

ERRATA - "DURBAN STRIKES 1973"

Textile Workers' Industrial Union (S.A.)

209 Malta House,
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The Institute of Industria Education,
4 Central Court,
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Dear Sirs,

By a unanimous decision of my National Executive Committee at its meeting held in Johannesburg on the 20th June, 1975, it was decided that your attention be drawn to a serious error appearing on page 28 (paragraph 3) of your publication "The Durban Strikes 1973". My Executive requests that the paragraph referred to be deleted and that the following errata be published in your monthly Bulletin as well as in all future copies of this book which otherwise, is a very interesting one.

CORRECTION: "Following the breakdown in negotiations, both parties to the National Industrial Council agreed that the Minister be requested to appoint an Arbitrator to make an award on the subject matter under dispute. The dispute was referred to the Industrial Tribunal which commenced at Compensation House, Pretoria on the 21st June, 1972 where the chairman was Mr. F.T. Viljoen. At the commencement of proceedings the Chairman announced that the parties to the dispute had no jurisdiction to discuss Annexure E (a previous arbitration award) which brought into being a differential wage based on sex in certain categories in the Textile Industry. Neither could the parties discuss the African workers. He also informed the trade union that in terms of the Industrial Conciliation Act fifteen

months' notice must be given to the Minister to have Annexure E removed from the Agreement.

In view of the advice given to us by various influential sources and also the remarks of the Chairman of the Tribunal, the trade union delegation very reluctantly concluded that in the interests of our workers it would be best to re-negotiate with the employers' association and not to proceed with the arbitration".

My National Executive Committee is disappointed and regrets that your Institute did not contact either the President of our Union - Mr. Warren - who is resident in Durban, or Mr. Daniels, General Secretary of the Union, both of whom attended the arbitration sittings in Pretoria.

Yours faithfully,

N. DANIELS
General Secretary.