

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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Letter from ECCI to S.P. Bunting, 15 July 1932

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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.

to fight for your readmission instead of filing an appeal with us opposing the decision of the CC, and thus have taken the route of struggle against the communist party of which you yourself write, 'there is no other revolutionary organisation except the communist party and there cannot be any other, even if it is badly led for a certain time. As far as I am concerned the party is for me my only and decisive interest.' You drag the party leadership through the mud. And yet you yourself write: 'I do not believe that many of the current membership of the CC have to be dropped; the authority of the present CC must be accepted... no factional organisations should be established to fight against the CC.' Your words do not match your deeds. In your letter to us you do not immediately address a request to us to annul the decision of the CC about your expulsion. As you state you intend to appeal to the party conference requesting that your membership be reinstated, but the CC of the Communist Party, without waiting for a decision from the party conference, is entitled to reinstate membership rights for anyone who has been expelled from the party if he confesses that his position was wrong and he accepts the basic principles of the party.

The ECCI sees no reason not to reinstate membership rights for those who were expelled for taking a position in opposition to the party line if these comrades truly want to work in the ranks of the party and accept the following: 1) the right of the native population of South Africa to establish an independent native republic, preserving the rights of the white minority and the duty of every communist to place himself in the forefront of the revolutionary struggle for realisation of these rights; 2) the duty of every communist to stand up for the necessity of a revolutionary united front of the natives and the white workers and to support with all his powers the struggle of the native workers against semi-slave oppression and capitalist exploitation; 3) unconditional acceptance of decisions of the party and its leading bodies; 4) renunciation of all factional struggle.

Anyone who truly struggles for the abolition of exploitation and for socialism, anybody who stands with the interests of the party, and who regards the party as the only revolutionary political organisation of South Africa, will join its ranks.

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