Malcolm X, 'American Lumumba'

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The murder of Malcolm X, under a bomb attack by police experts abroad, has recently produced startling new developments.

Some of the more militant or suspiciously activist African regimes are passing word around through representatives at home and away that Malcolm X was an "American Lumumba." Thus, he is being equated for martyr status in more volatile regions of Africa with the controversial slain Patrice Lumumba. When the ousted Premier of the Congo was found murdered four years ago, some militants pointed an accusing finger at the West for ignoring him, and have since intensified the Lumbera image as part of folk legend.

In Western Europe, the assassination of Malcolm X is big news. Most people seem to feel a vendetta among Negroes, let alone extremists, is imminent. There has been a rise also the specter that sinister white groups really masterminded the assassination.

Dead, Malcolm X has stirred more macabre interest and sparked more controversy as he could have created while alive.

This is the phase that bothers American officials in Europe and particularly in Africa.

When he was in Britain recently, Malcolm X made a deep impression, even on hostile interviewers. His unexpectedly careful manner of speech and decorum, even when he extolled black extremism, appeared to many to mitigate his appeals to violence.

Dr. Martin Luther King remains, to Europeans, as the foremost personality in the Negro campaign for equality. The normal inclination on this side and on the Continent is to welcome intellectualism. Dr. King, his background, has insistence on non-violence and his recent Nobel prize give him towering stature over the extremists.

Yet few people, in Europe or Africa, are quite aware of the difference between Malcolm X and Elijah Muhammad, leader of the Black Muslims. Most—and this is important—are gripped by a morbid fascination with the stories of droning and armed preparations the extremist factions, supposedly carried out.

For some time, Malcolm X also has been welcomed into the same tent with followers of Elijah.
Mr. Egypts President-teacher. Devout Moslems have said, often enough, they are puzzled by the kind of Mohammedanism espoused by either Black Muslims or nationalists.

But Malcolm X made a solid impact with some of the more radical independent African regimes. His last tour took him, among other places to Ghana, where he received a hearty reception during his tour. Africans applauded his extremism.

The shocking fact is that many of the African voices hailing Malcolm_X's views hold fairly similar ones. Most of the more prudent African men of state and officials condemned these views, but they are often drowned out in the clamor of the others.

The radicals among the independent Africans raised a storm France refused to permit Malcolm X to stay in Paris. He had to fly back to London immediately. Before leaving, he said he wouldn't give a plugged nickel for Gen. de Gaulle, anyway. The fuss subsided swiftly when the French took no notice.

However, notice—up to a point—has been taken in European newspapers and sociological assessments of Negro extremism in the cause of equality. Bombing of Black Muslim mosques and stories, real or fancied, of inextorable vengeance on Malcolm X's enemies are readily accepted as an essential and incomprehensible facet of present-day America.

And the reverberation, deeply disturbing from parts of Africa, is that of Malcolm X as "the American Lumumba." It's a mocking image.
Mosque officials Joseph X (left) and Maceo X at scene of fire.

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Waiting for Malcolm

X's Legacy

FEAR, TENSION,
CALL FOR PROBE

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At the Harlem funeral home where the murdered Malcolm X lay in a $2,100 glass-covered copper coffin there were bomb threats yesterday and long lines of silent mourners.

At the Black Muslim mosque fire-bombed in the early morning in apparent retaliation for the murder, and at potential trouble spots across the nation, there were guards and squads of investigators.

Amid the indications that the vendetta would be fought in the Negro fringe world that spawned it there were two pleas. From a respected civil rights leader came an appeal for a White House investigation. From the man who heads the murder inquiry came an appeal for cooperation from silent Negro witnesses.

Out of fear or shock, the Black Nationalists who saw their leader assassinated were not talking to police. complained Assistant Chief Inspector Joseph W. Coye. Only those wounded during the Sunday tumult.

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There was an ominous spread of the trouble and the \_New York Times\_ reported a bomb threat in Harlem on Monday. Police received a call from a person claiming to be a member of the Black Muslim sect and demanding a $5,000 ransom for the release of four Muslim leaders who had been jailed in the city. The police were circling the block where the bomb threat was reported, but so far there have been no signs of any explosion or violence.

In Chicago, the police were on high alert after a bomb threat at the Black Muslim headquarters in the city. The threat was received by phone and the police were immediately on the scene. So far, there have been no signs of any explosion or violence.

In New York, the Black Muslim leader Elijah Muhammad made a statement blaming the police for the recent bombings and calling for a peaceful resolution to the conflict. He also called for the release of the four leaders who were being held in jail.

In Atlanta, the police were also on high alert after a bomb threat at a mosque in the city. The threat was reported by a person claiming to be a member of the Black Muslim sect and demanding a $5,000 ransom for the release of four Muslim leaders who had been jailed in the city. The police were immediately on the scene and so far there have been no signs of any explosion or violence.

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with traces of a "gummy, oily substance" on the roof of the building at 113 Lenox Ave., next door to the mosque.

Then, in mid-morning, while ice crusted the gutted mosque building and made a slippery sheet out of the busy intersection, police searchers found an empty five-gallon tin that had contained gasoline or kerosene on the 113 Lenox Ave. roof.

The mosque building itself, smoky, smelly, choked with ice and rubble, defied early search efforts. A police team including a bomb squad member could not get above the first floor during a morning inspection.

This had been Malcolm's headquarters in the days when, as Elijah Muhammad's representative, he headed the Black Muslim movement in New York.

The fourth floor was used for meetings, the third as a temple. The second floor was vacant, the first occupied by five storefronts on 116th St. and three on Lenox Ave. One of the Lenox Ave. stores housed the clean and quiet little luncheonette where Muslims gathered.

The wide sidewalk in front of the luncheonette was the scene of the last public clash between the Muslims and the dissidents who followed Malcolm X after he broke with the organization in early 1964.

The break was ostensibly caused by Elijah Muhammad's silencing of Malcolm after the fiery New York leader made his "chicken coming home to roost" comment after the assassination of President Kennedy. But it was seen by some as an attempt to curb Malcolm, whose public eloquence and personal charm and availability had earned him the public attention that escaped the elusive and hard-to-meet Elijah Muhammad.

Outside the Muslim restaurant last June there had been a gunpoint confrontation between Malcolm's dissidents and the New York Muslims then headed by Minister James X.

Malcolm claimed then that his life was in danger.

It was a claim he made repeatedly and on Sunday, as he stood to address some 400 persons in the Audubon Ballroom, 166th St. and Broadway, it was borne out.

In what police called a "well-planned maneuver," there was a diversionary scuffle and then bullets from at least two pistols and pellets from both barrels of a sawed-off shotgun were fired at the tall, bearded man on the two-foot-high stage. He toppled backward. His resonant voice, which moments before had uttered the Arabic words of greeting, "A salaat, aleikum," was stilled forever.

Only a week before the intense Elmhurst home where he lived with his wife and their four small children was hounded by fire bombs. Malcolm said repeatedly that the Muslims wanted him dead before their convention this coming weekend. There were rumors that he intended to read at the meeting where he was murdered the names of those he said planned to kill him.

His lawyer, State Assemblyman Percy Sutton, said later that he knew of the list. "I know who was on the list," said Mr. Sutton, "and so do the police."