

This is proposed by the Negro Section in agreement with the Eastern Secretariat.

The telegram should be despatched as a letter would not reach before the end of November or the beginning of December.

Nasonov.

RGASPI, 495/64/84/17.

Original in English (Comintern translation of the Russian original text).

Typed.

Inscription: Urgent. Confidential.

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**Coded Telegram from S.P. Bunting to Comintern,
25 October [1929]¹**

Petition form of mass protest involves local organisations no danger fusion
reformist leadership suggestions December noted send up to date funds.

Bunting.²

RGASPI, 495/19/189/21.

Original in English.

Typed.

Inscriptions: 1) From Johannesburg 25/10, 16.10

(all typed)

2) Received 30/10, 13.00

(in German)

3) Decoded 1/XI, 09.45

(in German)

1. The year established on the basis of the contents of the document.
2. The Russian translation of the full text of the telegram follows on the same list with incorrect transliteration of Bunting's name: 'Bentink'.

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Letter from E. Roux to ECCL, 30 October 1929

Communist Party of South Africa
P.O. Box 4179,
Johannesburg.
30 October 1929

To the E.C.C.I.

Dear Comrades,

We have received the following cable, dated Berlin, 22 October:

'Struggle against native bills and all other oppression must be waged not through petitions, but (in a) revolutionary manner. (The) Party must take initiative and leadership in (the) struggle without fusing with or giving leadership to reformists, as is (the) case (with the) League of Rights. (Au)xiliary organisations can be utilised only if based on mass movement and on local organisations – committees (of) action, etc. Proclaim December 16 as day (of) national disgrace and struggle. Conduct broad militant demonstrations under the slogans: (1) Down with Native Bills, pass law, all restrictions of rights of natives. (2) Down with entire system of oppression and plunder of Natives' land. (3) Long live Native Republic. (4) United front of Native toilers and white workers under the leadership of the (Communist) Party. Factory meetings should be held on the eve of the demonstration. By all means penetrate the mines. With the help of Weinbren's and other organisations on December 14 call stoppage for the whole day; if not possible then stoppage before time under political slogans and demand pay for December 16. Inform us of receipt of cable. Your friend E.C.C.I.'¹

Our reply by cable was sent on 25 October, as follows:

'Petition (is a) form of mass protest; involves local organisations; no danger (of) fusion (or) reformist leadership. Suggestions December noted.'²

We enclose copies of the constitution, ~~petition form~~ and circular letter³ of the League of African Rights. In taking the initiative in the formation of the League, we have been acting on the decision of the Sixth Congress (and also the suggestion of Comrade Merker, when he was here in June) to try to unite 'existing embryonic national organisations among the Natives, such as the

1. For the draft version of the telegram referred to by Roux see document 77. Notice that the final version of the telegram quoted here contained an additional sentence demanding a general strike on 14 December. The words in brackets are, obviously, the result of the deciphering of the cabled text by the Party leadership.
2. See document 78, vol. I.
3. See document 73, vol. I.