

# For And About You

By Harriett Muhammad

Dear Harriett: I have a problem concerning my husband. He works from 12 midnight until 8 in the morning, and fixes TV sets during the day. On holidays he's out — sometimes he's out 24 hours a day — even two and three days.

At first, I thought maybe it was something I did wrong that made him stay out so much, but he tells me that he likes to go and come as he pleases. He said he didn't like married life because he likes to be with whom he pleases. If he feels like staying all night with a woman, he does so.

There are certain things a man shouldn't throw in his wife's face, for she has feelings. I have lost my feelings altogether for my husband. He never takes me any place. He pays the rent and gives me money to buy food and clothes, but he never gives me any of his time.

HE TOLD ME I should have been a West Indian like he is — that his father didn't take his mother out or stay home too much with her, but that she still remained with him and had his babies.

I don't care how much money a husband gives his wife or how many luxuries he buys her — if he doesn't give her some of his time, those things don't mean anything to her. A woman needs a man. I'm hungry for love and affection, just like others are hungry for food.

My father told me West Indians live that way. He said they will provide for their families, but that they don't take time with their families.

My father also said that although he's not trying to turn me against my husband, I would always be miserable with him — that my husband just doesn't care. Any man, my father said, will stay out, but not two or three nights, if he cared. I don't think a

man will talk against another man, just like I wouldn't talk against another woman — unless the talk is true.

I WANT TO ask him to leave so that I can get a separation and get or find someone else who thinks enough of me to spend some time with me. I wanted your advice on what I should do. If I'm wrong, I want to be told I'm wrong. I'm tired of being alone like an old maid. I'm just 24 and I feel like an old lady. — Mrs. P.A. New York, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. P. A.: I never make it a practice to advise a person to leave his or her mate. This is too important a decision to make for someone on the basis of a limited amount of information. All I can do is to show you different views to consider before you make up your own mind.

There is no right or wrong to a situation like yours. There are men who enjoy having a wife and family they can call their own — but still don't want their freedom restricted. Let's consider how your husband may be thinking in order to better understand his ways and actions.

He provides for you adequately. He wants you there to provide a home for him — a clean place with home-cooked meals. He wants you to keep up his personal articles. This he couldn't have if he lived alone — for a housekeeper in an apartment is not the same as a wife in his HOME.

PERHAPS THIS is the ex-

tent of his need for married life. His tastes may be different from yours, and his "love," fickle. In you he has a foundation, which he must feel he needs.

This may present a pretty selfish picture, but, quiet as it's kept, most men are selfish when it comes to women and what women can do for them. If they can't get one woman to keep them satisfied in most ways, they find others to bring about this satisfaction — whether it be in sex, interesting conversation, "good times" or companionship. A woman who keeps a man satisfied in most ways is rare indeed.

It's a bitter lesson to learn, but it helps keep your head clear and your feet on the ground. You may satisfy another man in certain areas but not in others, or you may find that he offers you plenty of his time, but no security.

TO MANY of us SUFFER from the picture of married life portrayed by Hollywood and the "Ignunt Box" (TV). We feel that if our husbands don't provide for us, give us consideration, attention and love — that something is terribly wrong with our marriage.

Some women spend their lives searching for that "magic combination" in a man that rarely exists. The woman who realizes that life is not what it is said to be usually finds fulfillment through children, friends and interests.

The problem is not that we can't find one man to satisfy us, but that some of us don't always see this and learn to compromise, as do men.

SOMETHING on your mind? Write and tell me about it.  
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## Notes School Expansion



DR. ZELLA X Prince, educational director of the University of Islam addressing a group of students and visitors attending recent exhibits of an "International Evening" sponsored by the school. Plans for the educational institution, established by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, the Messenger of Allah, calls for the school's expansion and enrichment to make it one of the world's finest.

## Black Voters Being Evicted

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two houses, bought land for two families, and has begun construction on two houses which they hope to have finished within this week.

Besides the eviction, there have been brutal attacks by Lowndes County whites on black people who participated in the November 8 elections, one of the worst cases being the beating of Andrew Jones who was hospitalized with a skull fracture for two days in Selma.

THE LOWNDES County Freedom Party is moving in the direction whereby they can gain complete control over the county in the next two years, and are also moving to an economic position where they will be able to take care of people who work in the movement there. Present plans include raising money to buy enough land for the dispossessed and starting a co-op which they hope will be operating in the near future.

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