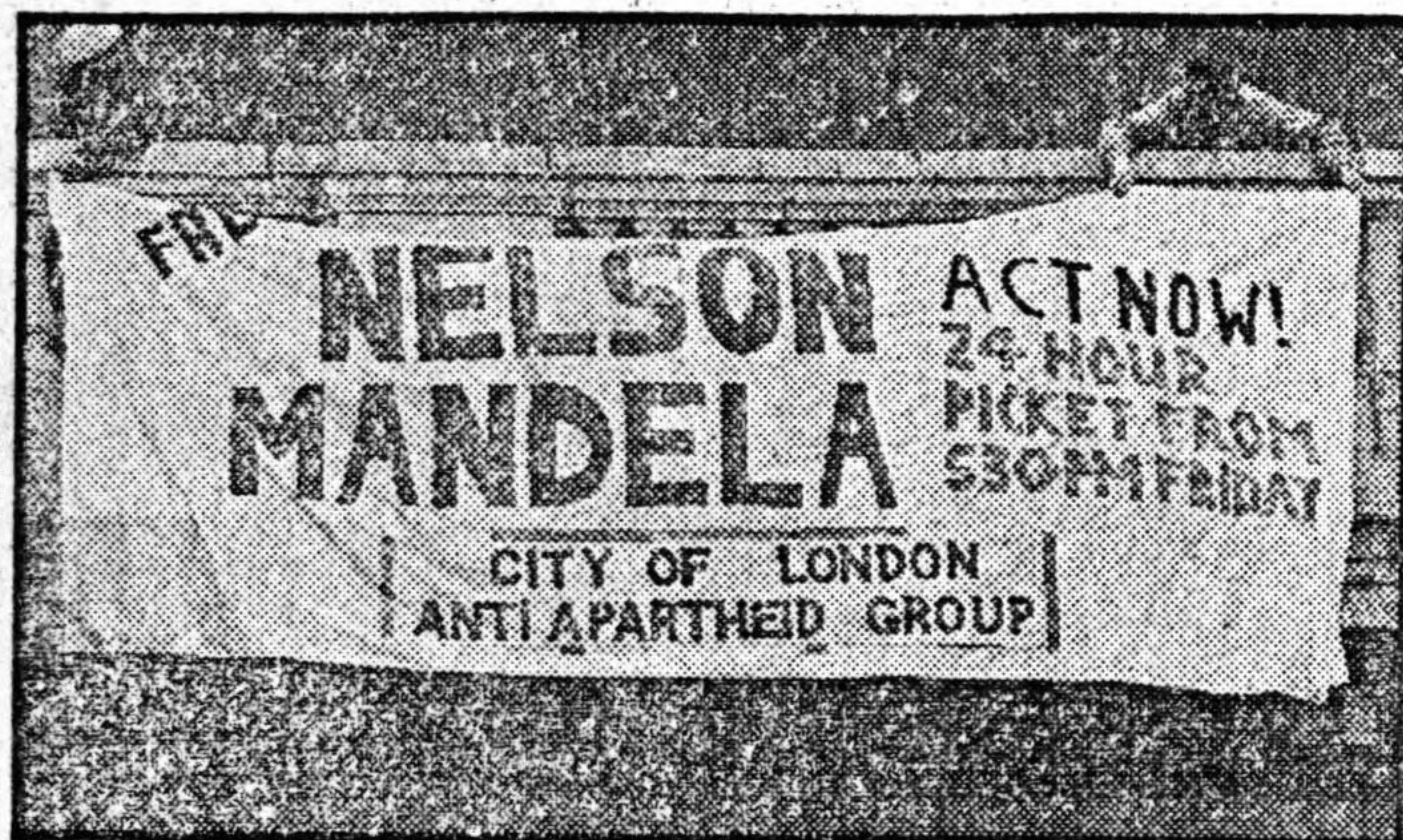


CITY OF LONDON ANTI-APARTHEID GROUP.

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Emergency Bulletin 15 August 1985



London Anti Apartheid in action earlier this year
The Guardian 26/7/85

London arrests

Six supporters of the City of London anti-apartheid group were arrested yesterday during a demonstration outside the South African Embassy in Trafalgar Square. Among them was Mrs Norma Kitson, wife of Mr David Kitson, who was released recently from prison in South Africa. Two of the six had chained themselves to embassy gates. About 300 demonstrators took part in the protest against recent deaths in township unrests.

The Times 3/8/85

● Six Anti-Apartheid supporters were arrested last night outside the South African embassy in London. Among them was Mrs Norma Kitson, wife of the British ANC prisoner Mr David Kitson released by South Africa last year.

Two protesters, who chained themselves to the embassy gates, were released by police with wire-cutters.

The Guardian 3/8/85

CAMPAIGN DIARY

- Sat 17 Aug 1-2pm ANC/SWAP0/AAM Picket of South African Embassy
- Sun 18 Aug 2.30pm City AA meeting YWCA, Great Russell St., WC1 (Tottenham Court Road ⊕)
- Tues 20 Aug 10am Court pickets at Horseferry Rd. Magistrates (St. James Park ⊕), SW1 and Bow St. Magistrates Court, WC2 (Covent Garden ⊕)
- Wednesday 21 Aug 7pm Planning meeting for demonstration Conway Hall, Red Lion Square (Holborn ⊕)
- Fri 23 Aug 5.30-7.30pm Free Nelson Mandela and all South African and Namibia political prisoners! City AA picket of South African Embassy (every Friday)
- Sat 24 Aug 11am Assemble Jubilee Gardens 2pm Rally outside South African Embassy
DEMONSTRATION
- Mon 26 Aug 6-7pm Solidarity with miners in SA! Isolate Apartheid Sanctions Now! End the Emergency! MASS PICKET OF SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY.
- Thur 29 Aug 10am Court picket for Auriel & Sinone, chained to Embassy Gates. Bow St. Magistrates Court

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Since the declaration two weeks ago of the state of emergency in black township areas in South Africa, at least 20 people are known to have been killed by the security forces; 1500 disappeared into police detention and there has been complete press censorship. Britain has opposed sanctions to that country. Support the struggle to smash apartheid—see Diary. Above: Nelson Mandela's daughter, Zinzi.

City Limits 1/8/85

Demos will continue

By TREVOR RAWNSLEY

DEMONSTRATIONS and pickets will continue outside the South African embassy in Trafalgar Square, despite the arrests last week of 29 people. That is the message from the City of London Anti-Apartheid Group.

The arrests — 20 of which were of women — coincided with South African Women's Day on August 9. Police moved in on demonstrators outside South Africa House after they had laid wreaths to commemorate those killed in the present struggles.

The 29 were taken in by the police for refusing to move on along the pavement. 27 have been charged with obstruction and two juveniles have been released without charge. Among the arrested was Stephen Kitson, whose father, David, was last year released after 20 years in a South African jail.

During a campaign by City AAM last summer the police

tried to impose a ban on demonstrations outside the embassy. But magistrates ruled in favour of the picketers after 160 people — including three Labour MPs — had been arrested and five jailed.

Now the police are trying to enclose the pickets behind two barriers. But the strength of feeling against apartheid is swelling the ranks of the protesters to such an extent that the demonstrations are spilling right over the pavements.

Pickers feel that the real aim of the police is not so much to keep the pavements clear as to limit the numbers of those attending the protests.

Labour Herald
15/8/85

29 Arrests. 9 August 1985.

Reported on London Weekend Television.

Time Out 14/8/85

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PAUL MATTSOON

Pickets busted ... Rand trumbles

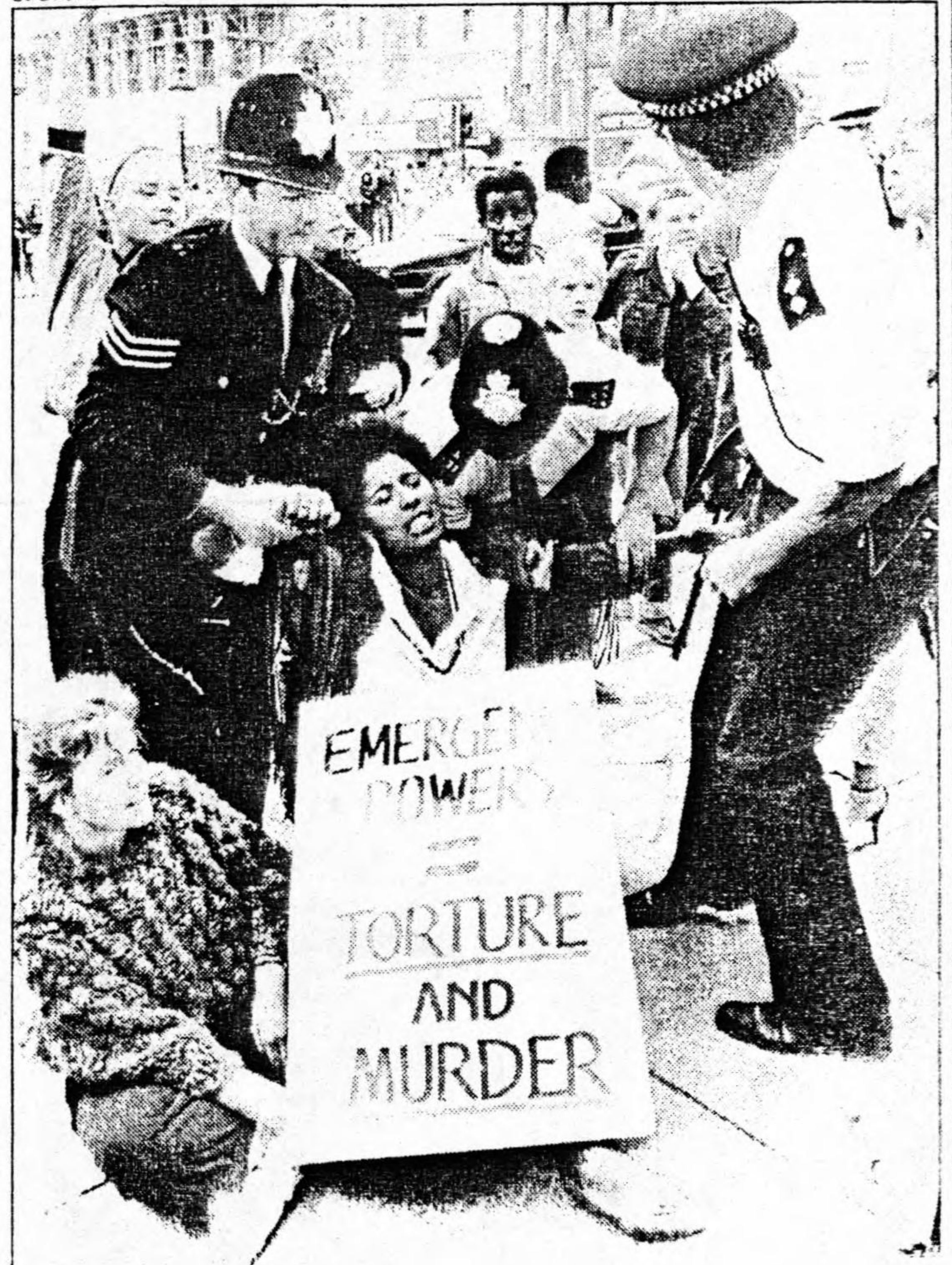
● Last Friday 29 people were arrested outside the South African embassy in Trafalgar Square. Of course, 27 were charged with obstruction and will appear in Bow Street magistrates court on Tuesday.

The demonstration, the latest one organised by City of London Anti-Apartheid, was witnessed by hundreds of tourists. Further protests are in the pipeline for the next few weeks leading up to a rally on August 24 which aims to highlight the planned South African miners strike, due to start on the following day.

South Africa House looks as though it will once more become the focus for anti-apartheid activity in this county. As we go to press the Africa Liberation Committee is picketing once more. (Duncan Campbell)

See Action for details of rally on August 24 and picket of Embassy on August 26.

Twenty-nine people were arrested on last Friday evening's weekly picket of the South African Embassy by City of London Anti-Apartheid Group. Flowers and wreaths were placed on the gates of the embassy to honour those killed during the current State of Emergency. When the demonstrators stood back and sang an African anthem, police moved in and made ten arrests. Others from the picket took their place. Twenty-seven people have been charged with obstruction of the highway; no charges were pressed against two juveniles. On what was South African Women's day, 20 of the arrested activists were women. City of London Anti-Apartheid Group were involved in a civil disobedience campaign last summer with 160 arrests, including three MPs and five people jailed after the Metropolitan Police banned demonstrations from the pavement in front of the embassy. The ban was lifted after Bow Street Magistrates' Court ruled in favour of the demonstrators. However, the police have insisted on maintaining a clear space on the pavement directly in front of the embassy gates, effectively dividing the picket in two. City Group members claim that the pickets are becoming too large to be contained in two separate compartments and accuse the police of trying to restrict the size of the demonstrations.



29 charged after embassy demo

NINETEEN demonstrators were charged with obstruction last night after a peaceful picket outside the South African embassy in Trafalgar Square.

The arrests came as pickets tried to block the road outside the embassy main gates.

Daily Express 10/8/85



Paul Mattsson

UNDER the gaze of the tourists who, lousy weather permitting, throng Trafalgar Square, arrests continue outside South Africa House. Last Friday evening (9 August) 29 were hauled away from the weekly City of London Anti-Apartheid Group picket of the South African embassy. 27 people have been charged with obstruction of the highway; no charges were pressed against two juveniles. As it happened, 9 August was South African Women's day — 20 of the arrested activists were women.

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The South African embassy in London last night: police move in to arrest one of those who joined a mass picket protest against the apartheid regime's terror