

# On Life In The Sudan

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After the closing of the girls' hostel during those days of rebellion in the Sudan, I lived with Affaf and her family in Shambat, which is just past Khartoum, North. All of the foreign male students had been taken to the Faculties of Veterinary Science and Agriculture, so as to be away from the troubled centered campus. I was to be with the American Cultural Attache and his wife, who were both very fine "Uncle Toms," who never stopped their attempts to gain information from me of the students' activities.

These days I passed in Shambat were beautiful days which I will never forget. We slept outside under the beautiful desert night sky, in a large walled-in court yard on beds made of hand-twisted fibers woven to

and accepted an invitation to live with a friend of mine whose husband was the secretary to the Nigerian Embassy. Due to the state of affairs in the Sudan all of the Embassies were closed. All of the white foreign diplomats and their families were only safe if they stayed inside of their homes. The people knew that the main causes behind their dissatisfaction was due to "foreign imperialism" and they wanted them out of their country.

**AUTOMOBILES** belonging to white foreigners were overturned and burned by youngsters. It was easy to identify the cars of foreign diplomats, because their license plate numbers were always preceded by "CD". The windows of the American library were broken, and some of its books burned.

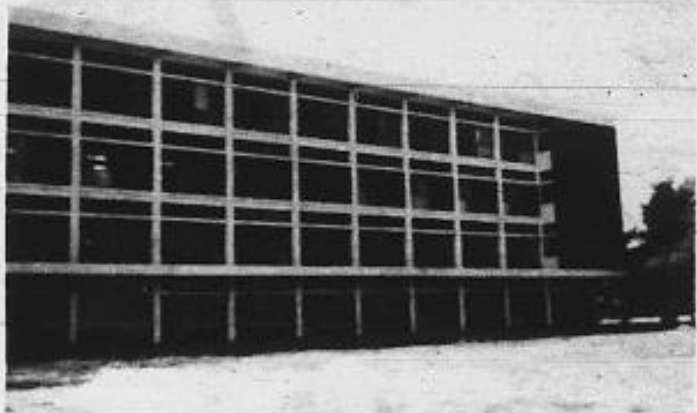
this news. We then met (Lela, her mother, and sisters) in the field which separated our houses, and walked to the government palace. Everyone was excited and happy, all were shouting, "long live the students, long live the people." The lights which decorate the city during joyful times were all lit. This was indeed something to celebrate. Automobiles were blowing their horns and people were happy everywhere we looked.

Then we reached the medical faculty which is at the opposite end of the street of the palace. The crowd was thick and many of them were coming away from the palace, so we returned to our respective homes rather than push on to the palace.

It was good that we did not go on to the palace for the guards outside of the palace fired on the approaching crowd. Many were seriously wounded, some even killed. The guards had not heard the announcement on the radio, nor had they any orders other than to protect the palace and the grounds of the palace. I was told later that a few young lieutenants had put a gun to General Abboud's head and forced him to make the statement of his resignation over the radio.

**THE GOVERNMENT** did resign however soon after this inci-

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BOY'S HOSTEL at the University of Khartoum, Sudan.

make mats for the cotton mattresses on mahogany posts. One of Affaf's sisters took me across the River Nile on the ferry to Omdurman where I was shown the Mahdi's tomb.

Although Affaf's brothers kept us informed of the happenings in the city, my curiosity as to what was going on in the city was too much for me to remain in Shambat, so I returned to Khartoum

All of the Americans were notified that for their safety, they were to be taken out of the Sudan until things had cooled down in the Sudan.

One of my closest colleagues by the name of Lela Abdulla lived near the Nigerian family. However during these days, we stayed inside of our homes, we did not go out for anything. Daily there were reports of young people being killed or critically wounded.

All incoming mail was stopped. For 14 days there was no mail. I did not know if my letters were going out, but since things were kept quiet on the news media, I assumed that the outside world was not very much informed of the happenings in the Sudan. This is the normal procedure for governments afraid of their worldly status being affected by inner unrest. We often listened to the BBC (British Broadcasting Company), and the American news on the short wave radio, but these news reports were nothing compared to what was happening in reality.

One evening while we were about to sleep, we heard a lot of shouting and yelling. We were afraid that there was another riot and we were worried about the people being hurt.

**THE TELEPHONE** rang and when the man of the house answered, he was told that General Abboud, the head of state, had just announced over the radio his resignation. We knew then that the shouting was of joy and victory, not of a riot, or a demonstration.

I called Lela and she verified

## Money Curbs In Kenya, Uganda Tanzania Set

**NAIROBI**—New currency regulations have been instituted by the independent Black nations of Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda, to halt a possible repeat of the exodus of funds from the countries as occurred last year during the scare migration of Asians to Great Britain.

**CENTRAL BANKS** in each country announced simultaneously a 50 per cent reduction in the amount individual families are allowed to take out of the country—from a maximum of \$13,800 to \$6,900. In addition, basic travel allowances for adults was trimmed by \$156—from \$672 to \$516—and available every two years instead of annually.

Monthly remittances of money abroad will still be allowed up to a maximum of one-third of a person's salary. However, anyone transferring money abroad for four years or more will be disqualified from emigrant status and barred from taking any capital out of the country when he leaves.

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dent. At one time it was reported that about 2000 Ansari (followers of the Mahdi who defeated the English in the end of the 19th Century) had come to help the people in the city against the government. And these people are well known to be very strong willed fighters.

The largest percent of the people were united in that they all wanted a governmental change there were some 3 or 4 different political camps but for now they were all united to obtain their goals.

This is what the Honorable Elijah Muhammad teaches us daily, and has been teaching us for 38 years now: That we must unite and go for self. That with unity and harmony we can achieve our goals much easier and quickly. His teachings of Black owned and operated businesses in our own Black communities, have only just begun to take effect among our own kind.

The government of the Sudan fell, as have governments of other countries. All of this was initi-

ated by the students and their unrest with the existing situation in their country. Where there is student unrest and this unrest persists, there will have to be changes made, for as I wrote last week, this has been a pattern to a universal series. There are many many students rebelling today, in many many countries. But, in order that this sequence follows its pattern there will be many many changes made in many countries, A Universal Change. For there is universal unrest among the youth of the world which is in effect today.

**THIS COULD** only mean the falling of an existing power. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad teaches us that this fall of the power is that of the white man, who presently controls the wealth of the world, and through wealth, power to dictate the situation of the world. The universal change will be a complete

change a change of power to the hands of the Original Asiatic Black Man.

We are all witnesses to this universal change which is taking place now. All praises are due to Allah for blessing us to live during this time of change . . . the universal change of Black over White. Praises are due to Allah for blessing us to have a Black

man here in America to make us aware of this change, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

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