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64 BELSIZE PARK
LONDON, N.W.3

15th November, 1957.

Canon L. John Collins,
2 Amen Court,
E. C. 4.

SS/DE

Dear John,

Treason Trial Book

The more I think of it, the more I am convinced:-

(a) that Calder is a nice chap but confuses fantastic with realistic. (b) that first class advance publicity for the book will create at least 50,000 potential customers. What is big news is:-

- (1) The first book on the Treason Trials (second volume will follow when Trial is over).
- (11) One of the authors is accused Number 83 a young barrister from Cape Town who had his practice ruined through lengthy court proceedings, has wife, two small children and a bad heart.
- (111) That Mr J. Calder the publisher has agreed to donate all profits to the Fund.

~~This~~ can in no way be connected with a mass rally. You can decide how it can best be put across. A few paragraphs and photos in the evening papers for which a sherry party will be necessary will be most useful. I will supply 12 bottles of sherry if ~~necessary~~. *no one else will*

Please phone me.

Sincerely,

*Sally*E. S. Sachs

SOUTH AFRICAN LEGAL DEFENCE COMMITTEE (TREASON TRIAL)

(under the auspices of "Christian Action")

Dear Sir/Madam,

Autographed copies of "The South African Treason Trial"
by Lionel Forman and E.S. (Solly) Sachs

The above committee has a number of copies of "The South African Treason Trial" by Lionel Forman and E.S. Sachs, autographed by Mr. Sachs. Mr. Forman is in South Africa accused No. 83 in the Treason Trial. The book was published by John Calder who has kindly agreed to donate all profits from sales to the Christian Action Legal Defence Fund.

Should you wish to purchase a copy please fill in (BLOCK LETTERS) the enclosed Order Form and return it to us:- Price 19/- including postage and packing. (The book is ordinarily priced at 18/-).

Autographed copies of Mr. Sachs's other books on South Africa are also available.

"The Choice Before South Africa" (Turnstile Press)
1952

<u>Price:</u>	Library Edition	15/-	Postage 1/-
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"Rebels Daughters" (MacGibbon Kee: 1957)
(Introduction by Father Trevor Huddleston, C.R.)

Price 21/- including postage

A percentage of the monies received from sales of these books will go to the Treason Trial Legal Defence Fund.

Dr. Guy Routh Ph.D.
Chairman

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13th December, 1957.

Canon L. John Collins,
2 Amen Court,
London, E.C.4.

Dear John,

I enclose drafts of a letter to be issued by the South African Committee and Order Forms for my books, and will discuss them with you on Monday at 11 a.m.

Now I know that I am an 'infidel' and not fit to be associated with the 'Establishment'; indeed any such association might cause infinite harm to both (at the meeting in Leeds a very charming young woman got up and asked me, not with anger, but with a measure of disappointment why I always extol the courage of the Anglican Church ministers shown in the struggle for African freedom. I assured the charming questioner that I was not a member of the Established Church, but had to tell the truth, and made no apologies whatever for stressing the magnificent courage shown by Father Trevor Huddleston, Bishop Reeves and John Collins). I also told her that I do not know whether they have succeeded in making many Christians among the Africans, as I thought that the Africans are losing faith in the white man's 'religion'. What I am sure however is that these Anglican ministers have inspired tremendous courage among the victims of Strijdom's tyranny. I also mentioned that John Collins was by far the most practical friend the African people have. The Movement for Colonial Freedom raised a few pounds for the Treason Trial victims; the British Labour Movement a few thousand pounds, but John Collins and Christian Action raised £30,000. I think the young lady, who was no doubt a good Leftist, was convinced that one must give the devil his due, even if the devil happens to be an Anglican minister).

From the above you will see how careful I must be to protect my 'good name'.

But jokes aside, I think I am entitled to some consideration, because, a) I think I am the only writer

on South Africa who devotes a whole chapter to describe the magnificent role played by the Anglican and other Christian Churches in South Africa, and the miserable role of the Dutch Reform predikants (see "The Choice Before South Africa", b) in "Rebels Daughters" I prove by facts and figures the anti-Christian role of the Dutch Reform Churches, c) in "The Treason Trial" I again show the honourable role played by Anglican ministers in furthering the cause of African freedom.

In the circumstances I feel that no harm whatever will be done to the 'Establishment' or the 'infidel' if those kind people who generously responded to your appeal are invited to buy my books, an invitation which they need not accept.

Confidentially, if I can sell several thousand copies of my books by the end of January I pack my bag and take a trip to South Africa. Now that the Garment Workers are in the forefront of the struggle again, and that the mass of white Trade Unionists, instead of supporting de Klerk's pernicious policy, are beginning to feel really worried, I might be able to sway 20,000 votes in the next election. One of two things might happen; either I shall be declared a prohibited immigrant, and I shall make application to the Supreme Court, and set out the full facts of why I had to leave South Africa. If my application succeeds and there's a small chance that it might, I shall arrive in Johannesburg as a 'hero', and find ways and means of having a straight talk to the 50,000 Afrikaner women workers who have been associated with the Garment Workers' Union, and to many thousands of other white workers. There is every prospect of spending six months in jail, and from an aesthetic point of view I find South African jails revolting, but it will be worth it. If my application fails many thousands of workers, with Nationalist leanings, will be incensed.

Until Monday.

Sincerely,

Solly Sachs

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Friend/Sunday Times

3rd January, 1958.

Dear Friend,

Sometime ago you very generously subscribed to our Christian Action Defence and Aid Fund, established in connection with the arrest in South Africa of 156 leading opponents of Apartheid on charges of treason. You will probably know that just before Christmas the Government of South Africa announced that no further proceedings would be taken against 61 of the accused - the grounds on which this decision was made are not known: nor does there seem any more rhyme or reason in the choice of those to be released than there was in the original choice of those to be arrested. But the ordeal of the remaining 95 continues; and the need to rehabilitate the 61 who have been released makes an immediate and urgent call on the present resources of the Fund.

Your interest and sympathy for the accused in the Treason Trial leads me to suppose that you will probably wish to keep abreast of what actually goes on in South Africa today. I would like, therefore, to commend for your attention a series of three factual articles on the South African racial situation which are to appear in The Sunday Times, the first on Sunday next, January 5th. I am sure you will agree with me that it is important for us to gain as objective a view as possible of the relevant facts in the racial conflict in South Africa: and I think Mr. Iain Lang, the author of these articles who has recently returned from a visit there, has tried to be objective in his reporting from what is going on under the policy of Apartheid. I hope, therefore, that you may perhaps find time to read these three articles.

For an admirable account of the arrests of the 156 accused in the treason Trial and of the course of the Preliminary Hearings which began in December 1956 in Johannesburg, and of their repercussions, I recommend a book recently published by

John Calder, at 18/-, entitled "The South African Treason Trial" and written by Lionel Forman (accused number 83) and Solly Sachs. To read this book is to be almost transported as an eye witness into the very heart of all that is going on under the outward cover of this legal battle. The publisher is giving any profits on the sale of this book to our Treason Trial Fund. If you have any difficulty in obtaining the book you may order it through the Christian Action office (postage 1/1).

Christian Action is deeply committed to the whole task of combating racialism and racial intolerance wherever they are confronted. And we have for long been specially concerned over the whole situation in South Africa. For this work we have a special Race Relations Fund. There are many calls upon this Fund - as, for example, a request for help in legal costs so that Africans deprived of their freehold land, with wholly inadequate or no compensation at all, can appeal to the Supreme Court against their evictions - that, for lack of money, we cannot at present answer. Our energies have been so devoted to raising money for the Treason Trail Defence and Aid Fund that we have had necessarily somewhat to neglect the task of keeping up our general Race Relations Fund. I wonder, therefore, whether you would very kindly consider giving us a further donation, either to enable us to complete the particular task to which we are committed (we have now reached £33,000 towards the £50,000 required) or for our Race Relations work in general.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

L. Forman Collins

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