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Percy Petrus Qoboza was born in old Sophiatown, Johannesburg, in 1936 and attended school at the Pax Training Institute near Pietersburg.

After ~~leaving~~ finishing school he joined the Johannesburg City Council as a clerk and left there in 1963 to join The World as a reporter.

He soon showed the keen news ~~sense~~ sense and tenacity which ~~xxx~~ saw him rise through the ranks of journalism to become news editor of The World in ~~1974~~ February 1968.

Six years later he was appointed editor of The World and just over 18 months later travelled to the United States ~~for~~ on the prestige Nieman Fellowship for an academic year's study at Harvard University.

During his nine month stay in the United States he addressed many influential groups and met many of the top policymakers in the country.

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He returned to South Africa shortly before the outbreak of the unrest in Soweto on June 16, 1976.

It was the challenge of covering the unrest which brought The World into the international spotlight. It also sent its circulation soaring to the point where it became the second largest daily newspaper in South Africa by the end of 1976.

Six months after his return to ~~South~~ The World Qoboza took ~~complete~~ complete charge of the paper when the white editorial director stepped down.

In piloting the fortunes of The World and Weekend World until the banning of both papers by the Government on October 19, 1977, Qoboza often clashed with the authorities through his outspoken editorials.

In them he spoke out forcefully for meaningful changes in ~~the~~ South Africa and warned of the consequences if the black man was not ~~given~~ allowed to share power.

He was detained briefly in December 1976 for questioning by the security police.

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On October 19 - hours after The World and Weekend World were banned - Qoboza was detained under the Internal Security Act.

He was released without ~~any~~ being charged on March 10 this year and on April 1 took up the editorship of Post and Weekend Post which ~~had been started~~ after the bannings ~~which had been started~~ were launched two weeks after the bannings.

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