

# Sheikh Rips Black Muslim Drive In U. S.

## Islam Leaders Disown Movement For Racial Bias

The leaders of all Muslim nations are deeply worried about the so-called "Black



Muslim" movement in the U. S., a prominent representative of Islam revealed here today.

Morocco-born Sheikh Daoud Ahmed Faisal is in Pittsburgh his week end for the first weekly meeting of the First Islamic Mosque of Braddock.

He is founder and spiritual head of the Islamic Mission of America for the Propagation of Islam and the Defense of the Faith in the United States.

Sheikh Faisal said the mission, with headquarters in Brooklyn, is attempting to establish mosques in every community where there are 100 or more persons of the Muslim faith.

He recently returned from making his "hadj—pilgrimage to Mecca—during which he visited King Saud of Arabia for two months and Egypt's Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser and other Muslim leaders.

They authorized him, he said, to ask the leader of the American "Black Muslim" movement to "cease and desist."

It violates the fundamental Muslim belief in "peace and goodwill among all races," they told him, and they are seriously "disturbed."

"We believe," he added, "that the American people should stop using the word, 'Negro,' in any form. It is a poisoned word.

Sheikh Faisal, who came to the U. S. in 1913 and founded the mission in 1929, is the representative of the mission to the Non-Governmental Organization of the United Nations.

Clearing up some confusion about Islam, he said it is not a religion or sect or organization.

"Christianity is an organization," he said. "Islam isn't. The word, 'Muslim', means simply 'submission to the will of God'."

Islam has no leaders, followers or even members, he added.

"It is simply a community of belief among those who believe in God, peace and goodwill among men, and the sanctity of human dignity."