

MALCOLM X SAYS . . .



A NEW YORK TRIBUNE editorial (Feb. 5, 1960) pointed out that out of "approximately" 11,000,000 voting Negroes in America, a small fraction of only 2,700,000 actually vote.

What then would be the result if the remaining "8,000,000" potential Negro voters decided to become politically active? Who are these "8,000,000" and why don't they vote?

A Voiceless, Voteless, Leadership 8 Million

The "8,000,000" non-voters are from the downtrodden Negro masses, who don't trust the Uncle Tom political leadership that has been hand-picked and endorsed by the white man. They have preferred to remain "voteless," voiceless, and leaderless until a black man comes along who can champion their cause, independent of the white man's endorsement. These are the people, the masses (8,000,000) who are now turning toward Mr. Muhammad. They recognize him as the "little man's little man."

Thus the Negro "leader" has failed to impress the Negro masses (the 8,000,000). But Mr. Muhammad is winning the masses, simply by teaching the plain truth. Once he opens their eyes they can distinguish between friend and foe, brother and stranger.

Seldom do they see their friend,

their own black brother, running for political office completely independent of the white man . . . thus the masses (8,000,000) continue to display political "disinterest" . . . and the outdated, misinformed Negro "leader," mistaking their "political inaction" for lethargy, makes himself a conspicuous fool by condemning the masses whom he is supposed to be leading.

Mr. Muhammad Has Produced "New Negro"

The Negro "leader" should modernize his outlook and realize that Mr. Muhammad's presence, his teaching, and his leadership here in America has produced A NEW NEGRO.

Negroes who now aspire for leadership must be independent of the white man, fearless and uncompromising spokesmen for the Negro masses, and capable of satisfying the fierce race-pride Mr. Muhammad's message has produced in the hearts of these NEW NEGROES.

Harlem has the earth's largest concentration of Negroes. Mr. Muhammad's name is heard throughout Harlem. Recognition, respect, admiration, devotion and sympathy for Mr. Muhammad and his work, reach its peak here among the masses in Harlem . . . and, as Harlem goes, so goes America's TWENTY MILLION NEW NEGROES.

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