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The Observer, 8 November 1959, 8a, reported an appeal [quoted in blue] signed by Bertrand Russell, Isaiah Berlin, A. J. Ayer, Stuart Hampshire and Alan Bullock, 'prompted by the South African Government's "latest move to destroy liberty of thought by crushing university education for Africans"'; the Government 'has now seized control of university education for Africans and made it an offence for members of the staff to voice disapproval of political policies'. Support is requested for the Defence and Aid Fund, 'established to defend human liberty and dignity in Africa'.



Union Hall, University of Fort Hare, where nine members of staff had been dismissed for voicing 'disapproval of political policies', and 'in future the students themselves are to be carefully screened'

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