

Bradley named head of Nat'l League of Cities

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(M.S. Los Angeles Bureau)

LOS ANGELES — Mayor Tom Bradley was elected president of the United States National League of Cities (NLC) in San Juan, Puerto Rico, according to major wire reports.

THE ELECTION of Bradley as head of the 15,000 member

city organization marks the first time a Black man has served as president of the powerful organization.

Bradley will become the first mayor of Los Angeles to head the association since 1948 when former mayor, Fletcher Bowron, was elected as its head.

Having served as first vice president, he will succeed

Detroit's former mayor, Roman Gribbs, in the non-salaried post.

Reports from San Juan, where the mayor is presently vacationing, indicated that Mayor Bradley appeared highly enthused over his election to the post.

The NLC has proven to be highly effective in its attempts to secure financial aid for the various cities.

THE REPORTS indicated that Bradley expressed confidence that the position would greatly add to L.A.'s influence on a national level.

"The input which the president of the organization will have in Washington is clearly another element of strength and influence I will be able to exercise whenever I go to Washington or any place else to make appeals for the City of Los Angeles," he was quoted as saying.

Bradley, according to the reports, said the influence of the national organization, which formulates national policy, was increasing.

"THE 15,000 cities of this country have been very effective in lobbying the Congress in trying to get help for our cities," the quotes continued.

"The revenue sharing measure which we got passed in 1972, was the most dramatic evidence of that. Our influence is building and I think we're going to be much more effective now."

The reports stated that



Los Angeles Mayor Thomas Bradley

Bradley would return to Los Angeles and meet with city council members for action on

various proposals designed to meet the growing energy shortage.

Visits liberated areas

By Calvin Williams
(Special to Muhammad Speaks)

SENEGAL — Mr. Luis Cabral, head of the recently proclaimed "Republic of Guinea-Bissau" — formerly known as Portuguese Guinea — has made a 10 day tour of the newly liberated areas. Officials of his party for the liberation/independence of Guinea-Bissau and Cape Verde, said that Mr. Cabral had covered, mainly on foot, 180 miles between the dates of Nov. 5, and Nov. 15, making contact with the population of

the "liberated areas" in the north of the country.

PARTY OFFICIALS said that the tour disproved the claims by Portugal that Mr. Cabral's party controls no part of the territory, and that its proclamation of an independent state/republic last September was a farce.


Portugal has rejected the independence move as a propaganda exercise. There are tens of thousands of troops from Portugal still in the territory.

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