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Same address as usual.

18th October, 1962.

Dear John,

Thank you very much for your letters. I shall list those that I have received, so as to make quite sure that none have gone astray:

Letters dated	Copies of Letters dated
8th October	ICFTU to JL dd. 4th October
	ICFTU to EMW " "
10th "	JL to EMW 10th "
	JL to PB " "
11th "	D. Ennals to JL 11th "
	JL to de Jonge 12th "
12th (handwritten).	JL to PB 12th "

Let me deal with the matters raised in the letters, in the order in which they are referred to above:

1. Thomas. At the same time as I received your letter of 8th, I heard from Nedzynski. The offer is, I think, most satisfactory - despite the fact that its probationary nature will make things a little more difficult to organise. I have seen Thomas and communicated the terms of the offer to him. He is pleased with it, and is considering just how it should be used. His own position is not at all clear: his present job, with another insurance co., is uncongenial but pays well; £45 per month plus a car allowance of £4.10.0 a week. He is uncertain whether he should forge this (while it lasts). If he decides not to, Mtshizana, the Sec. of the AGWU will probably be available to work full time. (He is at present a messenger on one of the advocates' floors in CT). I have pressed Thomas hard to take the offer, since I believe the difference between his present salary and that provided should be easily recoverable from dues collected once a full-time person exists. I have also mentioned, in strict confidence - which he will observe scrupulously - the projected conference, the importance of his being able to play a significant role in it, and possible future opportunities arising from it within the ICFTU framework. I should know his decision within a week from now, and will communicate it to you forthwith.
2. Ernie: he has now apparently resigned himself to not going, and talks of going to the bar next month, which will of course absorb a far greater amount of his time than anything else he has done (not because he will have that much work, but because he will have to earn a living somehow while waiting for briefs). He put up a magnificent show in a debate with Verster last week on the banning of Pat Duncan - reported in almost a full page on the Sunday Times. Subjected him to a real cross-examination, in which Verster came off very much the worse. I hope this heralds Ernie's return to effective political work, and means that he has extricated himself from the doldrums in which he has been for some time now.
3. Conference. In view of your letters, and your report on your visit to Brussels, I now agree with you that this should definitely be held. (You misinterpreted my earlier letters to the extent that you did not realise that they were basically designed to delay it for as long time as possible). I have written to Peter accordingly, and have given him a list of suggestions as to how we might get about convening it. This still involves the notion of delay: I still think that we shall be slaughtered if the thing is held in January, and my plans were based

on the assumption that we could really only hope to get something worthwhile done in March or April at the earliest. Will there be any money available to us for this - organising it, I mean?

4. Lazarus: I will raise this next time I see Thomas, and, if he is interested, will write to Ernie about it. If he is not, I will write to Ernie offering to help keep L going until the Conference - if this does not involve too much money.

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5. Money: £1500 has now arrived, not £1750 as you state in your letter of 12th. Could you write to JDW about the balance, both the £250 and the £750 which you also refer to as becoming available later. When? Do you think you could ask JDW to write to me at the same address as you do - I have no way of getting the information to him.

One small point: could Brigit please let me have a letter saying that I am authorised to collect moneys due to them in Cape Town. Tom requires this to clear matters with his firm, and so do his auditors.

6. Liberal International. Thank you for the documents. I shall be writing to them in the near future, and so will Peter. I, too, am not terribly happy at their manifesto - or the resolution on African-Asian liberalism. It will be most difficult for us to associate ourselves with so definite an anti-neutralist attitude, expressed as it is in rather blatant cold war terminology. Similarly, on economic policy. Their only other African participant - apart from my Dad - came from the tiny Zimbabwe Party in Rhodesia - no great recommendation, since it is rightwing in the context of African politics, and unsavoury so far as whites are concerned because too nationalist.

7. Seminar: I'll ask Peter about Jordan. Somehow I doubt whether we could raise the money.

8. AAPC: Much more vital is getting to this in Accra this November, i.e. next month. Could money be found for this - from English liberals or continental ones. My experience has always been that it is easier to raise funds for something definite like this than for something large and indefinite.

9. Newsletter: I shall be writing to Marian about this. And to Peter.

10. List of Addresses. Yes, please do send this. None was enclosed with your letter of 11th.

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11. Bechuanaland. I think it is time you revived activity in this regard now. Through a fortunate co-incidence I established contact with Patrick van Rensburg, who is in Serowe and is starting a non-racial primary school there in February. He has land, water, a little money and more to come - I gather through Clutton Brock, Michael Scott, the Freedom from Hunger People. He has agreed to share with us; Adrian was up there on our behalf, had discussions with Seretse & Rasebholai Kgamane (the 'native authority'), the Education Officer, and FvR. We are set to go into action, are waiting from funds from WUS to get an expert adviser from Tanganyika and/or Rhodesia and will get cracking on syllabus. Next step is a work camp to put up buildings. Then we're in business. We need money badly; our architect is drawing plans of the buildings we shall require, with estimates of costs. But we are happy to start with prefabs until sufficient money is available. £1,000 to get cracking & pay the salary of one person for 6 months would mean something. In all, costs would probably run to about £10-15,000 capital; recurrent something like £5,000 p.a. (some recoverable from fees). Any chance of getting William Clark on the job?

12. Freedom Fund. This seems encouraging; what should we do to stimulate fund-raising by the British from here, not to mention the others. What type of dope do they require - memoranda, case-histories, descrip-

of needs in political terms, or in humanitarian ones? Would leaflets, pamphlets, newspapers, fall within their framework? Please offer suggestions and we can get down to doing something.

13. Palley (first name Ahn incidentally, not Arne; really Arnold, or at least it was when he was in Cape Town at the Bar). Don't go overboard about him, please, notwithstanding his present association with Todd in the NAP. He really is something of a mystery, and a joke locally. I am afraid. Terribly chequered career: here, Labour Party; Rhodesia first Dominion Party (shadow-cabinet for Justice when they were in their heyday and very rightwing, somewhere between UP & Nats); then volte face, becomes independent. Then takes a big poke at Whitehead for being too repressive (at the time of the Law & Order (Maintenance) Act); then formed NAP with Todd - also thoroughly finished politically, because he is squeezed between his horror of racialism, and his dislike of African Nationalism; also he has the cross of being Huggins' colleague, and none-too-progressive successor (Land Apportionment ACT, eg., to bear).

14. Hepple, etc: In my letter to Peter, I suggested that Leo Levell - now practising as an attorney at Mbahane - be drawn in to the confs really a much better person than Hepple, more flexible I think, it infinitely more intelligent.

Liberal Party not ARK

15. Common Market. As far as I am able to gather from news reports, we don't really have an official position yet on the common market. The Govt. has dragged its feet badly here, and has only now - about realises that its agricultural produce in particular is going to be severely hit - that it has sent people all over Europe trying to get agreements on tariffs which would put them in much the same position, I imagine, as associate members will be. When anything definite becomes public, I'll let you know.

I think that's all for the moment.

With many thanks, and apologies for not having written before now,

Yours,