

## LETTERS

### **FROM MR V.D. PARRY, JOHANNESBURG:**

#### *The Business Letter*

About two years ago Continental firms started writing the date on their letters similar to the attached example and our firm began the practice at about the same time. I have not fallen into the method (as yet) but no doubt will have to fall into line one of these days.

My grandchildren tell me that they are being made to write the date in the same way.

#### *Example:*

We thank you for your letter dated 16th July 1975 in reply to our registered letter dated 1975-07-14.

### **FROM MR J.M. LAWLESS, JOHANNESBURG:**

A note in the October 3 issue of *South African Digest* about your *Dictionary of English Usage in Southern Africa* prompts me to offer for your consideration a sentence that would be understood by South Africans and Rhodesians, but not by newly-arrived immigrants or visitors.

*“As we were sitting on the stoep having our sundowners we heard a hell of an indaba in the yard; the umfaan was complaining that the boss-boy had not given him a bonsella of a tickey for helping to move the picaninnykia (PK in Rhodesia) from the kopje to the drift”.*