

Discusses 12 Years of Study, Evaluation of the Nation of Islam in America

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Pending release later this year of my book, "The Dead are Rising," which comprises a full-length treatment of the U.S. "Nation of Islam," I thought I would take this opportunity to offer the readers of my favorite newspaper, **MUHAMMAD SPEAKS**, through this valuable space, a "preview" of the said work.

"**THE DEAD** are Rising" contains, in essence, the result of nearly



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12 years of sustained study and earnest evaluation of the magnificent American Muslim movement headed by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. The present essay may therefore be considered an abridged or summarized version of same.

The principal objective of this writing, as of the forthcoming book, of course, is to sort of permanently or "once and for all" answer the volley of questions frequently fired at me—usually, though not always, by "fellow-

Easterners" (i.e., foreign-born or overseas Muslims) who, to quote one, "just cannot comprehend the wisdom or mission of Messenger Muhammad."

The views expressed here, I might add, should also reflect the depth and enormity of my indebtedness to the matchless acumen and sagacity of the noble Muslim leader—and hence the relative inadequacy of my own sense of perception in the past—for, were it not for the Messenger's kind and continual enlightenment over the years, little of what I am able to convey today would be known even to me.

I THINK the query most persistently directed at me concerns the Honorable Messenger's concept and teaching of the white (Caucasian) people being a "race of devils . . ."

"Do you really and honestly believe that?" I am repeatedly asked. I shall answer this question with all the candor and sincerity at my command: **Yes, because nothing could be truer!**

It also is my considered judgment that the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's teachings on this subject constitute one of the greatest verities and by far the most sig-

nificant revelation of our times and one that will, no doubt, substantially affect the shape of things to come.

I THINK I ought to point out at the very outset that no segment of the white populace—anywhere—ever has denied, protested or seriously challenged the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's edict. The Muslim leader's handsome and generous offer to pay one hundred thousand dollars to anyone who can disprove the former's views on the races also remains uncollected.

Let us now examine a few aspects of white mankind's record and history: Ever since their "birth"—i.e., emergence from the caves of Europe some 6,000 years ago—the Caucasians have done everything possible to divide, demoralize and destroy the original inhabitants of the planet Earth.

Venturing deep into the heart of the Afro-Asian world, the white hordes for centuries looted, robbed, raped, maimed and even killed at will, tearing at the very roots of righteous (Eastern) civilizations.

FROM ONE end of the European continent to the other, successive genera-

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tions of pirates, plunderers and murderers rose to seek out and humble the peaceful, happy and prosperous people of every Eastern ("Asiatic") land. Worse yet, the former further devised and introduced to the conquered regions a fake religion (which taught, among other fallacies, that the original man was "cursed" black!), thereby perpetuating the mental suffering and agony of those under their sway.

Even today, when almost all colonial empires of Europe—Belgium, England, France, Germany, Holland, Italy, etc.—have been forced to abandon or have voluntarily relinquished the distant territories they once ruled, much of Asia and Africa remain periled by a new, albeit disguised, form of European colonialism (the poet's "old wine — or poison — in bottles new"): Economic strangulation.

Who can deny that this is not the case in present-day Nigeria, the Congo, and wherever else there is deep "internal" strife and instability?

LET US now look at the U.S.A., the trans Atlantic member of the Caucasian community of nations: Technically a "younger" nation than, say, England or France, America nevertheless possesses a long and despicably unclean record as a white "super-power."

The impact of Uncle Sam's virtually unlimited affluence as well as deadly firepower

is unmistakable: There is hardly a nation of earth which isn't heavily in debt to this country or isn't right this minute begging for or negotiating to obtain some of its available charity, aid or loans. Likewise, there is scarcely a country where the "U.S. presence" isn't continually felt—in the former's airspace, territorial waters or on land.

Already the "Great Society" — an appellation which, incidentally, smacks of untold conceit and arrogance—boasts that the sun never sets on its flag, that its food surpluses sustain just about a quarter of the world's inhabitants, that its technical aid and supply of military hardware afford incomparable protection for and prevent scores of foreign states from forfeiting their sovereignty to "tyrants of Communism," and that it is morally obliged to maintain peace and security everywhere in the world (including, we presume, the two parts of Viet Nam).

BUT HOW did the U.S. achieve its (so-called) "greatness?" Through sheer hard work? Hardly. Through greater exploitation of "infinitely superior" brains? No.

The fact is that the story of America's "greatness" had a peculiar and startling start: It began with the pushing of the rightful, original owners of this land, the gentle and kindly Indians, off to isolated, remote "reservations."

Then the great new white

"Republic" acquired additional parcels of real estate through a variety of other "criminal" deeds, including wars. Later on it sent a lot of "pioneers in international trade" to Africa's western shores to fetch hundreds of thousands of able-bodied men and women — in heavy chains, of course—in order to "clear the snake-infested swamps . . . till the soil and harvest whatever crops the (white) settlers had, in time, learned to raise with the help of the natives (i.e., Indians) . . ."

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Black Boycott in S. Carolina Cripples Whites

ORANGEBURG, S.C. — A boycott called in response to the 'massacre' of three Black students by police after a move to suppress protests of segregated public business facilities has proved crippling to white owned businesses in this city.

THE STUDENTS were bitterly attacked and shot from behind on the campus of South Carolina State College after having been turned away from a segregated bowling alley.

Leaders of the Orangeburg Black community said that they will continue to retaliate against the armed aggression of whites by cutting off their life-blood through economic boycotts just as whites endangered the lives of Black students.