

**Chris McGregor, 53,  
South African Jazzman**

PARIS (AFP) — Chris McGregor, 53, the first of South Africa's leading white jazz musicians to defy apartheid and play with blacks in black townships, died Saturday of lung cancer in Agen, France. He played the piano and flute and also composed.

His refusal to abide by the racial laws brought him into conflict with the authorities and in 1964 caused him to leave South Africa for Europe. In 1962, he formed the Blue Notes band with several prominent black musicians. At the end of the 1960s in London, the Blue Notes players and the British saxophonist John Surman formed the Brotherhood of Breath.