

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 America⁵ 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**

Copy

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**

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Personal
30 June 1926.

TO CD. PETROV (EASTERN SECRETARIAT, ECCI)

Copies: Cd. O.D. Kameneva
Cd. Pepper (Secr. on Anglo-Sax. countries,¹ 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.