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Writes to Ascertain Attitude of Black Americans Towards African Brothers

By Harriett Muhammad
THIS IS a pleasant change from the latest in local crime or society gossip that I find in other Negro weeklies. Also, the paper has a lot of information concerning Africa and Asia that is very interesting and stimulating. Before steadily reading this paper, I didn't know so much about Africa, but since I am of African descent there are a few questions I would like answered. How do the Africans feel about us, the Americans of African descent?
Do they really feel we are brothers? What do they expect of our relationships with one another? What do they say about what we have been told — that they sold us into slavery for money and gains? J. M. New York, New York

DEAR J. M.
My answers will be based on history, my talks with African friends and diplo-

mat, my travels in Africa and general knowledge.

Africans have mixed emotions concerning our mutual relationships. Almost all do regard us as blood brothers in that we both have our origins in Africa. Some say the similarities end there—that circumstances, time and culture have made us of different mentalities. Some say that despite this, we do have certain traits in common with each other and that this factor will enable us to be re-united in ethnic ties.

When Africans come to the United States, their feelings about us are influenced by the way we treat them.

I'VE HEARD some Africans say that they get better treatment from the whites than they do from their own ancestral brothers. This they attribute to the fact that the whites are out to make an impression and the blacks have been and still are brainwashed to the extent that to

be associated with Africa is still painful.

THOSE THAT know of our situation are sympathetic. I had one African woman who was moved to tears, tell me that if she was in America and was attacked during a demonstration, she would fight with all her might and if she died, that was alright with her. They think we are much too passive when it comes to our freedom. Concerning what is expected of one another, there are comments ranging from one view to its opposite.

Some Africans say that we are a people in and of ourselves, due to the common background of suffering. They say we should stay in America and fight for what we have worked for and for what is due us.

Others say that White America is not going to change and that we are fighting a losing battle. They say that percentage-wise we are the most well-educated and trained black people there are, because of our living and learning in the United States. They want and ask us to return to Africa to help build up that rich continent that has been heretofore kept in check and robbed by white imperialist countries.

THIS IS the common suffering between us — that both (but we more than they) have been mis-used for centuries for the betterment of another race to the degradation of our own.

TO BE CONTINUED:
Something on your mind? Write and tell me about it. Harriett Muhammad P. O. Box 8382 Los Angeles, Calif. 90008



AS PERSONNEL director of a chain of department stores in Michigan, Ohio and New York, Mrs. James C. Chambers, attractive wife of a minister, has instituted a new version of the merit hiring policy. Mrs. Chambers also is a vice president in the Federal Department Stores, a Detroit-based chain of 50 stores with 6,000 employes.

Household Hints —

Never interrupt a conversation. Wait until the party talking has finished.

To avoid cutting material when removing buttons, slide a comb under the button and cut the thread with a razor blade.

Mark around your pattern with crayon on a material which ravel easily and when you cut the edges will not fray.

Keep your spools of thread from unrolling and snarling by slipping a rubber band around each one.

When you are making several pairs of pajamas or dresses for your child, lay materials one on top of the other and cut them all out at once.

If the inside of your linen closet is painted a deep blue, there will be no danger of your linens turning yellow. It will eliminate the annoyance of having to wrap those you do not use too often in blue paper.

Let The Buyer Beware.

A LABORATORY analysis of respondents' materials conducted prior to the hearing revealed that the bone char in their units are chemically and physically indistinguishable from other bone chars and has no unique characteristics. The Commission decided.

The Commission also ruled that Sibco's advertising was false and misleading in unqualifiedly representing the units as fully and unconditionally guaranteed in every respect for 10 years.

The Commission found that in order to take advantage of the guarantee, the customer had to return the unit to respondents at his own expense and had to pay an additional service charge of \$30.

Parents' Magazine Enterprises, Inc., has been ordered to stop using false and deceptive practices in attempting to collect delinquent accounts.

Accro Watch Co., Inc., of New York City, was ordered to stop misrepresenting the guarantee on its watches and the composition of its watch cases.

CONTRARY to Accro's claims that its watches are "bonded" and are accompanied by a "Guarantee Bond," it has not executed a bond, insurance policy or agreement which is supported by a fund set aside by the firm.

Purchasers are led to believe the cases are made of precious metal or stainless steel. However, certain of Accro's watches are in cases which incorporate bezels composed of base metal treated to simulate precious metal or stainless steel. The true metal composition of the bezels is not disclosed.

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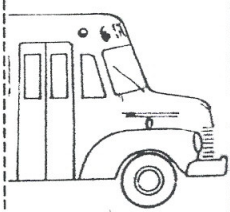
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