

Robben Island School,
Robben Island.

21st October, 1965.

Mrs N. J. Marquard,
Windoush,
Drooper Street,
Claremont, Cape.

Dear Mrs Marquard,

Your letter of the 30th September reached me on the 15th of this month (October)! Two days previously I had written to thank you for the books and the foot powder. I also wrote to ask you to soothe some Christian feelings. I realize now, though, that I should have made the proviso ^{that} ~~that~~ - if you feel such an interpretation of the statement is likely:

Again thank you for the foot powder. My trouble appears to be purely one of very free perspiration for which any foot powder will do. I have used both kinds outside (!) indiscriminately.

Thank you also for the trouble you have taken to enable me to get books

(books)

from the Provincial Library Service. I'll certainly make use of the service.

Touching the fruit it would appear that a new man has taken over that department. I had arranged at the beginning that they should not send me any avocado pears (my figure, you know) and they have observed that taboo for two years, until last week to be precise. It must be a fresher who's responsible for this confusion.

It does appear that the "Sunday Tribune" article to which I referred in my letter of the 15th has caused some mischief. Prof Wellington has written to say that a certain lady has, after reading the article, offered to help with my wife's fare so that she may visit me more often. But it's not just the money, you know. My friends would be prepared to finance six trips a year if I so desired. However, my wife is employed as a nurse and she does not want to be taking unpaid leave every now and then, getting on and off trains, just to see a husband! But the poor dear does not know that. Oom Danie Nel

(Nel)

would tell her she does not know the "Banties". They are happiest when they are away from their wives; the longer the separation the merrier! Please print that out to any prospective good Samaritans who may come to your door.

I was amused by a piece I read in "Life" magazine, a month or so ago. An article dealing with the Los Angeles riots reports that a number of shops hurriedly put up signs: "Blood brother", "Negro owned, please, thank you," "Negro owned and operated - we shall overcome."

It was this last that I found most amusing. It is so opportunistic! But there is a bit of pathos in it too. How many, throughout the world are compelled to pronounce "shibboleth" to safeguard their lives, homes and businesses.

I am not commenting on Hamlet yet. I am reading the play over once more on the hope that I shall achieve Arnold's "willing suspension of disbelief".

Yours sincerely,
RMSobukwe.

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I have passed Part I of
the BSc Econ. exams. No class
or grade given in Part I. But
I know it was i-u...a-s-i!
All set for 2nd leg of the
Double!

And

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