

Nov. 20, 1983

Hi!

Gee, it was good to hear from you, Dixon. So long since I heard that we definitely thought of all kinds of tragedies, and while neither your health nor detention is in that context, the fact that you are ~~not~~ in bad health but publishing The Nation and now N&L has your copies and your personal greetings to us in this sad week of Denby's death makes us feel good to reestablish close comradely relations. Do you remember when we were in Senegal interviewing Senghor and were in just that ambivalent situation.

Here is my remembrance of Denby not as past but as what we need to do with this legacy for future work for freedom. We did send you the whole issue, but mail is so slow that I thought the air mail excerpt would stand you in good whether or not that issue was received. And it is more than just saying hello and Season's Greetings that I wished to communicate with you. Our contacts with Africa keep growing and deepening, and what I have just completed and will be in Dec. issue of News & Letters is the attack on Regan's war in Grenada and in memoriam to Bishop. Which naturally doesn't mean that the first act of counter-revolution was from within Party by Gen. Austin. In fact as long as the lead is I felt that more needs to be said on our responsibilities not to separate revolution from philosophy of revolution, without which no success can be assured. Hence I'm following it up with a Philosophic-Political Letter on Counter-revolution and Revolution not alone in Africa but the relationships of 3rd World and West, not as expressed by its rulers but the 2nd America for there are two world in each country. I'll send you a copy and I do hope you'll comment on both the issue I'm enclosing and on events in your country and others. Evidently I never give up, no matter how many times I asked and you promised but no direct report to us has come forth, but the fact that you did send ~~us~~ us condolences makes me hopeful all over again. O.K.

Very warmest greetings,
Yours,

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My dear Raya,

It is difficult for me to begin this short note after a very long break since I last wrote to you.

I realise your difficulty in understanding the problem one has been facing and continues to face in our country in these hard times.

The news of the death of comrade Charles Denby was a shock to me because I did not realise that he was ailing for a long time. My sympathy to you, Olga and the rest of the members of the Editorial Board. Sympathy to the bereaved.

Best wishes
W. Dixon Colley

(NOTE: I have not been keeping well for the past three years. wglms)

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