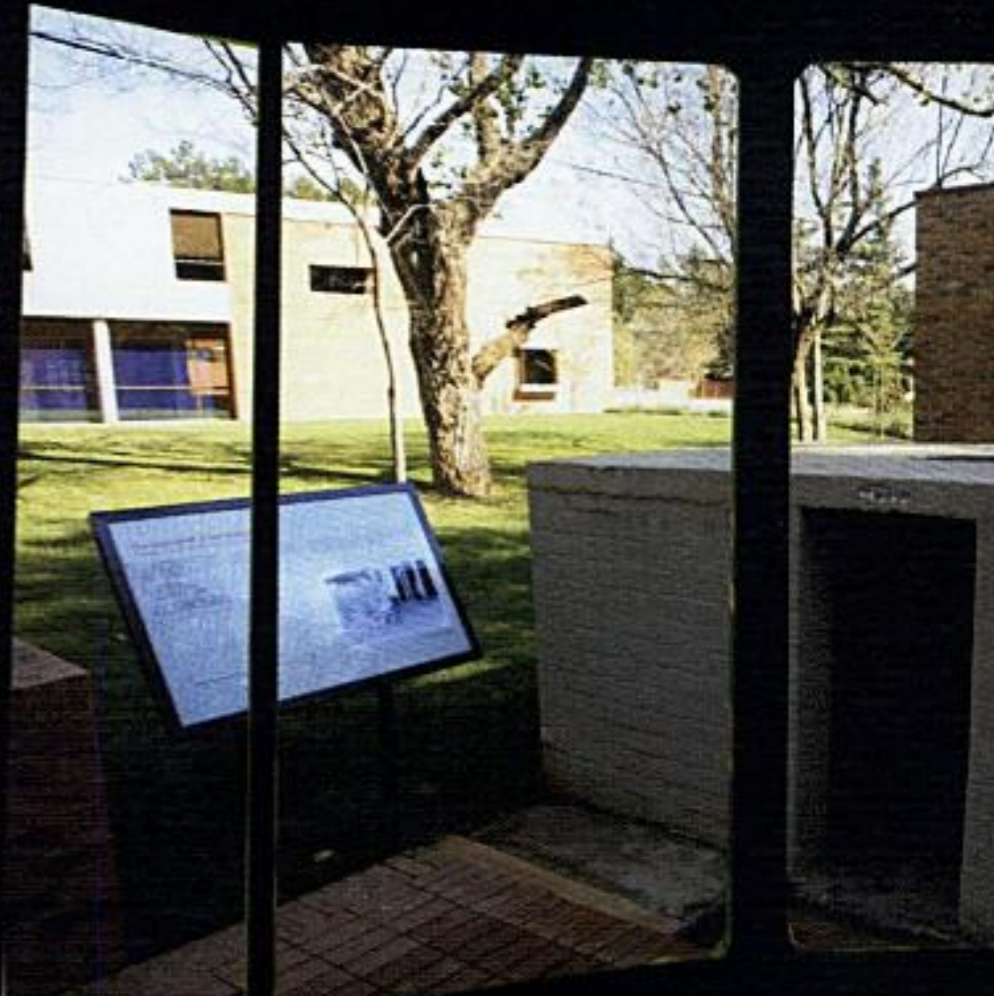


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In December afternoon in 1961, Nelson Mandela was sitting in this kitchen. On the radio, a news bulletin announced that Albert Luthuli, President of the ANC, had been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.



Liliesleaf Farm

'Accused Number 1: Nelson Mandela, Accused Number 2: Walter Sisulu and Accused Number 3: Dennis Goldberg. Collectively these three men served 75 years in prison for their political beliefs and actions which ultimately spurred a political and social revolution in South Africa some 27 years after they were imprisoned.'

Fact File ...

Liliesleaf is open to the public seven days a week from 08h00 – 18h00.

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Entrance Fees: R45 for adults and R30 for children 6-13 years.

Liliesleaf Farm personifies the beliefs, inspirations and aspirations of a unique group of leaders. It became the High Command of Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK). It started out as a refuge where senior Communist and ANC leaders met to discuss political and military strategy in the struggle against South Africa's apartheid government. Nelson Mandela, Govan Mbeki, Walter Sisulu, Ahmed Kathadra, Raymond Mhlaba, Bram Fisher and Harold Wolpe were some of South Africa's heroes who spent time there. Many of them were caught in the police raid of the farm on the 11th July 1963. They were subsequently tried in the 'Rivonia Trial' and were later to spend over 25 years in jail. The trial was one of the key turning points in the struggle against Apartheid, thrusting the situation in South Africa into the international arena.

Four decades later the farm has been restored and now houses a museum, a Resource Centre and a Liberation Centre as a tribute to the struggle for freedom. It is a place of learning and reflections. The exhibits are effective and beautifully done, and take advantage of the latest in technology, from a cabinet with many drawers, each holding something relevant to the struggle, and which when opened triggers a voice recording, to a state-of-the-art auditorium where a 12-minute film is shown. For anyone with an interest in South African politics and history, Liliesleaf Farm is well worth a visit. On the premises is a coffee shop which serves light meals, and a children's play area is still being developed.