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In the last few weeks leading up to the 23rd anniversary (10 April 2016) of the cowardly assassination of comrade Chris Hani who was the General-Secretary of the South African Communist Party (SACP), leading member of the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the African National Congress (ANC) and former Chief of Staff of uMkhonto we Sizwe (MK) Polish Janusz Waluz the assassin was granted parole by a High Court. This move was roundly disapproved because Waluz, was unrepentant and had not made a full disclosure surrounding the circumstances of the death of comrade Chris Hani. In a twist of fate of the very basis of their grounds for the cowardly assassination of the comrade Chris Hani, Waluz and Clive Derby-Lewis who were sentenced to death, benefitted from the constitution they sought to stop, when their sentences were commuted to life imprisonment, and now again are beneficiary of the democratic constitution through a High Court order, ordering Waluz's release on parole.

Against this background, this year's anniversary marking the brutal killing of comrade Chris

Hani assumes an even greater significance in the midst of the court ruling and the subsequent filing of opposing papers by the state, comrade Limpho Hani and the SACP. The struggle to get to the bottom and to uncover the entire circumstances of the cowardly assassination of comrade Chris Hani has become even more pertinent.

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The role of various groups, individuals and in particular the military intelligence at that time is crucial to ensure that the truth about the assassination of comrade Chris Hani is revealed. It will be crucial for the SACP to continue to play its crucial role in the struggle to ensure that the second phase of our revolution will indeed

benefit the working class and poor in the main. Therefore, the policies and programmes of the Party in this period should seek to reflect the attainment of the ideals for which Hani, Slovo and many others laid down their lives for, in the struggle for a non-racist, non-sexist, united, democratic and ultimately a socialist South Africa.

In Gauteng huge marches have been held in demonstrating displeasure at the obtuse application of the law and disregard of the very basics that constructed the democratic breakthrough that took place and called for Waluz to spill the beans and come clean on the murder.

What is at the core of this High Court ruling is the interpretation of the constitutional-basis of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC). The TRC rejected their substantive representation that, theirs was a political act inspired by the goals of the then Conservative Party. The TRC effectively ruled that comrade Chris Hani was assassinated by right-wing extremists who were *apparently* acting independently. Unfortunately, the TRC didn't expose who exactly were involved in terms of the organisations,



groups and individuals involved in the assassination. This is why we were happy that Derby-Lewis and Janusz Waluz didn't get amnesty because they didn't tell it all. The former leading proponents of the hated apartheid racist regime still have to tell about their role in the cowardly murder of comrade Chris Hani. The regime at the time was staunchly anti-communist and it didn't matter what comrade Chris Hani said, they had to "root out" this communist! The regime thought by killing comrade Chris Hani they were sniffing out communism as a political ideology in our country, and that they were snuffing out communists!

Comrade Chris Hani was probably the most influential leader of the national liberation movement at a very crucial period of the struggle. In his own words, "In 1961 I joined the underground South African Communist Party as I realised that national liberation, though essential, would not bring about total economic liberation. My decision to join the Party was influenced by such greats of our struggle like Govan Mbeki, Bram Fischer, JB Marks, Moses Kotane, Ray Simons, etc." (My Life – an autobiography, 1991). He was chief of staff of MK, the armed wing of the national liberation movement and fought for 25 years in Southern African liberation struggles, from Zimbabwe to Angola. He built the ANC underground in South Africa having spent lengthy periods of exile in Lesotho.

At the time of unbanning of the national liberation movement on the 02nd of February 1990, comrade Chris Hani returned to South Africa and became a charismatic and popular speak-

er in townships and villages across the country. Together with Joe Slovo, Hani was considered and portrayed as the most dangerous threat in the eyes of South Africa's extreme right-wing. The apartheid regime's anti-communism stance provide basis for the extreme right-wing and other elements to cast both the Party and its leading cadres as the most dangerous threats to their existence.

Even though the apartheid regime and its imperialist backers had thought that with the demise of Eastern European

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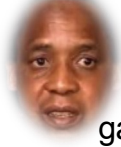
communism and the fall of the Berlin wall, Marxism-Leninism would be on the retreat in South Africa, but the Party was more popular and its leaders more prominent in the ANC and the Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU), but under threat. "The armed struggle", he had maintained, "...has brought about the present crisis of apartheid," he wrote when he returned to South Africa.

In 1993 the apartheid regime and system, its backers and various elements lashed out in defeat to assassinate comrade Chris Hani, one of the principal architects of the victory, in order to stem its losses and sab-

otage the settlement for ending apartheid colonialism. The apartheid regime blamed comrade Chris Hani, more than any other single individual for its demise. Comrade Chris Hani had risen to such stature, that his death was not only a blow to the revolutionaries within the ANC, the Alliance, SACP, and MK, but it hit the whole country. Our view is that it was a planned plot. Leading up to his cowardly assassination, there was this low-intensity warfare that was going on and this projection of what comrade Chris Hani stood for (together with a warped authoritarian anti-communism) was building up these emotions against communism in general, and against comrade Chris Hani in particular. This build-up didn't only come from the internal reactionary forces. The West was projecting comrade Chris Hani as that, whether it was the American press, the British press, or the CIA. The kind of things that would be said about comrade Chris Hani generated this anti-Hani phobia.

Comrade Chris Hani had campaigned feverishly and tirelessly for the SACP in the working class areas around the country, seeking to redefine its place as a national political party within the SA polity. In fact "during this period the SACP was doing better than the ANC, especially amongst the youth who had no real experiences of the pre-apartheid era and no commitment to the democratic ideals of the more moderate Nelson Mandela," according to the Daily Telegraph.

Comrade Chris Hani's assassination came at a crucial time for South Africa. It is a well-known fact that the SACP at the time was on the brink of



gaining significant status as an independent political party. Thus, the goal of building an independent agile in terms of the goals of the Medium Term Vision (MTV) and the South African Road to Socialism is critical. The independent profile of the Party is the most significant assurance of the struggle for the attainment of socialism in our country.

Comrade Chris Hani once said (in response to a question relating to Codesa); "We are a party of the working class. So we want our focus to be on the working class. We don't want the interests of the working class to be marginalised in the course of negotiations. We

must ensure that the workers actually play a role and that their aspirations are articulated

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in the course of negotiations. We are going to be playing our role together with the ANC and COSATU. We will strategize together. We will support the

positions of the ANC because we have been part of the formulation of these positions. At the same time, we want to establish our right as an independent political formation to participate at the talks."

In honour to the memory and legacy of comrade Chris Hani, we should build a strong, agile and independent communist party that will articulate the aspirations of the working class and play its historic role in advancing, deepening and consolidating the NDR – this is the shortest route to socialism!

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Progressive consumer laws

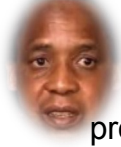
by Allister Jack



April month in the South African Communist Party calendar is traditionally where comrades of the alliance celebrate the life and times of our late General Secretary Cde Chris Hani. This year it will be 23 years of celebrating the life and times of Cde Chris Hani, a true revolutionary com-

mander, freedom fighter and organic intellectual, loved by many people throughout our country. In an interview with Luli Callinicos at the SACP Offices, Rissik Street, Johannesburg, March 1993, Cde Chris Hani had the following to say: "Now I had seen the lot of black workers, extreme forms of exploitation. Slave wag-

es, no trade union rights, and for me the appeal of socialism was extremely great. Where it was said that workers create wealth but in the final analysis they get nothing. They get peanuts in order to survive and continue working for the capitalists. So it was that simple ap-



proach, that simple understanding, which was a product of my own observation in addition to theory.

I didn't get involved with the workers' struggle out of theory alone. It was a combination of theory and my own class background. I never faltered in my belief in socialism despite all the problems currently. For me that belief is strong because that is still the life of the majority of the people with whom I share a common background."

The SACP from its establishment as the CPSA in 1921, had adopted the program of socialism and over the years the Party had launched different campaigns and all SACP General Secretaries over the years interacted with all spheres of society to make sure the campaigns are a success. One such campaign is the Financial Sector Coalition Campaign (FSCC) where the SACP and civil society work together on a lot of consumer education campaigns all over the country. As Cde Chris Hani had observed at that time the problems of the proletariat and peasants shortcomings in society and workplace, the reality is that it's still today the problem.

As members of the SACP we use this media platform as a medium of education to our members and supporters out there as Cde Chris Hani also did to engage with members and communities in his time as a progressive leader of the SACP and of the tripartite alliance. In this edition I would like to focus on the Consumer Protection Act of 2008 (CPA). The preamble to the CPA recognizes that apartheid and discrimi-

natory laws have resulted in "unacceptably high levels of poverty, illiteracy and other forms of social and economic inequality" and there is therefore a need to develop the means to assist historically disadvantaged individuals in realizing their full participation as consumers. In addition, the need to develop the means to protect the interests of all consumers, as well as to "give effect to internationally recognized consumer rights," is also

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How does the CPA protect the consumer in South Africa? Fundamental consumer rights in terms of the consumer protection act:

Chapter 2 of the CPA sets out nine fundamental consumer rights: equality in the consumer market; the right to privacy; the right to choose; the right to disclosure and information; the right to fair and responsible marketing; the right to fair and honest dealing; the right to fair, just and reasonable terms and conditions; the right to fair value, good quality and safety; and the right to hold the supplier accountable. A brief overview of these rights is as follows:

The right of equality in the con-

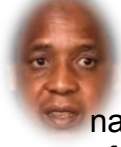
sumer market:

In terms of Section 8, businesses must not unfairly discriminate against consumers on the grounds set out in the South African Constitution (Republic of South Africa, 1996, Section 9), such as race, gender, disability, age and pregnancy.

Business is not allowed to unfairly exclude any person from access to goods or services or grant anyone exclusive access; unfairly supply different quality of goods or services to consumers or unfairly charge different prices for any goods or services. Unfairly excluding certain communities or market segments, or targeting certain communities or market segments, is also prohibited. These provisions do not imply that businesses may not differentiate between different consumers or groups of consumers. The CPA makes exceptions for certain cases that may be viewed as fair discrimination, such as refusing to supply a minor with any particular goods or services without consent from the parent or guardian (Section 9).

The consumer's right to privacy:

The use of technology to market goods or services, such as the cell phone or even the telephone, could infringe on the consumer's privacy or the time chosen to market such goods or services, could be unreasonable. The Act therefore places certain restrictions on direct marketing. "Direct marketing" is defined as approaching the consumer in person, by mail or electronic communications for the purpose of promoting or offering goods or services or for requesting a do-



nation (Section 1). Section 11 of the Act gives the consumer the right to restrict unwanted marketing by refusing to accept such marketing, by requesting that it be discontinued or by pre-emptively blocking such communication. The consumer who has been approached for the purpose of direct marketing may demand that the person responsible for such direct marketing, desist from any further communication. To protect the privacy of consumers, Section 12 also prohibits direct marketing at the consumer's home during certain days, dates, public holidays or times of the day which are prescribed by the Minister responsible for consumer protection matters.

The consumer's right to choose:

The consumer has the right to choose in respect of the following: 1. Right to select suppliers: Supplier may sometimes make it a condition of the contract, for instance when buying something, that the consumer has to buy other goods or services, or enter into additional agreements, or agree to buy any goods from other businesses or persons. This is also referred to as "bundling." These conditions are prohibited in terms of Section 13 unless the supplier can show that the bundling is convenient or cost effective for the consumer. 2. Rights relating to expiry or renewal of fixed-term agreements: Consumers could be liable to unreasonable penalties or charges if they choose to cancel a contract before expiry. The Act now prohibits such practice (Section 14). The consumer has a right to cancel before expiry and may be liable to a reasonable cancellation penalty. 3. Right to pre-

authorization of repair or maintenance: Suppliers may not charge consumers for repairs or maintenance unless the consumer was supplied with an estimate and the consumer has authorized the work (Section 15). 4. Right to cooling-off period in the case of direct marketing: Where the goods are sold by direct marketing, the consumer has a cooling-off period of five business days to cancel the agreement (Section

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16). 5. Right to cancel advance reservations or booking: The consumer has the right to cancel advance reservations or bookings (Section 17). Suppliers may impose a reasonable charge for cancellation. 6. Right to choose or examine goods: When the consumer buys from open stock, he or she may select or reject any item (Section 18). 7. Rights in respect of delivery of goods or supply of services: It is an implied condition of every contract for the supply of goods or services, that the seller agrees to deliver the goods or services at the agreed place and time, at his own cost and that the risk

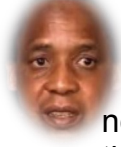
in the goods remains with the seller until delivered to the consumer (Section 19). The parties may agree to change these terms. 8. Right to return goods: The consumer will have the right to return the goods and claim a full refund in the following cases: where the agreement arose out of direct marketing and the consumer has cancelled; where the customer did not have an opportunity to examine the goods before delivery and has rejected delivery; and where the goods are unsuitable for the purpose intended and the supplier was aware of that (Section 20).

Right to fair and honest dealing:

Certain acts which are regarded as "unconscionable conduct," are disallowed by Section 40. The supplier is not allowed to use physical force against the consumer, coercion, undue influence, pressure, duress or harassment, unfair tactics or similar conduct in marketing, concluding the contract or claiming the return of goods. For instance, where the consumer who defaults, signs a voluntary repossession declaration under duress, this would be invalid. The supplier must not take advantage of the consumer's physical or mental disability, illiteracy, ignorance, inability to understand the language of the contract or any other similar factor. In the marketing of goods or services, the supplier must not use false or misleading representations, exaggerations, innuendo or ambiguity relating to a material fact concerning the contract (Section 41 (1)).

Prohibited transactions, terms or conditions:

In order to ensure that busi-



nesses do not include terms that are unfair or not in keeping with ethical business practices, certain provisions in an agreement between businesses and consumers would be invalid in terms of Section 51 of the CPA. These include: terms that defeat the purpose of the Act; terms that mislead or deceive the consumer; terms that result in the consumer waiving his/her rights; terms that exempts businesses from liability for any loss as a result of gross negligence on the part of the business; terms that bind the consumer into entering into another agree-

ment; and terms that require the consumer to forfeit any money. Right to fair value, good quality and safety: In the past consumers sometimes received goods or services where the value or quality was questionable. In other cases performance was not on time or safety standards were not met. The CPA therefore provides for protection of the consumer in this respect. Consumers are entitled to timely performance and completion of those services, and timely notice of unavoidable delays. They also have a right to per-

formance of the services in a manner and quality that a person is generally entitled to expect, taking into account the circumstances of the supply and the specific criteria and terms agreed upon (Section 54 (1)). In memory of comrade Chris Hani: let us educate our communities about our progressive consumer laws that protect them from imperialist exploitation.

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Omnipotent legend

by Modise Letsелеbe



On April 10, each year, the South African Communist Party and the Young Communist League celebrates the life and times of Cde Chris Thembisile Hani. He was a hero of the people. When we celebrate the life and times of Chris Hani we celebrate a life and time of a people's hero and not a counter revolutionary. Even before he was murdered, Hani was an omnipotent legend in the liberation movement. As the chief of staff of Umkhonto we Sizwe, he was the epitome of militant and selfless

struggle. This gave him an almost mythical aura, particularly among the youth, while the ANC and SACP were banned. His murder by right-wing extremists in April 1993, at a time

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when the country was in the midst of crucial political negotiations and rampant political violence, turned him into a martyr. Allow me to quote comrade Chris Hani: "The perks of a new government are not really

appealing to me. Everybody would like to have a good job, a good salary...but for me that is not the all of struggle. What is important is the continuation of the struggle...the real problems of the country are not whether one is in Cabinet...but what we do for social upliftment of the working masses of our country." The valuable contributions that Comrade Chris Hani and Comrade Solomon Mahlangu made was without benefits from our government. Key amongst the message in his honour is that young people must safeguard the hard-won South African de-



mocracy. We are convinced, as the YCLSA, that young people should be persuaded to vote ANC as it is the only political organisation with a plan to improve the lives of all South Africans notwithstanding the challenges that faces our society and young people in particular, unemployment, poverty and skills. Young people need revolutionary consciousness like Chris Hani

Fidel Castro correctly called the development of revolutionary consciousness as the impetus of any revolution. This is a call to young people to remain faithful to the principles and to the fundamental cause of this struggle and what we have achieved so far in the name of Chris Hani. This shows us, to a certain extent that corporate capture/state capture in the movement is an essentially political problem, and it feeds faction and its handlers.

We need to remain committed to our revolutionary ethos as espoused by Comrade Chris Hani to fight imperialism in all its manifestation.

We will not shout hurrahs or proclaim here our solidarity with this or that people in our struggle who stand to auction the organization to the highest bidder. Our presence in itself should be a cry of condemnation of imperialism and a proof of solidarity with all peoples

who speaks against imperialism in our movement. We firmly believe that the best proof we can give of our anti-imperialist position and of our



active solidarity with our comrades in this common struggle is to return to our branches, to further develop programmes against this struggle and to remain faithful to the principles and objectives of national liber-

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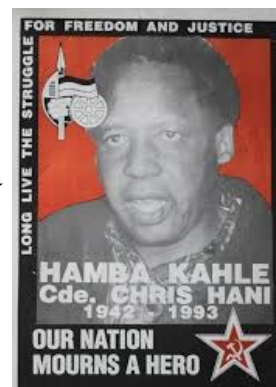
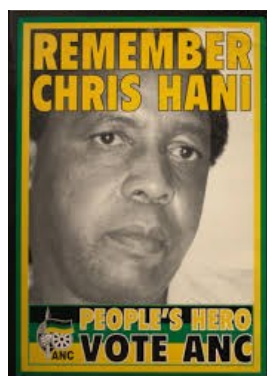
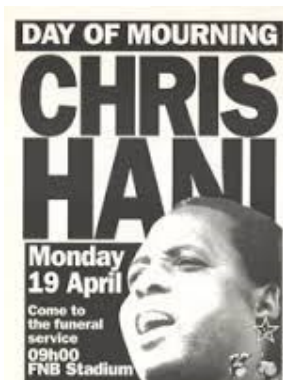
ation and its growth moving forward.

Young people, the significance of political education cannot be overemphasised, particularly in this period of heightened ideological contestation. Political training is not only significant for building consciousness but also to ensure all round cadre development. The ideological

deficiency, not to say the total lack of ideology, within the national liberation movements — which is basically due to ignorance of the historical reality which these movements claim to transform — constitutes one of the greatest weaknesses of our struggle against imperialism, if not the greatest weakness of all. We believe, however, that a sufficient number of different experiences has already been accumulated to enable us to define a general line of thought and action with the aim of eliminating this deficiency and serve our masses with distinctions.

Comrade Chris Hani said: "Socialism is not about big concepts and heavy theory. Socialism is about decent shelter for those who are homeless. It is about water for those who have no safe drinking water. It is about healthcare, it is about a life of dignity for the old. It is about overcoming the huge divide between urban and rural areas. It is about a decent education for all our people. Socialism is about rolling back the tyranny of the market. As long as the economy is dominated by an uneducated, privileged few, the case for socialism will exist."

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Fighter, revolutionary, soldier for peace

by Nelson Mandela



Extracts of the address by ANC President, Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, at the funeral of Chris Hani. 19 April 1993, FNB Stadium, Soweto.

We have all come together to pay our last respects to the one of the greatest revolutionaries this country has ever known.

Sabalele, in Cofimvaba district, is a place well known to me. Not for its beauty, but for its harshness. No running water. No electricity. No decent housing. Inadequate health care. Little formal education. Yet this small, virtually unknown village produced a Chris Hani, whose life shook the whole country and impacted on the world's stage.

Chris Hani's passion for justice, for addressing the problems that plague the rural poor, were rooted in his childhood in Sabalele. His roots were so deep, so true, that he never lost them.

Through three decades of exile Chris Hani remained steadfast in his commitment to free our people from bondage.

He was taken to our hearts, as a people, as a nation, because he lived so that we may be

Chris Hani touched the very heart of millions of us because he knew our pain, and eased it by giving us hope, giving us courage, giving us a way forward.

Chris Hani loved life, and lived it to the full. But he loved freedom more.



Chris Hani loved our people, our organisations, our South African nation, and for that love he was brutally murdered. By killing Chris Hani the murderers made a fatal error, for he will not become just another statistic.

The regime has announced the arrest of a leading member of the Conservative Party, Clive Derby Lewis, in connection with this murder. We insist

he be brought before the courts without delay. We demand to know what he did, who he worked with, and above all we demand justice. We do not want to see a situation where those arrested for such heinous crimes simply go free. We want the hue and cry to die down, as has happened in the past.

In 1991, when we spoke of a Third Force being responsible for the violence, we were ridiculed and criticised by everyone. Now both South Africa and the world recognise not only the existence of that same Third Force, but also the extent of its activities.

When Chris Hani criticised the theft of weapons from the Air Force Base, and said those weapons were not stolen, but were taken to be used in covert operations, he too was ridiculed. Guns from those same stolen weapons were used to kill him.

The killing must stop! A major initiative that Chris Hani proposed shortly before his death was that peace brigades be established under the National Peace Accord.

Let us pay tribute to his memory by forming such Peace Brigades throughout



the country.

Let them be part of the reconstruction of our country, ravaged by the war waged against us over 45 years of apartheid rule.

And nowhere has this attitude of seeing us as the enemy been more clearly demonstrated than in President De Klerk's actions since the assassination of Chris Hani.

His first response was to call a meeting of the State Security Council. His second response was

to deploy 23,000 more troops, telling white South Africans that they had enough troops for them to feel secure. But why deploy troops against mourners?

They say we cannot control our forces. We are not cattle to be controlled. And we say to De Klerk: it is your forces that lost control and, completely unprovoked, shot innocent marchers in Protea.

It is you who have allowed the bully boy tactics of the AWB to go unchallenged. We, the victims of violence, have been blamed for the very acts that take our lives. Yet you treat the far right with kit gloves, allowing them to publish hit lists when it is a crime to do so. Your police do not protect marchers from gunmen who mow them down, as in Vanderbijlpark.

Black lives are cheap, and will remain so as long as apartheid continues to exist. And let there be no mistake: there have been

many changes, and negotiations have started, but for the ordinary black person of this country apartheid is alive and well.

We want peace, but we are not

armed struggle that has brought the regime to the negotiating table. And those negotiations are themselves a site of struggle.

It is not a question of armed struggle or negotiations. Armed struggle brought about negotiations. It is precisely because negotiations will force them to relinquish power that certain elements are resorting to the cowardly tactics of assassinations.

This government is illegitimate, unrepresentative, corrupt and unfit



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to govern.

We want the immediate installation of a Transitional Executive Council with one purpose: to ensure that free and fair elections are held in the shortest possible time.

Above all, we want an agreed election date to be announced. What does an election mean for us?

A one-person, one vote election, throughout South Africa - and that includes the TBVC states is, at this point in time and given the gains we have made, the shortest route to a real transfer of power.

Such an election will produce a government that, for the first time in our long and arduous struggle, will be a government that represents the democratic wishes of all South Africans.

For the first time in our history an elected government will be answerable to all the people. That government will face tremendous challenges.

South Africa will then, through

pacifists. We are all militants. We are all radicals. That is the very essence of the ANC, for it is a liberation movement fighting for freedom for all our people. It is our unceasing struggles - in the prisons, in mass campaigns, through the



radical opposition to apartheid, be transformed into a united, non-racial, democratic and non-sexist country.

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In the interests of all our people we will build national unity, drawing on the wealth of our human resources, the courage and strength of all our people.

We want to build a nation free from hunger, disease and poverty, free from ignorance, homelessness and humiliation, a country in which there is peace, security and jobs.

These achievements will be living monuments to the heroes like Chris Hani, who died fighting for such a vision.

Speed is of the essence. We want an end to white minority rule now. We want an election date now. We want to know when we will have a government of our choice that follows a programme that is in the interests of all the people of this country.

Forward movement can no longer be held hostage to narrow party political or even individual interests. Freedom, peace and stability can no longer be postponed because of selfish and sectarian goals.

We warn all who seek to impose endless negotiations that any further delay will discredit the negotiation process itself and place on the national agenda the need for change by other means.

It demands of all of us that we act with real respect for human life. It demands that those who still occupy government office

end their ideas of reverting to repression against our people. The leadership of the ANC draws its strength from you, our people. Over the death of Chris Hani you have shown

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your determination, your courage, your love of freedom.

Chris Hani has a very special place in our hearts. But each and every one of you is pre-

You laid down your life so that we may know freedom. No greater sacrifice is possible.

cious to us. You are our people, our pride and joy, our future. We love you all. And we want all of you to reach home safely. When we leave here, let us do so with the pride and dig-

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nity of our nation. Let us not be provoked.

The struggle is far from over. You are our soldiers of peace, our army for the elections that will transform this country. Go back to your homes, your regions, and organise as never

before. Together, we are invincible. That is how we will pay the greatest tribute we can to Chris Hani freedom in South Africa. Let Chris Hani live on through all of us.

To the Hani family, you have suffered a loss that no amount of tears can replace. The ANC and SACP have lost a giant of struggle. But perhaps the greatest loss is to South Africa as a whole, now and in the future, for our country has been deprived of the wisdom, courage and insight that was unique to Chris Hani.

I would also like to address a final word to Chris himself - comrade, friend and confidant. We worked together in the National Executive Committee of the ANC. We had vigorous debates and an intense exchange of ideas. You were completely unafraid. No task was too small for you to perform. Your ready smile and warm friendship was a source of strength and companionship. You lived in my home, and I loved you like the true son you were.

In our heart, as in the heart of all our people, you are irreplaceable. We have been struck a blow that wounds so deeply that the scars will remain forever. You laid down your life so that we may know freedom. No greater sacrifice is possible.

We lay you to rest with the pledge that the day of freedom you lived and died for will dawn. We all owe you a debt that can only be repaid through the achievement of the liberation of our people, which was the passion of your life.

Fighter, revolutionary, soldier for peace, we mourn deeply for you. You will remain in our hearts forever. Amandla!





District activity

by Leon Molatlhwe



The SACP Kimberley are still no basic services. Only registration purposes. District held numerous two jojo tanks are available to The branches have resolved, programmes during provide water to the communi- despite the many challenges the month of March. In ty which are not filled regularly, facing the community, to continue working hard during the one of the programmes SACP otherwise the residents have to election campaign to ensure branches of Patrick Scheepers walk 500m to fetch water. an ANC victory in the local and Sakki Molefein in Ritchie There are no street names and government elections that will embarked on a recruitment house numbers that makes it take place on the 3rd of August drive programme coupled with difficult for this community to 2016. elections work in an area be accessed among others Cde Leon Molatlhwe is a called Riemvasmak on Satur- EMS, SAPS, etc. During the first voter registration weekend DEC member of the SACP day the 12th of March 2016. community members had to Kimberley District This area was established al- use addresses of relatives for most six years ago and there



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