

Declares Those Who Join Messenger 'Lose Only False Friends, Alien Names'

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"Never has a long, hot summer dawned quite so early in spring," stated Newsweek in its issue of May 15. . . . Summer is weeks away, but spring already has brought spasms of street warfare in ghettos scattered from Rochester, N.Y., to Long Beach, Calif., to Omaha and Nashville and San Diego."

BY MID-JUNE, according to another nationally-known news medium, outbreaks of violence "with racial overtones" had occurred in some sixty cities across the country. Towards the end of July, reported Boston's daily



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Christian Science Monitor, the United States had a "shooting revolution" on its hands, with midsummer nights' dreams in scores of communities all but totally transformed into frightful nightmares.

By far the hardest hit were Michigan's "Motor City" — Detroit — and New-

ark, N.J. The former, in fact, will long be remembered as the scene of the worst (albeit not wholly "racial") riots in U.S. history.

What caused the unprecedented pillage, arson and destruction—in Detroit and a hundred other towns? How did it all come to a head? Was there a sinister plot behind the "seemingly spontaneous" uprisings, as has been alleged in certain quarters? Who really deserves the blame for producing the state of anarchy and chaos?

THESE questions are as yet unanswered and probably will remain so until March, 1968, when the newly-constituted Presidential Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders is scheduled to release the first "preliminary report" on its findings.

In the interim — while those charged with investigating the "horrors of past few weeks" mobilize and put to maximum utilization every city, state and Federal security machinery in the land (which they most certainly will!) — how should black America reflect on its persistent, complex problems?

Should it believe that the misery and suffering of its ghetto poor will soon be al-

leviated? Will there be, from now onwards, less unemployment and more opportunities, less despair and more hope? Will decent residential structures soon rise to replace properties that went up in smoke?

WILL BETTER, proper schools and job training centers be built where dilapidated, rat-infested "shanties" previously stood? Unfortunately, no one can answer these questions with precise accuracy. To be sure, we must wait for TIME to reveal "what's really in store" for all concerned.

Now, that is not to say that the "Asiatic" inhabitants of this land (i.e., American so-called Negroes) should just sit still and watch and hope and pray for some "great white spook" to descend from the skies and straighten out the "latter-day Babylon" mess.

On the contrary, I suggest that all black Americans seek and adopt, without delay, every available time-tested means of HELPING THEMSELVES and their community and kind — morally, economically, socially and culturally.

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without hindrance, I also urge them to maintain every vigil and constant alert against all possible, unknown dangers—lest they should become unsuspecting victims of a sudden "white backlash!"

Here I might add that my Muslim brothers and sisters—followers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad—should particularly exercise every caution and care and see to it that, in these difficult days, they thoroughly understand and carry out every edict and commandment of the noble Messenger faithfully and in entirety.

In view of the unparalleled gravity and extent of recent disturbances, I think we all ought to offer special thanks to the Honorable Elijah Muhammad for the most extraordinary wisdom inherent in his ruling affecting the Muslim women and children which was circulated just days before the "long, hot summer" season commenced!

LET US NOT forget that the powers that be do not exactly appreciate or love the righteous (Muslims). Nor, as such, do they need an excuse to harass or attempt to persecute us. Under the circumstances, it is imperative that we do nothing to vex and provoke the "devils' wrath."

Let us further remember that our enemies will simply not desist from pursuing, hounding or oppressing us unless and until we, on our part, cease to worship AL-LAH, the One True God, and practice ISLAM (which is, of course, something we cannot even think of!).

As a case in point, I might mention that year after year it has been proved beyond a shadow of doubt that the U.S. "Nation of Islam" members have never incited, endorsed, aided or abetted any form of lawlessness or indulged in arson or acts of violence. Nor do they

ciple and moral conviction, engage in such activities today. Yet they have never been accorded the full respect of the authorities which, in my opinion, they deserve.

IN CONCLUSION, I would like to add that, instead of waiting to see how or when the governmental agencies would move to mend riot-torn cities across the U.S.A., as stated above, concerned black Americans everywhere not yet in the fold of Islam should hasten to investigate the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's "mission" and teachings and see for themselves if the Muslims' program cannot actually better prepare them to meet

the challenge of the trying times ahead.

Never in history has there been a leader of black men as wise, as earnest, as firm and as capable as is the great U.S. Muslim leader, Honorable Elijah Muhammad. In turning to the Messenger, greeting him in peace or joining up with him in "perfect" (natural) global fraternity, the so-called Negroes of America can lose nothing but their false, hypocritical friends, their fraudulently-imposed alien (European Christian) names and cultural traits—and, last but not least, the lingering remnants of long-past era of bondage and slavery to the "wicked devils."



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