

19 Whitehall Court,

Kilburn,

Johannesburg.

25/11/58.

Dear Alan,

I am enclosing a letter addressed to me from Mr. Credo Muthwa.

I thought I would do this rather than give him your address. If you feel you can help him please communicate with him direct. If you can't return his letter to me when I will reply to him myself.

We are in the midst of the Lamp Drive. We've made many mistakes but have raised nearly £900 after 2 night canvasses and the turn out of members and their spirit is very encouraging.

Sorry you weren't able to come up to our Congress which was extremely successful. Luthuli was excellent, Rubin mediocre & Peter unfortunately not much good as a public speaker.

The Party here has had very good publicity during the last few weeks and should grow quite considerably during next year.

I hope your work is progressing. After all we didn't release you from your position of chairman to loaf.

Holly + I send our warm regards to you and
Dorrie. We would both like to see you soon

yrs.

Leslie.

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23 Lynton Road,
KLOOF,
Natal.

25th November, 1958.

Dear Leslie,

I hesitate at the moment to give my full attention to Mr. Muthwa whose papers I return. Wouldn't Nadine give him a hand? She doesn't do anything but write, does she? I cannot tell from the enclosures whether Mr. Muthwa's stuff is good or not.

There is only one way in which an established writer can help a beginner, assuming, that is, that he is not able to teach the beginner or to give him more than the most general advice. This way is to write to his publisher and say, "will you read this fellow's stuff and give him an opinion?" My publisher always does it and I think Nadine's would do it too.

Glad to hear of the success of the Lang drive. This is our first effort of this magnitude.

I am trying to write but I shall have to go away in the end. Confidentially, Pat has put us in another crisis; he refused to place a COD advert in CONTACT, advertising a Treason Trial meeting. He completely fails to see that this strikes at the very heart of the Multiracial Conference, and at the Party policy of cooperation on agreed objectives. What will he say at Accra? Launch a full-scale attack on Communists in Africa, and on all ANC's for being duped by them? It could easily happen, because Jordan is also inclined that way, and these two could quite easily bring the Party into bad odour. It is already being said that Pat is really pro-Nationalist! If we broke our tenuous relationship with the COD now, the ANC and NIC and SAIC would slam their doors in our faces.

Please get the Party to buy large numbers of THE PEOPLE WEPT, my Group Areas booklet.

Love to you and Molly from us both.

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