



Captain Leslie Morris, Eastern Airline pilot recently appointed manager of flying at Kennedy International Airport, prepares for take-off.

Morris flying manager for Kennedy Airport

New York -- Eastern Airlines has appointed Boeing 727 Captain Leslie Morris to Manager of Flying at John F. Kennedy Airport.

Captain Morris is temporarily responsible for re-qualifying Kennedy-based Boeing 727 captains for line duty, in addition to his normal flying duties. Captains, or pilots in command, must undergo a

recurrent check ride and a simulator training session or proficiency check during each year of their flying status with the airline.

Captain Morris was promoted from first officer to pilot in command on July 2, 1979. He joined Eastern as a second officer in November 1965, when the airline still flew Constellations. Prior to joining Eastern he was an air traffic

controller with the Federal Aviation Administration for six years.

Captain Morris flew the McDonnell Douglas DC-8, Boeing 727 and Lockheed 1011 as first officer before his advancement to captain. He served with the New York Air National Guard from 1957 to 1961, flying F86 and T33 jets during his military service.

Cell Talk

By Asmar Abdul Seifullah

All praises is due Allah, the one God, Guardian, evolver and sustainer of all the worlds. Peace, mercy and blessings upon Prophet Muhammad. We thank Allah for our world leader the Mujaddid or Restorer of religion, the Honorable Imam Warith Deen Muhammad.

This article pretains to the suit that we (Muslims) have pending in court. Insha-Allah I will convey the most crucial or decisive points that incarcerated Muslims are seeking relief from atmosphere of repressive religious discrimination and the biased treatment that we suffer in the Oregon State Penitentiary.

The Holy Qur'an, our guidance states: "This book there is no doubt (in) it. It is a guide to those who keep their duty." Using the Qur'an as our guidance I would like to quote a few verses to use as a foundation for the views conveyed. The second chapter of the Holy Qur'an beginning with verse 168 states, "O men, eat the lawful and good things from what is in the earth and follow not the footsteps of the devil. Surely he is an open enemy to you." 170: "And when it is said to them, follow what Allah has revealed, they say: 'Nay we follow that wherein we found our fathers.' What! Even though their fathers had no sense at all nor did they follow the right way.

Allah teaches us to eat what is (Halal) or permitted or lawful. When Allah prohibits certain things it is not because he wants to deprive us of anything useful. It is because he wants to protect us and allow us to develop a sense of discrimination, a refined taste for the best things and a continued interest in moral excellence. Good care must be taken of our spirit, mind, soul and body; conscience, sentiments, wealth and morale.

Therefore, prohibition is not deprivation but it is enrichment not suppression but discipline, not limitation but expansion. What we eat, drink and think is the essence of our being, therefore, when we act in accord with the laws of Allah (God), Allah blesses us and guides us to himself. Many of us are not aware of the fact that we were born in a natural state of purity (fitrah), that

we are born Muslim or in submission to the will of Allah (God). Whatever becomes of us after birth is a result of home environment, external influences of society. As Bilalians (Afro-Americans) we're taught to eat the wrong foods physically, mentally and spiritually. We continue to do what we found our fathers doing without seeking right guidance.

Allah says in verse 173 of the second chapter: "He has forbidden you only what dies of itself, and blood, and the flesh of swine, and that over which any other (name) than (that of) Allah has been invoked. Then whoever is driven by necessity, not desiring, nor exceeding the limit, no sin is upon him. Surely Allah is forgiving, merciful."

The Holy Qur'an states that the reason for the prohibition of what dies of itself (Bible Lev. 17:15) and blood (Bible Lev. 7:26) and swine's flesh (Bible Lev. 11:7) is that they are unclean -- while the reason for prohibition of animals on which other than the names of Allah is invoked is because it is a transgression of a Divine Commandment which requires all things associated with idolatry to be avoided. The uncleanness of swine and the other injunctions are invoked because they have pernicious effect on the physical, intellectual and moral systems. We are striving to develop ourselves into an upright course in life, to become a healthy unit in the structure of the family, society and humanity. Our progress is being impeded by a negative response by prison administrators.

"And who is more unjust than he who prevents (men) from the Mosques of Allah -- from his name being remembered therein, and strives to ruin them?" This is the evident purpose of prison administrations. i.e., Robert J. Watson, Hoyt C. Cupp; J.C. Keeney, etc. Their eyes are blind to our struggle to better ourselves and they are dumb to the fact that they're not Gods -- that there is only one God, whose personal and proper name is Allah.

On numerous occasions we the Muslims have advised the prison administration of our needs; that we are Muslims striving to practice the laws of Al-Islam. We've met with denials, racial and religious slurs, threats and intimidations. Our constitutional rights are being violated -- we are oppressed and discriminated against. Therefore we seek declaratory relief in order to become constructive and productive ingredients in future society, which is apparently adverse to the penal cycle or circus.

The impish conduct of Mr. Cupp and Mr. Keeney in refusing to comply with our reasonable request displays a racist disregard for people striving to achieve a righteous life in

accord with that of the Creator. Allah (God) protects the believers therefore they have gotten themselves in a contest not only against

us but they're also fighting against Allah (God) -- they will be defeated! "What possible harm can be done to Mr. Cupp or Mr. Keeney by providing Muslims with a non-pork (Halal) diet?" Why shouldn't Muslims be provided with a Muslim Imam (Minister) on staff to serve the religious needs of Muslims and those requiring or seeking knowledge of the religion of Islam, religious materials -- Qur'ans, Haiths, etc., equal time on par with that of Catholics and protestants? There should be no discrimination in religion. Yet we are threatened and intimidated for seeking equality -- we are in a state of oppression behind these walls.

Mr. Cupp and Mr. Keeney have on numerous occasions showed themselves to be racists, hateful and disrespectful -- they have displayed a strong impish desire to impede the growth of Al-Islam. It has been Al-Islam with a proven track record that has transformed the character and mental condition of thousands of inmates.

In his book "Natural Psychology and Human Transformation," Dr. Na'im Akbar writes -- one of the key concepts which has emerged from Iman Warith Deen Muhammad's teachings is the importance of growth in the understanding of human development.

It's through the growth process that crude primitive substance becomes refined complete matter. The possibilities for human change in Western Society are restricted and this is reflected in the rapid increase of mental illness, criminal and antisocial behavior, drug and alcohol addiction indicate human waste and deterioration. Western Society has produced an unnatural human being based on unnatural conjectures. This unnaturalness is rooted deep into the mentality of the people and is the cause of many of the social ills of society.

The Honorable Warith Deen Muhammad has brought the human being back into his natural self. He has brought inspiration and direction for improvement into the lives of the despairing. His teachings of the Holy Qur'an is a powerful liberating force -- a source of transformation into a hunchback world. Growth is the answer and the message is contained in the divinely revealed book of Allah -- "The Holy Qur'an and Allah is the Absolute truth!"

We the Muslims in O.S.P., thank you for reading these words of truth and we pray Allah for your support in our struggle for religious equality. May Allah reward the deserving and strengthen the righteous.

Legislature hears welfare complaints

Representatives of the Oregon Human Rights coalition testified before the House Human Resources Committee in Salem Thursday. The Coalition is bringing together welfare recipients in local areas throughout Oregon.

Beverly Verrett, a Multnomah County representative of the Coalition told the committee that more than 100 people from around the state had organized the group to "work together to help ourselves." "We are all very concerned about the living situations of welfare recipients today" she said.

Linda Johnson, a spokesperson for Portland's C.R.I.B., and Black United Front said the coalition wants to bring legislative attention to "the devastation of the statewide cuts." The result of the cuts, she pointed out, is that "women and children receiving Aid to Dependent Children Grant cannot pay for clothing, shelter, and basic necessities of daily life."

The Coalition "is largely made up of people who understand the welfare problem first-hand," according to Nancy Bender a coalition representative from Coos Bay. It was formed on January 20th when over 100 persons from throughout the state met in Salem. Restoration of all welfare cuts is one goal, she said, as well as improved job training, medical coverage, and better supportive services.

A special hearing on the welfare budget will be jointly conducted by two legislative committees in Salem on February 17. The House Human Resources Committee and a subcommittee of the legislature's Ways and Means Committee will hear testimony on the impact of the welfare cuts. The Oregon Human Rights Coalition is working to bring welfare recipients from around the state to testify. Further information and local contact people for the coalition can be obtained through Sandie Hoback at Marion Polk Legal Aid, 1244 State Street, Salem, Oregon 97301, 581-5265.

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FROM THE FRONT DOOR

By Tom Boothe

From the front door, the House of Exodus has prepared a straight forward presentation suitable for Church groups, social groups, or concerned groups. The message content explains how people within their families and friends can make a great difference in their neighborhoods toward the fight against the control of Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

BASIC INFORMATION RELATING TO THE QUALITY OF OUR COMMUNITIES

Did you know that Alcohol and Drug Abuse contributes to a high percentage of all criminal acts committed in the Portland Metro Area.

Alcohol and Drug Abuse contributes to a great part of employee incompetency, lack of punctuality and accountability and lost of jobs.

Alcohol and Drug Abuse contributes to a high percentage of all accidents, Auto accidents, job related accidents and accidents which occur in the home.

Alcohol and Drug Abuse contributes in a great way to students lack of interest and willingness to learn.

As you can see Alcohol and Drug Abuse cuts across all sectors of our Society and impairs human potential and reduces the sense of security and responsibility in the abusers, which affects in one way or another, all of us.

Would you believe that children as young as 5 years old have been reported to be addicted to Alcohol and/or Drugs. Children are becoming addicted at an increasingly early age. We must not forget that these children are the sons and daughters of parents of today, but these same children will be the citizens of tomorrow.

The solution to the Drug and Alcohol problem will ultimately lie with us as citizens, and our willingness to solve the problem by collectively putting our knowledge to use where it counts.

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