

PART THREE**SPEECH ON "BLACK/JEWISH RELATION"
DELIVERED AT LOCAL SYNAGOGUE****By Muhammad Abdullah**

Continued from last week, this is a speech given by world renowned Jewish author/scholar, Dennis Prager on "Black/Jewish relations recently at Temple Beth Shalom. With the rising amount of hostility and anti-semitic sentiments being displayed by "Hate Groups" and others across America, Prager felt the urgent need to address the similarities of the plight of African-Americans and the Jewish community. The following are closing excerpts of that historic speech.

"We (Blacks and Jews) should be the most bonded emotionally in America, of all groups, because we so readily understand each other.

Blacks used Jews as their model; the ancient Jews of the Bible. We're the new enslaved Israelites. We Blacks, and Jews did resonate to this: Jews were overwhelmingly disproportionately involved in civil rights struggles for Blacks in this country. That is part of history and Blacks need to know that too. So, if any two groups shouldn't have a rift, certainly not emo-

tionally, it should be the Blacks and the Jews. We so, should understand each other. What happened?

Well, not too much. Let me give you the good news before giving you the bad news. People speak today about a Black/Jewish rift. It is not as great as it is often spoken of because frequently, the worst spokesman amongst those in the media, are most often quoted. You will get the most sensational things that are said; the most terrible ones covered first. You won't get, for example, the non-Shaptonian Black community leaders' responses, nearly as much on the show.

Why would Ron Reagan have Al Sharpton on? There are not so many other Black community leaders around that he had to pick Sharpton? But Sharpton raises the viewer's adrenaline, which in-turn raises the viewership, which in-turn raises revenues for ads.

The media are not generally interested in truth, especially the electronic media, as much as they are in sensationalism. It's

amazing how I got on this show that Ed Bernstein saw.

I was on another show where they had this white racist; What's his name? Metzger, yes... Now is that a joke? What is Metzger doing on a national T.V.? How many whites agree with Metzger? It might be 7,000 out of 200 million? Is that a joke? Yet, white spokesman Metzger, a white supremacist...that most whites loathe, can. And who did they have on the Black side?

A Black psychologist from Washington whose entire thesis in life is that all evil in the world emanates from white racism. So I was humming in my mind the tune from "Twilight Zone."

There I was sitting next to a white and a Black. That's exactly what it was! That's the only way I can describe it!

I turn to her and said, I just have to ask you..."white racism explains all the evil in the world, does it describe Idi Amin's massacre and torture of half million of his fellow Blacks." Yes!, she said. What am I to say after that? A Black African eats some of the half million that he has slaughtered and white racism is

the blame?

What is happening? I can believe that there is some myth somewhere...It can be easily overcome.

I've always said, the only people with moral credibility on my mind are those who are capable of criticizing their own. That is why it was so important to me as a Jew to publicly depart strenuously from Mayor Kahane of Israel. I debated with him on national radio. I published his legislation so that Jew's would know the dangers that it causes for Jews and non-Jews when he refers to Arabs publicly as "dogs in speech". I was repulsed beyond words and made this known!

You have to be able to transcend group solidarity. That is all morality. That is all it's about!

I am not just a Jew! I am a human, obedient to God.

What has happened is a certain racism, I believe, has crept into black life. Overwhelmingly, it has crept into that part of Black life which is very well educated.

By the way, there is a very fascinating statistic in that re-

gard. According to the Anti-Defamation League, anti-Semitism among Blacks only rises with their level of college education, which is very sobering to Jews who think that the university is somehow, in some way, a place where people learn tolerance and warmth and goodness and openness. It doesn't always work that way.

What has happened is this. I think that a lot of Blacks have become impatient with the pace of equality of the races in America.

Now, let me tell you a story. On one of my radio programs, in the two hours that I have guests, there is always a priest, a rabbi, a minister and a fourth religion. The minister one night is a Black woman. I believe she was a Methodist minister, I don't recall the denomination, and it was a very sobering evening. The women said that she believes that all white people are racists unless proven otherwise. I immediately went to the rabbi and I said: Rabbi, do you assume that all Germans are anti-Semites unless proven otherwise?, "and happily, he said;

"No."

There are Jews by the way, Jews of the older generation, who will say something similar to what this African-American woman said. That to me is just as racist and as sick.

What if a white said that a Black is, in so fact, "bad" unless proven otherwise. That would be the end of that persons ability to appear on American media, and correctly so! But it's tolerated, it is tolerated when it comes from an African-American! That tolerance, I call, "left-wing racism," where things you would never tolerate from a white, you will tolerate from a Black. To me, that means you're a racist.

James Baldwin, the late great Black writer, once said: "Sometimes when I am in a somewhat "devilish" mood: I'll be at a party, a cocktail party, and I'll decide I'll say something particularly stupid, and if a white said how bright I was, I knew I met me a racist".

A Black has to be able to comfortably say that when a white is a racist, he is a racist and a white has to be able to say about a Black that when a Black is a racist, he or she is a racist".

**NEARLY THREE HUNDRED
MUSLIMS ATTEND MULTI-
CULTURAL FEAST AT MT.
CHARLESTON PARK****By Muhammad Abdullah**

On Sunday, June 14, 1992, nearly three-hundred Muslims and their guests attended the "Eid Al Adha" (Festival of the Sacrifice) in the picturesque Mount Charleston Park.

Islamic Cultural Center, located at 880 East Sahara, Suite 202 sponsored the event.

"Eid Al Adha" is the festival celebrated by Muslims symbolizing the sacrifice of the Prophet Abraham when he was asked by God to sacrifice his eldest son to prove his "faith" in god.

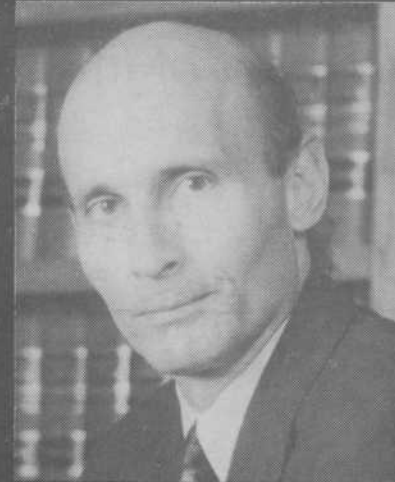
God, then spared his son and asked him to sacrifice a sheep instead. "Eid Al Adha" also symbolizes the culmination of the Hajj (Pilgrimage to Mecca) during which millions of Muslims gather in the Holy City and sacrifice lamb, pray and reflect on God and renew their faith.

Coordinators of the feast were pleased with the turn out and said that each year the attendance grows.

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