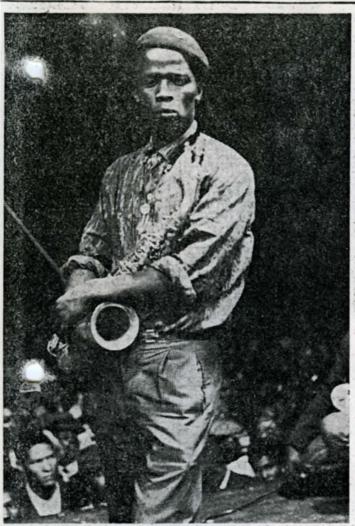
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JOHANNESBURG has its first permanent jazz club with a band led by Cape jazz-pianist Chris McGregor that includes saxophonist Dudu Pukwane (seen in the picture), trumpeter Mongezi Feza, drummer Louis Mohole and bassist Sammy Maritz—all young and ambitious players who were the cream of the National Jazz Festival in September. Tenor-saxophonist Nick Moyake will be joining them shortly from Port Elizabeth.

The backers of this venture, so encouraging to an musicians, are Mr. and Mrs. W. St. Moritz, and run a coffee bar in Hillbrow. As far as I know this is the only African band in South Africa that is led by a European. When the club opened on Wednesday night, the invited audience of 300 became anxious when the piane that had been ordered failed to arrive on time. However, the opening was delayed only a few minutes and the members of the band eventually heaved the piano up the fire escape into the large club room.