

you get the story, who do you think will read it? *No one has ever heard of South Africa.*" I am still "a student" and living on a reduced income. I am sending \$15.00 for membership. I am not unemployed. I still write and lecture.

Why the move to California? And what has happened to Mr. Duffy?

Sincerely,
Rebecca Reyher

TOO ROSY ON AFRICA?

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Dear Dr. Cosentino:

A few days ago I received your form letter describing the changes made in the administration of the African Studies Association. There certainly seems to have been a clean sweep. I think it was time, for recently in renewing my membership for a year I considered it my last.

The problems for the organization, as it seemed to me (familiar with Africa from government service and university teaching), was that there were substantive matters involving the African continent which were ignored, presumably because they might rile some of the members. Hence the magazine, for instance, devoted itself to worthy but relevantly peripheral topics of quite technically specialized nature.

For you to pass on and to consider are such topical areas as:

- 1) South African-Israeli-Taiwanese cooperation in atomic bomb development.
- 2) Libya's intervention in Black Africa.
- 3) *Frank* appraisals of dictatorial leaders and their one party organizations, such as Sekou Toure and Nyerere as a spectrum.
- 4) Frank development appraisals for the futures of various states at a time of OPEC financial dominance.

Unless there could be a rosy hue to political-economic subjects on the continent, aside from S. Africa, they were ignored.

Good luck for the future.

Sincerely,

Dr. Roy M. Melbourne
