

# MAWU FOR SOCIALISM

The Metal and Allied Workers Union (MAWU) has come out in favour of building Socialism in a struggle led and controlled by the workers. This commitment was made by the union's first National Congress held in Johannesburg on 3-5 July 1986 attended by over 300 factory delegates. The Congress felt that workers must not only control their union- they must also lead the struggle for liberation in South Africa. "If workers are not at the head of the struggle, then there is no guarantee that the Botha Government will be replaced by Socialism."

MAWU said that socialism cannot be built without democracy.

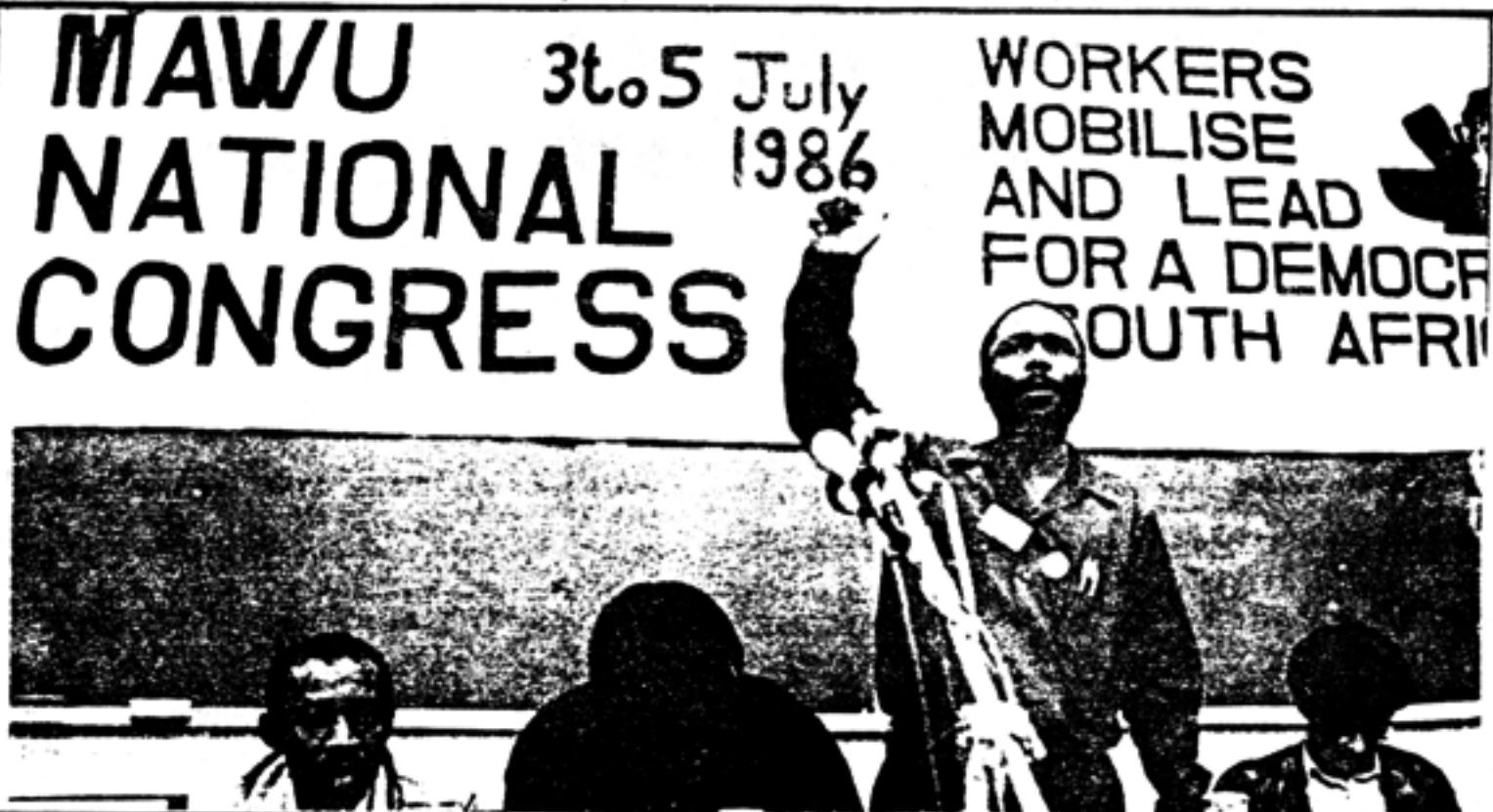
Democracy means that all must have freedom of speech and association, the right to recall leaders and government by majority.

Democratic practices must be established now. For this reason, MAWU insisted it will not dictate to its members which political parties they should belong to and MAWU will co-operate with all groups committed to the national liberation struggle and to the transformation of the economy.

Key MAWU shop Stewards and officials were not present because they were either detained or in hiding. In spite of this, every organised factory was represented which resulted in thorough debate on important issues facing MAWU, especially in the light of the State of Emergency.

MAWU is determined more than ever to achieve a living wage in the metal industry and to fight for economic and political justice.

Delegates stressed that in order to lead the struggle for socialism, workers need to have a clear programme of their demands and aims. This programme, according to MAWU, is very important if workers were to build "correct alliances" and "true socialism and democracy."



## AZAPO CONGRESS

Azapo's Congress, attended by 2000 delegates and observers, was held on the 13-14th of December 1986, at Port Elizabeth. Despite the heightened attacks against Azapo, the organisation remains committed to fight for a socialist society.

Some of the members elected onto the executive are: Comrades Nkosi Molala- President, Lybon Mabasa- Deputy President, Phambili Ntloko- National Organiser, George Wauchope- Secretary General, Mandla Nkosi- Political Education, Haroon Patel- Finance, Mtsweni- Transvaal President, Muntu Myeza- Publicity Secretary and Molaone Mqui- Projects Co-ordinator.