

MUHAMMAD SPEAKS

to Mr. Muhammad
—from the wife of the late
MARCUS GARVEY

"I have been deeply impressed by Messenger Elijah Muhammad's message of Freedom and Unity in the March 18 issue of Muhammad Speaks, and I wish to compliment him on it.

"The idea of creating Negro markets which can provide food, clothing and housing for them is a noble and humanitarian one.

"That is what the masses need in Africa today, and you who live in the greatest manufacturing country in the world have the opportunity to extend such facilities to your brothers in Africa.

"I sincerely share Messenger Muhammad's desire to see Negroes united in the cause of liberating themselves from the shackles of economic and political sub-

servience.

"In fact, I would say that they should even go as far as forming their own political party. The word Negro might soon become obsolete.

"It is gratifying to see that another dynamic figure has arrived in the arena of world affairs. Please convey to your followers my warm salutations.

"I am especially happy to note that your people are expressing tremendous interest and love for Africa which of course, you have a right to do.

"There is no feeling like the feeling of belonging to a country, a people and a nation. I keep praying for you."

Very sincerely yours,
Amy Ashwood Garvey

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Thanks Muhammad Speaks Readers

Mail Response Amazes Marcus Garvey Widow

In an open letter from Monrovia, Liberia, where she is a citizen, Mrs. Amy Ashwood Garvey, widow of the late Marcus Garvey, co-founder of the Back to Africa Movement, expressed warm gratitude for the wide response to her previous letter to the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, praising his program of self-help, which appeared in the June 7, 1963, issue of Muhammad Speaks.

Addressing her letter to the "Honorable Elijah Muhammad and members and friends of the Black Muslim Movement," Mrs. Garvey said:

"I WISH to take this opportunity to thank you all for the mass response which my letter in 'Muhammad Speaks' has brought from you. The fact that I have received so much correspondence within the short time since my letter appeared in the paper, is to me, proof of the fact that the paper, which is the organ of the Muslim Movement, is very widely read.

"I must say that I am deeply impressed by the reverence and devotion which the friends and followers of the Movement are expressing toward its leader, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

"It is my dearest wish that Allah may continue to endow you all with the spiritual and moral strength so that you may go on from victory to

victory. I hope you all realize that any victories that you may win are not for you alone but for the black man the world over.

"I SHALL be answering individually all those who wrote to me and I do hope that this link which 'Muhammad Speaks' has renewed between us will continue in sincerity.

"As a mark of appreciation for your warm response, permit me to inject into this letter a little humorous truth: Some time ago, the black man in South Africa used to sing this little song—

"Once the white man
had the Bible
And the black man
had the Land,
Now the black man has
got the Bible
And the white man
has the Land. Amen."

"To each and every one of you, I send my sincere prayers, kind regards and best wishes.