

6 Naledi Street
Galeshewe:

12. 10. 1971.

My dear Benje,

Benje here, Ahmet
Leher is a personal friend of mine,
formerly of Jhb; now a budding
capitalist in Kimberley. He owns a
shoe shop in town here and is going
to Jhb to submit orders for the
Christmas season, when utterly
selfish "Christians" decide to spend
quite recklessly - for them! I thought
I'd give the letter to him, to save
postage costs. Take care of the
cents and the Rands will take
care of themselves.

The funds have arrived in the
following order:

April: £200. 0. 0. sterling

June £250. 0. 0. sterling

July £250. 0. 0. sterling

Since July the monies have
been sent to the Netherlands Bank on
my instructions. The firm sending the

cash is that of Cole and Cole in London on behalf of their clients.

The books have not yet arrived; at least I have not yet received notification that they have. I've been away from the office since the beginning of this month and it is just possible that the consignment note has been delivered there. I am checking this morning.

The Institute's place relations has not replied yet; not even to acknowledge my letter. I don't know whether they've received it or not; nor have I checked on the prices yet. But I won't not like you to arrange for the goods until I hear from the Institute.

Things are quiet on the Western front. The Minister of the Interior is keeping mum on Veronica's application for a renewal of her exit permit. We shall have to write to him again, I suppose, applying anew.

News from home is that my brother has been discharged from hospital. The arm was amputated close to the shoulder. Gangrene was setting in I am told.

The details are still not emerging clearly. It appears that the ticket examiner assaulted my brother's friend - a young teacher who ~~ate~~ left college at the end of last year. He kicked him and trampled on him and killed him. My brother states that he intervened "peacefully and reasonably" - which I don't believe. At any rate he was pushed through the passage door by the aforesaid ticket examiner at about 8 p.m. and lay next to the track until 8 a.m. - the following morning when Railway police from Bromley picked him up after receiving a report from the passengers on the train when the train stopped at Bromley.

My sister-in-law writes to say that they went to visit him after his discharge from hospital to lay a charge at Graaff-Reinet against the hotel examiner referred to above.

My brother resumes duties on the 28th October. We hope to have him with us for the December holidays; *Deo Volente*.

I see that Vorster is still playing up to the gallery as usual. It is a pity there is no Afrikaans equivalent of the Sunday Times to persuade the man to retire gracefully. I don't think even the Nationalist Party deserves so cruel a fate as to be burdened with such an incompetent comedian as a leader.

Raymond has written to inform me the matter will be heard on the 9th November (my appeal, that is).

Love to Anne, Jennie and the kids.

Affectionately,
Bob.

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