significance of the coalition's birth, citing the immediate response of leading political forces in France.

—David Goldman

Mexican oil—the one fix the New York Times won't push

As our readers know, U.S. Energy Secretary James Schlesinger has been working overtime to hush up the huge Mexican oil finds. These discoveries could bring Mexico's total potential reserves to as much as 350 billion barrels and dash his plans for an oil crisis. But, on Dec. 20, the *New York Times* did Schlesinger one better, running a lengthy complaint by guest columnist Daniel Yergin. Yergin's complaint is that the oil find is only feeding wishful thinking in the United States.

"The most pervasive drug coming out of Mexico today is no longer marijuana but rather oil," says Yergin. "One dizzying estimate of Mexican potential follows another, all of them promising that Mexico will become another Saudi Arabia and so provide a miracle solution to the protracted energy crisis. . . .

"The 'high' induced by Mexican petroleum has infected the draft of a key National Security Council document, Presidential Review Memorandum 41, which is based on the wild assumption that 'Mexico

could fill 30 percent of U.S. import needs by the mid-1980s.'

". . . There is a powerful drive in the United States to find a quick fix to what is a most difficult problem," Yergin writes, lambasting in particular the notion that technological advance can solve the energy crisis. "Nuclear power . . . America's coal reserves . . . and technologies that will not make their impact until the next century . . . fusion" is not around the corner. "Miracles do happen, but a prudent society does not count on them."

"How much easier to sit back, shut one's eyes, and, while waiting for the 1980s, take an exceedingly long drag on a joint that has been marinated in Mexican oil."

Demands 'cold' reason

"A little cold reason is required," demands Yergin, particularly before U.S. business and other oil consumers begin realizing that the much threatened energy crisis is not much more than a scenario by Schlesinger and his scribblers like Yergin.