

684 Maple Village.

P.O. Dubu.

Johannsburg.

18th February, 1966

Dear Mrs. Raymond,

We returned on the
21st from Cape Town

The children left for
school this last week end.

I am enclosing in the ^{total} amount
of their school and hostel fees. I
wrote a letter to the Sister in
charge that their fees will be
sent in as soon as possible.

Bob asked me to give his best
regards to you. He also asked me
to tell you that the Christmas
food parcel you sent him was
never given to him. He wrote to
the Commanding Officer, asking if you
didn't send any parcel. He was
told that he could receive
food parcels from his relatives
only under special circumstances. He

himself was not informed that these parcels had arrived. Before I came, he was warned by the Special Branch not to express political opinion in his letters. They quoted the following extract from a letter he had written to a friend: "If I had hated the enemy would have rejoiced and my friends would have been grieved."

He has lost weight. I took most of his trousers to the Taylor for alterations. He is complaining of painful joints, severe back-ache and rheumatism. For all these which had been diagnosed by the Prison Doctor, he is receiving no treatment what so ever. He is in the first stages of Arthritis. His fingers are disfigured. For two years he has suffered from Prostatitis. Except a 10 day massage of the gland in the 18th year and a bottle of tats

In the 2nd year he has received no treatment for this illness. He has also complained about his eyes and teeth. Truly speaking, I did not like his health's condition this time.

I think that is the only way they can get rid of him, by neglecting his health. He told me that they

were thinking of making arrangements to take him to hospital for his Prostate Gland complaint. But I think it has long been neglected.

Despite the fact that he has paid in advance for the newspapers, the Prison Authorities have withheld copies of the Sunday Times which carried news they did not approve of. Issues of the Rand Daily Mail sent by you were confiscated by Prison Authorities and it was only after months that he learnt about this.

Bob did not ask me to tell you all this. But please write

an article about every thing.

I am really sick and tired about these glorious reports we continue to read about his health's condition on Robben Island.

Newspaper men or Reporters meet my husband in his room. But I have never been inside the yard in which he is confined. I don't even know what his living quarters look like.

On our way back to Johannesburg we met Mary, your former domestic servant. She was very kind to us. She gave the kids a lot of sweets.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Veronica Sobolev.

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