

African Studies

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Senator the Hon. L. I. Rubin,
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Dear Senator,

Thank you for your letter of 2nd November in reply to mine which must have been delayed by the Senate.

When your letter came I had already had one from Mr Kossew and he and I have since been in touch with one another about possibilities as far as African Horizon is concerned.

Thank you for the information about the Law Society having no objection to an Attorney practising in his home. I have been trying to find out whether there is anything in the Urban Areas Act which would prevent an African Attorney practising in his own home within an urban area. What about the Group Areas Act, how is that likely to affect the situation? If there are no difficulties in the way as far as these Acts are concerned, it might be possible to combine practice as an Attorney with an Agency for the Horizon. What do you think about that?

I see from the Press that you yourself will be leaving the country early in the New Year to take up an appointment in Ghana. That looks a very interesting post indeed. As one who has taught African Law for over twenty years now I myself would be keenly interested in research into this field. After all we here in South Africa have in one way or another been applying Native Law for many years and we might be able to make a contribution to the problems with which you are going to be concerned in Ghana. Anyway if you are wanting an assistant sometime in the near future you will know where to look for one. There is of course the passport problem as far as I am concerned. I think that now that I have resigned from Fort Hare as I have done, the Nats. will do all they can to prevent me from leaving the country. Anyway when you get to Ghana, give my regards to Dr Kwame Nkrumah and tell him we wish him well in his endeavours for the freedom and independence of all Africa.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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