

The Messenger Speaks in Chicago, Feb. 26-27!



First Major Address of 1966:

Muhammad, King Meet on Eve of Savior's Day

The first meeting between the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, the divinely-guided Messenger of Allah, and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Nobel Peace Prize winner, took place here this week on the eve of Muhammad's great Savior's Day Convention in an atmosphere of cordiality and amicability.

DR. KING, accompanied by his wife and a small entourage, enjoyed the hospitality of the Messenger at his Chicago home and was extended an invitation by Mr. Muhammad to visit him during his Savior's Day appearance at the Coliseum on Sunday.

The long-delayed meeting of the two black leaders stunned and shocked white opponents of black unity and brought into focus the long call issued by Mr. Muhammad to all black leaders in America for the formation of a "united black front" to meet in the interest of freedom, justice and equality for black people.

In their first exchange of views, the two black leaders — both born in the same Southern state (Georgia) — emphasized their areas of agreement, particularly on the condition in which black people find themselves after 400 years in America.

MUHAMMAD: We do not have to do too much getting acquainted as we know each other and each other's program. I am after the root of the poison. We're at the

point where we can be sure of the success of solving the problems of our people with the help of Allah.

But, of course, we should understand each other's program to determine if we are helping or hurting each other. We must concentrate our energies on a united solution to the problem. We now must know and act according to the time. Our work must correspond with the changing need of times.

The world of white rule over blacks is at an end. America has no peace with any nation. Even our own people. There is growing dissatisfaction and disagreement. Our people want no more licking of the white man's boots.

KING: I know we are in absolute agreement on that. We suffer domestic colonialism like the black people in Southern Rhodesia. We must achieve self-determination.

MUHAMMAD: My followers and I are not going to suffer any longer.

KING: I do hope we can get together again and have a more extensive discussion. There is deep bitterness and despair among the Negroes. I find the struggle of non-violence not always easy.

MUHAMMAD: White people have no respect for us and our religion. I think we should as men love ourselves as brothers, as we are brothers by nature. Regardless to whom, or what, we should love our nation as white people love their nation.

THE CHICAGO COLISEUM, site of the Great Savior's Day convention where the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, the Messenger of Allah, will deliver an historic address on the only solution to the problems of the

black man in America: "Judgment Now—What Must We Do?" The convention will be held February 26th and 27th. Visitors and newsmen from throughout America will cover the momentous gathering.



FIRST MEETING of The Honorable Elijah Muhammad, the Messenger of Allah, and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on eve of Savior's Day.

Chicago civic leader, who accompanied Dr. King. In photo at right, the Messenger of Allah and Dr. King discuss plight of Negroes in Chicago slum.