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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### **BRADLEY EXPLAINS L. A. KEY TO SOUTH AFRICAN CONSUL IN BEVERLY HILLS:**

Dear Friend:

Thanks for your letter regarding my presentation of a Key to the Consul General of South Africa.

Please forgive the nature of this response. It is being used instead of individual replies in the interest of conserving time and staff resources.

It is a long-standing practice that countries which have diplomatic relations with the government of the United States instruct their Consuls General to make a courtesy call on the Mayor of the cities where their consular offices are located. It is a procedure approved by our State Department.

It was under these circumstances that Consul General Sean Cleary was received in my office in August, 1982. The five minute call happens so often and routinely that there is no public announcement made. It appears that in this case Mr. Cleary or his government subsequently published a photo of this private meeting.

Receiving an official of a foreign country as an official courtesy does not necessarily reflect my personal views about the official or his government. In fact, I used the occasion to raise the question about the South African government's policies regarding apartheid, a policy to which I vehemently object.

My position on this matter is well established and has been publicly expressed on many occasions. Most recently in connection with the conference held by the Africa-American Institute in Harare, Zimbabwe.

You may recall that I joined in a well publicized, vigorous effort to prevent the South African Rugby Team, the Springbok, from playing in the United States in 1982.

While I strongly express my personal opposition to the official policies and practices of the South African government, I separated those personal views from my official duty in this case.

I am surprised that a private meeting with the Consul General, following established protocol, was used in the manner the photograph in question was used. You may be sure that I will be careful to avoid being placed in this position again.

Thanks for sharing your concern about this matter. I hope that this explanation provides you with answers to your concern.

Very Truly Yours,

Tom Bradley  
Mayor

### **PRES YOUNG PROTESTS MAP**

Gilbert Grosvenor  
President  
National Geographic Society

Dear Mr. Grosvenor:

The text which appears on the back of your currently available map of Africa has been drawn to our attention. I enclose a copy of the extracts.

This text, some of which appears to have been composed long ago, is misleading in some sections, inaccurate in some others, and conveys overall a tendentious impression. This is particularly unfortunate, in view of the high reputation of the National Geographic Society, and its very broad audience.

There are a large number of Africanist scholars in the Washington area who would, I am sure, be happy to work with you in revising the text in a more objective sense. Indeed, on a personal basis, I would be delighted to do so myself.

Sincerely,

M. Crawford Young  
President, ASA

### **Doro Gets the News on the Dues (Members take note)**

We received the following note from Marion Doro (Department of Government, Connecticut College): A dues statement sent in December with an April, 1983, deadline, can easily be set aside and lost. Is it possible to send dues notices closer to their due date? Ed Huckaby replies:

After some discussion, we have come to the administrative decision (bureaucratic?) that we have been somewhat amiss in not spelling things out correctly on this. In actuality, the period of membership runs concurrently with the calendar year, meaning that the dues are actually due on January 1 of each year with a deadline for renewal of April 1 for Sustaining Members and June 1 for Regular and Student Members. We will change the dues notices next year to reflect that actuality.

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## **EMPLOYMENT**

The *ASA News* regularly publishes a listing of positions wanted in African Studies. Persons seeking positions will be listed anonymously, identified by a key number, with a brief description of qualifications. Letters in response to any of these numerical listings should be sent c/o the key number to the office of the *News*, which will forward them to the person concerned. Programs with positions open will be listed by name. Should a prospective employer prefer to remain anonymous, however, we shall be glad to put simply a key number and a description in the *News*, and use the correspondence procedure described above.

Listings for positions open should be sent to the office of the *News* at least 4-5 months before application deadlines. Institutions are encouraged to advertise anticipated job openings whenever possible.

Rates are as follows:

Members of the Association — one free listing per year;  
Non-members of the Association — \$5.00 per listing  
Institutions — \$10.00 per listing

### **POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY announces a vacancy in the position of Coordinator of Cultural Affairs and Counseling in the Center for Afro-American Studies. This ungraded position has an open salary range. Duties include: Under the supervision of