

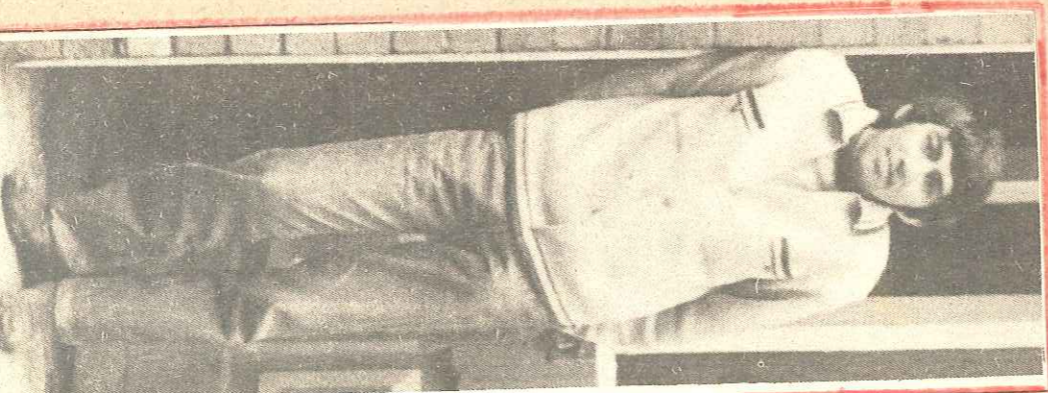
Christmas could be time of mourning in Soweto

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THE Mamelodi SRC and the Human Rights Committee have come out in support of the Soweto SRC call for a boycott of Christmas this year and to treat the period as a time of mourning for the dead and the wounded, the detained and arrested.

They call on people not to hold Christmas parties, not to send cards or do Christmas shopping, not to buy presents or clothes, and not to drink or buy liquor.
In an open letter of support, the Human Rights Committee says the Christmas period this year should not only be seen as a period of mourning for those dead and wounded in the current uprising against the system but also as a gesture of support for our detained brothers and sisters.

The Human Rights Committee chairman, Mr Mohammed Timol, has been detained under the Internal Security Act. The HRC has decided to cancel its annual children's party for the families of political prisoners. "This is no time to celebrate."
"The year 1976 shall go down in history as the year of mourning, the year that flowed with sweat, blood and tears for our liberation."
"We shall demonstrate our solidarity and sympathy with those who lost their lives, and those who lost their wages and jobs. We demand the immediate release of all political prisoners and detainees."



MNR. MOHAMMED TIMOL (23) wat eergister vrygelaat is na 141 dae van aanhouding. Sy suster het gistermiddag gesé geweldig baie mense het hom kom pla en hy is by die huis weg omdat hy 'n bietjie rus en vrede wou he. Sy het nie geweet wanneer hy sou terug kom nie, maar het gesé hy vertrek waarskynlik Saterdag met vakansie.

Niemand meer aangehou

Pretoriase Personeel

PRETORIA. — Daar word nêrmand meer kragtens artikel ses van die Wet op Terrorisme aangehou nie.
S6 het genl. P. J. Venter, hoof van die Veiligheidspolisie, gisterand hier gesé. Hy wou niks sé oor 'n berig in die Johannesburgse Engelstalige middagkoerant waarvolgens daar nog vyf aangehoudenes is nie.
Genl. Venter se verklaring het gekom 'n paar dae nadat drie gewese Witsstudente uit die land gevlug het. Hulle moes weer in die hof verskyn het op aanklagte ingevolge die Wet op die Onderdrukking van die Kommunisme.
Die verklaring het ook gekom 'n dag nadat die 23-jarige Mohammed Timol vrygelaat is. Hy was 141 dae lank aangehou en is die broer van Ahmed Timol wat dood is nadat hy uit 'n venster by John Vorsterplein geval het.