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The Hon. the Minister of External Affairs,
House of Assembly,
Cape Town.

Sir,

Like many other South Africans, of differing nationalities and political views, I view with grave apprehension the Government's abrupt breach of relations with the Soviet Union, expressed in its order for the closure of the Soviet Consulates. The people of our country have no quarrel with the people of the U.S.S.R., but your action could only be calculated to lead to a deterioration of international friendships and is thus a contribution to increased world tension.

I consider your charges against the Soviet representatives to be trivial and unsubstantiated. You may have forgotten the great contribution of the Soviet people in our common struggle against Hitler Germany, but the people of our country have not. Nor do we forget the great advantages which could accrue from the extension of trading and other relationships with so great a world power.

In the interests of world peace and friendship, and of the progress and prosperity of South Africa, I demand that steps be taken to re-establish relations with the U.S.S.R. and to secure the exchange of diplomatic missions between the two countries.

Yours faithfully,

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Yours faithfully,

MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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