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Soweto Uprising

10 th Anniversary

Decade of Rising Struggle

«The Soweto uprising was like a flash of lightning that showed an entire generation the need for arms, and it heralded a period when mass struggle was once more in the ascendant.»

— Ronnie Kasrils, of Umkhonto we Sizwe, the ANC's military wing.

As the people of South Africa prepared to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the 1979 Soweto uprising, the racist Pretoria regime clamped a state of emergency on the country. This banned just about everything not already prohibited for the Black majority, right down to indoor gatherings. All news coverage of unrest, even by the foreign press, was banned. Two thousand people were arrested among UDF cadres and other anti-apartheid activists. Despite the muzzle on the press, reports came through showing that the African masses did indeed commemorate Soweto. Just as the regime's fascist measures could not snuff out this day, so they will not stop the struggle of the majority for freedom and democracy. The tide has turned in South Africa. Sooner or later, the people shall govern.

Letters

We received the following letter from an Irish Republican friend living in the US:

Dear friends,

Sent payment for DP to address in Shtoura, Lebanon. We always look forward to receiving your excellent publication. Particularly enjoyed your interview in the Dec. '84 issue with Gerry Adams of Sinn Fein. It is seldom that our revolutionaries receive such an opportunity to express themselves outside of Irish Republican circles.

We would like to send you a subscription to «The Irish People», a weekly paper, with a strong revolutionary viewpoint. Shall we send this to the DP address?

We commend you on your excellent work and send wishes for the victory of the Palestinian people. With anti-Zionist greetings...

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