

Women in Islam

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If we, as the women of our nation, would assert our total energies, both physical and mental, towards the reconstruction of our own society, we would be rendering an immeasurable service to our people and to our future posterity. This can be done by realizing the problems that exist by exerting the necessary force to alter and to change the condition as it exists.

But we must have the proper solution in order to be effective in our actions. This means, of course, that we must consider the leadership that is capable of effecting this change.

Basically, we are a people of little or no pride and self-respect. We are a people divided against ourselves and are really as enemies to each other. These are the basic reasons which have produced our chronic state of degeneration and immorality and has provided for the lack of rapid achievement in the mental and physical sciences which have produced the most literate of the world's peoples.

To say that these are self-inflicted wounds imposed into the mainstream of our existence would be intolerably a false and unjust accusation, for the world well knows, as we do, ourselves, that we did not volunteer slave services to the white slave masters of this Western Hemisphere.

And the world well knows that we cannot arise from over 400 years of decadence and poverty, in this day and time, without a leadership whose total strength and resources are vested in

a power greater than that of the enemies of his people.

The black women of America, who are faced with exacting the proper course of action, must enunciate and declare themselves to be the laborers in the task of restoring dignity, pride and self-respect to themselves and people. For with this achievement will come the flowering of what is called civilization.

The leadership of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad has proven its power of reformation for the black man and woman of America. He is, in fact, a world-acclaimed champion as liberator of the depressed and down-trodden black people of America. For he instills hope and confidence in the worth of the individual, regardless to his color, religion and social affiliation. We can become a new people over night by adhering to the leadership of

the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

The outcome of today is up to us. The more we hesitate, the less chance we have for survival in a world that will no longer bow to the will of white supremacy or black puppetry.

Open Mine, Plan Factory in Liberia

NIMBA, Liberia—Liberia, the oldest independent nation on the African continent, began operation of a new iron ore mine and broke ground recently for the construction of a shoe and rubber factory.

President William V. S. Tubman officially launched the operation of the iron ore mine, located 175 miles northwest of the capital city of Monrovia and situated on the border with the Republic of Guinea.

The joint project of the Liberian government, American, Swedish and Canadian mining interests, the mine will employ 3,000 persons and is expected to produce a tonnage of 7.5 million by the end of 1964.

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