

Once-Black Tuskegee is Choking on Alabama 'Aid'

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An "educated" Black man has been trained to appreciate the "wisdom" of the white man's educational institutions. He lacks the wisdom commensurate with having a knowledge of himself. Therefore, the Black intellectual become a tool for white people's vested interest and against the interest of his people. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad teaches us that the religion of Islam makes the so-called Negro think in terms of self and his own kind. Thus, this kind of thinking produces an industrious people who are self-independent.

AT ONE TIME in the earlier years of Tuskegee Institute, the agricultural instructors trained Black students in the classroom as to how to produce crops and then took them to the large fields and showed them how to turn the soil, plant seeds, harvest, and economically sell the produce in the surrounding community.

Today, a great deal of land lies dormant because white people have brought their influence via the Board of Trustees and have helped to stop this instruction to the point where the agricultural students spend most of their time reading texts and conducting laboratory experiments with a small degree of field work. Massive crop production

has stopped. The students are now urged to come and work for the U.S. Department of Agriculture or other subsidiary businesses owned by white people. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad asks how can a people produce their needs except from the earth?

The Veterans Administration Hospital which is situated within the land area of Tuskegee Institute was initiated by Booker T. Washington for the care of Black war veterans. Today, you will find a large number of white people supervising the administration of the hospital and the Black officials serve only as showcase puppets when a visitor walks through the Hospital.

The 5,189 acres of land belonging to Tuskegee Institute could be the base for developing the greatest Black institution in the nation, and white people know it. Therefore, the Fels Foundation and the Southern Regional Council invest money for purposes of studying Black people's attitudes and behavior with regard to political and educational processes and institutions. The Ford Foundation, the U.S. Office of Education, and the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity along with other numerous private foundations have invested money in the school and are now determining the educational trend of the school.

THE MORE MONEY Tuskegee Institute administrators accept from white benefactors, the larger will be the number of white administrators, instructors, and students. Eventually, Tuskegee Institute will become a predominantly white institution.

On Monday, October 14, 1968, it was announced that Governor Albert Brewer of Alabama had appointed three members to the Tuskegee Institute Board of Trustees. All three of these men are white and bring with them the influence of the state of Alabama; one of the most racist states in America. The governor has the power to appoint these men because the institute has been receiving \$300,000 from the state

despite the fact that the school is classified as a privately controlled institution.

Nevertheless, the governmental structure of Alabama has sent its own "Trustees" to influence the operation of the school and the expenditure of the money. Tuskegee Institute, the once beautiful example of Black independence, has become dependent on white foundations, Alabama Funds, and U.S. governmental

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Tells How So-Called Negroes Trained in White Values

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agencies for its continued operation.

Earlier this year (July) President Luther H. Foster rejected the invitation from my Beloved Leader and Teacher, The Honorable Elijah Muhammad, to meet with him for the purpose of discussing the plight of this Black institution. However, he felt that he could not accept the invitation due to his schedule. The Universities of Islam, the great independent Black institutions of learning, under the wise leadership of the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad, should become Tuskegee Institute's impetus for independence and the superior education of Black students.

I have cited the above examples as a means of showing how misguided Black educators can gradually allow their control of a school to be taken away from them by the finances and values of white people. This is the main purpose, inevitably, for which many Black people are trained to be administrators and teach-

ers; that is, to promote the values of white society without regard for the total development of the Black students they are teaching and supervising.

YOU MAY ASK, where does this leave the Black students who are presently attending Tuskegee Institute? They are in the clutches of the most deceitful people on earth (white people) and the most belligerent group of people, the "educated" Black middle class. It is not my intention to scorn those who have attained educational success, but when they use such success to the detriment of their own people, they deserve scorn.

It is quite clear why the white people on campus fear the teachings of Islam as taught by The Honorable Elijah Muhammad through his followers here in Tuskegee. Islam is designed to give Black people a new frame of reference and teach them of themselves. Further, a believer in Islam does not beg white people or use them as reference models for achievement because he has been taught the beauty and power enveloped in his existence as well as the source of all knowledge.


I am indeed thankful to Allah (God) and His Messenger, The

Honorable Elijah Muhammad for the success I have had with my beloved Black brothers and sisters in the bi-monthly meetings we have had together. They are seeking an understanding of their condition and when they begin to involve themselves in discussion, it is similar to seeing a person lay down a burden that has rested on his shoulders for years.

I PRAY that it is not too late for Tuskegee Institute administrators to reverse this detrimental process and take the acres of unused land and use it as a means of making Tuskegee Institute the great institution that it could be. If there is any doubt as to how to make a Black institution what it should be, then I urge all Black administrators to confer with the Messenger of Allah, The Honorable Elijah Muhammad. He has worked out a unique plan which, through the Divine help of Allah, makes all institutions under his leadership flourish successfully. May Allah

continue to bestow His blessings upon you, Dear Holy Apostle.

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