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Women in Islam

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What do our women of America expect to gain by actively supporting and participating in public demonstrations which claim to be in the interest of the black people's struggle for civil rights? Has it occurred to us that we have not yet secured the recognition of human rights before the white citizenry of the United States. Furthermore, in their eyes, we will never secure either full recognition of our human rights or civil rights to the satisfaction of both parties involved.

Our basic trouble is that we are fanning the smoke of emotionalism and firing reactionary bullets in the wrong direction, for the wrong purpose, in the wrong places and at the wrong time. We are undermining our personal racial integrity by the misuse of our public conduct and our so-called right of protest.

The black man has set up as many "Do not enter" signs in the face of his own people as the white man has. The black man has demonstrated almost as much bias and hatred towards his own people as he has received from others.

The black woman has ruled out integration in her own social sphere as staunchly as any white conservative or segregationist. These are some of the rabid and embarrassing issues on the record of our own discriminatory acts. What's wrong with the so-called Negroes' conception of brotherhood? It appears to be rather one-sided, or should we say "white-sided?"

This is part of the irony of the civil rights demonstrations. This is one of the unhealed sores in the black man's side today. Instead of

rallying nation-wide efforts in stabilizing our own principles of brotherhood towards each other, more than half of our nation is trying to run and hide in the white man's bosom on the pretext that he has denied us civil rights by barring us from his restaurants, movie theaters, neighborhoods, etc.

Examine what we are denying ourselves and discover where the weight is heaviest and the consequences more detrimental. We have buried love, respect, dignity, friendship and a future for ourselves and expect pity and all of the white man's hitherto closed doors to swing wide open.

Where are we going with the horse behind the cart? We are in real trouble; and unless we know what we are doing, we will go down crying in the words of the Holy Qur-an 25:27, "Would that I had taken a way with the Messenger."

Jail Rights Fighters, Hold 'Incommunicado'

JACKSON, Miss. — Six rights workers out of a group arrested and jailed in Canton, 25 miles from Jackson, were moved to the city jail here and held "incommunicado," according to workers from the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

Ten others arrested at the same time were still being held in the Madison County Jail.

Engaged in equal rights demonstrations and voter registration activities, they were jailed on such charges as "violation of the building code," "disturbing the peace," "intimidating an officer" and "contributing to the delinquency of a minor."

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