

8th January, 1961

Miss Selma W. Warner,
Director,
Lecture Division,
The Giesen Management, Inc.,
Columbia Lecture Bureau Inc.,
111 West 57th Street,
New York 19, N.Y.,
U.S.A.

Dear Miss Warner,

Thank you for your letter of December 17 and please forgive me for not having been in a position to answer by return mail. I was off the island over the Christmas period.

I am extremely interested in your proposal for a six weeks lecture tour but I should very much like a little more detail information before I make a firm commitment.

Taking your figure of a minimum of \$3,000 after transport, hotel and commission to your agency, how many speaking engagements would you expect me to undertake a week? And could you give me some sort of broad idea as to the localities that you have in mind.

Given a satisfactory working out of the details I should like the tour to be arranged for the time when the weather would be kindest to someone who is addicted to sun.

Yours sincerely,

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SELMA W. WARNER, Director, Lecture Division

December 17, 1962

Mr. Peter Abrahams
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 Red Hills, P. O.
 St. Andrews
 Jamaica, W I
 West Indies

Dear Mr. Abrahams:

Your good friends at the American Society of African Culture and also Mr. Harold Straus at Knopf have suggested that you might be interested in undertaking a professional lecture tour in this country at some time during the 1963-64 season, which begins in October of 1963 and runs through April of 1964.

We have had the privilege of representing many American and British literary personalities as W. H. Auden, Elizabeth Bowen, Santha Rama Rau, Padraic Colum, and in journalism, such writers as James Reston, Eric Sevareid, Charles Collingwood, Stewart Alsop, and, in the political field, such figures as former President of Brazil the Rt. Hon. Dr. Juscelino Kubitschek, Clare Boothe Luce, Admiral A. Burke, Jr., John Davis Lodge, Trygve Lie, among others.

We have also had the privilege of arranging three tours for Mr. Musa Amalemba, the first native African in the Kenyan cabinet. There is in this country now not only a very strong interest in the socio-economic problems of the emergent new political entities in Africa but also in their cultural life and very especially their literature. As one of their most distinguished spokesmen, we are confident that you would find your audiences here most receptive and sympathetic.

If you could plan a six weeks tour in this country during the next season at any time convenient to you excepting the Christmas and Easter holiday periods and the late January time, we should be able to net you a minimum of \$3,000 after transportation and hotel costs and commission to us for our services. The speaking engagements would be in leading college and community forums coast-to-coast.

Since many of our leading lecture sponsors are already beginning to make their plans for next season, we would appreciate hearing from you by return mail if you are interested in this proposal.

Sincerely yours,

Selma Warner

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G. H. OWEN, B.A., M.P.S.T., J.P.,
Associate of University of Lond., Inst. of Ed.
PRINCIPAL
TELEPHONE 664056

MICO COLLEGE,
CROSS ROADS P.O.
JAMAICA.

16th October, 1962

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Mr. Peter Abrahams,
c/o The Economist,
164 Harbour St.,
Kingston.

Dear Mr. Abrahams,

On Wednesday morning of each week at 9:15
we invite to this College a Guest Speaker to ad-
dress both students and staff.

Our chief purpose is to give the students
an opportunity of meeting some of our great leaders.
Will you be gracious enough as to be our Guest
Speaker on the 21st November? You are free to
select your subject.

We look forward to hearing from you at an
early date.

Yours sincerely,

J. M. Jones
Actg. Principal

IMJ:lw.

*Phone + ask
what subject*

The role of the teacher in an independent Jamaica

27th September, 1962.

The Secretary,
Chetolah Park School,
Kingston.

Madam,

It is with regret that I must decline your invitation to speak to the members of the Chetolah Park Parent-Teachers' Association on the 10th October, 1962, due to a very close schedule of appointments and speaking engagements.

Please therefore accept my apology for the inability to attend and I do hope I will be able to accept your next invitation.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Abrahams.

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CHETOLAH PARK SCHOOL

HEADMISTRESS:

MRS. E. DALTON-JAMES M.B.E., M.L.S.

Kingston

Jamaica, W.I.

TELEPHONE 22054

17th Sept., 1962.

Mr. Peter Abrahams
164 Harbour St.
Kingston,

Dear Sir,

The members of the Chetolah Park Parent-Teachers' Assn. are again requesting that you speak to them at Chetolah Park School on Wed. Oct. 10 at 7.30 p.m.

The topic decided is, "The role of parents in an Independent Jamaica"

Trusting it will be possible for you to attend,

I am,

Yours truly,
(Mrs.) A. H. Gabbidon
(Secty.)

CHETOLAH PARK SCHOOL

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HON. MRS. E. DALTON-JAMES M.B.E., M.L.C.

Kingston

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TELEPHONE 22054

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March 16, 1962.

Mr. Peter Abrahams,
c/o Jamaica Broadcasting Corp.

Sir,

The members of the Chetolah Park Parent-Teachers' Association would like you to address them on April 4 at 7 p.m. - the topic being, "The role of parents in an independent Jamaica."

Please let us know if that date is convenient for you.

Phone says meeting
has been booked
up to June, so next
she will invite term
Mr. Abrahams.

Thanking you,
Yours truly,

A. Gabbidon (Mrs.)

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19th January, 1962.

Miss Cheryl Miller,
Secretary Fifth Form Current Affairs Club,
Meadowbrook High School,
Kingston 8.

Dear Miss Miller,

It is with regret that I must decline your invitation to speak to the Fifth Form of Meadowbrook High School on any of the days mentioned in your letter of the 6th January, 1962; but on all those days, indeed on every day of the week between the hours of 3:00 and 5:00 p. m. I am "tied up" with the West Indian News at Radio Jamaica.

Please therefore accept my apology for the inability to attend.

Yours faithfully,

Peter Abrahams
Peter Abrahams

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Dear Mr. Abrahams,

Our fifth form is very anxious to broaden their horizons by inviting throughout next term, guest speakers to visit our School.

When a list of speakers was drawn up by the pupils, your name figured very prominently. Would it be possible for you to accept an invitation to speak to us on Jan 22nd, 23rd or 24th at 3.00 p.m.? The time can be changed if you find this inconvenient.

I do hope you will be able to find time to visit us and we look forward eagerly to meeting you.

Yours sincerely,
Cheryll Miller.

[Secretary 5th Form Current Affairs Club]

Peter Abrahams Esq.,
Coopers Hill,
Mount Fraser.

December 29, 1960.

Mr. R. C. Tavares,
16B, St. James' Road,
Kingston 2.

Dear Mr. Tavares,

This is just a brief note to confirm that I shall be happy to address your Parent Teachers' Association on January 30, 1961 on the topic "Behaviour Among Our Teenagers".

With all good wishes for the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Abrahams

THE WEST INDIAN ECONOMIST

CABLE: "WIGILEDY"
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164-6 HARBOUR STREET,
KINGSTON JAMAICA

December 6, 1960.

Mrs. H. R. Ballysingh, M.B.E.,
Executive Secretary,
Council of Voluntary Social Services,
25, East Queen Street,
Kingston.

Dear Mrs. Ballysingh,

Thank you for your letter of November 30th
inviting me to speak on Federation on February 6th.
As you may know, I am currently conducting Radio
Jamaica's 'Forum on Federation' every Saturday evening.
As the moderator of this programme I am expected to
take ~~no sides or~~ not to express any personal views
in favour of or against Federation. I am sure you
will appreciate the reasons for this. So, as long
as I am conducting this particular programme I do
not feel free to speak on the subject of Federation
to any public gathering.

I am therefore extremely sorry that I cannot
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Yours sincerely,

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30th November, 1960.

Mr. Peter Abrahams,
c/o West Indian Economist,
164, Harbour Street,
Kingston.

Dear Mr. Abrahams,

Miss Jessie Kerridge is responsible for planning a very comprehensive course on social subjects for the students of Union Theological College.

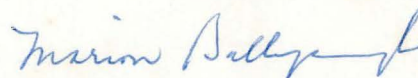
Unfortunately, she has been quite ill and she has accepted my offer to help with planning one particular series of lectures.

I wonder if you would be so good as to go to the Union Theological College, Caenwood Road, on February 6th to speak to them on "Federation". The hour is 9 - 10 a.m.

It is the busiest people who usually manage to fit in these extras and for that reason, I have had the temerity to ask you. Furthermore, I do not know of anyone better qualified to speak on the subject.

I hope that you will find it possible to help in this way.

Yours sincerely,



(Mrs. H.R. Ballysingh)
Executive Secretary.

From Dr. E. V. Tregillus.
Haddon Chase,
Merrybent,
nr. Darlington.

12th October, 1956.

Mr. Peter Abrahams.
37 Jessel Drive,
Debden,
Loughton,
Essex.

Dear Sir,

I trust you will forgive my writing to you. I have never had the pleasure of meeting you, but have heard of you through your books, broadcasting, and through the Africa Bureau, of which I am a member.

As secretary of the Darlington Africa Council (affiliated to the Africa Bureau- I enclose membership form to indicate our aims) I have been asked to arrange for a speaker to talk to the sixth form at the local Grammar school. The headmaster writes----"I hold a meeting of my Sixth form of some 100 boys all about 18 years of age, each Friday morning from 11 a.m. to 12.30 when we invite outside speakers to talk on some subject of interest. All these boys are potential University candidates and are all either sitting for Advanced Level General Certificate of Education or Open Scholarships of various kinds. Having recently read Father Huddleston's book "Naught for your Comfort" I have been struck by the necessity to educate the young men of the future on the colour question. Quite a number of our Old Boys are abroad and it is possible that some of the present Sixth form may go abroad in various capacities when they have finished their University careers and any case I feel that the colour question is an important one about which they should have some first hand information."

This seemed to be a good opportunity to interest a number of potentially influential men ~~(not that the latter are in the~~ in the situation, in South Africa particularly, so I am taking the liberty of asking whether you could possibly spare the time to come to Darlington and do this for us. Unfortunately neither the Grammar School or the D'ton Africa Council are in a position to offer more than travelling expenses and hospitallity to visiting speakers, so I do realise it is a lot to ask of you, and no doubt your time is already very fully occupied. If, however, you should be able to consider coming here, the suggested date is Friday, February 22nd, 1957., though it might be possible to change the date by a week or so. Also, if you consider coming, may I ask if you would be willing to address a meeting arranged by the Africa Council in the evening. of the same day?

I would like to make it clear that I have been in no way prompted by the Africa Bureau, they have never suggested that you might be able to address meetings, as far as I know, I am writing on my own responsibility entirely, and if I am asking too much of you I must ask you to forgive me- I am only concerned with getting the best possible speakers to put forward African problems.

P. T. O.