

could or would choose to do so willingly. The study of political philosophy, economics, nutrition and related fields is an essential component of our knowledge, but remains sterile when not complemented by actual experience. Thus we must call on the aid of writers like Ngugi to take us to the edges of real comprehension. There is a wealth of relatively unexplored literature from the developing world. Few in our society are familiar with the diversity of Third World, especially African, fiction, though some works like Chinua Achebe's *Things Fall Apart* have already become minor classics. (Interestingly, it is one of the books on Godfrey Munira's bookshelf in Ilmorog.) In Latin America, however, the abundance of literary output is overwhelm-

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