

W.D. Muhammad provides new name for Blacks

By Munir Um'rani
 CHICAGO — The Honorable W. D. Muhammad, Chief Minister of the Nation of Islam has invited registered Muslims and Blacks in general to abandon the term "negro" as a racial label and take on a new name.

Addressing more than two thousand persons at Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2 (Chicago) and thousands more via telephone hookups in Temples in several states, the Chief Minister said from now on he will refer to himself as a Bilalian when the need arises.

A NEW NAME

"I'm inviting everybody to take on a new name," the Honorable W. D. Muhammad said during his monthly fourth Sunday (Sept. 28) conversation with his followers and supporters. The Chief Minister said the term Bilalian eliminates the confusion created by Caucasian slave masters who popularized the word "negro" during slavery.

The Bilalian reference derives from Bilal, a Black man who was a minister of Prophet Muhammad Ibn Abdullah 1,400 years ago in Arabia as well as an outstanding figure in the history of Islam.

Mr. Muhammad described Bilal as the ancestor of the Black man in America and noted that so-called Black studies programs never make a connection between Africa and Islamic governments.

The work and courage of Bilal is deeply rooted in Islamic history. In his book entitled *Muhammad the Prophet*, Maulana Muhammad Ali describes the torture Bilal was forced to endure:

BILAL

"Bilal, the Abyssinian (Ethiopian), was tortured in a most heartless manner by his master to make him renounce Islam. Master Bilal, as he was called by Prophet Muhammad, was the first prayer caller or Mu'ath-then in Islamic history.

Muslim inmates oppose "Behavior Modification"

By Samuel ITX

CHICAGO — Struggling to protect their rights to spiritually rehabilitate themselves, Muslim inmates at Marion Prison have won the aid of a Black congressman in their fight.

THE CONGRESSMAN, Rep. Ralph D. Metcalf (Dem. Illinois) helped obtain a U.S. comptroller general order for an investigation of the prison's Behavior Modification Program. The Muslims contend that by forcing them to participate in BMP, prison administrators are interfering with their religious rights.

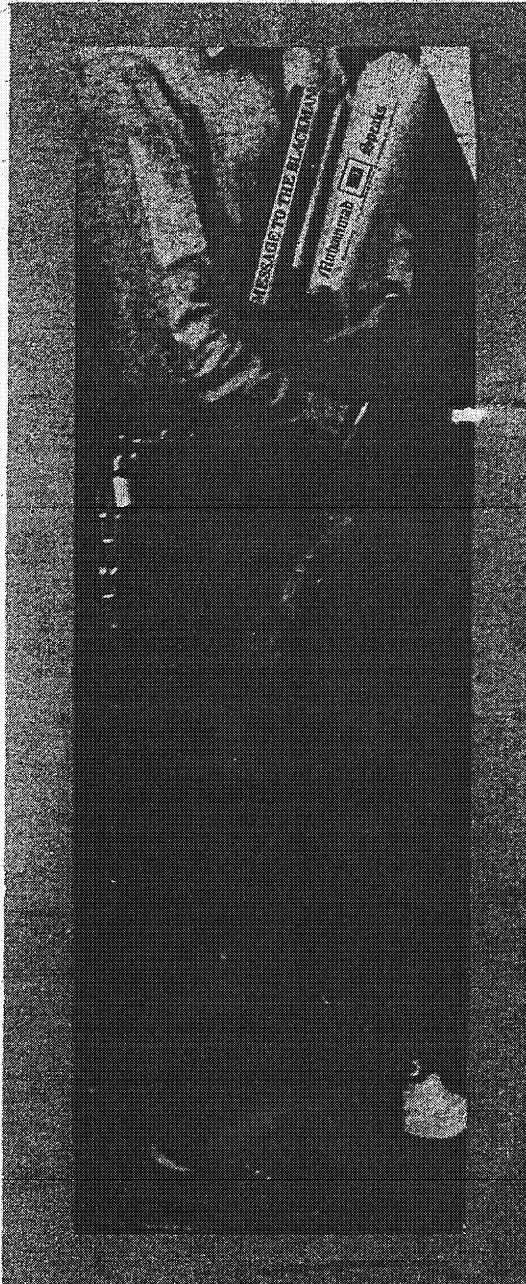
Muslim inmates are not Muslims when they enter prison. They turn to Islam after entering prison, and the facts show that through the application of Islam they are able to shed the habits which led them to prison.

Some of the reasons the Muslims oppose participation in BMP are: when inmates participate in it, they are denied the right to worship in the Muslim way; participants are segregated from other inmates; BMP in the hands of ill-intentioned administrators can cause dire consequences.

CONDITIONED RESPONSES

BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION PROGRAMS involve the placing of human beings in settings wherein they can be trained, stimulated, and inspired to behave in a manner desired by the administrators of the programs. It sometimes involves psychosurgery, and works in this manner: Subjects are generally given rewards for everything good they do. The wrong they do is ignored, and thus the reason for segregating them from others is to protect the others from the wrongs they do.

This process, called "positive reinforcement," can have healthy effects if properly administered towards good ends. On the other hand, BMP administrators, through the process of manipulating people



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with rewards, can train people to become goons, assassins, homosexuals, or whatever they want the person to be.

The same goons, assassins, etc., can be used by BMP administrators for the ends to which goons, assassins, etc., are used.

ANTI MUSLIM PRACTICES

Muslim inmates petitioning for the BMP investigation contend that Marion Prison's BMP program in one program which is used in part to further the administration's anti-Muslim aims and practices.

One of the points in their petition against the administration assert that "Plaintiff Billy A.X. Bryant has been confined in "R" Unit since 1971, some three years, this plaintiff, being very active in his religion of Islam, was singled out and confined in disciplinary segregation because of his ability and knowledge to function in the capacity as acting Muslim Minister and to reveal the teachings of the Honorable Wallace D. Muhammad."

BMP can also be used in a sinister, Nazi fashion when administrators incorporate such medical experiments into it such as psychosurgery and drug experimentation tests.

Concerning medical experiments, the testimony of two prison inmates who were subject to them is sufficient to show how ill-intentioned BMP administrators can cause harm to those who participate in them.

A McAlester Prison (Oklahoma) inmate told a recent U.S. government Health Committee hearing that by participating in a drug experiment, he incurred hepatitis from which he still suffers side pains and permanent liver damage.

Another McAlester inmate is reportedly dying from ill-effects caused by participating in a drug experimental program.

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