

18th March, 1962

Dear John, *hang*

Many thanks for your letter of 9th. I'm pleased that letters are now getting through to you, though I still think that for safety's sake you ought to change addresses every six months' or so.

On the subject of correspondence generally, you may be right about Ernie; but Randolph's experience has apparently been the same. He has also written, and claims to have heard nothing for months. So much so that he talked of washing his hands of all things from sheer chagrin. As I don't know the facts, I can't comment. I merely pass on his statement to you. On the other hand, Pat has certainly received things from you.

*Duncan*

With regard to Ernie, I have heard nothing further, and cannot make out from your letter whether he has written to you or not - or rather whether you have received a letter from him. He definitely said that he was going to write. Specifically, I shall note on your comments on the feasibility of the June visit, and the use of a secretary and travel. You don't refer to the question of his projected second visit. Do I take it that this would be in order - i.e. that a first visit should take place, so soon as possible, to plan a longer one later?

Incidentally, Pat now has a passport - a condition that he makes no speeches. He intends going abroad in May, and wants to talk to moneyed people in the States. I told him to contact you, but don't know whether he will do so.

Thanks for your suggestions concerning W.E. Smith & Son and subscriptions. 15% is perfectly acceptable; he knows here want twice as much. Do you mean that we should send order forms of copies of one number of the NA by the air mail? If the former, should we do so now or wait until the new ones are printed in June mid-April for sending to Diana Collins, the USA - where we have the nucleus of a fine organization being run by Diana Norman - and Scandinavia? If the latter, how many precisely are required? And to whom should they be sent - in bulk?

Your help with the New African is much appreciated here, and has meant that we can indulge in a number of useful projects all of which will make things more efficient. (Incidentally, the gangs did say something about giving us a donation in the form of an advert - £10 per month - for some time unspecified number of issues - payment to be made for a year at a time. Do you think you could press him on this? I have written reminding him of it, but half suspect that his conscience (sometime I'd like to see that bit of cast-iron) may be salved with the thought that his wife is circulating our blurb. This is fine and extremely valuable, but somewhat different (for a lump sum in cash, to be used on capital and promotion expenditure).

With best wishes,

Yours,

*Neville R.*