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My Dear Papa,

Well we are here at last. Its such a relief to be away from the tense situation in the Cape. But there is another sense in which it is not good to be in Durban. One does not have here the re-assured feeling of having the masses hundreds present behind you. That is a marked difference from the Cape where the people are solid behind the movement.

I decided not to go through Kimberley in view of the fact that I am too much of a marked man in those parts, and they might pick me up on some trumped up charge. The court inquiry into the causes of the riot has started in Kimberley and the place is rather tense according to reports and the presence of one of the "Eastern Cape Agitators" would evoke some response. The

A. N. C. Congress is in Johannesburg. It will start on the 13 and finish off the following day. There is fair agreement on the huthuli nomination and the support of Njingwe means his election will be a virtual certainty. Rora simply will not be put forward by anyone.

When their case ended they were found guilty by judge Rumpf of "Statutory Communism". At this stage Rora got up to make a statement in "mitigation of sentence". He said he was a grandson of the chief who helped the voortrekkes; that he had always helped needy European students; that he resigned from the A.A.C. because it precluded non-operation with Europeans; he had taken steps to avert an indefinite strike to be called in the Cape in because he felt it would lead to bloodshed; (he was referring to the P.E. strike; also he had made a statement that we wanted no foreigners to

interfere in this campaign which was
a domestic affair. The judge and
prosecutors were, of course, delighted at this
terrible political blunder and the prosecutors
pointed out to the court that there was
nothing wrong with Roe - its "then other
fellows who are communists". The judge
pointed out that, of course, Dr Muroke
was guilty of "statutory Communism" and
not of Communism as we know it. In
other words Dr Muroke is not a Communist.

I tell you page it was a complete
capitulation. Cheps had prepared really
good statements and they just had to
keep them in the pocket in view of this
statement by the chief. Fisher phoned
me immediately after the case and
warned me of what was coming in in the
press the following day. The story was bad.

But F.S. has made so many mistakes that
perhaps it was not as bad as it might
have been. Also the white press obviously
did not want to ruin Roe politically

because they would rather have him as President of the A.N.C. So ^{there} they was a taking down of the story and no one commented on it at all. They were all sentenced to nine months suspended for two years on condition they are not convicted of another offence under the suppression of Communism Act during that time. That is the position as it stands.

Now the conference will have to decide on the new leaders. The 1945 Executive which has people like Mholo, Mthabane is out of date and must be brought into line with the realities of the situation.

The total ban on meetings in locations and rural areas has been defied and we are testing it. It was defied by a batch consisting of 42 people including 7 Europeans. These included the son of Sir Patrick Duncan, Betty Du Toit a member of the national Executive - Trades Union Congress; University students.

the rest of the batch consisted of Indians
and African students from West & East
Havre. I forgot to mention Manimal Ghosh
who is also in this batch. Well we
will see how the Government will get
out of that one. On the same day in
Ceylon some Europeans defied Post Office
Authorities. They included the son of Solly
Sachs who is a law student at
Ceylon University. I am afraid
I cannot give my impression of the
participation of Europeans in this campaign.
The Europeans might regard these people
as rascals and they are not. We on
our side will probably regard it as a
proof that we welcome anyone in our
ranks who wants democracy.

Can you send the money
straight to his account at the Bank. I
will not be there to sign all the
papers etc. so it's better just to send

it into your account. We were very happy
to receive the last instalment and also
the parcel from mamma. It only cost
17/9 customs duty for both parcels.

I edited papa's letter to Mamma
and gave it to the "Adone" i.e.
the paper that used to be the "Gazette".
It ~~to~~ came out beautifully.

Will papa thank all for the
present. Lots of love to mamma from the
family. Is she back from the tour?

Your loving son,
Behave.

P.S. I forgot a most important thing. Palene
failed from I. She was so bad that they
say if she comes back she will have to
do from I general & not academic. I
sent Scipio on a symposium to Bergamo and
he said they could not possibly get her
for the Academic course again. The
trouble is she did so badly that many

Who did letters and "have ~~been~~ been told
not to come back to home school would
explain. As it is they are taking in
the general because the staff did not
agree to the extreme step of not
having her back at all. I almost
sent the report to paper but later
on decided not to. It's just 27%
20% etc. She ~~by~~ passed Biology,
English, Xhosa. History she got 39%
and the rest - Maths, Science, Latin
was a total collapse. They all say she's
in a rut. Well I think that's too
glad an explanation. Perhaps staying at
home is no good for her. There isn't
sufficient routine here. Maybe she
should go to some Catholic school.
I don't know.

her ego was excellent as usual.
She got over 20% in three and
over 65 in three and 5-10% in Xhosa.
She was 75% in English. She's a real
crack and we are expecting results
from her in the 4.C. In spite of her

excellent marks in the internal test she
was no. two. I think her score is 65
low. If it came up to 60% she
would be unobtainable. As for Fort
Horn is ~~unusually~~ concerned persons are
flying. Results are the worst ever.
There are good marks about Thorpe and
about Turrie they are fair. He may have
a 50% in physics which was passed
by only 19 according to Davidson. So that's
that.

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