

ANSWER: That we will not have people coming in our Temple with a disgraceful style. We can not stay in the field of reforming our people from wearing such indecent styles if we are going to permit them to sit in our Temple with us. We must lock the door on such styles

QUESTION: This then is the way you recommend the official tell the person refused admittance?

ANSWER: Exactly without any explanation further. Here some time they take the hem out of their skirt if they are interested. Sometimes they go home and change their skirt and come back. I will never permit them to come into the Temple with mini-dresses on. If we don't have one sister coming to us, regardless to how it diminishes the number of visitors, I'm not going to yield to their wishes of indecency disgracing the Temple of Islam. Could they go to heaven like that? If not this is the door to heaven, That's what the Mosque is---a door to heaven. Over here we honor no style of the devil that is an indecent style. And if not one of our sisters will accept coming to the Temple because of the prohibition against wearing such styles, o.k., they can stay home forever! You can't please two masters. With such dresses on she tempts menfolks. Especially when she sits down because she has nothing to hide herself. If you're going to bring temptation into the Temple where you're suppose to be reforming them, you're a poor reformer, in fact you're no reformer at all. I did dismiss one Minister who was permitting such acts. (At this point the M.G.T. Captain at No. 2 entered. Coincidentally we pointed out to her, we were just discussing the questions of sisters and their dress and she (The Captain) was asked how she was handling the situation at No. 2 and what were some of the responses like...)

Sis. Captain: We don't have any difficulty there. The sisters respond well. When you tell them that we have a regulation here that all followers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad carry out, that is for a sister to be allowed inside our congregation they must have a garment on that is at least 2 1/2 inches below her knees and when she sits down we can not have her garment riding above her knees. After we explain to them it is a form of respect for themselves and for the teachings we don't have any problems, not argumentative. We had one sister go home and change and came back and her dress was still too short. They seem to understand that we have to stick to our laws. They are not argumentative at all. Some of them turn their skirts down lower.

HOLY APOSTLE: Some of them take their hems out?

Sis. CAPT. That's right. We've had that happen many times. (the conversation went on in this vein and the Holy Apostle then made the following statement):

HOLY APOSTLE: This shows that they want to come in and hear the Truth! I don't think any sister with a decent mind would argue with you about not permitting any indecent style into your Holy place. Then if they do begin arguing with you, you know that if you had allowed her to go in you would not have a fit sister anyway. Some of the Temples, they like to have big numbers to report regardless to what they look like. The Holy Quran and Bible teaches that it does not take numbers to accomplish great things. It is the ones that are sincere. So it is with us, this is warning us, that if our number is small remember that it is like all other great things in the past that came about; it was a small number that brought about such things: Even fighting the enemy, the Holy Quran teaches us do not be afraid to go before the enemy because we are small in number. Kingdoms have been taken with a small number. It's the faith that you have from Allah. We may not have a world of people to fight the enemy but be steadfast in Allah for Allah is sufficient to take care of them alone.