



For And About You

By Harriett Muhammad

DEAR HARRIETT: My husband is a good provider. He pays all the bills when they are due and never lets them get behind. He doesn't mind working and he believes in having nice things. The only trouble is I am not happy with him, and my nerves are getting worse—to the extent that I have to take medicine.

Should I be proud that he is such a good provider and try to go along with him, or should I think more of my health and happiness? We have a child of school age. Please help me make a reasonable decision.

UNDECIDED,
Atlanta, Ga.

DEAR UNDECIDED: You should do both—be proud of him and think more of your health and happiness. You are fortunate to have the kind of husband who makes your home secure. You should be happy that your child has a father who cares.

Think less about yourself and more about all that you have; think more about what others don't have.

Do something about your nervous condition by finding out what is causing it—then try to correct the condition.

Are you bored with your daily life? You are the wife and mother, so try to develop a real family life—one in which you feel like and become a unit. If you start going out and doing things together, you may find your husband has a trait or two you weren't aware of before.

Remember, you are the one who is dissatisfied. Therefore, you should be the first to initiate a change.

DEAR HARRIETT: I've been reading your section in

the MUHAMMAD SPEAKS newspaper, and I would like your opinion about something I have on my mind. My first husband was 31-years-old and I was 21. We were together three years. Either I was too silly or too immature. We just did not seem to have anything in common.

Now I'm in the process of getting a divorce, and intend to re-marry. I know I am very much in love with this man, and he is very much in love with me.

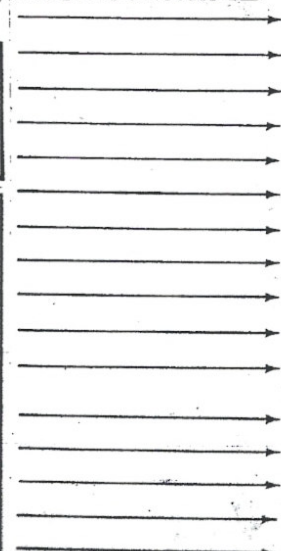
My situation is this: he was born in 1934 and I was born in 1937. Several of my friends have told me that when a man is choosing a wife, he should be her age, plus seven. What do you think about this difference in ages?

In the past I never had as much in common with older men, but we have something I've never had in a male friend before — we understand each other and have lots of fun.

—AGE CONCERN

DEAR FRIEND: I had never heard of that age formula for marriage before. I think your friends are a bit confused. I know of no society or nation with such marriage conditions.

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WITH MANY Los Angeles area welfare recipients cut off from all aid because of a food shortage created by a strike against wholesale food distributors, brothers from Muhammad's Mosque No. 27 rushed emergency food supplies to some of these hard-

pressed persons and their families. Here Brother Eulace Harris (far right) delivers a box of groceries to a thankful family.

L.A. Muslims Aid Families In Worst Welfare Crisis

LOS ANGELES—Once again the harshness of welfare regulations — masquerading as "economy measures" — which punish the recipients for being impoverished by stripping them of their God-given dignity, was underlined here as Muhammad's Mosque No. 27 rushed emergency groceries to welfare families whose bleak existence has been made critical by a strike against wholesale food distributors.

Faced with the complete discontinuance of their meager welfare aid and in view of the general food shortage in the area caused by the strike, needy families had no place to turn—but Mus-

lims here were quick to share their short supplies with some of those who had nothing.

Many of the women from these families also were disturbed because their protests against the punitive regulations governing welfare "benefits" were shunted aside.

"We just want a fighting chance to change our lot," one lady asserted.

Particularly demoralizing are two welfare regulations which demand:

- 1) That every gift must be reported and its value deducted from the next check.
- 2) That any job income be deducted from the benefit check.

The women pointed out that deducting small job incomes from the welfare

checks makes it economically impractical to pay a baby-sitter expenses while they work. They would like authorities to consider, for one thing, giving women baby-sitter allowances.

They told Muslim brothers that they wanted their protests placed before the people and attempted to get a story printed in one of the leading newspapers here. However, they were informed that the story would cost \$66 and carried in the classified section of the paper.

Another complaint is that the people who always are screaming that welfare recipients are "lazy" and "don't want to work" — an allegation refuted many times by reputable sources — are silent on the regulations which penalize those who want to work.

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