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Frede Klitgård, representative of FIR-DK, died in early June

The FIR announced with deep mourning that on June 5, 2015 our comrade Frede Klitgård, hero of the national resistance, former chairman of the largest organizations of veterans from the Danish resistance movement and former chairman of the People's Movement Against Nazism died in the age of 92 years.

He, coming from the communist resistance fighters, was until his last day editor of the antifascist magazine Håndslag.

Born in the year 1923 he entered the armed resistance against the Nazi occupation of Denmark in 1942 and survived a sentence in 1943 of life long imprisonment in the Nazi German prison Dreiberger, while a number of partisans from his group were executed. In that way he did his duty for the liberation of his country from the fascist barbarism.

After the liberation he was active for his political ideas as journalist and in organizational structures. In the ranks of FIR – DK he represented more than two decades the organizations of the veterans of the resistance. He was also the chairman of the People's Movement Against Nazism from the 1990'es until recently - always defending the ideals and achievements of the resistance against all reactionary attacks.

In an obituary, his political friends wrote:

"With Frede Klitgård one of the great anti fascist fighters during a long life span and one of the last witnesses of the armed struggle of the resistance is gone. Frede never stopped struggling. His trust in the ideals of the resistance movement and in a better future for humankind remained strong and vivid."

We express our deepest sympathy for his relatives and all members of the FIR -DK.

For the Executive Committee of FIR

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