

**Letter from M. Kotane to ECCL,
9 January 1934**

JOHANNESBURG,
South Africa,
January 9th 1934

Dear Comrades,

We want ^{you} to see to this urgent matter immediately. One of our workers and public speaker faces the danger of being deported. The South African State Political Department has written to the Soviet Government inquiring about the birthplace of Comrade Diamond and, also have obtained an application form for Soviet citizenship which they want him to fill up – so that he could eventually be deported.

Now knowing the dirty work of the police, we want to warn you about this and that you should take the matter up immediately with the department concerned. We want the Comrade here for the work. He will sign no document. If they want to deport him it is their duty but we must not facilitate the deportation. The parents of Comrade should be known though the Comrade himself was not registered. The police may try and forge the application but this can be frustrated by prompt action on your part. It must be arranged that the parents were known but that he was unregistered. We cannot afford to lose him. You must arrange that.

They have got ^{it} in for us. Kalk was fined £30 or two months imprisonment for strike. Roux comes before the magistrate on the eleventh instant. 'They must be got rid of' is the intention of the authorities. The comrades are earnestly requested to give the matter the sincerity it deserves.

Yours fraternally
J.W. Macauley

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