

White America Balks, But

World Opens Arms to Champ Muhammad Ali

CAIRO, Egypt—Whether white America wants to accept the fact or not, Muhammad Ali, formerly Cassius Clay, one of the thousands of followers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, Messenger of Allah, has become the most important heavyweight champion ever produced in the Western World.

No attempt to "rob" the young champion of his title without a fight or to defame or slander him because of his religion can dim the fact that the 22-year-old youth has an impact upon the world scene far beyond and above that of an athlete.

The frustrated fury of the white press and some white commentators, when they discovered the young boxer to be a proud member of the Nation of Islam, is expected to increase here as his world-wide acceptance expands.

The heavyweight champion is now preparing to embark upon a world-wide tour to be accompanied by an athletic troupe, Charles P. Howard, Sr., United Nations Correspondent, and a team of television network photographers and reporters.

A WARM welcome has al-

ready been extended by more than 14 nations on three continents and the tour is expected to last for three months.

Most objective observers admit that it was the young man's acceptance of the Divine teachings of Mr. Muhammad and of Islam which now occasions him a niche of respect and world attention.

West African Muslim leader El Hadj Ibrahim summed up the welcome of Ali as having been based upon the strong admiration Africans have for the program of Mr. Muhammad, which is now well known throughout most of the world.

"We are delighted that Cassius—or as we prefer to call him, Mohammad Ali—has declared himself part of our Islamic brotherhood,"

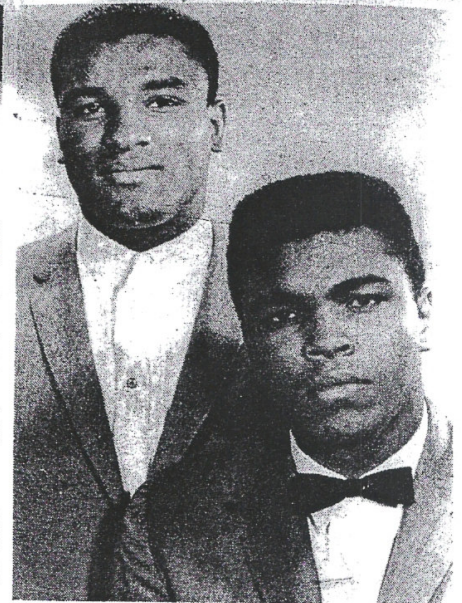
he said.

"WE WILL treat him like a son if he comes to West Africa. And I hope he leaves the ring and will henceforth join us in the battles we fight in the name of Islam.

"We will show Muhammad Ali Clay the criminal treatment to which Arab refugees are being subjected," asserted Muhammad Tewfik Aweida, head of Egypt's Islamic Council, who also attended the interview in Cairo's Shepherd's Hotel.

Aweida sent Clay a cable inviting him to Cairo on the morning after he won the world championship from Sonny Liston.

MUSLIMS HERE are happy to have this Islamic foothold in North America and are delighted that Cassius has given the movement



HEAVYWEIGHT BOXING CHAMPION Muhammad Ali (right) is slated for a hero's welcome when he arrives in the Middle East and Africa. Shown here with his brother, Rudolph, the young champion will be extended a warm welcome by more than 14 nations.

a boost. They were delighted when Cassius said: When anyone attacks me for being a Muslim they attack Cairo, Egypt, and Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

American diplomats are now convinced that Muhammad Ali could become a political figure in the Middle East if he works things diplomatic and is a bit discreet. But they are not at

all sure that he would be helpful to America's political aims here.

But Cassius will get a hero's welcome when he arrives in the Middle East and Africa.

"I WILL personally go to the airport to meet him and then I will escort him around to meet our people," Hadj Ibrahim said. "Our people

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Why They Hate the New Champion

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brother of all the righteous people of the earth and gives him a home among the civilized people of the earth, a religion which is destined to be the last religion of the human family of the earth and a religion which came with Almighty God?

Why is such a religion hated by the West and especially by America? The true religion of Allah, is entire submission to His will. Why is there so much hatred for this young man (Muhammad Ali) who has accepted Islam and who quickly gave up the name Cassius Clay and is still shaking off the slavemasters' ways? He (Muhammad Ali) seeks the Hereafter and not the world as he plainly stated in the New York Times Newspaper,

March 24, 1964.

He said he realized the Championship was nothing and that it only lasted a little while, and that he must prepare himself for the Hereafter.

How many so-called Negro leaders or religious leaders have been wise and brave enough to elevate themselves to the side of the true God as this young man has? He is giving up the world of the Christians, which is a world of sport and play, as being nothing. The Hereafter is what he seeks. What does he mean by the Hereafter? He means after this world has been destroyed and a new world of peace and righteousness has been established by the God and Author of righteousness.

Muhammad Ali seeks recognition of his own.

No sooner than the world of Islam heard of his acceptance of Islam and that he was the holder of such a great title among the wicked and the sports world as the World's Heavyweight Boxing Champion, they, for the first time since the Negro has been in the Western Hemisphere, recognized Muhammad Ali for accepting Islam and the name Muhammad Ali which will live forever; as long as there is a heaven and earth.

The name Cassius Clay

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is a limited and passing name that will disappear with the destruction of the world of Christianity, while Islam is the salvation of Allah and Muhammad Ali is an eternal and everlasting name of God.

It was frowned upon for such a young man to so readily shed his old slavemasters' name by the teachers and preachers of the Christian church (the white man's religion). The government began taking a poll to see how many were for taking the title from him. When he received the title, he received it for fighting and winning. It is a disgrace to take it away from him.

Let someone fight Muhammad Ali and win as he won. Just because he accepted Islam, they want him to forfeit his

title.

Has there ever been a so-called Negro recognized by Asia and Africa in such sports until Muhammad Ali accepted Islam? They have given him a free trip in honor of their governments to visit their country. This shows that Islam will get the Negro recognition in the world of the righteousness and this is what America fears; that we are receiving universal recognition.

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THIS WORLD IS AT
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Negro Press Checks MacArthur's Outlook On Non-White Troops

NEW YORK—The death of the "old soldier" General MacArthur has already touched a political furor over blood-and-guts statements attributed to the General, under whose command thousands of lives of soldiers of all races and creeds were committed.

The Associated Negroes' research department issued the texts of the general's statements as regards black and non-white troops under his command.

Although born in Little Rock, Ark., the state now governed by Orval Faubus, who allowed schools to be integrated only at the point of pressure sent in by the then president and former General Dwight D. Eisenhower—MacArthur's on-the-record remarks differ greatly from those of one of his comrades-in-arms, General Edwin Walker of Dallas, Texas.

ON MOST political and social subjects, MacArthur's views were found to be extremely conservative if not outright reactionary. However, he insisted he was not on the side of those who upheld white supremacy.

Almost 20 years ago, in 1945, MacArthur told reporters:

"Race has nothing whatever to do with a man's ability to fight. Any man who says that another man's fighting ability can be measured by color is wrong. I learned that in serving as a junior officer with the famous 25th Regiment."

The 25th Infantry Regiment then was one of four

Negro army units authorized by Congress in 1866.

"ONE OF THE greatest armies I have ever commanded," General MacArthur declared, "was a Filipino one."

The "old soldier," after his recall to Washington, said the responsibility for the continued segregation of units in his Far East command was the fault of the Pentagon.

"I did not create Negro units in the U. S. armed forces," he asserted. "They were created in Washington and sent to me as already organized jim-crow units."

MacArthur contended that he "did not ask for men by race. I did not ask for Negro or for white men. I asked... for men."

"As for replacements from the U.S. coming into my command," he added, "they could go into any army unit—and they did, where needed...."

"I DON'T believe that any theatre commander in American war history accepted and integrated the number of Negro troops that I did."

The general insisted that he had "always measured men and units entirely on a

basis of character and efficiency."

Discussing the quality and character of Negro troops under his command, MacArthur said:

"Their service has been magnificent. Their patience, their fortitude, their courage and their complete devotion to their country marked them as belonging to the nation's noblest citizens."

On another occasion, the famous general denied he was "an advocate of white supremacy," adding:

"I know and understand and sympathize with the aspirations and needs of colored peoples throughout the world—perhaps more so than any other living American."

African Law School Dedicated in Paris

PARIS—A new legal training school—the Department of African Law and Economic Affairs officially opened here is expected to accommodate 500 students during the 1964-65 term.

The school will have six chairs: overseas law; Moslem law; African and Malagasy private and public institutions; African and Malagasy economic affairs and juridical ethnology.

The General and the Private



GENERAL MacARTHUR as he reviewed American fighting men in Korea in 1951. "Any man who says that another man's fighting ability can be measured by color is wrong," the general said.

World Tour

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will make him feel that West Africa is really his home." "We will have an Islamic Convention when he ar-

rives," said Muhammad Awaida.

"We have 20,000 Muslims studying Islam here from 67 countries all over the world. All of them will be at Cairo Airport to meet Cassius when he arrives."

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