

We ask you to begin the work as soon as possible. We shall inform you as to the place and exact date of the general conference, as soon as we have conferred with the various parties involved. The conference will occur in the early part of May, in all probability.

With Communist greetings,  
Fraternally,  
Provisional Secretary for Calling  
the Negro Conference<sup>3</sup>

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**Letter from Secretary for Calling Negro Conference to CPSA,  
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To the EC of the CP of South Africa.

Dear Comrades: –

The Presidium of the Comintern has decided that the open Negro Conference<sup>1</sup> shall be held in New York. The date will probably be May 15.

As stated in our original letter on this question, we shall expect you to send a Negro delegate to the V Congress of the CI, at which the whole Negro question will be taken up and decisions made for the guidance of the Communist delegates to the open conference in New York. If possible, we also ask you to include a Negro among your delegates to the RILU Congress.

It is essential, however, that the open conference in New York be as well attended as possible, especially by representatives of the native population of Africa. We ask you, therefore, to make the greatest efforts to ensure the success of the New York conference.

**Doc. 31**

3. The name of the Provisional Secretary could not be identified.

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1. See document 31.

Do not fail to let us know at your earliest opportunity whether the Native Congress<sup>2</sup> will participate in the calling of the conference.

We have received considerable information on the situation of the African natives from Comrades Jones and Andrews, also from Com. Bunting's report to the Comintern. We should like to have a comprehensive report from you on the situation not only in South Africa, but other parts of Africa with which you are familiar and on which you have any material.

We do not doubt that you are beginning the work among the natives with energy. Please send us whatever propaganda matter you are getting out, in the form of articles, leaflets etc. Also please furnish us with clippings or newspapers containing matter on this question. If there are any native papers, we ask you to send them to us regularly, as there is a dearth of material in Moscow.

We would recommend that a member of your Executive Committee be especially charged with this work.

With Communist greetings,  
Secretary for Calling Negro Conference<sup>3</sup>

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Third Congress held in the Council Chamber, Trades Hall, Johannesburg on December 27th–28th and No. 4 Trades Hall on December 29th and 30th 1924.

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2. Obviously, the ANC.
  3. The name of the Secretary could not be established.