

Fort Hare,
Alice. C.P.
16th October 1952.

My Dear Papa,

There seems to be something definitely wrong with the Unions postal system. I cannot understand why our letters take so long whereas your letters to us arrive here a few days after they have been written. Surely the police cannot find my letters so interesting that they have to spend days scrutinizing them. I hope the ~~xxxx~~ official who is responsible reads this letter. He must see to it that the letter catch the right plane.

Here at home there is nothing much to talk about except the Fort Hare crisis. C.P.D. was scheduled to speak at King on Tuesday for the opening of the Bunga. A few days before then he had showed uncle Selby the long address. He was warned not to make certain statements regarding the rehabilitation scheme and also the claims by various sections of the population to South Africa. Fikie has sent papa the parts of the speech which appeared in the press. As papa can imagine the very parts he had been warned to avoid appeared in the press. I tell you these press chaps are exploiting the speech ~~xxx~~ to the full.

The part that annoyed us were ~~x~~, first of all, the questioning of the bona fides of our leaders in opposing the so-called Rehabilitation scheme. Secondly he, after urging people to face facts and be objective, suggested that when Europeans arrived in South Africa there were no people living in it except the Hotentots and Bushmen. The Bantu were not there. The Free State was empty. So the Whites have an equal claim as the African. I am not prepared myself to argue the point as I regard it as a self-evident truth that the whole of Africa belongs to us. But I still think that even ~~x~~ quack historians must explain my the African tribes took so long and suffered so much fighting an enemy who had not robbed them of anything; and since when has the principle been enunciated that says that territory that has no buildings on it belongs to every body. If we left parts of our territory empty that does not mean we had given up claim of the territory. The Whiteman came to South (not to settle) on April 6th 1652. When did the Africans come or has speculation now become fact. So the next the students did not go to prayers and I do not know what is going to happen. There are cartoons, articles etc. There is also a statement by Pandit Nehru in which he states that South Africa belongs to the Africans and that the Indians must co-operate with ~~xxx~~ them..

We are intensifying the Campaign for the Defiance of Unjust laws. " Operation UNO " is taking place next week. We want to ~~fx~~ focus the attention of Uno on the situation in S.A. We are pleased by the fact that they have placed it on the agenda. I hope the general assembly will endorse the decision of the steering committee. There is a suggestion by the white press that papa might be asked to speak on behalf of the Africans by the Indian government. I do not know if our chaps have got in touch with papa over this, because papa's voice would have to be Africa's and not India's. If such a chance did arise I know ~~xi~~ papa will hit these fellows hard. This apartheid is such a bad thing that one must not even try to ~~xxxxxxx~~ sympathize with its purblind protagonists. Over five thousand of our volunteers have thus far gone into action. The movement is now getting into stride with more streamlined control over the machinery. There was a ~~xi~~ alittle trouble at East London and we are having to purge the movement a bit there. We unfortunately have to be rather on the hard side regarding mistakes because we are fighting for high stakes. This week Mefeking went into action with a batch of twenty led by the younger Molema who is chairman of the Northern Cape regional committee. So from Capetown to Mafeking the Cape is afire. A few farming towns in the Karoo and we will have covered the whole of the area except the Transkei. We have two hundred volunteers who have served their sentences who are scattered all over the Transkei and I have no doubt but that in a few months time there will be a change with Transkei in the front line. Matji is on a tour just now consolidating all the branches so that the provincial executive can have complete control over expansion which has rather been rapid! I notice Bhengu is no more going to U.N.O. The government has been wise. I have been wondering whether I told papa or mama that Letlaka was also one of the accused in our case. Mandela is now new president of the Transval

in place of J.B. who could not be a candidate as a result of the orders ~~xxxxxx~~ issued by Swart which debar him from being a member. The Transvaal conference of which I will send papa reports was opened by chief Luthuli who was loudly acclaimed when he spoke. His leadership is shaping up brilliantly and the people appreciate the fact that he has defied the government which issued an ultimatum to him either to withdraw from the defiance ~~xxxxxx~~ campaign or get kicked out. The Youth League Transvaal also held a mighty conference attended by six hundred delegates. I just hope there will be limits to the delegations to be sent to Bloemfontein. According to the constitution the Cape is at present entitled to about 2500 to 3,000 delegates alone!.

Well papa that is all for the present. We have a fair margin as far as finance is concerned. We have just sent off the Income tax forms. Omp Gqira had applied for an extension of time. The gang is O.K. they are all (at this time) clamouring for holiday fancy clothes and shoes. I got Pulane some. Lesego wants a special type which is not available as yet. Greetings to all who know us. Love to mama from the gang.

Your loving Son,

Rakwe

P.S. More money needed for Defence fund. What are those capitalists doing with all the ~~profits~~.profits!