

The aim of the security laws in South Africa (and the so-called homelands) is guite simple: to stamp out opposition to the government. The . government bans people, banishes them to faraway places, detains them without 'trial and charges them with 'terrorist activities' and subversion'. These are the ways in which the government can silence people and their organisations.

More than fifty people have died in detention Many are banned. Many people are on the Island. head. Another detainee These are people who said he seemed 'morose have raised their voices against oppression and exploitation.

Since 1960, many laws have been made like the Terrorism Act. These laws threaten people . with long jail senten-ces for 'terrorism and subversion'. Laws have been made so that peoplemo contact with family can be detained for long and friends, assaults. periods without even going to court.

in detention. Ernest Dipale also died in detention. The inquest (investigation by the government) into Aggett's actions as a trade death went on for a long time. The verdict was given in December.

The Magistrate found that nobody was to blame for his death. The inquest did raise questions about the treatment of detainees and many of Aggett's friends were called to give evidence.

These detainees spoke about the change in Aggett's condition and health a few days before he was found dead.

One person said Aggett seemed to have had a hard time, 'he was . staring blankly at the wall', and seemed to have a mark on his foreand very depressed. He was not the Neil Aggett I knew from before.'

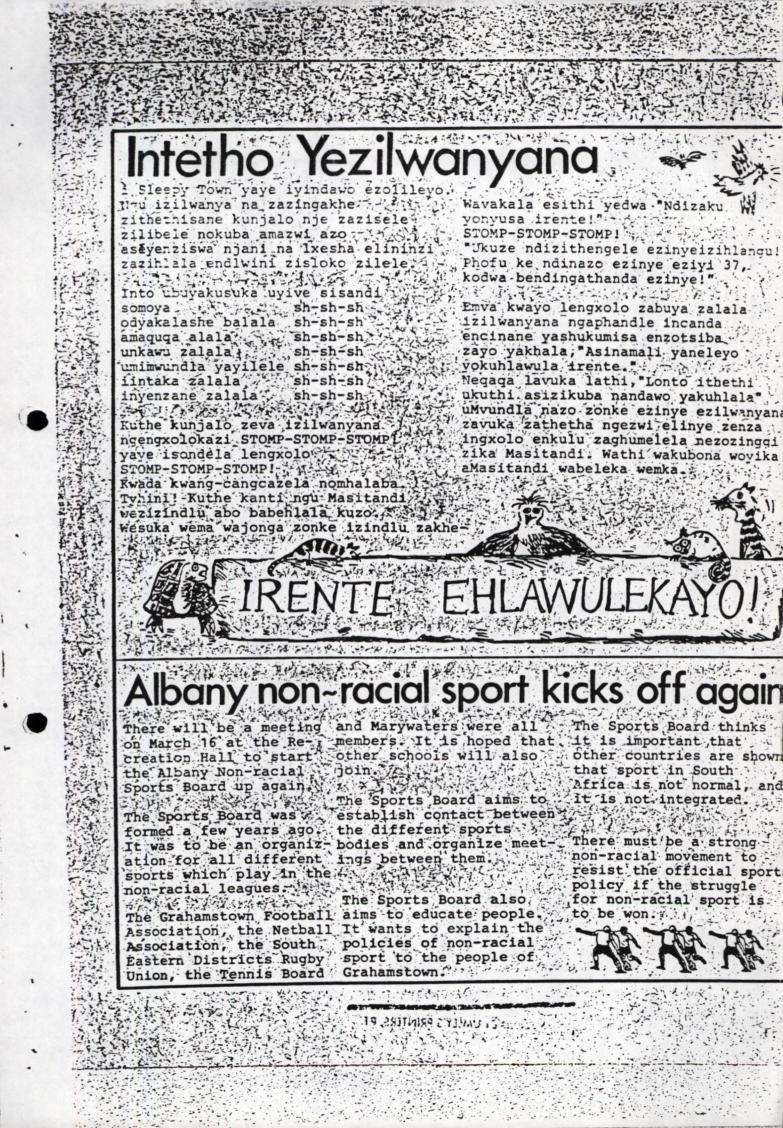
The Aggett inquest has told us one story, but the people called as witnesses told us another story. Torture, lack of sleep, solitary. confinement, We will never know what really happened, but the fact remains - people In 1982 Neil Aggett died who are detained are in the hands of the police, who are the tools of the government. We have only Aggett's unionist and a doctor to believe in. A man who put others before

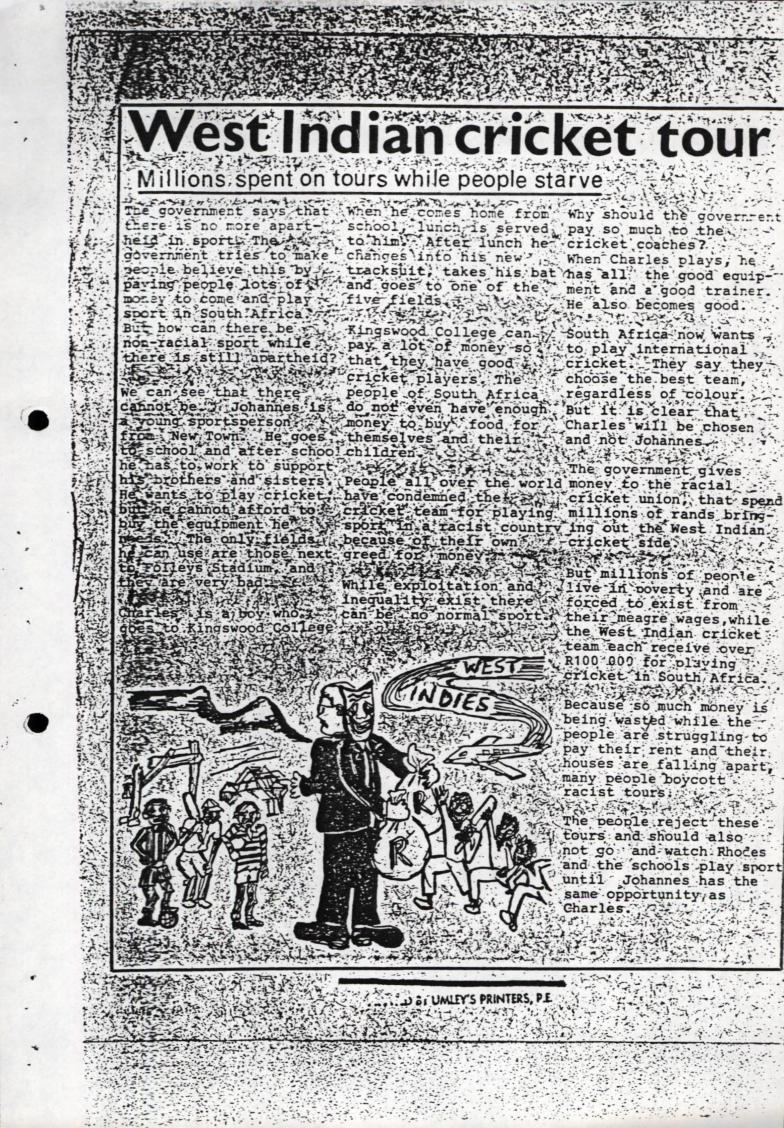
himself and struggled to improve the lives of the workers.

In a statement, the African Food and Canning Workers Union said, "on February 5 we mourn for our comrade who had died in the struggle to change the conditions under which



working people live in South Africa. We remember also that in this struggle there have been many casualties and therthere will be many casualties in the future".





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