

NEXT MEETING.

It was agreed that a special meeting be held on Sunday night, ~~that~~ but as several members could not attend on Sunday, further discussion on the Thesis be left over until next Thursday.³

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 11.50 p.m.

Confirmed this⁴ day of March. 1928.

Chairman.

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**Minutes of Special Meeting, Central Executive Committee, CPSA,
17 March 1928.**

MINUTES OF SPECIAL EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD
AT ASHERS BUILDINGS ON SUNDAY MARCH 17TH 1928 AT 8 P.M.

Present. S.P. Bunting (Chair). E.S. Sachs, V. Danchin, R. Bunting, M. Wolton,
D.G. Wolton.

Comrade La Guma was also present.

Students. Com. La Guma reported that there were vacancies for 10 students in the Oriental University,¹ – a course of 3 years tuition. This number of students had been allocated to S.A. by the University and sanctioned by the C.I. Considerable discussion followed and it was finally agreed that five students should be sent now and more at a later date when they could be spared from local work.

The following nominations were then accepted

Gomas, Tong, Thibedi, Mphahlele, Silwana, Shumba, Gumede Jr.

It was agreed that the following names be put on a list for further consideration at a later stage.

Mbeki, Ronald, Ndobe, Kelly, J. Molefe, Tjelele, Mofutsanyana,
Twayi, Chilwane, G. Makabeni, Majoro, Sepeng.

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3. The words in this phrase were changed by hand in the original.

4. There is an empty space for a date after 'this' in the original.

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1. Communist University of the Toilers of the East (KUTV).

A proportionate vote was then taken of the nominations with the following results.

1. Gomas	42 votes
2. Thibedi	32 - " -
3. Shumba	22 - " -
4. Tong	16 - " -
5. Gumede Jr.	16 - " -
6. Mphahlele	8 - " -
7. Silwana	7 - " -

It was also agreed that Com. La Guma should interview Miss Dorothy Gow in Capetown in regard to the student question.² In the event of any of the first five not being able to leave the vacancy to be filled up by the next on the list.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 11 p.m.

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Chairman

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**Minutes of Meeting, Central Executive Committee, CPSA,
12 April 1928 (Extracts)**

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT ASHERS BUILDINGS ON THURSDAY APRIL 12 AT 8 P.M.

Present. S.P. Bunting (Chair), M. Wolton, W. Kalk, R. Bunting, V. Danchin,
T.W. Thibedi, G. Makabeni, D.G. Wolton, A.H. Michalson. Apologies were
received from B. Weinbrenn.

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Thesis. A letter was read from J. Shields in England that he had, as a result of careful deliberation and extensive discussion, become a supporter of the Thesis.

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2. The meaning of this resolution is not clear.

3. Space for a date is left empty in the original.

Com. Bunting. Agreed with certain points in statements of each supporter of slogan. – There is no native Bourgeoisie in South Africa and stage of Nationalism need not necessarily be gone through in this country. Consider that I.C.U. was never based primarily on National appeal, leaflet issued by I.S.L. on class Unity was responsible for development of native Labour movement. It is not necessary to resort to Anti-White sentiments to rally Natives. Support of National movements has never led anywhere. We must bear in mind rejection recently of Lenin's declaration re British Labour Party.

Does not slogan imply 'independent of whites' or at least barely tolerant of them.

Slogan is not clear, but a subtlety like Hertzog's cry of Independence.¹ The supporters of the slogan all show an Anti-white attitude.

Slogan is a social democratic, social patriotic cry. We cannot tell on what lines the liberation of African Workers will take place. A slogan of a Workers South Africa – Liberation – Freedom etc., is and would be more popular and to the White Workers also.

After a considerable discussion on the question of voting, it was agreed by 5 votes to 3, that a majority and minority report be obtained from Capetown branch. It was agreed by 5 votes to 4 that similar reports be prepared and submitted to the C.E.

W. Kalk moved that voting be taken now. The motion was defeated by 5 votes to 2.

R. Bunting moved that no voting at all be taken on number of supporters to each report. The motion was defeated by 5 votes to 1.

Thibedi moved that voting be taken on the 2 reports to be submitted to the CE.²

A.H. Michalson moved an amendment that the voting take place on the Slogan. The amendment was declared lost and therefore lapsed.

The motion of T. Thibedi was carried with one dissention.

It was agreed that the reports must be despatched overseas by May 1st.

WORLD CONGRESS.³ A letter was read from Roux stating that he was willing to attend as a co-delegate, provided the time of sitting fitted in with his own arrangements.

E. Sachs moved 'That steps be taken to raise the fare to 6th World Congress'. Agreed.

E. Sachs moved 'That Com. Roux be sent as a co-delegate'. Agreed.

V. Danchin moved 'That we appoint a delegate tonight'. Agreed.

A ballot was taken on the two nominees, Coms. Bunting & Wolton.

The result showed voting 4–4.

1. The reference is to the National Party's anti-British and, originally, anti-imperialist (i.e. anti-expansionist) stand.

2. It would appear that here 'the CE' stands for the ECCL.

3. The 6th Congress of the Comintern.

It was agreed that another ballot be taken at the next meeting. Coms. Kalk & Michalson left sealed ballot papers as they could not be present at the next meeting.

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**Minutes of Meeting of the Central Executive Committee, CPSA,
10 May 1928**

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 10TH IN ASHERS BUILDINGS AT 8 P.M.

PRESENT. S.P. Bunting (Chair), R. Bunting, M. Wolton, W. Kalk, V. Danchin, T.W. Thibedi, D.G. Wolton, G. Makabeni, E.S. Sachs.

Thesis. Statements were submitted by S.P. Bunting and D.G. Wolton which were both read.

Upon a vote being taken the results were as follows.

S.P. Bunting's statement 8 votes.

D.G. Wolton's statement 2 votes.

As there was no statement submitted from the Cape branch it was agreed that the two statements should go forward as a majority and minority reports.¹

Students.

A letter was read from Comrade La Guma and Gumede. Gumede submitted the name Stanford Conjwa as a student. After discussion and investigation of his credentials it was agreed that Stanford Conjwa be sent as a student. The Secretary was instructed to advise Gumede accordingly. It was agreed that reservations should be made for Conjwa, Gumede Jr., Thibedi and Gomas or Tong. The Secretary was instructed to advise Comrade La Guma accordingly. Lenin course.²

It was moved that two delegates should be sent. An amendment was moved that one delegate be sent. Upon a vote taken the motion was carried by 6 to 3.

1. It has been impossible to locate either the majority or the minority reports in the Archive. The major arguments of both are known from: E. Roux. *S.P. Bunting: A Political Biography* (Cape Town: African Bookman, 1944); 2nd edn: London: Mayibuye Books, 1993.

2. 'The Lenin Course' refers to the International Lenin School.