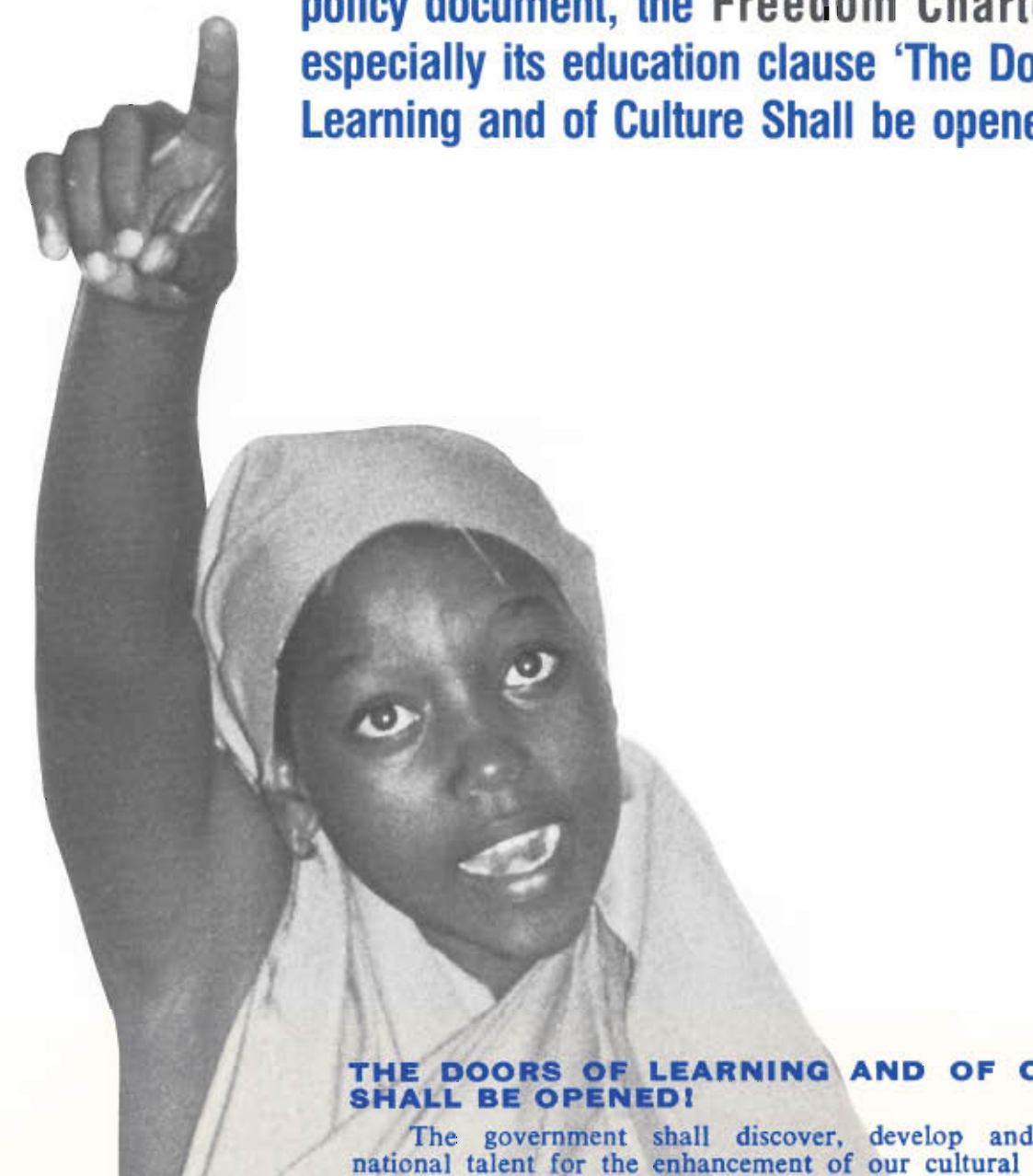
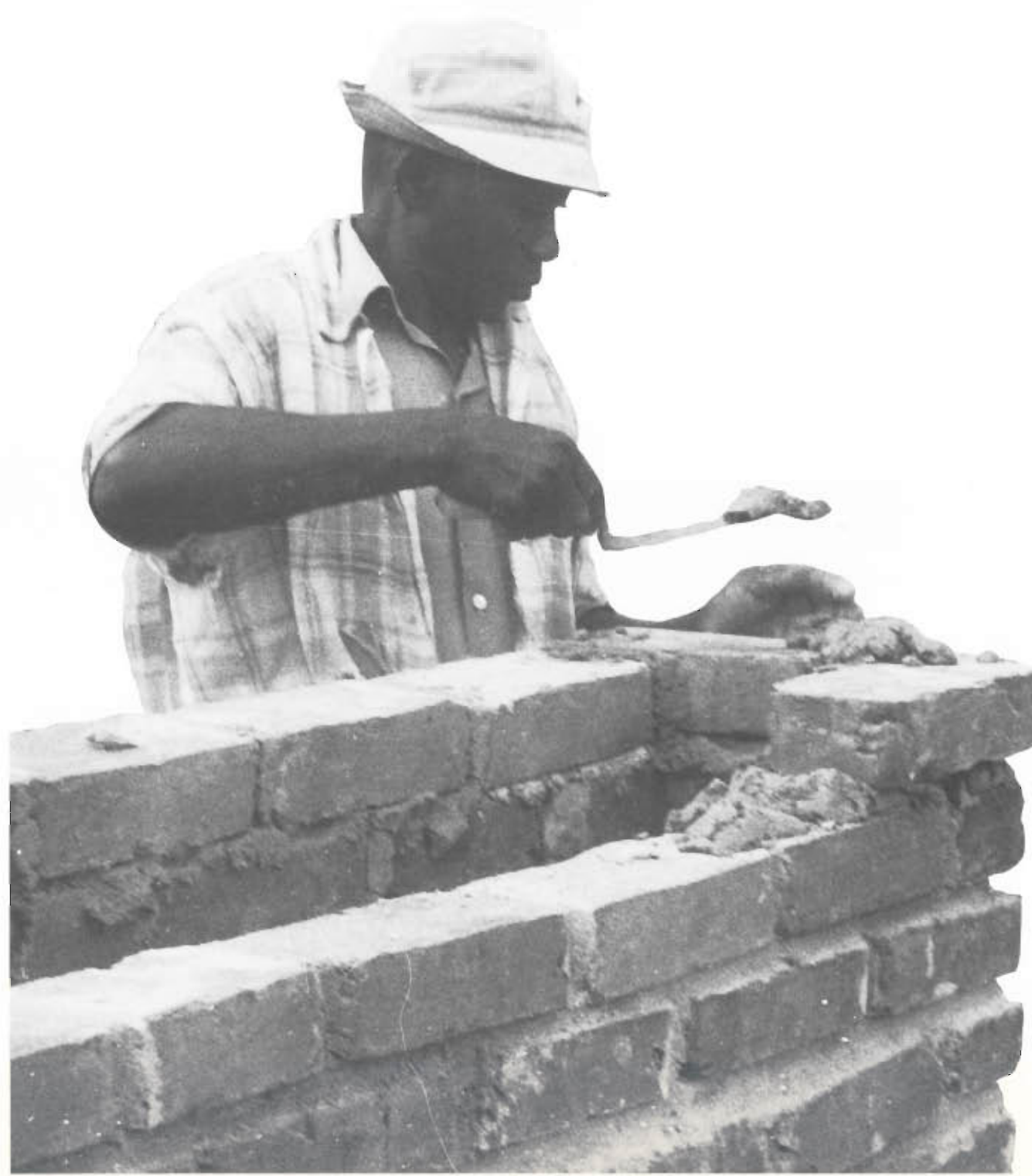
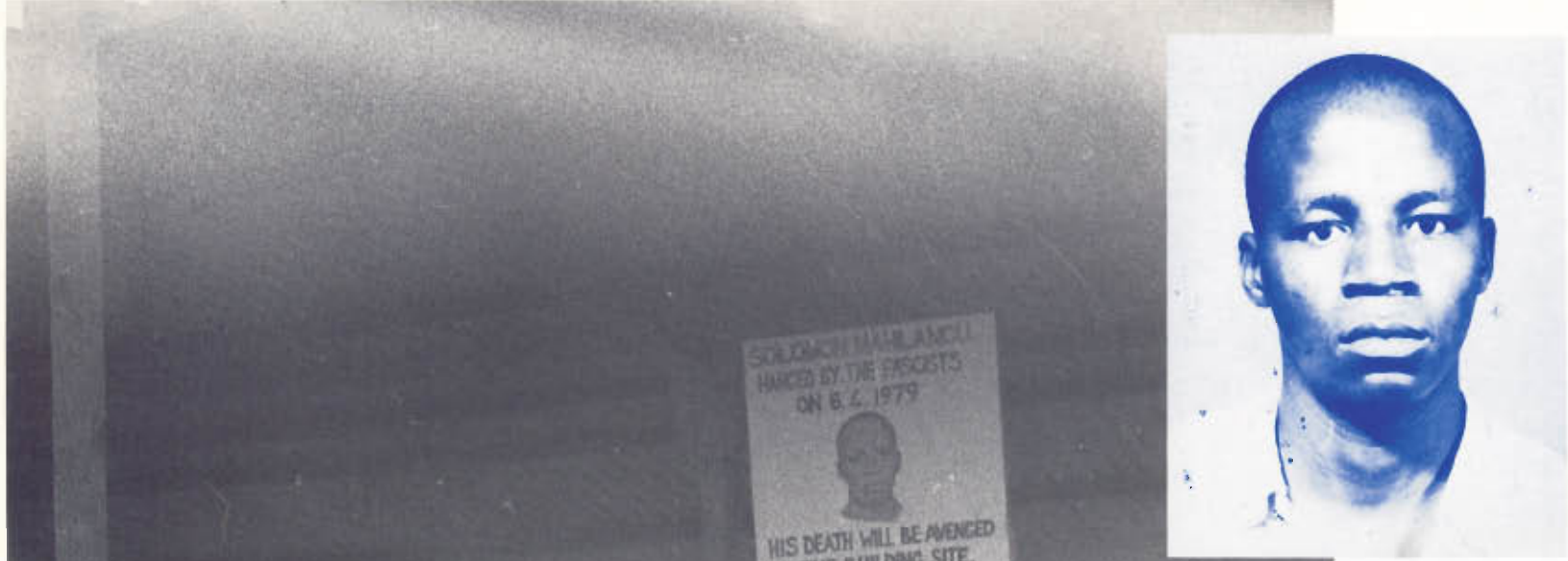


SOLOMON



The Solomon Mahlangu Freedom College is an educational institution established at Mazimbu, Tanzania by the African National Congress, the liberation movement of South Africa. The land at Mazimbu was granted to the ANC by the Tanzanian government. The school was designed to cater for the educational needs of the large number of students who left South Africa in the wake of the Soweto uprisings in 1976. Repression in South Africa continues to force our young people into exile. Since the first foundations were laid in 1979 the ANC with the support and solidarity of the international community, has transformed SOMAFSCO from an area of bush in a modern complex with a community of over 1200 people.

SOMAFSCO is unique in that it caters for the complete spectrum of a community ranging from the care of young children to the education and technical training of an adult population. Our lives at SOMAFSCO and our educational policy are guided by our conception of the future South Africa that is envisaged in the ANC policy document, the Freedom Charter, especially its education clause 'The Doors of Learning and of Culture Shall be opened'.



THE DOORS OF LEARNING AND OF CULTURE SHALL BE OPENED!

The government shall discover, develop and encourage national talent for the enhancement of our cultural life;

All the cultural treasures of mankind shall be open to all, by free exchange of books, ideas and contact with other lands;

The aim of education shall be to teach the youth to love their people and their culture, to honour human brotherhood, liberty and peace;

Education shall be free, compulsory, universal and equal for all children;

Higher education and technical training shall be open to all by means of state allowances and scholarships awarded on the basis of merit;

Adult illiteracy shall be ended by a mass state education plan;

Teachers shall have all the rights of other citizens;

The colour bar in cultural life, in sport and in education shall be abolished.



COSAS SUPPORT STUDENTS SOLIDARITY

'AFTER MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS OF APARTHEID EDUCATION THEY EXPECTED TO BE TOTALLY BRAINWASHED. PERFECT LITTLE 'HOTNOTJIES' AND 'KAFFIRJIES' WHO KNEW THEIR PLACE IN THE

WORLD. INSTEAD THEY FIND THE MOST POLITICALLY CONSCIOUS GENERATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE DETERMINED TO STRUGGLE FOR A BETTER FUTURE.' - REV ALLAN ROSSMAN.

Ever since the beginning of this year there have been a number of incidents of unrest in schools, which symbolises dissatisfaction amongst the students of SOUTH AFRICA. Those affected are in Cradock, Atondergville-Sandville, Thambisa, Warmbath, Port Elizabeth, Seaburg, Queenstown, Welkom

and many other areas. Therefore the Congress of South African Students (COSAS) calls upon all students, parents, and all members of the community to support the demands which are:

- REASONS**
- Representation in the interests of improving relationships between pupils and teachers
 - Punishment for correcting and not assaulting students/pupils. A democratic SRC would help to build and maintain discipline among students/pupils.
 - All students/pupils should be able to study.
 - Education for all regardless of age.
 - Female pupils (girls) must be treated as human beings and not as sexual objects. A democratic SRC would promote and improve understanding and a better relationship between staff and students.
 - For the improvement of matric results and the standard of black education. 73% of black teachers are underqualified as compared to 3% in white schools.
- DEMANDS**
- Formation of and recognition of democratic SRC's.
 - The application of corporal punishment as laid down by the DET regulations.
 - Free supply of textbooks to all students/pupils.
 - Age limit regulations to be scrapped in all schools.
 - End to sexual abuse of female students/pupils, be it by a teacher or another student/pupil.
 - The DET should work to end the minimal presence of unqualified teachers in our schools.
 - Release all detained students and teachers.

Progressive student organisations like COSAS, in South Africa continue to fight for the kind of education and student representation that is a reality for those in exile at SOMAFSCO and which will one day soon become a reality for all in South Africa.

