## By HARRIETT MUHAMMAD

DEAR HARRIETT: My mother has a bad habit of wearing my jewelry and accessories without my permission. I don't like it but don't seem in a position to say much because I used to do the same thing to her a while back. One day, without her permission, I wore her green emerald dinner ring and while out in the back yard, I lost it.

When I told her she didn't say a word—just broke out crying and went into her bedroom. I was shocked and hurt because my mother is a very sound person and hardly ever cries at funerals—anyone's! It upset me so that I literally combed the yard until I found the ring, but strangely, it had a small piece cut from the band.

I had this repaired. All I found out is that she had had this ring for many, many years and it had some sort of sentimental value to it. All that is past now, but I'm missing one earring to a set that my boyfriend gave me and I suspect she has lost it.

Why won't she say anything about it? Do you think she is trying to replace it before she thinks I've noticed? I want to know something but I dread bringing up the issue.

MISS L. V., CHICAGO, ILL.

#### DEAR MISS L. B.

If you want to know something, then you'll have to bring it up. It may be that your mother doesn't know anything about the earring. Then again, she may be quite ashamed of having lost a gift earring and is trying to postpone having you mad or upset.

If you think you are more understanding about s u c h things since you have been in a similar situation, then handle this situation keeping this thought in mind. A mother can really appreciate a daughter who is mature enough to have understanding and realize that her mother can make mistakes too.

DEAR HARRIETT, Recently I bought a copy of
MUHAMMAD SPEAKS and
found it most interesting and
informative and believe it
should be helpful in reducing
much racial discrimination.
The remarks regarding
medical education particularly attracted my attention
as it is a problem concerning practically all of us.

Due to our present system of medical care we are faced with a serious hindrance to our health, as demonstrated by the vast amount of illness on all sides. Much has been written on this subject and there are many books and periodicals a vailable, but ignored by too many of us.

For many generations, we have had implicit faith in the physician as the guardian of our health and are at a loss to account for the con-

tinual increase in our mounting sickness. As a matter of fact, drug therapy is a delusion and a snare, which I hope will be recognized by prospective m e d i c a l students of all races. Sincerely, A. DAUTUN

DEAR A. DAUTUN, Your letter of incite and interest was much appreciated. I hope it serves as a reminder to us all.

Something on your mind? Write and tell me about it.

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#### Milk Executive Named to Kerner Mission

Gov. Kerner has named George Jones, vice president of Joe Louis Milk Company, to the Illinois Trade Mission to the Far East for the purpose of studying "market potential for Illinois products" in such places as Tokyo, Japan; Osaka, Japan; Taipei, Taiwan; Manila, the Philippines: Bangkok, Thailand and Hong Kong, B.C.C.

On Nov. 1, the Mission will depart from Chicago, using the polar route via Anchorage, Alaska to the Far East and return on the Pacific route via Honolulu, Hawaii

#### Ghana Buys New Ship

ACCRA—The Ghana Tankers Company has placed an order for a 55,000 ton (dead weight) tanker with a Japanese ship-building firm, a spokesman of the Ministry of Communications has announced.

The tanker, worth \$6,160,-000, is to be built by the Maizuru Ship-Building and Engineering Company of Japan.

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