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In

the townships

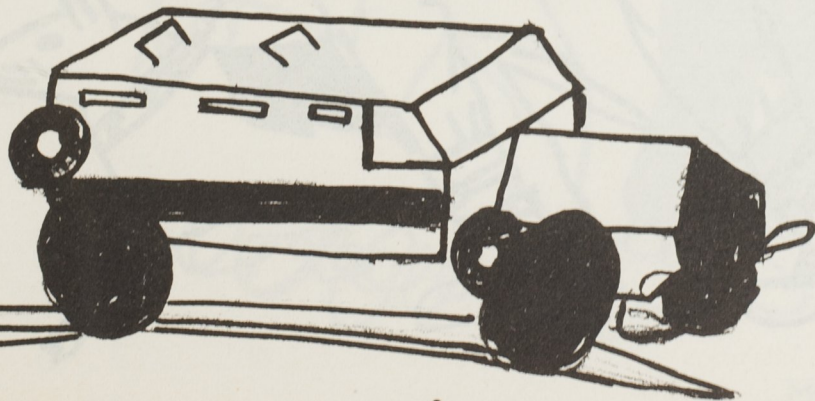


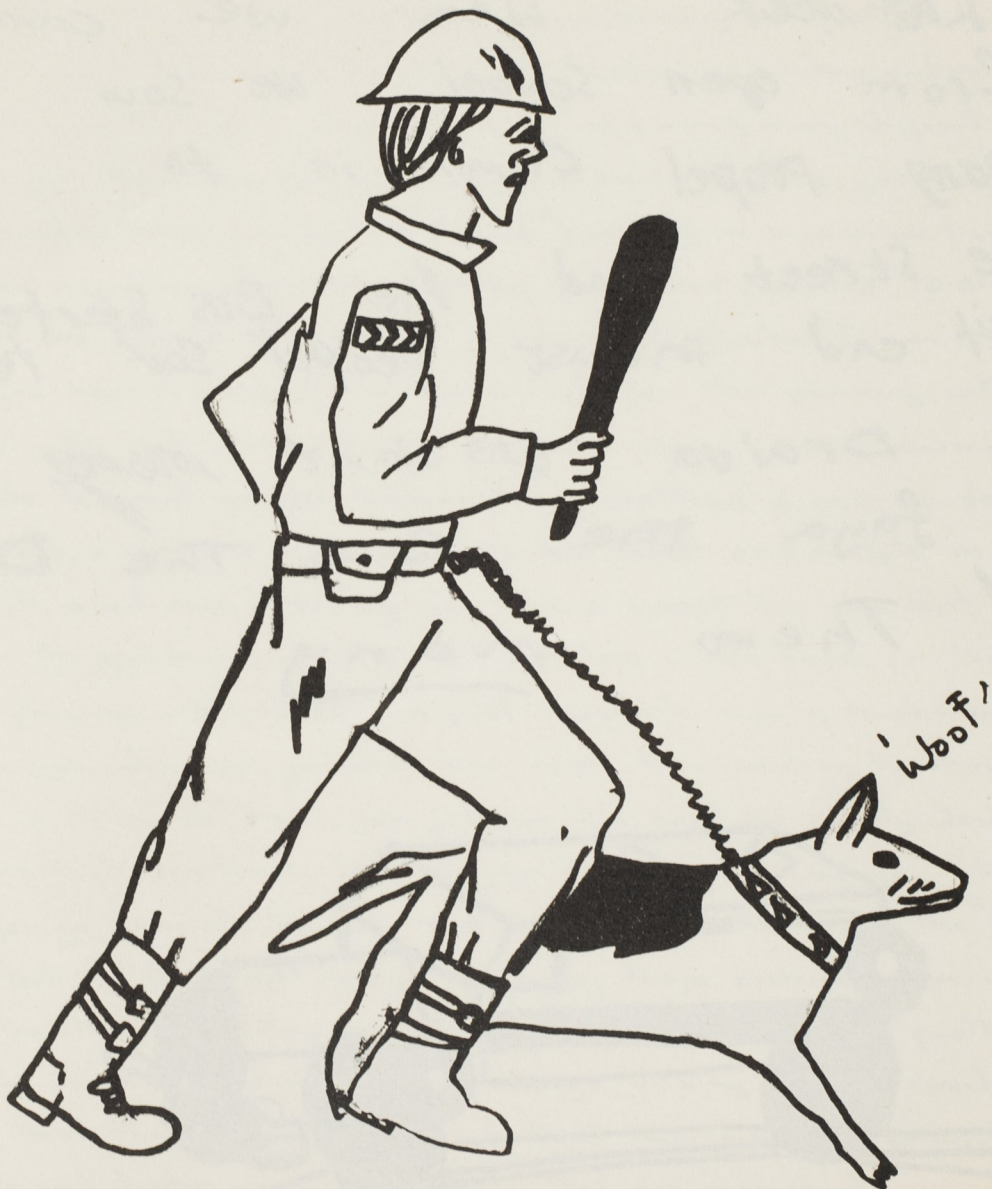
The situation in our townships is so disgusting that you sometimes ask yourself a question which has got no answer and that is "Why did god create a human being?" We are always running away from the S.A.D.F. troops. We are guarded by troops every day as if we are criminals which are life sentenced. We can no longer walk as free men on our own land. We are forced to carry heavy papers that cause suffering, hunger and sorrow to our people. Instead of uniting and making one big and strong nation, we are busy separating and forming many different nations because of apartheid. When you move in each and every township, you are forced to tip-toe afraid of being seen by the "Casspirs". Especially we boys, we have sleepless nights being afraid of being taken away from our families to slavery is what we are always thinking of in this present situation. If you are a boy, whenever you hear a knock on the door at night, you start panicing without knowing why. All that comes into your mind at once is a man wearing a greenish helmet, green camouflage clothes, a pair of dark brown boots, a pistol in a holster on his waist and a rifle in his hands with a red face hunting you like a beast. You even start helping yourself on the spot. We are forced to lock ourselves in the house for the whole day. When playing with friends and just happen to hear a truck's engine coming in your direction you don't even waste time wanting to know what it is even if it's a coal truck, you just run like mad for safety. You no longer have that opportunity to visit your friends the way you like. The minute you go towards the door and happen to think about the "Casspirs" you just lock the door right away. These army troops pretend to be our friends while on the other hand they are killing us like dogs. They play football with us in order to get us unaware. They are always bribing us with sweets in order for us to think they are our friends and trust them. I am not going to trust my killers and destroyers in other words they are enemies to me.

Bathandwa (15 years)



Last week when we came  
from open school we saw  
many people coming in to  
the street end the bus started to  
wait end almost people said to  
the Draiva we want ~~money~~ or  
we faya the bus the Draiva  
gail Them money







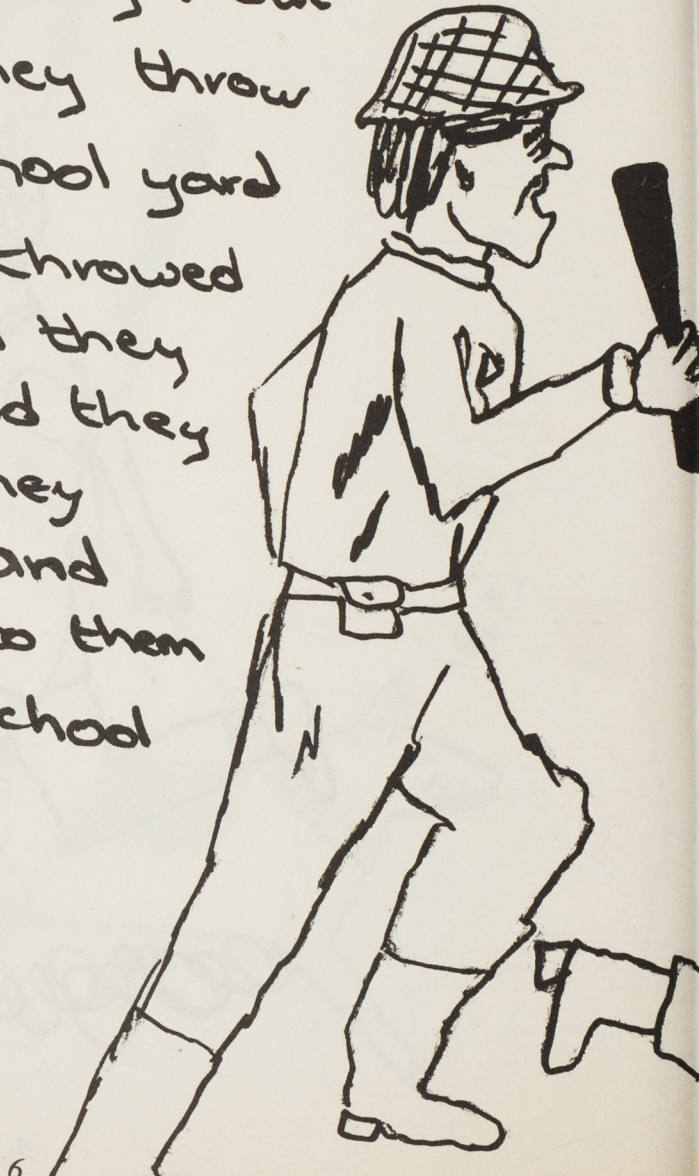


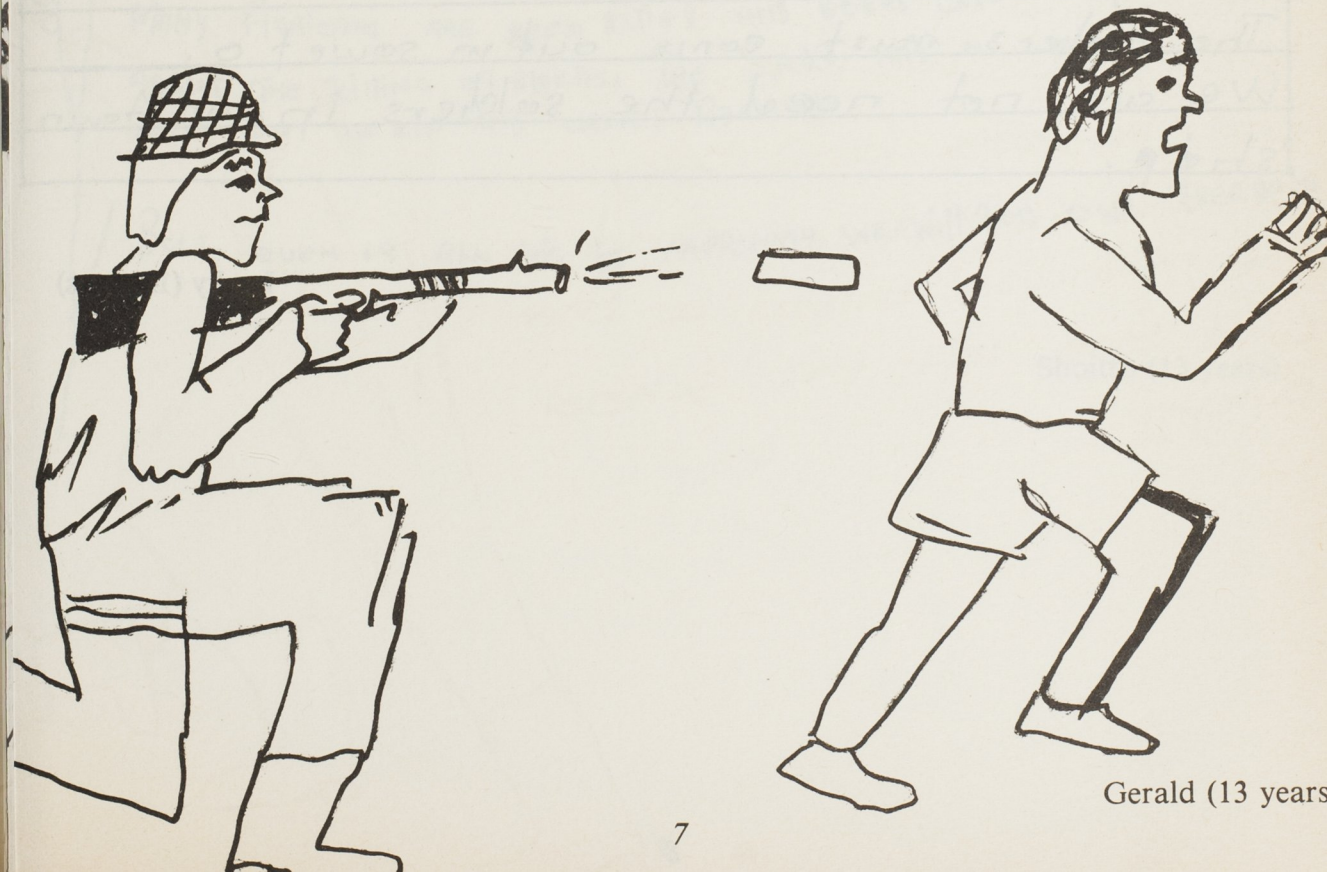
Mokgethi (13 years)



What going on the Township  
" " " " " " " "

On Tuesday the police came  
to our school and they shout  
two times and they throw  
tear gasses in the school yard  
and the children threw  
stones to them and they  
left the school and they  
call hippos and they  
surround our school and  
the principal talked to them  
and they left the school  
angry





Gerald (13 years)



## W. WHAT IS HAPPENING IN SOWETO

THE first thing that happened is soweto

In the location the police are going, when we are see them we must run away.

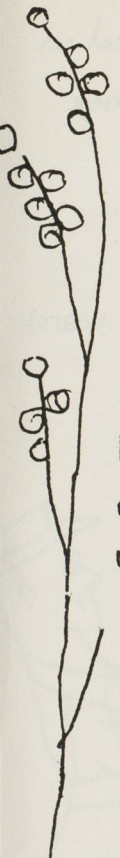
The soldiers when they see you at night they catch you.

The soldiers must come out in soweto.

We are not need the soldiers in our town ship.

Lucky (12 years)





WHAT is going on in South Africa

SOUTH AFRICA is HAVING political and Economical problems  
AND its SPENDING a Lot of MONEY buying WEAPONS to kill  
BLACKS <sup>which</sup> ~~which~~ ARE TRYING THEIR level best to GET FREEDOM.

MEANWHILE SOUTH AFRICA'S RAN) HAS Lost its VALUE.  
MANY AFRICANS ARE BEEN KILLED AND BOERS CARE less  
ABOUT THE KILLING OF BLACKS. THE S.A.D.F. HAS NO OTHER  
WORK BUT TO KILL ANY UNLUST AFRICANS.

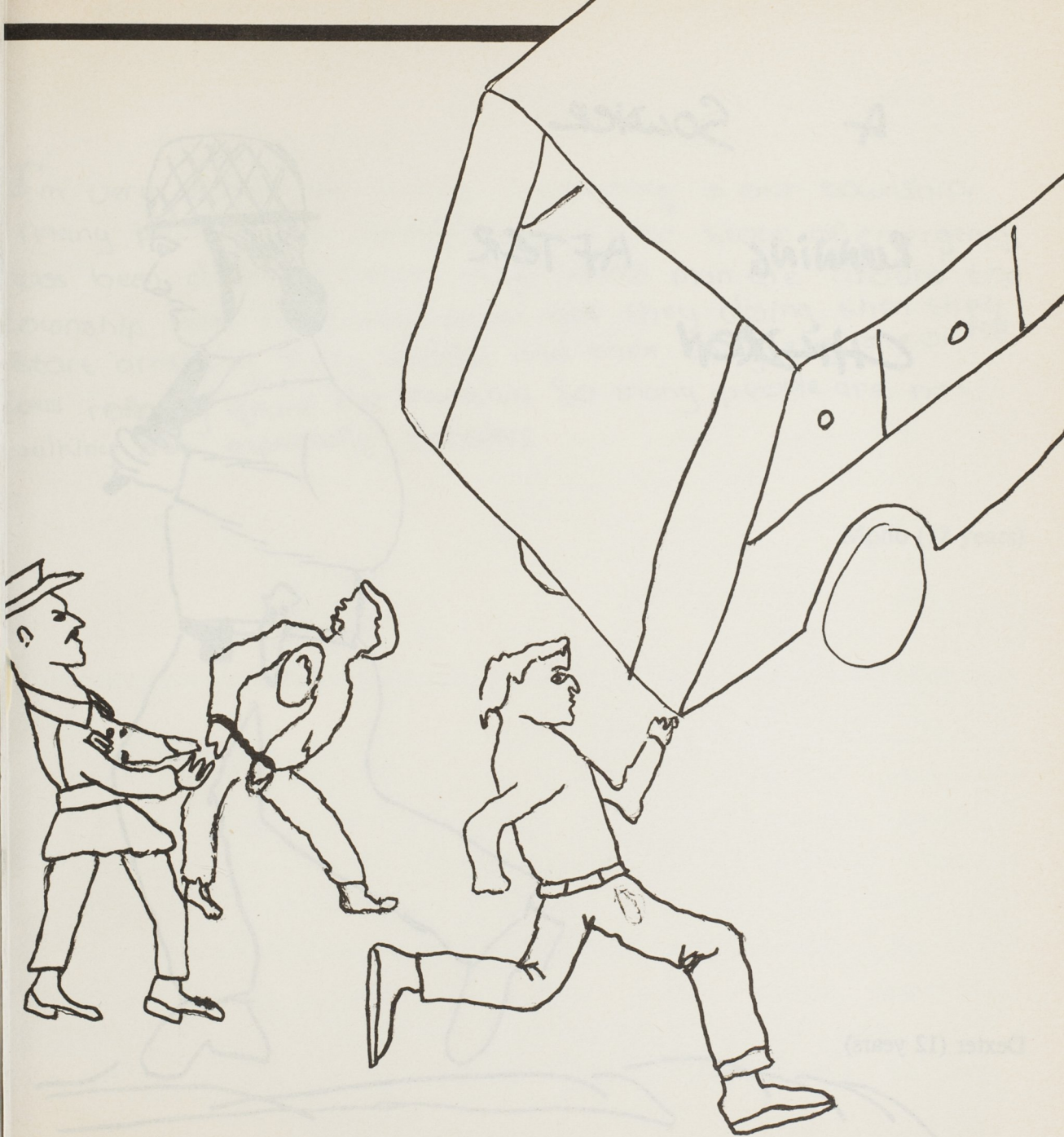
BUT EVEN IF ALL THIS IS HAPPENING WE WILL FIND OUR FREEDOM

Shoitto (13 years)

WHEN The police come children set scattered in  
Townships and they say shoot to kill  
because they say there is a state of emergency  
which means they must not see any child.  
between school ~~the~~ hour

Bongane (11 years)





Mongezi (13 years)



A SOLDIER

RUNNING AFTER  
CHILDREN



Dexter (12 years)

I'm very scarce of what's happening in our township,  
many people are arrested since the state of emergency  
was been declared. Every day police man are around the  
township not knowing what are they doing then they  
start arresting every scholar and then they say she or he  
was ~~refain~~ing ground the township. So many people are not  
walking free especially Scholars

Mpho (12 years)



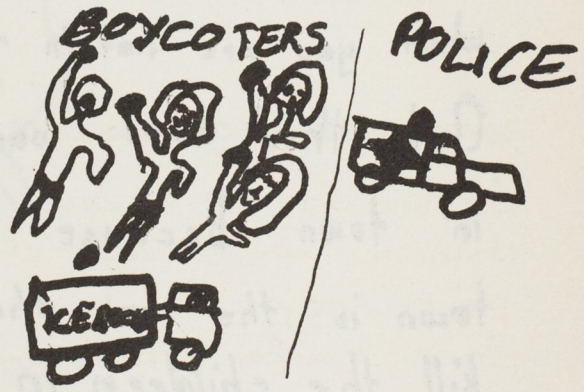
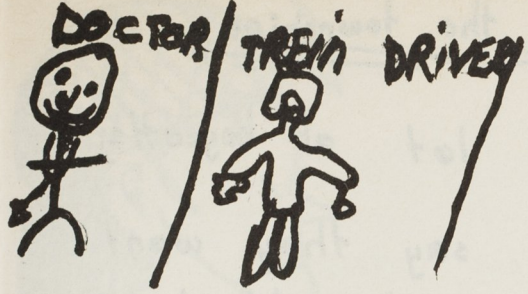
I am a student attending school in Soweto called Orlando West High, I feel very scared about what is happening when I go to school I must go scared every day and our school lunch takes 10 minutes and if you didn't eat you will see for your self that what will you eat, about 30 scowars are in jail one of the is a principal's child is a boy of 16 years old, and every day the police come to our school and check that you where not upstays during school hour if you are a girl they rape you and arrest you for some days until you parents come. some student are saffaris

Given (13 years)

On Tuesday afternoon when it was at our school children where out of the school yard and the police came with a yellow corrola and they shot twice. After that they throwed teargas in the school and children ran away those police calad the hipos and they surround our school ask who are the cosqas in our school the big boys told them nothing and those police went left the school.

Bheki (14 years)





THE BOYCOTERS  
CALLED THEM COSAS  
THEY came at night  
take my BROTHER  
I became sad when they  
take him to MZIMHLOPHE  
to FIGHT Against AMAZULU

"What's happening in the townships"

In Soweto there are a lot of boycotts, children boycotts because they say they want freedom. They say they want equal rights between whites and blacks.

They don't want the S.A.D.F. in the townships. They say when they are boycotting all the children must be in the struggle and when you are not in the struggle they trash you.

And they don't want our parents to buy in town because that money wasted in town is the one that buys the guns that kill the children in Soweto. And when you disobey they make you drink fish oil that you have bought by force or they burn you alive.





Victor (13 years)

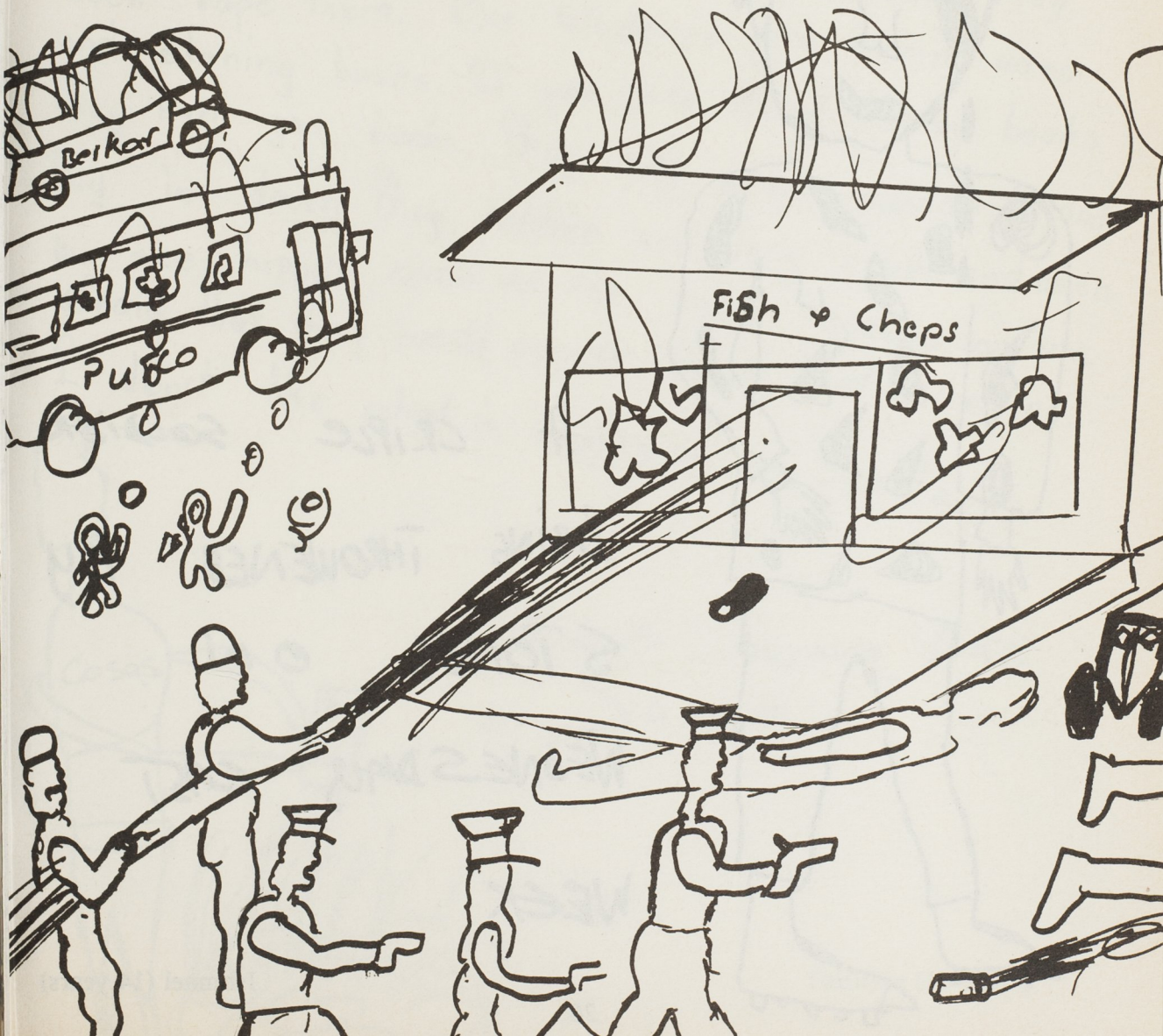


## What is going on our township

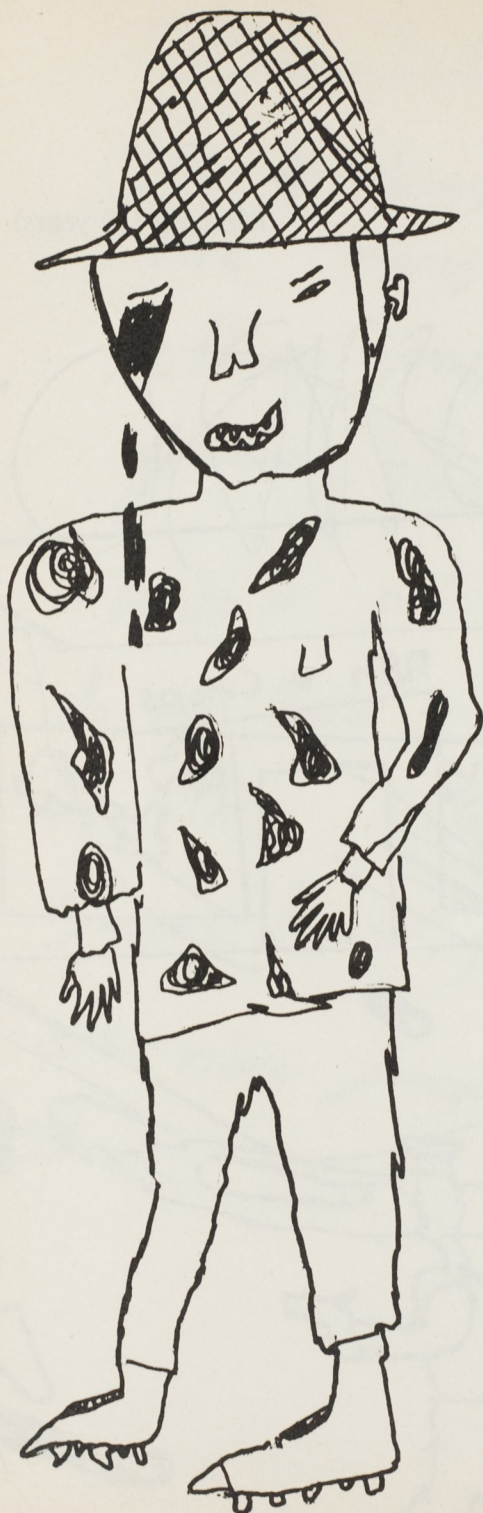
The things that is going in  
our township is us ~~them~~ because  
other people says they want  
freedom others says they want  
Mandela out of Jail ~~the~~ I  
do not know what is going wrong  
in this country. They break  
shops, houses, bus, and etc.  
burning people, throwing  
stones.

Lesego (12 years)

Mongezi (13 years)





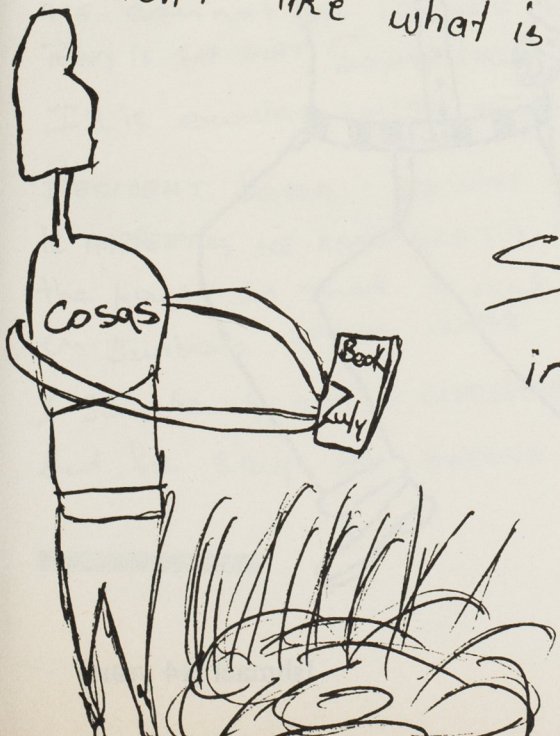


A CRIPPLE SOLDIER  
BRING THROWNED BY  
STONES ON  
WEDNESDAY LAST  
WEEK

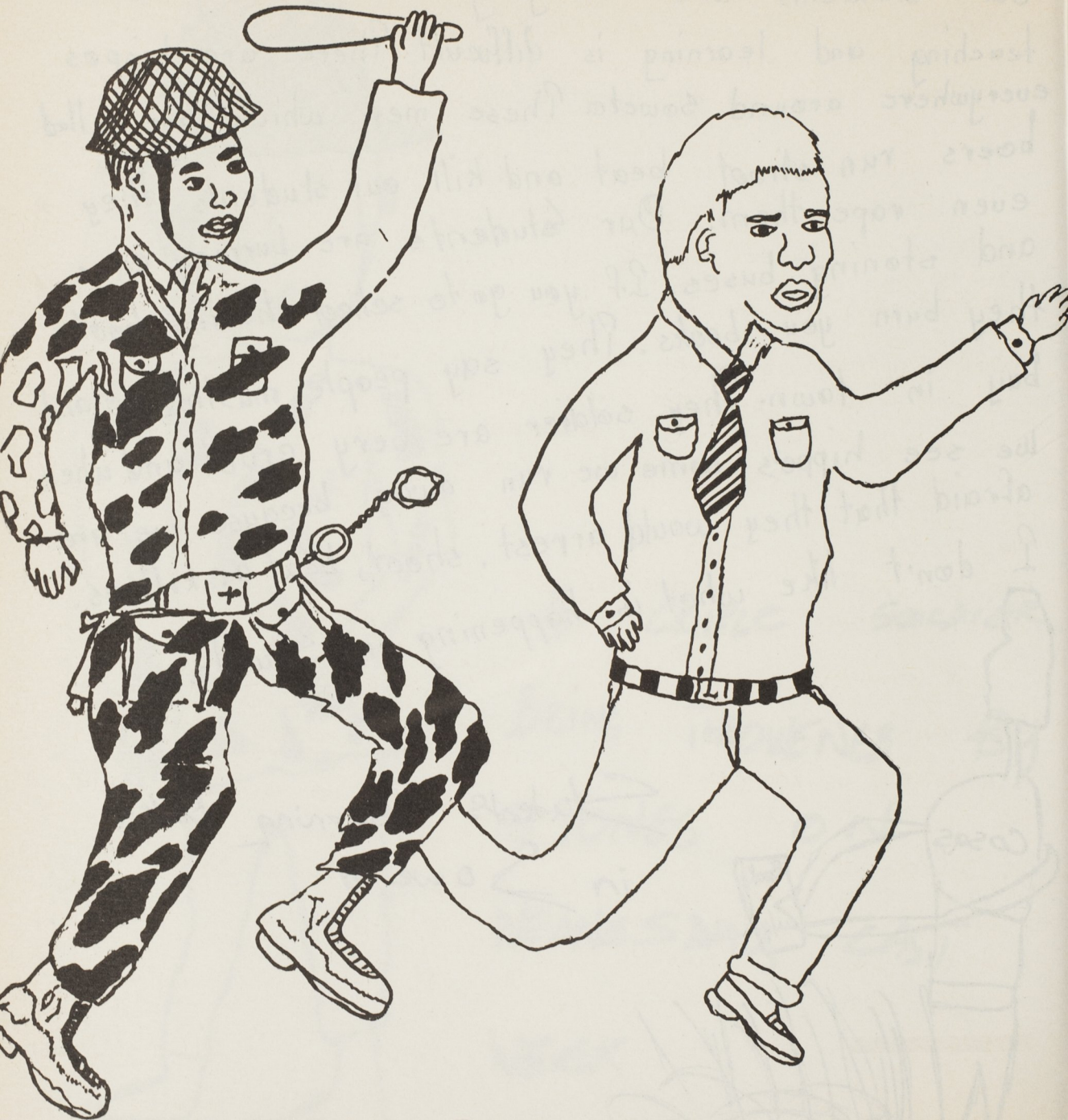
Ishmael (14 years)



Our students are not going to school because teaching and learning is difficult. There are hippos everywhere around Soweto. These men which are called boers run shoot beat and kill our students they even rape them. Our students are burning cars and stoning buses. If you go to school having books they burn you books. They say people mustn't go and buy in town. They soldier are very cruel and when we see hippos come we run away because we are afraid that they would arrest, shoot, beat or kill us. I don't like what is happening in Soweto.



Students burning Books  
in Soweto



Ishmael (14 years)



DURING JANUARY UNTILL JUNE SOUTH AFRICA  
HAS SPENDED SOMETHING LIKE 500 000 IN BUYING  
WEAPONS FOR KILLING AND INJURING BLACKS

PRESIDENT BOTHA IS NOT WORRIED ABOUT US.  
ACCORDING TO WHAT JR TREUNACHT HAS  
SAID, HE SAID RUBBER BULLETS AND TEAR GAS  
ARE NOT THE EXECT WEAPONS TO BE USED.  
HE ~~STAD~~ SAID WE NEEDED SOMETHING STRONGER.

WHEN COMPARING EDUCATION WE FIND THAT BLACKS  
ARE HAVING LITTLE EDUCATION THAN WHITES. EVEN IF OUR  
EDUCATION IS 11 HE THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE ARE DULL  
AND MUST BE TREATED LIKE DOGS

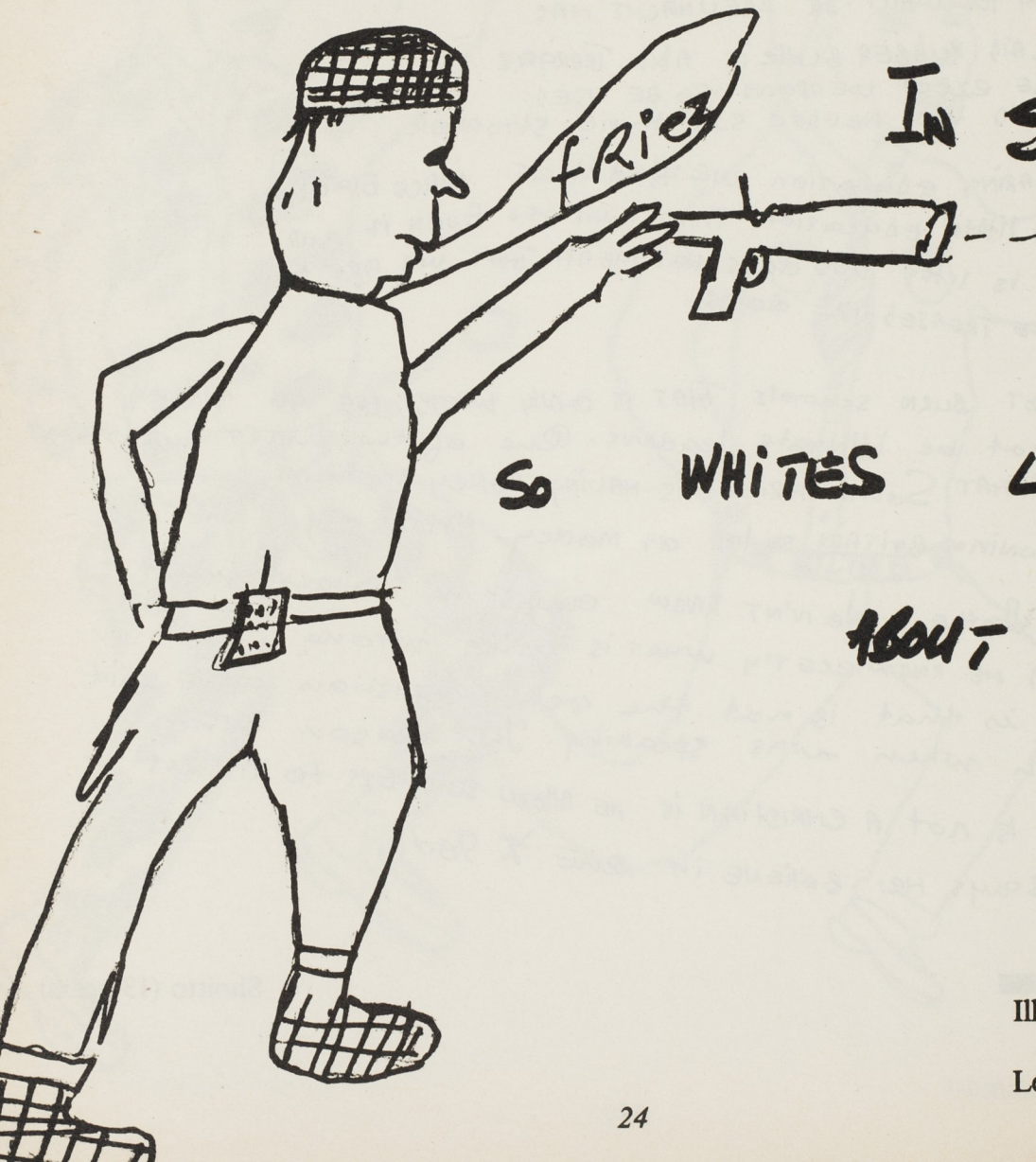
WE MUST NOT BURN SCHOOLS THAT IS ONLY WHERE WE GO WRONG  
WE CANNOT BE INTIGRATE LEADERS. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT  
THING IS ~~FA~~ THAT SOUTH AFRICA IS HAVING MONEY PROBLEMS.

IT IS OWNING BRITAIN A LOT OF MONEY. NOT TO SAY

PRESIDENT BOTHA DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT WHAT  
IS HAPPENING HE KNOW EXETLY WHAT IS GOING WRONG  
THE FACT IS THAT IS NOT THE REAL CHRISTIAN AS HE SAID  
IN DURBAN WHEN WAS SPEAKING. THE REASON WHY  
I SAY HE IS NOT A CHRISTIAN IS HE ALLOW SOLDIERS TO KILL US  
BUT HE SAYS HE BELIEVE IN ONE \* GOD

Shoitto (13 years)

LAST WEEK THERE WAS  
MEADOWLANDS. COMRADES SAID THEY  
IT, THEY WANT IT THE



IN SONETS

SO WHITES LETS

ABOUT OUR

Illustration

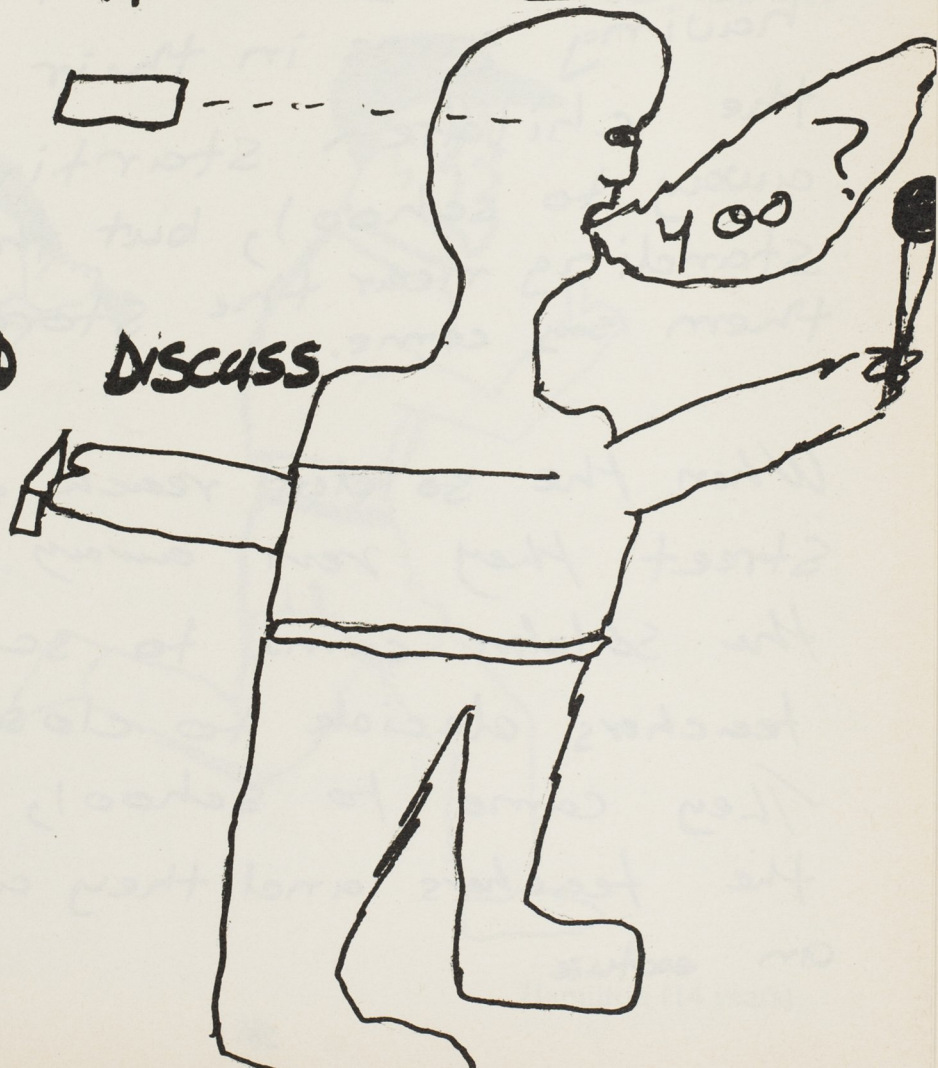
Lesego (12 years)



A LOT OF TROUBLES IN  
WANT FREEDOM THEY DONT ASK  
SOLDIER KILL MANY CHILDREN.

THERE IS A LOT CONFUSION.

UNITE AND DISCUSS  
FACTS.



Dexter (12 years)

It was on Tuesday during break we saw many soldiers coming to us. They were marching all the way, and they were having guns in their hands, and the children starting to run away to school, but the big boys standing near the store calling them say come.

When the soldiers reach the second street they run away to school. The soldiers came to school. The teachers decide to close the gate. They came to school, talk to the teachers and they ask for us an excuse.



At that time some children  
are run to classes some of them the  
jumping the school fence and they  
run away. The soldier decided to get  
house to house hunting for those  
who did not go to schools.



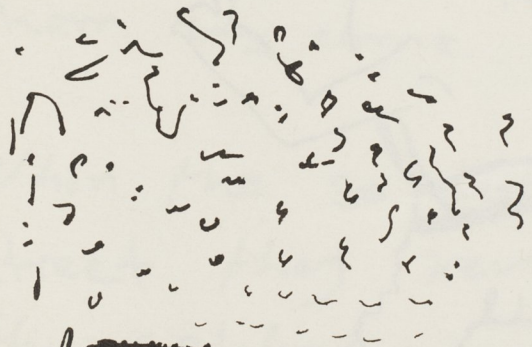
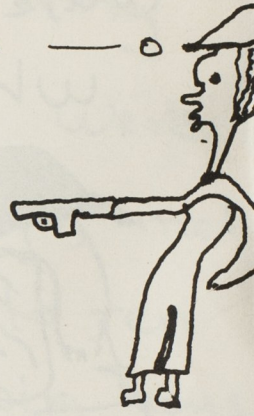
Hamilton (14 years)

TEAR GAS KE EO

RUN

SAUNYONA

TEAR GAS



Sarah (13 years)

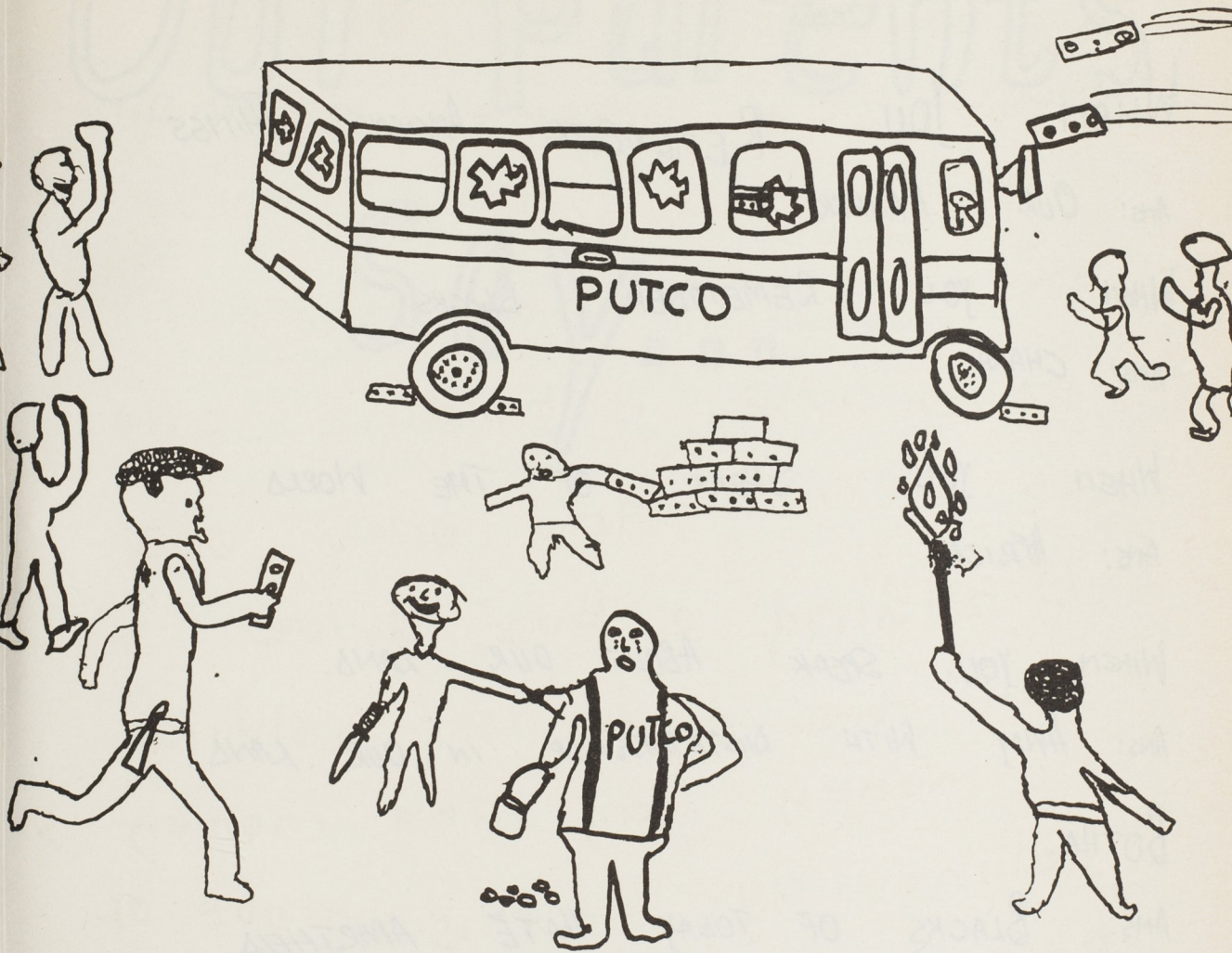


# THERE'S TOO MUCH GOING ON.

IN A SMALL VILLAGE OF (SOWETO) JOHANNESBURG CALLED SOWETO THERE'S TOO MUCH GOING ON. CHILDREN ARE BOYCOTTING CLASSES AND THEY SAY THEY WANT FREEDOM. AND THEN WHEN THEY SEE BOERS THEY SING FREEDOM SONGS. THEN THE BOERS START SHOOTING WITH RUBBER BULLETS, THROWING TEARGAS. THEN THOSE START THROWING STONES & BRICKS TO THE BOERS. AFTER THERE CHILDREN BURN HOUSES, STORES, CARS AND BAKERIES. THEN THEY SAY (SIYAYINYOVA) MEANS BOYCOTTS OR RIOTS. THOSE CHILDREN GOES TO THE STATIONS AND BEAT CHILDREN & BROTHERS WHO CAME FROM TOWN. THEY <sup>SAY</sup> WHAT DO THEY WANT OR LOOKING FOR IN TOWN.

This picture is about  
a group of people damaging  
a public bus. Other are  
throwing stones and  
other one is holding fire  
on a stick and other one  
is holding a bus driver  
and the driver is holding  
a money bag and money is  
falling down. This group of  
people are called Comdrates





Victor (13 years)

# STORY

WHEN YOU REMEMBER ANCIENT THINGS

ANS: OUR FATHER

WHEN YOU REMEMBER BLACKS.

ANS: CHARA.

WHEN YOU SPEAK OF THE WORLD

ANS: AFRICA.

WHEN YOU SPEAK ABOUT OUR LAND.

ANS: AWAY WITH DICTATORSHIP IN OUR LAND.

BOTHA.

ANS: BLACKS OF TODAY HATE APARTHEID.

ELEVEN O' CLOCKS.

ANS: AWAY WITH STATE OF EMERGENCY.



Our parents

Say...

This is a situation that could be prevented by the government only. Our parents are stuck in the middle. Our Education has no future. The worst thing is that they feel so helpless when a child at STD station can not write his matric because their schools have been burnt or they have been thrown with stones when they go to school. They worry a lot about our safety. when we are at home they don't know whether we are dead or alive. Will the life of our parents ever come write again

Bothale (12 years)



## WHAT " OUR " PARENT " FEEL "

They dont feel happy because students boycotting they are very  
Many. Some of them their crying what their children do know. They-  
Dont know how these comes. And some of their Children are not.  
At home their out side because they are boycotting. Ather children dont  
Sleep at their homes. They sleep ~~to~~ where they can sleep. That they  
do is not nice.

Tshepo (12 years)

My father says feels bad about what happening around as during the school times. He say we are suppose to be at school working hard preparing for examination.

My Mother says I must get education and she say I must get to Natal to get edutation there. She worried about my education she say I must do well in at Natal beccuse the children at Natal are very do well are Prepared to learn



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My mother say i must go to another school  
because in Soweto there are no schools.

The high school children are boycotting their  
classes.

My father say the people who are boycotting are  
people who had finished their studies. and the people who  
are not working

Xolisile (11 years)

My Mother say she do not want  
other people. ~~But~~ she says we  
to be in one riches she and  
to join in this trap  
but i have big thinking  
i finish thinking all

my friend I said to

do this & must



this things Boycotting or fighting with  
must share the same thing like.  
my Mother do not want me  
of things I like to do it  
about this thing I when  
this I have change my  
my self I must not  
stay at home.

Agrippa (12 years)





A new

South Africa

## "FREEDOM" IN "SOUTH AFRICA"

When South Africa obtains Freedom, we want no racial - separation. We want equal rights for everyone in the new Azania (South Africa), people must be all educated and be filled with knowledge so that they can communicate with other countries.

~~When~~ We must all work hard to keep Azania shining we beautiful things, and we must help one another as one nation. There must be no hating one another because God likes to see his children loving one another because He is love. And Blacks must be part and parcels of the M.P.C Members of Parliament). We must be like other countries like U.S.A. there, there is no Apartheid.

When we fight other countries, there must also be white soldiers so that if we die we must not die alone. And Blacks must have their Farms so that they can sell



their crops to the factory to obtain money in turn. And the business of a black man must not be called Small Business. But first the first thing that we can get as our weapon that no one can take it from you is "EDUCATION".

Mokgethi (13 years)

## FREEDOM

We must be at the same school. We must work together to get more things we want. Our freedom must be as we want. We don't want that people must say that they don't want other people that they want. We must use their language. We want that South Africa to be rich as it could. We must work together as the same people. We must be ~~every~~ ~~care~~ ~~sense~~ about what we are doing. We must not have problems about what we are doing. We must have many things that we want. We must do things we need. We must not care about people what they are doing. And our freedom must be as we want.

Dolores (13 years)

## FREEDOM FOR THE PEOPLE

LIFE IN nowadays is like a ~~stik~~ ~~stick~~ butterfly  
So many of us it is not worth living  
when it is like this.

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What is going on in the world around

There are people dying

There are sign of freedom everywhere

There are S.A.S. Everywhere you look

They are either playing soccer with their  
the children or they are having war with them

They little kids don't understand why they  
have been put (thrown) into jail

The people demand freedom for their  
loving nation

So many people have died because  
they have fought for freedom

Schools, shops, houses have been



burnt because of they want freedom

The population of the world is surely  
decreasing. Every hour, minutes, and second  
there ~~are~~ is some one dying

The S.A.D.F has tried to bring peace but they have  
brought more

chaos ~~to~~ into the townships

Maybe one day the freedom of  
the people will be given to them

Bothale (12 years)

## IN OUR COUNTRY

THERE'S TOO MUCH GOING ON IN OUR COUNTRY. PEOPLE SAY THEY WANT EQUAL PAYMENT IS OR WRIGHT BEFORE FREEDOM CAN'T START IN OUR LANDS OR IN AFRICA, AWAY WITH APARTHEID IN THIS LOVELY COUNTRY, WHICH EVERYONE NEEDS. FIRSTLY PEOPLE MUST HAVE BETTER MINDS. SO THAT WHEN WE ASK FOR FREEDOM WE MUST BE PERFECT. HAVE ENOUGH EDUCATION SO THAT THE WHITES MUST ALSO RESPECT US IF WE MET THEM. WE MUST ALSO BE MERCY WITH WHITES. THEN AFTER THAT THERE WILL BE NICE FREEDOM

## LOVE

ANIMALS: AN ELEPHANT LIKES EACH & EVERY ANIMAL. WHEN THERE'S NO WATER. IT DIG WATER FOR THE OTHER ANIMALS.



# FREE DOM

I want if we can meet together  
and make a United so that freedom  
can be build, other thing is that  
when we are together we can  
help those who have no parents  
and change the name of our  
land Africa and name it Azonia....  
the land of hope, the land of freedom  
and the land of communicators  
I want our land if we can share  
50% of our wages every one  
and want if Blacks, Whites, Boers, Indians,  
and Chicanos to communicate love  
each other and that will build our  
new world Azonia

In our country

WE WANT FREEDOM BECAUSE THE WHITES  
& BLACKS GOT IT IN U.S.A. WHITES  
GET MORE MONEY AT WORK, HERE IN  
SOUTH AFRICA. IF THEY HAVE STANDARD  
TEN CERTIFICATES BOTH OF THEM. THE WHITE  
ONE IS GOING TO EARN MORE MONEY  
THAN THE BLACK ONE WHO IS MORE  
EDUCATED THAN THE WHITE.

~~~~~  
LOVE.

PARENTS LOVE THEIR CHILDREN. EACH &  
EVERY THEY MAKE SURE THAT WE GO TO  
SCHOOL AND HAVE BREAK FAST. THEY DON'T  
WANT US TO BE IN TROUBLE.

Dexter (13 years)



## Freedom What kind of life i like

Freedom is like a new life the new life that we can stay together like something <sup>that</sup> we could stay together like relative and we must be friendly to other people so we can build new ~~the~~ future this things we are taking about there's be true not lies

Rose (13 years)

## Freedom in South Africa

This is the life for freedom the blacks are fight for freedom because they are suffering the most of whites are not suffering this life is need a education because if you not want a education you will suffer. if you got a education you are going to have nice work for more money. If we want freedom we must respect our self we must not divided our self we must stay together we must not hate another person we must love together like lord made us The black must gets a shops in the towns

Mongezi (13 years)

After finding freedom, we must be united with other nations and stop apartheid, have equal rights and do what is right because we don't say freedom just to be free and do wrong. Men have to help women because other women also come from work and must see to it that their husbands get some food and clean clothes for the following day. We must be united with white people and get same wages at work. After having freedom I want to be educated and have knowledge. Some of the white people like blacks and others hate them because of our president's apartheid. We must love white people and they should also like us in order to build a very strong nation. We must not pretend to be what we know we are not. We must get 50-50% from 100% because life is nothing without love.

Given (13 years)

Our <sup>Country</sup> ~~Africa~~ will not be called South Africa when we get freedom it must be called Free Azania.

Every body here in our country must not carry passes. And we have to make friendship with other countries.

We want Mother Africa which is Ngwana Azania and we want the -majority rule

We don't want to be discriminated.  
We want United States of Azania.

Assistance (15 years)



## When we obtain freedom

We want equal rights and we must be educated to know how to talk English with the whites and when we work we must get equal paymen.  
When you fight with a white person they must not wrest you and there must be no upstart in the courts like we must have shop, Bars/Restaurants in town like white people because is our land too. We must do what we want like whites. We must attend whites schools.

The whites must not come to our place and wrest us and they must talk our language because we speak their language when we are in town. We must go into the whites ~~Bar~~ ~~Novices~~, in the Toilets they must stop saying that whites this side Blacks this side we must go in one place

We must enjoy life with whites

We want our schools to be renewed  
parents must have their pension  
free to communicate with other  
ship between us and other  
equal wages like whites whether  
all work at the same places  
as white's house. He must all  
bedrooms double garages etc.  
od to other nations. If we  
dont want the word "Non  
I dont know why they don't  
especially in supermarkets in  
of people in town are blacks  
was going to proceed 'int



like white schools. Our grand-  
every month, we must be  
nations. There must be relation  
countries. Our parents must have  
educated or not, they must  
Our houses must be the same  
have Telephones, bathroom big  
And we want to be neighbour  
are going to the hotels we  
blacks" and also in trains.

say non blacks in town  
~~all~~ buildings because they majority  
With out our black no work  
town.

Lottie (12 years)

when I am old I would like  
boy and a girl and a big  
my friends and I would  
and tok

The end



to have a wife and to children at

house and to dogs and freedom

Like to meet to gether

Moagi (8 years)







*Two Dogs and Freedom* is what happens when children are asked to describe in words and pictures the issues affecting their lives in South Africa today.

One finds here honest answers and the refreshing absence of ideological bias inevitable in adult interpretations of the same issues.

On the fringes of the world the children depict, and in the words they use, one detects the presence of the adults who (in many ways) influence and control their perceptions. But this does not diminish the brightness of a future in which eight-year old Moagi 'would like to have a wife and two children, a boy and a girl, and a big house and two dogs and freedom'.

This book is the result of a project of The Open School, a cultural education programme that runs workshops for young people. Among its programmes are

1. Workshops in art, drama, dance, music, photography, English and Mathematics.
2. A community programme that assists local community organisations to build up their own cultural infrastructures.
3. An Outreach programme of drama, poetry, dance and music, and art and photographic exhibitions that tour the townships.

In addition The Open School acts as a resource centre and provides secretarial services for various community cultural groups.

