

September 11, 1983.

Dear friends

This week we had the great joy of hearing Judge Irving Schwartz order in Immigration Court that I be given political asylum. This is a Victory for me and for the political struggle of the people of South Africa for Justice and Freedom.

I would like to thank all the thousands who contributed to my struggle and who made this victory possible. I hope you will forgive me for writing this general letter of thanks, instead of individual letters. I hope too we will continue to work together for a free South Africa.

Sincerely yours
James Brutus

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Dear Friends,

This is a very happy occasion for all of us and it gives me a special pleasure to be sending out this letter from the Dennis Brutus Defense Committee. On September 6, we heard the good news when Judge Schwartz ordered that political asylum be given to Dennis Brutus. This is a victory for Dennis Brutus and the people of South Africa who are struggling for freedom. But it is in a special way a victory for all the hard-working members of the Dennis Brutus Defense Committees across the United States and particularly for the members of the Dennis Brutus Defense Committee in Chicago.

For each one of you our heartfelt thanks.

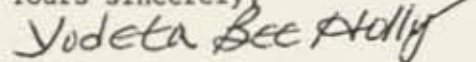
We are grateful for all the time and energy and efforts which contributed to this successful struggle -- a struggle which will contribute to the larger struggle for justice and freedom in the world.

We look forward to continuing our efforts in other ways. We may have to prepare for an appeal by the Immigration Service -- they have ten days in which to decide if they wish to appeal. And we should be considering how the work of the Dennis Brutus Defense Committees can be carried on in ways which will contribute to other struggles for justice, particularly those relating to refugees from Africa and elsewhere.

The Dennis Brutus Defense Committee in Chicago will be having a small victory celebration on October 7 at Cross Currents in the Blue Room from 7:00 p.m. -- 11:00 p.m. It is possible that there will be celebrations in other centers as well.

Once again, our renewed thanks to all of you and our continued commitment to justice and freedom.

Yours sincerely,



ON BEHALF OF THE DENNIS BRUTUS DEFENSE COMMITTEE

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NO BRUTUS APPEAL: The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service announced Friday it will not appeal a judge's decision granting political asylum to exiled South African poet-activist Dennis Brutus. Brutus, 58, whose fight against segregation policies led to South Africa's expulsion from Olympic competition, has been an English professor at Northwestern University since 1971.