

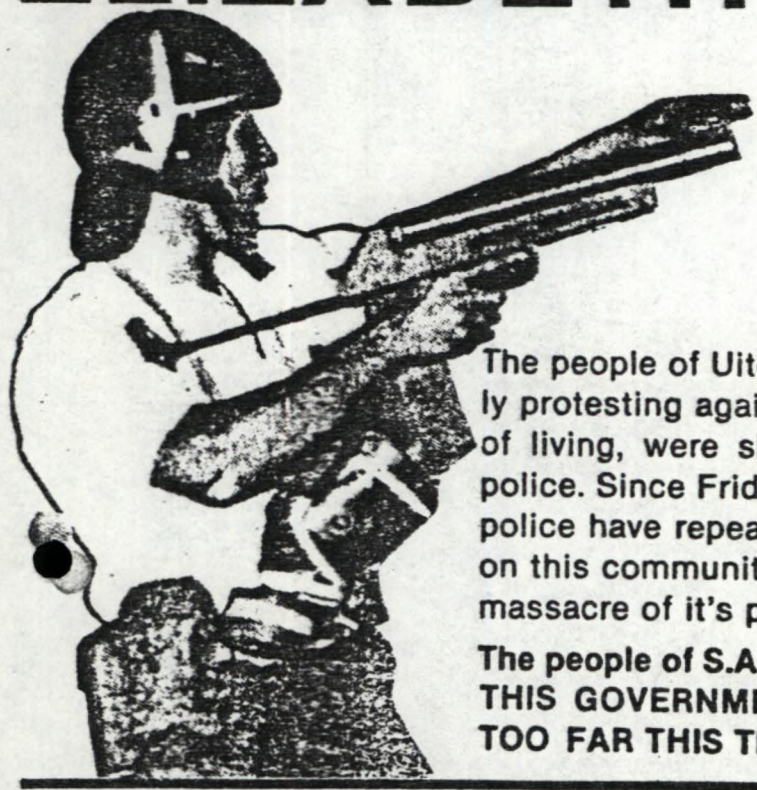
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OVER 70 KILLED IN PORT ELIZABETH



The people of Uitenhage, peacefully protesting against the high cost of living, were shot down by the police. Since Friday, last week, the police have repeatedly opened fire on this community resulting in the massacre of it's people.

The people of S.A. are saying:
**THIS GOVERNMENT HAS GONE
TOO FAR THIS TIME.**

DAY OF MOURNING

THURSDAY 28 MARCH, 1985

A STORY OF TERROR

Innocent people in Uitenhage were ruthlessly gunned down simply because they protested against the ever-increasing cost of living.

The Port Elizabeth Black Community Organisation (PEBCO) called on the people to unite against these increases by organising a weekend of protest.

Together with PEBCO the people decided they will stay away from the city centres for the weekend (16 and 17 March) and stayaway from work on Monday, 18 March.

The stayaway was 100% successful but the peaceful nature of the protest was brought to an end when police shot down the people. By Monday they had already killed 13 people and wounded many more.

On Thursday, exactly 25 years since 69 people were gunned down by police in Sharpsville, the police once again opened fire. They shot down people who were peacefully marching to bury 6 of their friends who had been killed in the weekend.

But this time they went too far. Using rifles they killed 17 people and wounded hundreds.

APARTHEID IS VIOLENCE

The history of apartheid has been a history of violence against our people:

- In Sharpsville, on 21 March 1969, 69 people were gunned down and 187 were injured.
- In Soweto in 1976, 1000's were massacred and injured.
- Again in 1980, during the education boycotts, students in many parts of the country were mercilessly shot down.
- In the Vaal Triangle, last year hundreds were killed.

And today, once again apartheid is responsible for spilling the blood of yet another 43 people in Uitenhage.

This state exists through sucking money from the poverty-stricken masses through perpetual financial taxation like the notorious G.S.T.

We demand the release of our leaders presently charged for High Treason.

**THE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM, PEACE AND JUSTICE
IS NOT AN ACT OF TREASON**

END THIS VIOLENCE!

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