TOTAL STRATEGY— REFORM OR REPRESSION?

"We have a strong feeling that they are here to kill us - not protect us."

Township resident, Apartheid Museum film



The army was a constant presence in the townships in the 1980s, arousing much anger. Yellow armoured vehicles, called Casspirs, like this one on display in the Apartheid Museum, were a familiar sight in most townships.



In 1983, P.W. Botha introduced a new constitution as a measure of reform. Indians and coloureds were given limited representation in a Tricameral Parliament. Africans were excluded from voting altogether.



The United Democratic Front (UDF) was formed in 1983 to oppose the Tricameral Parliament. It brought together over 500 anti-apartheid organizations in a wave of mass resistance.



In 1985, the ANC called on those in the struggle to 'render South Africa ungovernable'. The youth took to the streets and resistance swept through the country.

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