

Letter from S.P. Bunting to ECCI,¹
10 February 1932

P.O. Box 1915,
 Johannesburg.
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The Secretary,
 E.C.C.I.

Dear Comrade,

Unhappy experience having hitherto dissuaded me for a long time past from communicating with the E.C.C.I. (or C.P.G.B.) I have decided, seeing that a number of party members are sending you a report on the C.P.S.A., to use the same opportunity to enclose for your information:

(typed) A draft letter of mine dated September 1931, to the members, which owing to its length etc., I held back and never circulated,

(printed) A short version of the above which I circulated later.

A letter which I addressed to the Party Executive in November 1930, shortly before Com. Wolton's arrival in South Africa, and before I suspected any connection between the Johannesburg party troubles of the time and his campaign.

Comrade, I am aware of the great risk I run in sending you these papers, that they will only be made a basis of further attacks on me (i.e. on hundreds of members and sympathisers). Nevertheless, and all the more because we for our part are working strenuously against a split, I cannot just lie down and suppress the truth from you for ever, for the present crooked methods and character of the party leadership are, as I (and most of the members, especially natives) see it, playing mortal havoc with the party work and strength, while as long as the E.C.C.I. upholds this leadership our power to improve matters is crippled, and this just at a critical time in world affairs when we should all be extending the party's power by leaps and bounds. If you reply, let it be to the

1. The archives contain a Russian translation of this document, entitled; 'C. Kuusinen for the Meeting of the Politcommission, 15.III.1932' (RGASPI, 495/64/118/1-2).

above address, for contact with our Head Office is at present absolutely closed to us 'expellees'.²

Yours fraternally,
S.P. Bunting

RGASPI, 495/64/118/18.

Original in English.

Typed.

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**Report of D. Wolton to ECCL,
7 April 1932¹ (Extracts)**

REPORT OF SECRETARIAT, CPSA

Organisation

A separate report of the December plenum of the C.C. of the C.P.S.A. has been dispatched under separate cover.

The purpose of this Report is to outline the present internal position of the Party and the results of the organisational work during the past number of months in regard to the Party, the red trade unions and mass organisations. Following on the re-organisation of the Party since the 9th Congress and arising out of the steady campaign to raise the political level of the whole Party and also arising from sharp action against the right wing which strongly existed inside the Party, the former loose character of the Party organisation has begun to be transformed on to a sound basis and thus now enables a more correct analysis to be made of the internal position of the Party than was ever the case formerly. [...]

Ikaka la Basebenzi – Red Aid

The work of this mass organisation has not been developed in anything like an effective manner; the Central Committee has declined until it has reached the

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2. Those who were expelled from the CPSA in 1931 (see footnote 1 to document 6, vol. II).

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1. The document is undated. This date is the date of the registration at the Comintern.