

elements in the Party and their slanderous and criminal position is a 'justified revolt of the best rank and file'. The encouragement of fractional activities is unheard of and impermissible in a Communist Party and must stop.

With Communist Greetings

L. Bach
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RGASPI, 495/64/135/14.

Original in English.

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Inscription: A letter from Bach to PB on 9/VII 34

(in Russian)

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**Letter from M. Kotane to ECCI,  
10 July 1934**

JOHANNESBURG, Transvaal  
South Africa  
July 10th 1934

Dear Comrades,

We have received yours dated Feb. 23d and May 20th 1934. We understand what you state in them but we are afraid that it is already too late to send a representative to the coming anti-war conference.<sup>1</sup> You can see that we just got your letters on the 29th of last month. Something must be wrong with your system of communication or either you are not posting your letters immediately after you write them.

Now in connection with the other one regarding parcels<sup>2</sup> it is almost impossible to get any labels.<sup>3</sup> The labels that we had are either misplaced or taken away by the Woltons. At any rate efforts are being made to procure some other labels, but mark my word, it is not an easy job. I understand that the

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1. Most likely this refers to an invitation for party officials to come to Moscow to discuss the factional struggle. The meaning was, obviously, clear to an addressee.
  2. Most probably, 'parcels' here indicate party members who were supposed to go to Moscow, or students to be sent to Comintern's schools. See document 42, vol. II, where the word 'parcels' is clearly used in this sense.
  3. It would seem that 'labels' refer to the addressees to which the CPSA could send its communications to the ECCI. Apparently the addresses were misplaced by the Woltons or taken with them upon their hasty departure in September 1933. It is also possible that communication was further compounded by the closure of Comintern's and other communist offices in Berlin in early 1933 in the wake of the coming to power of the Nazis. Prior to 1933 Berlin had been a major transmission centre for Comintern documents and officials to and from Moscow.

position since then has changed immensely. Furthermore what makes it more difficult is the fact that all the materials relating to the readjustment of these labels are also taken away by these people.

How about the 'thuso'<sup>4</sup> for conveying these parcels? It is time that 'thuso' came forward otherwise nothing can be done. E re ne re e amogetse e setse e fedile kajeno. Re thuseng gape re – ea le rapela.<sup>5</sup>

I would like you to turn your face towards this continent. The question of this continent has been very much neglected by your office.

We are today in a very difficult situation. Headway we are making though at a snail's pace, but we are quibbling about Marxism. Marxism and the absolute Communist line have become our hobby in recent years, so you can expect in the very near future to receive volumes of statements and resolutions regarding the situation in the party.

The whole trouble revolves around one individual. The individual your office knows has roused suspicion some time ago in this country, and it is he today at the head of affairs, and various people including your accredited rep.<sup>6</sup> have written to your office to enquire about the origin of the man, but as yet no reply has been sent. The individual is L. Bach who came to this country only in 1930 and came into the Party in 1931. He immediately became the man. He is chiefly responsible for all the 'leftist' mistakes of 1931–32.

Comradely yours

J.W. Macauley

RGASPI, 495/64/133/47.

Original in English with insertions in seTswana.

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2) Attachment

(pasted; in German)

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3) 00480 – 25.FEB.1934

(pasted)

4) 01012 – 20.MAI.1934

(pasted)

Inscription: 'To Zusmanovich, 11/XI A. Marty'

(in Russian).

4. 'Thuso': help (seTswana).

5. 'E re ne re e amogetse e setse e fedile kajeno. Re thuseng gape re – ea le rapela': The one we have received is finished today. Please, help us again – we pray (seTswana). Obviously, Kotane knew that this text could be translated in Moscow.

6. Probably, Dennis.