

'America's most powerful black man' urges Negroes to build their own enterprises

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, the fearless, outspoken leader of America's most powerful Muslim movement, known for his ability to speak for three or four hours without stopping, hammered home a series of points designed to unite the black men of the United States, and to prepare them for their social and economic independence.

Unlike the usual pattern of religious meetings, which urge the delegates to prepare for a mythical "hereafter" existence, the Muslim convention delegates were told by Muhammad to prepare themselves for a better and more profitable life right here on earth.

The fiery Muslim leader, who was called "America's most powerful black man" in a recent Readers Digest feature, urged his listeners to engage in projects that will result in the production of their own factories, schools, hospitals and businesses.

Expounding on the advantages of the Islamic religion over the Christian faith, Muhammad explained how and why the Christian religion is a white man's religion, built by the white man to perpetuate white supremacy and to foster domination of the black people.

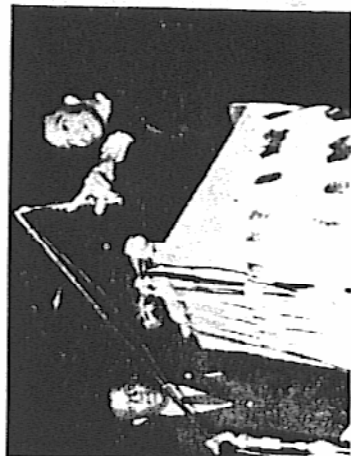
Strongly opposed to the injustices imposed upon dark citizens in America, Muhammad, contrary to reports published in the white press, did not urge violence or preach white hate. "The Messenger," as he is known by his followers, spent considerable time pointing out the injustices white men are heaping upon black men in this country and all over the world.



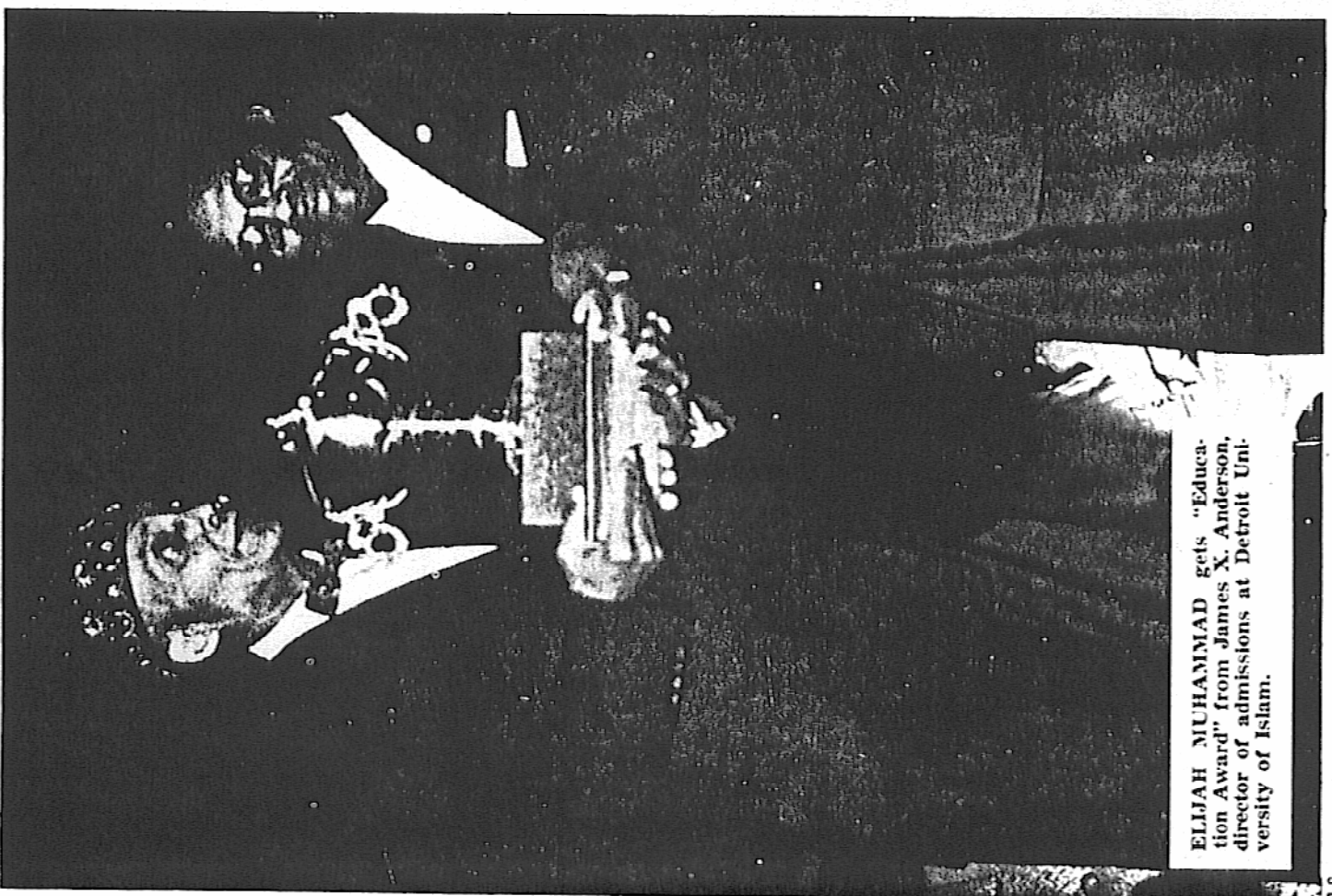
MRS. ELIJAH MUHAMMAD (c.), wife of Muslim leader, listens as husband's Muslim World tour is traced on map.



ROBERT BOGAN of Detroit and Wallace D. Muhammad (r.) of Philadelphia listen as Muhammad speaks.



MINISTER LOUIS X of Boston's Temple No. 11 gestures as he makes point during speech at convention.



ELIJAH MUHAMMAD gets "Education Award" from James X. Anderson, director of admissions at Detroit University of Islam.