

D. Miscellaneous NOI Activity

1. Trial Involving NOI Members in Buffalo, New York

The October 17, 1962, edition of the "New York Times", a daily newspaper published in New York, New York, contained an article which reflected that five Negro inmates of New York's Attica Prison, appeared in Federal Court in Buffalo, New York, on October 16, 1962, to press their charges that New York State was violating their civil rights by not allowing them to practice their Black Muslim faith. Subject was described in the article as Minister of Temple Number 7, and a national representative of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, who was a spectator in the courtroom.

The October 19, 1962, edition of the "New York Amsterdam News", a weekly Negro newspaper published in New York, New York, contained an article on the trial in the United States District Court for the Western District of New York, Buffalo, New York, which indicated that Negro inmates of Attica Prison are suing to force State (New York) officials to permit them to practice their religion in prison, and the article indicated that subject was expected to be called as a witness.

The October 20, 1962, edition of the "Chicago Defender", a daily Negro newspaper published in Chicago, Illinois, contained an article relative to the trial of five Muslims in Federal Court, Buffalo, New York. This article indicated that subject testified as a witness and quoted him as saying in his testimony that God caused an airliner to crash in Paris last summer to punish the white man for shooting seven members of the NOI in Los Angeles a week earlier. This response of subject's, according to the article, was given to a question as to whether or not he had declared the death of the 130 persons, 114 from Atlanta, Georgia, in a June 1962 plane crash in Paris, was a beautiful thing.

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The October 18, 1962, edition of the "Chicago Defender" indicated in subject's testimony at Buffalo, New York, he had denied that the Black Muslims were a "hate organization" and he claimed that whites never attended NOI services. Subject further stated in his testimony that whites have a guilt complex on the race issue and think that when Negroes come together hate is discussed.

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A characterization of the WWP appears in the Appendix of this report.

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2. Rochester, New York, Incident

The January 8, 1963, edition of "The Record", a daily newspaper published in Bergen County, New Jersey, contained an article which reflected that on January 6, 1963, Patrolmen from the Police Department of Rochester, New York, had entered a hall over a tavern in response to

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a call that there was a man there with a gun. When they entered the hall they were assaulted by two Negroes who were among a group attending a NOI meeting there, and additional police were required to break up the brawl. This article continued by quoting the subject as blaming the patrolman for the brawl because they tried to intrude on Black Muslim religious services. Subject was quoted as saying "we allow no intrusion of our religious services. We will give our lives if necessary to protect their sanctity".

The January 8, 1963, edition of the "Democrat and Chronicle", a daily newspaper published in Rochester, New York, contained an article relative to the above incident which reflected that subject had flown to Rochester from New York City and had lodged a protest with the State Human Rights Commission and Rochester Public Safety Commission, alleging police violation of human rights.

The February 15, 1963, edition of the "Rochester Times", a daily newspaper published in Rochester, New York, contained an article which reflected that the 13 NOI members who had been arrested after being indicted by a Monroe County Grand Jury for riot and assault were allegedly fasting in jail. However, an examining physician remarked that "they won't die the way they're eating now". This article reflected that subject contended that 12 of the 13 had not eaten in 8 days and would fast "until they die". Subject was also quoted as saying that "Rochester will be better known than Oxford, Mississippi," and that "Rochester may be a precedent-setting city for police hostility towards Muslims".

The February 16, 1963, edition of the "Rochester Times" contained an article which reflected that 12 of the 13 NOI members being held in the Monroe County Jail, Rochester, New York, on charges of riot and assault stemming from a meeting at their hall on January 6, 1963, had been released on bail. According to the article this bail was paid by subject with funds supplied by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

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The February 18, 1963, edition of the "Democrat and Chronicle" contained an article which reflected that the Rochester Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), Monroe County, Non-Partisan League and the Rochester Civil Rights League, the latter a reactivated organization to coordinate local civil rights organizations, held a meeting on February 17, 1963, in Rochester and called for a united front action to demand civil rights for Rochester Negroes. There were several speakers at this meeting including subject, who was not a scheduled speaker, and who charged the police with breaking into a religious meeting. Also during his speech subject criticized Negro factions who were "too afraid" to unite, and stated that you do not get "anything by being polite".

On February 13, 1963, subject led a public demonstration in Times Square, New York, New York, to protest the arrest of NOI members in Rochester, New York. The demonstrators were chiefly NOI members from Mosque Number 7, New York, New York.

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On February 16, 1963, subject spoke at a NOI sponsored Street Rally held in Harlem at 7th Avenue and 125th Street, New York, New York, to protest the arrest of NOI members in Rochester, New York. Following this rally subject led a demonstration in Rockefeller Center on Fifth Avenue between 49th and 50th Streets, New York, New York, for this same purpose. [REDACTED] b7D in his speech at the rally in Harlem subject stated that we must let the white man know that we are not afraid, and we will fight and die for our freedom. We must also let the white man know that if we die we will not die alone.

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The February 23, 1963, edition of "The New York Amsterdam News" contained an article which reflected that subject spoke at a NOI sponsored rally at 7th Avenue and 125th Street before approximately 500 persons on February 16, 1963. The article indicated that the rally was held to protest the indictment and arrest of Muslims in Rochester, New York growing out of an incident occurring at one of their services on January 6, 1963. The article quoted subject in his speech as saying "America has become a police-state for 20 million Negroes."

The article also indicated that following this rally subject led protestors in a demonstration in Rockefeller Center.

### 3. New York City Incident

On January 11, 1963, a NOI sponsored demonstration was held in front of the New York County Criminal Court Building, 100 Centre Street, New York, New York, to protest the arrest of 2 NOI members who were then on trial in the building. They had been arrested for refusing to obey an officer who told them to move on while they were selling copies of the NOI paper "Muhammad Speaks", the official NOI publication published in Chicago, Illinois, in the Times Square area in December 1962. A photograph of subject showing him present at this demonstration was identified.

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During the above mentioned demonstration on January 11, 1963, subject was observed on the scene by Special Agents of the FBI, directing the demonstration and giving interviews to members of the press and news agencies.