

JC: our points of view. If we disagree, we say, "Well, let's let it ride and think it over. I'll try to understand what you're saying, and you try to understand what I'm saying. Then we'll have a negotiations meeting." That's what we do. Although Audley's more precipitant in his actions. He says, "Oh, let's do it and get it over with." I'm more deliberative. So I guess astrologists would say our signs are not... what do they say?... "congruent." He's an Aquarian and I'm a Capricorn. I'm January 18 and he's January 23rd. (Sometimes I wonder though if astrology has much merit.) Anyway, we don't have any big disagreements because sometimes I'll say, "Well, I don't see that, but you go ahead and do it. You're a free agent." And he'll say the same thing to me. And even though it may not turn out well, we try to avoid that I-told-you-so business, because that can be a rancid kind of a thing.

I would say we do it as a partnership. But once the decision is made, then we both work hard to make it work. And he's very, very sweet in that if he thinks I really want something, even though it might be against his better judgment, he'll say, "Well, let's try it." And the same with me. I'll say, "Well, I don't think that's really the best thing to do. But if it's in your mind to do it, let's explore it." Sometimes both sides turn out a lot better than we thought. Sometimes they're a little worse... and then we're very close to trying to solve it. But, if I'm in need of anything or need assistance, he's right there.

For example, yesterday we had... Monday night my Japanese class met here. I hadn't planned anything elaborate, but when I went out in the kitchen to get things ready, he had them all ready. All I had to do was come in and play lady. He does things like that all the time.

Or, when we were first married and we didn't have much money, I saw a pair of earrings... I love earrings... down at the City of Paris. I said to the saleswoman, "I love these, but those are real gold. That's almost a month's rent." I forgot about it. So I went back home and I told him. I said, "Oh, I saw these beautiful earrings" -- just relating what happened during the day. He said, "Where?" I told him. Next thing I knew he'd bought the earrings. I know he had to buy them on time [via installment payments]. The saleswoman was so touched, she became a friend of ours -- a very fascinating lady from Vienna. So things like that he does all the time. Not just the first few years, but he still does.

JW: How has the women's liberation movement affected you or your relationship?

JC: Not much. I've very much for women getting equal rights, especially equal pay for equal work. I do belong to the Commission on the Status of Women. I have worked with Eve Reingold and others in the Black Women's Caucus. I'm for it. But I'm not an ardent women's "libber," because I really enjoy being feminine. And I think -- maybe I was born too soon; I'm an older generation -- I really don't care to open doors for myself and do all of those things. I love to be treated as a woman. And you know you do sacrifice some of that. But I do feel that it's a worthwhile movement, and I'm very much in accord. I'll do anything I can. Some