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**Letter from Negro Bureau to Eastern Secretariat,
1931**

To the Budget Commission:

PROPOSALS RE BUDGET FOR UMSEBENZI –
OFFICIAL ORGAN CPSA

The CPSA which is very weak¹ organisationally is not in a position financially at present to continue the weekly publication of Umsebenzi,² its official organ. Already during 1931 the Party was forced to suspend the publication of Umsebenzi for 6 weeks and later for several months had to issue it bi-monthly until assistance was given from here. With the recent sharp attacks against the revolutionary movement in South Africa, directed in the first place against the CPSA, the financial question, among others, has become extremely acute.³

In order to guaranty the regular publication of Umsebenzi it is imperative that the CPSA immediately receive financial assistance as well as a monthly budget. Therefore it is essential that:

1) The remaining portion of the budget for CPSA for 1930 (£100) be immediately forwarded;

2). The Party receive a minimum of £40 monthly (monthly printing expenses for Umsebenzi – a 9 × 17 inch, 4 page paper published in⁴ 5 languages: English, Africaans and 3 native languages) to assure the regular issuance of Umsebenzi.

In this connection it is important to note that the role of Umsebenzi is not confined to the Union of South Africa but it is beginning to be distributed in South West Africa, Northern and Southern Rhodesia and in the Belgian Congo. This makes it all the more urgent that adequate means be provided so that the paper appear regularly.

Fraternally submitted
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Original in English.

Handwritten, in pencil.

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1. There is an illegible crossed-out word after 'weak'.
 2. 'Umsebenzi' – 'The Worker' in several South African Bantu languages.
 3. There is an illegible crossed-out word after 'acute'.
 4. There is an illegible crossed-out word after 'in'.