

Basic Dates for

JAMES MADHLOPE PHILLIPS

Born 11.12.1919 in Sophiatown, Johannesburg, South Africa

Schooling partly in Lovedale

Since 1939 actively involved in the liberation struggle under the leadership of the ANC from 1940 to 1953 Chairman of the garment workers union number 2 branch

1941 co-founder of the Transvaal Council of Non-European Trade Unions, which later became SACTU

1946 active in the national mine workers strike as chairman of the sympathy strike committee and arrested

1952 involved in the Defiance Against Unjust Laws Campaign and arrested

1953 banned by the Minister of Justice

1954 going into exile to Britain

there continuing to work for the ANC and lending his glorious base voice to many good causes like the Campaign for Colonial Freedom, Free Angela Davis Campaign, and many, many more.

1970 He was part of the 'South Africa 70' show and a member of the Mayibuye cultural unit of the ANC .

Through his concerts and by training many choirs to sing the South African freedom songs and explaining the message they contained he reached thousands supporting the cause against Apartheid for a free South Africa.

There were choirs trained by him in Belgium, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, Wales, USA who all sung South African freedom songs and brought the message home to their people.

Died 22.10.1987 in London, United Kingdom