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BUSINESS CONFERENCE TO ALL AFRICA

Before last year actions from other countries of Africa though they satisfied the needs of workers in those countries they did not work hand in hand with conferences and businesses except business and conferences in different countries. There was a portion amongst people who were followers of communism and followers of the Westeners even it be so there are Christians and Islams. This again is a number of commerce and conferences which had no relation with these different bodies, each was independant.

By not coming together this caused indifferences from workers by different countries and the whole of Africa. They did not have the influence on countries or O.A.U. To add to this some countries were difficult towards commerce because they were afraid that it may interfere with the provincial authority eventually with the control government.

Though it is so in May 1973 commerce and conference of an African met. Aims of the meeting was to put differences caused by people overseas and to exclude them from commerce and conferences convened by O.A.T.U.U. which is a body above all Africa and overseas.

AIMS OF O.A.T.U.U. are :-

1. To have uniform the way conference (conferences in 4 different countries).
2. To promote good relationship.
3. To promote relationship and preaching how countries work.
4. To see that workers are not exploited through the colour of their skin.

There is at least 280,000 000 people here in South Africa. Amongst them millions are working (some full time or partial (partly)). There are 8 million members of O.A.T.U.U. which means only 1/6 of the members in South Africa are members; only after a year it came into existence. It is easy to realise that according these figures workers in Africa do important work for the whole country. It can be seen the countries which do not want Trade Unions of this kind will make its laws more stringent towards the unions of this kind. But O.A.T.U.U. has shown these countries that it does important work and that it brings together workers and the ruler in things to bring about Progress. It has shown that the workers have a share in the profits of their country being the labour of their hands. These countries realising the usefulness of O.A.T.U.U. and that it has the powers to press, it allowed the establishment of Trade Unions.

One of the reasons which accused O.A.T.U.U. to voice the grievances of the workers of the whole world is that workers should be allowed to strike for the goods produced by their hands to be sent to South Africa. There was a lot of controversy before a solution was reached. It was a solution was a little difficult when they realised that workers in South Africa did not have anybody on their behalf in their country.

O.A.T.U.U. pressed the wage gap should be done away with between the wages of a black man and a whites in South Africa and that workers should have Trade Unions. It suggested that

it would bring about the difference, that it may think leaving of these strikes. This is one of the agreements which were made by O.A.F.U.U. last year. What is necessary is that Trade Unions should have branches in the whole of Africa, which is allowed that any grievances be voiced of the whole world. In that way things which fall short things concerning organisati. of African Unity and the United Nations where ever these organisations want to take action in connection with things concerning countries in Africa.

THINK BEFORE YOU BUY

With a meagre salary of R14 per week of which R8 goes for rent, Dr Khuzwayo with a wife and three children still at school, he was not a wealthy man. His wife was not well and he had decided to buy her a radio.

On Friday after receiving his salary Dr. Khuzwayo went pass a shop. There were many radios displayed small and big; he liked one of them.

"That radio is very beautiful" says a salesman, "Look, it has this", pointing at certain things. "Do you want to buy it?" "Khuzwayo wanted something small. "How much have you got on you?", asks the salesman.

R14 replied Khuzwayo though he did not want to use it all.

Instead of the salesman telling Khuzwayo how much the radio costs, he merely told him that he would pay a small amount of R10 and that he would be expected to pay R2 per week. "You have got to think fast because there are other people who would like to buy it", says the salesman, telling lies.

SIGN HERE

"I will take it", says Khuzwayo very soon.

"Sign her", says the salesman smiling.

Dr Khuzwayo was very happy with what he had bought, that encouraged him to pay his instalments for his radio regularly for many many weeks. As the time went on he started to worry, because he could not effect payments regularly because his wife had to go to the hospital and his son did not have the money for school books. He then realized that he should have bought a cheaper one.

R20 was required at the hospital. This amount of money was wanted within a month. Money was scarce. He could not pay for his radio for the following four weeks.

He was faced with buying school books or pay for his radio which he had bought on account. He began to be disappointed.

GOODS WILL BE TAKEN

at this time he received a letter from the owners of the shop notifying him that if he does not pay they will come and take his radio. He tried to go to them to explain his difficulties, but they told him they had nothing to do with it, and further told him that all they are interested in is that he pays failing which they will take away his radio.

He started paying every week and then after four weeks, when he came home from work, he found that the owners of the shop had taken away the radio. The following day he went to the shop and he was told that he could get back the radio only if he pays the balance of R84 in full. He asked them to return his money. They laughed at him and asked him if he read on the form which he signed when he bought the radio.

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