

Women in Islam

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When the peoples of other nations see our women and our people who enter their respective countries as tourists, as students or as professionals, they adopt the nomenclature of racial identification which is in current usage in all English-speaking countries of the Americas and of those people of European descent.

CONSEQUENTLY our people are referred to without the prejudicial attitudes of North Americans as "colored" people or "Negro" people. And if we could manage to scrape down to the barrel of the connotations derived from the usage of these racial tags as they relate to our people, I am certain that the black people of America would be more greatly indebted to the Honorable Elijah Muhammad for his teachings on this subject of the importance of names and titles and, specifically, in the use of the terms "Negro" or "colored" people.

It is greatly to our disadvantage to be referred to as Negro or colored people. This means to the people who use these terms (referring to the black people of America) a people in servitude or a people dependent upon the American white man and to the American system of government and way of life.

THE DARKER peoples of this Western hemisphere outside of North America, we must remember, have not been taught the true history of our people and have in many ways been indoctrinated into some of the background prejudices of our enemies.

May our women, for the sake of our children and our families, become seriously aware of the wonderful blessings that are in store for the followers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad who represent the Muslim community and principles in foreign capitals of our world.

The difference in the reaction of the people toward the same person of color in his orientation of a Muslim background is quite a distinction in comparison to our people of color who are represented as Christians.

WHEN THE peoples of other lands are introduced to the followers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, there is an immediate rap-

port — a feeling of equality in thought and purpose—for Islam extends our people's conscience of the world around us and increases our love and understanding of the masses of people in distinctly different environments.

The concept of race becomes immediately related to the origin of man (who was Asiatic) and of our religion (which is Islam). This development of thought becomes automatic, once the introduction has been made between others and the Muslims. This has been taught to us by our leader and teacher, and the proof have been made manifest.

IN THIS new alliance (feeling of confidence) with their brethren in Islam from America, they become students of the new teachings of Islam, regardless of their educational training and background.

This is due to the spirit and powerful teachings of Islam which place the Muslim followers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad in a important position of the transmission of the thoughts and activities of the Muslim community of America.

In the minds of this people with whom contact has been made, they conceive that if the transformation of one people is taking place in the entire sphere of a way of life, philosophy and way of thought with the promise of a new world government with God Himself at the head, they wish to know what part Mexico will play in that future government.

IT BECOMES in truth a manifestation of a great revelation and light to the outside world when they see the reigns of power shifting ideologically from the most powerful of nations to the most lowly and least considered part of humanity, the so-called Negroes — who now are speaking a new language, praying to a new God, worshipping in a new concept of religion, walking a new walk, wearing garments of honor and respect and being meticulous in their dietary habits and actions.



BLACK GARY MAYOR Richard Hatcher receives congratulations from freedom fighter Dick Gregory during inauguration ceremonies at the Steel City's administrative offices. With Gregory is his wife Lillian.

Checklist of Auto Safety Regulations

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Department of Transportation recently called for comment from industry, research and other interested groups on proposed safety regulations for motor vehicles.

THE tentative regulations would require anti-theft devices, ban potentially dangerous exterior protrusions, order the installation of head rests and set standards for concealed headlights, among other things.

The new proposed regulations include:

1. Installation by the manufacturer of headrests on all passenger cars to reduce the frequency and severity of neck injuries in rear end collisions.
2. REQUIRE passenger car locking systems to minimize accidental opening of rear doors by children from the inside and prevent opening from the outside.
3. Require improved hood-latch devices.
4. Limit the use of ornamental exterior protrusions.
5. REQUIRE that every passenger car have a vehicle

identification number on a permanent part of the car in such a way that removal or alteration would show evidence of tampering.

6. Require that all passenger cars have an ignition locking system.
7. Extend to multi-purpose passenger vehicles safety standards for door latches, hinges and locks that now apply to other vehicles.

8. SAFETY standards to minimize injury when glove compartment and other doors in passenger cars pop open in crashes.
9. Require that windshields on passenger cars be installed in such a way that they would not become dislodged in an accident. This would be aimed at preventing occupants from being thrown through the windshield opening.

Investigate Cost and Quality of Repairing Home Appliances

WASHINGTON — An industry-wide committee will investigate why it takes so long and is so expensive to have repairs done on all kinds of mechanical appliances.

EVEN SO, REPAIRS are often shoddy, according to Betty Furness, President Johnson's Special Assistant for Consumer Affairs. The investigation will seek to find who does the best repairs; what is the best system of repairs; if the dealer, or the manufacturer, should handle repairs, and similar

questions. Manufacturers claim that when they set up repair training schools the schools have to be shut down because no one will attend them. Miss Furness suspects repairmen care little for quality "because they know that they've probably got a corner on the local market." Miss Furness has said she would attempt to steer the unemployed, the poor and needy into repair schools set up by appliance manufacturers.

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