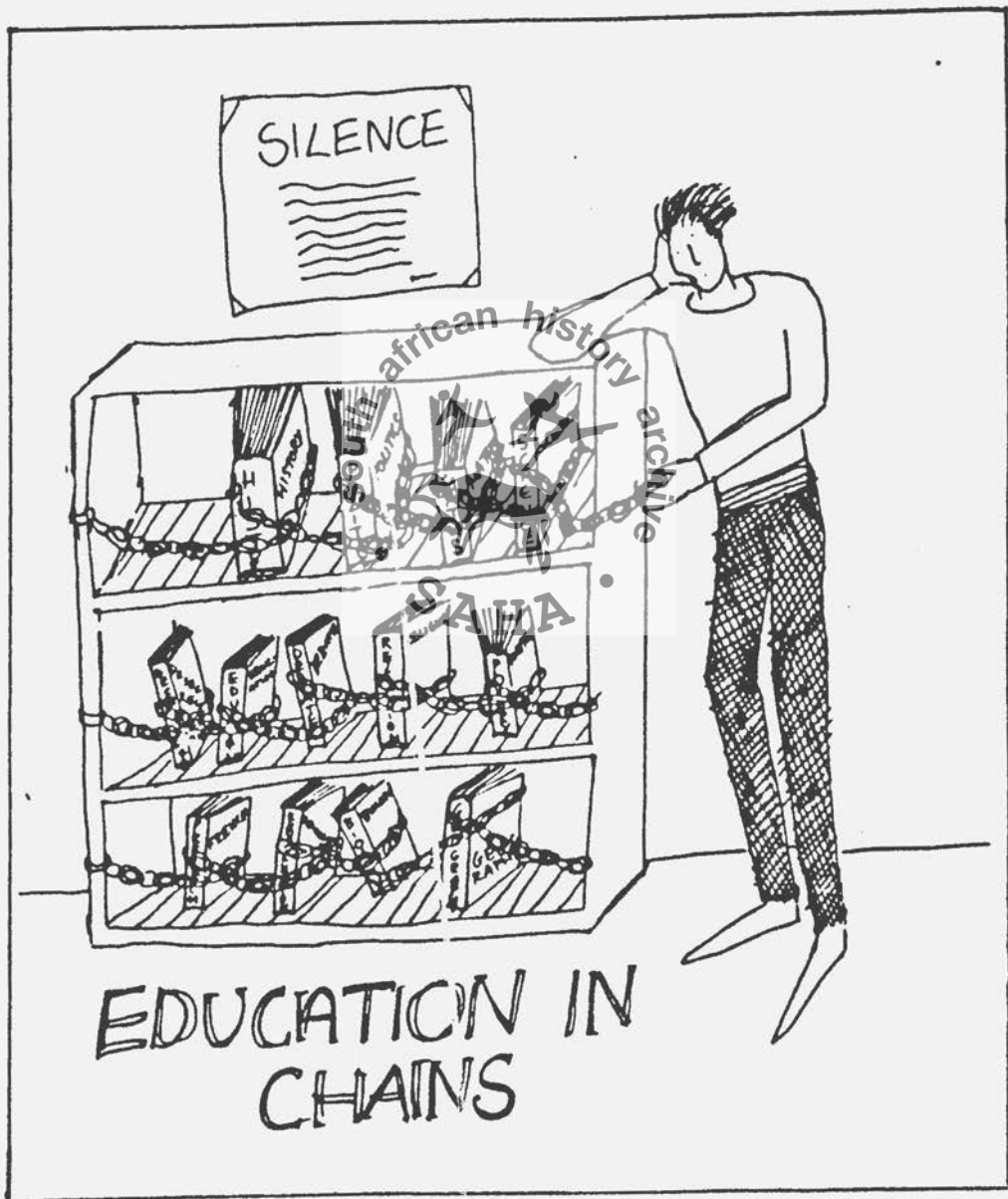


NEWSA NEWS

National Education Union of South Africa (Jhb.)



INCREDIBLE BUT TRUE

There are now more than 30 branches of NEUSA around the country in places like Durban, Pietermaritzburg, Bloemfontein, Oudtshoorn, Cradock, Alexandra, Katlehong and Vosloorue. April saw the launch of the Soweto branch. We congratulate Neusa members in Soweto for their hard work and enthusiasm in building support.

Developments in black education and more specifically in Neusa, present the JHB branch with a major challenge. Undoubtedly, the issues facing black teachers are often that more clear cut than those we, as white teachers experience. Yet our responsibility to encourage a critical awareness in our pupils is probably greater now than ever before. We have a duty to make our pupils less fearful of the changes that are taking place and more able to participate actively in building a new South Africa.

Schooling must ultimately be desegregated - and for this to occur, the Group Areas Act and all other forms of Apartheid have to go! To advocate this idea in our classrooms requires creativity and courage. By working together and supporting each other, we can begin to effect small, but vital changes in the attitudes of our pupils and even in our colleagues.

PEOPLE'S EDUCATION

Everyone is asking "But what is People's Education?"

For many students in the township, People's Education means learning about Mandela and Sieulu and the other black leaders in prison. The current syllabus teaches that Sebe, Matanzima and Buthelezi are the leaders in the black community.

It is much easier to say what People's Education isn't than what it is. For every changing society, People's Ed. is something different. It will have a different function at different stages of the political struggle e.g. after liberation the emphasis may be on the reconstruction of a new society but before liberation the emphasis may need to be more on the history of resistance and the current struggles of the community.



FORWARD WITH KNOWLEDGE!

However, People's Education is not just political education. It is a new approach to education,