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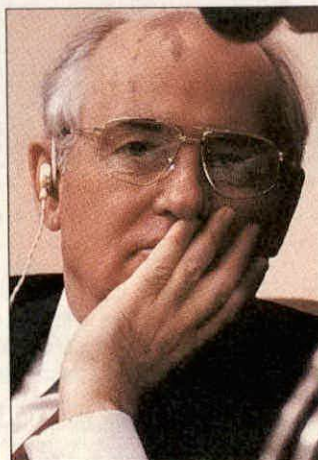
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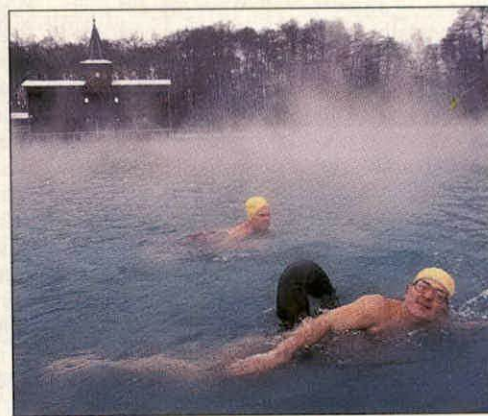
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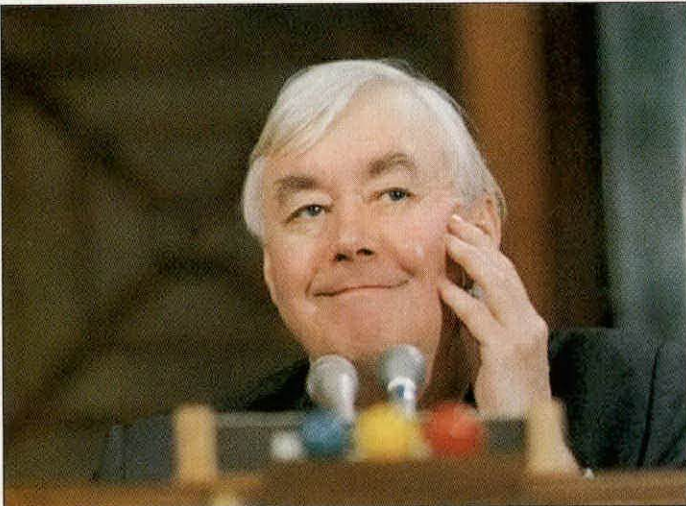
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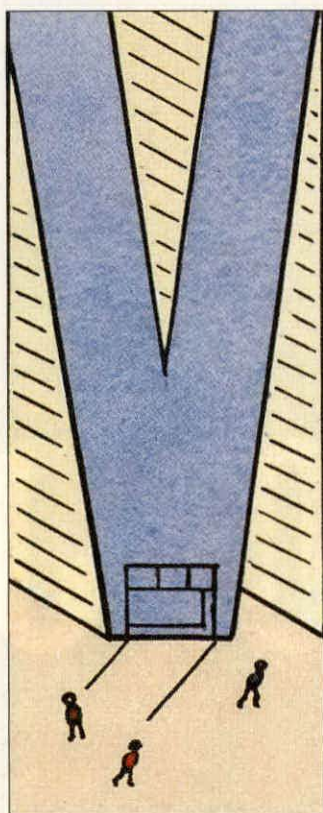


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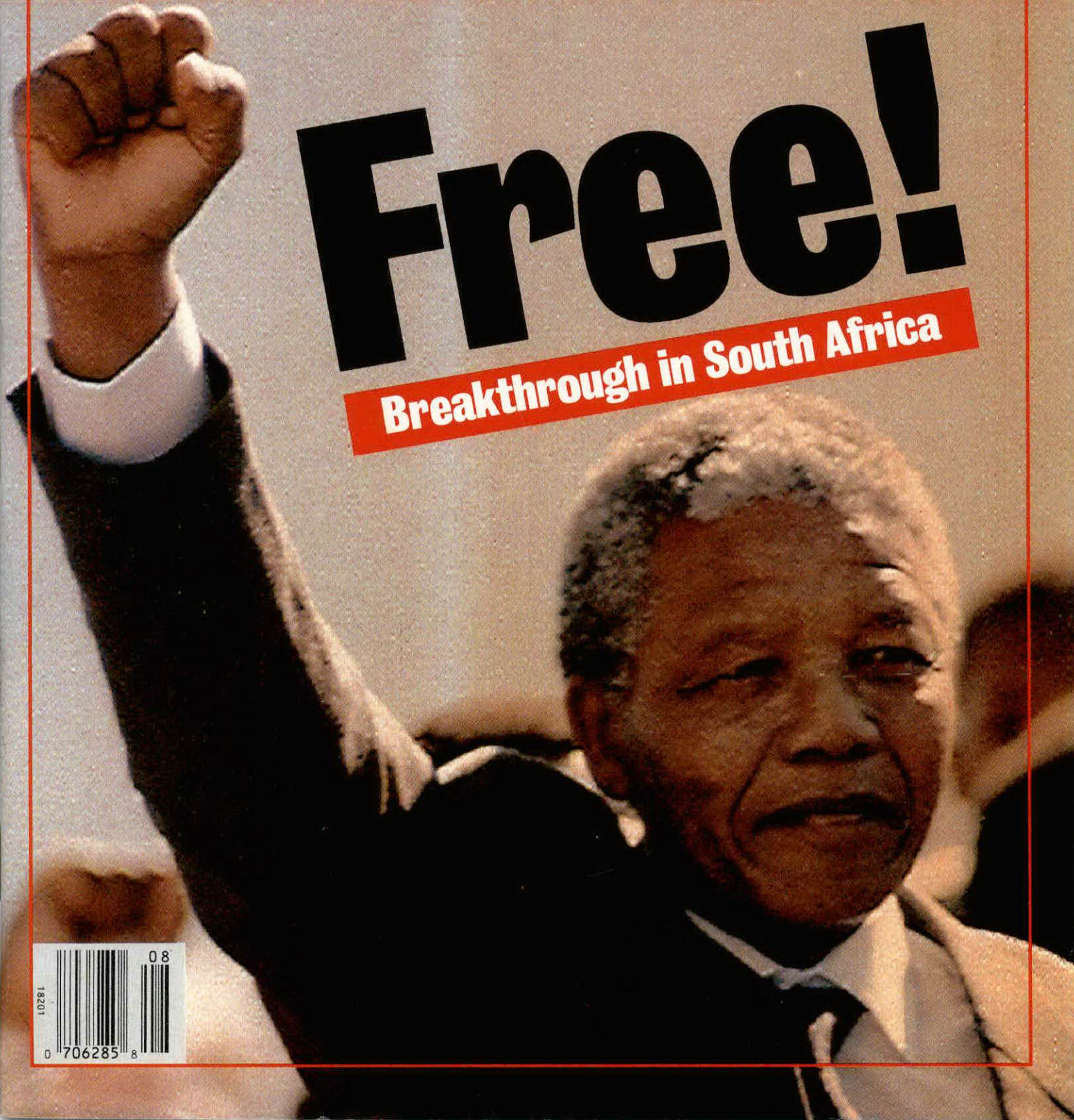
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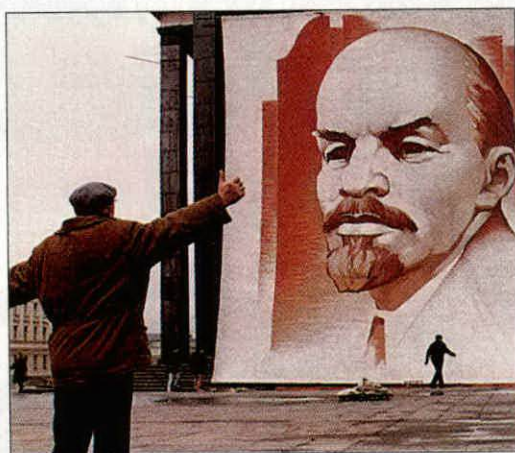




South Africa's hope for the future: The president and the prisoner

■ Freedom for Mandela

The moment had finally come. Last week South African President F. W. de Klerk announced the long-awaited release of Nelson Mandela, the black nationalist prisoner who has become a worldwide symbol of the struggle against apartheid. The move caused a backlash from right-wing whites but was greeted in segregated townships with euphoria. It may eventually end international sanctions against South Africa. Mandela's freedom alone, however, will not be enough. The road to a peaceful solution remains cratered with obstacles. **International: Page 36**



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■ Life Without Lenin

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