

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.

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