

By Harriett Muhammad

Dear Harriett: A couple of weeks ago, my husband invited two friends of his over for dinner. He told me that I didn't have to fix a whole lot — just a regular dinner. Well, it so happened that I was running short on vegetables and I asked him to pick some up as we're quite a way from a store. He promised to do this and give me plenty of time to prepare everything.

**I WAITED** and waited and no word from him all the way up to 40 minutes before his guests were to arrive. All I had was a few vegetables, so I just fixed what I had.

Now to have my husband help spoil his own dinner plans was frustrating enough, but when our guests arrived (ahead of my husband) they had doubled! Can you imagine — two uninvited guests that even my husband didn't know about! I seethed.

They came in casually and one remarked that if he had had a little advanced notice, he could have invited another friend. Then I swore (privately of course). Such gall.

I did the best I could to stretch the food — you know, like lining the stringbeans up so that they were one layer thick; like coaxing the gravy to occupy empty space; like putting plenty of bread and boiled eggs and relishes on the table.

**I THOUGHT** it was obvious to all that I was a bit short on food, but, yes, you guessed it, someone asked for seconds! Well, by this stage my ego was completely deflated and I had to admit I was fresh out of food (sob).

But I'm pretty sore because I was placed in such a predicament. I like things to go right.

Please print my letter as a sign of protest against people who don't seem to have

## Frelimo Kills 70 Portugues

DAR-ES-SALAAM, Tanzania — The Mozambique Liberation Front (Frelimo) Headquarters here announced that its forces have killed a total of 70 Por-

any regard for the feelings of others when it comes to being mannerly. — Mrs. P. G., Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. P. G.: Amen, and I hope that my readers who are not aware of what effect their bad manners can have on others will be wise and take heed!

**NOW THAT** we're on the subject of social courtesies, I'd like to bring a few other complaints to the attention of all — some will not have to be reminded of their little discourtesies and, hopefully, try to be more considerate.

Putting first things first, don't YOU invite other guests to a friend's house for dinner without first consulting with that friend. You can cause all kinds of dilemmas.

Don't go to a friend's home and make long distance phone calls without first asking permission. And if you don't know a person too well, don't even make local calls without first asking. Phone calls are not free; they COST somebody.

Don't make a habit of visiting your friends without prior phone calls unless you are real close partners. If your friend respects you enough to want to be presentable, then show him the

same respect. If you are sensitive at all about how people feel, you'll be able to know who expects you to call and who doesn't really care if you see them as they are at the time.

**DON'T GO** into people's refrigerators and cabinets unless you're given permission. Don't even do your relatives this way.

Don't read other people's mail — not even that of your spouse or child or parent, as the case may be.

Don't go through people's medicine cabinets or use



ASIA'S CHILDREN follow a path of many centuries ago in which emphasis is placed on artistic proficiency. The young man is Prince Hiro, son of Japan's Emperor.

## FDA Bans Throat Discs

WASHINGTON—The manufacture of hundreds of non-prescription antibiotic throat lozenges was banned by the Food and Drug Administration which declared that "no substantial medical evidence of (the lozenges') effectiveness" had been found "despite up to 15 years experience" with the throat discs.

**THOUGH** the drugs had not proven to be unsafe, there was nothing to recommend their use in the treatment of sore throats, the announcement further stated.

The ban, which will possibly affect 250 products sold

their perfumes and colognes without first asking.

Don't ramble through someone's house unescorted, if you don't know them well.

These are just a few of the major complaints that I get. People don't appreciate such action whether or not they show their displeasure. Let's all try to improve.

**SOMETHING** on your mind? Write and tell me about it.

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