

159 Knollwood Drive
Fairfield, Connecticut
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Dear Hilary,

Here are the pictures I took of you in Nairobi several weeks ago. I apologize for the blurry close-up. I think I had had too much beer that afternoon.

My trip home was delightful. I spent about a week in Nigeria and Ghana, skipped through a few French-speaking African territories, and then spent some time in Paris and London before going home. Now I'm busy trying to learn French at Yale's Summer Language Institute.

And by now you must be busying yourself with the Economics of Esse in East Africa. I hope the white collar world has not swallowed and digested you completely, leaving you no time or urge for literary activity. It would be a pity to let a corporation negate your creativity.

Why not set the Uhuru date as your deadline for finishing your novel? Think of how liberated you would feel if you had the job done by then; it would be uhuru in an individual as well as collective sense. And think of how the publishing companies would scramble for a novel by a Kenyan at the time of Independence, when Kenya would be making so many world headlines. If this idea doesn't appeal to your aesthetic sensibilities, it should at least appeal to mercenary ones.

Well, I had better make this a short letter in order to save you a few more minutes for working on that novel. I'll be looking for your name in the bookstores early next year.

Do right and do write.

Sincerely,

Ben Lindfors

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Mr. Hilary Ng'weno has been appointed a director of the Board of East African Newspapers (Nation Series) Ltd., in succession to Mr. Boaz Omori, who resigned recently to join the Kenya Broadcasting Corporation.

Mr. Ng'weno, who was formerly on the staff of the "Daily Nation" as a feature writer and columnist, now becomes Editor of the paper and will be responsible for editorial policy in all the Company's newspapers circulating in Kenya. He takes over next month from Mr. Graham Rees who then becomes Group Editorial Advisor.

Mr. Ng'weno is a graduate of Harvard University where he majored in Physics and Mathematics. Since June 1963, he has been a Public Relations Officer in the Esso Oil Company. Last month he married Fleur Grandjouan, daughter of the French Cultural Envoy, Mr. Jacques-Clivier Grandjouan.