

What Islam Has Done For Me

Many Were Asked, Yet Only One Had an Answer

By Hubert X Sobers

Before I became a follower of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, I was always thinking and wondering why our people were always under such deplorable conditions.

I TRIED some of the fraternal organizations, such as Forresters, Odd Fellows and even the N.A.A.C.P. for a brief period, but this offered no solution. Though not a member of any church, I would drop in on occasion to see what was going on, but it was the same old solution.

Finally, the Garvey program of the Universal Negro Improvement Association came on the scene, and that woke up the black man a little and he had quite a following. However, Mr.

Garvey himself admitted that he was not the one because he could not teach the spiritual side of Islam, but the one coming behind him would give you everything—and that one we have in our midst today in the person of the most Honorable Elijah Muhammad. All praise is due to Almighty Allah in the person of Master Wallace D. Fard Muhammad.

ISLAM, as taught by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, gives us moral and spiritual guidance, and having that knowledge we are able to seek economic independence. We give praise to Almighty God, Allah, in the person of Master Wallace D. Fard Muhammad for such a great leader, teacher and guide in the person of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.



MUHAMMAD TAWIFA Oweida, Secretary General of the Supreme Council of Islamic Affairs, and another top Egyptian official, chat with World Heavyweight Champion Muhammad Ali upon Ali's arrival in Egypt where

he was showered with gifts in appreciation of the renown his heroic exploits are bringing to the Islamic world under the guidance of the Messenger of Allah.

A Progress Report from the Mosque in Buffalo, N.Y.

BUFFALO, N.Y. — The message of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad has been fanned into flames across the Niagara frontier under the local leadership of Minister John B. X. of Muhammad's Mosque No. 23.

MINISTER John B. X. a follower of the Lamb of God for 10 years, has been instrumental in holding and rebuilding the local mosque for the past two years.

Since his appointment as minister by Mr. Muhammad, Minister John B. X. has carried the message of truth across central and western New York state.

Muhammad's Mosque No. 23 has risen from a small, struggling mosque to the position of one of the outstanding places of worship here in America. Mosque No. 23-B of Rochester, N.Y., also is fast becoming an outstanding temple of worship.

Erie, Pa., located about halfway between Buffalo, N.Y. and Cleveland, O., now has a small temple dedicated to the teachings of Messenger Elijah Muhammad. Soon Syracuse, N.Y., will feel the force of the program of the "Lamb without spot or blemish."

SINCE OUR Savior's Day Convention in February, Mosque No. 23 in the Queen City has increased its sale of MUHAMMAD SPEAKS newspaper by 2,200. The outstanding salesmen of MUHAMMAD SPEAKS news-

per are Brothers Edward 2X and Chester V. X. who average 400 papers a week and have been dubbed the "Champions of Truth in Western New York."

So inspired are members of the Fruit of Islam at No. 23 that they are approaching the high standards of the larger mosques in bringing visitors to hear the message of truth from the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. In recent weeks, they have increased the number of first-time visitors to Mosque No. 23 from 35 to 103. These are Sunday meeting figures.

The outstanding "fishermen" (F.O.I. who go out and bring visitors to the mosque) are Brothers James A. X. and William 5X, who brought 93 first-time visitors to the mosque during a recent three-week period.

THE TOP salesman for the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's book, "Message to the Blackman," for the month of May was Brother Roland X. who sold 26 books to the "lost" of this area. It is this kind of work that will enable our beloved leader and teacher, Messenger Muhammad to obtain the national education center for his people.

Captain Joseph X. of Mosque No. 7 was the recent guest of the week in Buffalo. He brought greetings from the Messenger and laborers. He was told by the F.O.I. of Mosque No. 23 to take the message back that "Mosque No. 23 is out to set the pace for all other mosques throughout North America."

'Since Accepting Islam, I Now Can Do Things I Once Thought Impossible'

By Brother Herbert X (Newark, New Jersey)

I was born in a Southern state, the ninth child in a family of 12. Living conditions for most American so-called Negroes in the area were less than marginal. But ever since my early childhood I wanted more than what black people had in those days in that Southern state.

I LEFT home at the age of 17. When I arrived in St. Louis, Mo., I found the black man was the rejected one just as he was in the state I'd left. However, I started to attend church. I became a Sunday school teacher and also taught Bible class two nights every week.

Two years later I was inducted into the United States Army. After my service, I found there still appeared to be no satisfying answers to questions that kept nagging me—questions about myself and other black people.

While in a barber shop one day, a Muslim brother spoke to me about attending the mosque and listening to the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

I went to the mosque. It seemed to me that the name Muhammad was a magic one and somehow it appeared to be the missing piece for the puzzle on which I had been working for a long time.

FROM MY first visit, avenues that had been dead-end streets in the past now opened up and became clear to me. I could see a future for myself and those who believe and follow this great man, Messenger Muhammad. I accepted his teachings

and began the process of becoming a registered Muslim—and to giving my support to this man of God.

After more than eight years, I still find myself working to become a better Muslim and furthering the cause of Islam as taught by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

SINCE following this man, I have been able to accomplish things I once thought were impossible. There is an air about Messenger Muhammad that tells you immediately—here is a man of God.

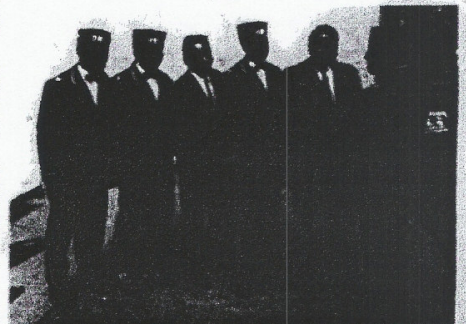
You know that God is with him. His conversation, his walk and his entire outlook on life—all have a direct meaning to humanity itself.

His every word connects directly with the American so-called Negro's problem.



AFTER FIRST attending a Muslim mosque, Muhammad's Mosque of Islam, Brother Herbert X, Newark, N.J., recalls how "avenues that had been dead-end streets now opened up."

Outstanding Fishermen



THESE BROTHERS of Muhammad's Mosque of Islam No. 23, Buffalo, N.Y., are the outstanding "fishermen" (F.O.I. who go out and bring visitors to the mosque), having accounted for increasing the number of first-time visitors from 35 to a high recently of 103. Lieutenant Melvin X (right) congratulates (left to right) Brothers Edward 2X, Clarence X, William 5X, Chester X, X and James A. X for a job well done.