

LE ROI JONES GIBSON'S CHIEF AID SAYS

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'Kill Whites, Right Now'

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Playwright LeRoi Jones and Alhaji Hesham Jaaber, Elizabeth Moslem leader, gave contrasting advice Friday night at the Hotel Winfield Scott.

At a tribute to Malcolm X, slain Negro leader, Jones urged nearly 80 Negroes attending to slit the white man's throat, rape his daughters and use the magic words: "This is a stick up." The message, in verse, was read by the bearded, diminutive Jones and a troupe of seven called the "Spirit House Movers and Players."

Jaaber, who last summer refused to heed Jones and his followers and instead helped keep peace in Elizabethport, offered an alternative.

"You don't have to do big things to be great. Provide the bread and shelter for your people. It means not only working, but submitting your will to the word of Allah, of God. Black power? Look at our history. The pharaohs were black and they had power. We have our history in the sands of Arabia, in the beginnings of

man, in the leadership of Ham and the founding of our race.

EGYPT IMMIGRANT

Jaaber's grandfather settled in Cuba from his native Egypt and was a Moslem, as were Jaaber's parents. He said black people must "look back across the sands of Arabia" for their heritage.

"Our children go to New York City and see the huge observances for St. Patrick's Day and Yom Kippur," he said. "They ask, 'What's our holiday?' and want to know our heritage."

Jaaber's two-minute prayer in Arabic was followed by the Spirit House Players' poetry of hate, lyrical but unmistakable.

To the accompaniment of bongos, flutes and other crude musical instruments, they paraded up and down aisles exhorting the audience to "Kill whitey, kill him, kill him." Some whites later told of being jostled, kicked and slapped on the head by the performers.

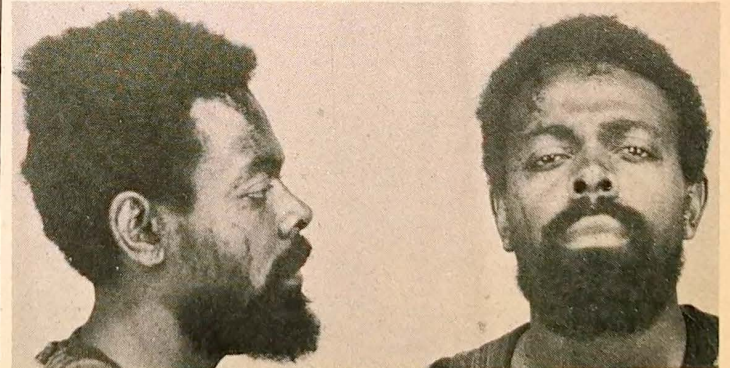
Elizabeth detectives were in the building and parked in autos near the hotel. Also there was a security force from the Addenu Allaha Universal Arabic Association.

Members of Jones' troupe had different weapons of words but used it with the same thrust. "Destroy him before he destroys you," some urged. "White people must die. Please start killing people—white now," said another.

They ridiculed Whitney Young and Bayard Rustin, Negro leaders, as "Toms" because they urge restraint, and mocked Martin Luther King's refrain "We Shall Overcome."

Jones was convicted of carrying weapons in the Newark riots, was fined \$1,000 and on Jan. 6, was sentenced to 2½-3 years in jail. He is free on bail pending appeal.

The Citizens For Equal Representation sponsored his and Jaaber's appearance.



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