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Introducing Mr. Yearwood. Muslims, Kindly cooperate with him and extend him all courtesy on my behalf.
Bro: Naeem]

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DISCIPLE AND TEACHER: Mr. Malcolm X, of New York City, (left,) and Mr. Elijah Muhammad, spiritual leader of thousands of Moslems in the United States. Their SPECIAL EXCLUSIVE articles on "the so-called Negroes' Problems" appear in this issue.

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Letters and Comments...

I wish your journal success, for there is great need for this type of publication in this country.

Dr. Kerim Kami Key
Lecturer in History
The American University
Washington, D.C.

We would be glad to receive future issues of the journal (MOSLEM WORLD & THE U.S.A.) regularly for the Library of the Constituent Assembly of Pakistan.

Mohammed Shaffi, Librarian
Constituent Assembly of Pakistan
Karachi, Pakistan

May Allah make all of your undertakings successful.

Jamil Abdur-Rashid
Brooklyn 2, New York

I hope (MOSLEM WORLD & THE U.S.A.) will receive merited support.

L. Glick
Philadelphia, Penna.

We wish you success in the undertaking you have launched.

Mohammed Makki
Durban, Union of South Africa

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The next issue of MOSLEM WORLD & THE U.S.A. will be a VERY SPECIAL one. Containing a number of exclusive, original articles on Islam, Christianity, and the Moslem World, and consisting of at least 60 pages, the issue will be a combined publication for three months-October, November and December. Price per copy would be One Dollar.

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MOSLEM WORLD & THE U.S.A. is the first authentic, illustrated monthly journal of Islam and Islamic affairs ever published in the United States of America.

The editor-publisher of this journal, Abdul Basit Naeem, is the Representative in the U. S. A. of “Jam’iat-ul-Falah,” a Moslem religious organization of Pakistan, the sole aim of which is “to work for the exposition, propagation and implementation, in all its fulness, of the scheme of life promulgated by Islam and, thereby, to promote the all-around well-being of humanity.”

“Jam’iat-ul-Falah” itself also publishes a monthly journal, “The Voice of Islam,” which is edited by Dr. Hafiz Mohammed Fazlur-Rahman Ansari, our advisor. All correspondence pertaining to “The Voice of Islam” should be addressed to the Central Office direct—at A. M. 20, off Frere Road, Karachi (Saddar), Pakistan.

Opinions expressed in the various articles of this issue are those of the individual authors and, where they appear in quotes, those of the person or persons quoted.

COVER PHOTOS: “Disciple and Teacher,” Mr. Malcom X., Minister of the New York Temple of Islam, and Mr. Elijah Muhammad, of Chicago, both of whom have contributed special articles to this issue of MOSLEM WORLD & THE U.S.A.
(Editorials)

Good News From Egypt

President Gamal Abdel Nasser has done it again! This time it's the nationalization of the Suez Canal Company.

The Egyptian President's action, though fully endorsed by leaders of all Arab and Moslem nations, and despite a guarantee by Cairo that complete freedom of traffic through the canal would be maintained, has caused a good deal of unnecessary concern in the West. "Military action" against Egypt has been threatened by both France and England, and there is talk of economic sanctions against her in a few other countries.

However, little notice seems to have been taken of the fact that the Egyptian Government has nationalized an Egyptian company (the Suez Canal Co. was incorporated under Egyptian law), and that the "seizure" action is not incompatible with the established rules of international law which recognizes the right of any sovereign nation to determine the administrative methods by which its industries or installations shall be maintained.

Moreover, the sudden withdrawal on July 19, 1956, of U. S., British and World Bank offers to finance the High Dam at Aswan -- President Nasser's cherished dream -- had left Egypt with a possible choice between Russian economic assistance or nationalization of the Suez Canal, and she elected the latter alternative only to make sure the vital waterway would not become subject to foreign control.

Whatever measures the West wishes to take to seek a reversal of President Nasser's historic decision, we believe the "seizure" of Suez by its rightful owners is good news from Egypt and an action worthy of sincerest commendation and whole-hearted support by all Moslems.

Keep It Up, Algeria!

As we go to the press, we note that recent weeks have seen practically no sign of a let-up in the fighting in Algeria, North Africa. Brave sons of Algerian mothers continue to lay down their lives for the precious Cause of their homeland's freedom from colonial rule. The enemy remains as merciless as ever.

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Ahemd, (center,) was recently presented a copy of the June-July 1956 issue of MOSLEM WORLD & THE U.S.A. by its Editor-Publisher Abdul Basit Naeem (wearing dark glasses), at a United Nationalist African Movement meeting held at Hotel Theresa, 7th Avenue & 125th Street, New York City. (That issue contained a number of articles on Algeria.) Others in the picture are, from left to right: Grand Sheikh F. Turner-El, of Moroccan United Organizations Federation, Inc., New Haven, Conn.; Mr. A. J. Johnson, of United Nationalist African Movement, New York City; Mr. Leon Keshishian, U.S. Correspondent for “Al-Ahram,” Cairo, Egypt; Mr. James R. Lawson, President, United Nationalist African Movement, New York City; and Dr. Taylor, President, Africa House, New York City. [(caption)]

In fact, Algerian Nationalist parties’ representative in the U.S.A. and UN, Mr. Hussein Ait-Ahmed, speaking at a United Nationalist African Movement meeting in New York City on July 6, 1956, called the present situation in his country “more critical than at any time in the past.” To prove his point, he cited “the fact that helicopters recently given to France by the United States under NATO arrangements” were now being used by the French Army in its effort to annihilate Algerian “rebels”—the West’s pet word for patriots of countries seeking independence from foreign rule.

Believing that ALL COLONIALISM AND IMPERIALISM MUST GO, and that the people of Algeria have just as much right to the freedom and sovereignty as do the French or other nations of the world, we cannot help praying that Paris would come to its senses, soon, and recognize the independence of Algeria as she has of two other former colonies -- Tunisia and Morocco. Meanwhile, we feel compelled to say also: “Keep it up, Algeria!”

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Moslems in the U.S.S.R.

For two years it has been our desire to print a special issue of this journal devoted exclusively to the problems facing "Islam and Moslems in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics." In this connection, a small grant was made to MOSLEM WORLD & THE U.S.A. last year by a New York City organization for research purposes.

We knew all along that Joseph Stalin was a bad man in the fullest sense of the expression, and that he was personally responsible for the reign of terror which was marked by the massacre of thousands of Moslems in Turkestan, Idel-Ural, Crimea, Azerbaijan and North Caucasus - and banishment of hundreds of others to Siberia. At Stalin's command, a very large number of mosques and institutions of Islamic learning were either destroyed or turned into warehouses, entertainment halls and garages. We also believed that it was impossible for foreign Moslems to develop any contact with their brethren in the U.S.S.R. as long as the notorious dictator was alive. A well-known missionary of Islam, the Late Maulana Shah Mohammed Abdul-Aleem Siddiqui, of Pakistan, had repeatedly sought to enter the Soviet Union between the years 1940 and 1952 but in vain.

For some time now, however, there seems to be a change of heart in the Kremlin. Stalin the Bad Man has been officially denounced by the new regime in Moscow and by World Communism and the myth of the dead monster is in the process of being obliterated.

The new rulers of Moscow have also relaxed a large number of curbs which were formerly imposed upon travelers from outside the U.S.S.R. Scores of prominent Americans, public servants, businessmen, artists and official representatives of Christian churches and Jewish synagogues, have since been able to enter and tour that country.

So far as the Moslem world is concerned, we know of only three distinguished individuals who have so far "made it" to Moscow, and these are the Crown Prince of the Kingdom of Yemen and Their Majesties the Shah and Queen Soraya of Iran, who visited the Soviet Union as Kremlin's guests. We know that later in the year two more distinguished Moslems are scheduled to pay official visit to Moscow - President Sukarno of Indonesia and President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt.

However, what about a contact between the U.S.S.R. Moslems and those of the rest of Islamdom on a peoples' level? How exactly are the Moslems in the U.S.S.R. living today? Are they still being harassed by the M.V.D. (secret police) and persecuted on account of their religion and worship of Allah? Are they now free to build and maintain mosques and Islamic schools for their sons and daughters? - Or are they still in shackles of slavery and dreadful conditions reminiscent of the Stalin Era? We sincerely doubt the high Moslem dignitaries visiting Moscow would bring an answer to these questions.

MOSLEM WORLD & THE U.S.A. is most anxious to make an on-the-spot survey of Moslem life in the U.S.S.R. today. We shall have to observe the situation with our own eyes to believe that the freedom of religion, long denied if Moslem subjects by the Soviet Government, has been or is being restored to them. We wonder, therefore, if Moscow would see fit to allow an enquiring Moslem newspaperman from the
United States of America to visit the Moslem-majority areas of Russia for the purpose of making a study of the general social and economic conditions there.

We hope Messrs. Nikita S. Khrushchev and Nikolai A. Bulganin or Mr. Dmitri T. Shepilov would be good enough to enlighten us about this matter, and soon.

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Stalin's Statue Stands Guard in Front of Moviehouse that was Once a Mosque

Will justice and religious freedom be restored to the Soviet Union's 35 million Moslems?
Islam is Misunderstood, and Why?

In an article printed in the Reader's Digest of May, 1955, Mr. James A. Michener, the well-known American writer, had called Islam "The Misunderstood Religion." Mr. Michener also quoted the unhappy experiences of a "distinguished Moslem" visitor to the United States and gave certain other examples to prove his point.

But Mr. Michener failed to say why Islam was misunderstood here (and elsewhere in the West). This now we shall attempt to explain.

There can be no denying that both the United States of America and Europe are Christian-majority areas and that Christians, Protestants or Catholics, dominate and control a large portion of the publishing industry. Another fact is that most of the world's Christians, while they ardently believe in freedom of religion for themselves and their own respective homelands, have always sought apostates from other faiths.

The number of Christian missionaries active in non-Christian lands today or in the past few years and the millions of dollars and pounds spent by various church denominations in missionaries' salaries, field equipment and literature are a substantial proof of their evangelistic zeal.

What's more, the literature on religions other than Judaism and Christianity put out by purely business-type publishing houses also rarely contains all truth. In fact, it may be as much as 80% incorrect and erroneous in its contents, yet it sells sometimes in millions of copies per title. And of all the world's religions, Islam evidently is the only one towards which Christian (and Jewish) writers appear to be imbued with a special vindictiveness.

Bosworth Smith (the author of an infamous volume called Mohammed and Mohammedanism.) Muir, Margoliouth and Samuel Zwemer are but a few of a host of non-Moslem writers who have contributed to the literature on Islam we deem fit to call unhealthy and out-right filthy. A new-comer in the field of vilification of Islam is the writer (or writers) of a book called What Has Religion Done for Mankind?, published by the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, of Brooklyn, N.Y.

"Dedicated" to "the peace and unity of all people of good will and whatever race or nation, by the exposure of the false religion and the vindication of the true," What Has Religion Done for Mankind? gives us: the followers of Islam-a pretty good idea of the depths of degradation to which Christian scholarship can sink when it is brought to bear on our faith.

To quote just on paragraph from the above-mentioned book, Chapter XXII: "Islam, Mohammed's Religion of Submission," P. 279:

"Three years before he (Mohammed) fled from Mecca to Medina his wife Khadijah died. He now acquired a number of wives, whether for political reasons for sexual gratification. The wars he

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The Mosque of Omar, Jerusalem
Like thousands of other mosques around the world, this structure contains no graven images of any kind. Contrary to popular belief in the West, Moslems worship Allah (God) and not Prophet Mohammed who was "but a servant and Prophet of Allah."

waged against the Jews in Medina and in the other parts of Arabia were marked by great cruelty on his side, also the conflicts which he carried on against several Arabian tribes allied with the Meccans. In 630 he broke his treaty of peace with Mecca, and suddenly without any formal declaration of war, he surprised that city at

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the head of 10,000 men. The city magistrates were obliged to submit to him and the acknowledged him not only as the secular ruler but also the plenipotentiary of the Deity."

We, of course, prefer not to go into a detailed answer to the preceding statement, for say the wise Persians, "Silence is the best answer to foolish talk." Besides, we believe the true facts about Islam and the life of its Prophet of Mercy are known to the writer(s) of What Has Religion Done for Mankind; it's just that he (or they) wished to blackmail our religion, for the sake of his (or their) own cause by distorting facts beyond proportion - an act characteristic of many a religious fanatic.

Another cause of Islam being misunderstood in the West is that too many people, students and teachers of philosophy, theology and history included, look up exclusively to such sources of information as the Encyclopedia of Islam, a product of Western and non-Moslem research.

The present executive committee for the new edition of the Encyclopedia of Islam, for instance, consists of the following members: Sir Hamilton Gibb, of England, chairman; Levy Provencale, of France; Schacht, of Holland; and Stern, of Israel.

"This means," says Mr. Mohammed Aman Hobohm in an article dealing with this subject printed in the September 1955 issue of Voice of Islam, of Karachi, Pakistan, "that among us those whose hands rests th[e] supervision of (the second) edition, there is no Moslem orientalist, although qualified Moslem scholars are easily available. Two Jews, namely, Levy Provencale and Stern, occupy an important key position in the committee, the more so as Stern has been appointed the representative and secretary of the chairman."

Another comment on this matter can be found on the editorial page of the said issue of Voice of Islam. Says its learned editor:

"...Western scholarship on Islam, as Manifested in the writings of orientalists, has pursued its own pre-planned course from the very beginning. Islamic research was instituted in Western countries not to arrive at truth on the basis of intellectual honesty but to serve ulterior ends. Consequently, the work of the orientalists has been marred throughout with an unscientific malevolence and an intellectual dishonesty which has known no bounds. Of course, there have been certain honorable exceptions too. But they have been so few as to be incapable of changing the course of Orientalistic scholarship.

"Western orientalists have done, and are doing, their utmost for the fulfillment of their anti-Islamic mission. They were not, and they are not, believers in Islam."

To make matters worse, Hollywood movie gods add their own version of "life in Bagdad, Casablanca and Istanbul" to the existing misinterpretation of Islam, thus rendering a sincere, unbiased study and understanding of Islam virtually impossible.

(To be continued in the Next issue of this journal)
The Black Man and Islam

Islam perhaps is the only world religion or "way of life" that has never been identified with any particular race or associated with the concept of "racial superiority". In fact, Moslems, be they Chinese, Moroccans, Indians or Malays, are rarely spoken of as a "black," "brown," or "yellow" people. There is absolutely no element of untouchability or caste system among the followers of Islam. Says their holy book the Glorious Koran: "Verily, all believers are brothers."

We cannot admit, however, that the democracy and tolerance of Islam are shared by other major faiths. Not by Christianity anyway.

We know, for instance, that even today, in the year Nineteen Hundred Fifty-Six, Christians of various "nationalities" in many sections of the United States may not worship together in the same church. Americans of Chinese descent must attend a Chinese Christian church; the Syrian-Lebanese-American Christians an Arab Christian church; and black Americans (the so-called "Negroes") have to attend an African or Abyssinian church. The situation in Christian-dominated Africa, of course, is far worse, especially in the Union of South Africa, whose Prime Minister Strijidom is known to believe that the natives of his country, all twelve million of them, are "sons of the scriptural Ham (Joshua 9: 21-27), accursed of God and ordered to be hewers of wood and drawers of water."

Even in other parts of the world the Christians, especially European missionaries of various denominations, have seldom preached freedom-the birthright of man-(so dearly cherished by them at home) and equality in society. They may offer the natives an "abundance in Kingdom of Heaven," but have done little to improve their lot while they are still alive.

It is therefore only natural that the followers of Prophet Mohammed (upon whom be peace), who recognize no petty distinctions between men, should concern themselves with the plight of millions of their kinsfolk around the globe and offer the Message of Islam-the religion of Perfect Brotherhood and Equality-as a solution to the black man's foremost problem.

How can Islam help the black man?

First of all, acceptance of Islam by a black man means that he immediately becomes a full-fledged, bona fide member of the vast Brotherhood of Believers, and no longer remains in a "minority group."

Islam gives him a sense of personal worth and feeling of dignity, for as a believer in Allah he can pray to Him direct and may seek His mercy, guidance, and forgiveness without the aid of intermediaries (priests). Islam also teaches him not to fear anyone save Allah, for none is more
powerful than Him.

As a Moslem, he is free to worship Allah in any mosque in any part of the world, no matter what his "national origin" might be.

He is at liberty to live wherever he

A Moslem lad, native of Saudi Arabia

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In Africa, where blacks outnumber whites 41 to 1, Islam is the dominant religion, not Christianity. Besides, practically all the Moslem-majority areas are independent, and those not yet free are rapidly nearing their goal of gaining sovereignty.

In the year 1916, H.G. Wells had written in his well-known book "WHAT IS COMING?: A European Forecast" (The Macmillan Company, New York):

"...Africa will be a fair field for all religions, and the religion to which the negro will take will be the religion that best suits his needs. That religion, we are told by nearly every one who has a right to speak upon such questions, is Islam, and its natural propagandist is the Arab..."

In the year 1956, four decades later, we find that Wells had correctly predicted "what was coming" in Africa, for today a vast majority of Africans are Moslems.

And if Islam best suits the needs of black Africans, it should best suit the needs of black men in America as well, and it is claimed by those who are connected with a popular Moslem missionary movement among America's seventeen million black people that "it definitely does." The number of persons who join our movement each month confirms our belief, they say.

The Moslem missionary movement among the so-called "Negroes" in the U.S.A., of course, has a unique aspect that it does not seek "converts" but "re-converts." "The ancestors of my people, the so-called 'Negroes,' were of the Islamic faith before they were brought here from Africa as slaves," says MR. Elijah Muhammad, the leader of thousands
of black Moslem Americans. "When they turn Moslem today, therefore, that means that they become 're-converts' to Islam."

Whether this movement is gaining "converts" or "re-converts," the fact remains that thousands of black men and women, citizens of the U.S.A., are today leaving the ranks of Christianity each year and joining the world-wide Brotherhood of Islam, and it can be safely predicted that in a few years' time the strength of the U.S. Moslem community would become a major factor in the so-called "Negro" situation here.

It has also been proven by many an American Moslem, no matter how black, that followers of Islam are seldom Jim-Crowed even in the deep South. Bands consisting of black Americans of the Moslem faith, wearing Moslem identifications, have been able to give performances in entertainment halls around the country normally open only to white artists. Before the U.S. Army was integrated a few years ago, black servicemen of the Moslem faith were almost always attached to white contingents. They have never experienced much trouble in restaurants or on buses either, not even in Alabama and Florida!
The Black Nation, The Original People of Our Planet by Mr. Elijah Muhammad

The article below is the second of a series written exclusively for MOSLEM WORLD & THE U.S.A. by Mr. Elijah Muhammad, the leader of thousands of American Moslems. (The first article appeared in the June-July 1956 issue of this magazine.) "The so-called Negroes," for whom these series are primarily intended, are invited to correspond pertaining to their views on the "problems" discussed in these articles with the author direct. His mailing address is 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago 15, Illinois.

This great TRUTH has been kept a secret from the ears of the people for the purpose of allowing a non-original people to rule. However, today it is no more a secret. Allah (God) in Person has revealed it and who knows better the secrets of all.

The Black people have for many years in America been made to feel that they were something of a Divine CURSE and are not to expect anything but to be the Servants for other than their own kind. You must not think that about yourself anymore. We the Black Nation of the Earth are the NUMBER ONE owners of it, the best of all human beings. You are the Most powerful, the Most beautiful and the Wisest. You -- will soon know. Why are you denied an equal chance with your Slavemasters? That is proof enough -- Awake and Unite on to your own kind for Allah (God) Himself and your Nation desire to see you join in unity and love with your kind, and stand up for your own Black brothers, as white people stand up for their kind.

God (Allah) is against you when we are against each other and our kind. We the Black people, of all people have it the worst! Our brown, yellow and red brothers have had it much better than we. It is now clear to us that our Nation slept to allow our new man (white race) to try his hand at ruling us but that old day is now over. Our Sunrise is now brightening both the Eastern and Western horizons. You and I who have been lost here in the West for four hundred years -- will and are now rising with a new light that Allah (God) has alighted which will supercede the old Sun of the East and West.

The so-called Negroes who once were the least noticeable of all people, now with Allah on their side will become the world's most notable. The enemy is spending his time and money to try and stop your rising but it will soon become his regret. You can't oppose Allah (God) and win. You are charged with opposing and killing the former Prophets of Allah (God) and today Allah is after revenge. He (Allah) has set a trap and you are walking into it.

Why shouldn't the so-called Negroes know the TRUTH of GOD (ALLAH) and the DEVILS? Whom could this TRUTH hurt or anger but the devils and their followers? The righteous have waited for this knowledge and are now rejoicing over it. There is a small percentage of ignorant among my people here who are enraged over hearing the truth, but the will soon be quieted down after a better understanding of it.
The Author -- Mr. Elijah Muhammad

As the Holy Qur-an says of them: "And among men there is he who disputes about Allah without knowledge and follows every rebellious devil; against him it is written down that whoever takes him for a friend, he shall lead him astray and conduct him to the Chastisement of the burning fire" (22:3-4)

My people are guilty at present of following the devil whose father rebelled against the God of Righteousness six-thousand years ago and are still opposing and rebelling against the God of Righteousness. They have been and still are led astray by this enemy (the devil) without the knowledge of the devil. They can even call me a devil for teaching them the knowledge of the
devil. (These words bring a smile).

After the devil was casted out of the Holy Land from among our Holy people where he (devil) was causing disagreement and bloodshed he (the devil) swore that if he was granted respite he would lead the righteous astray. This promise he is living up to.

He (devil) said: "Respite me until the day when they are raised".

He (God) said: "As Thou hast caused me to remain disappointed

I will certainly lie in wait for them Thy Straight Path". "I will certainly come to them from before them and from behind them, and from their right-hand side and from their left-hand side; and Thou Shalt not find most of them thankful."

(Holy Qur-an 7:14-17)

The day when they are raised up is referring to the general resurrection of the mentally dead Black Nation of whom the so-called Negroes are the most dead of their kind. Again the raising up means -- the day when the Black Nation comes into the knowledge of just who the devil really is. Until this knowledge or manifestation of the devil is given to the Blackman (Nation) this same devil will continue to mislead them and make the Blackman unthankful to his Lord's Kingdom of Heaven on Earth, or His Guidance, by deceiving the people under a false religion, also by setting himself (devil) up as God, and getting into the temples of Allah. This is one of his (devil) ways of appearing to come from the right-hand side. The white race is the head and master of his Church and never before today have you seen that race trying to sit in on every Spiritual place of worship. They now mix with the so-called Negroes for what? So they may watch and listen in on everyone to see who of all really is trying to learn the truth and try to hinder it from entering the ears and hearts of the Slaves.

A great deceiver they are, pretending that they are your sincere friends and advisers but truthfully they are you sincere destroyers. Today the knowledge of love and unity of self and kind is so completely destroyed among us that no civilized Nation wants anything to do with us, but keeps at a distance (out of their

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Society). All this is due to the work of our Slavemasters and their children. They now see the setting of the Sun of their day, and hope to cut you off from the rising Sun of your day, by false friendship and false promises to you only to disappoint you. God (Allah) didn't give them the nature to love Black-mankind. They fight and kill each other, so where is your love and peace coming from among such people? They despise and hate you and I so much that in many places in the Southern States they won't allow you to relieve yourself in a filling station rest room. Some won't even sell you gas because it looks too much like he is
serving a Negro, and don't try (Negro) going and sitting down in his eating places ordering a meal or soft drinks. You are told "We don't serve Negroes or Colored in here, you can go outside and eat it". This is the same way Negroes have been treated all their lives in that part of the Country. Of course you won't care for their society if you wake up and learn just who you really are, your ownself. You will hate the day your foreparents ever landed in this part of the earth for their children to be robbed and spoiled, made enemies of each other, and to give God a job of restoring our loss and returning us again to our Own

[[image - black & white photograph of a woman]]
[[caption]] Moslem women must not wear "half-naked" clothes. Sister Alice, of Boston, Mass., shows a proper Moslem dress. [[caption]]

Don't make a fool out of yourself begging them to recognize you before you recognize yourselves. Stop your hate of self, unite in love for each other regardless of beliefs. As long as you are members of the same Nation (Black) stop trying to imitate them and be yourself. Stop posing for indecent pictures to be published in the newspapers and magazines, as such pictures are not getting yourself nor the rest of your people recognition among them or any other people. The Negro newspapers and magazines should know the great harm done them by indecent poses of their people. We want Universal recognition for self and our kind and such indecency is now front page stuff (a half nude woman) and it shows the lack of civilization. The first step taken by a civilized man in civilizing a savage is to teach them how to wear clothes, have a sense of shyness.

The teaching of Islam, the Religion of God (Allah) and His Prophets, and your acceptance is the only thing necessary for the so-called Negroes to go to the top of civilization where we once were before being deceived and robbed of the knowledge of our own selves and kind. FEAR NOT to accept Islam your Salvation, Allah (God) of Heaven and Earth and all of His Angels are on the poor so-called Negroes' side today to help them. COME FOLLOW ME. I will lead you into the Right Path, Islam will heal you of your evil habits, drugs, alcholics, gambling, dislike of each other, sickness and ignorance.

See In The NEXT ISSUE:

If the civilized man fails to perform his duty what must be done?

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The New York followers of Mr. Elijah Muhammad recently sponsored a "Feast" to help raise funds for a new Temple building. Held at the Congress Casino, 137th Street and 7th Avenue, the occasion was attended by several hundred Moslems and their friends, many of whom came from long distances. Shown in the picture, on the stage, is a group of young Moslems reciting some of the lessons "in the Knowledge of their Kind." They also recited Moslem prayers in Arabic.

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The Rapidly Growing Temple of Islam

New York is an ever-changing city -- a metropolis that never ceases to give birth to or make room for new ideas and institutions.

Within this great city can be found the headquarters of hundreds of intercultural organizations and international publications, and edifices of practically all the known religions of the world. Indeed, nothing ever seems to be "new" in New York City. Every time we hear of a "new kind of activity" or "movement," we discover that something similar had already been in existence here.

We believed, for instance, that MOSLEM WORLD & THE U.S.A. was the first journal of its kind ever printed in New York City. Soon we learned that one Mr. Mohammed Russell Webb, an American Moslem, also once published a similar journal -- over 60 years ago at that!

Last month we received the news that the New York followers of Mr. Elijah Muhammad (see MOSLEM WORLD & THE U.S.A., the issues dated April-May 1956 and June-July 1956) were planning to establish a permanent Temple of Islam here within the next few months. "Wouldn't THIS be something really new in New York City?", we asked ourselves.

Aware of the existence of two long-established mosques in Brooklyn and a number of small Islamic "meeting places" elsewhere in the Greater New York area (read "Moslems in New York City," MOSLEM WORLD & THE U.S.A., April-May 1956 issue), we cannot say that the projected Temple of Islam would be the first edifice of its type here. However, there is no question in our mind that it will be the FIRST to actively seek converts to Islam. As one member of the Temple put it, "What the Islamic Center in Washington, D.C. has never done, we hope and pray that it will be our good fortune to accomplish. You see, the task of propagating Islam doesn't seem to interest that Center, but with us it is our Mission!"

The permanent Temple of Islam, as planned at present, wouldn't be a new building. Instead, an "old one" would be purchased and converted to suit the Temple's purposes. For the present, the Temple holds its services on rented premises at 102 West 116th Street (near Lenox...
Together with the projected Temple, another "something new" in New York City would be the further addition to the strength of the Moslem community here, at a rate "which may exceed all anticipation." Today there are only a few thousand Moslems here, and of these no more than three or four hundred belong to the Temple. Within a few months, however, "if it be the Will of Allah," hundreds of new members are expected to join the ranks of Islam.

It might be well to mention here why the new Moslem movement, founded and led by Mr. Elijah Muhammad, "the messenger of Allah," is gaining such widespread popularity here.

First of all, the local Temple's leadership and ministry is in the hands of a very able and competent individual, Mr. Malcolm X. (The "X" indicates that Mr. Malcolm, like his fellow-ministers and other followers of Mr. Elijah Muhammad, no longer uses his surname "inherited from our slavemasters.") Hard-working, dedicated and trusted appointee of Mr. Muhammad, Mr. Malcolm
Moslem women, or "sisters" as they are generally called, take a very active part in the affairs of their temple. They help in secretarial work, in raising funds for their Moslem movement, and in the education of younger members of their group. Seen here are a few of the nearly two hundred "sisters" who were present at the "Moslem Feast" held recently in New York City.

Sons and daughters of all Temple members are required to enroll and take instruction "in the Knowledge of their Kind, Islam and Arabic" in classes especially designed for them and conducted on the Temple premises. Some of them are seen in this photograph with one of the teachers. (This picture was also taken at the "Moslem Feast" held recently in New York City.)
Adversity In Harlem

The following brief article appeared in the April-May 1956 issue of "The Street Speaker," and is being reproduced here to shed some light on the social and economic situation in that area of New York City where the followers of Mr. Elijah Muhammad hope to bring about, with the help of Allah, "a happy change in the general condition."

"If one had the time, he or she could walk on Fifth Avenue at 135th Street and see our people at their lowest state. Men and women lying in doorways asleep or confused on cheap wine or dope; most of them are on Relief, and are too sorry to put their money to good use.

"Turn west as you come to 133rd St., and you will see houses being torn down so that new ones can be erected but they are not being built by the people who live in them. When you get to Lenox Avenue, the things you will see make a man that loves himself and his people sick: countless men and women sitting on ash cans eating watermelons and drinking bad wine.

"Start down Lenox Avenue. The first and last thing you will see are young girls that could make some man a nice mate. Their arms are covered, so you can't see the long line of dark marks on them—the tell-tale mark of the dope addict; some are so sick from the urge for dope, it makes you wonder what man or woman could sink so low as to sell it.

"If you think this is not so, visit the skid row we call 'Harlem' and see for yourself; men coming from work with the money they have worked so hard for during the week, stopping off for crap games and some of them leaving the game, broke.

"The streets and sidewalks look like the city dump. You don't believe it! Well, just take a look at it, if you have the guts. Six-thirty in the morning women are throwing garbage out of the front and back windows.

"Go into one of Harlem's countless Bars and hear the drunks brag about how they will go to jail when it gets cold. Go next door into the basement or up two flights and Rev. P.C. Chicken Eater tells a long tirade about some great white god that will one day come and save us all. 'Pass that collection cup one more time, Brothers'.

--James Dancy

colm X. fully understands the problems, hopes and aspirations of "the so-called Negroes" among whom he preaches and seeks prospective members of the Temple.

Mr. Malcolm X. is one of the busiest person we have known in any walk of life. His many duties (he is also in charge of the commercial enterprises connected with the Temple) keep him literally hopping between his Long Island home, the Temple in Manhattan and numerous other places of call, and he loves every bit of it. "The arduousness of my work can never be greater than the importance of my mission," or so it seems to him.

A second (but, of course, equally good) reason for the rapid growth of Islam in New York City is the meaning and message of Islam itself. In
the words of a recent convert, "For us--the so-called Negroes --
acceptance of Islam means total elimination of the race problem and our
immediate elevation to a status in society hitherto entirely unknown to us
It also means new and high moral standards for our people. When we
turn Moslem, we are taught never to indulge again in drinking, gambling,
or narcotics. We are made to stop eating the wrong food--pork, ham and
bacon--forbidden by God Himself, whose proper name is Allah. We are
also taught to stay away from dancing halls and night clubs, and

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We Were a Dead People . . . but When we Heard Messenger Muhammad . . .
WE AROSE FROM THE DEAD!

By Mr. Malcolm X., New York City

(in printing this article we have maintained the author's writing style. - Ed.)

"He it is who raised among the illiterates a Messenger from among themselves, who recites to them His messages and purifies them, and teaches them the Book and the Wisdom - though they were before certainly in manifest error" (62:2)

Before we heard the Teachings of Messenger Muhammad, we American so-called Negroes were in the GRAVE of IGNORANCE. We had been taught by our Christian Slavemasters, as well as by our own ignorant religious leaders, that God had cursed us black and had sentenced us to a lifetime on earth of servitude to the Christian white race - and, our Slavemaster's Christian religion taught us (a promise) that we would sprout wings after death and mount into the sky where God had a place especially prepared for us. Since we poor "cursed" slaves weren't to get anything on earth, we soon learned to expect it only after-death, up in the sky. The earth and all its vast riches which we ourselves originally owned was left to the Christian white race, to build for themselves a heaven on earth while they live.

Such teaching made us feel inferior to the white Christian Slavemaster . . . and soon had us fearing him, obeying him, and worshipping him instead of the God of our own foreparents, Almighty Allah.

MESSENGER MUHAMMAD has taught us how we soon became like the Beggar Lazarus of the Bible: our condition became sickening (very sore). We sat at the rich white Christian's table, BEGGING . . . and received from the Christian Slavemaster (whom our foreparents had made rich by giving him freely of their slave labor) only the roughest jobs at the lowest wages, the poorest houses in the slum areas for the highest rent, and the worst food and clothing at the highest prices. Our schools were like shacks, and were staffed by teachers who knew and could teach only what the Slavemasters dictated to them.

MESSENGER MUHAMMAD has taught us how we were kidnapped [[italicized]] from the EAST [[italicized]], brought here and robbed of our language, our culture, our religion, our God, our flag and our NATIONality . . . and then taught by our Slavemasters to call ourselves 'negroes,' because "he brought us from the Niger River." But MESSENGER MUHAMMAD says since when does one receive one's NATIONality from a river? The Slavemaster says it means black in Spanish. Then why don't all the dark, Spanish-speaking people of Spain, South and Central America accept it as their NATIONality too? MESSENGER MUHAMMAD says that we too should get our NATION(ality) from the NATION which our foreparents originated from (as do all other recognized peoples).

He says that we were purposely robbed of our identity and cut off from our own kind (Ezekiel 37:11) (Psalm 83:4) by the Christian
Slavemaster. He says the Slavemaster took our names, language, and religion from us so that we would have to accept his, obey him and worship him. (Daniel 1: 6,7) MESSENGER MUHAMMAD has given us many scriptures to prove his teachings to us are true. He says we were robbed, deaf, dumb, and blind to the Knowledge of Our God and Ourselves, and today we are like Dry Bones in the Valley (spiritually dead, in the Grave of IGNORANCE). We now speak only the Slavemaster's language, and are called by his names (Jones, Smith, Bunch, Powell, Diggs, Dawson etc.) because the names TAKEN from our foreparents were CUT OFF from us, and we know them not.

All other peoples have their own religion and believe in a God whom they can associate themselves with, a God who looks like one of their own kind. But [italicized]we[italicized] picture God with the same blond hair and blue eyes as our murderous Slavemaster. The Christian religion teaches us that black is a curse, thus we love everything except black, and can picture God as being anything else but black. We'd rather say God is INVISIBLE, before we'll say He is black. How grossly misled and deceived we have been.

MESSENGER MUHAMMAD says that the teachers and religious leaders of our own kind here in America were as blind to the real Truth as we, and therefore they were not qualified to lead us beyond what our Slavemasters would allow them. HOW CAN THE BLIND LEAD THE BLIND? Thus we remained in THE DITCH (the GRAVE of spiritual ignorance and mental bondage) dug for us by our Christian Slavemaster. Not only did our educators and preachers here fail to give us Truth, even our Brothers who were BORN in the East came here and NEGLECTED to convert us back to the religion (Islam) of our foreparents. Our Brothers from the East failed to recognize us as their long-lost Brother who had been kidnapped from the Nation of Islam 400 years ago by the white race. They ignored us, and instead tried to lecture to our Slavemaster and make him a righteous Moslem Brother . . . knowing all the time that he was guilty of having kidnapped, robbed, enslaved and lynched their long-lost TRUE Brother. Our Brothers from the East seemed to be apologizing to the white man for Islam instead of defending it from his insults.

MESSENGER MUHAMMAD says Almighty Allah is All-Powerful and Independent. He needs no one to apologize for Him. Islam is not a religion of compromise. Islam is TRUTH, Life itself. For 400 years we were deprived of Islam (LIFE) by the White Man, and like the Bible Lazarus we soon became so dead mentally and spiritually that our "Disposition" STUNK in the nostrils of the intelligent and civilized world. Our Own Kind in the East refused to recognize us. They forgot us and we forgot them.

BUT ALMIGHTY ALLAH FORGETS NOT. As He predicted in the Torah (Mal 4:5) that He would send ELIJAH in the "last days" (of the white man's world) to teach us the TRUTH, turning our hearts back to our Own Kind in the East, and turning their hearts toward us. We who have been RAISED FROM THE WHITE MAN'S GRAVE bear witness that this man ELIJAH has indeed been raised in our midst today in the person of the
Honorable ELLIjah MUHAMMAD, raised up by Almighty Allah Himself.
Examine his WORKS among us, for his WORKS testify to his identity.
Only an Envious One, or a fool

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would fail to see the greatness of this man and HIS WORK. We who have risen bear witness to HIS WORK, and HIS WORK bears witness of him.

In such a short time MESSENGER MUHAMMAD is accomplishing what our educators and religious leaders here failed to do for 100 years, and what our Brothers from the East NEGLECTED to do. MESSENGER MUHAMMAD has brought our minds out of the sky, and made us able to face THE REALITY OF LIVING. He has given TRUTH (Life) to our long-lost dead nation. Who else other than Almighty Allah could have given this man POWER to do what all others have failed to do? . . .

"And Allah sends down WATER from above, and there with gives life to the earth after its death. Surely there is a sign in this for a people who listen” (Holy Quran 16:65).

This little unlearned man, an ex-slave himself (a man like Moses - Deut 18:18) to whom Allah has given sufficient power to stand up boldly in the LAND OF BONDAGE, facing not only the wrath of the Slavemaster, but also the wrath of his own kind who are ignorant of Truth, plus those who are envious of His Mission. His Teachings have given us a thirst in this day for TRUTH. We who follow him Crave the Crown of LIFE, the Jewels of which are: Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding - Freedom, Justice, Equality - Food, Clothing, Shelter - Love, Peace and Happiness. He teaches us that these must be enjoyed while we are living. These are the very essentials of life, and they adorn the Crown of Life which we shall wear in Allah's Paradise (the kingdom of God) which shall soon be set up on this earth for us to enjoy while we are living. Allah is GOD of the living and not of the dead.

Praise be to Allah; we who once followed foolishly after the Slavemaster's plurality of gods (TRINITY), and sought to have our heaven up in the sky after we die are no longer fooled by the Slavemaster's LIE . . . . for today we bear witness that there is NO God But Allah, and that the Honorable ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is His Last and Greatest Messenger to us here in North America. We who were once dead (spiritually, intellectually, politically, socially and economically) lying at the Rich Man's Gate in the grave of ignorance, have been raised from "DEATH" today by the Teachings of this Noble and Honorable MESSENGER OF GOD. He has the [italicized]Message of Life[italicized]) for 17 Million American so-called negroes.

Examine our previous condition,
Intellectual, and Economic Independence. Thanks to His Message we are aware today of the importance of having [italicized] Wisdom, Knowledge Understanding . . . Freedom, Justice, Equality . . . Food, Clothing.[italicized] Shelter . . . . in sufficient quantity and quality WHILE WE ARE LIVING. This Great Teacher has given us a desire to rest not until we have our own righteous nation, united together under ONE GOD ALLAH, wherein BROTHERHOOD is a living reality instead of a "future dream" or "promise".

MESSENGER MUHAMMAD is without question the most fearless, uncompromising representative of Allah and Islam. He does not apologize for what His Message of Islam teaches. He says to take it or leave it. You who say you believe in Allah, but hesitate to teach His Truth for fear of hurting the "tender feelings" of such a wicked race . . . instead of hardening your hearts with envy and disbelief, if you fear to assist him just step out of His Way so he can prove to the world that indeed THERE IS NO GOD BUT ALLAH.

Indeed this Christian government is very upset. Its government agents visited me and questioned me so thoroughly concerning this man, I spent sleepless nights wondering what it is about his teaching that has the agents of such a powerful country so concerned and upset. The more they visited and questioned me, the more I came to believe in this man, and know that he is a DIVINE-GOD-SENT-MAN. He has never been to college, and his formal education in their school system is very limited, wherein these government agents themselves seemed highly trained and well-schooled in all the higher sciences of life. They are well-learned, yet the teachings of this unlearned man has them upset and stymied. If what he teaches is not true, why then are they so upset? The average unlettered person cannot upset a learned person . . . unless he really has been given something by THE LEARNED ONE (The Best-Knower). How well we are able to see that this is he of whom the Bible says: "how knoweth this man letters (such great wisdom) having never learned? (being unlettered). . . . John 7:15 No man has ever fit such prophetic picture better than this little unlettered man who is teaching us today. He may be unlettered according to the educational standards of the Slavemaster, but he has been well-schooled by Almighty Allah Himself . . . . and tells us constantly that his doctrine is not his, but is HIS that sent him., and as the Bible says elsewhere; "who is blind as my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I sent" (Isaiah 42:19).

This little man, born in Georgia, mentally blind, deaf and dumb, and as ignorant as all the rest of us . . . . upsetting the Slavemaster’s health today just as Moses did to Pharaoh in his day, simply by speaking of GOD’S PLAN to give we poor slaves a land of our own, wherein FREEDOM, JUSTICE and EQUALITY will flow for us like milk and honey. Thanks be to Allah for directing me to this verse of the Holy Quran:

"Those who follow the Messenger-Prophet, the Illiterate One, whom they find in the Torah and the Gospel. He enjoins them good and forbids them evil, and makes lawful to them good things and prohibits for them impure things, and removes (Continued on page 36)
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TAJ MAHAL, one of the world's greatest wonders in Agra, India. It was built as a mausoleum by Shah Jahan, a Moslem emperor, for his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal. Four hundred years have passed since it was constructed, and it remains as beautiful and superb as ever.

MOSLEMS IN INDIA

India today has the third largest Moslem population in the world -- about 43 million. In other words, one out of every eight Indians is a Moslem. Moslems in India have always played a prominent role in the country's struggle for freedom from foreign rule. Not only have there been Moslem leaders in the Indian National Congress; but from the ranks there have been thousands of Moslems who fought and suffered for the cause of their Motherland. Maulana Abul-Kalam Azad, who was then the Congress President, led India in the final negotiations with the British for India's independence.

The Moslems of free India today enjoy all the rights and privileges of a citizen. India is a secular state with constitutional guarantees providing for equality before the law, freedom from discrimination and freedom of religion, all enforceable by direct response to the Supreme Court. The Constitution of the Indian Republic, which came into force on January 26, 1950, guarantees complete political free-

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The Constituent Assembly of India which drew up the present Constitution had no less than 45 Moslems amongst its members and one of them was a member of the Constitution Drafting Committee even though he did not belong to the Congress Party. In the present Indian Parliament there are 46 members who are Moslems. There is also quite a large number of Moslem members in State Legislatures.

The present Governmental structure in India is noteworthy. The Prime Minister is a Hindu. The Deputy Leader, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad who is also, the Education Minister, is a Moslem. Another Moslem, Mr. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai, was the Food Minister till his death recently. Dr. Syed Mahmud is a Minister in the External Affairs Ministry. Other minorities, of course, are also represented. For instance, there is Sikh, a Christian and a Scheduled Caste Minister at the Centre. There is one Moslem Deputy Minister and one Moslem Parliamentary Secretary.

India has 29 States forming the Union. There are eleven Ministers in the State cabinets who are Moslems. Even among the State Governors Moslems have had representation. The late Mr. Asaf Ali, India's first Ambassador to the U.S.A. and then to Switzerland, was at one time the Governor of Orissa. Sir Akber Hydari was, until his death, the Governor of the frontier province of Assam. Another Moslem was the Governor of Orissa for some time.

In the Diplomatic Service, Moslems have enjoyed a fair representation ever...
MAULANA Azad, Education Minister of modern India, is one of the most learned men of the world of Islam.

since India's independence in August 1947. There have been seven Moslem ambassadors in the last seven years, three of whom are still in service. These are Nawab Ali Yavar Jung in Cairo, Mr. B. F. H. B. Tyabji in Djakarta and Dr. M. A. Rauf in Ottawa. (Two ambassadors passed away.) There are Moslem officers in the Indian Foreign Service and some of them are holding very high posts in the External Affairs Ministry. Many Moslems have, in addition, represented India in the United Nations and its allied bodies. Maulana Azad, for instance, led the Indian Delegation to the Sixth Session of UNESCO in Paris. The Education Secretary and the Education Adviser to the Government of India are also Moslems.

In the Judiciary too, the representation of Moslems is appreciable. The Supreme Court of India has a Moslem Judge. The Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court is a Moslem and there are four Moslem
High Court Judges in other States.

In the Union Public Service Commission, which selects candidates for the All-India Services, one of the members is a Moslem, Dr. A.A.A. Fyzee. In the Provincial Public Service Commission also there are Moslem representatives.

Moslem educational institutions exist in all the States, many of which receive financial assistance from the Government. A major part of the budget of the great Moslem University at Aligrah is met by the Central Government. Moslem religious endowments have continued to exist undisturbed and, in fact, some of the more important endowments like the one at Ajmer have been reorganized as a result of recommendations made by a Committee of eminent Moslems appointed by the Government of India.

The confidence reposed in the Moslems is evident from their representation in the

security services, that is, armed forces and the police. Many key posts in these services have been and are held by Moslems. One Col. Mohamed Yunus has held the post of Deputy Military Secretary and later on Military Secretary to the President of India. Brigadier Osman who fell fighting in Kashmir was commander of the Indian forces stationed there. Major General Mohamed Amin Ahmed Khan is another distinguished soldier of the Indian Army who has held the important post of Director of Supplies and Transport at the Army Headquarters, while Brigadier Habibullah commanded the Bangalore Sub-Area. The administration at the Eastern Command Headquarters has been in charge of Brig. Sherif.

In the United Provinces, a state of India, Moslems are prominently represented in the Police Administration. In Bihar, a predominantly Hindu State, the Inspector General of Police for a long time was a Moslem. In other States also, the number of Moslems in the Police Department is considerable.

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Yemen: Blend of Past and Present

The recent visit to the Soviet Union by His Highness Amir Saff-al-Islam el-Badr, Crown Prince of the Kingdom of Yemen, has once again brought his country into the international spotlight. The article
below is a brief description and history of Yemen. [italicized]

Although ancient historical and religious books contain many stories about the fabled wealth and culture of Yemen, this rugged country in the southwestern corner of the Arabian peninsula is today the least known of all the nine member states of the Arab League.

Geography and history have combined to make modern Yemen relatively inaccessible to the outside world. Physically, the country is a mountainous area, with three-fourths of the population living on a high plateau which rises from 2,000 to 10,000 feet above sea level. These heights have produced a hardy, vigorous people, fiercely independent.

For throughout their long history, the Yemenites have been forced to remain on guard against ambitious nations eager to control this strategically-placed land. Yemen's position on the lucrative trade route to India, plus its agricultural and mineral wealth have made the country an irresistible target for foreign conquest. But during the course of many attempted invasions, foreign nations have never managed to gain a strong foot-hold on Yemeni soil.

Yemen's earliest history, dating back to the third and second milleniums B.C., is shrouded in the mists of time, but around 1000 B.C. nomadic Semite tribes, natives of Arabia, founded at least four highly civilized kingdoms. One of these kingdoms--Saba--is famed for its legendary Queen of Sheba (the Biblical name for Saba.) Although no definite timespan has been established for the famous Queen's reign, Bible stories indicate that she probably ruled over Yemen about 950 B.C. First mention of the Queen occurs in the tenth chapter of I Kings, which tells of her colorful visit to Jerusalem.

According to Kings, the Queen traveled north from her capital city of Marib by camel caravan. Her trip reveals the wealth of the country she ruled, for the gifts she carried included "a hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices a very great store, and precious stones." Further evidence of Yemen's fabled wealth, increased by profitable camal

[ARAB INFORMATION OFFICE] Yemen is represented in the U.S.A. and UN by its distinguished ambassador, H.R.H. Prince Seif-ul-Islam al-Hassan, seen here with his secretary (right) and Dr. Ralph Bunche, UN under-secretary.[[image caption]]

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trade, is recorded two centuries later in the sixtieth chapter of Isaiah.

During following centuries of the pre-Christian era, a succession of Sabean kings ruled Yemen, using Marib as their capital. In the fourth century B.C. Sabaeans founded colonies along the shores of the Red Sea and throughout the territory of present-day Eritrea. Then, during the first centuries of the Christian era, Yemen extended its boundaries to the extent that its rulers became known as “Kings of Saba, Raydan, Hadramut and Yemen.”

It was during the sixth century of the Christian era that the first serious invasion of Yemen took place, undertaken by the Abyssinians. However, the invaders, who raided the country and destroyed its monuments, were soon routed by the Yemenites with the aid of the Persians. And after the year 628, Yemen became part of the newly formed Arab Moslem Empire.

The modern history of Yemen witnessed an unsuccessful attempt at invasion by the Portuguese in 1513, followed by the Turks in 1528. During the next three centuries, the Ottomans repeatedly tried to occupy the country, without completely succeeding even once. Finally after repeated failures and heavy loss of life, the Turks surrendered to the late Imam Yahya, father of the present monarch. In 1912 a treaty was signed which clearly recognized Yemen’s independence.

Imam Yahya, understandably suspicious of foreign designs upon his country’s newly-recognized sovereignty, pursued a policy of strict neutrality in the great power struggles which took place between the two World Wars of the twentieth century. But after the termination of World War II, the spirit of international cooperation expressed by the founding of the United Nations caused the Imam to lead his country into the council of nations. A charter member of the Arab League, Yemen also applied for admission to the UN where its application was unanimously approved by the Security Council and the General Assembly in 1947.

Under the guidance of its present farsighted monarch, Imam Ahmed, the country is moving ahead with modernization projects in the fields of education, health, communications industry and agriculture. An industrious and intelligent people, the Yemenis are now laboring to live up to the historic name by which their country was known in ancient songs and stories -- Arabia Felix, or “Blissful Arabia.”

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Operation "Bootstrap" in Libya

Libya, a rising Moslem power on the Mediterranean seaboard is currently involved in operation "bootstrap" -- a nation-wide effort to raise the country's national income by increasing its agricultural exports.

In order to get Libyan fruit and vegetables to foreign markets, an impressive educational program has been carried out among the nation's farming population. When Libya was under foreign occupation, its vast desert areas were constantly encroaching upon the small percentage of arable land. And even in fertile sections of the country, fruits and vegetables where plagued by hordes of insect pests.

However, Libya's farmers have now learned to spray their orchards with the proper insecticides to wipe out fruit pests. A cooperative composed of producers, exporters and traders of fruit enforces strict rules governing the selection, standardization, processing and packing of fruit for export.

By the middle of 1955 one UN expert stationed in Libya called the results achieved "almost dramatic!" In 1953-54, the cooperative's first year, a net profit of $60,000 was realized from the increase

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in agricultural exports; one year later exports had increased ten times as
much.

In addition to citrus fruits, Libya is endeavoring to raise its exports of
olives and olive oil. Although Libyan olives are of excellent quality, the
differ from those commonly grown in Northern Mediterranean countries.
Accordingly, the Libyan olives have to processed and blended to
conform to the tastes of their prospective consumers abroad.

Historically, olive oil has been Libya's leading export product. A common
sight in mountain areas of Tripolitania (one of Libya's three provinces) is
the ruin of a Roman olive press -- picturesque reminder that this North
African region was once fertile and planted with a large number of olive
trees. Until the seventh century, in fact, Tripolitania was one of the
world's leading producers of both oil and grain.

The olive terraces, however, were not kept in proper repair throughout
succeeding centuries. Erosion set in, topsoil escaped and large areas of
a formerly productive region became desert. The problem today is not
one of initiating growth, but of arresting further encroachment from the
desert through such measures as planting small grass hedges to fix the
shifting sand dunes.

There is ample historical evidence that in past centuries Libya was more
heavily wooded, more fertile and more productive than it is today -- a
country that was capable of supporting not only its own population, but
of exporting a surplus to the Mediterranean area. Today Libya is striving
to meet and surpass the challenge of its past, for this is a country which,
in modern times, has never realized its full economic potential.

The World's Oldest Living Man is a Moslem

Word has been received by way of Cleveland, Ohio, from the Soviet
Union that one of that country's citizens is over 148 years of age -- or
world's oldest man alive. His name is Makhmud Bagir, which means that
he is a Moslem, for both Makhmud and Bagir are Arabic words.

The information was received in Cleveland, Ohio, by Jimmy Nisen son, a
twelve-year-old schoolboy whose hobby is to "collect odd information."
Jimmy had written a letter to Soviet Premier Bulganin after he read a
report in a newspaper that a Russian farmer was 148 years old. This
was replied to by a member of the Anti-Fascist Committee of Soviet
Youth in Moscow, who wrote:

"Makhmud Bagir Ogly Fiva, an Azerbaijan farmer, still lives in the
mountain region of Pirassura where he was born 148 years ago. He has
twenty-three sons and daughters, and his eldest daughter now is about
120 years old. His family, including all his descendants, consists of 152
persons."

The report was carried by the Associated Press on May 23, 1956, and
was printed in the New York Times on the following day.
JIDDAH: The Port of Mecca

On the west coast of Saudi Arabia, a short distance from the holy city of Mecca, lies Jiddah -- a bustling city of 100,000 inhabitants who are riding the crest of the largest wave of prosperity this Red Sea port has ever experienced.

Throughout the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, Jiddah had thrived as the port of entry for millions of Moslem pilgrims making the annual pilgrimage to Mecca and as a transit point for Indian and African merchandise bound for Egypt and northern markets. But the harbor city never experience "boom town" prosperity until the discovery of oil on the eastern coast of Saudi Arabia in the twentieth century.

The discovery of rich oil deposits in 1938 created a new demand for imports and banking facilities, which brought overnight wealth to the mercantile houses of Jiddah. Merchants and artisans from all over the Arab world flocked to the city and, with the exception of the war years, business boomed.

A new wave of immigrants arrived in 1948, after Saudi Arabia opened its doors to Palestinian refugees made homeless by the creation of the state of Israel. Thousands of these refugees eventually came to Jiddah, where a large number entered the construction field as skilled laborers and contractors. Others established shops, took positions with Saudi firms, or worked for the Saudi government.

Thus twentieth-century Jiddah is a far cry from the town described by a seventeenth-century traveler as a place "accurs'd by nature and debarred of heaven's blessing." The climate is still hot and humid for most of the year, but commercial profits have brought a new water system, electrical power and such conveniences as air conditioning and refrigeration. Lush gardens now decorate modern sections of the city, and new buildings are rising everywhere.

During the past six years the population of Jiddah has more than doubled, and the historic great wall which once surrounded the ancient town has been torn down -- burst at the seams, so to speak, by the city's sudden growth and activity. The wall was originally built in the sixteenth century to protect the town from sea-launched invasions, for ever since Jiddah was designated as the port for Mecca in 646 A.D. it had been subjected to waves of foreign domination. By the end of the eighteenth century the wall had crumbled from hard abuse, and it was rebuilt as a defensive measure against a prospective French invasion. In 1925, when the forces of Ibn Saud established the late king's rule over Jiddah, the wall was breached for the last time and the flourishing seaport has since remained in Saudi Arabian hands.
Today the old Jiddah is fast disappearing, and a new city of modern outlook is rising in its place. Venerable high coral block structures with latticed balconies and delicately carved teak doors are being abandoned in favor of modern stucco villas and streamlined office buildings, many of Egyptian design.

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Recent population growth has put a heavy strain on existing public utilities and buildings, but construction proceeds at a rapid pace. Jiddah now boasts a new port, complete with a two-berth steamer pier; a new airport with a modern terminal building and spacious hangars, and adjoining the airport, the city's first completely air-conditioned hotel.

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original and true religion - that of my ancestors across the Atlantic. To me, Christianity now means a religion that was never ours in the first place, and was forced upon us, and it reminds us of slavery times and such. Islam, on the other hand, has given me a feeling of great personal satisfaction and spiritual enlightenment and closeness to Allah. I never experienced this feeling when I was a Baptist."

As we see it, a clamor will inevitably be raised in certain circles at this marked increase in the number of Moslems in New York City (and elsewhere in the United States). However, we believe that, on the contrary, society itself should be highly pleased at the happy change in the life of "Negroes" who have turned Moslem - for it means that from now on there would be fewer drunkards and cases of drug addiction in this city and around the country. In fact, there should be a definite decline in juvenile delinquency as well, for Moslem families usually stay together and are able to raise healthy and normal youngsters. The teachings of Islam and the Holy Koran show them how to guide their sons and daughters through their most difficult years.

- Abdul Basit Naeem

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from them their BURDEN and the SHACKLES which were on them. So those who believe in him, and honor him, and help him, and follow the light which has been sent down with him . . . these are the successful (7:157) ............

He it is who raised among the ILLITERATES a Messenger from among themselves, who recites to them His messages and purifies them, and teaches them the Book and the Wisdom - although they were before in manifest error (62:2).

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Muslim/Muslim majority nations]

AFGHANISTAN:
Kabul - King Mohammed Zahir Shah of Afghanistan and H.E. Iskander Mirza, President of Pakistan, will meet shortly to discuss "the settlement of several grave issues between their two governments," it was announced here by the Foreign Ministry.

Their announcement was also confirmed by Mr. S.A. Baig, of the Foreign Ministry at Karachi.

SOMALILAND:
Mogadiscio - Mr. Abdullahi Issa, veteran Somali political leader, was elected first Premier of this East African territory under Italian-administered United Nations trusteeship. The new Government was chosen by the territory's first Parliament, which held its opening session April 30.

Somaliland is scheduled to gain independence in 1960.

MOROCCO:
Rabat - The governments of Morocco and Iraq have announced that His Majesty King Faisal and His Majesty Sultan Mohammed ben Youssef will meet here sometime in the near future. King Faisal will be the first chief of a Moslem state to visit Morocco.

[[image - photograph portrait of King Faisal]]
[[image caption]EMBASSY OF IRAQ
King Faisal[[/image caption]]

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Saudi Arabia:

Riyadh -- A fabulous new palace is being built here for the Saudi Royal family and is scheduled to be completed "within a year or two."

The superstructure, featuring the best of Islamic architecture and most modern Western "lines," is being built by the Atlas Construction Company, of Cairo. The chief builders, too, are from Egypt, according to newspaper reports from Saudi Arabia.

IRAN:

Teheran - Their Imperial Majesties, Shah Mohammed Riza and Queen Soraya or Iran, have reached Moscow where they are to stay for about two weeks as guests of the Soviet Government.

Their Imperial Majesties are the first royal family of any Moslem state and first rulers of Iran ever to be received in Moscow.

PAKISTAN:

Karachi - A shipment of 38 F-86 Sabre jets—the type used in the Korean war—has reached Karachi, the capital of Pakistan. It has been announced by the American Embassy and high Pakistan Government officials here.

The fighters give Pakistan a modern jet air arm superior to that of almost any other Asian ally of the United States except Nationalist China.

INDONESIA:

Djakarta - A spokesman of the Indonesian Foreign Ministry has announced here that Indonesia and Syria will soon enter into a cultural treaty and that the Indonesian Government is also desirous of concluding similar treaties with other Moslem countries.

BAHREIN:

Bahrein - Emir Salman bin Hamid al-Khalifa, ruler of this Protectorate, recently ordered a complete boycott of Israel throughout his country.

Bahrein is the first Arab country outside the Arab League to join the embargo.

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It is two years since the great Moslem missionary and philosopher and my spiritual guide, His Eminence Maulana Shah Mohammed Abdul-Aleem Siddiqui Al-Qaderi, returned to the mercy of Allah.

Maulana Siddiqui Al-Qaderi, father-in-law of Dr. Hafiz Mohammed Fazlur Rahman Ansari Al-Qaderi, our advisor, was well known throughout the Moslem world as the author or a number of books on Islam and related subjects in four languages-Urdu, Arabic, Persian and English. He was also the founder of numerous educational institutions in India, Pakistan, South Africa, East Africa, Malaya, etc., and sponsor of many a charitable project throughout the globe.

In the first issue of this magazine, which was printed in December 1954 and dated January 1955, we had stated: "We of MOSLEM WORLD & THE U.S.A. owe a great deal to the spirit of the late Maulana Siddiqui Al-Qaderi. In a way, our journal owes its very existence to this person, for it was His Eminence Siddiqui himself who had suggested the establishment of such a magazine in America and, in a letter (addressed to our publisher) in 1952, had approved of the title MOSLEM WORLD & THE U.S.A."

The full text of His Eminence's letter, mentioned above, read: "I am very pleased to note (your) decision to start a publication under the title of MOSLEM WORLD & THE U.S.A. English-speaking people in general and Americans in particular are very badly in need of authentic Islamic literature in order to have a true picture of Islam before them. Islam is mostly misinterpreted and misrepresented intentionally or unintentionally by most of those people who have written books and published magazine and papers with an object of explaining the teachings of Islam.

"Moslems in the U.S.A. are scattered in different parts of the country and they are greatly in need of a link to connect them with each other. Millions of Moslems all over the world too do not know anything about the strength of American Moslems. To publish a magazine with an idea to unite the Moslems in America and have acquaintance with the rest of the Islamic world is a most noble task. I pray Almighty Allah to shower His choicest blessing upon the founders of this journal and wish every success for the said publication."

We believe, of course, the MOSLEM WORLD & THE U.S.A. has already been able to serve a part of the purpose for which it was intended, namely, to connect the U.S. Moslems with their coreligionists abroad, by including in its various issues a dozen stories on the American Moslem communities. A matter of even greater satisfaction to us, however, is the fact that in November, shortly after the second anniversary of the passing away of Maulana Siddiqui Al-Qaderi, we shall present to the public another publication (a book) dedicated to the memory of the great sage of Islam entitled "ISLAM IN AMERICA: Man's Oldest Faith Finds a New Future."

Abdul Basit Naeem

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Words of Divine Guidance

(Based on Teachings of the Holy Koran)

"Keep together in your noble Brotherhood;
Share its joys and sorrows,
Strive and fight the good fight
And fear not!"

Prayer

The Inspired One (Prophet Mohammed, upon whom be peace!) taught us a prayer that sums up our faith, our hope, and our aspiration in things that matter.

We think in devotion of God’s name and His nature;
We praise Him for His creation and His cherishing care;
We call to mind the Realities, seen and unseen;
We offer Him worship and ask for His guidance;
And we know the straight from crooked path by the light of His grace that illumines the righteous."

- The Late Allama Yusef Ali
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