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Mr A. Paton,
23 Lynton Road,
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HOFMEYR

Dear Alan,

Donald Molteno has now reported. He is writing separately to you about the book, which he greatly enjoyed. He thought it was a most understanding biography of a difficult subject.

His comments, which concern both matters of fact and legal dates, are as follows:

- p.164, fn 1: Schreiner was passed over in 1956, Ramsbottom becoming a Judge of Appeal.
- p.179,fn 1: Burton was no longer a Member of Parliament in 1930. Molteno clearly remembers that he said this 'at a public meeting. I have deleted in the House.
- p.200. Mrs Bertha Solomon was not the first woman to enter Parliament. Mrs Malherbe was there in 1933. I have amended to one of the first women in parliament.
- p.379, line 2: It was not a White Paper but a Blue Book. And in the last line of that para, it should be Africans £12. per annum.
- p.421, line 5: For Browne read Broome.
- p.506. He has checked this carefully with the Leibbrandt case and all is well. He suggests that we write in line 15: "Van Blerk, who had tried to blow up a post office and thereby killed an innocent bystander, was released, and his story was featured in Dagbræk, not as one of violence and sabotage ..."

Agreed

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His reasons for these two changes are that the bystander was not calculatedly killed by van Blerk, and he is not sure that this was treason, though he is sure it was sabotage.

Good p.507, line 20: Havenga was out of Parliament from 1942 to 48.
I have amended 1947 to 1942.

Yours sincerely,

David

D.H. PHILIP