

Unions were declining, now, since he has left, much life is shown by all. The following is our membership: Laundry Workers 800, Furniture Workers 600, Clothing Workers 400, Motor Drivers 200, Bakers 300, Transport 200, Food & Drink 100, Meat & Cold Storage 30, Dairy 60, Steel Workers Union, a new Union, 118. I may say that I intend to set up Committees in the Mines, but at present I am worried by the financial question. Kadalie, Ballinger, are always trying to smash or to capture our Trade Unions, but so far have failed. Comrade, I am busy night and day and my sole desire is to get all these Trade Unions 100% revolutionary. I wish to hear much about the R.I.L.U. and the Agitprop. Re-students I have no hope of getting a Pass-port from this Government. ??Try.

The slogan should be considered immediately. Those who pretend to be for same are only afraid that the whole of the C.P.S.A. might be off from the C.I. All the Trade Unions demand 'Workers & Peasants Republic for Africa', not a white or black Republic. Show the letter to Losovsky, Bucharin, Stalin and those of the Agitprop. Tell them and Willie³ to write to me.

Yours for a speedy revolution,
(signed) T.W. Thibedi (Native)

RGASPI, 495/64/80/59-60.⁴

Original in English.

Typed. Corrections by hand.

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Letter from A. Nzula to R.P. Arnot, ECCI, 19 March 1929

Johannesburg
19th March 1929.

Mr. R. Page Arnot,
Room 59, E.C.C.I.,
Moscow.

Dear Comrade,

In reply to your letter of the 26 January 1929 re appointment of a Negro Comrade in South Africa to assist the Negro Bureau in the work ~~so far as~~ in

3. 'Willie' could be Willie Kalk who was doing a course at the Lenin School in Moscow at that time.

4. A slightly different version of the same text is found at: RGASPI, 495/64/80/61-2.

South Africa, the Congo etc. I am instructed by my Executive to inform you that Comrade A. Nzula, assistant-general Secty¹ of the Communist Party in S.A. and actg.² general secretary.

I shall write soon and send in my first installment of articles.

Yours Fraternally,
A. Nzula
Actg. General Secty.

RGASPI, 495/64/85/37.

Original in English.

Typed on the letterhead of the CPSA.

Stamped: CONTROL

Inscriptions: 1) Negro Bureau file

(in Russian)

No answer

(in English)

2) Received when?

By me on 23rd April.

Did it come through ordinary post?

R.P.A.

(in English)

3) AngloSax.

(in Russian)

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Report of B. Idelson to ECCI, August 1929 (Extract)¹

COMRADE L'S REPORT ON SOUTH AFRICA AUGUST 1929

[...]

Although hatred of the white oppressor is common to all the sections of the Negro population, there is as yet no class carrying on a consistent struggle against the oppressor. This hatred is extended to all the classes of the white population: the white proletariat has not yet shown its sympathy to the black population in any way, and the CP is only beginning to win its

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1. Secretary.
2. Acting.

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1. The archives contain both the original Russian manuscript of this report and a typed copy (RGASPI, 495/19/189/2-17; RGASPI, 495/64/82/1-31). One typed copy of the Russian original was sent directly to Stalin on 31 August 1929 (RGASPI, 495/64/82/1-31). This copy has an inscription in Russian: 'To com. Stalin. Confidential, 31.VIII.29'.