

## Muhammad Speaks Collection (AC58)

### ***Introduction:***

The Muhammad Speaks Collection is a collection of the newspaper *Muhammad Speaks*, which ran from 1960-1975. The vast majority of the collection comprises of newspapers from the *Muhammad Speaks* newspaper, followed by some newspapers from its direct successor *Bilalian News* and its future successor *The Muslim Journal*.

### ***Descriptive Summary:***

Creator: FIC

Title: Muhammad Speaks Collection

Date Range: 1967-1997

Bulk Dates: 1967-1976

Size: 19.88 Linear feet (18 boxes)

Collection Number: AC58

### ***Donor Information:***

Found in Collection.

### ***Citation Note:***

Muhammad Speaks Collection (AC58), Black Archives of Mid-America, Kansas City, Missouri.

### ***Related Collections:***

Kansas City Call Collection (AC78)

Kansas City Star Collection (AC82)

### ***Administrative Information:***

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### ***Biographical Sketch:***

*Muhammad Speaks* was a Black run newspaper that ran from 1960 to October 1975. It was initially published by Malcolm X titled *Mr. Muhammad Speaks*. The newspaper covered news from different cities and places around the country, as well as published the lessons of the leader of the Nation of Islam at the time, Elijah Muhammad. The newspaper ran for 15 years, covering local events from different cities as well as national events such as the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s. After the death of Elijah Muhammad in 1975, both the Nation of Islam and the newspaper were taken over by his son, W.D. Muhammad. W.D. Muhammad initially renamed

the newspaper to *Bilalian News*, later changing the name to the *Muslim Journal*, and changed the focus of the newspaper from investigative journalism along with religion to be more religious focused.

***Scope and Content Note:***

**Series 1: Muhammad Speaks Newspaper**

This series comprises the bulk of the collection. It consists of newspapers from the newspaper when it was named Muhammad Speaks and run by Elijah Muhammad before his death.

**Series 2: Bilalian News**

This series comes from Bilalian News. After the death of Elijah Muhammad, the Muhammad Speaks newspaper was taken over by W.D. Muhammad who renamed the newspaper to Bilalian News.

**Series 3: The Muslim Journal**

This series comes from the Muslim Journal newspaper. After undergoing at least one name change to *Bilalian News*, the newspaper was later renamed called the Muslim Journal, which it is still called today.

***Collection Inventory***

**Series 1: Muhammad Speaks Newspaper**

- f. 1 Muhammad Speaks-06/02/1967-2 copies
- f. 2 Muhammad Speaks-07/28/1967
- f. 3 Muhammad Speaks-08/11/1967
- f. 4 Muhammad Speaks-09/22/1967-3 Copies
- f. 5 Muhammad Speaks Newspaper Volume VII- Sept. 1967- Feb. 1968
- f. 6 Muhammad Speaks-05/09/1969
- f. 7 Muhammad Speaks-11/28/1969
- f. 8 Muhammad Speaks-12/05/1969-2 copies
- f. 9 Muhammad Speaks-12/12/1969-2 copies
- f. 10 Muhammad Speaks-12/19/1969-3 copies
- f. 11 Muhammad Speaks-12/26/1969-2 copies
- f. 12 Muhammad Speaks-01/02/1970-2 copies
- f. 13 Muhammad Speaks-01/09/1970-3 copies
- f. 14 Muhammad Speaks-01/16/1970

- f. 15 Muhammad Speaks-01/23/1970-4 copies
- f. 16 Muhammad Speaks-01/30/1970-2 copies
- f. 17 Muhammad Speaks-06/26/1970
- f. 18 Muhammad Speaks-06/19/1970
- f. 19 Muhammad Speaks-06/12/1970
- f. 20 Muhammad Speaks-06/05/1970
- f. 21 Muhammad Speaks-05/29/1970
- f. 22 Muhammad Speaks-05/08/1970-2 copies
- f. 23 Muhammad Speaks-05/01/1970
- f. 24 Muhammad Speaks-04/24/1970
- f. 25 Muhammad Speaks-04/17/1970
- f. 26 Muhammad Speaks-04/03/1970
- f. 27 Muhammad Speaks-03/27/1970
- f. 28 Muhammad Speaks-03/20/1970
- f. 29 Muhammad Speaks-03/13/1970
- f. 30 Muhammad Speaks-03/06/1970
- f. 31 Muhammad Speaks-02/27/1970
- f. 32 Muhammad Speaks-02/20/1970
- f. 33 Muhammad Speaks-02/13/1970
- f. 34 Muhammad Speaks-02/06/1970-2 copies
- f. 35 Muhammad Speaks-10/02/1970
- f. 36 Muhammad Speaks-10/09/1970
- f. 37 Muhammad Speaks-10/16/1970
- f. 38 Muhammad Speaks-PROGRESS
- f. 39 Muhammad Speaks-10/23/1970
- f. 40 Muhammad Speaks-10/30/1970
- f. 41 Muhammad Speaks-09/18/1970
- f. 42 Muhammad Speaks-PROGRESS-09/11/1970
- f. 43 Muhammad Speaks-09/11/1970-2 copies
- f. 44 Muhammad Speaks-09/04/1970
- f. 45 Muhammad Speaks-The Flag of Islam-09/18/1970

- f. 46 Muhammad Speaks-08/07/1970-2 copies
- f. 47 Muhammad Speaks-PROGRESS-08/07/1970
- f. 48 Muhammad Speaks-08/14/1970-2 copies
- f. 49 Muhammad Speaks-PROGRESS-08/21/1970
- f. 50 Muhammad Speaks-08/21/1970
- f. 51 Muhammad Speaks-PROGRESS-08/28/1970
- f. 52 Muhammad Speaks-08/28/1970-2 copies
- f. 53 Muhammad Speaks-07/17/1970
- f. 54 Muhammad Speaks-08/07/1970
- f. 55 Muhammad Speaks-07/31/1970
- f. 56 Muhammad Speaks-PROGRESS-07/17/1970
- f. 57 Muhammad Speaks-02/26/1971
- f. 58 Muhammad Speaks-PROGRESS-02/26/1971
- f. 59 Muhammad Speaks-01/08/1971-2 copies
- f. 60 Muhammad Speaks-01/01/1971-2 copies
- f. 61 Muhammad Speaks-12/25/1970
- f. 62 Muhammad Speaks-PROGRESS-12/11/1970
- f. 63 Muhammad Speaks-12/18/1970
- f. 64 Muhammad Speaks-PROGRESS-12/04/1970
- f. 65 Muhammad Speaks-12/11/1970
- f. 66 Muhammad Speaks-12/04/1970
- f. 67 Muhammad Speaks-11/27/1970
- f. 68 Muhammad Speaks-11/20/1970
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- f. 70 Muhammad Speaks-11/06/1970
- f. 71 Muhammad Speaks-06/25/1971
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- f. 74 Muhammad Speaks-PROGRESS-06/11/1971
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- f. 79 Muhammad Speaks-05/14/1971
- f. 80 Muhammad Speaks-04/30/1971
- f. 81 Muhammad Speaks-04/23/1971-2 copies
- f. 82 Muhammad Speaks-04/16/1971
- f. 83 Muhammad Speaks-04/09/1971
- f. 84 Muhammad Speaks-03/26/1971-2 copies
- f. 85 Muhammad Speaks-03/19/1971-2 copies
- f. 86 Muhammad Speaks-03/12/1971
- f. 87 Muhammad Speaks-09/24/1971
- f. 88 Muhammad Speaks-PROGRESS-09/24/1971
- f. 89 Muhammad Speaks-09/17/1971
- f. 90 Muhammad Speaks-09/10/1971
- f. 91 Muhammad Speaks-09/03/1971
- f. 92 Muhammad Speaks-08/27/1971
- f. 93 Muhammad Speaks-08/20/1971
- f. 94 Muhammad Speaks-08/13/1971
- f. 95 Muhammad Speaks-08/06/1971
- f. 96 Muhammad Speaks-07/02/1971
- f. 97 Muhammad Speaks-PROGRESS-07/09/1971
- f. 98 Muhammad Speaks-07/09/1971
- f. 99 Muhammad Speaks-07/16/1971
- f. 100 Muhammad Speaks-07/23/1971
- f. 101 Muhammad Speaks-07/30/1971
- f. 102 Muhammad Speaks-12/31/1971
- f. 103 Muhammad Speaks-12/24/1971
- f. 104 Muhammad Speaks-12/17/1971
- f. 105 Muhammad Speaks-PROGRESS-12/17/1971
- f. 106 Muhammad Speaks-12/10/1971-2 copies
- f. 107 Muhammad Speaks-PROGRESS-12/10/1971

- f. 108 Muhammad Speaks-12/03/1971
- f. 109 Muhammad Speaks-11/26/1971
- f. 110 Muhammad Speaks-11/19/1971
- f. 111 Muhammad Speaks-11/05/1971
- f. 112 Muhammad Speaks-10/29/1971
- f. 113 Muhammad Speaks-10/22/1971
- f. 114 Muhammad Speaks-10/15/1971-2 copies
- f. 115 Muhammad Speaks-10/08/1971
- f. 116 Muhammad Speaks-10/01/1971
- f. 117 Muhammad Speaks-PROGRESS-10/01/1971
- f. 118 Muhammad Speaks-03/03/1972-2 copies
- f. 119 Muhammad Speaks-03/10/1972
- f. 120 Muhammad Speaks-03/17/1972
- f. 121 Muhammad Speaks-03/24/1972-2 copies
- f. 122 Muhammad Speaks-03/31/1972
- f. 123 Muhammad Speaks-02/04/1972
- f. 124 Muhammad Speaks-02/11/1972-2 copies
- f. 125 Muhammad Speaks-PROGRESS-02/18/1972
- f. 126 Muhammad Speaks-02/18/1972-3 copies
- f. 127 Muhammad Speaks-01/07/1972
- f. 128 Muhammad Speaks-01/14/1972
- f. 129 Muhammad Speaks-01/21/1972-2 copies
- f. 130 Muhammad Speaks-Divide and Rule-01/21/1972
- f. 131 Muhammad Speaks-01/28/1972
- f. 132 Muhammad Speaks-The Self-Haters-01/07/1972
- f. 133 Muhammad Speaks-06/30/1972
- f. 134 Muhammad Speaks-06/23/1972
- f. 135 Muhammad Speaks-06/16/1972
- f. 136 Muhammad Speaks-PROGRESS-06/16/1972
- f. 137 Muhammad Speaks-06/02/1972
- f. 138 Muhammad Speaks-PROGRESS-06/02/1972

- f. 139 Muhammad Speaks-05/26/1972
- f. 140 Muhammad Speaks-05/19/1972
- f. 141 Muhammad Speaks-05/12/1972-2 copies
- f. 142 Muhammad Speaks-05/05/1972
- f. 143 Muhammad Speaks-04/28/1972-2 copies
- f. 144 Muhammad Speaks-04/21/1972-2 copies
- f. 145 Muhammad Speaks-04/14/1972-2 copies
- f. 146 Muhammad Speaks-04/07/1972
- f. 147 Muhammad Speaks-10/27/1972
- f. 148 Muhammad Speaks-10/13/1972
- f. 149 Muhammad Speaks-08/25/1972-2 copies
- f. 150 Muhammad Speaks-PROGRESS-08/25/1972
- f. 151 Muhammad Speaks-08/11/1972
- f. 152 Muhammad Speaks-PROGRESS-08/11/1972
- f. 153 Muhammad Speaks-08/04/1972
- f. 154 Muhammad Speaks-PROGRESS-08/04/1972
- f. 155 Muhammad Speaks-07/28/1972
- f. 156 Muhammad Speaks-07/21/1972
- f. 157 Muhammad Speaks-07/14/1972
- f. 158 Muhammad Speaks-07/07/1972
- f. 159 Muhammad Speaks-PROGRESS-07/07/1972
- f. 160 Muhammad Speaks-03/30/1973
- f. 161 Muhammad Speaks-03/23/1973
- f. 162 Muhammad Speaks-PROGRESS-03/23/1973
- f. 163 Muhammad Speaks-03/16/1973
- f. 164 Muhammad Speaks-03/09/1973
- f. 165 Muhammad Speaks-03/02/1973
- f. 166 Muhammad Speaks-02/23/1973
- f. 167 Muhammad Speaks-02/09/1973
- f. 168 Muhammad Speaks-01/26/1973
- f. 169 Muhammad Speaks-PROGRESS-01/26/1973

- f. 170 Muhammad Speaks-01/19/1973
- f. 171 Muhammad Speaks-PROGRESS-01/19/1973
- f. 172 Muhammad Speaks-01/12/1973-2 copies
- f. 173 Muhammad Speaks-01/05/1973
- f. 174 Muhammad Speaks-12/29/1972
- f. 175 Muhammad Speaks-12/22/1972
- f. 176 Muhammad Speaks-12/15/1972
- f. 177 Muhammad Speaks-ALLAH (God) has come to unite us-11/24/1972
- f. 178 Muhammad Speaks-11/17/1972
- f. 179 Muhammad Speaks-11/10/1972
- f. 180 Muhammad Speaks-12/28/1973
- f. 181 Muhammad Speaks-12/21/1973
- f. 182 Muhammad Speaks-12/14/1973
- f. 183 Muhammad Speaks-12/07/1973
- f. 184 Muhammad Speaks-11/30/1973
- f. 185 Muhammad Speaks-11/23/1973
- f. 186 Muhammad Speaks-11/16/1973
- f. 187 Muhammad Speaks-11/09/1973
- f. 188 Muhammad Speaks-11/02/1973
- f. 189 Muhammad Speaks-10/26/1973
- f. 190 Muhammad Speaks-10/05/1973
- f. 191 Muhammad Speaks-09/28/1973
- f. 192 Muhammad Speaks-09/21/1973
- f. 193 Muhammad Speaks-09/14/1973
- f. 194 Muhammad Speaks-09/07/1973
- f. 195 Muhammad Speaks-PROGRESS-09/07/1973
- f. 196 Muhammad Speaks-08/31/1973
- f. 197 Muhammad Speaks-08/24/1973
- f. 198 Muhammad Speaks-08/17/1973
- f. 199 Muhammad Speaks-07/20/1973
- f. 200 Muhammad Speaks-04/13/1973



- f. 201 Muhammad Speaks-04/06/1973
- f. 202 Muhammad Speaks-05/24/1974
- f. 203 Muhammad Speaks-05/17/1974-3 copies
- f. 204 Muhammad Speaks-05/10/1974-5 copies
- f. 205 Muhammad Speaks-05/03/1974-4 copies
- f. 206 Muhammad Speaks-04/26/1974-3 copies
- f. 207 Muhammad Speaks-04/19/1974
- f. 208 Muhammad Speaks-04/12/1974
- f. 209 Muhammad Speaks-04/05/1974
- f. 210 Muhammad Speaks-03/29/1974
- f. 211 Muhammad Speaks-03/22/1974
- f. 212 Muhammad Speaks-03/15/1974-2 copies
- f. 213 Muhammad Speaks-03/08/1974-4 copies
- f. 214 Muhammad Speaks-02/22/1974
- f. 215 Muhammad Speaks-02/15/1974
- f. 216 Muhammad Speaks-02/08/1974
- f. 217 Muhammad Speaks-02/01/1974
- f. 218 Muhammad Speaks-01/25/1974
- f. 219 Muhammad Speaks-01/18/1974
- f. 220 Muhammad Speaks-01/11/1974
- f. 221 Muhammad Speaks-01/04/1974-2 copies
- f. 222 Muhammad Speaks-01/31/1975
- f. 223 Muhammad Speaks-PROGRESS-01/31/1975
- f. 224 Muhammad Speaks-01/31/1975
- f. 225 Muhammad Speaks-01/24/1975
- f. 226 Muhammad Speaks-12/20/1974-2 copies
- f. 227 Muhammad Speaks-12/13/1974-3 copies
- f. 228 Muhammad Speaks-11/15/1974
- f. 229 Muhammad Speaks-10/04/1974-2 copies
- f. 230 Muhammad Speaks-09/27/1974-2 copies
- f. 231 Muhammad Speaks-09/13/1974

- f. 232 Muhammad Speaks-08/30/1974-2 copies
- f. 233 Muhammad Speaks-08/23/1974-2 copies
- f. 234 Muhammad Speaks-08/16/1974-2 copies
- f. 235 Muhammad Speaks-08/09/1974
- f. 236 Muhammad Speaks-08/02/1974
- f. 237 Muhammad Speaks-07/26/1974
- f. 238 Muhammad Speaks-07/19/1974
- f. 239 Muhammad Speaks-07/12/1974
- f. 240 Muhammad Speaks-07/05/1974
- f. 241 Muhammad Speaks-07/28/1974
- f. 242 Muhammad Speaks-06/21/1974
- f. 243 Muhammad Speaks-06/14/1974
- f. 244 Muhammad Speaks-06/07/1974
- f. 245 Muhammad Speaks-06/27/1975-2 copies
- f. 246 Muhammad Speaks-06/20/1975-2 copies
- f. 247 Muhammad Speaks-06/13/1975
- f. 248 Muhammad Speaks-06/06/1975
- f. 249 Muhammad Speaks-05/30/1975
- f. 250 Muhammad Speaks-05/23/1975
- f. 251 Muhammad Speaks-05/16/1975-3 copies
- f. 252 Muhammad Speaks-05/02/1975-2 copies
- f. 253 Muhammad Speaks-04/25/1975-3 copies
- f. 254 Muhammad Speaks-04/18/1975-2 copies
- f. 255 Muhammad Speaks-04/04/1975
- f. 256 Muhammad Speaks-03/21/1975-3 copies
- f. 257 Muhammad Speaks-03/07/1975-2 copies
- f. 258 Muhammad Speaks-02/28/1975
- f. 259 Muhammad Speaks-02/21/1975-3 copies
- f. 260 Muhammad Speaks-02/14/1975
- f. 261 Muhammad Speaks-02/07/1975
- f. 262 Muhammad Speaks-Vol. 2, 11 & 12 Edition, 1985

- f. 263 Muhammad Speaks-Vol. 2, 10 Edition, 1985
- f. 264 Muhammad Speaks-Vol. 1, 9 Edition, 1984
- f. 265 Muhammad Speaks-Vol. 1, 8 Edition, 1984
- f. 266 Muhammad Speaks-Vol. 1, 7 Edition, 1894
- f. 267 Muhammad Speaks-Vol. 1, April Edition, 1984
- f. 268 Muhammad Speaks-10/10/1975-2 copies
- f. 269 Muhammad Speaks-09/26/1975
- f. 270 Muhammad Speaks-09/19/1975-2 copies
- f. 271 Muhammad Speaks-09/05/1975
- f. 272 Muhammad Speaks-07/25/1975-3 copies
- f. 273 Muhammad Speaks-07/18/1975
- f. 274 Muhammad Speaks-07/11/1975-2 copies
- f. 275 Muhammad Speaks-07/04/1975-2 copies
- f. 276 Muhammad Speaks-05/16/1975-38 copies
- f. 277 Muhammad Speaks-09/15/1972
- f. 278 Muhammad Speaks-08/18/1972
- f. 279 Muhammad Speaks-12/27/1974-2 copies
- f. 280 Muhammad Speaks-12/06/1974-2 copies
- f. 281 Muhammad Speaks-11/08/1974
- f. 282 Muhammad Speaks-10/25/1974
- f. 283 Muhammad Speaks-09/20/1974
- f. 284 Muhammad Speaks-09/06/1974
- f. 285 Muhammad Speaks-10/24/1975
- f. 286 Muhammad Speaks-10/17/1975
- f. 287 Muhammad Speaks-09/12/1975
- f. 288 Muhammad Speaks-09/29/1975
- f. 289 Muhammad Speaks-08/15/1975
- f. 290 Muhammad Speaks-08/08/1975-2 copies
- f. 291 Muhammad Speaks-05/09/1975
- f. 292 Muhammad Speaks-04/11/1975-2 copies
- f. 293 Muhammad Speaks-03/28/1975-2 copies

**Series 2: Bilalian News**

- f. 294 Bilalian News-09/26/1980
- f. 295 Bilalian News-06/22/1979
- f. 296 Bilalian News-10/20/1978
- f. 297 Bilalian News-04/30/1976
- f. 298 Bilalian News-03/19/1976
- f. 299 Bilalian News-01/23/1976-2 copies
- f. 300 Bilalian News-01/30/1976
- f. 301 Bilalian News-01/09/1976
- f. 302 Bilalian News-01/02/1976
- f. 303 Bilalian News-11/28/1975

**Series 3: The Muslim Journal**

- f. 304 The Muslim Journal-06/06/1997
- f. 305 The Muslim Journal-09/20/1996
- f. 306 The Muslim Journal-09/13/1996
- f. 307 The Muslim Journal-09/06/1996
- f. 308 The Muslim Journal-04/25/1997

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