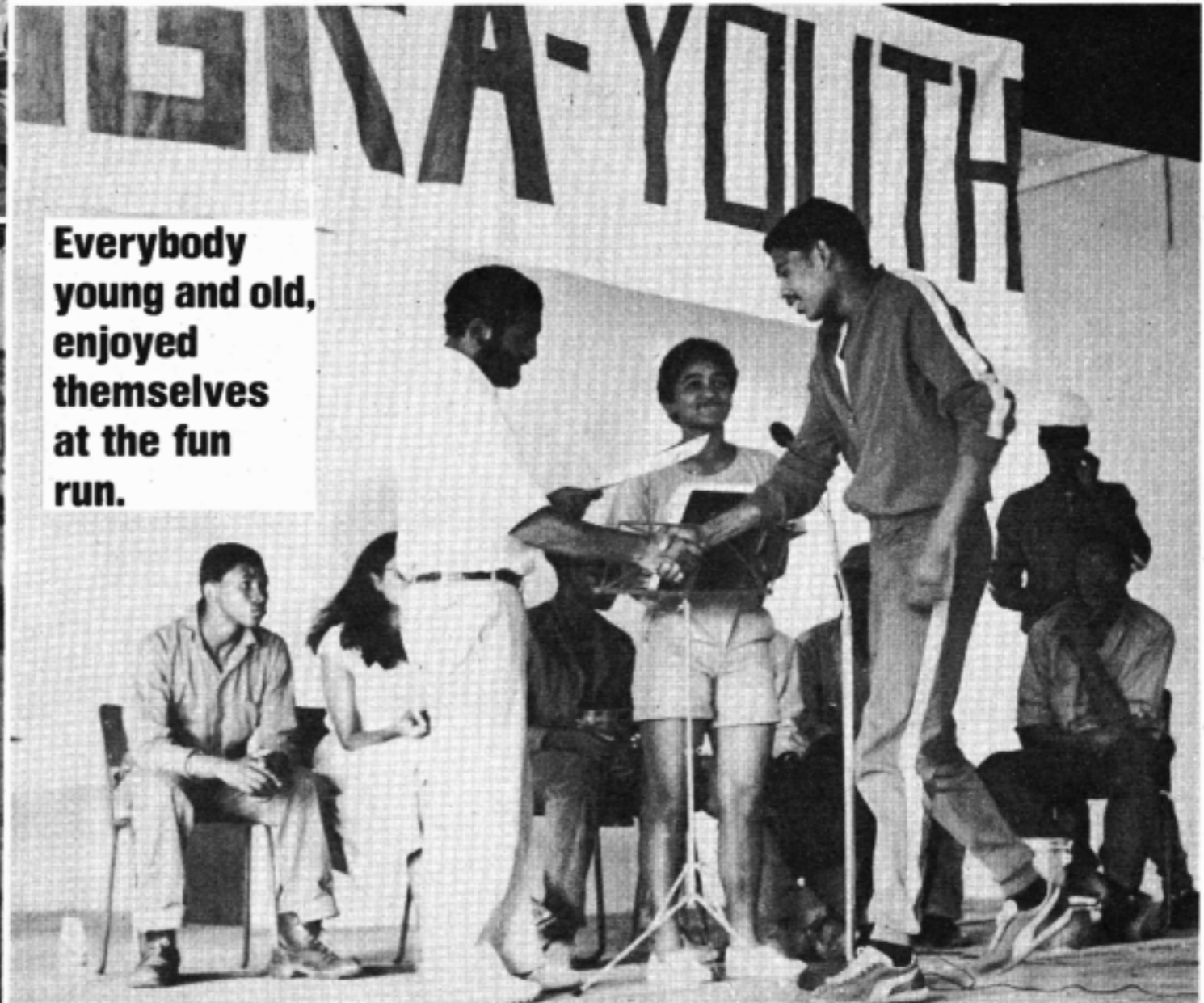
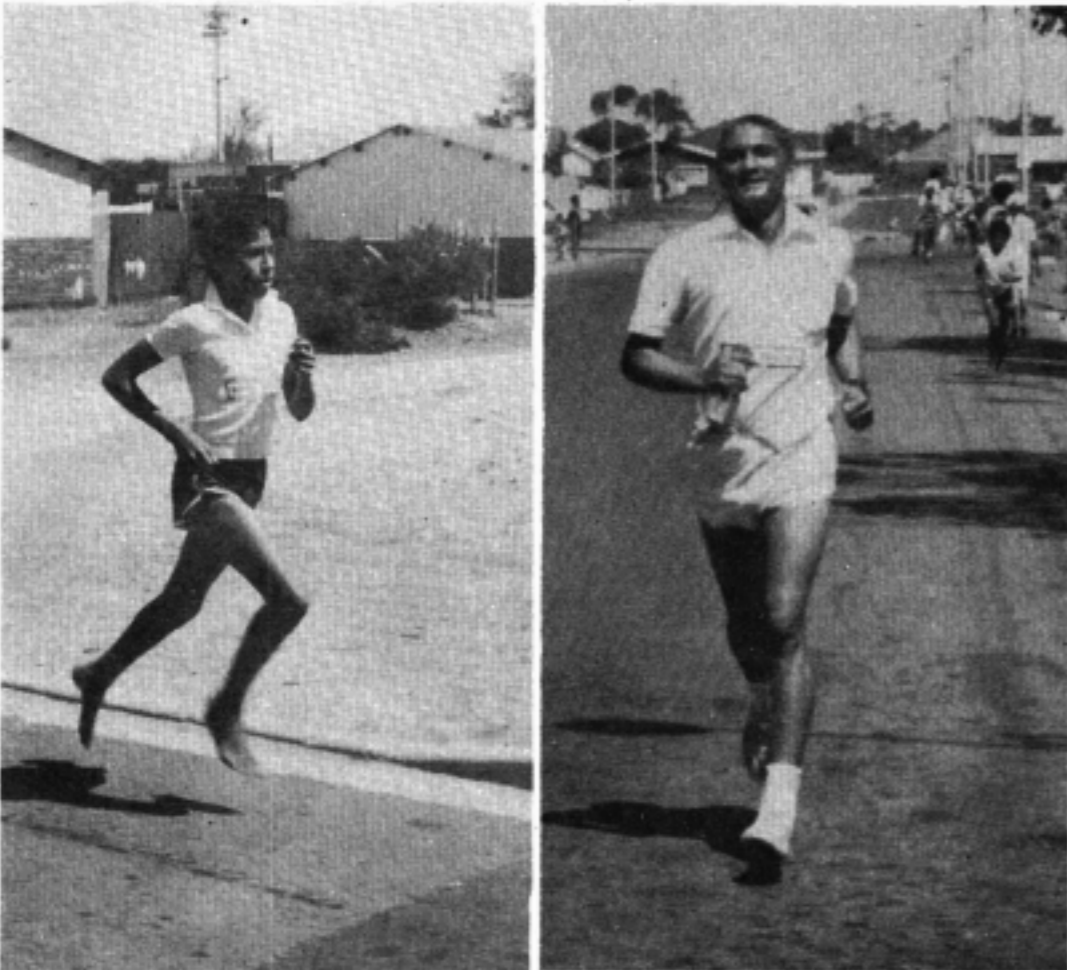
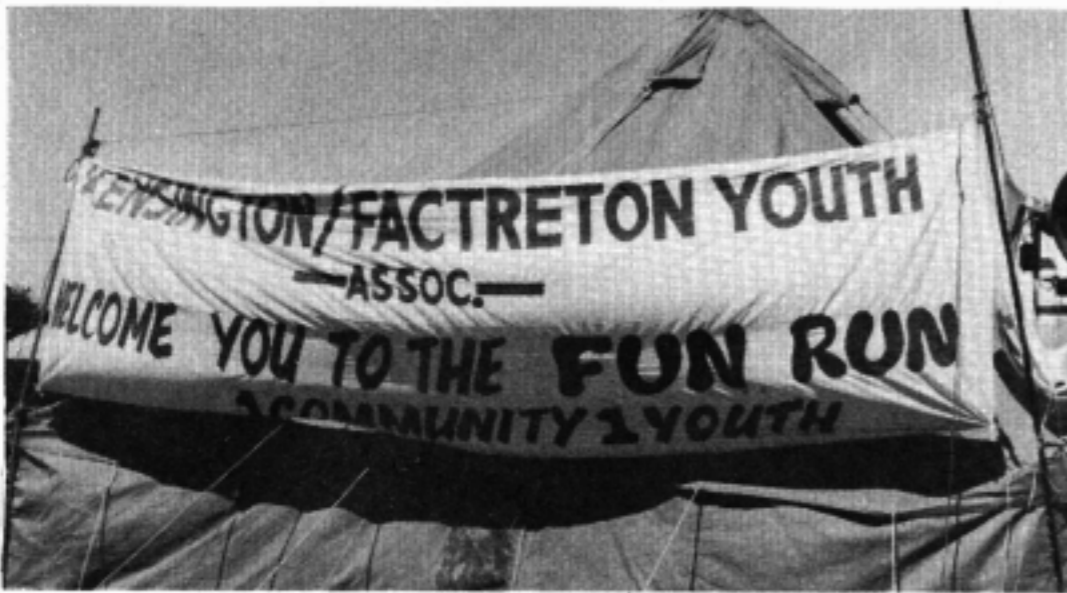


FUN RUNS



Everybody young and old, enjoyed themselves at the fun run.

Working together builds youth

IN the past month fun runs were held by youth groups in Lansdowne, Factreton and Lotus River/Grassy Park. The aim of these events was to get youth and parents involved in something enjoyable to both.

Taking part were not only regular members of the youth clubs, but a wide range of people, from 14 to 40, and even four year olds.

The fun runs had come after weeks of hard work by the members of the youth clubs in which a spirit of unity was built up among themselves and made members feel more committed to their organisations while programmes were drawn up, proper planning was to be done, logos worked out, stickers, posters, entry forms and diplomas for the competitions were made.

This required a lot of planning, discussion

and organisation. The important thing was that the success of the event relied on the active participation of the whole group and not only of a few.

The youth saw the rewards of their hard work when old and young came together in their numbers to enjoy the day. Everyone looked pleased. Some parents expressed their satisfaction with what the young people had organised and some young people said that they would like to join the clubs that organised the fun runs.

Out of this we can see that some gains have been made for the youth clubs. Sometimes the youth have problems with their parents not wanting to allow them out to attend youth meetings. Is it because their parents are just being nasty? No, in most cases it is because the parents don't know

what is going on in the youth clubs. Also, it is the "democratic" right of parents to know where children go to and what they are doing.

Now at the fun runs they could see what had been organised by the youth and they looked very pleased and satisfied because they enjoyed themselves. But should the youth members only wait until they organise fun runs or something similar to let the parents know what they do or shouldn't they always speak about their youth clubs and get their parents interested in what they are doing.

Another thing is that other young people in the community do not know of the youth clubs or do not know what happens there. They too could see for themselves and some of them were so excited that

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they said they wanted to join the youth clubs.

In our oppressed communities there are not many places where young people can meet other young people, enjoy themselves and at the same time develop themselves into responsible people.

The government does not spend millions of rands on facilities in our townships like the Muizenberg Pavillion and floodlights on White beaches, so it is up to us to create opportunities for leisure for ourselves. By doing this we attract and maintain the interest of a broad section of young people.

Happy birthday Molo Songololo

HALLO! MOLO!



MOLO Songololo (it means Hello Centipede) is a magazine for children aged between 6 and 13.

Molo was started on April 20, 1980 which means it will be celebrating its second birthday later this month.

The aims of the magazine are:

- To encourage children to communicate in a meaningful way with each other and
- To provide a means

for them to express themselves and their feelings about the community they live in, the school they attend, the friends they have or anything which children feel to be important in their lives.

It is the only magazine of its kind in South Africa as it allows children to state their views and opinions and to realise that they are valuable contributors to their society and to the

way it works.

It tries to fill the gap in their education by encouraging them to think for themselves and have confidence in their abilities to do so.

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