

Sunday 10th May, 1981.

My dear Mavis,

Together with this letter is one from Suks & Lerato, and hopefully if I am not disturbed, ~~to~~ finish one to Gloria. If I don't will you share this with her my dear comrade.

I am also sending to you an envelope for Sahdhan, Hungary. He wanted Dickens, Hardy & Shakespeare. I've no Shakespeare for the moment, but will forward later. Also a Vanguard & some cuttings for him. He sounds as if he needs some home comforts. Certainly when I asked these fools to read they always found it a bore. Like their father they preferred the 'Who Dun It' stories. Certainly I am glad that they turn toward more thought provoking literature.

Mavis on the question of literature is it possible for you to send us some post revolutionary literature. Soviet, GDR etc. I've read Naked amongst Wolves Gorky, Turgenov, Pushkin, Dostoyevsky (I can't spell that name) Tolstoy. I want to know what they say now.

Well our comrades that return will tell you our news. Better I don't put pen to paper.

The Winter has set in. You will have to come with a hot water bottle to Lesotho, either the rubber variety or human. Of the latter kind you should make sure that he has a good bladder/kidney so that he does ^{not} keep tripping to the loo too often. It freezes here. The toilet is a hazard, as the seat is freezing & when you sit down the cold makes you stand bolt upright, in the result that what you went to the loo for does not exist. The difficulties this raises is more purgatives to keep the body functioning. With my kidney the problems are manifold. Having no human hot water bottles, we iron our beds just before getting into it. Now now. This problem of Women's Lib that you raise for me is a non event... (for me personally) I know the oppression of the female sex, but the problem that we are faced with here is that women see the men as the staying factor, that they aspire to be like the male counterparts. They want to ^{sit} still in executive positions & retain the status quo - ~~not the nature of the society~~

Do you dig me. To me it does not matter what name I wear, it's more that I am what I want to be. I must be able to do the things that I want. So you will ^{not} know me by my name but rather by what I do.

So don't worry about that name, you will be judged by what you do. And you my dear are doing a wonderful job. Certainly I am very proud of all the wonderful work done by us women, whether at home or abroad. Give Annie Silinga any name her protest is a shining example to all mankind.

Some American women are so anxious that they retain their maiden names. What does it prove. They are what they do whatever their names. Also the male shortage is one problem that they meet with their women's Lib argument. All bull-shit.

They are going to meet here now. I must go. Love you all,

Phyl