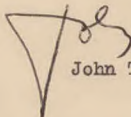


Stockholm, Dec. 28, 1967

Dear Hilda:

Jonte says he has advanced some self criticism in his letter to you. But I fear that in Quotations ~~by~~ of Chairman Jonte the page on Self Criticism will be blank. Anyway, everything is fine. Under separate cover I send you the story about my Australian adventure, where I ~~caused~~ about as much trouble as de Gaulle in Canada. Now I tell the Swedish maoists that it it is extremely dangerous to keep on attacking me. Mr. Holt, the Australian Premier, was eaten by sharks after his outburst against me in the Australian Parliament.

Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Takman', written over a large, simple, hand-drawn outline of a triangle.

John Takman

My private office address:

Box 4176,
Stockholm 4

Jonte Takman, ~~AKA~~ ALVIKSVÄGEN 170,
Bromma

Stockholm 29/12 -67

Dear Hilda,

First of all I really have to tell you how sorry I am and how bad I feel for not having written to you until now. It's not that ~~anything~~ ^{some} hasn't been what it should about my staying in your house, it's just that I am a very, very lazy boy, at least in terms of writing letters. After this excuse and I don't blame you if you don't accept it, I want to tell you something nice. My English was evidently improved a lot because when I ^{got} back home I passed my English exam; the final one that also decides the mark. I got the highest one. You bet I felt good. ~~Just~~ Just before X-mas I got my marks concerning the autumn term and they were so good that I probably will get into Karolinska (= the university for medical studies). Everything is just fabulous. After this brief summary (physically I'm fine) I want to thank you once again. I had a wonderful time with you, peace and quiet was what I needed after all the parties at Kings Road (anyway I was broke). Send my regards to the rest of the family.

Love Jonte

PS.

Thank you for lending me the money. You won't lose anything since I heard Chairman Wilson had some trouble with his pounds. Here's ~~exactly~~ the money, partly in good, ^{and} current hard Swedish cash. That is MONEY.

A happy new year!

5 Rothwell Street,
London, N.W.1. SYH

March 2 72

Dear Judith Todd,

I heard on the radio that your mother said the Todd's had received something like 1,000 letters, therefore please understand I do not expect a reply or acknowledgement of this one.

I wanted to write to you when you were forced to discontinue your hunger strike, and the message your mother brought was that you said you were unable to take it (the forced feeding, that is.) There seemed to be a ring of sorrow for failure in this message, and I felt impelled to tell you that you had not failed; that in the eyes of people everywhere, (except supporters of the Smith regime) your demonstration was an important one. I am sure that the publicity of it contributed to the release of yourself and your father. You made yourself a nuisance to them and they had to do something about it.

In 1960, during the State of Emergency in South Africa, I was with a number of other women who went on a hunger strike for eight days. We were quite a large number, and they did not try to force-feed us, but at the end of eight days our relatives who were worried managed to get the authorities to agree to a doctor from outside (that is, not on the ~~prison~~ prison staff) to examine us, and he warned two women of serious heart complications if they continued. This, plus the fact that the authorities then split us up, sending some of the women away to other prisons, caused us to call it off. I think what we did was comparatively easy - we worked as a group, reinforced each other, felt enormous solidarity with each other - and still we were shattered by having to decide not to continue. Now I compare this with what you did, entirely alone, without anyone to talk to or to argue with on what should be done, and it seems to me you were tremendously courageous, splendidly resourceful, and have nothing at all to reproach yourself for - you yielded only to superior physical force, and in all senses you were the victor.

So there it is - it was worth doing, it did have an effect, and what has emerged to the outside world is not your defeat, but your triumph.

With very best wishes,

Hilda Bernstein

Laszlo Toth
21000 Novi Sad
Yugoslavia

10th February 1983

Dear Laszlo Toth,

Altaf Gauhar of the Third World Foundation has written to me about the possibility of meeting you for an interview in April.

I shall be in London until about the third week in April; I cannot give you a definite date, but may be leaving London for a month about 22nd April.

I will be very happy to see you, if you are here before I leave.

Sincerely,

Hilda Bernstein

London
March 26th 84

Dear Drs. Tisdall,

You must be very proud of your daughter.

Where I come from - South Africa - it is quite easy to see that there is a duty and morality demanded of each individual that is above mere adherence to what happens to be the current law. There is an absolute right, beyond any condemnation, to refuse to adhere to many laws of the apartheid regime.

Inn this country the belief tends to uphold a rigid adherence to the country's laws. There is constant discussion on the need never to infringe the laws of the land, and to adhere to the rules that such laws set out - that they must never be defied or disregarded.

Therefore your daughter's action is much more courageous than any we took in the past. She acted very much in isolation, coming to her decision entirely by herself. I hope that, in spite of the vicious punishment she has received, that she will never regret her action, nor doubt that what she did was the right thing to do. If anyone argues that the law stands above personal conscience - think of South Africa.

I hope that you, as her parents, will derive much strength from your exceptional daughter.

I have not given my address simply to save you the extra burden of thinking that you must reply to this letter.

Hilde Bernstein

Old House Farm
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England

19th December 84

Dear Tandie,

Just as I was looking at this photo and thinking of you, I received your Christmas card and the lovely set of cards that you sent me. So our thoughts join across all this great distance - and time!

I did not know if you were still in Gaberones, and with all the upsets of the past year, I was pleased that you said you have done well this past year.

Rusty and I are no longer living in London. We really could not afford it any longer, and we are endeavouring to start a different kind of life in the country. It is a great change, and I do miss all my friends, but in many ways I had to get away from the never-ending pressures of life in London. It is very difficult these days to live in big cities.

I have been working on a revised, up-dated version of 'For Their Triumphs . . .' and it is due to be published early next year. It is really totally re-written, and has much more information than the old book. I hope it will be of use to our women's cause.

Great things are happening at home. 1985 will be an exciting year - a great leap forward.

Much love to you and all friends



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Ref: RG/HB

6 November 1984

Hilda Bernstein
Penswell
Woodland Farm
Chedworth
Gloucestershire

✓ Sent - 3/6/85

Dear Mrs. Bernstein,

I am delighted that you have accepted my invitation to contribute an article on women workers and apartheid to the 1986 edition of our annual, Third World Affairs. As I mentioned, the human rights section in Third World Affairs 1986 will carry a series of articles looking at conditions of labour which violate human rights. The other articles envisaged include debt bondage, the exploitation of child labour, a survey of slavery and slavery-like practices and possibly two other articles.

I will need your manuscript by 5th June 1985. The article should be up to 4000 words and the more fully referenced and detailed it is the better. I have enclosed our information for authors to give you an idea of our house-style. The first edition of Third World Affairs will be out in December 1984 and I will send you a copy then. I look forward to seeing the new edition of your book on workers and apartheid.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Raana Gauhar

Ms Raana Gauhar
Editor
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19 November 1984

Hilda Bernstein
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Gloucestershire

✓ 23/11/84
agreed

Dear Mrs. Bernstein,

Further to my letter of 6 November I would like to request that you consider doing an article not only on women workers under apartheid but on workers generally under apartheid. This would, of course, include the special problems women workers face. I felt this would be a better way to deal with this instead of having an article on workers under apartheid followed by another on women workers under apartheid. Also, since you have just updated your study on this subject, I imagine it would not be a problem to undertake this larger survey. I will be abroad for a month from the 1st December and it would be very useful if I heard from you before then.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Raana Gauhar.

Ms Raana Gauhar
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Ref: AM/HB

4 December 1984

Hilda Bernstein
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Dear Ms Bernstein,

Thank you for your letter of 30th October 1984. Ms. Gauhar is presently away on holiday as she mentioned in her letter of 19 November 1984. She will reply in full to your query about the honorarium as soon as she returns in early January 1985. May I wish you on her behalf a Happy New Year and hope that this will not inconvenience you.

Yours sincerely

A. Martin
Secretary to
Ms. Gauhar
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Ref: RG/HB

4 January 1985

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✓ Replied 12/1/85

Dear Ms. Bernstein,

Would you accept payment of £70 per 1000 words for a manuscript of 4000 words for the article on workers under apartheid for Third World Affairs 1986? My mention of an honorarium relates to the fact that Third World Quarterly does not normally make any payment for articles. We have tried to settle an honorarium for the annual, Third World Affairs, which we could afford and the author could accept. I shall wait to hear from you.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Raana Gauhar.

Ms. Raana Gauhar
Editor
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Kington
Flyford Flavell
Worcester
12 November 1986

*Replied
6/12/86
Saying NO
but - later*

Dear Hilda,

I am writing to ask you if you could possibly come and speak to the Pershore group of Amnesty International, sometime in the new year. You may remember that I made a similar request after your talk to the Inkberrow Labour party, but unfortunately your commitments were too heavy for you to manage it then. I am quite sure that in the light of this years happenings in South Africa you are even busier still, but I do hope that you will be able to come. Your experiences and comment would be invaluable to the group.

May I congratulate you on the dramatization of 'Death is part of the process'. I found it most informative although I am aware that it was fictional in essence. I am so pleased that it was shown. Have you had any feed back on the viewing figures ?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kindest regards,

Pattie Taylor.
Pattie Taylor

4.i.88

Dear Hilda Bernstein,

A letter from Helen at Christmas reminded me of your card, which had got lost in a great heap of "things to do" - an almost permanent state of affairs, which I try to clear up over Christmas. Did you get a letter from her, too? Of course I know who you are, though I didn't know you painted, too. We don't live far away, either. Helen doesn't sound too well, though naturally doesn't complain. An amazing woman. I have just written a long letter to her - if you didn't get a letter, I can copy hers and send it to you.

I have been writing to Helen off and on for years, starting with Amnesty and continuing since. Recent correspondence has been over a book being written by an American woman, a biography, I think, who wrote to me and asked if I had any correspondence with H. which would be of help to her. She implied that she had H's permission, which in fact she hadn't, so H was upset that personal correspondence had been made available. However, there seems to have been some reconciliation between them now and H is going to vet the book, so I feel better about it. Marjorie gave this person my address.

You will be perhaps interested to know that a local private college for overseas students now has some South African students and some from Tanzania who originally came from SA. They are on scholarships and are cramming A-levels for entrance to university. Through a publisher friend, Ros de Lanerolle, we have got to know some of them and they turn up here now and again and occasionally stay the night or for a while in the holidays, because the college is out in the country (very good in a way - no bright distractions) and transport in and out very bad. They call it "out in the bush"! One of them is Tanya Hodgkins, whose grandmother lives in London and is a friend of Ros's - perhaps you know them both?

Do you ever come this way? I hardly ever go anywhere, but spend my life banging away on this machine, writing and translating from Scandinavian languages - did a book by Per Wästberg on Africa last year - rather good - and go to London about once a month and to one of the Scandinavian countries about once a year. Ros and Tanya's grandmother are coming up to see Tanya (it's her birthday I think) at the end of January - any chance of you meeting up with them?

Did the exhibition go well? Everything about SA is deeply depressing, but that could almost be said to be true of this country, too, sometimes. Bashing the weakest seems to be the order of the day.

Very sorry I have been so dilly-dally answering your card. Let me know if you'd like a copy of H's letter, will you, though I expect she sent one to you, too - her correspondence must be simply colossal.

Yours,

Joan T.

Joan Tate

Card sent - 28/1/88
telling abt -
meeting - March 21

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5th January 92

Old House Farm
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Herefordshire HR3 6BL

Bear Tina,

I only heard of Arthur's death last night when I spoke to Vera. It was sad and unexpected news, as it is not so long since I came to visit you, and Arthur seemed to be well to me.

It will be lonely for you without him, surrounded by a lifetime of memories of places and people, and of his paintings. Although I did not see you both so often, I too will miss him very much. He gave me something quite precious, that perhaps he managed to bestow on all his many friends - it was love and self-esteem. He always made me feel I was more than welcome, and that I was someone special; an irreplaceable gift, more precious than anything material. I do not know anyone who can replace him in that respect.

I will try and be in touch with you when I next come to London. And send you my true sympathy and warm thoughts.

Affectionately,

Hilda

Hilda Bernstein

116/118 Finchley Rd
London NW 3 5HT
Jan, 20th 1992

Dear Hilda,

Thank you very much for your very kind letter. To Arthur you were a very special person & we both very much enjoyed your visits & hearing about all the things you were doing.

We have to count our blessings. Arthur was 89 years & happily died very quickly. I think we could both see it coming, his breathing was getting bad & the doctors could do nothing about it. But we felt that by leading a quiet life he could go on & on, but it was not to be.

I am trying to think positively & get the most out of the short span I have left. I am lucky to have a great deal of support from my friends.

Only my curiosity makes me want to keep alive to see how the world gets out of all this tangle it is in at the moment. I just hope some way will be found to give all mankind a better life, but it will take a long time much more time than I have.

Will always be happy to see you if you are round this way.

Affectionately
Tom Turner

43 Clark Road
Suburbs
Bulawayo ZIMBABWE
Saturday, 6th June 1992

Dear Hilda and Rusty,

Perhaps I shouldn't be writing to you the very evening that I have reluctantly come to the end of 'The World That Was Ours'. I have been its captive from the very first paragraph and now that I have finished it I am feeling rather aimless. Hence this letter I suppose.

I wish I could have read it before we had lunch together with Ruth Weiss that wonderful day when we were awaiting the release of Nelson Mandela. But there wouldn't have been the time to ask all the questions that now fill me. I shall spare you them or else you would have to write another volume! Two of the highlights for me were Govan Mbeki's note: "It's so nice to have Lt Swanepoel with us again" and Ivan's remark that overnight he had become the owner of a house, a car and three children. I thought what a clever statement that was, because it must have been so disarming.

Before I opened the book I must admit I was reluctant to start it simply because I didn't want to be exposed to all the pain I knew it must reveal, again. Of course the pain was even more intense than I was expecting, because it was interwoven into the beauty of the place and the people and into your own lives in such a way that as the reader can almost smell the soup in the pressure cooker and hear the washing machine then the reader can almost feel the pain in a way that is most unusual. I do hope that this book is now widely available in South Africa because it brings those people and that period to life so vividly that all of a sudden it is the present again. I feel I must pass the book on to my parents and yet I am reluctant to do so. I know that my father will weep when he is reminded of Bram in detention after the death of Molly.

Had I been you, Hilda, I don't think I would have had the courage in the late eighties to attempt such a book for fear that publishers would say "everyone knows all that" which of course everyone doesn't and didn't. As you must be able to tell by now I think it is a wonderful achievement and I do congratulate you and thank you for it.

It is a very cold evening in Bulawayo, and I suppose it is even colder in Lobatsi - and Johannesburg too, for that matter. Life in Zimbabwe is as interesting as ever. It is easy to be fiercely critical of our Government and to detest ZANU (PF) with passion and most of the people I meet do. I am getting tired of listening to the criticism, and of being so critical myself. The frightening thing though, about our present economic and political plight, is that there doesn't seem to be a visible way out of all this mess. Going through the latest Government Gazette tonight I saw that our Ministry of Lands Agriculture and Resettlement has been allocated an extra \$ 500 million - to take them through to the next budget which is in July. I leapt to the conclusion that this must be for the acquisition of more land and the resettlement of more people - which, if past patterns are repeated, won't mean much more than temporary hope and satisfaction on the part of those expecting to be resettled, and then the degradation of more land especially in these terrible conditions of the present drought. But then I was talking to someone in the Ministry and he said no, this was for the purchase of maize. Our Minister of Finance, Dr. Chidzero, must be having the most miserable time. Our Government seems to be running away.

so much of the time with the President ceaselessly travelling abroad, and Ministers often not turning up to important occasions. I suppose that like the rest of us they can't clearly see the way forward. But of course a way must be there. I hope so much that by the time of the next elections, 1995, most of those in Government will have decided to step down and have a rest, and that a credible opposition party will have emerged - probably from within the present Zanu (PF). If those in power now decide that the country can't do without them then we will be in for rough times as we head for the elections. The good news is that we apparently now have enough maize in the country to last us until the end of the year, but there are still problems with distribution. I hope I shall never again see hundreds of people in Bulawayo running after trucks they think are carrying maize. Government had been warned for over three years of the possibility of running out of food, but they just couldn't allow themselves to conceive of the possibility.

There is no need to acknowledge this note. I just wanted to thank you for the book which couldn't ever have been written if you had both led different lives.

With all best wishes - *J Todd*

Judith Todd

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PLEASE FORWARD

✓ write 22/1/93

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Dec. 15th 1992

081 242 8623

Dear Hilda,

This must be a very difficult time for you. I know how upset & shocked I felt when I heard of Olga's death. She came to see me here in my new flat only ten days ago. She brought me some lovely hyacinths which now I treasure all the more, but which also make me feel sad.

It must have been a blow to you all & you have my deepest sympathy.

You remember we had a woodcut of yours. At the moment it is in the big flat which I have let to two younger girls, one of them is studying

at the Slade. I hope they are enjoying
it as much as we did. As soon as I
can lay my hands on it I shall see
the Vera has it.

I do hope everything goes well
with you & your family.

With great sadness.

Yours

Tina

3 February 1994

Dear Judith,

In June of 1992 you wrote me a really wonderful letter about The World That Was Ours. I cannot tell you how greatly I appreciate such praise - thrive on it in a way I suppose; because you want people to admire your 'child', the product of much work and of self-exposure. And too often there is nothing but silence; of sometimes you meet someone years later who says 'Oh, I always meant to write to you and tell you how much . . . ' etc.

When we met in 1992 I had already been working for three years on a book about South African exiles. It was due to appear in January 1993, and was listed in the catalogue of the publishers, Jonathan Cape. But due to problems that Cape were having, as part of a conglomerate that had lost money for the past year, my book was postponed, shelved, cut, and is now at last in print, due for publication in a couple of weeks' time. I am writing to tell you this because (in view of what you wrote to me) I hope you will be able to obtain a copy - maybe from your library - it's a big book and costs £25. It is called 'The Rift - the Exile Experience of South Africans' and is, I hope, oral history that will help fill in three decades of those who were removed from the history of their own country.

The ANC has asked Rusty to come and help with the run-up to the elections, and he is leaving for SA in a week. I am staying on until after the book has been launched and hope to go in the middle of March. We were both aching to be there for the elections, but Rusty kept saying he did not want to go 'just as a tourist', so when the ANC said, Come, we need you, we did not need any urging. It just seemed terrible not to be there at this time, to witness all we had dreamed about and hoped for; and despite the horrific problems that await, it is a moment of triumph and happiness.

I am hoping to visit Zimbabwe on my return to England in May, if I can arrange to go; and if I do, I will get in touch with you, as I would very much like to meet you again.

We have moved from the deep country on the Welsh border to Oxford, to be nearer to our children, and to have access to facilities that we missed when we were living in the country. We like it here, but feel like strangers, as I think exiles do wherever they live; and like strangers when they return to their own country.

With good wishes

25, Brookfield, 5 Highgate West Hill
Parliament Hill Fields, London N6 6AT
Telephone: 0181- 348-5207

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Dear Hilda,

Hope this cheque is the right amount for the pics. We look forward to getting the one with the cat when you return. It must be very near your departure date and I hope we haven't missed you. Have a wonderful time and don't overstrain your lovely new hip. You're a wonderful creature with courage, determination and such an abundance of talents,

and it will be lovely to hear all
about your Ethiopian adventure.

Travel safely and love from
both of us

Theresa.

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judith todd

From: "Irina" <ifil@mweb.co.za>
To: "judith todd" <jtoddsa@mweb.co.za>
Sent: Saturday, December 25, 2004 1:40 PM
Subject: Re: Thank you and Hilda

Dear Judith,

Thank you very much for your Christmas message. I also wish you a very healthy and fulfilling New Year.

I should have written yesterday but was trying to finish an article, and lost all track of time. Thank you very much for the lunch which we both enjoyed enormously. What a place to discover, and how lovely and friendly it all was! Bill's computer collapsed, so I am writing for both of us.

Re: Hilda. Her last book, *A Life of One's Own*, devoted to her family in Russia, was published in 2002. I enjoyed reading it, and I am sure you will too. It must be still selling in "Exclusives", you can ask her to sign it for you.

As far as I am concerned. I would be very grateful if you could mention to her that I am a friend, colleague and co-author of Apollon Davidson, a Russian professor whom she knows well and whom she specifically went to meet in Moscow in connection with this last book. Apollon and I are now finishing a book on the history of ties between Russia and South Africa in the 20th century, of which, obviously, the ties between the communist parties were a very important part. If she agrees to see me, I would like to talk to her about a) Russian Jewish element in the SA Com. Party — the reasons for its importance, the reasons why so many Russian Jews became part of the Communist movement here. I have interviewed Ray Simons on this but would like more views and more clarity. B) what she knew of the ties between the SACP underground and in exile with the SU, her perception of the whole thing.

I am going to Moscow on 10th January for four months, so if she agrees to see me, it should be rather soon.

Lots of love to you,

With gratitude,

Irina.

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