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J.B.M. Hertzog

J.H. Hofmeyr

Professor John Jabavu

T. C. Mehta

### SUMMARY

On 2nd September 1938, Ernest Mancoba boarded a ship that left Cape Town, South Africa, for Southampton, United Kingdom. It arrived on the 19th September, 1938. Mancoba kept a travel journal of the voyage.

### TRANSCRIPTION

[Sept 9]

Naidoo has not waked me & I ask the Steward (morning tea) when we wd [sic: would] cross the line – 11oc1 [sic: 11 o'clock], he says [.] but I find from Mahtu [sic: T.C. Mehta] we had crossed it without my knowing

Breakfast [.] then upper deck [.] Watson a big fellow but wins in leap frog – Games in progress & DN [D. Naidoo] speaks of us as forming 2 ½ gallery to Europeans [.] so we talk among ourselves & pretend we don't see the Europeans – We don't go down for tea – Band – Lunch.

After lunch Mahti [Mehta] + I play Table Tennis [.] he enjoys it – we talk to little sailor chap [.] he asks me my destination [.] When I say Paris he warns me of the beautiful girls and young stewards butts in with they lead you on & leave you in a mess – The French are crooks. Little sailor speaks reflectively of good old days in Boulogne – He tells of his experiences in the countries he has been to – North Greenland taking stores – it sounds weak to me compared with the adventures of the sailors of the old days – Today land or sea all the same [.] no glamour of adventure but hard and matter of fact. He likes CapeTown.

My steward comes up & tells me the CapeTown Castle will be passing at 7.Opm [sic: 7 o'clock, pm] I tell Mahtu [Mehta] and we are excited – At dinner I tell Watson and he eat quickly to be in time – Watson goes out of dining saloon and returns to say he has sighted the ship – Still no conversation with N.

I rush to upper deck & find W [Watson]. the rest of the passengers lining the rails to see CapeTown Castle – The tropical moon at its splendour [.] a silver pathway in the ocean – The CapeTown Castle approaches – a symphony of lights and movement – It is a wonderful sight to be seen in the ocean by a passing ship otherwise "a rose in the desert of water shedding its beauty to the ocean air" [.] Shouts and sallies from our passengers – S.V. wonders why this excitement for a sight which was like a bubble from soda-bottle [.] only to disappear into nothingness –

We return to the deck – games of leap frog – N looking very miserable -

The dance in progress [,] the younger set in their element - Some officers in the dance [,] The girl in black very excited and exaggerated movements - The older women look on - & I wonder what they think of the young generation - Drinks the order of the day - Abr [Abraham] very talkative & I get restless - he wishes to draw the attention of the Eur [sic: Europeans] to himself as a bright fellow - DN [sic: D. Naidoo] refers to him now & again as a Griqua<sup>1</sup> - We play game of "guess which hand the watch stick" - We have a beer and the others have lemonade -

Abr [Abraham] Mahtu [Mehta] + I go to men's quarters & find way closed [,] yet contrive to get there - Maltese man first to strike my notice - He sits and looks at the rough & ready orchestra [,] two banjos & mouth organ - It is dull tonight & we turn back.

Others go down + only S.V. [,] Abr [Abraham] & I remain on deck - Abr [Abraham] talks all the time about his love affairs - He is shocked at my pt [sic: point] of view of sex and hopes I shall meet a woman to whom I shall adjust myself as it wd [sic: would] be impossible to find one who cd [sic: could] adjust herself to my ideas of life -

The moon is beautiful - A couple are making love and Abr [Abraham] draws attention to woman who did not wish to stay too long alone with man in the dark - But she appears drunk to me and I fail to see Abr's [Abraham's] pt [sic: point]. The women [,] young [,] seem to abandon care [,] their evening dresses seem to cling on and to cling ungracefully round the legs - We go downstairs - Sleep -

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[/P] We get up - No talk in Cabin - Mahti [sic: T.C. Mehta] comes in and we stroll the deck before breakfast. We see the sailors plump the depth of the ocean - breakfast - Games [,] orange throwing and tug of war (N does not take part) - I call this the Non European championships - Two three lemons go over board - Abr [Abraham] lets the ball pass towards white-girl reading alone [, ] too often & each time I look at his eyes he looks at her in a strange way [,] I get restless - & am relieved when girl shifts away [,] We sit down and talk - then lunch [,] Watson seems to take interest over child.

After lunch in Watson's cabin, he says he wants & has read of the shooting cases [note added in margin: Bantu in the City, not mine] he relates the case of the Native shot by White farmer investigate for particulars [sic: investigating the particulars] of the Case - I tell him of more cases of shooting in the Pietersburg area - [illegible] case [,] the P.P. Rust case



etc. I relate my experience at Pretoria station [...] Book stall [...] Watson is shocked – I tell him how it did not worry because every one is playing a game in this world - I was young but I had no illusions left of this life - I tell how I asked Jabavu [John Tengo Jabavu] after Wellington sermon at Fort Hare [University of Fort Hare]<sup>2</sup> – whether anybody was prepared to live as the Xtians [sic: Christians] preached – How he told me to attend to my studies and that nothing could be done – A game I say, but the ball is the life of young child who starved with no one to care for them – Watson is nonplussed.

We go upstairs and sit – Watson is asked away by the [illegible] white fellows. They stand at the rails and talk [...] To our left a few girls are sunbathing [,] the crooner is lying on his belly talking [,] He seems a ladysman [sic: ladies' man] –

[note in margin:] Retaliation against being called halfbreed – looking up

Abr [Abraham] leads a heated discussion to show how the Coloureds in CapeTown were better fighters for their rights than the Natal Indians – D. Naidoo is roused - defends Coloured Occidental Indians, Agent Generals etc + goes of [sic: on] to the conditions in India & how the English play one Community against the other [...] The Bombay Riots – The Shootings – The explanation - British tactic of divide & rule – exploiting of religious differences. I tell him of the strong reply of Indians in London Dinning—The British policy of repression of Indian Bourgeois – The Indians Line of [illegible] squashed—The manufacturer of Calico goods – Japanese competition - The strange thing all the legislation passed by Indian Assembly – But Indian leaders becoming Socialistic – He deplores this as he is a Nationalist [...] Tea time—But Abrahams believes score one up

[note in margin:] In S.A. policy of defensive measure by Ag. G. [sic: Agent General] Hofmeyr [sic: JH Hofmeyr] liberal

Mahtu [Mehta] goes for game of tennis – He returns & hangs around –

[/P] I hear news of Hofmeyer's [sic: JH Hofmeyr] resignation – Mahtu [Mehta] shows me news bulletin - I wonder what Thakedi must be thinking at home [...] I get homesick a bit to discuss the meaning of resignation & how the situation will develop – Fournice - Hertzog [James Barry Munnik Hertzog] "mania"<sup>3</sup>–

[/P] Heat intense and women in all stages of dress.

Dinner – Watson in difficulty with the menu - N orders all what I don't want – queer situation. We sit up on upper deck & Mahtu [Mehta] talks on [illegible] of men – the rest turn in [,] we remain and Abr [Abraham] + SV tell of talk with S African blaming rest of passengers as narrow-minded [.] They think it's a victory but I say the man could make theoretical analysis but practically, a hypocrite – So they dry up – There is a dog-race & we refuse to go and witness as 2 1/2 gallery – We sit and talk [,] Abr [Abraham] idealist.

[/P] Then Mahtu [Mehta] tells how the men must be having a bad time of it - The Madeira a sex-maniac and the gates to be barred as the men wd [sic: would] rush at passengers - I mention homosexualise [sic: homosexuality] it cd [sic: could] not be helped as company keen on profits – the same on the mines on the reef – the Nkotsane<sup>4</sup> system – Abr [Abraham] wants to know homosexual (meaning) [,] I explain – He looks unhappy and goes down – Mahtu [Mehta] hangs on and I tell him not to worry as he is not responsible for it all – I tell him there is some goodness in worse of the stokers – The Pamla<sup>5</sup> story of burial & philosophy of the friend of dead drunkard – Mahta [Mehta] says I have been helpful – I feel a bit of a hypocrite – I wonder if I have not been trying to impress him by trickery – I tell him I owe much to him too – We go below

[Sept 11]

Breakfast and then sit in the Smoking room and rain comes dn [sic: down] – DN says something about waste of water which shd [sic: should] fall in Bechequland [sic: Bechuanaland Protectorate, now Botswana] – “Phula” the grand salute in B.B. land [sic: Bechuanaland]. We hold forth a discussion on conditioned reflexes led by Abr [Abraham]. Introduce the moral factor and Abr is put he cannot support argument [.] He tells of experiments on dogs & mental breakdown - I say it is a trick by Professor and that he was merely impressed – We go to Church – Mahtu [Mehta] gives 4d<sup>6</sup>.

[note in margin:] a woman faints & Mahtu [Mehta] smiles

Watson in national dress - a grand figure of a man – odd with specs [sic: spectacles or eye glasses] & reading newspaper –

Lunch & after lunch Watson tells of his surprise at information that natives as individuals could not afford to get overseas education except by a system of scholarships – even chiefs badly paid - He tells me of men with chdn [sic: children] overseas, one man had 4 chdn [sic: children] in English universities etc. He is surprised in CapeTown no black possessed

car. If black driving car it belonged to European employer. In gold coast office clerks etc.

Mahtu [Mehta] arrives [,] we go down – Abr [sic: Abraham] arrives & he says he has been praying in his Cabin. He speaks comparatively of Moslem – Xtian [sic: Christian] religions [,] 250 mill [sic: million] of Moslems in world + Xtians [sic: Christians], 125 mill [sic: million] – Moslem religion more practicable than Xtianity [sic: Christianity] – Lord Reading – After prayer one felt much better for harder fight in world \*[note in margin: Watson asks me if I went to Church – He will go next Sunday out of curiosity].

[note in margin:] The young SA talks wrestling + [illegible] He speaks as vs the English

We meet Cockney sea-man & tells of London and Queen comes along & talks about London & no differentiation in bioscopes etc - I pt [sic: point] out he wd [sic: would] be as bad as S Africans if he went to SA to live – He talks of his tattoos and wants one of them removed, mum & dad, one on left – Does not mind the right one – He talks of how he got the tattoos in Durban & how his mother cried when she saw it. Abr [Abraham] says it could be removed –

We go down for tea. Abr [Abraham] produces a cake [,] N comes along and starts the Uncle Tom's business with a European Child – who blurts out that her mother said that all the niggers were going to Scotland – N foolishly goes on asking the chd [sic: child] what "nigger" means – The chd [sic: child] does not understand but goes on to say that they had a nigger cook in Rhodesia [present day Zimbabwe] – I get nauseated and run away from the nasty sight -

I go for a bath [,] M [Mehta] comes along and tells two [illegible] just gone past – Ships wrestler [,] the Stoker [illegible] to Abr [Abraham] but Abr put him off and lost form at Table Tennis – had never expected Deck Steward to have taken it.

Abr [Abraham] tells wrestler Indian is on Upper Deck [,] Has a knack for putting one on the track – Incident of seeing the men's band told office of intervening the wrestler as excuse to go there – We go up and hang around till Dinner – I ask Watson if he has read any Shakespeare [William Shakespeare] because he reminds me of Othello – He says no -

In Watson's cabin, we refer to the N situation [,] He thinks it's a pity – I say N & I are just diff [sic: different] – We go to upper deck and Abr [Abraham]

appears with two Naidoos – He talks as quickly as a machine gun with no bullets – He tells of his meeting with the Ship Wrestler and of the match at 5 next day – I know he is pulling my leg because Mahtu [Mehta] had explained all – Naidoo help A [Abraham] to carry the joke on – He demonstrates & gesticulates and jaws – Naidoo says something about smelling salts & Coffin. Jabber, Jabber - - - We order drinks and hell of a fuss to decide what – I say beer [,] they hope for ginger beer lager but Abr [Abraham] leaves them to order and when it comes [,] takes sip [,] spew it out and wag his head [,] looks at it again [,] Sniffs [,] blithers and look from side to side - I am ashamed and I call them bloody fools - DN [sic: D. Naidoo] wants to argue the pt [sic: point] I am too sensitive - I tell them the people are looking and what impression they will have – Naidoo says they are worst [sic: worse] than muck in their morals as has been demonstrated – But I say they are white and by their word in South Africa other fellows more deserving perhaps wd [sic: would] be discourage or stopped by the Govt [sic: Government] who was on the look out for any pretext to discourage Non-European enterprise [,] They seem to see the pt [sic: point] & wander off to other conversations – SV seems to me a very suspicious character and this worries me - Above all I warn them to be more manly when they arrive in England.

An Engineer comes along – we stop him & ask the photos of sculpture he promised [,] Goes away and returns with photos – a head & figure of woman – He tells she (sc) is a Jewess – Jews are clever – His mother a Jewess – thinks S Africans foolish. + I pt [sic: point] out the Africans loosing [sic: losing] confidence in Eng. [sic: English] also no Dutchman on the boat – the Engl [sic: English] + Dutch in SA had to adopt the attitude to get all economic benefits – it paid then it was not just foolishness – He agreed but excepted himself as having been all over the world & all the small nations still looked to Eng [sic: England] for protection – He tells how we shall be equal in England – How foreigners took all the girls and we say Nothing – I see the cloven hoof of a Nazi – He tells how the Indians looked Jewish except that he was black [,] Sharp features – jabber, jabber [,] then we go down & find Mahtu [Mehta] in bed, undressed -

The meaning of the [illegible] – He gets up & we go to upper deck [,] We talk of the political situation in SA, love making couples at corner of upper deck – Some pass and look glaringly at us – In SA all niggers out of the way at 9 o'clock<sup>7</sup> – to save the prestige of white-man – I explain to Mahtu [Mehta] the method of political progress in SA [,] No statesmen [,] all robbers etc etc [,] thinkers then yappers but S Africa the other way round – We go down & Deck Steward asks if Abr [Abraham] will be ready [,] Mahtu [Mehta] disillusion him – I ask Mahtu [Mehta] to wake me for

## Cape Verde

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<sup>1</sup> W. Sze: The Griqua are a Southern African people, descended from the Khoi or the San people. Adam Kok III - whom Mancoba's travel companions call him - was a leader of the Griqua people

<sup>2</sup> W. Sze: Mancoba studied at the University of Fort Hare between 1933 and 1936. John Tengo Jabavu was one of the University's founders

<sup>3</sup> W. Sze: JH Hofmeyr was a South African liberal politician. He resigned from the ruling United Party when Prime Minister JBM Hertzog appointed an unqualified person to the post of Native Representative in government.

<sup>4</sup> W. Sze: It is possible Mancoba means "nkosazana" which in the Zulu language means lady

<sup>5</sup> W. Sze: It is possible Mancoba is referring to Charles Pamla (1834-1917), one of the first African ordained Methodist ministers.

<sup>6</sup> W. Sze: "d" is a symbol for pence. South African money used the pound, shilling and pence system of the United Kingdom at that time.

<sup>7</sup> W. Sze: Non-Whites were subjected to a curfew at night. The practice may have started in 1860s when non-Whites had to leave White-only areas by a certain time, warned by the ringing of town bells a few minutes before the curfew.

I pont out how unwise to say that to the  
1st class passengers - He sees his mistake  
how restless. A woman & Shador looks on  
at the bee before I order what she is  
thinking of these creatures - Fallopia almost  
one old fellow sits pathetically & wishes  
to the nurse I wonder if he has children -  
if he thinks of her sometimes - He goes back  
to B & start talking aimlessly - The concert  
ends & a woman looks glancing at me  
as I stand up lazily when God save the  
king is played we go down to cabins -  
Martin ashamed & nudges has a  
string round his neck & body -  
I go & find a cabin - We don't talk  
I fall asleep -

Ask  
D.N.  
to thank  
me for the  
equation

Naidoo has not waked me & I  
ask the Steward (morning tea) ~~to wake~~  
me when he had cross the line - 11 o'cl, he says  
but I find from Martin he had crossed  
without my knowing

breakfast then upper deck Watson a big  
fellow but puts in leaf frog - Games  
in progress & D.N. speaks of us as  
forming 2 1/2 gallery to Europeans how  
talk among ourselves & pretend he

don't see the Europeans - we don't go down for  
tea - Band <sup>dinner</sup> ~~dinner~~ lunch  
after ~~dinner~~ <sup>dinner</sup> Mathi & I play Table Tennis  
he enjoys it - we talk to little sailor  
chap he asks me by destination when I  
saw Paris he says he of the beautiful  
girls and young stewards but he left  
the lead you on & leave you in a  
mess - The French are crooks - Little  
sailor speaks reflectively of good old days  
in Boulogne - He tells of his experiences  
in the countries he has been to - North Greenland  
taking stores - it sounds weak to be compared  
with the adventures of the sailors of the old  
days - Today land or sea all the same  
no glamour of adventure but hard and  
matter of fact. He likes Cape Horn.

My Steward comes up & tells me the  
Cape Horn Cape will be passing at 4.0 pm  
Stell Mathi and we are excited -  
At dinner Stell Watson and he ~~we~~ eat  
quickly to be in time - Watson goes out of dining  
saloon and returns to say he has sighted  
the ship - Still no conversation with N.  
I rush to upper deck & find W. the rest  
of the passengers lining the rails to see



Cape Town Castle - The Tropical moon at  
its splendor - a silver pathway in  
the ocean - The Cape Town Castle  
approaches - a symphony of light and  
movement - It is a wonderful sight  
to be seen in the ocean by a passing  
ship otherwise "a rose in the desert  
springs shedding its beauty to the ocean  
bair" shouts and sallies from our  
passengers - Sv. wonders why this  
excitement for a light which was like  
a bubble from ~~the~~ soda-bottle  
only to disappear in to nothingness -  
We return to the deck - game of leap  
frog - He looking very miserable -  
The dance in progress the younger set  
in their element - some officers the dance  
The girl in black very excited and  
exaggerated movements - The Adel women  
look on - I wonder what they think of  
the young generation - Drinks the odd  
of the day - Abr very talkative +  
get restless - he wishes to draw the  
attention of the crew to himself as a bright  
fellow - I refer to him of 2005 + a pair  
is a Griguel - We play a game of



"quest which hand the watch stick" - We have  
no beer and the others have lemonade -  
Others go down + only Sv. Abr + I remain on  
deck - Abr talks all the time about his  
love affairs - He is shocked at my pt  
of view of sex and hopes I shall meet  
a woman to whom I shall adjust myself  
as it wd be up to me to find one who  
cd adjust herself to my ideas of life -  
The moon is beautiful - A couple were  
making love and Abr draws attention  
to woman who did not wish to be <sup>lost</sup> alone  
with him in the dark - But she appears  
drunk to me and I fail to see Abr's  
pt. The women you see to abandon care  
their evening dresses seem to cling on  
and to cling ungracefully round the legs -  
We go down stairs - Sleep.

→ Abr Mahli + I go to his quarters + find  
door closed yet manage to get there - Maltese  
begs first to strike my watch - He sits and  
looks at the rough + ready collection  
of toys + mouth organ - It is dull  
thought + we turn back.

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We get up - No talk in Cabin - Mahli comes  
in and we stroll the deck before breakfast

We see the sailors plump the depth of  
ocean - breakfast - James orange  
throwing and ting of now (N does not  
take part) - I call this the Non European  
Championships - Two three lessons  
go over board - Abr. lets the pass board  
White-girl reading alone too often +  
each time I look at his eyes he looks  
at her in a strange way. I get restless -  
I am relieved when girls shift away  
We sit down and talk - then lunch  
Watson seems to take interest in  
child.

Barker is the only  
not mine

\* investigate  
for particulars

After lunch in Watson, he says he wants  
to hear of the shooting cases he relates  
the case of the Native shot by white force  
of the case - Tell him of more cases of  
shooting in the Petersburg area - Napier  
Case the P.P. Rust case etc. I relate  
my experience at Pretoria Station Book  
Stall. Watson is shocked - Tell him  
how it did not worry because every one  
is playing a game with the world - I was young  
but I had no illusions left of this life - Tell  
him how I asked Jalani after Pellington's perma  
at Fort Hare - whether any body has preferred to





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In SA  
Policy  
I defensive  
measure  
by Ag. 9  
Hofmeier  
Alber at

The things that all the legislation passed  
by Indian Assembly - But Indian  
leaders becoming socialistic - He  
deplores this as he is a Nationalist  
Tehani - But Abraham believes score one up -  
Mabti goes for game of tennis - He  
returns things around - I hear news of  
Hofmeier's resignation - ~~Shah~~ Mabti  
shows me the news bulletin - I wonder  
what Thakedi must be thinking at home I  
get home sick a bit to discuss the  
meaning of resignation + how the situation will  
develop - "Fouie-Hertzog" mania - Heat  
intense and women in all stages of dress  
Dinner - Watson is difficult with menu - He  
orders all what I don't - queer situation.  
We sit up on deck upper + Mabti talks  
a fair share - the rest turn in we remain  
and Vabi + Sv. tell of talk with SA friend  
blaming rest of passengers as narrow-minded  
they think it's a victory but I say the man  
could make theoretical analysis but practically  
a hypocrite - So they dry up - There is  
a dog-race + we refuse to go and witness  
as 2<sup>nd</sup> gallery - Del sit and talk abt.  
idealist then Mabti tells how the head



must be having a bad time of it - The  
padeira a sex-maniac and the gates  
to be barred as the new 15h. rough cut  
passenger - I mention homosexualise and  
it did not be helped vs. compare beer vs  
profits - the same on the mirror on the  
shelf - the Pkotsane system - Abr. back  
to home homosexual (heaven) explain -  
He looks unhappy and goes down - Martin  
hangs on and I tell him not to worry as  
he is not responsible for it all - I tell  
him there is some goodness in some of the  
strokes - The Paula story of burial  
& philosophy of the friend of Eldad drunkard -  
Martin says I have been helpful - I  
feel a bit of a hypocrite - I wonder if  
I have not been trying to impress him  
by trickery - I tell him I love luck to him  
too - We go below -

breakfast and then sit in the Sackey  
room and rain comes on - D.N. says  
smelly about taste of water which should  
fall ~~in the~~ i Bechyaeld - "Phula" the  
grandfather - B.B. and he hold forth  
a discussion on conditioned reflexes  
led by Abr. Introduce the moral factor

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and Abr is put he cannot support  
argument. He tells of experiments on  
dogs, & mental break down - I say it is  
a trick by Professor and that he was merely  
impressed - We go to church - Martin gives 4<sup>th</sup>  
at woman  
fair to  
Martin  
Sills  
figure of a man - odd with specs &  
reading newspaper -  
in cabin  
Lunch & after lunch Martin tells of his  
surprise at <sup>the fact</sup> that natives <sup>in</sup> individual  
could not afford to get education except  
by a system of scholarships - even chief  
badly paid - He tells me of new with  
old overseas men had 4 children -  
night universities etc. He is surprised  
in Cape Town to see black possessed car. If  
black driving car it belonged to manager  
of a police - a gold coast office clerk etc.  
Martin arrives we go down - Abr arrives  
& he says he has been praying - he says  
he speaks comparatively of Moslems -  
Khan, religion 250 mill of Muslims - world  
& Khans 125 mill - Moslems religion more practicable  
than Khan - Lord Reading - After prayer we  
felt much better for harder fight in bold - \*  
He met Cockney sea-man & tells of London  
the young  
SA, talks  
is  
is  
vs the night



and Queen comes along + talks about  
London + no differentiation in bioscope  
etc - I pt out he wd be as bad as SAfrican  
if he went to SA. to live - He talks of his  
tattoos and says one of them removed  
"Mum + dad one on left - Does not  
mind the right one - He talks of how he  
got the tattoos in Darban + how his mother  
cried when she saw it. Abr says it could  
be removed -

\* We go down for tea. Abr produces a cake  
of cones along and starts the Uncle Tom's  
Cousin's with a European child - who  
blunts out that her mother said that all  
the niggers were going to Scotland -  
M foolishly goes on asking the child what  
"niggers" means - the child does not  
understand but goes on to say that  
they had a nigger cook in Rhodesia -  
I get nauseated and run away from the  
nauseous sight -

I go for a talk in ones along and  
tell two ships just gone past - Ships greater  
the stake bear to Abr. but Abr put him  
off and let form at table Tennis - had never  
expected Deck Steward to have taken it

Abel tells prestler Indian is on Upper Deck  
Has a knack of putting one off the track -  
Incident of seeing the men's hand told office of  
staying the weather as excuse to go thro - We  
go up and hang around till dinner -  
I ask Watson if he has read any Shakespeare  
because he reminds me of Othello - He says  
no -  
In Watson's cabin we refer to the N situation  
He thinks it's a plot - I say N & I are just  
diff - We go to upper deck and Abel offers  
with two Nardos - He talks as quick as a  
machine gun with no bullets - He tells of  
his meeting the Sh. Drestler and of the match  
at 5. next day - I know he is pulling my  
leg because Mahin had explained all -  
Nardos help A. to carry the poke on - He  
demonstrates & gesticulates and jabs - Nardos  
sing sweetly about snelly salt & coffin  
jabber, jabber - - We order drinks and  
sell of a fuss & decide that - I say beer  
then liquor for ginger beer lager but Abel  
leaves them forder and when if Copas  
takes sip spew it out and bog his head  
looks at it again. Swift blithers and  
look from side trade - I am ashamed



and I call them bloody jobs - DN wants  
to argue the pt I am too sensitive - I  
tell them the people are looking and what  
impression they will have - Naidoo says  
they are worst than muck - their  
motals as has been demonstrated - But  
I say they are sick and by their word in  
South Africa other fellows more deserving  
perhaps to be discourage or stopped by  
the Govt. Who so or look out for any  
pretext to discourage non-European enterprise  
They seem to see the pt + words of the other  
conversation - SV seems to me a very  
suspicious character and this worries me -  
Above all I want them to be more bangy  
when they arrive in England -

Ans George comes along - we stop him +  
ask the photos of sculpture he promised  
goes away and returns with photos, a  
head + figure of woman - He tells she (sc.)  
is a Jewess - Jews are clever - His mother is  
Jewish - thinks SA means forbid - Hpt at  
the African losing confidence - eg. also  
no hotel pay on the boat - the Engl.  
+ Dutch SA had to adopt the attitude  
to get all economic benefits - it paid them

it was not just polishness - He agreed  
but excepted himself or having been all  
over the world + all the small nations  
still looked to us for protection - He tells  
how we shall be regarded in England - How  
foreigners took all the girls and we  
say nothing - See the clover hood  
of a Nazi - He tells how the Indians  
looked Jewish except that they were  
black sharp features - Jabber jabber  
then we go down to find Mahler in  
bed, undressed - The meaning of the  
thing - He gets up and we go to upper  
deck - We talk of the political situation  
in S.A. love making couples at corner  
of upper deck - Some pass and look glumly  
at us - In S.A. fall niggers out of  
the bay at 9 o'clock - To save the  
prestige of white man - I explain to Mahler  
the method of political progress in S.A.  
No Statesmen all robbers etc etc  
Mahler is then napper but in Africa the  
other way round - We go down + deck  
Steward asks if Ahl will be ready  
Mahler disillusioned him - Jack  
Mahler to wake her for Cape Verde