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Ali Calls for 'Total Separation of Races'

Former Heavyweight King Rejects Integration; Calls Racial Issue 'America's Worst Problem'

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Muhammad Ali said last night that the only peaceful solution to the racial crisis in America is "total separation of the races."

The former World Boxing Association heavyweight champion and the second keynote speaker for Colloquy, labeled racism as America's worst problem. "worse, much worse, than the conflict in Asia." He said black and white in this country will never find peace together.

"By nature, black Americans and white Americans will never get along," Ali said. "They're opposites, like yes and no. If it's your opposite, it's your opposition — then it's your opponent."

'Just Nature'

"This is not race hatred, it's just nature," Ali said.

Dressed in a black suit and looking fit enough to step into a ring, the 27-year-old Ali rejected integration.

"The Negro slaves are marching all over America thinking they are trying for equality with whites," Ali said, "when in reality they are seeking equality with the whites' dogs."

Ali labeled the integrationists as "Frankensteins," stomping his feet on the stage and leveling his hands out in front of him at the same time, in imitation of the literary creation of Mary Shelley.

Like a Bull

Ali compared them, in their fight for integration, to a bull running down a track head-on into a train. "You might say the bull is brave," Ali said with a sarcastic smile.

Known as Cassius Clay before his conversion to the Black Muslim religion, Ali defined for the crowd of approximately 4000 the difference between a "Negro" and a "black".

"The Negro wants to force himself into white life,

wants to eat with whites and marry white women," he said. "The black studies his own culture, marries black women, and tries to make his own people clean and respectable."

Whitewashed Negro

Ali said the Negro is still the slave of 200 years ago.

"He has to be re-brainwashed," he said. "He has already been whitewashed."

Ali said separatism could be the only answer, because blacks are still servants of a white economy.

"We are 22 million, a nation within a nation, and we don't have two feet of land to call our own," he said. "If we were your equal we would make our own jobs, have our own restaurants."

"We wouldn't have to ride donkeys in the jet age to get with you," he said sharply, referring to the Poor People's Campaign last year in Washington.

Black Survival

Ali said the secret of black survival in America is realizing where the "boobytraps" lie. He said he knew "how far he could go" in dealing with whites.

"The trouble with many of our people is they don't know where to go or how far to go," he said.

Then Ali seemed to hold some hope for racial reconciliation.

"If all black people knew this you wouldn't have no trouble. How can we integrate when we're not one, a whole people? As soon as we're done cleaning up ourselves, then we'll think about integrating," he said.

Ali said the Negro needs a knowledge of his own culture and history.

"Black people must be free mentally before they are free physically," he said. "They must be taught to know themselves before they can be free."

Pointing his finger at the crowd, Ali charged white society with creating the racial problem. He said the blacks brought to America as slaves were robbed of their Islamic religion and respected only

for their ability to work and produce more slaves.

"They were robbed of their knowledge of self," Ali said, "and this is what started the problem."

Ali said this problem was intensified by "white power." Everything of authority and power in this country, he said, was made white.

"Who ever heard of a white tornado?" Ali asked mischievously, referring to a television commercial. "Everybody knows tornadoes are black."

While extreme in his proposed solution to the racial problem, Ali said he rejected the fighting and looting as have plagued urban ghettos in the last five years.

"Picking up a rifle is a joke," he said, reminding his black brethren, in the audience that white America owned the forces of repression.

Although he made no mention of his boxing career in his speech, Ali reaffirmed in an interview yesterday that he is through with the sport and will retire as the world's only undefeated black heavyweight champion.

Through with Boxing

"I am through with boxing forever," Ali said. "My leader, Elijah Muhammed, says violence is suicide. I want to be a 100 per cent follower of Elijah Muhammed."

Ali was stripped of his heavyweight crown in this country in 1967 on grounds of his federal indictment for refusal to serve in the armed forces. He recently expressed interest in returning to the ring to help pay off about \$300,000 in legal fees stemming from his draft appeals. He was subsequently suspended as a Muslim minister as a result.

Ali said he would not resume his boxing career even if offered a shot at Jimmy Ellis or Joe Frazier, currently recognized as heavyweight champions in different states. But he said he was confident he could whip either man.

"It would be no contest," he said.



Muhammad Ali
Colloquy Speaker

—Collegian Photo by Pierre Bellitchi
FORMER HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION Muhammad Ali spoke with Larry Rubenstein, Colloquy Chairman and Don Shall, awards chairman back stage at Rec Hall prior to Ali's Colloquy keynote speech.