

South Africa with the right of all nations to self-determination, with full safeguards for all national minorities; the placing of an Independent Native Republic in opposition to the right of the Basuto, Zulu etc. nations to self-determination, even to separation, etc.). No advance can be made towards the fulfilment of the gigantic tasks before the Party without waging a decisive and an uncompromising struggle against all manifestations of right and left opportunism, particularly against 'right opportunism which remains the main danger in the C.P.S.A. and the chief obstacle in the way of the further development of the revolution'. (E.C.C.I. Letter Oct. 1931).

[...]

The Plenum again emphasises that the solution of all tasks before the Party demands the most ruthless struggle at all times, on all fronts against every manifestation of right and left opportunism with the right danger as the main danger. The turn to mass work, the process of Bolshevisation of the Party which is now going on, will lead to a sharper and more concealed struggle of all opportunist elements against the line of the Party.

[...]

RGASPI, 495/64/120/60-4, 65. For the full text of the document see: RGASPI, 495/64/120/58-70.

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Letter from E. Dennis to ECCI, 22 July 1932¹

July 22nd 1932

Main Office

Gentlemen:

We have received your instructions regarding the extended stay of your sales manager, which, as we understand, means that he must continue his

1. This coded letter may have been sent by telegraph or with somebody travelling to Moscow. Dennis's other messages found in the archives were sent directly to the Comintern and were much more open.

journey on or about the first of October. It is the opinion of the members of the firm here, that he should remain for a longer period until the local sales conference which will be convened towards the end of the year.²

We wish you would advise us immediately on this matter by cable and state whether our request will be granted. If not, kindly inform us the exact date when our friend must leave. It is most urgent, for a number of vital reasons, that we have this information at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours
Dennis

RGASPI, 495/64/119/19.

Original in English.

Handwritten.

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Letter from E. Dennis to Comintern, 22 October 1932¹

22.X.1932.

Dear Comrades,

I have just returned from a two weeks trip to Capetown and therefore have been delayed in sending this report. My trip to Capetown was made necessary because of the very unsatisfactory work of the Party (loss of 90% of the new

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2. The 'Main Office' was, obviously, the ECCI, the 'sales manager', Eugene Dennis himself, 'the firm' – the CC or PB of the CPSA, and the 'local sales conference' – the party conference that was to take place at the end of 1932.

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1. The date is established from an appendix to this document (RGASPI, 495/64/79/58) that is dated. The appendix also bears two stamps, the Comintern registration stamp (no. 8312, 26 November 1932) and 'strictly confidential', as well as two inscriptions ('Letter from South Africa' in pencil and 'Safarov' in pen, probably by Safarov himself. Of all Dennis's reports to Moscow during his stay in South Africa this seems to be the only one translated into Russian, obviously specifically for the Organisational Department of the ECCI where the translation was housed (RGASPI, 495/25/1224/23–40).