

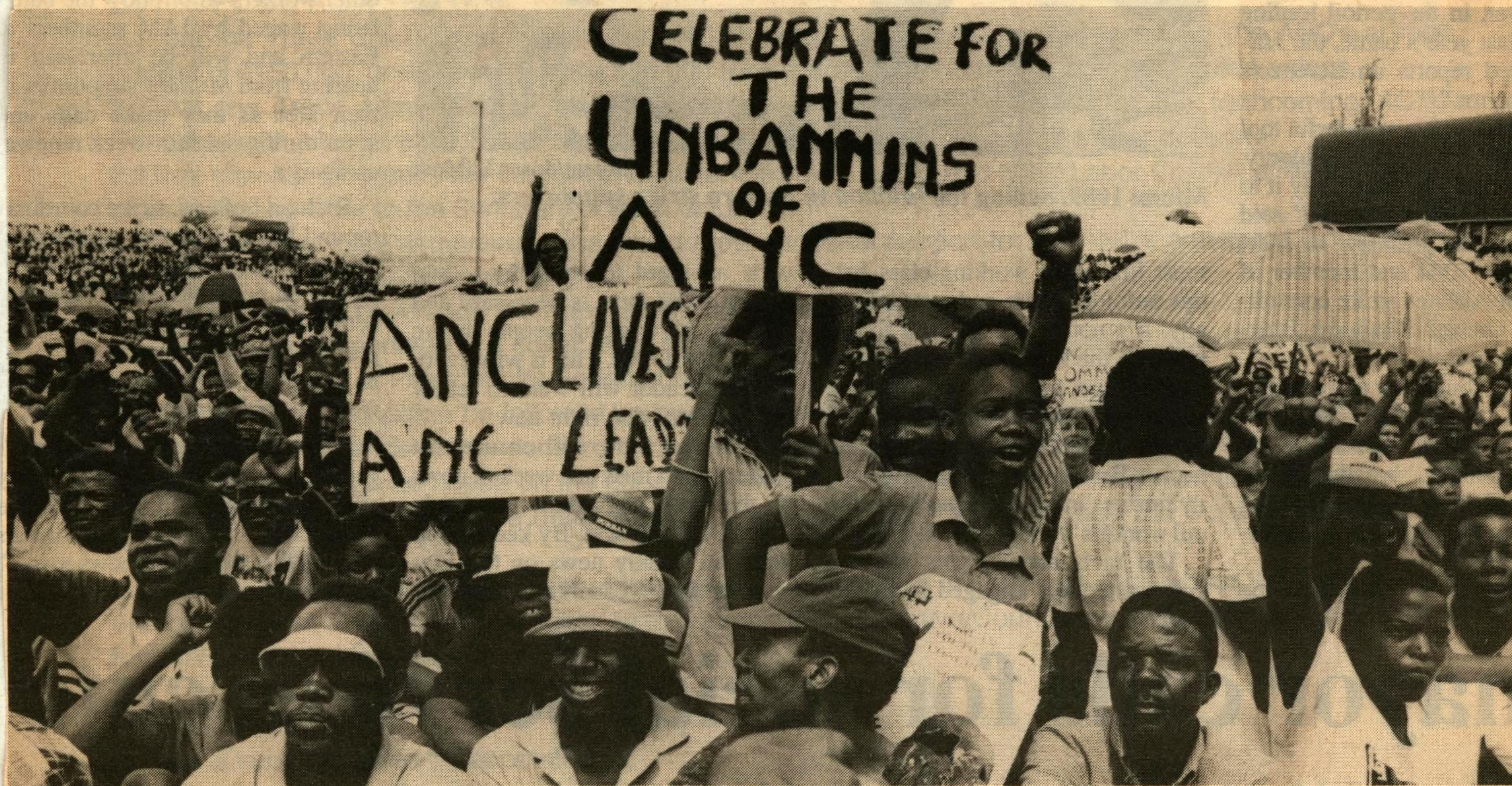
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Rallies celebrate ANC's unbanning in S. Africa

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16-2-90 "The Militant"



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Residents of Alexandria township, outside of Johannesburg, celebrate the February 2 unbanning of the African National Congress at a rally prior to a march of more than 50,000 to the Alexandria Civic Centre where they demanded the resignation of the town councillors.

MILITANT

BY GREG McCARTAN

"I have a very important message: the ANC has been unbanned!"

The crowd of several thousand anti-apartheid protesters outside the parliament build-

Democratic Front (UDF), the Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU), and 60 other organizations were ended.

De Klerk promised "to release Mr. Mandela unconditionally." A date for his release would be set soon, he said. The ANC leader has been imprisoned since 1962.

The steps represent the most sweeping reversal of the policies of the apartheid regime since the early 1960s.

The ANC and PAC were outlawed in 1960, the SACP in 1950. The ruling allows the organizations to function openly inside the

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ing in Cape Town responded with cheers of "Viva ANC!" They had just learned of South African President F.W. de Klerk's February 2 announcement unbanning the African National Congress and ending a battery of apartheid's repressive laws.

The protest then became a victory march through the city, with demonstrators carrying posters calling for the immediate release of ANC leader Nelson Mandela and an end to apartheid.

The February 2 decision also lifted the banning orders on the South African Communist Party (SACP) and the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC). Restrictions on the United

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Trade Union organisations in the Pacific area with regard to ANC support.

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