

LETTERS

His Excellency Mzee Jomo Kenyatta
President
Republic of Kenya
State House
Nairobi, Kenya

May 17, 1978

Dear Excellency:

The Board of Directors of the African Studies Association notes with deep concern reports of the action of the Government of Kenya in detaining without charge Professor Ngugi wa Thiong'o. Such action violates fundamental principles of academic freedom. We protest this action and seek additional information from you and others about this deplorable situation.

For the Board of Directors,
James Duffy
Executive Secretary

cc: Hon. Mr. Daniel arap Moi
Vice President and Minister of Home Affairs
Government of the Republic of Kenya
Nairobi, Kenya

Hon. Ambassador
Embassy of the Republic of Kenya
Washington, D.C.

Hon. B.J. Vorster
Prime Minister
Groote Schuur
Cape Town
Republic of South Africa

May 17, 1978

Dear Sir:

The Board of Directors of the African Studies Association notes with deep concern reports of the actions of the Government of South Africa that prevents Professor Ezekiel Mphahlele from assuming the position offered to him by the University of the North at Turfloop. Such action violates fundamental principles of academic freedom and calls into question the independence and integrity of South Africa's Black universities.

We protest this action and seek additional information from you and others about this deplorable situation.

For the Board of Directors,

James Duffy
Executive Secretary

cc: Hon. Willem Cruywagen
Minister of Education
House of Parliament
Republic of South Africa

Mr. Donald Sole
Ambassador
Republic of South Africa