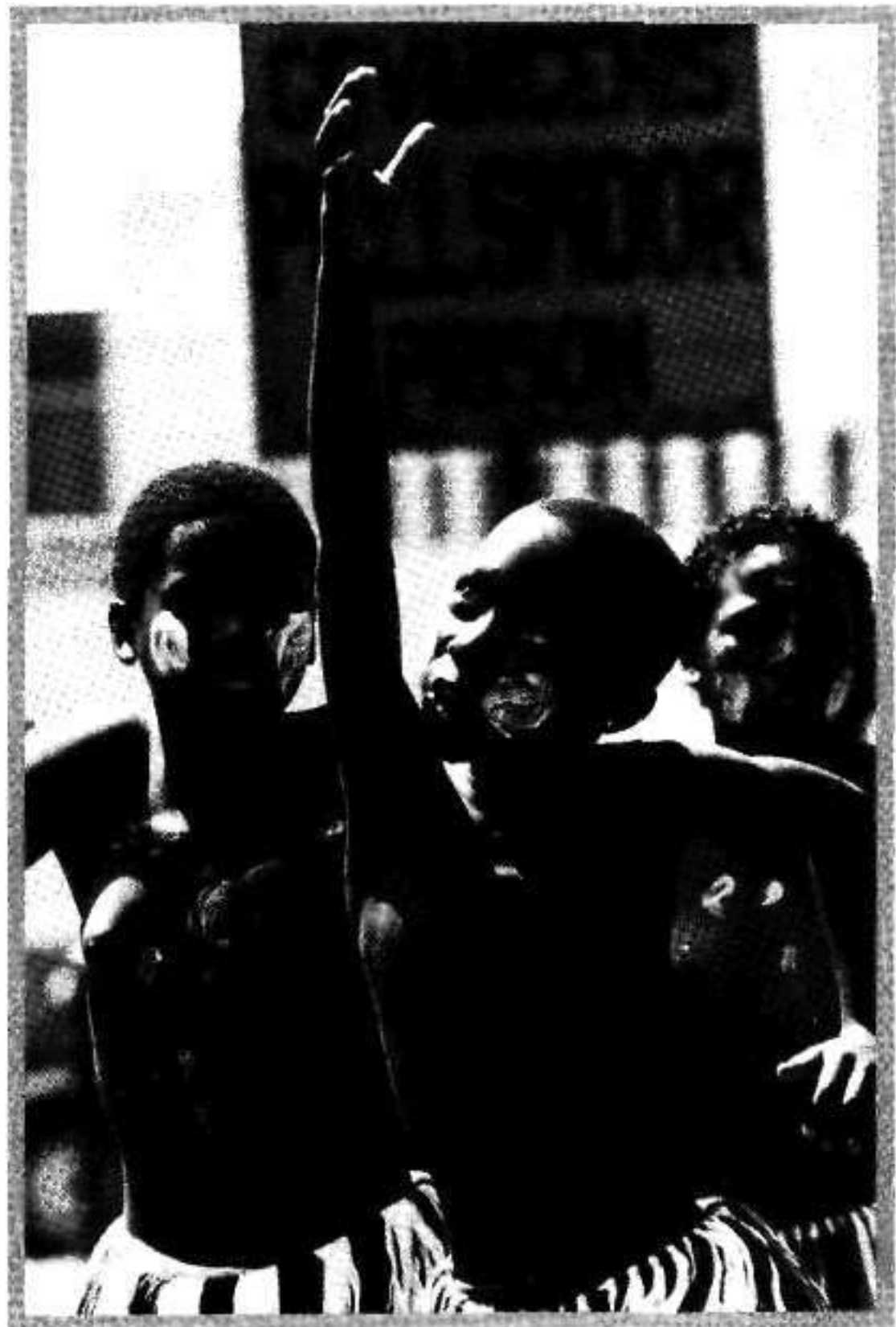




ALL HUMAN BEINGS ARE BORN FREE AND EQUAL IN
DIGNITY AND RIGHTS... ARTICLE 1

**'we hold
these
truths to
be self
evident...'**

Thomas Jefferson's words, immortalised in the American Declaration of Independence of 1776, encapsulate the conviction that has motivated human rights proponents throughout time. Our photo essay commemorates a watershed in the history of the human rights movement, 40 years ago, when the United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. We contrast some of the Declaration's articles with photographs, some of which convey why South Africa ranks with the reprobate nations of the world on international human rights ratings.



Guy Trim

Young dancers outside Pollsmoor prison celebrate the wedding of Irene and Wilton Mawayi, inside Pollsmoor.

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EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF PEACEFUL
ASSEMBLY AND ASSOCIATION. ARTICLE 20(1)



Dave Hartman

Riot police form up on the opposite side of the road to sitting students making peace signs outside the University of Cape Town.



EDUCATION SHALL BE DIRECTED TO THE FULL
DEVELOPMENT OF THE HUMAN PERSONALITY AND TO
THE STRENGTHENING OF RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS... ARTICLE 26(2)



Dave Hartman

A solidarity protest in support of Bonteheuwel students who were beaten by police.



NO ONE SHALL BE SUBJECTED TO ARBITRARY
ARREST, DETENTION OR EXILE. ARTICLE 9



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A mother tries to prevent her son being arrested during a student boycott. Cape Town, 1985.



NO ONE SHALL BE SUBJECTED TO
TORTURE OR TO CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING
TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT. ARTICLE 5



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Paulos, a victim of Vigilantes. Thabong (Welkom), June 1985.



EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO LIFE, LIBERTY
AND SECURITY OF PERSON. ARTICLE 3

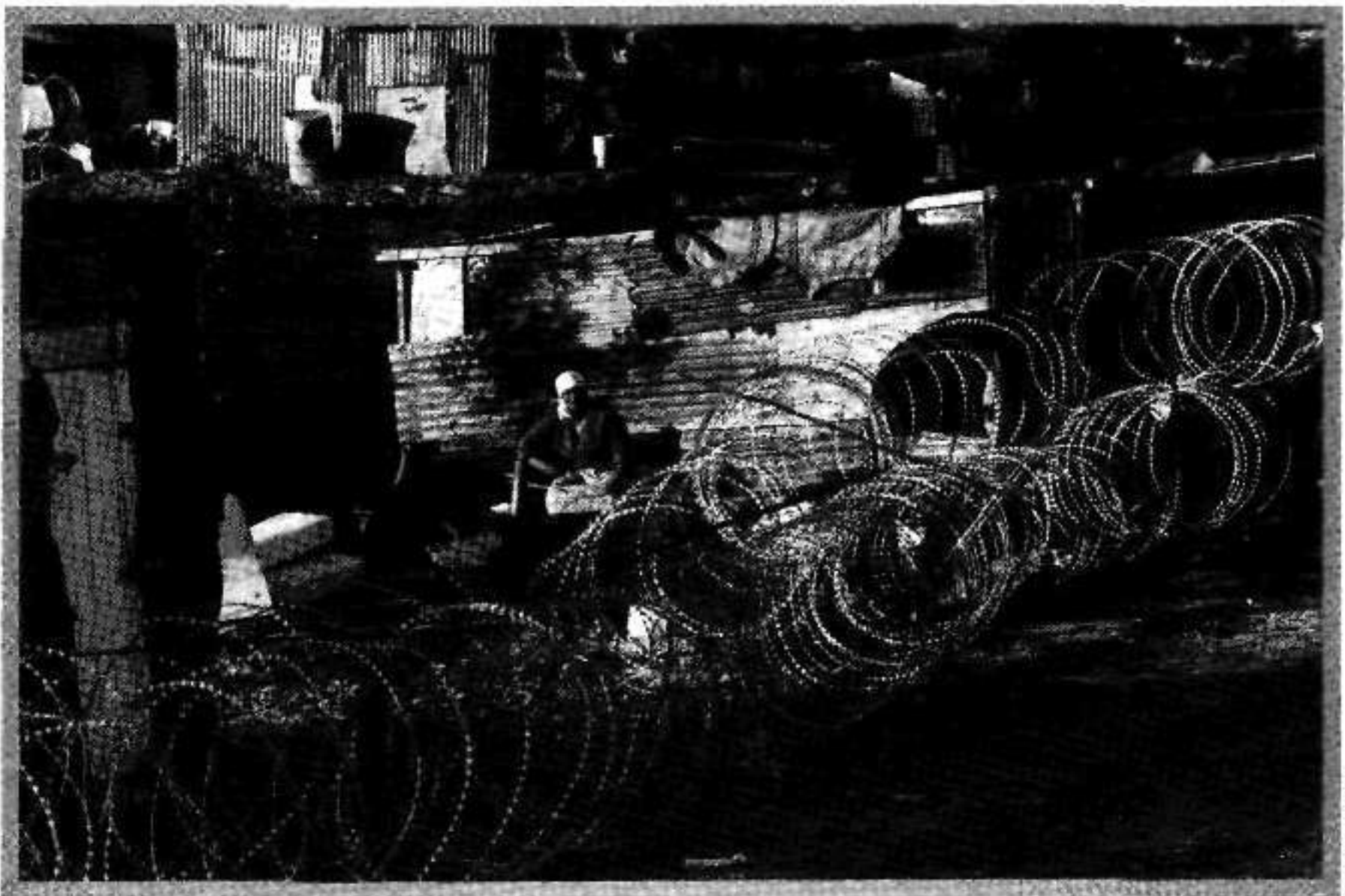


Guy Tillim

The 'Witdoek' vigilantes versus the 'Comrades': Crossroads, May 1986.



EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM
OF MOVEMENT AND RESIDENCE WITHIN
THE BORDERS OF EACH STATE. ARTICLE 13(1)



Anna Zieminski



EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO WORK, TO FREE CHOICE OF
EMPLOYMENT, TO JUST AND FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS OF WORK
AND TO PROTECTION AGAINST UNEMPLOYMENT. ARTICLE 23(1)



Gill de Vlieg

The unemployed queue at a Qwa Qwa recruitment office.

EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO A STANDARD OF
LIVING ADEQUATE FOR HEALTH AND WELLEBEING OF HERSELF
AND OF HER FAMILY... ARTICLE 25(1)
MOTHERHOOD AND CHILDHOOD ARE ENTITLED TO SPECIAL
CARE AND ASSISTANCE... ARTICLE 25(2)



Cecile Nunn

A mother comforts her child suffering from gastro enteritis, an illness that contributes significantly to South Africa's infant mortality rate.