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FIGHT AGAINST FASCISM

Dear Editor,

Reading your journal, I'm proud to learn of your hard fight against South African fascism. This is a dangerous foe and you are proving what good Marxists and revolutionary fighters you are ... The Ernst Thaelmann communists, of whom I am one, had to fight against Hitler ... When I see how skilfully you apply Marxism-Leninism it is always a delight for my old heart and I'm convinced that in the end you will be victorious.

Ernst Diedrich, Warin, GDR

HOMAGE TO BRAM FISCHER

Dear Editor,

We have heard and read a lot about self-sacrifice and about dedicated communists who have emerged unquestionable leaders in every struggle of the people against the forces of darkness and reaction. Great personalities have emerged in different periods and under harsh conditions.

In this year when we celebrate the 40th anniversary of victory over fascism and the 30th anniversary of the founding of SACTU, I would like to deal with our history of struggle. I have in mind Bram Fischer who rejected privilege and the life that could have been his. He joined the Communist Party of South Africa in 1942 and served on its Central Committee from 1945 until he was arrested in 1966. He was unflinching, selfless and devoted to the cause of liberation.

He belonged to the generation of Lutuli, Kotane, Dadoo, Mandela, Sisulu, Kathrada and many other great leaders of our national liberation movement. In this Year of the Cadre we must endeavour to assimilate their indomitable fighting spirit ... As we mark the 10th year since the heart of Bram Fischer stopped beating, we must make more effort to realise our aspirations and perspectives. Forward to victory!

James Ndaba.

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