

12th December, 1984.

Dear Buntty,

I have all sorts of excuses for having taken so long to reply to your letter, but I will only use one of them and save the others up for another day. I had planned to visit Winnie in November but she was away at the time so I only managed to get to her yesterday.

she is well, and sends her love. That leg which was worrying her seems to be quite alright. She has very grand plans for expanding the clinic on premises for which she showed me the plan. Apparently the Methodist Church wants the use of its hall again after the end of the year. The plan was going off to Johannesburg to be used to raise funds for the building. I think they'll have a job raising all that they want, but at least it all gives here an interest. Zinzi seems to have recovered from her injuries (did I tell you she had been attacked by an irate boyfriend and very badly injured?) The reason Winnie wasn't there in November was that she had gone to JHB, where Zinzi was having plastic surgery to her face. Anyway, she is alright now and, miracle of miracles, has been accepted for UCT, where she will be starting next year.

I have seen Lulu occasionally the last time at our Christmas DC Party. I have not yet been able to see the people concerned to find out why she lost her job and she has now gone off to Cape Town with sister Lindiwe and her two children. Lindiwe has just written her Matric and Lulu told one of our committee that she had been offered a sponsorship to go to UCT. She'll need a pretty good Matric to get in there, so I am not counting on that.

You ask about Gatsha. As Desmond has probably told you he is in violent conflict with supporters of the UDF. The violence has come from both sides, although mostly from his, and certainly some of the things the UDF say about him at their meetings and in their songs are highly provocative. He, on the other hand, takes the mildest criticism as an insult either to himself or the Zulu people and has taken no real stand to control the more violent elements of Inkatha -- who, I think, are very violent. My own view is that, despite their protestations of support for non-violence, both sides in this dispute will use it whenever they think it will benefit them which, in effect, means when they outnumber the other side.

Archis and Co. are due out of the Consulate today. They will almost certainly then be tried for treason -- of all things. I wish the British Government had handled them more sympathetically. I think they certainly abused their position in the consulate by using it as a base for a political propaganda campaign, but I think they could have been stopped from doing that in a less harsh manner than they were. All this has given a boost to the anti-Western sentiments of the UDF, which were pretty overwhelming anyway.

Thanks for the money. I still have R100 for Lulu. Mr. Ndebele is still out of work. The corporation wouldn't take him back.

Happy Christmas and 1985.

Love from us all.