

Islam in Tuskegee

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In a question and answer column (ACTION EXPRESS) of the August 19, 1969 issue of the Chicago Tribune, the columnist was asked by a reader to comment on Marcus Garvey's role in the progress of the Civil Rights movement. On the Basis of Falsehood, your printed answer read: "One of his (Marcus Garvey's) early lieutenants was Elijah Muhammad, present leader of the Black Muslims who continued to support Garvey's general notions of Black nationalism after Garvey's death in 1940 in his Jamaican home."

TRUTH, is generally the policy of any newspaper staff who wishes to inform the public. Yet, you, supposedly staunch guardians of the truth who are employed by the CHICAGO TRIBUNE, have seen fit to distort the truth of the Work of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. You refer to him as a lieutenant of Marcus Garvey. Yet, history does not prove this reference to be based on truth as you well know. You would like the Messenger of

Allah to start a massive drive toward taking Black People back to Africa or make the public think that his leadership is designed to effect such a drive.

Webster's dictionary defines a lieutenant as a "representative of another in the performance of duty." The Honorable Elijah Muhammad represents the teaching of Allah (God) and has always taken instructions from God as you already know. He is building a nation within this wicked nation called America—a nation that does not thrive off the filth and wickedness that prompted you to print this lie. Marcus Garvey did not have Divine Guidance; thus, he sought to solve the Black Man's problem of oppression by running to a small country in West Africa (Liberia).

We, the Muslim followers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad do not intend to go to Africa as a part of black nationalist movement because the earth belongs to the Black Man as our leader teaches us. It is You who will have to leave, but on a much broader scale—leave the planet earth. If it is within the realm

of your intelligence, refrain from commenting on the Messenger of Allah (God), for you do so only as a means of deceiving the Black Man. Such deceit shows the minuteness of your nature and bears witness to the teachings of The Honorable Elijah Muhammad—**YOU ARE NOTHING BUT DEVILS.**

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