

Text of Message on Education TV

(The following is the first section of excerpts from an unusual exclusive interview granted to the National Educational Television Network by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. The series of interviews took place in Phoenix, Arizona, and were conducted over a period of several days, by the staff of San Francisco station, KQED.)

They are scheduled to be presented over network stations on Dec. 7, and Dec. 21. However, for MUHAMMAD SPEAKS' readers, we have been granted permission to bring you excerpts from sections of that historic interview during which Mr. Muhammad candidly presented his dynamic program and divine solution for the so-called Negro problem in America.)

QUESTION: Mr. Muhammad, even though the economic plan was only introduced in August of this year, what has been the response?

ANSWER: We are really surprised at the response we have received. In fact, it is increasing daily and we have to set up more secretaries to take care of the donations that are coming in.

QUESTION: Is this coming from all over the country?

ANSWER: Yes, sir, from everywhere. For three years, we want to see what we can do.

We're going to put the donations in banks that have already been established. We are not going to build one until we have need to do so. By the end of the three years, we can tell what we can do. It costs perhaps a million dollars or more to set up a bank and the government has much to say

about how this is done. Those who understand banking systems will be called in by us to help set up such a system for our people.

QUESTION: Are any of your aims perhaps similar to the middle-class aims of acquisition of properties and material goods? Do you think the objectives of this plan are similar to those of the white middle-class?

ANSWER: What are white middle-class aims? Will you tell me that?

QUESTION: Ordinarily I

would say it is the acquisition of property, of material things. Now do you think in the savings plan idea, there will be a number of Negroes who will submit monies to save for those particular white middle-class ideas which seem to be unimportant at the moment?

ANSWER: Well, the purpose of the economic plan is to fight poverty and want, as I have said, this includes material things. You cannot succeed in this unless you include material things. We need better housing, for instance. We also need farms to grow our food.

QUESTION: Do you think Johnson's War on Poverty Bill will be of any assistance at this time?

ANSWER: I do not know

the details of his plans. But I would say this, as a subject people who have given all they had for the independence of the white man, whoever is President should do something to aid the so-called Negro of America, to protect him from brutal treatment, from poverty and from want. America is able to feed Europe and part of Africa and is able to finance them. Yet, the poor slave who helped her build up her country and establish her banks that are bursting with money, they have nothing to say about this.

She should do more to aid her so-called Negro in the way of putting him out for self. She should make him independent and not dependent. She should put a stop to police brutality, which is absolutely condoned by the government. The police are free to beat and kill us at will. And they are not punished for this.

This should be done by whoever is in the White House as the ruler for the next four years. They should stop injustice. The time is now when a stop will be put to it if America herself does not cease mistreating the so-called Negro.

The Negro is going to get his freedom because he is not the forsaken race he was a few years ago. There are definite divine plans being made to help him. He will be divinely helped from now on.

The government can help the so-called Negro in many ways. I do not say the gov-

ernment should take us and set us down and make us lazy so we will not want to work for ourselves. I do not condone that sort of thing. No, help us to get a chance of doing something for ourselves. We are no more a people who can be classified as a necessary people for use only as servants. We are too many. We are 22 million people; no nation needs that many people just for servants.

I was born in the South. I married and went to Detroit with my two children in 1923. I know the South and the Southern white people. They actually are a people who envy any success that comes to the so-called Negro in any way. If you own a little more than the white man there, why, he's against you, he may even kill you. He may bomb you or destroy your property. He just doesn't like the fact of your having anything. Whether in court, in justice or in any way. This is naturally in their blood.

They want the black man to have nothing but hell, excuse the expression, that's all they desire and they are tickled to death to see you in a hell of a condition. They are angry when they see you trying to live prosperously.

They will make trouble with you if they think that you are trying to be at peace.

QUESTION: Is that only the white man in the South?

ANSWER: No, he's up here in the North, too, but he is not as numerous in the

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All right, what have we gotten from this? What commerce have we gotten from this?
We got nothing, as revenue, for our deaths. Only they gave us death when we returned back home.
If we were given any credit for it back home, we would feel that we did something good, maybe for the people. But we were hated when we got home. We were cast out and shot down on the streets and highways, just for the fun of it. I have seen white men kill my people for the fun of it. They were innocent people.
They would kick a black man and push him around and try to force him to say something that they could claim as the reason why he was killed. Therefore, the people just don't want you and why should we say, today, after 400 years, "let's try to plan to live with the

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white American people and get along with them in peace" when we have not been able to live with them in peace for 400 years.
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Letter To LBJ

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allow ourselves to appear so weak and vacillating, giving in constantly to a limited number of hoodlums, goons and lawbreakers. Our Federal Law enforcement agencies are big enough and powerful enough to stop this terror and disfranchisement.
If they are not, then we should enlarge them. Whatever millions are required to do so would be a fine investment. Decent Americans, Negro and White, will back your efforts. Let's give full equality to all citizens.
Equality to vote, equality to live free of terror and fear, then we can proceed to build the Great Society by eliminating the poverty, the squalor, the hunger, for what good is it to have a