

# For And About You

By Harriett Muhammad

**DEAR HARRIETT:** A few months ago my husband went into the restaurant business for himself. As far as I can see, the restaurant looks promising, but because he had a limited amount of capital to invest at the beginning, he's now having serious financial problems with bills continuously mounting.

I have great faith in my husband and I know he is ambitious, hard working and with a lot of spirit. He has never complained to me or cried on my shoulders, but I feel he needs my assistance. I have a skill and know I could really help out as I'm a stenographer and have good job references at my disposal if I go back to work.

My mother, who lives with us and would be able to care for our three children, keeps telling me to stay home and let my husband make it the best way he can.

She tells me that my husband will get dependent on my paycheck and expect it from then on. I would feel very bad if I stood by and let my husband's new business fail, knowing that my services could have been enough to pull him through his rough times.

Would it be wrong for me to go back to work?  
—Mrs. G., Pittsburgh, Pa.

**DEAR MRS. G.:** Don't let your mother interfere with you and your husband's relationship. This problem concerns JUST the two of you and should be decided BY the two of you.

You know your husband's character better than your mother. If you don't think that he will become dependent upon you, by all means offer your help.

It seems your husband has plenty of backbone since he didn't ask you to go back to work. He knows you know his condition and is leaving the choice to help or not up to you. If you work together

now to build a good business, in the future there won't be any financial reason for him to be dependent on your paycheck. Talk it over.

**DEAR HARRIETT:** I have a friend who brings her two little boys over all the time. It's always left up to me to watch them like a hawk because they get into everything! I hate to be put into the position of disciplining them in front of their mother, but she doesn't seem to care what mischief they get into.

They go in my drawers, want to eat everything in sight, take my what-nots for toys, and pretend they're going to strike matches just to get me all excited. I can't relax and enjoy my friend's company for being nervous and keyed-up over her kids.

Of course, when an accident occurs that I wasn't quick enough to prevent, she is always sorry, and sincerely so. But I don't have the heart or even the time to take her money and try to replace whatever was damaged.

Do you think I'm out of my place in disciplining her children?  
—Wondering

**DEAR WONDERING:** No, I'd say that your friend is very much out of place in making it necessary for you to defend your property in such a manner. She is denying her boys justice by not training them at home so that they will know how to act abroad.

If she is a close friend of

## She Believes They Lynched Her Son



**MRS. FANNIE CHANEY**, mother of the presumed murdered James Chaney, 21-year-old Mississippi civil rights worker, for whom a concerted search is being carried out in the Delta area. Mrs. Chaney frankly states she believes her brave son has been lynched for his part in the Mississippi civil rights drive along with his two white companions. Comforting her is Eugene Young, 13, of Jackson, Miss. Both came up to a CORE gathering in Kansas City, Mo., and were interviewed by Muhammad Speaks correspondents.

yours, you should take the next accident as an opportunity to explain her shortcomings as a mother. Maybe next time you should accept her money so that she can "feel" what the lack of disciplining and training of her boys will cost her now and in the future.

If she doesn't correct this

situation while the boys are young, she will just be raising a pair of expensive misfits.

Mr. Leonard Newsome of Los Angeles, Cal., please contact your sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary M. Newsome of Brooklyn, N. Y., as soon as

possible. Her address follows: 111 Moore Street, Brooklyn, New York 11206. It is urgent.

Something on your mind? Write and tell me about it. Harriett Muhammad 2819 West Vernon Ave. Los Angeles, Calif. 90008

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