

'International' at £10 per month and Com. Roux, General Secretary, at £6 per month, Com. W.H. Andrews having persuaded the C.E. that all officials should be paid. The motions allowing salaries to these comrades were subsequently rescinded at their request, and their work which is only part time, has been conducted in a purely honorary capacity.

On 12th Feb. Com. Glass resigned from the position of treasurer and C.E. member.

On 19th Feb. Com. W.H. Andrews was elected to fill the vacancy on the C.E. caused by his resignation as Gen. Secretary. Com. Danchin was elected treasurer and Com. Kalk Vice-chairman.

On 26th March Com. J. First was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation from the C.E. of C.F. Glass.

On 14th May a letter was received from C.F. Glass resigning from the C.P. At the same time the letter was published in the capitalist press.

In May Com. B. Weinbren was appointed by the Cape Town branch as Cape representative on the C.E.

A letter was received from Com. W.H. Andrews on 11th June resigning his position on the C.E. stating he no longer had time to attend meetings owing to his appointment as secretary of the S.A.A.E.O.<sup>2</sup> and fearing that resolutions would be passed in his absence with which he did not agree. At the same time Com. E.F. Green was compelled to resign owing to her departure for Rhodesia. This was followed by the resignation of C.J. Andrews owing to his disagreement with party policy.

The vacancies were filled by Comrades M. Goldsmith, J. Myerson, and J. Shields, the latter a member of the C.P.G.B. newly come to S. Africa.

This completes the list of changes in the C.E.

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2. South African Association of Employees' Organisations.

**Proposals of E. Sachs to Comintern,  
January 1926**

FROM THE REPORT OF CD. ZACHS,<sup>1</sup> JANUARY 1926  
PROPOSALS

1). One of the most essential conditions for the establishment of a good connection between the Communist Party of South Africa and the Comintern is that the Comintern direct Party activity.

2). The relationship between the Communist Party of S. Africa and the British Communist Party has been so far very weak and unorganised. The situation should be changed as soon as possible.

3). As the Communist Party of S. Africa suffers from the lack of experienced executive cadres, it would be highly desirable to have an exchange of representatives between both Central Committees, i.e. for one member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of S. Africa to join the Central Committee of the British Communist Party and vice versa.

4). It is necessary to start educating persons appropriate for colonial work. It would be highly expedient to send some natives from S. Africa to KUTV to Moscow.

5). The Profintern and the Krestintern should give proper attention to S. Africa. Profintern should get in touch with the ICU,<sup>2</sup> the Krestintern could have a broad field for activity there because there is a serious agrarian problem in S. Africa.

6). The most suitable way of carrying out the present slogans of an international united front as well as the resolutions about colonial workers adopted at the recent conference in Scarborough could be attendance by a representative of trade unions (Swales and Purcell<sup>3</sup>) at the next congress of white trade unions in S. Africa. This visit of a representative of the ICU could have a great political meaning for he could raise the issue of an international united front and of the need to organise colonial peoples.<sup>4</sup> The Communist Party of S. Africa would have taken care of the necessary invitation, perhaps also on the part of the ICU, while the Communist Party of Britain would attend to sending somebody in truth. The organisation of strong native trade unions is the nearest and the most essential task of the Communist Party of S. Africa. The means for this is the recognition of these new native trade unions on the part of

1. Sachs.  
2. 'ICU' is written in English in the original.  
3. British trade unionists. Albert Arthur Purcell - an official of the British Trades Union Congress and a member of Parliament.  
4. This phrase was, obviously, distorted in the Russian translation. Sachs could have meant that a trade unionist mentioned in the previous sentence should visit the ICU as well as white trade unions.



British trade unions. It would be a big step to overcoming the scornful attitude towards the natives on the part of white trade unions, especially if some of the strongest native unions will be under the control of British unions.

7). The recent Negro congress in America<sup>5</sup> seemingly has not had any response on the African continent as far as South Africa is concerned. A good start for the organisation of a world Negro congress which would be really representative of Negroes would be for various local native congresses in different parts of the African continent to take up this matter together with already existing American organisations. The Party has a certain influence on the Native congress of S. Africa.

8). All the resources of the Party have been spent so far on the International, the Party organ which has not justified itself despite all expenses. It has been edited by the editor who has done it in his spare time and this is why it has never come close to being a mass organ. It is important for the International to achieve a good financial base so that the Party could make certain means for its activity in view of the fact that colonial work cannot be carried out without means.

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**Letter from Head of All-Union Society for Cultural Contacts to  
Krestintern,  
29 June 1926**

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All-Union Society for Cultural Ties.

Strictly confidential  
Moscow 29 June 1926

Cd. Orlov

Org. Secretary of the Krestintern. Here

Dear Comrade,

Cd. Petrov (ECCI) has reproached me for assisting Com. Sachs's trip to South Africa and for supporting him financially, while, according to Cd. Petrov, Sachs did not deserve such trust and the trip has told badly on his work.

5. American Negro Labour Congress held in Chicago in October 1925.

I deem it necessary to inform you that Cd. Sachs had been recommended to me by Cd. N.L. Meshcheriakov and by the Secretary of Your Presidium, Cd. Garni. As far as the financial support goes, I gave him a small sum for the materials that he promised to me.

In view of this I ask you to explain this matter to Cd. Petrov (ECCI) accordingly, for I personally would not like to take any responsibility for a person unknown to me.

I ask you to inform me about the developments.

With comradely greetings O.D. Kameneva  
Chairman of the Society.

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**Letter from Krestintern to Eastern Secretariat, ECCI  
30 June 1926**

Strictly confidential  
Personal  
30 June 1926.

TO CD. PETROV (EASTERN SECRETARIAT, ECCI)

Copies: Cd. O.D. Kameneva  
Cd. Pepper (Secr. on Anglo-Sax. countries,<sup>1</sup> ECCI)

Dear Comrade,

Following the letter from Cd. O.D. Kameneva (a copy of the letter is enclosed) I am forwarding the following information to you in regard to Cd. Sachs from South Africa.

Cd. Sachs was sent to us last October by Cd. Rafes, board member of the Eastern Department of the ECCI, and by Cd. Fokin from KIM to work part time in the Krestintern on Africa and on the Negro question in America. We were informed that Cd. Sachs had been called specifically from Berlin to work on this issue. Since it became clear from our communications with Cd. Sachs that

1. Anglo-American Secretariat.