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Leballo showed me a letter from A.K. Barden, secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Box M.24, Accrs, Ghana, dated Oct 28, 1959.

It replied to a letter written by Leballo, and begans xXCamrada "Dear Courade Leballo...." (Leballo told me t Bureau we formerly a Department under Padmore. It became a Bureau upon his death).

T letter welcomed t M "AC's apparent intention to honour Padmore by including his name in their list of "National Herces". "How nice of you..." t letter sd.

It stated tt t application of PAC for membership of t All-African Peoples' Conference hd been moted, and tt a decision wd be made as soon as possible.

It dealt at length with t Coloured teacher, Maurice Hommel. (Leballo hd written asking about his statements re Ghana). Descring him as "t stooge and Imperialist paid agent Maurice Hommel", t letter sd tt he hd come to Ghana under false pretonces, claiming tt he hd secondary school teaching qualifications whereas he did not have them. (NB I spoke to Hommel re this: he sd they were lying, as he hd never indicated tt he hd what they sd he did not have). I letter concluded: "Wo are not in t least surprised by t stand he hs taken, since we told him in t face tt as he ws a 'half breed' and hs no country or land to defend we wd not be of any assistance to him."

Comment: I thuyght tt t letter from Ghana ws revealing- ranging from t "Imperialist agent" to t "half breed" references. Both Commie and racialistic at t same time.

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