

will try to make time however. Best wishes from all comrades and to all over the sea.

Yours fraternally.

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**Letter from A. Marty to G. Dimitrov,
May 1937**

Strictly confidential

To COMRADE DIMITROFF:

Re: C.P. of South Africa.¹

It is certain that a new revival of the factional struggle has begun in the C.P. of South Africa. The last number of 'The African Defender', which we have just received and which is appearing after an interruption of 8 months, is an indication of this revival.

- (1) The magazine was, from the very beginning, the organ of the Roux faction. The advise was not to revive this magazine, but now it is again appearing despite the instructions given by Comrade H.²
- (2) The magazine is being edited and printed not in Johannesburg, where this was done before, but in Capetown where Roux is living.
- (3) The editor of the magazine is Kotane, who was in the same faction with Roux. It is very suspicious that he is now in Capetown because, according to the last information we have, he was secretary of the Native 'African Mine Workers' Union' at the Rand.
- (4) The contents of the magazine are not in agreement with its name since there is nothing there on the tasks of the African Defense organisation.³ Also, there is nothing in the magazine to popularise the line of the Party

1. The words 'South Africa' are underlined in pencil in a very thick line in the original.

2. George Hardy.

3. It is not clear what African Defence Organisation is meant here. Marty may refer to Ikaka la Basebenzi.

and its decisions, but we have here a popularisation of Gandhi and Gandhi-ism. The articles are of a very nationalistic character. It gives an impression that an attempt is being made to build up a new magazine, at first under cover of complete neutrality to the Party, in order to be able to utilise it, when strengthened, against the Party.

- (5) It is also suspicious that neither Kotane nor Gomez (district organiser in Capetown and former factionalist) have not in recent months been writing for 'The South African Worker', the official organ of the Party.

I propose that we immediately find out if the British comrades, in order to carry through the Secretariat decisions of April 3rd, have called to England ^{any} comrades from South Africa. If this has not yet been done, then it would be advisable to send Comrade H. to South Africa immediately.⁴

Comradely yours,
ANDRE MARTY.

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Minutes of Meeting, PB of CPSA,

11 June 1937

MINUTES OF MEETING OF PB OF CPSA HELD IN JOHANNESBURG ON FRIDAY THE 11TH JUNE 1937.

Present: – Comrades Mofutsanyana, Wolfson, Kalk and Josie Mpama.

Comrade Wolfson said that after discussion with Com. Mofutsanaya it was decided to call this meeting to discuss a plan as to how the work in the Johannesburg district could be improved, as there seemed to be lack of co-ordination and the pb was not giving the lead it should. The work should be divided in the best possible manner and leading comrades should also undertake the task of leading, and not merely being passengers. He then submitted the following plan:-

4. The last paragraph of the letter is crossed out in the original. In the left margin there is an inscription in pencil in Marty's handwriting: 'Shown to H. Pollitt for the sequel, 15/V/37, A.M.'