

# Messenger's Educational Program Gets New Principal, Modernization Plan

By DARRYL COWHERD (Pan African Press)

It is both fitting and proper that in the black man's dark struggle for freedom and justice some of the most significant torches are carried by black women—traditional teachers—to our most volatile sources—black children.

**THE HONORABLE** Elijah Muhammad has long pointed out that educators and education are two of our most important weapons in the fight against relentless oppression and economic exploitation. It is therefore extremely important that our educational guides be of a high caliber of quality, education and experience.

These characteristics form well the lines that compose the new principal of the University of Islam, Sister Agnita X.

Originally from New Haven, Connecticut, the newest contribution to the formida-

ble educational force developed by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad represents the ideal as well as the practical needs of superior education.

**ACCENTING** the growing trends toward modernization in all fields, Sister Agnita X views her new assignment as an "extensive task" that will include many changes. Foremost, are changes in the curriculum for the new school year in March, especially in the fields of mathematics, English and literature.

Some of the advantages the new principal brings to the students of the University include an extensive education and experience background. Another extra includes "having been in the devil's school and using that experience" to better implement the program of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and the Nation of Islam.

Illustrating an in-depth concern for the growth of her pupils Sister Agnita said, "if a teacher is not interested she cannot perform her job well. A good teacher is one who is willing to do the extras for her children. She must have a complete edu-

cational background in order to see the total child and to use the many medias in helping that child."

**A PERFECT PLAN** of her protestations, the new principal acquired her baccalaureate degree from Howard University, Washington D.C., in 1961, majoring in Spanish.

Since then, Sister Agnita was advancing her studies at Southern Connecticut State college and New Britain State Teacher's College preparing for her master's degree in education and modern math. Sister Agnita will receive her master's degree upon completion of her thesis. Additionally, she has taught elementary school for the last five years in Connecticut.

Although she is faced with many adjustments, Sister Agnita has already plunged in and offered her services to the children.

**OBSERVERS** viewing the professional direction given the University of Islam feel more than confident that the educational program of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad will be served well.



PRINCIPAL OF the University of Islam, Sister Agnita X demonstrates one of her many ways of communicating with some of the most important people in her life, her students. Sister Principal is shown here with 6-year-old Valery Muhammad, a prize first-grade pupil.

## D.C. Women Sponsor Unique Benefit Program

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The brilliance of Islam lit up the beautiful dining room of Muhammad's Mosque No. 4 here during a unique benefit program sponsored by the Muslim Senior Sisters to raise funds for their Saviour's Day gift—the first program of its kind and purpose in Washington.

**THE GALA** affair presented a decorum of charm, taste and simplicity, which are products of the spirit of Islam, as taught by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

Islam's power to light hearts with love and inspire unity were the subject of remarks by Sister Beatrice X, mistress of ceremony. She

spoke of her observations during 25 years of following the Messenger of Allah, reflecting a deep conviction and abiding love for Allah, His Messenger, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, and His religion, Islam.

She left the audience with an abiding impression of her wisdom acquired through the teachings of the Messenger of Allah, showing the true spirit and benefits of Islam.

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## American Interests Putting Tight Cocoa Price Squeeze on Black African Growers

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itions uttered by U.S. politicians about "their concern for bettering the lot of mankind everywhere."

**THE RISE** or fall of one cent per pound in the price of cocoa means the difference in the annual income of \$8,800,000 for Ghana. A drop of one cent per pound means a loss of \$2,000,000 to the economy of the Cameroons. (Mr. Beleoken told the General Assembly that when cocoa prices dropped in 1964 to the 13-cent level, his country had incurred a loss of more than \$16 million.) And a one cent per pound drop in price would take more than \$4 million from the Nigerian economy.

Most of these African losses would flow to the U.S. and three Western European countries—Britain, the Netherlands and West Germany. These four countries process more than two-thirds of the

world's cocoa, with the U.S. taking care of the lion's share.

It is no wonder that Dr. Raul Prebisch, Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, told the cocoa negotiators:

**"THERE IS** something I cannot do—and that is to recommend to the producers that they accept the floor price of 19 cents... How can the floor price of 19 cents be accepted, seeing that, in the last 20 years, only once—in 1964—did prices fall below 20 cents?" This appeal fell on deaf ears, for the greedy and venal Western interests, who control the cocoa market, were not prepared to give up their "right," their "free enterprise" right to continue to exploit Africans.

African leaders, such as the new rulers of Ghana, who saw the solution of their economic problems in knuck-

ling under to Uncle Sam have now had the door slammed in their faces. It is not—as some of these leaders in Ghana have asserted—the case of "mismanagement" and "bungling" of Nkrumah that caused the economic crises in Ghana and a number of other African countries.

**THEY** should look, rather, to the manipulations by the neo-colonialists; to the bloodsuckers who have leached Africa under colonialism and who continue to do so with the advantages and levers obtained by them in the market place.

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