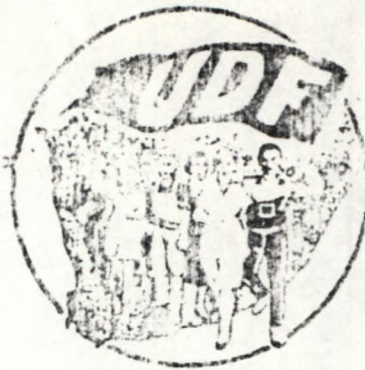


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Dear Comrades

We have witnessed during the last few months, unfolding in our country, conditions similar to those which led to the historic 1976 student revolt.

Six schools have been closed in Pretoria. Several students throughout the country are either boycotting classes or are in detention. In Cradock at least ninety five (95) people have been arrested since the students started boycotting classes following the transference of their teacher, who is the only maths teacher in that school, Mr Matthew Goniwe by DET.

Of all the places affected by the crisis in schools, Cradock stands out as a monument of brutal police repression. The entire student community and youth leadership has been detained.

At one stage Cradock was surrounded by the police. People from outside this area could not enter it without being subjected to tortuous questioning. Attempts were made by the police to isolate Cradock from the rest of South Africa.

During that period, very little came out of the Front in the form of condemnation despite the fact that both the community and Youth organisations in that area are affiliates of the Front.

The N.E.C. recommends to all the Regions, even at this late hour, to call mass meetings on a date that shall be dubbed the National Day of Solidarity with the people of Cradock. On that day, the call for the release of Matthew Goniwe must come out loud and clear! I suggest the 23rd July 1984 for this event.

I wish to appeal to Regions to submit to the National Office, detailed reports on the education crisis. This may be very helpful at the mass meetings referred to above, in order to give the masses a picture of what is happening nationally in schools and universities.

Please discuss this matter both in your R.E.C.'s and R.G.C.'s.

Yours in the Struggle


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