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Mr Benjamin Fogound,
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Johannesburg.

Dear Benjie,

Thank you for the two
volumes of Lipson's Economic History of
England, Lukin's Political Theory and
the seven expert records.

I received all these on the 17th
October but thought I would wait until
I had received the letter which I believed
had accompanied them. Incidentally,
on the same day, I received a book
on African myths and legends, from Leunetta
and A. G. Ngoto who are now in Lusaka.
Leunetta teaches in a Secondary School
there and tells me she earns £120 a
month. She complains, however, that the
cost of living is high, which might mean

I mean!

a lot or nothing.

Milicewa wrote to ask whether she should write to you in English or in Sotho. Her spelling is, unfortunately, very poor and I accordingly advised her to write in Sotho which she writes beautifully.

In one of the letters which you did not receive last year, I had suggested that you buy yourself a house in one of the park suburbs - complete with warm-water swimming-pools and what have you - where I could "luxuriate" over week-ends. I still think you should try to get your own house to enable Jenny to run freely and kick and laugh without the constant fear of upsetting some fustidious, grumpy fellow-tenant.

I have been wondering whether you attended the independence celebrations of Botswana and Lesotho and what you thought of the whole play. What message did you get from the Breccian chome? "And may the gods spare us or forever cast us down" (Odellius).

Prof. Wellington has made detailed studies of the drainage systems of the Zambesi and has made valuable

(valuable)

suggestions for the development of the Okavango area. I read the articles a while ago and not only enjoyed them but found the project so practicable and the homework so well done that I felt I could assume personal responsibility for it: There is so much to be done and so many willing hands and brains to do it. All that is lacking I think is the correct appeal - bold, daring and imaginative; an ~~appeal~~^{invitation} to meaningful occupation, to meaningful sacrifice!

I have reviewed all three issues of the "Economica," Benjie, thank you. Some articles, while interesting, contain so much maths, that they leave huge gaps in my understanding. When I have finished this course I'll have to settle down and learn the ABC of maths, physics and chemistry. Without these one's education is not complete these days.

Mrs Marguard has sent me a book on the life of Azikiwe written by a Ghanaian University lecturer. I used to read his "West African Pilot" at Fort Hare and I admired him immensely. At that time

him)
he could have united Nigeria solidly behind
him and his NCNC party, but to do that he
had to sever his tribal multiracial cord. He
wasn't big enough to do that. Padmore never
forgave him for returning to the tribal fire.
There is a tale

I should like your opinion on
three books about which I have read
"raving" reviews of late. From all reports
they are literary gems. One, I think,
is titled Belona and deals most aesthetically
with the Civil Rights movement in the U.S.A.
The other is written by a number of Europeans
in South Africa, among them Gertrude Miller
and Frank Chute. It is titled We are also
people or something like that. I am told
it is very warm and compassionate. A third
is by South African brilliant golfer, long
player. I haven't seen the title anywhere but
I am told it is very original and makes
some profound sociological observations.

Well Benjie, cheers for now.

My warmest greetings and love to the ladies.
Yours sincerely,
Bob

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