

Workers Summit

Delegates from NACTU, COSATU and unaffiliated unions met on the 26th and 27th of August. The summit was marked by a heavy police presence. Police videoed the meeting and placed restrictions. Nonetheless, the summit continued. The following resolutions were passed:

Resolution 1. Campaign against the LRA.

1 This workers summit noting:

1. The report received on:
 - 1.1. The LRAA Campaign
 - 1.2. The response of the members and the conclusions of the ballots.
 - 1.3. The meetings held with the employers and the recommendations made.

2. Having assessed the reports received in group discussions.

3. That SACCOLA and other employers continue to delay negotiations on the demands of the unions.

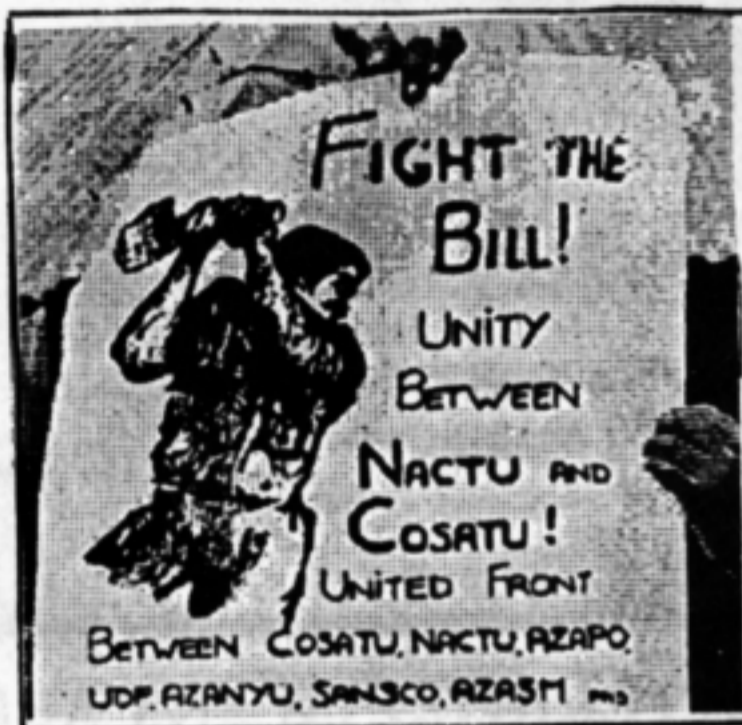
4. That employers have continued to use the offensive clauses to undermine the rights workers have negotiated and fought for over the years.

5. That the apartheid state is committed to a campaign to harass the militant trade union movement in an attempt to curb our activities.

**NOW THEREFORE
RESOLVES THAT:**

1. We continue to mount a campaign of non-violent peaceful protest against the LRAA.

2. Summit has formulated a programme of sustained peaceful action against the LRA until our demands are met.



3. Summit agrees to continue negotiations with the employers.
4. Summit continue report backs to our members at local, regional and national structures of our organisations.
5. To monitor the progress made with the employer organisations and make appropriate decisions regarding future action from time to time.

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Resolution 2. September Elections.

Noting that the 6 September represents the continued repression of the oppressed and exploited.

Noting further that community and political organisations are likely to take action against the racist elections.

RESOLVES:

That constituent members of this workers summit seek an urgent consultation to formulate a joint programme of action in opposition to state repression.

That consultations should be with all political and community organisations.

Resolution 3. Working Class Unity.

This summit commits itself to build working class unity and resolves therefore that:

1. Discussions take place in industrial sectors at local and regional level to discuss building working class unity.

2. That the National Co-ordinating committee set objectives and deadlines and monitor progress to collate the discussions which take place and to call a workers summit focussing on building working class unity.



RESOLUTION 4 STATE REPRESSION AGAINST THE UNION MOVEMENT.

Noting that;

1. The Apartheid regime is committed to a brutal strategy of repression to smash the progressive forces including the trade union movement in our country.
2. The LRAA is part and parcel of this overall strategy of repression against the labour movement.
3. This repression is aimed at denying our people the freedom of association and expression in all spheres of their lives.
4. The notice published and executed against the summit is a blatant example of this action.

Therefore resolves;

1. That our members will continue to intensify our struggle against all forms of repression, exploitation and oppression from whatever source.
2. That workers will continue the campaign to scrap the LRAA, until our demands are met.
3. That we will continue to resist restrictions placed on our right to freedom of political association and expression through non-violent peaceful mass actions in whatever form our members deem fit to use.
4. That we will defend our organisations against all actions by the apartheid state and employers.
5. To campaign for the release of all detainees, political prisoners and the lifting of the state of

emergency and an immediate end to Apartheid execution of our patriots.

6. That the summit fully support all steps to unify the working class in our struggle for a democratic and united South Africa free from oppression and exploitation.
7. Summit declares for the S.A. government and the whole world to know that this regime is still determined to undermine and destabilise our right to speak and meet, and our right to organise.
8. That the organised workers in the unions present condemn the police presence, the monitoring of the summit and the videoing of the proceedings and continue to assert our right to meet and democratically decide on issues which affect our lives on a daily basis.

Action Youth Forums.

Action Youth has held forums where crucial questions and issues of the day are discussed. The topics covered so far were: Namibia- Independence or Neo-Colonialism, Kenny Abrahams from Namibia gave the keynote speech.

Working-class Unity- the struggle for Socialism, comrades from CCAWUSA and FBWU delivered input papers.

The forums have proved popular and lively-many hundreds of people have attended. We intend to have regular forums. We hope it will be a place where comrades can seriously and freely debate the burning issues of our struggle.

