

question owing the local circumstances. In accordance with this view he, therefore, took no action in the matter.

Again, too, although Beckett responded to an invitation of the EC of the SA Trade Union Congress which invited him to address them, he failed to urge the TUC<sup>3</sup> to devote more interest to the question of the League's programme and policy. At a meeting of Trade Union executives in Johannesburg a few days later which he attended, the Brussels decisions were kept out of the pictures altogether.

In general one might say that although Mr. Beckett's visit created a very favourable opportunity for arousing interest in the League's work, such opportunity was wholly and entirely lost owing to his woeful apathy in the matter. We draw your attention to this matter because we think it important that you would be made aware of the great laxity which Mr. Beckett showed. He never, so far as we were aware, even visited the native workers organisations in order to get their opinions and now he has left for Europe again without once having interested himself in raising the League's policy to the fore.

Yours fraternally  
S.P. Bunting

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PROTOCOL NO. 24

MEETING OF ANGLO-AMERICAN SECRETARIAT 1.12.27<sup>1</sup>

Present: - Comrades Katayama, Fineberg, Rathbone, Reinstein, Petrovsky, Gallacher, Samoën, Wurm, Schmidt, Thomas, Demar, Kant, Omra, Emery, Young, Fawkes, Mingulin, Hilt, Reesema and Laguma.

Question

1. S. Africa  
Com. Laguma gave a brief report<sup>2</sup> on the situation in the S. African Party, and the following comrades participated in the discussion: - Demar, Petrovsky, Rathbone, Fineberg, Reesema and Young.

Decision

1. It was agreed:-
  - a) To instruct Com. Laguma to do whatever possible to carry through the resolution on S. Africa in the Central Committee and the Party.
  - b) The S. African Party should pay special attention to the fight inside the I.C.U. 1) for the re-admission of those members who were expelled and 2) for the organisation of a left wing within the union to fight for the leadership of the union.
  - c) The Party should concentrate on work among the natives with a view to its becoming a party of the native workers of S. Africa.

D. Petrovsky

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1. The decision to listen to and discuss the report of J. La Guma was taken at the meeting of the Bureau of the Anglo-American Secretariat on 29 November 1927. RGASPI, 495/72/27/147.  
2. For text of the report see: RGASPI, 495/72/25/136-40.