

elected chairman of P.B. (of course, just as a tool since politically I was ignorant and the proceedings were conducted in high English as far as I was concerned) Old leadership in 1930. I was elected again to the Party C.C. in 1930, been manager of the Party organ (vernacular compositing and editing) for distribution; from February to August 1931. I have taken part in the Congress 1930 and Party C.C. Conference July 1931. I have no experience of illegal work. I have recruited some Party member but I do not know now how many. I was attached to a factory nucleus in March 1931, but I had much to do on the Paper – the Party organ, with results that I did not carry on the work as I ought to have done. I was in the Party faction in 1930 – against the Bunting Group, though I was not one of the leaders. The Bunting group was not interested in the T.U.s and did not want any Negro in the leadership, they were either considered spies or place seekers – and he went to the extent of saying that the Negroes were ‘embezzlers’. I have never been reprimanded for or expelled by the Party.

d) Participation in Social Life.

I was a member of the R.T.U. Since 1928, and was once vice-chairman of the South African Federation of Non-European Trade Unions (not paid, working in the factory). I have never been a member of a Sport organisation. In Transvaal, Natal and Orange Free State no Negro is allowed to participate in Govt. work.

e) Repressions and Prosecutions.

I was never arrested yet.

f) I have not yet occupied a recognisable position in my life, I have worked for £3 to £4 per month so far.

g) The following comrades can testify this statement: A. Nzula, J.P. Sepeng, C. Baker, Mofutsanyana and Marks.

James Warren (M. Kotane)

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**Instruction for Eugene Dennis, ECCI Emissary to CPSA,
[19 January 1932]¹**

I. General task to mobilize, guide and assist Party in carrying out October Resolutions of ECCI. Immediate tasks in this connection:

1. This document has neither a title nor a date but the Russian translation of it (typed in one copy only and classified as ‘strictly confidential’) is dated 19.1.1932 (RGASPI, 495/25/204/20). It bears the title ‘Instructions for the Instructor of the ECCI at the CP of S. Africa’. The Russian text is edited, judging by the handwriting, by Boris Vasiliev, at that time – head of the

1) Prepare for Plenum of CC within six weeks (unless plenum has been held since receiving CI resolution). Together with Politburo draft a 6 months plan of work for Party. Preparation for Plenum of CC thru district conferences, discussion in nuclei, press, etc. and plenum itself to be based on mobilizing entire Party for carrying out CI resolution, particularly as further concretized in 6 months plan of work.

2) Organise work of CC and work with and thru CC, maintain regular contact and give constant guidance to Polburo, check up on all phases of its work, especially control practical application of plan of work.² Special emphasis on: (a) establishing functioning Org., Trade union, agitprop, and agrarian departments; prepare a definite plan of work for each department in accordance with 6 months plan of CC. (b) CC and its departments to concentrate on 2 or 3 most important districts for building up Party i.e. concentrate on establishing a definite number of politically active nuclei in the largest mines, farms, etc. – all this, of course, to go hand in hand with organizing and leading local struggles etc. (c) For immediate training of cadres, organize a 4 to 6 weeks fulltime³ national training school, as well as district schools, study circles, political discussion in nuclei – this to be accompanied by systematically drawing in new Native cadres into the nuclei leadership and all leading committees. (d) Take all necessary measures for bringing about a fundamental and radical change in the Party press, politically and organisationally. (e) Prepare for a national recruiting campaign.

3) Together with Polburo take necessary measures for immediate organization of YCL, for carrying out CI and RILU directives in regard to tasks of AFTU, organizing a mass unemployed movement and for energetically developing work among peasant masses.

4) Be responsible for⁴ immediate establishing of an illegal Party apparatus.

5) Arrange for⁵ selection and sending of Native students to Moscow; if possible secure contact with students from Portuguese East Africa, etc.; same in regards to getting students from among the Indian workers in South Africa.

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Organisational Department of the ECCI. The handwriting in the English text looks very much like that of Dennis himself. It is not impossible that Dennis wrote the instructions for himself to be edited by a senior ECCI official.

2. In the Russian translation this phrase is crossed out and substituted with: 'Assist CC in its work: maintain regular contact and collective work in CC and its PB' (three illegible words follow).
3. Words 'and part time' are added here in the Russian translation.
4. 'Be responsible for' is crossed out and substituted with 'Assist in' in the Russian translation.
5. 'Arrange for' is crossed out and substituted with 'Participate in' in the Russian translation.