

work done in South Africa, owing to the big difficulties of the country, owing to the very bad situations, is pretty good.

Now we have the basis for going forward. As a decision I propose only to accept as a basis the draft of the resolution, which is the same as that of last year. Also the programme of action, it is the same. We have only changed some small parts, but in general it is the same. This programme of action must be concretised by the leadership of the Party to fit the situation in the country, and prepared by the Party itself to be a basis of the mass movement in South Africa.

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Decision of Secretariat, ECCI, 3 April 1937¹

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DECISION OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE E.C.C.I. ON THE C.P. OF THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

1. To propose to the Central Committee of the C.P.S.A. to enter into permanent connection with the Central Committee of the C.P.G.B.
2. To propose to the C.C. of the C.P.G.B. to assume responsibility for giving constant help to the C.P.S.A., sending advice which will aid the C.P.S.A. to carry out its tasks.
3. The C.C. of the C.P.G.B. should invite to London two or three members of the C.C. C.P.S.A. who will together with the Polit-Buro and Comrade Hardy discuss fully the essential questions before the C.P.S.A. and communicate the results of this discussion to the E.C.C.I. To the C.C. C.P.G.B. will be sent the prepared Draft Program of Action² and the Draft Resolution³ to be used as materials. The necessity of clearing out of the Party all untrustworthy elements must be thoroughly examined in this discussion. The question should also be

1. The archives contain a Russian version of the same text signed by G. Dimitrov, O. Kuusinen, R.P. Arnot, G. Hardy (RGASPI, 495/18/1185/272-3).

2. See document 67, vol. II.

3. Most probably, the reference is to the resolution of the Secretariat of the ECCI passed in March 1936 (see document 63, vol. II).

examined how and where the schooling of the South African scholars should be carried out.

Comrade H.⁴ should proceed to South Africa for a period of six months in order to help the Party in its work.

4. The Secretariat of the E.C.C.I. recommends the C.C. of the C.P.G.B. to give urgent advice to the leadership of the C.P.S.A. on two immediate questions, namely

a) that C.P.S.A. should be advised to work in such a way that the All-African Convention should not be organised on the narrow basis of individual membership but should be built as a loose broad mass movement on the basis of the existing affiliated organisations.

b) that the electoral struggle for the Native Representation Council and for the Senate should be not only a matter of general propaganda but of a real struggle for the day-to-day demands of the Natives, and that in no wise should the idea be put forward that no immediate usefulness can be obtained for the masses of the people from such representation.

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