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FREE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

PRESS STATEMENTS ISSUED TO ARGUS GROUP 12/5/72 BY PAUL PRETORIUS

Students at all the English language campuses in South Africa are preparing for ten days of meetings, protests, pamphleteering, and doorbelling in a nation-wide 'Free education' campaign.

The aim of the campaign is to bring to the notice of students and the public exactly what is going on in our society as regards the apartheid education system and the apartheid society.

"The massive attacks on students and students' organizations over the past weeks are a logical consequence of the Apartheid education system and the apartheid society. It is high time that students and the public became fully aware of just where the present educational system is leading us".

The campaign is to take place from the 22nd to the 30th May and will include ten days of meetings symposia, protests, pamphleteering and doorbelling.

The following issues will form the focus of the campaign:-

- 1) The closing of Turfloop University.
- 2) The recent attacks on students - bannings, passport removals and the expulsion of the Wits Student Editor, from South Africa
- 3) Inequalities in our educational system.
- 4) Indoctrination - the Youth Preparedness Campaign.

The ten day campaign will culminate in a large pamphleteering and doorbelling campaign on the 29th and 30th of this month.

PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED TO THE CAPE ARGUS 12/5/72 BY GEOFF BUDLENDER UCT SRC

At a general meeting on Wednesday night, the UCT SRC decided to participate in a nationwide 'Free Education' campaign, during the last week of this month.

We believe that education is in a crisis situation in South Africa - and that it is the duty of students, as people who are involved in education, to do something about it.

The shocking state of education is not just a symptom of our discriminatory and repressive society - it is the foundation of the whole apartheid system.

Free education is the basis of a just and peaceful society - South Africa cannot afford to allow the present situation to continue.

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