

# Messenger's Foes

By Abdul Basit Naeem

As I write these lines, I have not had the opportunity of ascertaining the reader's reaction to my previous article intended for and scheduled to be printed in MUHAMMAD SPEAKS (dated Feb. 5). I do not doubt however, that it will cause those who bear malice in their hearts towards my dear and respected brother—Honorable Elijah Muhammad—and the Nation of Islam in America to extend their hostility to this writer.

A few of my Muslim friends—shown an advance copy of the said article, which contains, in part, my frank and honest appraisal of Malcolm X—have already expressed serious apprehension, together with a warning to me that "provoking Mr. Malcolm Little at this time" might, in turn, prove injurious to my person.

So, in the face of my own well-wishers' advice, what am I supposed to do? ... Say that I dread the devil's wrath—instead of fearing none save Allah (God)? Declare that Malcolm X is the divine leader of Muslims in America? Beg forgiveness and mercy of those obviously out to weaken and destroy the very foundation of the House of Islam in this continent? ... INDEED NOT!

Nor, indeed, shall I say that I regret or wish to withdraw one single word from my statement pertaining to Mr. Little, appearing in the Feb. 5 issue of this newspaper.

## Reasons For Action

As a matter of fact, I should like, instead, to offer a few more personal observations to amply justify my stand on this question:

First: As is well-known, Malcolm X did not leave the Nation of Islam of his own accord and free will. He was fired from his post and actually relieved of the duties

previously held by him on direct orders of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. It is also known that he was turned down in his bid for readmission and reinstatement as minister of Muhammad's Mosque No. 7 in New York City. The lies and accusation subsequently hurled by him at the Honorable Messenger must, therefore, be termed an act of desperation and of deliberate and wilful vengeance.

Second: I believe that had Malcolm X been sincere in his oft-expressed contention that he simply desired to "carry out the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's program, though with a different approach" and in my own way, he should have been satisfied, initially, with the creation of his splinter "Muslim Mosque, Inc." and would have avoided, at all cost, being involved in an open controversy with his acknowledged mentor and leader. As we all know, he did not do this.

Third: By enlarging the dimensions of an otherwise "purely personal feud," Malcolm actually attempted to cause and abet wide discord in the "Nation's" ranks—especially in New York City.

Too late, as it certainly is today, to retrieve every single one of the seeds of dissension sowed by him, the former minister of Mosque No. 7 must be deemed guilty

of immense disservice to the cause of our sacred faith (Islam).

## Devotion Unchanged

Here I should like to add that while my "total disenchantment" with Malcolm may be called somewhat "sudden" or perhaps "premature," no one—not even Malcolm X—can possibly allege, on the other hand, that my devotion to the Nation of Islam and ardent admiration for its true and rightful leader—the Honorable Elijah Muhammad—is a new-found feeling. If anything at all, it is the natural and inevitable outcome of years of prayerful pondering over the U.S. Muslims' problems and sustained research in Afro-Islamic affairs.

And now that Allah (God) has bestowed upon me a measure of understanding of this unique phenomenon and further endowed me with a fairly clear perception of its future greatness, how can I possibly—knowingly—permit its ridicule and humiliation at the hands of a few ill-advised individuals?

And how can I be expected to tolerate the barrage of vicious attacks and baseless accusations aimed in the direction of someone almost universally recognized as the "one true leader of his people and the only individual who possesses the knowledge of the final solution to the so-called Negroes' problem?"

That is why I now have decided to assert, without hesitation or reservations, my intention of opposing in the times just ahead and in the distant future any individual—be he "Eastern" or



LOYAL FOLLOWER of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, Brother Malcolm X (left), secretary and teacher of Arabic at Muhammad's Mosque No. 7, New York City, is shown with Abdul Basit Naeem, Pakistan Muslim and admirer of the Messenger, whose writings frequently appear in MUHAMMAD SPEAKS.

# God's Only True Messenger

By Robert J. Ward

All holy praises are due to Allah, to whom I submit and I thank Allah for the Divine leader and teacher, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

He is the only true messenger of God. I have only been in Islam for four months and believe me, it is the only way out of this hell.

There are no problems I know of that Islam cannot solve. Islam is for the so-called American Negro.

I pray that all of us wake up in time, because it is time. Thanks to the Honorable Elijah and all praises are due to Allah.

I am a musician and I



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bear witness since I have been in Islam, what a great change and I mean change that not only I know, but the people around me—I want all of us to come on and let's go where we belong.

Brothers and sisters, let us not forget the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's Three-Year Economic Plan. For surely it is for you and me.

We all know it will not be long, so let us hurry and get together and support it.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad teaches us who God is, who we are and who the devils are. And I am most happy to know that God is the most Holy and Supreme Ruler of all things.

"Western"—who might attempt to hinder the U.S. Muslims' progress or otherwise try to harm the cause of Islam in this wilderness (of North America).

I also am determined, I

might add, that, be it Allah's will, I shall meet this challenge to the mission and leadership of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad not only in North America but also in any other part of this planet.