

above address, for contact with our Head Office is at present absolutely closed to us 'expellees'.²

Yours fraternally,
S.P. Bunting

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**Report of D. Wolton to ECCL,
7 April 1932¹ (Extracts)**

REPORT OF SECRETARIAT, CPSA

Organisation

A separate report of the December plenum of the C.C. of the C.P.S.A. has been dispatched under separate cover.

The purpose of this Report is to outline the present internal position of the Party and the results of the organisational work during the past number of months in regard to the Party, the red trade unions and mass organisations. Following on the re-organisation of the Party since the 9th Congress and arising out of the steady campaign to raise the political level of the whole Party and also arising from sharp action against the right wing which strongly existed inside the Party, the former loose character of the Party organisation has begun to be transformed on to a sound basis and thus now enables a more correct analysis to be made of the internal position of the Party than was ever the case formerly. [...]

Ikaka la Basebenzi – Red Aid

The work of this mass organisation has not been developed in anything like an effective manner; the Central Committee has declined until it has reached the

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2. Those who were expelled from the CPSA in 1931 (see footnote 1 to document 6, vol. II).

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1. The document is undated. This date is the date of the registration at the Comintern.

position of being composed only of members of the Party, whilst its mass work was almost entirely declined. It has only two sections, Johannesburg and Capetown, and both of these are in a bad state of decline, especially during recent months, although a considerable amount of money has been collected and although the leadership has for a long period been predominantly native, yet the masses have not been drawn into work nor into support of the Campaigns. The money collected comes not from the masses but mainly from white petit-bourgeois sympathisers. The Party realises the very serious state of affairs which exists in regard to this very important work, recognising that this organisation has a very special appeal to the black masses of this country. Special attention must be devoted to this work, in order to really establish its roots amongst the masses.

F.O.S.U. (Friends of the Soviet Union)

This organisation is making some progress and has carried through a very sharp fight against the expelled right wing communists who attempted to capture the organisation and to use it for a campaign of slander against the Party, the C.I. and the U.S.S.R. However, as a result of a campaign of enlightenment amongst the members of the organisation, which nevertheless was badly conducted by the Party fraction, the renegade communists were expelled from this organisation, and the revolutionary line of F.O.S.U. was clearly put forward amongst membership. The fight against the right wing in F.O.S.U. is however being continued, in order to raise the level of political understanding throughout the membership. Whilst at the outset the membership was predominantly white and still remains so, yet propaganda is now being conducted in the locations and at the factories, in order to transform the organisation into a real mass organisation, predominantly native in character. The sections in Durban and Cape Town are on a good basis and leading native and coloured elements have been drawn into the work.

The expelled Communists, now driven out of F.O.S.U. by the membership on account of their counter-revolutionary activities have set up a provocative organisation called the 'League of Soviet Friends', which, using the sympathies of the people for the U.S.S.R., endeavours to organise them for counter-revolutionary purpose of slandering the C.P. and C.I. This organisation forms the platform for the Bunting theories and activities are being conducted by this organisation in the locations and amongst reactionary elements.

[...]

The fight against the Right Wing

Since the expulsion of Bunting in September last he has continually tried to make use of Native members of the Party (very backward politically) to carry on his counter-revolutionary activities and before the Party could take

disciplinary action against any of the Native right wing elements a very wide enlightenment campaign had to be conducted amongst the backward elements in the Party. Due, however, to the rapid development of Native members in the leadership of the Party they thus were able to sharpen the fight against those elements that Bunting was making use of for disruptive purposes. It was because of these facts and also after a broad campaign amongst members from September to February, that it became possible to take disciplinary action against Makabeni, the chief element that was being used by Bunting. With this expulsion of Makabeni, the remnants of Buntingism are rooted out of the Party itself, and consequently Bunting is now forced into the open. He now organised meetings for himself with a few expelled Native members of the Party, attacking the Party and the C.I. This makes it easy for the Party to lead a very definite action against the counter-revolutionary organisation of Bunting. Bunting is likewise using the organisation 'League of Soviet Friends' to popularise his counter-revolutionary line against the revolutionary movement.

for Secretariat C.P.S.A.
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D. Wolton  
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Letter from ECCI to S.P. Bunting, 15 July 1932

Confidential

To Comrade Bunting

We have received your letter and reply as follows:

Although the ECCI in its decisions has condemned your views upon the slogan of the independent native republic as opportunistic and supportive of Anglo-African imperialism¹ and white chauvinism, it did not expel you from the party. You have been expelled from the CC of the Communist Party of South Africa. The ECCI has not discussed the question of your expulsion. We feel that it is necessary to state that you appealed to the members of the party

1. Obviously, Anglo-American imperialism.