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## PORT ELIZABETH

The Friendly City.

Port Elizabeth is the secondbiggest city in the Cape Province. Situated 600 miles east of Cape Town in Algoa Bay, it was here that the first group of 4000 British Settlers arrived in 1820. From here they moved out and settled in a line to what is now Grahamstown, 80 miles east, where Rhodes University is situated.

Rhodes University offers only Film Theory in its Culture and Contemporary Studies. In Port Elizabeth, University of Port Elizabeth do not offer even that, and that university and Port Elizabeth Technical College have been associated with the most extreme of regressive political ideas and practices in the past.

Africa-South Media and Cinema Studies Centre intends situating its school at Vista University, which is situated in a predominantly black . area, and will be formally opened in June 1992. Vista operates much like the Open University in Britain, but it has some courses that are taken in the premises.

Port Elizabeth has a proud history of political struggle against apartheid. It has been the stronghold of the ANC from very early in the struggle, producing well-known personalities in the struggle for liberation.

Dennis Brutus, a poet, now a professor at the University of Pittsburgh, USA, was born in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) but came to Port Elizabeth at an early age. He attended schools here and went on to teach at Patterson High School. Dennis was arrested and detained for his involvement in the political struggle, and later shot while attempting to escape from detention.

Govan Mbeki, a veteran politician who was arrested in Rivonia and sentenced together with Nelson Mandela, Walter Sisulu, and others to a life imprisonment on Robben Island, was released only in 1987, as a test case prior to the release of Nelson Mandela and other leaders of the truggle.

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There are numerous other personalities who also became well-known for their political stand against the repressive apartheid regime:

On the 6th November, 1964, three men, Vuyisile Mini, Wilson Khayingo and Zinakile Mkhamba, were hanged in Pretoria for belonging to Mkhonto We Sizwe in Port Elizabeth, carrying out acts of sabotage. etc. All three were well known figures long before the ANC assumed included military warfare in its struggle against oppression.

Mono Sadela, now a wellknown journalist working in Johannesburg, actually tied there in the 30th after Port Elizabeth became unsafe for him as the Police sent their assassination squads at his house to attempt to murder him.