

the present officers. And these are only a few of the changes absolutely essential to even the elimination of corruption. The centralization of the administration will certainly increase unity and the cessation of the old political squabbles will reinforce this. But change, change in terms of the social, political, economic and cultural existence of the Nigerian peasant and worker is still far off.

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### ***Dear Comrade Fischer***

The Bulgarian communists and the working people in Bulgaria learnt with great indignation of the unjust sentence passed on you by the 'court of justice' of the Government of the Republic of South Africa—a Government hateful to your people—for your struggle and the struggle of all patriots in the Republic of South Africa against oppression, colonial bondage and racial discrimination.

Your courageous speech of self-defence, which found deep response among the Bulgarian people, was an indictment against the Verwoerd apartheid regime, which is a disgraceful phenomenon of our time. We, Bulgarians, admired your courageous behaviour at the trial; it reminded us of the undaunted behaviour of Georgi Dimitrov—the immortal leader and teacher of the Bulgarian people—during the time of the Leipzig Fire Trial in 1933.

We are confident, dear comrade Fischer, that the just cause to which you and your comrades have devoted your lives and energies will be victorious.

We hail your struggle and demand that the unjust sentence passed on you be quashed and that all political prisoners in the Republic of South Africa be released.

Wishing you, dear comrade Fischer, good health, stamina and success in your grandiose struggle for genuine liberation of the people of the Republic of South Africa, we are

fraternally yours,

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE  
BULGARIAN COMMUNIST PARTY.

[Text of a letter sent to Abram Fischer, member of the Central Committee of the South African Communist Party, who received a sentence of life imprisonment on May 4th, 1966.]