

members of the Party have not yet understood the real significance of the slogan of Independent Native Republic.[...]

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FOR THE POLITICAL COMMISSION

PROPOSALS IN REGARD TO SENDING INSTRUCTORS TO THE NEGRO COLONIES AND FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COURSE FOR THE TRAINING OF SUCH INSTRUCTORS IN MOSCOW

Proceeding from the necessity of immediately sending instructors to the Negro colonies, concentrating first of all upon those colonies where there exist independent labour movements, revolutionary nationalist organisations, or in which big revolts have taken place recently, we propose that comrades be immediately sent to the following countries.

British African Colonies.

SOUTH AFRICA: In view of the urgent necessity of developing native cadres and in view of the difficulty in getting natives out of the country for training elsewhere, it is advisable at the present time to send one comrade to South Africa to organise there a short course of 15 or 20 comrades.

EAST AFRICA: Kenya, Nyasaland, Rhodesia, Uganda, Tanganyika. One comrade for all these territories with centre in Nairobi, Kenya.

1. Most probably, this document was prepared by the Negro Bureau of the Eastern Secretariat. It is not clear whether it was approved.

WEST AFRICA: Nigeria, Ashanti, Gambia, Gold Coast, Sierra Leone.

Two comrades, centres to be Bathurst, Gambia (a large strike took place here recently) and Lagos, Nigeria (this province recently the scene of a native revolt).
French and Belgian African Colonies.

FRENCH AFRICA: Senegal, Upper and Lower Volta, Dahomey, Mauretania. One comrade, centre to be in Dakar, Senegal (this province is the main recruiting ground for France's 'black army').

SUDAN AND FRENCH AND BELGIAN CONGO: One comrade to cover all these territories. Centre in French Congo which has been the scene of a number large revolts in the past ten years.

WEST INDIES: French, American and British.

Two comrades, one for English speaking islands, Jamaica, Trinidad, and one for the Latin speaking islands, Haiti, Porto Rico, Gaudelupe, Martinique. In the English group to start first with Jamaica, the centre to be Kingstown (we already have some connections here). In the Latin group to start with Haiti (scene of the recent revolt).

The instructors who are to be immediately sent should be secured from British, French, American and Belgian Parties and from among the students now finishing their course at the Lenin School and KUTV.

The first group of instructors should receive one or two months preliminary preparations in Moscow, in order to become acquainted with the countries to which they will be sent and their task as instructors.

All instructors should at the same time have a mandate for the selection of students for training in Moscow.

A PERMANENT COURSE FOR THE TRAINING OF INSTRUCTORS

1) A permanent course should be organised in Moscow under the Lenin School for the training of instructors for the Negro colonies.

2) The students for this course should include both white and Negro comrades to be selected from among the contingents for both KUTV and the Lenin School.

3) In this connection we propose that Communist Parties of the metropolitan countries having Negro populations, Great Britain, France, Belgian and the American countries with large Negro populations, United States, Brasil, Panama, Cuba, etc., should be instructed at once to send Negro students both to KUTV and the Lenin School. (a.) The Lenin School: the Negro comrades be included in all contingents from these respective countries. (b.) KUTV, that the following numbers be sent by the respective Parties: Great Britain – 10, France – 15, Belgium – 5, United States – 30, Brasil – 5, Panama – 2, Cuba – 3, total – 70.

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