

FARMING: SELF HELP!

(In the following article written by The Honorable Elijah Muhammad on January 5, 1968, The Messenger of Allah warned of the 'pains of hunger and nakedness' which Black people in America were destined to suffer. Today these and other afflictions are raining down upon the Black man and woman of America.

The Messenger warned over three years ago that it was essential to acquire farmland to provide for Black people in this era of crisis. But while most Black people have stood still even as the flood waters of doom rise higher and higher around them, The Honorable Elijah Muhammad is proving himself again to be a man of bold action as well as prophetic words.

On page two of this issue he outlines his plan to add on to the already large Muslim farms another one million (1,000,000) acres. All who failed to heed his call for farmland in 1968 have another opportunity today to fall in line behind the Messenger as he brings his Divinely Inspired plan into reality.)

By Elijah Muhammad
Messenger of Allah

We, the Black people in the Western hemisphere, should unite and turn our attention to the most important and the most essential issue of life — farming. This is man's greatest industry: the first step to self independence; the engine of life and the prosperity of life.

THE sudden advance of the white race in the mechanical world with its high salaries (a money world) has robbed us, the Black man, of the bread of life (farming).

The white man is using his advance in mechanical knowledge in the production of the world's supply of food. This nation, which supplies the necessary food and transportation for the majority of the nations, is the ruler and has the power to force the world to submit to her will. This, we Black people in America, should know and take steps to correct, by turning our attention to farming, the production of our own bread, clothing and shelter.

REGARDLESS of the great number of storehouses of food and

clothing that white America has, we Black people in America (so-called Negroes) suffer most of all with the pains of hunger and nakedness. (Jacob has porridge, Esau is hungry and Jacob controls Esau's natural rights and justice, the essentials of life.)

The advance of the machine age has made us regard farming in a cheap and disgraceful way. Money and high wages are the crave, and it is this which has robbed us of our life bread (farming).

FARMING will take us out of the bread line, soup line, clothing line, shelter line, etc.

Being too proud to help self, in the most essential way, farming, is the destruction of your life. After freedom, we have fallen into the worst and strongest chains of slavery — looking to the same people (our slavemasters' children) to feed, clothe and shelter us.

ANOTHER sad mistake that you, the Black people in America (so-called Negroes) are making is the refusal to accept my God-given advice and warnings to you under my name, due to your greedy desire for self credit, or the desire to be your own shepherd. This striving among so many of our people for leadership has destroyed the power of every so-called Negro organization, not including myself and followers. This same factor destroys a nation economically.

If it were not for God, Himself, in the Person of Master Fard Muhammad, guiding, powering and backing me to do the things I am doing for your salvation, you would take the credit for yourself that is due to me. You will never be successful until you unite and follow me, regardless of your

dislike to do so. A foolish people are those who, due to pride and their desire for self leadership over God's choice, reject their salvation.

I WARN you to unite with me and let us do something for self under the guidance of our God, Master Fard Muhammad, for at the end of this war you will not have high salaries and valuable money. There will be no help for the Black people

in America except that which comes from God, in the Person of Master Fard Muhammad. Those of you who fail to unite and follow me, will suffer the worst of all.

White Americans know that what I am teaching you is right, but it is against their nature to say so and back it up — for they, by nature, want us always divided, which is to their advantage. They will not want to give you a farm, nor lower the

price of this farm land to you, her once slaves. Instead she will charge us a much higher price to make it all but impossible for us to do for self.

GOD will help us, Follow me.

