

3. Fort Hare? Will the Government of the Union institute
u new centres of higher learning for coloured students; and if so,
5 when?

6 (ii) What has been the effect of recent legislation on the
secondary education of non-whites in the Union? As far
as we understand, fewer and fewer boys and girls who
leave school attain now a standard requisite for entry
7 into a university. Is our impression correct? If so, is the
8 situation due to the policy of the Government?

(iii) Various schemes have been proposed for helping
coloured students. In particular, the possibility has been mooted
of raising funds to enable coloured students from the Union
to take up scholarships either in this country or at the
University of Rhodesia and Nyasaland. Could you let us have
9 your views as to the desirability and practicability of such
schemes?

10 (iv) In connection with the previous point, is the
Government likely to prevent students who have been awarded
scholarships from going abroad, or from returning to the
Union after the completion of their studies? (Indeed, could
the Government legally bar such students from returning
11 to the Union?)



THE UNIVERSITY,
SHEFFIELD, 10.

14 (v) If a scheme of scholarships is inaugurated, it will be necessary to entrust the selection of candidates to some competent and impartial organization in the Union. Could you suggest what body would be willing and able to act in this capacity?

13 (vi) If you think that our ideas about scholarships are not feasible, could you indicate any other way in which we could give practical help?

14 We should be most grateful to hear from you on the various points I have raised. Any further comments or suggestions would be equally welcome.

Yours faithfully,

L. Mirsky.

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22nd May, 1958.

To:
The Members of the Selection Committee
for African Overseas Scholarships.

I have now been informed by Canon Collins, in a letter dated 16th May, 1958, that Mr Raymond Kunene has been selected for the award of a Christian Action Scholarship. Canon Collins' committee is prepared to consider an award to Mr D.S. Nkunika, the Rhodesian candidate, but they feel that, before making an offer to him, they ought to be quite certain that it is not possible for him to get a scholarship through the Colonial or Dominions Offices. I have asked Miss Margery Perham to advise them on this point. The committee also hope that they may be able to offer a scholarship to Mr A.B. Ngcobo, on the understanding that he would not be available to take it up before 1959.

I. Glyn Thomas

I. Glyn Thomas,
Vice-Principal.

Sent to:

Dr S. Biesheuvel, Dr A.W. Hoernlé, Dr P. Tobias, Mr Quintin Whyte and Dr A.B. Xuma.

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Dear Dr. Whyte,

I acknowledge, with many thanks, your most informative letter of 14 April which has been a great help to us in Sheffield. I have delayed my reply until both our local branch and the General Council of the Association of University Teachers had a chance to consider the position. You may be interested to know about the decisions that have been taken. In the first place our branch has submitted a memorandum to the General Council urging strongly that a committee should be set up to coordinate the provision of scholarships in this country for non-white students from the Union of S.A. I understand that the General Council has accepted our recommendation; it now remains to be seen whether really effective steps will be taken. At the same time we have asked our members to support the appeal launched a short time ago by the Committee on Science and Freedom; the aim of the appeal is to provide funds to assist non-white students to enter the 'open' universities in S.A. while this is still possible.

May I, once again, express to you our great appreciation for your trouble.

Yours sincerely,

L. Mirsky

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Dr Quintin Whyte

South African Institute of Race Relations

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Johannesburg

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NON-EUROPEAN SECTION

MARIAN BUILDING

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D U R B A N

8th October, 1958.

The Director,
South African Institute of Race Relations,
P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG,
Transvaal.

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13 OCT 1958

Dear Quinton,

Some six or so Indians have applied for the Government of India Scholarship and as Chairman of the South African Selection Committee, I am coming to Johannesburg to interview them on the morning of the 14th October next.

I have already written to the applicants to say I will interview them at the office of the Institute and I hope you do not mind me assuming this, and that you can provide accommodation for this.

I would be very pleased if you could join me at these interviews on Tuesday morning; failing this and/or in addition could you ask Professor McCrone or another suitable member of Wits. staff to assist me?

I am leaving by plane on Monday night and will be returning on the evening of Tuesday, 14th.

Please will you let me know if you can assist me in this way.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Travel bar on students

Staff Reporter

THREE of South Africa's best non-European university graduates have been denied passports to take up bursaries for further study at Oxford, Cambridge, and London universities.

Money for the bursaries came from three committees set up in England two years ago to counteract the effects of the university Apartheid policy.

None of the three students has ever taken part in any political campaign, or belonged to any organisation the Government would be likely to call "undesirable."

Academic circles believe that the reason the passports were refused is that the bursaries were offered by organisation opposing apartheid.

"African
Overseas
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Albert amb.

17th November, 1958.

C.H. Feinstein, Esq.,
Chairman,
The Cambridge University African
Scholarship Fund,
20 Fendon Road,
CAMBRIDGE.

CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Mr. Feinstein,

I thank you for your letter of 4th November, 1958.

I got in touch with Mr. Glyn Thomas who tells me that none of the persons who were awarded overseas scholarships, the Oxford, Cambridge, or the others offered, have obtained passports. The position would appear to be that the Government, in the person of Dr. Verwoerd, considers that the scholarships were initiated as a protest against the Government and its policy and not as a purely academic matter. As the Minister of Native Affairs has the final say about passports there would seem to be nothing that can be done either here or overseas. To make public protests in South Africa or England would not help in obtaining passports, and I am sure will not alter our Government's attitude. I had hoped, inter alia, that by divorcing the scholarship committee from the Institute and marrying it to the University this position would not arise.

Mr. Glyn Thomas will be writing to you more fully in the matter and will no doubt be calling the committee here together.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte,
DIRECTOR.

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY AFRICAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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20 Fendon Road,
Cambridge.

4th November, 1958

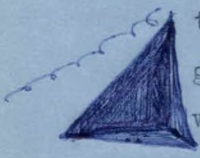
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The Director,
S.A.I.R.R.,
P.O. Box 97,
Johannesburg.

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Dear Mr Whyte,

During September we learned from Mr. Umlaw that the Government had refused his application for a passport . I then wrote to Mr. Glyn Thomas, asking whether any reasons had been given for withholding the passport, and if there was anything which could be done, either in South Africa or in England, to get the decision reversed. I have had no reply to this letter, and as we are naturally anxious to pursue the matter, I am writing to ask if the Institute knows any more of the reasons behind the refusal to grant a passport, and whether you can suggest any fruitful action which might be taken.



G. Thomas

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Yours sincerely,

Charles Feinstein

(C.H. Feinstein, Chairman CUASF)

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STUDENTS' UNION

THE UNIVERSITY
SOUTHAMPTON
TEL: 54071-2-3-4

1st December, 1958.

Quintin Whyte, Esq.,
South African Institute of Race Relations,
Auden House,
68, De Korte Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Whyte,

You may recall that I wrote to you in February last regarding the scholarship which this Union is hoping to endow to bring a non-European, from South Africa, to this country. Since then the appeal has been launched and the fund at the moment is at approaching £1,000 and we would be hoping shortly to contact you again with a view to discussing some selection procedure.

However, I was very disturbed yesterday to read a report in an English newspaper that three students selected for scholarships organized by Oxford, Cambridge and Christian Action, have been refused passports by the South African Government. At the time I wrote earlier your opinion was that passports would probably not provide any difficulty and this was the opinion also of Father Huddleston with whom we are also in contact. It now seems that the Government may be intending to stop any such scholarship being taken up.

Naturally we are very worried by this situation and I would much appreciate it if you could let me know, by the very earliest return, your latest opinion on the passport situation. Obviously if this denial of passports is to be general, we shall have to alter the objects of our fund and one of the courses we might take is to send the money to South Africa for use there. Time, as you can see, is not on our side and we are most anxious to get the necessary information as quickly as possible.

I would be grateful also for any information or advice you may have on other aspects of the scholarship scheme. Perhaps you would be kind enough to help me in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

R. Chester

R. Chester.
Secretary of the Union.

*copy of this letter
sent to Mr. Glyn Thomas.*

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Your Ref: BL/66/1.WH.
(29 July, 1958)

20 Fendon Road,
Cambridge.
6th December, 1958

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY AFRICAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Dear Mr. Glyn Thomas,

This is to confirm the information that Mr. David Epstein, a member of our Committee, will probably by now have given you.

In view of the fact that the South African candidates seem at present unable to obtain passports we have reluctantly decided to offer the Cambridge Scholarship to a student from one of the three High Commission Territories. We would be grateful if your Committee could once again undertake the task of advertising the scholarship, and of making the preliminary selection of candidates. The terms of the Scholarship will be the same as before, except that it will not be offered to a South African. We should like the candidate to come into residence in Cambridge in October 1959, and so we hope that it will be possible to advertise the Scholarship in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

I. Glyn Thomas, Esq.,
University of the
Witwatersrand,

(C.H. Feinstein, Chairman,
C.U. African Scholarship Fund)

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY AFRICAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

20 Fendon Road,
Cambridge.
6 December, 1958

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The Director,
SAIRR, P.O. Box 97,
Johannesburg, South Africa.

Dear Mr Whyte,

Thank you for your letter of 17 November.

done

Our committee have considered your letter, and have reluctantly decided that under the circumstances we should offer the Scholarship to a candidate from the High Commission Territories. I enclose a copy of a letter to Mr. Glyn Thomas, asking that the Scholarship committee take the necessary steps to this end.

Yours sincerely,

C. H. Feinstein

(C.H. Feinstein,
Chairman, CUASF.)

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10th December, 1958.

Mr. I. Glyn Thomas,
Vice-Principal,
University of the Witwatersrand,
Milner Park,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Glyn Thomas,

OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIPS.

I enclose copies of letters for your information.
If you have any suggestions perhaps you would care to send them
to Mr. Chester and/or the other scholarship funds.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte,
DIRECTOR.

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10th December, 1958.

Mr. R. Chester,
Secretary,
Students' Union,
The University,
SOUTHAMPTON.

Dear Mr. Chester,

I thank you for your letter of 1st December, 1958. May I congratulate you on the success of your appeal.

We here in South Africa have been shocked by the refusal of the passports to the other three scholars. When I wrote to you originally I said that I thought there would be no difficulty. I based this opinion on the number of passports given to Non-Europeans for study overseas, even for study in India under the Government of India Scholarship Scheme, on the fact that it was Witwatersrand University (not the Institute of Race Relations) which was selecting the scholars, and because I felt that scholars selected would be unlikely to have political affiliations and activities which would make them non-persona grata with the Government.

I have discussed this matter with the Vice-Principal of Witwatersrand University who is chairman of the South African selection committee for the Oxford, Cambridge and Christian Action scholarships. I understand that the reason for the refusal of the passports has nothing to do with the students selected. It is because the now Prime Minister sees the scholarships as a protest against the policies of his Government - viz. apartheid - by people overseas and not stemming from purely academic or humanitarian motives. Mr. Glyn Thomas says that he has gone into the matter most carefully and has brought to bear what influence he can but the Minister will not be moved.

If the Minister maintains this attitude, and I am almost sure that he will, one alternative would be for your Fund to make the scholarship available to students who are domiciled in the High Commission Territories of Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland, or in the Federation of the Rhodesias and Nyasaland. They would be British subjects not South African and presumably, though educated, for example in the Union at Union schools or universities, would obtain passports. Another possibility is that you make the £1,000 available to the University of the Witwatersrand Students Medical Fund which is money raised by students and spent on medical scholarships at the University of the Witwatersrand. It is still possible for suitable Africans to attend this University and complete their courses there. Or again the money could be donated, for example, to this University for awards to suitable African students

M. R. Chester,
Secretary,
Students' Union,
The University, Southampton.

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10th December, 1958.

to undertake post-graduate work or a degree further advanced than B.A.

I suggest two courses :-

1. That you get in touch with the Oxford, Cambridge and Christian Action Funds for consultations as to the best course to pursue.
2. That if you consider the possibility of sending the money to the Union, you get in touch with Mr. Glyn Thomas, Vice-Principal, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, asking him for all the information you would require to come to a decision. I am sending copies of your letter and mine to him.

You may imagine how upset and angry we all are. But there seems little we can do at this end other than make these suggestions.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte,
DIRECTOR.

QW/amb.

cc: Mr. Glyn Thomas.

P.S. These are the names of the chairmen of the Oxford, Cambridge and Christian Action Scholarship Appeals :

Mr. Tony David Smith,
Chairman,
J.A.C.A.R.I. (Joint Action Committee Against Racial Intolerance),
Brasenose College, OXFORD.

Mr. C.H. Feinstein,
Chairman,
Cambridge University African Scholarship Appeal,
30, Glisson Road, CAMBRIDGE.

L.J.
Canon Collins,
Christian Action,
2, Amen Court, LONDON, E.C.4.

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AIRMAIL.

Mr C.H. Feinstein,
20, Fendon Road,
Cambridge,
ENGLAND.

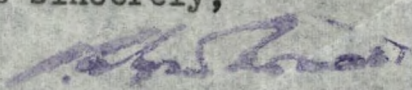
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Yours sincerely,


I. Glyn Thomas,
Vice-Principal.

Copy for Mr Quintin Whyte.

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19th December, 1958.

The Director,
S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
Auden House,
68, De Korte Street,
Braamfontein,
Johannesburg.

BY HAND.

Dear Mr Whyte,

Thank you for your letter of 10th December, 1958, enclosing a copy of the correspondence between you and the secretary of the Students' Union of the University of Southampton. I have no other suggestions to add to those which you have presented. I am sending you copies of my correspondence with the British organisations which are concerned with African Overseas Scholarships.

Yours sincerely,

I. Glyn Thomas,
Vice-Principal

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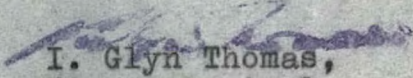
Professor C.A. Coulson, F.R.S.,
Mathematical Institute,
10, Parks Road,
Oxford, ENGLAND.

Dear Professor Coulson,

... Thank you for your letter of 12th December, 1958, in which you suggest that the JACARI scholarship be readvertised as the William Brogden Memorial Scholarship and be made available, like the Cambridge African scholarship, for candidates from the Protectorates. I have already written on this matter to Mr Feinstein of the Cambridge University African Scholarship Fund, and I think I can best reply to your letter by sending you the enclosed copy of my letter to Mr Feinstein, dated 17th December, 1958. I hope the enclosure will make the position clear.

With kindest regards, and my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year,

Yours sincerely,


I. Glyn Thomas,
Vice-Principal.

Copy for Mr Quintin Whyte.

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17th December, 1958.

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Yours sincerely,

Sgd. I. Glyn Thomas,
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