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It is located at South Africa House , a building on Trafalgar Square , London . As well as containing the offices of the High Commissioner , the building also hosts the South African consulate . It has been a Grade II \* Listed Building since 1982 . <\/P> <H2> Contents <\/H2> <Ul> <Li> 1 History <\/Li> <Li> 2 See also <\/Li> <Li> 3 References <\/Li> <Li> 4 External links <\/Li> <\/Ul> <H2> History ( edit ) <\/H2> <P> South Africa House was built by Holland , Hannen & Cubitts in the 1930s on the site of what had been Morley 's Hotel until it was demolished in 1936 . The building was designed by Sir Herbert Baker , with architectural sculpture by Coert Steynberg and Sir Charles Wheeler , and opened in 1933 . The building was acquired by the government of South Africa as its main diplomatic presence in the UK . During World War II , Prime Minister Jan Smuts lived there while conducting South Africa 's war plans . <\/P> <P> In 1961 , South Africa became a republic , and withdrew from the Commonwealth due to its policy of racial segregation . Accordingly , the building became an Embassy , rather than a High Commission . During the 1980s , the building , which was one of the only South African diplomatic missions in a public area , was targeted by protesters from around the world . During the 1990 Poll Tax Riots , the building was set alight by rioters , although not seriously damaged . <\/P> <P> The first fully free democratic elections in South Africa were held on the 27 April 1994 , and 4 days later , the country rejoined the Commonwealth , 33 years to the day after it withdrew upon becoming a republic . Along with country 's diplomatic missions in other Commonwealth countries , the mission once again became a High Commission . <\/P> <P> Today , South Africa House is no longer a controversial site , and is the focal point of South African culture in the UK . South African President Nelson Mandela appeared on the balcony of South Africa House in 1996 , as part of his official UK state visit . In 2001 , Mandela again appeared on the balcony of South Africa House to mark the seventh anniversary of Freedom Day , when the apartheid system was officially abolished . <\/P> <H2> See also ( edit ) <\/H2> <Ul> <Li> List of diplomatic missions of South Africa <\/Li> <Li> High Commission of Canada to the United Kingdom <\/Li> <Li> High Commission of Uganda , London <\/Li> <\/Ul> <H2> References ( edit ) <\/H2> <Table> <Tr> <Td> <\/Td> <Td> Wikimedia Commons has media related to South Africa House , London . <\/Td> <\/Tr> <\/Table> <Ol> <Li> ^ Jump up to : `` The London Diplomatic List '' ( PDF ) . 14 December 2013 . Archived from the original ( PDF ) on 11 December 2013 . <\/Li> <Li> Jump up ^ Historic England . `` Details from listed building database ( 1066238 ) '' . National Heritage List for England . Retrieved 28 September 2015 . <\/Li> <Li> Jump up ^ Cubitts 1810 -- 1975 , published 1975 <\/Li> <Li> Jump up ^ `` The east side of Trafalgar Square '' . BHO . 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