

Historic first, Holy Qur'an printed in U.S.

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(Part I)

We can chalk up another first due directly to the Divine Truth as taught by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. As a direct consequence of his teachings, the Holy Qur'an, the sacred book of the Muslims, is now being printed in the U.S.A.

Through the special arrangement and cooperation of Darul Kutub Islamia, the Pakistan based holders of the copyright for the Muhammad

Ali translation of the Holy Qur'an, and the Specialty Promotions Co. Inc., a Muslim owned and operated bookseller and importer in Chicago, Ill., the Holy Qur'an is once again available in quality and quantity at a low cost that has not been seen here for more than 15 years.

The owners of Specialty Promotions, in a statement to this newspaper, have reflected the view that the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's teachings have become so widespread that its foreign

exporters were unable to keep up with their demands.

This coupled with the fall of the dollar-value on foreign markets and the continued rise in the cost of the Book via importing, made it necessary that some other avenue be found to maintain the availability of the Book.

The Specialty Promotions Co. Inc., and its New York counterpart — Books and Things Inc., in New York City — have, for many years, attempted to meet the growing

demands of an awakening Black population to learn more about themselves and Islam which the Honorable Elijah Muhammad teaches is the nature in which the Black man created himself.

In addition to the Holy Qur'an — by both Muhammad Ali and Yusuf Ali — a wide array of books related to Islam and other educational subjects are available from the N.Y. office as the Chicago based Specialty Promotions is primarily an importer and wholesaler.

The owners hastened to add that although many areas of the Islam of the East, as found in the literature available from there, corroborate and verify the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, only the specific teaching of Islam as taught by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad is powerful enough, truthful enough and specific enough for the Black man here in America — to give them the understanding to view the Islam of old, as well as every other religion or Black studies offerings, in the proper perspective.

It is not surprising then, they say, that *Fall of America*, *Message To The Blackman*, *How To Eat To Live*, (all by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad) and *This Is The One*, a powerful publication written by Bernard Cushmeer, one of Messenger Muhammad's followers, outsells all of their other publications.

Dallas cop kills handcuffed child

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them to confess, Santos sat on the front seat with Roy Arnold, and David was forced to watch as Cain terrorized Santos by "playing" Russian Roulette, snapping the pistol several times as he held it to the back of Santos' head.

Both boys were still handcuffed. Cain continued the "game" until the gun exploded ending Santos' life.

"A kid so young—a young boy suffering, like this—because of some crazy man's idea of interrogating someone. We don't condemn all policemen, but when you run up against such as this—well we don't know..." stated Juan Perez Vice-president of the Brown Berets, a national Chicano rights organization.

ACCORDING TO RICARDO Merano, President of the Brown Berets, the killing of Rodriguez is the third murder victim of Cain's bloody career in less than two years. He has also been involved in other incidents of brutality and murder.

Cain's venom stilled the heart of an 18-year-old Black youth recently, Merano reports. Michael Moorehouse was shot twice by Cain before he was finally killed, by a third shot Merano said.

One shot struck him in the back, another in the leg. As the wounded man began to beg for his life, Cain cold-bloodedly shot him in the back of the head in front of four or five witnesses.

His vicious streak also claimed the

life of a 42-year-old Indian-American who was gunned to death by Cain, Merano reports.

Since the murder, the police have been coming in the same Chicano community, picking up young Chicano boys—10, 11, and 12-year-olds, Merano said,—without the consent of the parent and taking them down to the police station for questioning.

This harassing tactic is a method widely used by law enforcement agencies to manufacture arrests, thereby producing a "police record."

First the police falsely blame the innocent child for a crime he did not commit. Once the arrest is made and the child is fingerprinted, he is soon released.

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Part II

It is not without considerable thought on the part of the Eastern Muslim, that the historic printing of the Holy Qur'an was allowed in a fully Christian country. Since the Holy Qur'an has always been protected from corruption at the hands of any people every since its revelation almost 1400 years ago, it is significant that it was felt that the followers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad most certainly would continue that tradition.

Since we here know that the real truth of the matter is that the Holy Qur'an is really instructions, warnings and pertinent teachings to God's last Messenger — and that Messenger is here today in the person of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad — we are not surprised that the Will of Allah has manifested itself as it has.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad, himself, is most certainly directly responsible for the current popularity of the Holy Qur'an here and it is indeed through his direction that cost levels have been lowered.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad, being the Messenger of Allah, has given through the years, the correct, up-to-date understanding of the Holy



HOLY QUR'AN, now being printed for the first time ever, in a predominantly Christian country, due to the Teachings and respect for the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, given by the "Orthodox" Muslim scholars of Darul Kutub Islamia, who held copyrights on the Muhammad Ali translation. (M.S. Photo by Clayton 2X)

Qur'an, a book that has formerly been a complete mystery to the people of America.

Now that the Holy Qur'an has become available right here in America — through special arrangement and the cooperation of Darul Kutub Islamia, the Pakistan-based holders of the copyright of the Muhammad Ali translation, and the Specialty Promotions Co., Inc. and Books and Things Inc., at 106 Lenox Ave. in New York city, both Muslim

owned and operated corporations — it is necessary to understand something about caring for this Book.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad has specifically stated for example, that at this time he does not desire that the Holy Qur'an any longer be sent to prisons. He has of course, as always, good reason for his decisions which he has conveyed to us.

He declares that since the Holy Qur'an is a book that contains the word of God, it should be treated with

great respect. We are listing below some of his specific instructions and you will agree that these requirements cannot be easily adhered to in prison surroundings:

1. The Holy Qur'an should be kept on top of the highest shelf or in a place where one must look up to it.
 2. Keep it clean.
 3. The Book should not be placed in your lap or held below the waist for reading. Do not carry it into any unclean place for reading.
 4. Don't read in a loud tone or in a whisper but in a voice between the two — a moderate tone.
 5. Always wash your hands before picking up and reading the Holy Qur'an.
 6. Start reading the Qur'an first reading and studying the introduction. Then begin by studying and thoroughly familiarizing yourself with the very first chapter which is actually a prayer.
 7. Next, read and study the Second Surah which is one's first introduction to God, whose proper name is Allah.
- A final word of instruction. The Holy Qur'an that we have today is an instruction to a Messenger. That Messenger is amongst us today in the person of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. It is he who is best qualified to give us the true meaning of that which we will find in the Holy Qur'an.

We should therefore, read the Qur'an.

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an for ourselves and never attempt to teach its meaning unless we have been taught that meaning and its clear understanding by Allah's Messenger.

"O followers of the Book! . . . O followers of the Book! Our Messenger has come to you making clear to you much of what you concealed of the Book and passing over much

indeed there come to you light and a clear book from Allah" (5:14-19).

For any further information concerning the purchase or pricing of the Holy Qur'an we suggest you contact: Books and Things Inc. 117 Lenox Ave., New York, N.Y. 10026 or — Specialty Promotions Co., Inc. 6841 S. Cregier Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60649