

February 17, 1961

Mr. Thomas Kanza,  
Republic of the Congo  
c/o UNITED NATIONS  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Kanza:

Death is shocking even when it comes from the hands of imperialist stooges like Moïse Tshombe, and so we were deeply grieved at the news of the death of the great African Freedom Fighter, Mr. Patrice Lumumba. The National Editorial Board of NEWS & LETTERS, a small workers' newspaper, wishes to express its concern to you as the official representative of the former Premier of the Congo, and to all we can reach. Therefore we have just published our Editorial, "Congo Premier Lumumba Murdered" on the front page of our paper, which we enclose herewith, and which is being sent out to our subscribers nationally and internationally.

You will note also that we express our confidence in the Congolese National Movement which Mr. Lumumba founded and which will no doubt carry on the struggle for freedom until the destiny of the African masses lies in their own hands. With the American bourgeois press carrying on its campaign of slander of the dead Premier as a "Communist", we felt it urgent to show that there is a second America, that of the workers, white and Negro, that separates itself sharply from the State Department line of its own government.

We have been following the development of the African Revolutions in the post-war world as Marxist Humanists who are anti-Communists and therefore view the developments in Africa as the brightest page in current history and want to be sure that the spontaneous actions of the Africans for their total freedom do not get diverted into the struggle between the United States and Russia for world domination. To the extent that we can help, analyze, and participate in these struggles from here, we have expressed our views consistently for the last three years. Under separate cover I am sending you the pamphlet we issued nearly two years ago on "Nationalism, Communism, Marxist-Humanism and the Afro-Asian Revolutions" and some of the back issues of NEWS & LETTERS that dealt with the Congo. However, enclosed with the latest issue, we thought you would be particularly interested in our July issue since you arrived in this country that month and your eloquent speech at the UN made us rush through a bulletin into our paper which was already on the press so that it could reflect your speech. Hence we enclose this copy here as well.

Would you be kind enough to convey our condolences to Madame Lumumba? Our hearts go out to her in this hour of grief for her and tragedy for the whole movement for freedom throughout the world. None can feel her sorrow, but we can share with her the confidence that the heritage that Patrice Lumumba left will first be carried into realization now.

Fraternally yours,

Raya Dunayevskaya, for the  
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April 7th 1961

Mr. Raya Dunayevkaya  
3751 Grand River Avenue  
Detroit 4, Michigan

Dear Mr. Dunayevkaya:

Your letter dated last February 17th was read with a great attention and we hasten to thank you for the interest and support you have extended to us and for the condolences you have expressed in the lost of our beloved Prime Minister Patrice Lumumba.

The pamphlets you sent us are of good help to us. Our struggle for the freedom of the Congo has found many obstacles. However, with confidence in our cause, we trust that our hopes will be carried into realization sooner or later.

Once again, may we take this opportunity to thank you for sharing our sorrow and our hopes for an independent Congo in the free Africa.

Very truly yours,



Thomas Kanza

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New York, July 27 1961

Dear Mrs. Dunayevskaya,

Let me acknowledge the receipt of your  
Pamphlet.

The Congolese condition keeps me very  
busy indeed; but I will make a point of writing  
you whenever time will spare me a moment.

If an opportunity to go to Detroit should  
accrue, I would be delighted to pay you a visit.

Very Truly Yours,

  
Thomas R. KANZA

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