

Black Muslims Have Been Involved In Courts Over Religious Claims

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The Black Muslims, an American Negro movement that is outspokenly antiwhite and racist in direction but forbids aggression unless attacked, has been involved in some prison disturbances and court actions involving its claims to be a religion.

The Black Muslims claim to be part of the worldwide Islamic religion which has perhaps 500 million followers, most of them in Africa and Asia. Elijah Muhammad, the "Messenger of Allah," leader of the Black Muslims, claims to have received the di-

vine word directly from Allah. He teaches a rejection of Christianity, scorn for whites.

One federal judge has ruled that the Black Muslims are a religious group. Another is deliberating a similar case.

Rejects Elijah's Claim
However, orthodox Muslims in America have rejected the Black Muslims as not related to Islam. The Federation of Islamic Associations, the U.S.-Canadian Muslim organization, has said Elijah's group is not truly Muslim.

An American orthodox Muslim spokesman, Ahmad Kamal, president of the Jami'at Al Islam Humanitarian Foundation, had

this to say in a radio interview: "I think I should mention that orthodox Muslims believe in the Virgin Birth, the Immaculate Conception, and the ascension of Jesus Christ. Islam is not a rejection of Christianity."

"Elijah Poole (Elijah Muhammad's original name) teaches hatred, which is satanic. The Negro people have a new burden to bear. Elijah Poole has taught his listeners that in following him they are guided by a living prophet, and that they are Black Muslims. He is going to have much to answer for. His hate teachings, his dogma and doctrine of hatred, is utterly non-Muslim. It is anti-Muslim."

Has Friends Overseas
In 1959, Elijah Muhammad was permitted by the Muslim leadership to make a pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca. Observers believe he could not have done it in the face of American Muslim opposition without powerful friends overseas.

C. Eric Lincoln, social philosophy professor at Clark College in Atlanta who made a full-scale study of Black Muslimism, believes there is "good reason to believe the Black Muslims will soon be officially sheltered in the community of international Islam."

It seems likely that they (Muslim theologians) will find the Black Muslims within the pale—a legitimate if somewhat heretical Muslim sect.

Last July, Federal Judge Benjamin Matthews in Washington ruled that William T. X. Fultwood must be allowed to hold religious gatherings at Lorton Reformatory in nearby Virginia, since Black Muslims are a religious group.

Considers Similar Case
In Buffalo, N.Y., Federal Judge John O. Henderson has had under deliberation since November the appeal of five Black Muslims in Attica State Prison to strike down a state ruling that they cannot conduct services because their movement is not a religion.

At San Quentin Prison in California, where a Black Muslim was shot to death by a guard during a melee among Negro and white inmates in February, Associate Warden Dale Prady said the number of Black Muslim inmates there varied usually from 70 upward. He said there was no way of telling how many were recruited as Muslims after they got there—nor whether Muslim "missionaries" got themselves imprisoned.

Prady said the most prominent demand of Muslim inmates was recognition as a religion, that they frequently try to conduct services but that "we break these meetings up, as we do any large gathering."

Observers agree that the Black Muslims have a tremendous record of rehabilitation—released convicts who join stay away from crime. One big city urban league director has been quoted: "Frankly, I'd like to find some non-Muslims who are as well behaved."

Publishers To Meet
COOS BAY (UPI)—The Oregon Newspapers Publishers Association will hold its annual convention here Thursday through Saturday.

Oregon House Speaker Clarence Barton will be one of the featured speakers.

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Dear Abby! Reverse Psychology!

— By ABIGAIL VANBUREN —

DEAR ABBY: The letter signed "SMART TOO LATE" interested me. Here is a boy who urges other young people not to wait until their last semester of high school before buckling down to study. He uses himself as an example because he had just received the shock of having been turned down by the college of his choice. What gives a person who has failed the authority to lecture to others on the subject?

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DEAR ABBY: My son is 17 and wants to get a driver's license. He drives all right, so that's not the problem. You see, he was born in March, and I didn't get married until May of the same year. I don't want to give him his birth certificate with that information on it. He says he needs his birth certificate to get his driver's license. What should I do?

WORRIED MOM

Fair Weather Forecast

The five-day weather forecast according to the Weather Bureau station at the Roseburg airport calls for temperatures averaging above normal with little or no precipitation indicated for the area. Maximum temperatures will range from 80 to 90 with minimums in the 30's and upper 40's.

DEAR WORRIED: You do not say whether you married the boy's father, or another man. Your problem involves laws and procedures that differ in different states. In some states birth certificates can be "fixed up" (to protect the child) and the original sealed. Ask your city or county health department, or the department of vital statistics, for information.

DEAR ABBY: Maybe this problem will sound small and unimportant to you, but it's really got me stumped. After 25 years and 3 children my husband now says, "I just can't sleep with you any more because you snore."

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Community News Items

Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Cornwell and son, Charles, were at the coast over Sunday.

Mrs. Leroy Davis has returned to her work as receptionist to Dr. George N. Lenci Jr., after a leave of absence of two months.

Miss Ruth Mathews of this city has accepted the position of receptionist for Wampole accounting firm.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Scott and daughter, Mary Ann, have returned to their home in Seattle, following a visit here with the former's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Scott, on SE Main St.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McElroy and daughter, Linda, were in Roseburg over the weekend having come especially to attend the Pargeter-Ostrander wedding. They are former residents of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Porter were in Salem Friday, where the latter attended the tea given by Gov. and Mrs. Mark O. Hatfield for Girl Scouts, to which Oregon Press Women were also invited guests.

The ninth annual Brockway School picnic will be held Sunday, Aug. 4, at the community park in Winston. This get-together has been held annually on the first Sunday in August since the Centennial reunion of 1955 and will continue to be observed every summer at the same time. A potluck dinner will be held at 2 p.m. Daylight time. Coffee will be furnished. All former pupils and teachers of the old Brockway School and their families are invited to attend and are requested to pass the invitation along to those interested who no longer live in this area.

Gordon Singleton of Portland spent the weekend here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Singleton, on SE Chadwick St.

Hawley Counts and sons, Jon and Chris; the former's brother, Herb Counts, and Mark Roberts of this city enjoyed Sunday fishing on the Rogue River.

Mrs. Roy Catching is back at her home on SE Chadwick St., following a stay in Eugene visiting her daughter, Mrs. Eugene McElroy, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hult have returned to their home, after attending the Northwest Shrine convention in Billings, Mont. On their way home, they visited Yellowstone National Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson of Lebanon were Roseburg visitors over the weekend. They have taught in the Seventh-day Adventist system of elementary schools including the Roseburg Junior Academy.

Mrs. Fred L. Perry returned to her home here Saturday night, following a trip to Fresno, Calif., to attend the commencement exercises at which time her granddaughter, Donna Lee Perry, was graduated from high school. She also enjoyed attending the Little Theatre presentation of "South Pacific" in which her grandson, Fred Perry, played one of the supporting leads. While in Fresno she visited her son, Donald L. Perry, who has just been promoted to be superintendent of the Wacoma Junior High School, and his wife. She flew from Fresno back to Medford and joined Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wimer of Roseburg and they visited Mrs. Paul Morgan, before returning here Saturday evening.

G. W. Wharton of Salem spent the weekend here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wharton, on W. Elizabeth St.

Pythian Sisters will hold a no-hostess luncheon meeting Wednesday, June 19, at 12 noon at the Harris Cafe.

Umpqua Santa No. 133 will hold a picnic Friday, June 21, at 7 p.m. at Stewart Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Earl F. Strong of this city enjoyed a trip to the coast last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Preston, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Emerson and baby daughter, Laurel, and Ronald Preston of this city enjoyed the weekend at the coast and at Siltcoos Lake.

Fuller Johnson, circulation manager of the News-Review, returned to his work Monday, after spending several days in Salem attending the Pacific Coast International Circulation Manager Association convention.

Mr. and Mrs. James Byron of this city on Sunday took their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt S. Gresson Jr., to Cave Junction to attend fire school preparation to assuming a lookout post in the Siskiyou National Forest. The Gressons are on vacation from their studies at the University of Oregon.

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Action By Solons To Override Prayer Decision Not Expected

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Any efforts in Congress to override the Supreme Court ban on religious exercises in public schools appeared doomed today despite sharp criticism of the ruling by some lawmakers.

Congress and the state legislatures could override the high court by enacting a constitutional amendment, but no one really expects they will do so.

The Supreme Court, in a long-awaited decision, ruled 8 to 1 Monday that use of the Lord's Prayer or Bible reading in public schools for devotional purposes violated the First Amendment to the Constitution, which prohibits governmental "establishment of religion."

Justice Tom C. Clark wrote in the majority opinion that the government must maintain strict "neutrality" between man and the worship of God. He held that laws in Maryland and Pennsylvania, which were challenged by

parents of school children, violated the neutrality doctrine.

Justice Stewart Dissented
Justice Potter Stewart dissented, as he did last year when the court ruled unconstitutional a state-written prayer in New York schools. Stewart accused the majority in Monday's decision of trampling on the constitutional guarantee that there shall be no governmental prohibition on the free exercise of religion.

The new court decision brought angry reaction from some members of Congress and immediate moves to try to overturn it. Several such amendments were offered last year after the New York prayer ruling, but nothing came of them.

If last year's reaction is a guide, it seems likely that members of the House and Senate will fume publicly about the decision for several weeks, introduce proposed constitutional amendments and then forget about it.

To overturn the Supreme Court ruling, the First Amendment would have to be revised. This would require two-thirds approval of both the House and Senate and then ratification by three-fourths, or 38, of the 50 states.

In addition, rewriting the First Amendment—which provides for basic freedoms of speech, press, peaceful assembly and petition as well as religion—could be a most difficult task. Even if a serious effort were made to override the court's decision, this problem could derail it.

Church Reaction Split
Church leaders were split in their reaction to the ruling. Several hailed it as a step that might encourage more meaningful religious practice by individuals both at home and in their churches. But others criticized the decision.

The Rev. Silas G. Kessler, moderator, and the Rev. Eugene Carson Blake, stated clerk, of the Presbyterian church, said in a joint statement that "responsible Americans will abide by its decision in good grace."

But Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, president of the World Methodist Council, said in Philadelphia that the ruling would "penalize the religious people who are very definitely in the majority in the United States."

In Congress Sen. George D. Aiken, R-Vt., questioned whether the opening of the Senate and House sessions with a prayer would be legal. Rep. Richard L. Roudebush, R-Ind., said he would introduce a constitutional amendment to circumvent the ruling.

Heavy Rains End Droughts

By United Press International
Heavy rains broke droughts and sent flood waters rolling through several western states and in Texas and North Carolina during the weekend.

About three feet of flood water poured into the river channels of Duchesne, Utah, Sunday night, causing minor damage. It was the last of the ravaging waters which took one life and caused thousands of dollars of damage.

A diversion dam burst on the North Fork of the Duchesne River about 40 miles north of Duchesne. A 4-year-old boy drowned when the tent in which he was sleeping was swept away by mud and water.

The U. S. Weather Bureau said the heavy weekend rains "undoubtedly" broke the two-month drought in eastern Colorado. The rains ranged up to an unofficial five to six inches in Jefferson County.

Brush Fire Doused

A small brush fire kept the Roseburg City Fire Department busy for over an hour Sunday afternoon. The fire was located at 1468 Micelli St. No damage was reported, and the cause of the blaze is undetermined.

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