

Says Riot Commission Report Proves Truth of Muhammad's Teachings

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I have just finished reading the "newest U.S. best-seller" — REPORT OF THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMISSION ON CIVIL DISORDERS (published last week by Bantam Books, Inc., New York).

THE voluminous (700-page, 250,000-word) report, which comprises the commission's exhaustive analysis and findings on last summer's racial flareup in the major urban centers of this country, makes, to say the least, an extremely engaging reading:

In a stark and perhaps unsettling language, it describes



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WITHOUT reservation, the report lays the blame for the disorders examined squarely where it belongs—on white racism. "What white Americans have never fully understood, but what

the Negro can never forget, is that white society is deeply implicated in the ghetto. White institutions created it, white institutions maintain it and white society condones it . . ."

The study also points out that "our nation is moving toward two societies, one black, one white—separate and unequal" and simultaneously warns that "there can be no higher priority for national action and no higher claim on the nation's conscience" than to take whatever steps might be necessary to end that trend (i.e., toward two separate and unequal societies).

TO ME — and to my brothers and sisters in Islam in the wilderness of North America (i.e., followers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad)—as well as those of "Muhammad Speaks" readers who have regularly and earnestly followed the venerable Messenger's teachings printed in this newspaper over the years, the commission's findings contain nothing "new" or surprising. As we see it, the views proffered by the blue-chip presidential panel merely acknowledge, in effect, what the divinely-raised Muslim leader has all along contended and taught those who have sought to benefit from his extraordinary wisdom and insight

on matters of race, religion and history.

The riot commission report, without doubt, also bristles with a certain amount of urgency. It calls for mammoth, multi-billion dollar reforms ranging from measures to create two million new jobs to provisions for a guaranteed minimum wage and enactment of open housing legislation.

HOWEVER, coming out as it does in an election year, the study is bound to become an expedient political football. A leading contender for U.S. presidency, Mr. Richard Nixon, has, in fact, already called the report faulty in that it "blames everybody for the riots except the perpetrators" and "puts undue emphasis on the idea that we are, in effect, a racist society . . ."

Another adverse criticism has come from a leading newspaper, the Washington (D.C.) Star: ". . . (The study) lacks realism . . . (and) may prove more harmful than helpful . . ." The Star is also of the opinion that with the costly war in Vietnam and a budget "already out of balance," the money needed (to deal with the crisis in the nation's cities) "certainly will not be available this year or next . . ."

Under the circumstances, I

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think it is plain to see that, at best, it is going to take time — a very, very long time, indeed — for the "Great Society" to recognize and heed the pleas of its own appointees (i.e., "National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders" members).

I AM ALSO convinced that, meanwhile, the poor, down-trodden people of Allah (i.e., American so-called "Negroes") would fare infinitely better by GOING FOR SELF—that is to say, by accepting ISLAM and joining with their own true leader, Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

After all, why wait for an uncertain "Hereafter" when, through Islam, you could help yourself to Heaven's bountiful blessings HERE and NOW?