

not heard anything from you until this date. I wanted to call your attention to the fact that several months have elapsed since you received these theses and not a word has been said to us by you, either for or against the theses.

I would ask you urgently to do whatever possible in order to make clear to us your point of view. At any rate I hope that no final decisions against our proposal would be taken without preliminary discussion with us.

Yours,
A. Bennett
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**Letter from V. Demar to J. La Guma,  
22 February 1928**

February 22nd 1928.

My dear Laguma,

I was very glad to receive a letter from you. I completely sympathise with you in your complaints regarding our white friends who do not understand the importance and absolute necessity of working among the natives. But I think, Laguma, that you exaggerate a little the difficulties you have to face. You speak of a break. This is too much. Of course, there will be some amongst our friends who will maintain their attitude, but I do not believe that the majority will oppose the line given by the Centre.<sup>1</sup>

It is necessary to work to guarantee the complete isolation of such persons as continue to resist. But I hope no break will occur among our African friends.

There is one important matter which should be stressed, and should give a new stimulus to all our friends to increase their activities. In spite of the big statesmanlike experience just experienced by your native Reformist in Geneva and Amsterdam,<sup>2</sup> he has now been compelled - as I see from the Press - to make strong protests against the administration for preventing his union to establish local branches. This situation gives a good opportunity of explaining

1. The Comintern.

2. Obviously, Kadalie. See document 51.

to the natives the real meaning of Reformism, of Geneva, of Amsterdam, and so on. There is much work for you to do.

I hope you will continue to write to me about everything you consider important and that you and the old man<sup>3</sup> will make the most of your big trip and of everything you saw here.

Please let me know about the old man. How is he behaving? I hope everything will be all right and that you will give up a little of your pessimism as your work proceeds.

Yours,  
(Victor)  
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**Minutes of Meeting, Executive Committee, CPSA,
15 March 1928**

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 15TH MARCH
IN ASHERS BUILDING AT 8 P.M.

PRESENT.

S.P. Bunting (Chair), T.W. Thibedi, V. Danchin, B. Weinbrenn, A.H. Michalson, M. Wolton, D.G. Wolton, W. Kalk, G. Makabeni, Phooko, R. Bunting, E.S. Sachs.

Comrade La Guma was also present.

LA GUMA'S REPORT.

Comrade LaGuma stated that as a guest of the Soviet Union he had accompanied the British, Irish and American delegations on a tour to the Caucasus.

3. Most likely, J. Gumede who was in the USSR at the same time as La Guma, in November-December 1927.