

A2535 Abram FISCHER Papers, 1943-1962

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Abram ("Bram") Fischer was a leading Afrikaner advocate, defence lawyer in the 1956 Treason trial and the 1964 Rivonia trial, a member of the South African Communist Party and the Congress of Democrats.

COLLECTION

A MINE WORKERS STRIKE, 1946

A1 Typescript "The Great Mines Strike - First Round", 1f

The script was written by Rusty Bernstein for an official publication about the Mine workers strike in 1946. It covers the events of the strike, culminating in the arrest and charge of the leaders of the strike. The typescript has black corrections (by Bram Fischer?) and is numbered 1-141

B SUPPRESSION OF COMMUNISM ACT, 1950

B1 The Suppression of Communism Act, no. 44 of 1950- 1f

B1.1 Typescript of the Act, Assened to 26th June 1950

B1.2 Legal Opinion on the Act, 26 July 1950

B2 Suppression of Communism Act: Listing of persons - 1f

B2.1 The case of E.S. Sachs, General Secretary, Garment Workers' Union.

Letter to J. de V. Louw, Liquidator: Act 44 of 1950, Department of Justice, 9 October 1950

B2.2 The case of Sam Kahn, Member of Parliament and City Councillor of the Municipality of Cape Town - 2f
Court case in the Supreme Court of South Africa, with First Respondent J. de Villiers Louw, Liquidator: Act 44 of 1950, and Charles R. Swart, Minister of Justice. Kahn challenged the notice served on him by the respondents to show why his name should not be included in a list of persons who are office bearers or members of the Communist Party of South Africa, which he received on the 6 September 1950, at which point in time the Communist Party had been dissolved as of the 22 June 1950.

B2.2.1 Petition

B2.2.2 Annexures with the initial notice served

B2.2.3 Legal Opinion

B2.2.4 Affidavits by amongst others Brian Bunting, Fred Carneson, Moses Kotane and Yousof Dadoo Affidavits

B2.2.5 by Louw and Jacobus Malan Hugo, Clerk in the House of Assembly

B2.2.6 Argument

B2.2.7 Judgement delivered on the 17 November 1950, 1f

C LEGAL REPRESENTATIONS

- C1 Court case of 10020 (Joe Slovo), 1960 - 1f
The case of the Applicant 10020, a detainee whose identity was not permitted for disclosure, but who was in fact Joe Slovo, and Colonel Le Roux, Superintendent of the Johannesburg Gaol (Fort), as Respondent
- C1.1 Petition
- C1.2 Respondent's answering Affidavit
- C1.3 Applicant's replying Affidavit
- C1.4 Annexures A-D, including the general rules applicable to detainees under the Emergency Regulations
- C1.5 Letter written by Joe Slovo to the Officer Commanding, Pretoria Local Gaol, 9 May 1960
- C1.6 Supplementary Affidavit by Applicant 10020 (Joe Slovo), 10 May 1960
Affidavit by Colonel Steyn, Commanding officer, and Jacobus Snyman of the Johannesburg Fort; and
- C1.7 Abraham Spengler of the South African Police
- C1.8 Amendments of Emergency Regulations, April/May 1960
- C1.9 Judgement delivered on the 27 May 1960

- C2 Court case of Walter Max Sisulu, 1962 - 1f
The case of Walter Max Sisulu vs. The Acting Attorney-General of the Transvaal. Walter Sisulu was charged with Fraud on the 12 January 1962
- C2.1 Charge sheet
- C2.2 Petition

- C3 Riotous Assemblies Act - Legal Opinion, April 1949

- C4 The Prisons Act No.8 of 1959 - Legal Opinion, October 1961

- C5 Letter of appreciation from Albert Luthuli to I.A. Maisels, Q.C., regarding the legal representation by the Treason Trial Defence Team, 15 November 1960

- D OTHER DOCUMENTS

- D1 Copy of a Christian Action Pamphlet entitled "Bram Fischer Q.C."
- D2 Memo advising speakers to guard against contravening the following laws
- D3 The War and Freedom of Thought - typed speech

- E NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS

- E1 Native Labour and Gold, Part (I-VII), published in The Star newspaper, September 1943
- E2 Various cuttings on the subject of African labour in the Gold Mines, 18-31 August 1943