

Stop Past Events and Get on with the Work of Islam'

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Now that Malcolm is gone—and with him the cause of confusion and discord that seemed, for a while, to arrest the progress of the "Nation of Islam"—it is time for the followers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad to cease worrying or pondering over the past's perplexing problems.

The past is dead and it shall not return. It is the future to which we should now look forward. The days, weeks just a head call for a new program of ACTION and UNITY — a vigorous new effort on the part of all the Messenger's laborers to aid the work of Almighty God (ALLAH). The goal or challenge, of course, is to spread the knowledge of God's Supreme Wisdom, as reflected in the utterances and philosophy of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, to as many American (so-called) "Negroes" as possible.



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Many of my brothers and sisters in Islam in the wilderness of North America know and readily admit they might not even be alive today "had it not been for the wonderful teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad." Some of them — once afflicted with the most dreadful of diseases — would have met their end on hospital beds. Many others, presumably, would have perished at the hands of the police — caught in the act of burglarizing a store or committing some other crime — or in penitentiaries. That is why, I believe, it is the Muslims' paramount duty—NOW—to reach out to others of their kind who find them-

vest a good portion of these savings in the Honorable Messenger's 3-Year Economic Program.

5. Encourage others — your relatives, friends, etc., whether they are Muslims or not — to contribute of their savings to Messenger Muhammad's 3-Year Savings Plan.

Other Personal Aid

You can further aid the cause of Islam by doing the following:

- Develop in yourselves, without delay, a new spirit of complete UNITY, absolute HARMONY and total DISCIPLINE.
- Remember to always obey the teachings and instructions of your Savior and God-sent Redeemer, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, as given to you by the minister or other officials of your Mosque.

Patronize the businesses owned and operated by your Muslim brothers and sisters in your area — even if their stores and shops are a bit out-of-the-way and a little inconvenient for you to visit.

- Pay no attention to the rumors, lies or gossip coming from the mouths of Allah's enemies—the "devils" — or the "hypocrites." Do not forget that a member who leaves the "Nation of Islam" to join hands with those who seek to destroy or hinder the work of God (ALLAH) must be considered an "individual who has gone astray." Such an individual cannot possibly guide you to the Heaven-on-Earth or show you the Hereafter, as promised by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

Now, some of you brothers

selves in an identical state of misery and suffering but have not as yet heard of the divine solution to their problems, which is ISLAM.

All Can Help

While not all Muslims can assume or adequately play the role of a minister, every follower of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad can, without a doubt, help in this direction. Here is how:

1. You can distribute in the community where you live free literature containing the writings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad or open invitations to the "lost-found" to attend the nearest Muhammad's Mosque.

2. You can help sell the newspaper "Muhammad Speaks" as it comes out each week. You can encourage the "original" businessmen in your neighborhood to advertise their enterprises, products or services in this paper.

3. You can make an effort to remind your acquaintances and neighbors to listen to the Honorable Elijah Muhammad on the radio. (For the time and name of the local station carrying his broadcasts, please check this newspaper.)

4. You can try to work a little harder than before. (Remember that hard work never hurts an individual of sound mind and body.) At the same time, save as much as you can from your earnings and in-

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and sisters are likely to say to me that "we are already aware and cognizant of these and other related responsibilities of a believer."

True! Think, then, and see if you have done your VERY BEST in the performance of such duties during the past 10 or 12 months.

Moreover, I have written this particular article today — SAVIOUR'S DAY, 1965 — to impress upon you the fact

that its contents bear great significance, especially in terms of your FUTURE. Sincerely urging you to be steadfast in your faith in our God (ALLAH) and reminding you to be firm as a rock in your loyalty and obedience to the Messenger, Honorable Elijah, is far more important than, for instance, my answering the occasional criticism of the Honorable Messenger or the "Nation of Islam" appearing in the U.S. or foreign press.