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20th April, 1966.

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Van der Merwe Street,
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Johannesburg.

My dear Benjie,

I received both your letters - of the 23rd and 28th March - on Monday, 17th April. As usual I wish to make a point by point reply.

23rd March

I received your letters of January 6 and February 5. As I said earlier, December 7 not received.

(1) I received all the books listed except vol 2 of Smith's A History of Modern Culture. I received volume one only, covering the period 1543 to 1687. Thank you for Kennedy's book. I have read raving reviews of it.

(2) With regard to my study books, as I have.

(have)

observed in an earlier letter, none of the relevant and immediately necessary books have reached me. I shall spell it out in more detail:-

Applied Economics: NOT ONE of the books listed.

History of Political Thought: NOT ONE of the books listed. Under Texts I have received

Machiavelli - The Prince

Rousseau - Confessions

Great Powers & International History:-

I have received: Halley: History of the English People vols. 1, 3 and Epilogue.

As I pointed out I already have Growth of the American Republic

American Economic History:- NOT ONE of the books listed.

English Economic History 1485-1716: NOT ONE of the books listed

" " " " 1760-1939

Received:-

Ashton. Industrial Revolution

J L Barbara Hammond: The Town Labourer vols 1 & 2.

Colt Postgate: The Communist People.

I notice that I did not take Clapham's An Economic History of Modern Britain. I have two volumes of this and I believe they are sufficient. They

(They)

cover the period from 1850-1886; 1887-1914

Economic History: Special.

have received:-

£5.00 for Short History of the Working-Class Movement

As you notice, NOT ONE textbook or Main Supplementary:

28th March :-

I realize that you write out of concern for me, hence, no further comment.

I am sorry I cannot remember what I wrote in the letters of October 15, 21 and Nov. 29. and unlike you I have no copies that I can send. Of course, the last quarter of last year was a very unpleasant and trying period for me. No further comment.

I have read Spartacus. In fact, Howard Fast and Arthur Koestler are favorite authors of mine. I still do not believe that "Spartacus" can compare with My Glorious Brothers, describing the struggle of the Maccabees. My wife and I read it together, page by page from beginning to end. And we wept as we read.

I had already read Darkness at Noon twice and have read it again. Incidentally it was Koestler who provided

(proudest)

me with ammunition to fight the Reds. His "The
God that Failed" - he is one of the contributors.
The Yogi and the Commissar and Darkness
at Noon as well as Arrow in the Blue I
got at a time when I was ready for their
message!

What I enjoy in Nash is just his
"unstylish" style. It has a biblical
simplicity.

Thanks for Jenny's photograph and
for news about her. She's a lovely little
darling.

With regard to the letter of the
7th December, I did not receive: -

- (a) The letter itself
- (b) Mrs Jaylor's attached letter
- (c) The following books: -
 - (i) Werres Rossmann : Judaism & Christianity: the Differences
 - (ii) Epstein : Judaism
 - (iii) Lewisohn : Selection of Jewish Book Stories
 - (iv) Conquest : Marxism Today
 - (v) Griffiths : The Road to Freedom
 - (vi) Honey : Communism in North Vietnam
 - (vii) London : New Nations in a divided world
 - viii Mackay - I noted what you said about
this one

(this one)

(ii) Carol Moscow is not my Mecca
Applications: The Student Drop

As they are not banned, you
will, I expect, ask to have them sent
back to you.

(d) I also did not receive the Stachem
articles. Again, as they are your
personal property, I expect you to ask
to have them returned to you.

I need not tell you, of course,
that not only were these books, articles
and letters withheld but I was
denied even the elementary courtesy
of being informed that they had
arrived and were being withheld.

I understand your desire to
leave this country. But I am afraid
I cannot give you a testimonial,
Benjie. Such an act would be
unethical. I cannot write ~~out~~ a
testimonial for my brother.

I'll write again soon. Thanks for the
telegram about the kettle. I am all right.

Yours affectionately,
Bob.

PS P.T.O.

In one of the letters - that did not reach you I had enclosed an order form for Economica, a journal recommended by the University and made available to students at reduced prices. What can we do about it?

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