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Messenger of Allah

UNITE AND demand a home, on some of this earth, that we, the Lost-Found so-called American Negroes, can call our own. Let us make jobs for self and our people. This means creating our own employment.

THE WHITE employer is telling you now that the unemployment figure is increasing among us.

THE SO-CALLED Negro leadership seems to be blind to the change of the nations and the world. They seem to be deaf to the ever increas-

ing thunder of the war in Asia and the world. In whatever direction we look, the world is in trouble.

THE WHITE man has a bitter hatred for the truth that will benefit the black man.

THE SO-CALLED Negro who objects to going to war, such as Muhammad Ali or Stokeley Carmichael, is classified as the worst so-called Negro in America, as though we are the real owners of America. However, thousands of scientifically-trained white Americans protest the war in Asia.

FOR MANY years, others and I have been asking, "Give us something to fight for, rather than three to five years in jail for not fighting for something that is not ours." We fought in the Spanish American War and also aided in the American Revolution.

OUR LIVES are being jeopardized by the black preachers, politicians and educators.

THERE ARE around one million black people living on the South Side of Chicago. They are as thoroughly, or more, disunited than the cattle, beast, fowls and rep-

tiles of the jungle. Even the little ants under our feet are in unity. Each life has unity within its own life—except the American so-called Negro.

THE PROGRAM on the last page of our newspaper, **MUHAMMAD SPEAKS**, is ignored by the black leadership, just because we are Muslims — and because of their love for the enemy.

OUR YOUTH is seeking a better way of life. They want to lay hold onto the handle of power (Black Power), for white power has enslaved

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and keeps them enslaved. They are criticized and are led to the murderer for wanting to do something for themselves.

THE WHITE man has never wanted to see the black man in power for himself. The acts of white America, against the black man, are the proof.

THE TIME AND WHAT MUST BE DONE

Number 1—WE NEED our own, self-owned housing. Each week, one million black people pour every dime they earn into the pockets of the Chicago North Siders. They build cheap apartment houses, allowing only a few square feet for a room. Some of them are too small to even put in a shutter. It would be in the way of the next room. So they leave it open.

The rent is terrific. They stick these little houses all over the South Side. They have them running up between the regular space which should be allowed for breathing purposes, for the sake of good health.

They pretend to offer to sell you an apartment in an apartment house. This is dangerous and the biggest robbery of the poor people. They work for years, thinking they will own an apartment in an apartment house.

Number 2 — WE NEED our own grocery stores. They build giant grocery stores right in front and adjoining these cheap projects in order to get every dime the poor black people spend. They live under what they call cheap rent. But, it is high rent for the quality of building in which they are living.

Number 3 — WE NEED unity in order to put a stop to the enemy's robbery. Rev. Martin Luther King has a silly way of trying to help the black man in Chicago. He overlooks the fundamental approach.

Number 4 — WE NEED earth upon which to build our homes.

Number 5 — WE NEED the knowledge of how to put aside the ignorance which prevails here and there among our people. The one

million of us on the South Side must get together and rule the South Side.

If we cannot learn to do this, then we will not be able to rule one hundred million of our kind, elsewhere. The leadership is too jealous. They will wilfully oppose any good idea coming from another.

Number 6—SUPPLY the needs of our people and then force ourselves to 'buy black' as the white man is forcing us to 'buy white.' They pay us a wage or a salary and then make us spend whatever they give us, with them. They get it back. We can do it, too.

Number 7—WE SHOULD grow our own food. We can grow whatever food that is necessary for our people. We should buy farm and grazing land. You will probably say, "The white man will not sell us land to be independent, for he wants to continue to rob us." Then, let us unite and get some of this earth that we can call our own, whether he likes it or not. He did not ask the red Indians—he just annihilated them.

Number 8—WE NEED a

black bank. This would enable us to buy the necessities for our people. If we would save 5 cents each work day, as I have appealed to you to do, we should have the income that we need for our people.

Or, we could ask the government to lease the land which they are not using. They do not want to do so, for it will help you to get going, doing something for self. But, try it so the world will know it.

Number 9—WE SHOULD raise cotton to clothe ourselves and animals in order to clothe and feed ourselves, as the white man is doing. We should raise corn, oats, sugar cane for sugar, rice and vegetables. We should raise herds of cattle for meat, as he is doing.

Number 10—WE SHOULD control the South Side. It is where our population is dominant. We should have our own black police department, captains and police commissioner. We have some very intelligent black police on the South Side. They are not as dumb or evil as we may think.

This would help us to keep

law and order of the right kind, but, they need the backing of the black population. If they had our backing, they would do a much better job for us. We should control our city government. Let the white man see that we can do something for self.

This is all that I ask you to do. DO SOMETHING FOR SELF. Show the white man that you can get along in peace with self.

Number 11 — Control our South Side women. Take them off the streets after nightfall. Stop them from showing themselves at night to the world as prostitutes. You do not see this on the North Side. Why should we suffer it on the South Side?

Filthy minded men come in from every direction and destroy our wives and daughters. Stop them from coming into your homes, sitting and chatting with your wives and daughters. You try this on the North Side with their women and see how you will look upon your return.

Number 12—Teach and educate our own children.

Keep them away from the children of the slavemaster, who are bent on moral destruction of our people. Filth and evil is all they are bringing into our neighborhood. This means separation of schools, up to the college level.

Number 13 — Study and learn the languages of all people. Hire foreign teachers to teach us their languages and civilizations. There are hundreds and thousands of foreign teachers who would love to teach us.

Number 14—LET US unite and show the world, with the guidance of Almighty Allah, that we can do something for self. We can rule our own neighborhoods if we are only given a chance. But, let us first feel that we should love self and kind.

Number 15—The Chicago South Side black population is a very luscious peach. Let us keep this luscious peach and eat it for ourselves. Black business men, let us sit down and talk this over.

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