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IT IS NOW THE 30TH YEAR SINCE BANTU EDUCATION WAS INTRODUCED WHICH HAS BEEN CONDEMNED EVER SINCE ITS' ESTABLISHMENT. THE STRUGGLE AGAINST BANTU EDUCATION DOES NOT START NOW IN ATTERIDGEVILLE, CRADOCK, ALEXANDRA POTCH-
EFSTROOM AND MANY OTHER AREAS, BUT STARTED WHEN BANTU EDUCATION WAS INTRO-
DUCED IN 1954 WHEN TEACHERS, PARENTS AND STUDENTS PROTESTED AGAINST IT.

THIS DID NOT END THERE BECAUSE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TOGETHER WITH THE PRETORIA GOVERNMENT DECIDED NOT TO LISTEN TO THE PROTESTING MASSES.

AGAIN WE SAW IN 1976 WHEN STUDENTS CAME OUT PROTESTING AGAINST BANTU EDUCATION, FOCUSING ON THE ISSUE OF NOT MAKING AFRIKAANS THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION.

IN 1980 THERE WERE BOYCOTTS IN THE CAPE. THIS YEAR STUDENTS IN ATTERIDGEVILLE, CRADOCK, ALEXANDRA, PORT ELIZABETH AND MANY AREAS CAME OUT PROTESTING AGAINST BANTU EDUCATION, WHICH LED TO THE DEATH OF THE YOUNG
MAYR, EMMA SATHEKGE.

COSAS FULLY SUPPORT STUDENT STRUGGLE IN SOUTH AFRICA. WE HEREBY REITERATE OUR COMMITMENT TO THE ABOLISHMENT OF BANTU EDUCATION AND A MARCH TO THE PEOPLE'S EDUCATION.

THE DOORS OF LEARNING SHALL BE OPENED TO ALL. FORWARD TO A PEOPLE'S EDUCATION IN A PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC.

MAATLA KE A RONA!

FORWARD WITH THE EDUCATION CHARTER!

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