

## **Unarmed Muslim minister shot down in cold blood by Black disc jockey**

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DALLAS, Texas — In front of Muhammad's Mosque in Tyler, Texas a great tragedy took place. Minister Joe X (Pease) was shot down in cold blood by a negro disk jockey named King Byrd of radio station KZEY. Also, Brother Harold was shot just above his heart and is now in good condition. Minister Joe and Bro. Harold were unarmed. As Messenger

Muhammad says, Allah forbids us to carry any weapons for how can we be an example of peace and at the same time be a peace breaker? This negro disk jockey knew that we were unarmed.

ABOUT 1:30 P.M. June 20th, out in front of the Mosque three men drove up in a pick-up truck and wanted to speak to Minister Joe. One of the brothers took him the message and a few moments later Minister Joe came out to see what he wanted.

Some words were passed in regard to a radio broadcast as to why it was not played and through this discussion a heated debate occurred, during which the minister instructed the driver of the truck to take the negro away from the Mosque. As Byrd entered the truck he was given a gun by one of the men sitting in the truck with him. He came out of the truck striking Minister Joe in the face, then he shot him in the chest.

The Minister lunged forward at the negro knocking the gun out of his hand while the other Muslim brother tried to apprehend Byrd. Minister Joe died instantly. A 32 caliber bullet pierced his heart.

The Nation of Islam has suffered a great loss. Minister Joe was a devout helper of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad whose aim and purpose was to teach the brotherhood of the

Black man. His greatest desire was to do more to help the Honorable Elijah Muhammad in spreading the life giving truth of Freedom, Justice, and Equality to our people, the so-called negro, in the hell of North America.

He died the death of a righteous Muslim by the hands of one who loves his enemy to the extent that he would stop at nothing to please them. The work of Minister Joe (Pease) in the Tyler area was outstanding. Those who knew him loved and admired him for his great stand against injustice.

TAKING THE teachings that Messenger Muhammad gave him he was able to stop many from drug addiction and prostitution in that area. Now he is layed to rest, leaving behind a wife and nine children, the youngest of whom is about six months old. We know Minister Joe fought a good fight and kept the faith. His labor will live throughout eternity.

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