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WILFRED LITTLE. Malcolm X's eldest brother and the first child of Earl and Louise Little, was born in Philadelphia in 1920. The first in the family to join the Nation of Islam [NOI], Wilfred subsequently recruited his brothers Philbert, Reginald, Malcolm, and his sister Hilda. An NOI minister in Michigan for more than twenty years, Wilfred became disenchanted with the Nation and left it for the private sector some four years after Malcolm's assassination in 1965. In 1998, hauntingly on Malcolm's birthday, May 19th, Wilfred succumbed in Detroit to complications arising from hepatitis and cancer. He was 78 years old.

JOHN BOYLE O'REILLY (1844-1890) was a distinguished poet, author, lecturer, and editor who arrived in Boston from an Australian prison camp in 1870. "An ardent Irish nationalist and Roman Catholic," as one of his biographers put it, O'Reilly, as editor of the Boston *Pilot*, "came to champion the underprivileged and the weak." In 1888 a monument to five heroes of the March, 1770 Boston Massacre—including the legendary Crispus Attucks—was unveiled on Boston Common. There O'Reilly read his memorable poem to Attucks which is included in this issue.

HATIM A. SAHIB was born in June 1917, probably in Iraq. If alive today, he would be 82 years of age. His M.A. thesis, completed in 1951 at the University of Chicago, and from which six of nine chapters have been extracted for our current number, was simply titled, "The Nation of Islam." His doctoral thesis, "Social Psychological Analysis of Arab Nationalist Movement in Iraq," was

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WILLIAM STRICKLAND. A native of Boston's Roxbury section, Strickland first met Malcolm X when he, Strickland, was a child. Their paths crossed again in the early Sixties when both were involved in Harlem and movement politics and were also supporters of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party. At Malcolm's invitation, Strickland participated in the planning sessions for what turned out to be Malcolm's Organization of Afro-American Unity and the two remained in contact until Malcolm's death in 1965. In 1994 Strickland was the chief consultant for the PBS American Series documentary on Malcolm, "Malcolm X: Make It Plain." He is also the author of the companion book of the same name. Strickland teaches political science in the W. E. B. Du Bois Department of Afro-American Studies at the University of Massachusetts/Amherst.

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