

Western Secondary School,
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27th May, 1949.

Dear Son of Africa,

Remember Africa

The Lowveld Nurses' Strike must have been a burning issue down there O.K. And what a pity it came during a period of some acute stomach troubles on my part. All I could do was to have Cl sent down to support my Committee that our League might form to support or direct or reinforce the peoples struggle, as well as to send telegrams to near-by African leaders to mediate in the strike and support the cause of the nurses and prevent victimisation in the end. That was my handicap in the circumstances in which the bombshell found me, was an absence of knowledge of the concrete facts of the situation. In the circumstances I became unable to give pointed and concrete advice! What is the position now? Press reports are at the very best, summary, sometimes vague, and at other times misleading.

Well, my boy, I am now awaiting the Department's Reply to my Application for sick leave on full pay. The application was approved by my manager, and it was accompanied by a medical certificate signed by Dr. Moroka, my medical adviser, so that now I am merely awaiting the Department's reply. In fact it had been my wish to leave as early as 15th May, but due to the delay in the submission of the medical certificate by doctor Moroka, my application was not forwarded at once. Hence there is a likelihood of my remaining at my post until the closing for the Winter Vacation.

It is my intention to spend my holidays in the Free State near Dr. Moroka, who will give me specialised treatment for the three months of my holidays.

With regard to the P.E. Conference, I wish to inform you that our Branch has instructed our Secretary, Dr. M. Magesuane, to forward our Herschel Report to your Branch, so that it should be presented with yours (if any) by a Fort Hare delegate. If you get time to type it, please kindly hand over a copy to Mr. Magesuane, and request your delegate to take along another copy for me.

Our branch will not be able to send a delegate for this reason: They realised that I was due to go on sick leave soon, and that therefore I would incur heavy personal expenditure. In view of the fact that I was being invited to address the P.E. Conference, and that I was to go there on my own expense, since the Cape Congress had no funds, they therefore voted £9 to pay for my expenses in place of sending a branch delegate. However they decided to submit a report through our brothers the Fort Hare League. I am hoping to give you a detailed report of our activities and plans here.

Now as regards your own preparations for the Conference: it will be necessary for you to forward your annual subscriptions minus 10d. per member to Mr. Magesuane. The 10d. out of the 2/6 for Am. Hub. per member remains in the branch, and the rest is divided between the Province and the National Congress. Of those who have paid up their subs. for 1948/1949 every 20 members will be entitled to a delegate who will have full rights of speech, criticism and voting at the Conference. The delegates' credentials should be signed by the Branch Secretary and Chairman.

Now as regards the "Inkundla". I hope the Youth Leaguers understood that we do not necessarily identify ourselves with all the views of the Inkundla. The Inkundla is not a Youth League paper, and it does not always express genuinely African Nationalistic views. Nevertheless, we urge the Leaguers to subscribe individually to the "Inkundla", because it is the only paper owned by Africans, and also because it gives publicity to the Youth League and it gives a wide platform to the forces of African Nationalism.

There is then the question of shares in the "Inkundla". Nqobane once told us that he could give two seats to the Youth League on the Board of Directors if the League took enough £1, £2, £3, £4 or £5 shares in the "Inkundla". I am continuing discussions with their Board of Directors. What is your view of the matter? Your opinion will be of the utmost importance.

Lastly I have written a lengthy document to African Nationalist Mangaliso in the form of a letter to him. I should be happy to hear your own views on the substance of our correspondence with Sobukwe.

Good Heavens! isn't Matthews most disgusting! He has become a positive danger to the cause of African freedom. His views are similar to those of any European liberal!! Best wishes to Mrs. Pitje.

Yours in the cause of Africa.

(Signed) A.P. MDA.

N. S. C. Secondary School,
P.O. Box 110,
4th August, 1949.

RE: THE AFRICA!

Dear Mr. TAYLOR,

It was after I had permitted myself that I realised the greatness and difficulty of the task you asked me to initiate. My experience in attempting to do it showed me that in reality, the task is greater than a man.

Find herein my contribution to the illuminated address we were asked by Congress (Cape Branch) to make for the retired President. After you have hammered out the final draft I will be pleased to have a copy as soon as possible.

When writing this note some few things come to my mind which perhaps, are out of place here. But, I will simply make mention of them. First I wish to thank Joseph's contribution to the "Inkundla" on African Nationalism vs. Communism. It was a fine piece of work. I believe we must ceaselessly feed the country on this type of food. The contribution which Mr. Chitoyo, Guma and Pitje made on African leadership is of historic importance. Only posterity will thank you adequately. Nevertheless, it has shown most people especially those in other political camps that we too in the Nationalist camp are busy making a serious study of our situation. It will definitely give them a glimpse of our vision of a free Africa. I thought gentlemen, I should simply mention these to show you that people outside are watching and appreciating your efforts.

I am very keen about Mangaliso. I thought I would have written to him by now. I cannot imagine him going to rust and rot in Heidelberg next year. We must be cautious how we disperse our forces about the country. Much of this later.

Yours in the Cause of Africa.

(Signed) TSEPO

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