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Haile Selassie

Your "Man in the Rolls Royce" article (October '75) contained indeed some elements of truth but becomes rather base for what it does not say.

Your "Old Guard" classification of some Black Americans is interesting. However, I doubt that any Blacks were "mystified" by Haile Selassie. Most of his personal weaknesses were rather well known. Ethiopian ambivalence about race, color, and identity was even more distressing to Blacks in America.

All of the negative aspects of the authoritarian rule of Haile Selassie became dim when one realized that he kept the peace, and used his authority to reduce the powerful war lords within his country.

It will be interesting to examine the state of personal freedom under the new (military) regime in Ethiopia. Its directions are as of yet obscure. The regime is perhaps more repressive for the moment, and for a good reason: A primary duty is to preserve unity.

Thurlow E. Tibbs
Montgomery, Ala.

Research at Black Colleges

Your issues of *New Directions* continue to be informative and meaningful. Each issue somehow enhances my professional growth and enlightenment.

The October, 1975 issue carried an article on "Research at Black Colleges" by Dr. Lawrence E. Gary. The article indeed provided me with a much needed overview of the status of research on Black campuses. My consciousness and understanding of research was raised to another level. But at the same time, the article provided some comprehensive and workable solutions to the dilemmas of research at the Black college.

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Well Done

It was quite by accident that I noticed a copy of your publication (*New Directions*). I must tell you that I find your magazine thought provoking, informative, and thoroughly enjoyable! I regret that I've had no previous exposure to your publication, but I'm truly glad that I was able to obtain the July 1975 issue.

I commend you on a job well done.

Sharon L. Slaughter, 2Lt, USAF
Denver, Col.

Delighted

We just received our first copy of your magazine, *New Directions*, and were delighted with this timely publication.

Horace S. Ward
President
West Coast Bible College
Fresno, Cal.

Ways of Islam

I noticed with interest the article, "The Ways of Islam," in the January issue of *New Directions*. It was most impressive.

James S. Tinney
Washington, D. C.