

She Finds 'None Can Compare' With the Messenger, Whose Wisdom is Supreme

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I take this opportunity to bear witness to the improvements and fulfillments in my



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life since I turned to Islam and to give thanks to Almighty God, Allah, for my many blessings.

I THANK HIM that I am no longer among the living dead. I thank Him for guiding me aright, following His Messenger. I thank Him for the wisdom passed on to me in the form of truths from His Messenger. These truths have made me steadfast in

my beliefs and have lifted me to new heights.

We, as Muslims, can never thank our God enough for our blessings. We must show by our every action that we are forever grateful to Him for raising one in our midst who is an ideal example, for he possesses the attributes of the God Himself.

We call him an interpreter, for he translates what is written in The Book, words which, heretofore, were foreign. He makes them meaningful and adaptable to our daily living.

HE TEACHES us the truth of ourselves. He answers the who? ... what? ... why? ... where? ... and when? — questions never before raised because we were busy patterning ourselves after a grafted, devil race. He warns us to leave our enemy. "Save yourselves from the fire that will destroy this world. Join on to your own."

He speaks to all so-called Negroes, especially you who mock, ridicule and turn a deaf ear. You, who dally move closer to your enemy seeking to be his brother, take heed to his warning of what awaits you. You, who laugh at decency and self-respect, will soon see the in-

dications of your own guilt.

You are following signs showing you the short cut to hell. The day of judgment is at hand. You will be found guilty. There will be no leniency in your sentence. Your laughter is short lived.

You laugh at us, the Muslims. We have learned to tolerate your amusement. Our leader and teacher has endured obstacles, ridicule and taunts from you for 35 odd years. He is an ideal example. He patiently but anxiously awaits you, the so-called Negro, a mentally dead nation and extremely difficult, to arouse.

I, who am blessed to often sit in his presence, know he is no ordinary man. His wisdom is supreme. His learning surpasses that found in any book. His knowledge is far reaching. None can compare.

THERE IS A brightness that surrounds him. Some see this as his wisdom, others as a light from within. I interpret it as a spiritual radiance, a physical sign from The Almighty God, whose proper name is Allah, that this man is His chosen one, the most Honorable Elijah Muhammad. Nothing is of he, himself. Allah is due all.



ECONOMIC PRESSURE put the lights out at the Baltimore headquarters of the Congress of Racial Equality. However, work went on. As demonstrated by CORE worker Mrs. Frieda Coleman, candles took over where electricity left off. Target City project head Walter Brooks said the unit is \$3,000 in debt.

Say Middle-Class Negroes Backbone of Rights Fight

NEW YORK—Roy Wilkins, Executive Director of the NAACP in a speech recently defended the apathy of middle-class Negroes who are accused of turning their backs on their own people.

"THE MIDDLE class Negro has always been the backbone of civil rights struggle," Wilkins said.

The sharp rise of the NAACP's life memberships is "an indication of the readiness of middle-class Negroes to support financially, as well as actively, the struggle of Negro citizens of all classes to wipe out racial discrimination and segregation," Wilkins added.

"The dollars our grass roots members give us at great sacrifices provide the bulk of our financing, of course," Wilkins said. "But it must be said that without middle-class financial support, we couldn't function on the scale we do."

LIFE memberships in the

NAACP have increased from 221 in 1953 to 14,001 in 1963 and 22,147 in December 1966, the NAACP head announced.

NAACP life members are the "front-line enlistments in a fight to the finish," he said. Life membership in the NAACP cost \$500 each.

Catholic Magazine Terms War in Vietnam 'Greatest Social Evil'

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — A national Roman Catholic weekly, has devoted part of its next issue to a step-by-step analysis of the Viet Nam war to enable its readers to formulate a "conscience on Viet Nam."

"THE GREATEST and most immediate social evil of our day," is the description the editors of the weekly, published at the University of Notre Dame, gave the war in Viet Nam.

Hardly anyone disagrees with this whether he judges the United States actions virtuous and responsible or reckless and unjust," but, the editors said, "we cannot refuse to examine the issues."

The issue analyzed moral considerations of the war "flowing from the Judeo-Christian heritage for appraising the involvement in Viet Nam, and lists questions the reader may ask himself in reaching a determination," the editors said.

Physical remoteness which has in the past cushioned the conscience has been substituted by on-the-spot news coverage, the editors said.

"We sit down to witness—to actually see—yesterday's battle before we eat this evening's dinner," they said. "This immediacy—our front row view of each battle—forces our conscience to

look to our own responsibility for what is happening there."

"Our goal in World War II was clear: the destruction of the military might of Nazi Germany and imperialist Japan," they said, indicating that the war in Viet Nam was unlike any other.

"IN VIET NAM, the terms of our commitment and the statements of our national purpose are less clearly understood by many conscientious citizens. And this confusion adds to the burden of conscience.

Added to the confusion, they said, is the growth of responsible and recognized dissent, a lack of interna-

tional support, and Americans' unfamiliarity with the battlegrounds of Viet Nam.

Also there are "open official deceptions" and conflicting reports about the success of the pacification program, they said.

"EVEN IF everyone tried to be completely frank and honest, the structure of the Vietnamese society and the no-front character of the war would make the facts immensely difficult to obtain."

The underlying issue, they said, is how can the people of Viet Nam "be best helped toward a level of life and dignity consistent with the wealth and achievements of the modern world.

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