

MOSLEMS OBSERVE DAY OF SACRIFICE

**They Give Thanks for Sparing
of His Son by Abraham and
Mark End of Pilgrimage**

Moslems attended annual Day of Sacrifice services in many countries yesterday, in thanksgiving for the substitution by Abraham of a ram as his sacrifice to God, in place of his son. The occasion is known as the Feast of Idel-adha.

The devotions also signaled the ending of a pilgrimage made annually to Mecca, the Holy City of Islam in Saudi Arabia, by Moslems able to do so, thus fulfilling one of the five cardinal principles of Islam.

In New York, Moslems of many nations attended prayers at four meeting halls yesterday morning, removing their shoes as they approached their prayer rugs. The meeting places were those of the Pakistan League of America, Inc., 80 Clinton Street; Islamic Mission of America, Inc., 143 State Street, Brooklyn; the American Moham-medan Society, 105 Powers Street, Brooklyn, and the International Muslim Society, 303 West 125th Street. Dinners were served, starting in the late forenoon, after the devotions.

Sheikh Daoud Ahmed Faisal, superintendent of the Islamic Mission, accompanied by Mohammed Kabbag, president of the Muslim Fraternity at the mission, visited the Pakistan League gathering after both groups had ended their devotions.

M. Chowdhury, president of the league, explaining the pilgrimage to Mecca, said that it "is the practical demonstration of the Moslem's complete submission to the will of God."

Abraham Choudry, former president, emphasized a need to have a Moslem mosque in New York and urged support of a drive about to be started for funds to build one.



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MOSLEMS AT PRAYER HERE: Mohammed Kabbag (seated, left) leading devotions at Islamic Mission of America, 143 State Street, Brooklyn. Standing is Sheikh Daoud Ahmed Faisal, superintendent of the mission.