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Malcolm X flier.

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MALCOLM, X

OF THE

BLACK MUSLIMS

WED. 21ST
8:00 P.M.
GREAT HALL

PRESENTED by The
Student's Council on
Civil Rights, AS
AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Q.-WHO ARE THEY?

ANS. America's so-called Negroes are the "Lost Nation of Islam in North America." ...
"If you call yourself "white", why should I not call myself "black"? Because you have taught me that I am a "Negro"/ Now then, if you ask a man his nationality and he says that he is a German, that means that he comes from a nation called Germany. If he says that his nationality is French, that means he came from a nation called France. The term he uses to identify himself connects him with a nation, a language, a culture and a flag. Now if he says his nationality is "Negro" he has told you nothing—except possibly that he is not good enough to be "American". ...If Frenchmen are of France and Germans are of Germany, where is "Negroland"? I'll tell you: It's in the mind of the white man /... No matter how light or dark a white man is, he's "white". Same with us. No matter how light or how dark we are, we call ourselves "black"—different shades of black, and we don't feel we have to make apologies about it /." Malcolm X

What do they Preach ?

ANS. ① Mr. Louis Lomax: Now if I have understood your ~~message~~ correctly you teach that all of the members of Islam are God, and that one ~~is~~ you is supreme and that that one is Allah. Now have I understood you correctly.
Mr. Elijah Muhammad: "That's right"
Mr. Louis Lomax: Now, you on the other hand said that the devil is the white man—that the white man is a doomed race.
Mr. Elijah Muhammad: Yes.

Interview on Newsbeat WNTA-T.V., July 10, 1959

② "Black Unity"—"The Black Mans one hope for freedom" Malcolm X

③ "Stop spending money for tobacco, dope, cigarettes, whiskey, fine clothes, fine automobiles...Stop living on credit loans...If you must have a car, buy a low priced car...We must make a better future for ourselves and our children."
Elijah Muhammad

④ "Buy Black"—"The white man spends his money with his own kind, which is only natural. You too, must do this. Help to make jobs for your own kind...Everywhere the Negro is exploited by the white man; now, the Black Man must learn to protect his own, using the white mans techniques".

What Do They Want ?

ANS. - ① "To integrate with evil (refers to the culture and society of the white man) is to be destroyed with evil. What we want—indeed, justice for us is to be set apart. We want, and must insist upon an area in this land that we can call our own, somewhere (where) we can hold our heads (up) with pride and dignity, without the continued harassments and indignities of our oppressors".
Elijah Muhammad

② "The best thing the white man can do is give us justice and stop giving us hell. I'm asking for justice. If they won't give us justice, then let us separate ourselves from them and live in four or five states in America, or leave the country altogether. "

Elijah Muhammad

NOTES:

1. Elijah Muhammad is the spiritual leader of the Black Muslims
2. The Black Muslims are suspected to have a possible membership of one to five hundred thousand.
3. The information used in this leaflet was taken from, The Black Muslims In America, Eric Lincoln, Beacon press-Boston 1961