

RFK Comes To Harlem

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MALCOLM X: A NEW NAME, RECOGNITION



Mr. Malik El-Shabazz (Malcolm X) receiving certificate of recognition and authority from the Rector of Al-Azhar, Hassan Maa'moun.

JOHNSON KNIFED

MUSLIM WORLD SPEAKS

In the Name of Allah, the Merciful, the Compassionate. Thanks to the Almighty, Who has sent His Messenger with guidance and the True

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EDITORIAL

"BURLY NEGROES" AND THE NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

Someone down at the Daily News has a real thing going for "burly Negroes." You constantly see references to "burly Negroes" in its news columns. No matter what size he is to the Daily News reporters he is burly. Of course they always claim to be quoting someone else, but it's hard to believe that all the people who tell Daily News reporters of alleged attacks by black men use the adjective "burly." It seems more probable that many Daily News reporters have a real thing going concerning "burly" black men. Burly is defined as meaning "large of body; bulky, lusty." The constant use of this word by Daily News reporters tells loads about the true feeling of that paper about black men.

THE WARREN COMMISSION

Afro-Americans extend their sympathy to the Kennedy family for they have now been the recipient of an action which is usually reserved for Afro-Americans, an official whitewashing of a vicious crime against one of their relatives. Thousands of Afro-Americans have had relatives, friends, and acquaintances who have been killed and brutalized and humiliated, only to have some official whitewashing presented to protect their oppressors. The people who murdered President Kennedy are still free just as the people responsible for the murder of Medgar Evers, Emmett Till, the Birmingham Children, and many other innocent Afro-Americans are still free. Afro-Americans can understand why Mrs. Rose Kennedy and former Attorney General Robert have stated that they will not read the full report of the Warren Commission. The report tells nothing new and for reasons of state it probably could do no more. A true account of the assassination of President Kennedy would probably trigger off a severe domestic and foreign crisis for the Federal Government. The Warren Commission's main duty was to avoid this at all costs. Almost to a man Afro-Americans doubt the validity of the report. They know better. They have the official whitewashing job done to often to be fooled.

THE OAAU AND THE UN

The OAAU has decided to make use of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in the fight for liberation for the 22 million Afro-Americans. By setting up this commission the UN has recognized that the protection of human rights is a world problem and not just a domestic problem of the country concerned. Minority groups all over the world have made use of this commission. The OAAU feels that it is now time for the Afro-Americans to make use of this very important commission. It is interesting to note that the United States is one of the few countries in the world who have refused to sign the UN Declaration on Human Rights. Need we say why?

LETTERS-TO-EDITOR

The BLACKLASH desires to receive correspondence from its readers. We will print the letters. We are seeking criticism, praise and suggestions.

OAAU....Hotel Theresa, New York City
Chairman.....Malcolm X
Newsletter Editor.....Peter Bailey

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JOHNSON KNIFED AFRO-AMERICAN IN BACK

Bobby Kennedy has finally visited Harlem, a brief visit yes, but still a visit. He came in to the cheers of a crowd of about 1500 people, three fourths of whom appeared to be under 17 years of age. The crowd yelled and waved the signs that they had been given by the sponsors of the brief visit. There were two cops on the building across the street from the Hotel Theresa and two on the second floor of the hotel. He was better protected than his brother had been in Dallas, though he was probably safer in Harlem than he would be anywhere else in this country.

Kennedy proved to be a very uninspiring speaker. He may have just been nervous. He probably didn't know what to say to a crowd composed of 99 per cent black faces. The crowd cheered at all the right times. What he said really doesn't matter. All of the white politicians say the same things when they make their trip to Harlem every four years.

After the brief speech outside, he went into the registration headquarters and presented a trophy to a young, black boy. After presenting the trophy and having his picture taken, Kennedy was whisked out of the building and into the waiting crowd which surged forward at the sight of him. The crowd was handled rather firmly by the cops. The crowd turned and started to run; for a brief moment it brought back memories of the recent demonstrations. Several people either fell or were knocked down in the rush. Kennedy probably didn't see this. The smile never left his face. A quick moment later he was gone.

When you see Bobby Kennedy it's hard not to feel sorry for him. You remember all that he has gone through for the past 10 months. You almost forget that the Justice Department under his administration was either unable or unwilling to protect the lives and property of black people in the South; that the F.B.I. has yet to find and bring to justice the racist bombers and murderers who roam all over the South; that Bobby Kennedy is just another of the white politicians who come to Harlem every four years looking for votes. Once he gets these votes he doesn't ap-

President Johnson has shown once again why he is the shrewdest political manipulator in this country. Remember all of the big headlines last month about Senator Thurmond's switching from the Democratic party to the Republican party. We were told that Johnson's stand on human rights had helped to drive Thurmond out of the Democratic party. Johnson was praised to the skies by the liberal press.

Well, black people, you have been duped again. Buried on Page 28 in the September 22, 1964 issue of the New York Times is an article stating that Senator Mansfield, Democratic Majority Leader has made arrangements to give the senate Republicans an extra place on both the Armed Services Committee and the Commerce Committee so that Thurmond can maintain his position on these committees if the Republicans want to keep him there. These are two very important senate committees. Mansfield would not have made this arrangement without the consent of President Johnson.

We all know that Senator Strom Thurmond is one of the most violent anti-black politicians in this country. He probably ranks second only to Eastland of Mississippi. When he made the big switch it was said that his great senatorial power would diminish because he would lose his all-important seniority. Well, Pres. Johnson and Senator Mansfield have conspired to make sure that he will continue to exert great power in the Senate. Instead of giving those extra seats to a progressive senator they gave them to a vocal and belligerent white supremacist. While Afro-American leaders were praising Johnson as a friend of black people, he was making a deal with one of their most vicious enemies.

The press knew about this double-dealing; the liberal politicians knew about it; the so-called responsible leaders knew about it, yet no one challenged Johnson about it. They all went along with the big hoax being played on black people.

The Johnson-Thurmond deal is a perfect example of what Brother Malcolm meant when he spoke of the growling wolf, Goldwater, and the sly fox, Johnson. Black peo-

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A PRISON THAT IS A SCHOOL

by Nanny Bowe

The Harlem school, or the school in black ghettos throughout the country is not an institution for our children. It is first and foremost another means of keeping us oppressed, poor and ignorant.

In slavery times, the slave who could read and write was considered dangerous. And, he was. By reading, he began to question and by questioning he not only understood the injustice of his position, but could begin to plot the downfall of his enslavers. Thus, education was forbidden to the slave.

Today, the rulers of this country are more subtle. We are given an "education," but it is an education which demoralizes us, misleads us and confuses us about our status in this country. We know that the Harlem schools are bad. We know that our children are not learning. We know that there are not enough teachers, textbooks or school buildings. What we often do not realize is that far more dangerous and damaging to us are the things our children learn.

From kindergarten through college there is not effort made to teach black children their great history. We start with white Dick, Jane and Spot, and continue with white Longfellow. Our children never conceive that any black man has written anything. In one of my best classes in a junior high school in Harlem, no one had ever heard of Langston Hughes.

Black people and our past are systematically excluded from American history. THIS IS AMERICA'S STORY, a text used in many public schools is over 600 pages. Of these, about 5 pages deal with Afro-Americans. In these five we have such statements as, "Yet life on many a plantation was not too unhappy." Our children are taught to accept such statements as this and not question. Their brains lie dormant and are never challenged. Even if they learn to read they never realize that books often lie. If they did they would challenge many a teacher who stands before them, or a principal, or the country itself.

What we must realize is that the education system simply reflects white people acting out of self interest. They do not want us to get out of hand therefore, we are kept uninformed, unthinking, ashamed and ignorant.

We, adults must be men and women. We must take the education of our children in hand and build a school system run by Afro-Americans. Only under these conditions will our children be taught their accurate role in the world and not the lies that whites force upon us to insure our enslavement.

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Religion in order that it may prevail over all other religions.

Prayers and peace be upon our great prophet Muhammad who guides to the Truth and to a straight path.

We have received in our office at Al-Azhar Mr. Malkulm X who is known now by the name: Malik El-Shabazz, an American citizen who declared his faith and conversion to Islam and he confessed the two Islamic articles saying "I confess that there is no God but Allah and that Mohammad is His Prophet, and Jesus is His servant and Messenger. I ceased to believe in any other religion that contradicts Islam."

After seeing the certificate of the Islamic foundation in New York dated 9/4/1964, and what the Head of the Great court of Islamic law at Jeddah decided in this respect, Mr. Malik's declaration of Islam has been assured to us.

Mr. Malik El-Shabazz (Malkulm X) with his true and correct faith is one of the Muslim community, with their rights and obligations and it is his duty to propagate Islam and offer every available assistance and facilities to those who wish conversion to Islam. This is a certificate to whom it may concern.

May God, Almighty, guide him and enlighten his heart by Islam and direct him to the right path.

God's prayers and blessings be upon his prophet Mohammad, his family and his companions.

Hassan Maa'moun

After receiving this certificate of official recognition and support of the Muslim world, Mr. Malik said: "I consider myself only as one who is dedicating his life to seeing that the proper understanding of Islam is made available to all who are interested in the True Path."

JOIN The OAAU

Economics; Swindle

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Everyday the Harlem consumer is cheated. Whether it be in a jewelry or a grocery store, or a drug store, he is gypped daily. The Harlemit (in the Harlems throughout the country) must begin to think differently in relation to his buying techniques. It is foolish to rely upon the fairness of the seller when the seller always relies on your lack of knowledge about the product he is trying to sell or the tricks he is trying to use. If the Afro-American is ever to make a profitable use of his money, he must educate himself about different goods and gimmicks of salesmen.

appear again for another four years. These are the cold facts. Harlem gets less for its votes than any other community in New York City. Harlem can be bought for less than any other community in the city. The other communities demand action; Harlem is always pacified with promises. Politically Harlem is the laughing stock of the city. The politicians take Harlem for granted. When the people of Harlem begin to exercise and understand the use of power, they will cease to be the recipients of brief visits by white politicians.

AVAILABLE MATERIAL

P. Bailey

There are publications which serve this purpose. They are the Consumers's Guide to Better Buying, which sells for fifty cents, and the Consumers Reports Buying Guide, which sells for \$1.75. Also there is the Guide to Consumer's Credit, which may be obtained by writing to Guide to Consumer's Credit, 381 Park Avenue, New York City.

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The OAAU's Economic Committee strongly urges its members and other Afro-Americans to make use of Consumer's Union, which is located at Mount Vernon, New York. Consumer's Union is not a union. It is merely an organization made up of people who are interested in educating the consumer on how to get the most for his money. You may reach them at NE 8-9002. Every Afro-American reading this article should make use of their services.

ple suspect Goldwater, the wolf, and they watch him; Johnson, the fox, has got them fooled and like Brother Malcolm says, the sly fox is very dangerous because he will have you in his stomach before you realize what has happened.

P. Bailey

News Flashes

The American College of Surgeons have a complaint. They have discovered that many of the drivers of emergency ambulances are UNDERTAKERS. The doctors feel that this is not a healthy situation.

There have been 17 bombings, 32 arrests, 9 beatings and 4 church burnings in McComb County, Mississippi since June, 1964.

The airplanes being used by Tshombe to bomb and kill Congo nationalists are supplied by the United States government.

Barry Goldwater has had two nervous breakdowns. This was reported by his wife.

THE CRAFTY SALESMAN

The Harlem consumer is easy bait for the Harlem salesman because he usually doesn't know of the gimmicks that the salesman uses. The first and most obvious gimmick is to build up the confidence of the black buyer by using black salesmen. This is why you usually find at least one black salesman in a white owned store. The Harlem buyer should never be fooled into believing that this black salesman is any less dangerous than the white one. He can be more dangerous because the Afro-American wouldn't ordinarily suspect his brother of trying to use tricks to gyp him out of his hard-earned money.

ATTEND THE OAAU LIBERATION SCHOOL EVERY SATURDAY MORNING 10 A.M. - 12 P.M. FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN EXPERT LECTURES ON AFRICAN & AMERICAN HISTORY

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TELEPHONE BUYING

Telephone buying is a device much used in Harlem. After a firm uses bait advertising, it gives the buyer the firm's phone number. When the buyer calls up a slick talking samesman describes his product and cons the eager buyer into having the product shipped to his home before he has actually seen it. The consumer is thereby billed for a product (which is, of course, very different from the one described) that he has never even seen. As obvious as this gimmick is, it is widely used in Harlem.

BAIT ADVERTISING

Harlem store owners often use false advertising to lure customers into their stores. For example, when the Afro-American buys on credit, he doesn't usually buy at the advertised credit rate but at a rate much higher. Once the buyer is in the store, the salesman uses business jargon, and extends credit on terms that he purposely makes confusing so that the buyer thinks he is agreeing to pay at the advertised credit rate, when he will actually be paying a higher rate. One of the local banks has found that many stores charge as much as 17 per cent over the advertised rate.

Do not be fooled by this trick! If you are not absolutely sure about your terms for paying credit, check out the deal with the Better Business Bureau located at 220 Church Street in Manhattan, or call DI 9-4475 for inquiries and complaints. If you are interested in finding out about credit, get the Guide to Consumer's Credit.

CREDIT BUYING

The Harlem store owner knows that the black man can't buy many of the things he needs because his income is barely enough for (and in many cases not enough) for subsistence. He takes advantage of this fact by saying to the black man, "Now you can have what you need, and you don't even have to pay me the full price--not now anyway. Just a little bit now and a little bit next week...and next week...and next week.....". But what the white merchant doesn't tell the black man is that eventually he will end up paying much more than the original cost, and since the product was never worth the original cost anyway, much

much more than the product is worth.

The Harlem merchant plays on the ignorance of the Harlem Consumer. As a result, not only will he charge the consumer exhorbiant credit rates, but in many cases he will charge him a fee for buying on credit, usually \$10, which is strictly illegal.

GUILTY STORES

It is not to general to say that most of the stores in the Harlems throughout the country are guilty of some, if not all, of the practices described above. This is especially true of the furniture, jewelery, clothing and department stores. These stores deal in costly items; items that the store owner uses to charge very high interest rates. The products in these stores are usually of poor quality and over priced.

VALUE OF SAVING

Every Afro-American should develop better buying habits and learn how to spend his money wisely. He should read consumer publications and check with a reliable sources on all business transactions to avoid being gyped. As long as we remain ignorant and uneducated consumer-wise, the white merchants will continue to take advantage of us. It should be understood that he has reasons for doing this. He knows that if we find out how to save our money, we will have more "freed resources"--the money leftover after the necessities are paid for. This money can be used for investment; investment in the building and maintaining of our own stores so we can help ourselves (because no one else will) and we would no longer be at the mercy of corrupt white merchants. If we develop consumer education, we could take that money that we are being gyped out of and contribute it towards helping ourselves. This, in turn, would drive most of the corrupt merchants out of our communities.

R. Cutler

OAAU IN AFRICA

There is an OAAU branch now operating in Accra, Ghana. Its membership is composed of Afro-Americans now living in Ghana. Another branch, the ORGANIZATION OF AFRO-AMERICAN STUDENTS, has been set up in Cairo.