

Editorial The Messenger of Allah and The Year of Decision

This is the time of year (and time in history) for 22 million black people in America, who awaken daily to the same diet of deadly discrimination designed for their destruction, to discard the futile "solutions" to their pressing problems of a true freedom and to reappraise and re-examine the program put forth by the only divinely-missioned black leader, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

WHILE THERE have been many misguided leaders among black people here in America who have been afraid to openly join Muhammad while privately espousing his views, the program of the Messenger of Allah has become known and admired by thinking people throughout the world. Thousands of these leaders, scholars, students and statesmen have traveled to America to gain direct access to the wisdom put forth on the back page of MUHAMMAD SPEAKS.

It is a case of Muhammad not going to the proverbial mountain, but the mountains of leaders, scholars and students coming to Muhammad in America. The world realizes that what Muhammad has demanded for people in America is different and on a much higher plane than any program put forth by civil rights workers or integrationists. This humble but divinely-gifted leader, whose love for his people has enabled him to rise steadily for 35 years to become the guiding light of the West to lead a people out of a doomed existence as Moses did the people of Israel from the Pharaohs.

FAITHFULLY FOR 35 years, Muhammad has brought his life-giving message, asking not for crumbs but that his people separate from their open enemy and ask for land of their own, on which to build a nation dedicated to justice, equality and dignity.

In this year 1966, thousands of black people in America will become even more aware of the ringing truths put forth by this courageous Messenger of Allah. Black people in America have been a divided people and the key to unity is the program and solutions put forth by Messenger Muhammad.

We must have some of this earth to call our own. We must build and do for ourselves the things others never will do for us. It is said that "he who wants to be free must strike the first blow," and in 1966, black men, women and children who seek true freedom must join Muhammad. This is indeed the year of destiny. (See program on back page.)

Gloomy Days for America

LONDON — Old Moore, a 260 year-old Almanac originated by Dr. Francis Moore in the 17th century bears out the predictions that America is in the shadow of gloomy days for 1966.

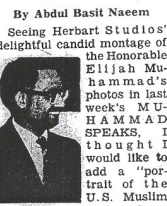
THE 1966 edition of the famous almanac forecasts racial clashes and economic unrest in America and predicts the assassination of some of America's leading statesmen.

The Almanac said that the month of June would bring an "upsurge of black nationalism in America and

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The Messenger's Life is 'Extraordinary, Exemplary'



Naeem

By Abdul Basit Naeem
Seeing Herbat Studios' delightful candid montage of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's photos in last week's MUHAMMAD SPEAKS, I thought I would like to add a "portrait of the U.S. Muslim leader of my own — that is to say, a "written" sketch based on personal observations during my many visits with him at his residence in Chicago over the years. (The first time I had the pleasure and privilege of calling on the Honorable Elijah Muhammad was 10 years ago — in March, 1956).

IT IS MY belief that few persons — other than the "Nation of Islam" officials and members of the Messenger's immediate family — know of the many extraordinary and noteworthy personal characteristics of this noble human being.

Few persons, for instance, probably realize that the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, in spite of his fragile frame, actually works harder than most of us can or voluntarily will.

He rises early each morning, often before dawn, and retires quite late at night — sometimes well past the midnight hour. This means he puts in some 16 to 19 hours in work per day.

On several occasions when I have called on him during

"a.m." hours, I have noticed that the Honorable Elijah Muhammad receives a huge stack of personal mail daily — much more than, let's say, I normally receive in two to three months. Yet, as most of his correspondents are aware, he attends to every single urgent communication himself. His secretarial staff only assists him in typing his answers to the letters and mailing them to their respective addressees.

THOUGH THE Messenger possesses an unpublished number, his telephone seems to ring ceaselessly. A large percentage of his calls come from out-of-town — usually from his dedicated "laborers" (i.e., Muhammad's Mosque of Islam ministers and other officials around the country).

More often than not, he personally answers his phone, believing that, in the long run, he saves a lot of valuable time by taking the calls himself. His own voice on the telephone also serves as a source of much reassurance, encouragement and satisfaction to his callers, especially his followers.

Then there is the constant stream of visitors. Anticipating an arrival, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad often greets his visitor at the door. If in conference with an earlier arrival, his new callers are ushered into the living room, where he later joins them. If he wishes to receive and talk to his visitors in the dining room, he personally escorts them to that room.

In between all this, there are the special "committee" sessions — meetings with his administrative staff and chief aides. It is at these high-level talks that many new decisions in behalf of the Nation of Islam are made and many new directives issued to its membership at large.

DESPITE THIS hectic schedule, frequently I have seen the Honorable Elijah Muhammad "excuse" himself for a moment or two and leave the table to welcome a visiting member of his family — a grandchild or another loved one from out-of-town.

No less impressive, to me, is the Messenger's personal "style": When in conversation, he speaks in a very low, almost inaudible voice; never does it rise above that of his guest. When he personally greets a visitor at the door, he also insists on carrying his guest's baggage or whatever personal effects the latter might have with him. If you stand up when he enters the room, he will quickly ask you to be seated, adding that "... Don't stand up for me, brother. I stand up for ALLAH!"

And, contrary to what one might believe about a person of his stature and strenuous schedule of daily activities, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad eats but one meal a day — no more than he advises his followers to do. The Muslim leader's personal life may thus be called, and rightfully so, EXTRAORDINARY as well as EXEMPLARY.

THE HONORABLE ELIJAH MUHAMMAD SPEAKS A Message of Truth... Mightier Than The Sword!

(TIMES LISTED ARE LOCAL)

AREA	STATION	DIAL	KC	DAY	TIME
ATLANTA—GRIFIN, GA.	WERD	860	SUN.	5:00 P.M.	
ATLANTIC CITY—WINELAND, N. J.	WDVL	1270	SUN.	3:00 P.M.	
BALTIMORE, MD.	W51D	1010	SUN.	12:30 P.M.	
BIRMINGHAM, ALA.	XERF	1570	SUN.	7:30 P.M.	
BUFFALO, N.Y.	WUFO	1080	SUN.	7:00 P.M.	
CHICAGO—EVANSTON, ILL.	WEBH-FM	93.9	SUN.	8:30 A.M.	
DALLAS, TEXAS	XERF	1570	SUN.	7:30 P.M.	
COLUMBUS, GA.	WGPE-FM	101.5	SUN.	12:00 NOON	
DALLAS, TEXAS	XERF	1570	SUN.	5:30 P.M.	
GARY, IND.	WJOB	1230	SUN.	5:30 P.M.	
HAMMOND, IND.	WJOB	1230	SUN.	5:30 P.M.	
HARVEY, ILL.	WJOB	1230	SUN.	5:30 P.M.	
HOUSTON, TEXAS	XERF	1570	SUN.	7:30 P.M.	
JACKSON, MISS.	XERF	1570	SUN.	7:30 P.M.	
KANSAS CITY, MO.	XERF	1570	SUN.	7:30 P.M.	
LITTLE ROCK, ARK.	XERF	1570	SUN.	7:30 P.M.	
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.	KAPP-FM	93.5	SUN.	8:00 P.M.	
MIAMI—FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA.	WFA8	990	SUN.	1:00 P.M.	
MIAMI—FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA.	WMBE	1140	SUN.	6:30 A.M.	
MONROE, LA.	XERF	1570	SUN.	7:30 P.M.	
NASHVILLE, TENN.	XERF	1570	SUN.	7:30 P.M.	
NEW ORLEANS, LA.	XERF	1570	SUN.	7:30 P.M.	
NEW YORK, N. Y.—NEWARK, N. J.	WBNX	1380	SUN.	6:30 P.M.	
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.	XERF	1570	SUN.	8:30 P.M.	
PHOENIX, ARIZ.	XWEX	1440	SUN.	10:30 A.M.	
PITTSBURGH, PA.	WAMO-FM	106	SUN.	8:00 P.M.	
RICHMOND—PETERSBURG, VA.	WANT	990	SUN.	5:00 P.M.	
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	XERF	1570	SUN.	7:30 P.M.	
SAN FRANCISCO—OAKLAND, CALIF.	KMPX-FM	106.9	SUN.	11:00 P.M.	
SEATTLE—TACOMA, WASH.	KWMO	1360	SUN.	6:30 A.M.	
ST. LOUIS, MO.	XERF	1570	SUN.	7:30 P.M.	
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.	XERF	1570	SUN.	8:30 P.M.	
TYLER, TEXAS	XERF	1570	SUN.	7:30 P.M.	
WASHINGTON, D. C.	FWOOD	1340	SUN.	4:45 P.M.	