

telegram had been worked out, and the text of the telegram was submitted to the Secretariat in time. But there have been no meetings. Inkipin has left and probably he either has sent the telegram already or will send it one of these days.

I realise that every document should be issued by the highest organs of the ECCI and that in this a mistake was made but at the same time I have listed a whole number of circumstances which, no doubt, mitigate the mistake of the Anglo-American Secretariat.

We have sent by telegraph political suggestions which are very important for the congress of the South African Party and which had been discussed and adopted by the ECCI. Although the resolution which was adopted in summer generally contained them as a whole, in present circumstances they need to be specifically stressed and strongly recommended to the Party congress.

Demar.⁵
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[...]

#### SOUTH AFRICA

Concerning South Africa we have handed in a very short report. The most important achievement of the Comintern in regard to the small South African Party<sup>2</sup> is that it has put forward a slogan of independent native republic and directed the attention of the Com. Party more towards the natives. There has

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2. The Communist Party of South Africa.

been an appreciable opposition towards this line in the Communist Party of South Africa. This opposition has hardly been overcome completely. At the same time the new tactical line has been implemented, and it brings very good results that have been stressed at the last two pages (5 and 6) of our short report.

It is necessary to add that in the last several years we have been maintaining close and direct contact with the South African Communist Party.

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### Letter from J. La Guma to V. Demar, 10 January 1928

62, Hanover St.,

Cape Town,

10.1.28.

Dear Comrade Victor,

This is to inform you that I arrived back in Cape Town safely after an uneventful voyage. We attended the General Council of the League against Imperialism at Brussels and there I parted with Gumede.

With regard to the Party affairs here I am very much afraid that the recent thesis submitted by the ECCI to the South African Party is going to mean a split on colour lines again or prove very strong purgative.

Since my arrival in Cape Town we have had very hot arguments on the thesis supported by the entire black membership. It seems that at the Congress of the Party there has been more of a colour division than anything else on the question of adoption of the thesis or rejection. The European comrades who spoke against it advanced the same bankrupt arguments as embodied in the letter I read to the Anglo-American Secretariat; but nothing of a constructive nature was put forward. I am given to understand from Comrade Gomas who was one of the delegates from the Cape Town Branch to the Congress, that the thesis has been referred back to the newly elected Central Executive (the personnel of which is practically the same) for discussion with Gumede and myself on our return from Europe. I am therefore waiting in Cape Town for Gumede and will accompany him to Johannesburg to fight for the adoption by the Party of the thesis as submitted, since in the opinion of the non-European comrades it is what is required by us. Good progress has been made amongst the natives this last year according to the report of the CE considering