

Rips Role of Lomax:

Pakistani Muslim Blasts Handling of TV Interview With Messenger of Allah

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NEW YORK—Muslims in New York City, as elsewhere in this country, were eager and looked forward to viewing the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's first major telecast on Monday, Dec. 7, presented by National Educational Television (Channel 13). Billed originally as an "exclusive interview" with the U. S. Muslim leader, it was well publicized.

The actual program, however, I am sad to say, fell far short of being favorable to or useful for us, the Muslims. In fact, it was, in essence, just another attempt by a powerful American medium of public information to "expose" the Muslims.

While I do not speak for the Honorable Elijah Muhammad or official representatives of the Nation of Islam — comments expressed herein are entirely my own—I believe a vast majority of the U.S. Muslims share my view that the telecast in question was an enormous disappointment.

First of all, the program was finally given a rather inappropriate and insignificant title, "The Messenger from



Louis Lomax

Violet Drive." Second, the tragi-comical nature of writ-

er Louis Lomax's all-too-frequent outbursts nearly nullified the whole presentation.

The Lomax bits, mercilessly injected in-between short "takes" of the Muslim leader, were indeed out-of-place and totally unwarranted. (Is it possible that these tactics were employed by the program's creators to confuse and mislead the audience?) By virtue of this peculiar behavior, the author of "The Negro Revolt" appeared to play the role of a mere mercenary unwittingly committed to helping his foes instead of his "folks."

At one point in the program, Lomax had ventured to predict that "... Muslims will soon return to oblivion whence they came

... " How absurd! What nonsense!

And I have some startling facts to reveal to our chain-smoking prophet of doom: **A LONG, LONG TIME FROM NOW—CENTURIES AFTER ALL THE WORLD'S LOMAXES HAVE VANISHED FROM THE EARTH — THE BELIEVERS IN ALLAH (MUSLIMS) WILL STILL BE AROUND! Yes, Mr. Lomax, like it or not, ISLAM IS HERE TO STAY — AND FOREVER!**

Here I also wish to add that, as I have often stated in my previous articles which have appeared in this newspaper, no one but ALLAH may judge His people (of which the so-called "Negroes" in America who have embraced Islam are a part). Mr. Lomax, as any "ally of the beast in this wilderness," possesses no right whatever to challenge a righteous believer's credentials, much less offer a verdict on the whole Nation of Islam!



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I would like to conclude this brief review by saying that I, for one, would have preferred to see the Honorable Elijah Muhammad appear on the telecast alone, even if for a shorter duration. Lomax's appearance on the same program, as a supposed expert or interpreter, was unnecessary. By seizing the opportunity of appearing on the same program with the respected leader of Muslims and by uttering so many unkind words about him, Lomax is now guilty of disservice to his people. As for interpreting the Muslims, he understands them not at all.

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