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Trade unions notch a first

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In an unusual joint agreement, two unregistered trade unions have been recognised by a Tiger Oats subsidiary in East London

The KSM Milling Company has formally recognised the South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU) at its wheat mill and the African Food and Canning Workers Union (AFCWU) at its neighbouring animal feed plant

The agreement is an important breakthrough for SAAWU, which has hit concerted opposition from both the authorities and employers in East London and has reached only two other formal accords in the area

For the AFCWU, the agreement is the first bridgehead in the giant Tiger Oats group

**NEGOTIATIONS**

In terms of the agreement, signed by management yesterday, the unions receive joint rights, including wage negotiating rights

However, according to AFCWU general secretary, Mr Jan Theron, several rounds of wage negotiations have already taken place. The minimum wage for KSM's total 350-strong workforce had nearly doubled to R57 a week in these negotiations, he said

Mr Theron also revealed that the AFCWU was recognised by the East London plant of Epol — a Premier Milling subsidiary — in December last year

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# Manpower chief: Ciskeians UIF issue getting priority

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EAST LONDON — The Director General of Manpower, Dr P J van der Merwe, said yesterday that the problem of Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF) contributions by Ciskei residents was receiving attention at the "highest level"

He was commenting on the continuing uncertainty and tension over the issue Dr Van der Merwe said he was aware of criticisms by worker organisations in East London of the fact that they will lose their right to UIF benefits three years after Ciskei independence unless the Ciskei government institutes its own fund

"We are giving this our urgent attention as a matter of priority," he said

A circular has been sent out to employers by the Border Chamber of Industries (BCI) in an attempt to clarify the complicated issues involved

Mr David Saunders, the president of the BCI said the problem was that, like the controversial Preservation of Pensions Bill, employers were being caught between trade unions and legislation again

In early December at a meeting held by local trade unions the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) and the African Food and Canning Workers Union (AFCWU) about 1 500 workers elected to call for a refund of their UIF contributions

By PHILIP VAN NIEKERK  
Industrial Reporter

from their employers

According to a proclamation in the Government Gazette, Ciskei independence on December 4 last year significantly altered the position of workers in the Border region paying in to the UIF fund. These workers are, however, divided into several classes

Those workers living in Ciskei and working in Ciskei. For instance the workforce at Dimbaza, ceased to contribute to the fund from December 4. However, their benefits, if they become unemployed are to be preserved for three years after the date of independence

Commuter workers, such as those living in Mdantsane and working in East London, are regarded as contract workers. They are to continue paying UIF contributions until the anniversary date of their date of engagement at the factory

Like the first class of workers, their UIF benefits will be preserved until three years after independence. This class forms the bulk of workers in East London

Workers resident in South Africa, such as those at Duncan Village, will continue to contribute and

receive benefits as before even if they are Ciskeian citizens

To add to this, many employers who employ Transkeians have been deducting UIF payments from their employees for the past five years even though these payments were due to cease when Transkei became independent in 1976

The Assistant UIF Commissioner in Pretoria, Mr C J Vermeulen, said recently that South African employers were continuing to deduct UIF money from Transkei workers in spite of the fact that this was illegal

And a local employer said yesterday that his company had continued to deduct UIF payments from Transkei contract workers after 1976 because it would have meant reprogramming their computer for just a few workers

There has been no indication yet as to whether the Ciskei intends to set up its own UIF fund

Of the other independent states only Bophuthatswana has set up its own fund — there is no unemployment insurance for Transkeian or Venda contract workers

A spokesman for the

Manpower Department said yesterday that all homeland governments, on receiving independence were offered the option of a lump sum from the South African UIF to start their own fund or preserved benefits for workers three years after independence

Ciskei had chosen to transfer the fund in the same way as Transkei and Venda and if they wish to start their own fund now it would have to be without the initial help of a lump sum from the South African UIF

Dr Van der Merwe said he was not aware yet whether the Ciskei had decided to set up their own fund or not. "There is nothing to prevent them, but that is their decision"

Employers have indicated that they would be prepared to continue contributing to Ciskei UIF even though, as South African employers they are not bound to contribute to the fund of a foreign country

Even if Ciskei decides to institute its own fund (and some employers are confident that they will) difficulties still remain, according to the trade unions. At the inter-union meeting in December workers said their experience was that social security payments by homeland governments were erratic and they did not trust a fund run by Ciskei

In addition they raised

the difficulty of workers who had been contributing to the South African UIF for long periods, some times up to 30 years or more. When they start paying in to a Ciskei UIF, the question was asked, "do they start paying from the beginning or is their South African UIF record transferred?"

Mr Saunders said the Federated Chamber of Industries had been in contact with the Department of Manpower and they had been given the assurance that there would be flexibility in the implementation of the proclamation.

"The real challenge now is to ensure that there is proper communication between employers and employees, so that this whole matter can be sorted out equitably" — DDR

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Labour Reporter

The South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) has welcomed news that British trade unions are putting pressure on the giant Rowntree - Macintosh sweet firm to have its South African subsidiary change its attitude towards striking workers.

Early last year the Wilson-Rowntree plant in East London fired more than 500 workers after a dispute over dismissals.

Saawu, which represented many of the workers, initiated a countrywide boycott of Wilson Rowntree products and called on overseas trade unions for their support.

The Star's London Bureau reports this week that British trade unions have threatened the parent firm with industrial action unless Wilson - Rowntree changes its attitude to striking workers.

The powerful Distributive and Allied Workers' Union and the Transport and General Workers' Union have demanded that the dismissed workers be reinstated and Saawu be accorded a recognition agreement.

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# Saawu man stabbed dead court told

ZWELITSHA — One of the 42 members of the South African Allied Workers Union (SAAWU) facing charges in the regional court here was stabbed to death after the trial was postponed last year.

Advocate M. Brassey, appearing for the union, told the court at the resumption of the trial yesterday, that Mr Wellie Luthuli had been stabbed and was buried last week.

Advocate J W Jurgens, for the state said the trial would continue.

The state closed its case last year on November 27 and the hearing was postponed until yesterday. The Saawu members are

charged with incitement to public violence, under the Riotous Assemblies Act, unlawful gathering and two alternative charges.

Mr Thozamile Manelli, the first of the accused to testify, said he was a Saawu member and had been employed at a sweet factory in East London.

On September 6 last year he attended a Saawu meeting at a cinema in East London.

After the meeting he boarded a bus going to Mdantsane. The bus was diverted at the Mdantsane

bus terminus by the police to the Mdantsane police station.

There he and the other passengers were instructed to alight from the bus and were searched.

The names and addresses of the passengers were noted by the policemen.

He was later taken to Bell police station in Peddie.

On September 9 he was taken back to Mdantsane police station where he was held.

Under cross-examination Mr Manelli said that during the meet-

ing he did not take part in the deliberations. There was singing at the meeting and shouts of amandla.

Although other people sang and shouted on the bus he did not do so.

Mr Manelli said that he did not see people raise their fists on the bus.

Mr Charles Pepani, said on September 6 last year he was the driver of a bus which was boarded by many people in North End and near Frere Hospital.

There was singing in the bus which continued until

it reached the bus terminus at Mdantsane.

He could not hear the words of the song.

At the terminus when the passengers were about to disembark they were stopped by the police.

He was instructed by the police to drive the bus to the Mdantsane police station.

Mr Pepani said at the police station passengers were searched as they alighted from the bus.

He did not hear songs sung mentioning "a

leopard, Mandela, blood will flow, there will be explosion and gun shots."

Under cross examination Mr Pepani said there were a lot of people at the bus terminus but he did not see any disturbance.

There was no singing on the way to the police station.

Mr Thembelani Konongo, told the court he was a golf caddy. On September 6 he boarded a bus bound for Mdantsane.

At North End a lot of people boarded the bus and on the way there was singing.

He remembered only one song sung during the journey.

The words were "Saawu is difficult, it will confuse Charles Sebe-Izakumbida."

There was no shouting of slogans that "Charles Sebe be killed, Mandela is our leader, informers belong to them, up Mandela, down Ciskeian Government"

Mr Konongo said that he was detained at the police station and released the following Friday.

Under-cross examination he said, there were a lot of people in the bus and not all of them sang.

Mr Jurgens, for the state, pointed out that his evidence contradicted that given in a statement to the police.

Mr Konongo said the statement was never read back to him although he had signed it.

The hearing continues today — DDR

# 'Riot': Trialist stabbed to death

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Argus Bureau

EAST LONDON. — One of the 42 members of the South African Allied Workers' Union who are appearing in court in Zwaitsha near King William's Town has been stabbed to death. Mr Martin Brassey SC, defending, said yesterday.

The unionists, who are facing charges under the Riotous Assemblies Act, incitement to public violence, holding an unlawful gathering and two alternative charges, appeared in the Regional Court yesterday.

In an interview after the hearing Mr Brassey said he understood the man had died in a township fight on November 27.

The first of the accused to testify, Mr Thozamile

Maneli, told the court that on September 6 last year he had attended a SAAWU meeting in East London.

Afterwards he had boarded a bus to Mdantsane. At the Mdantsane bus terminus Ciskei police had prevented passengers from alighting and had instructed the bus driver to take them to the charge office.

At the charge office the passengers were searched and a list of names taken.

### NO SLOGANS

Under cross-examination Mr Maneli denied he had taken part in the meeting's proceedings. There had been singing and shouting of 'Amandla' at the meeting.

He also denied singing or shouting slogans on the bus while travelling to Mdantsane.

The bus driver, Mr C Pepani, said the unionists had sung on the bus but he could not remember hearing songs mentioning Mandela, a leopard, gunshots or that blood would flow.

He had also not seen any disturbances.

Mr Themelani Konongo, said in evidence that the only song sung he could remember said 'SAAWU is difficult, it will confuse Charles Sebe'.

He had heard no slogans shouted such as 'Charles Sebe be killed', 'Mandela is our leader', 'Informers belong to them', 'Up Mandela, down Ciskeian Government.'

(The trial continues today.)

ZWELITSHA — Judgment in a trial in which 41 members of the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) charged with incitement to public violence, under the Riotous Assemblies Act, unlawful gathering and two alternatives appearing in the regional court here, was postponed until February 15 and members allowed out on warning

The trial started on November 19 last year and yesterday the defence closed its case. After the state and defence advocates had addressed the court the magistrate, Mr J Kotze, said before giving judgment he would like to go through evidence recorded on tapes and would not only rely on notes taken during the trial.

Yesterday five members of Saawu testified in court. Mr Thobile Manqina, Mr Mawisa Goduka, Mr Genikhaya Mbiza, Mr Mboneli Landani and Mr David Thandani, told the court that they were not in the first bus that was diverted to the Mdantsane charge office on September 6 last by the police at the Highway bus terminus at Mdantsane. Mr Manqina and Mr Thandani claimed

they were in the second bus and Mr Goduka, Mr Mbiza and Mr Landani in the third bus.

They said there was singing in the bus and shouting of slogans but they did not join in. The buses they boarded never reached the Highway bus terminus at Mdantsane but on the way were diverted to the charge office at Mdantsane. They said their names were taken inside the charge office and not at the bus.

After the defence had closed its case the state re opened its case and called Sergeant Mlandeli Nonxuba. He told the court he took down a statement from a caddy Mr Thembelani Konongo. He read back the statement in Xhosa and administered an oath to Mr Konongo as

to the correctness of the statement. In the statement Mr Konongo said he heard the people in the bus saying Mandela was their leader. Mr Konongo when he gave evidence for the defence denied having said the people in the bus said Mandela was their leader.

Mr J W Jurgens, for the state, said all the members of Saawu had a common purpose. He said they were all in the first bus and it was common cause that there was singing, shouting and raising of fists in the bus. At the Highway bus terminus police had to defuse a potentially dangerous and explosive situation. He said the court should accept the evidence of the state witnesses and that all Saawu members should

be found guilty on all charges.

Mr M Brassey, for the unionists, said the state had failed to prove its case beyond reasonable doubt. It had not proved which members of Saawu had participated in the offences. The defence said six of the unionists were not in the first bus but the state was adamant and said they were in the first bus. He said only Mr Mandela Thoberweni was identified by Sergeant Ngwanya as one of the people who came out of the first bus.

Mr Brassey said there was no evidence as to who shouted the slogans 'up Mandela down Ciskei', 'Charles Sebe be killed', 'blood will flow' and 'there will be explosion and gun shots'. The state had not proved who the principal offenders were. He said the fact that the unionists happened to be in a bus did not establish common purpose.

Mr Brassey said the trial was of a highly political nature, a trial of strength between Saawu and the government. He applied for the acquittal of all the unionists on all the charges — DDR.

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# Saawu trial: judgment on February 15

Trade Union welcomes British support

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JOHANNESBURG  
The South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU) has welcomed news that British trade unions are putting pressure on the giant Rowntree-Mackintosh sweet firm to have its South African subsidiary change its attitude towards striking workers.

The Wilson-Rowntree plant in East London early last year saw more than 500 workers being fired after a dispute over dismissals.

SAAWU, which represented many of the workers, initiated a countrywide boycott campaign of Wilson-Rowntree products and called on overseas trade unions to lend support.

The Herald's London bureau reports that British trade unions have threatened the parent firm with industrial action unless Wilson-Rowntree changes its attitude to striking workers.

**POWERFUL**

The powerful Distributive and Allied Workers' Union and the Transport and General Workers Union have demanded that the dismissed workers be reinstated and SAAWU be accorded a recognition agreement.

Worker representatives at Rowntree-Mackintosh have supported these demands.

A SAAWU spokesman in East London said they welcomed international support for the dismissed workers.



# Unionist: State used to crush us

*D. B. Kater 25/11/82*  
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EAST LONDON — The state and management were acting together in an attempt to bleed the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) to death, speakers told a rally of more than 2 000 workers in the city hall here on Saturday afternoon.

The speakers listed the detention of Saawu's top three East London officials, the recent eviction of Saawu from their offices in central East London under the Group Areas Act and the dismissal of key union organisers from several factories in the past few weeks as evidence of the intentions of the state and management.

Johnson, said the strategy of the bosses was to sabotage the organisation of workers. He said this was done so that companies could pay what they liked and could treat workers as they wished.

“Workers are further disadvantaged by the state being used as an instrument to crush workers’ organisations. Our leaders are in jail without ever having been convicted of an offence and we are hounded from our offices because we are not white.”

Mr Mapunye said the only way to oppose this concerted onslaught was through strong shop floor organisation. “We must make every factory a fortress.”

Mr Godfrey Shiba, the acting branch chairman of Saawu, warned workers to be vigilant and not to be provoked into strike action. He said it was the strategy of the companies to get all Saawu members out of their jobs.

Mr Shiba said that when there was a strike all workers were fired and the company selectively re-employed the workers making sure the strong union members were not taken back.

He warned that the Manpower Development Centre in Mdantsane would be used to screen replacement workers from the rural areas to take the jobs of fired Saawu members.

Mr M Mdyogolo, the branch secretary of Saawu, said the union had been thrown out of its offices in East London in terms of the Group Areas Act. He said this was a law which had been made by the white parliament in Cape Town which never consulted black people.

He said the laws of the Nationalist government were Draconian and they allowed the bosses to exploit the workers. “The workers must know that we will always be disadvantaged by this government because it condones the exploitation of the workers.”

“We see around us numerous attempts at bleeding Saawu to death but we are building a solid united front to oppose these attacks. We must be unified in our struggle against the evils of apartheid, the exploitation of the bosses and this repressive society.”

“Our struggle will be a painful one and in the short term we are certain to have defeats. But if we are selfless and determined we are bound to win in the end.”

Mr Joe Mavi, president of the Black Municipality Workers’ Union in Johannesburg, said the workers of South Africa were being denied their inalienable rights. He sketched the historical background to the homelands policy and said blacks were now being made foreigners in the land of their birth.

“In the so-called independent homelands the South African Government has retreated from political control but retains financial control.” — DDR

LONDON — British trade unionists and anti-apartheid activists are planning further action against Rowntree Mackintosh in support of the company's workers in South Africa

They will be meeting on February 6 to decide on their course of action. The date will mark almost a year of strike action by 470

workers in South Africa

Britons supporting the South African workers marched through the streets of York at the weekend demanding that Wilson-Rowntree reinstate the workers who have been on strike for 11 months. They called on the company to recognise the South African Allied Workers' Union as a democratic trade union.

In what the York anti-apartheid group called the biggest show of support yet in Britain for the striking workers' demonstrators marched through the centre of York accompanied by a street theatre group and a bagpiper.

The march ended with an indoor rally which called on the South African Government and Ciskei

authorities to release all detained members of Saavu and 'end its harassment of the union'

The ancient city of York was chosen for

the demonstration because it is the international headquarters of Rowntree Mackintosh patent company of Wilson Rowntree

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# Move to destroy us, claims Saawu

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## Labour Reporter

The Government and managements were trying to destroy the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), a rally of more than 1000 workers was held in East London at the weekend

Saawu officials spoke of attempts to destroy the union through detentions and worker dismissals

Three senior Saawu officials were detained late last year, the meeting was told. They are Mr Thozamile Gqweta, president, Mr Sisa Njikelana, national organiser, and Mr Sam Kikine, general secretary

Saawu had recently been forced out of its downtown offices in

East London, apparently in terms of the Group Areas Act, and had earlier been forced from other premises, workers were told

Managements were accused of victimising union members in factories and resorting to mass dismissals in times of industrial unrest

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DURBAN. — Mr Isaac Ngcobo, branch treasurer of the South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU) in Durban, was detained by Security Police here this week and another union organiser is being held for questioning. Brigadier J R van den Hoven, head of the security branch in Port Natal, today confirmed that Mr Ngcobo had been detained under Section

# SAAWU official Ngcobo detained

22 of the General Law Amendment Act. The Act provides for a detention period of two weeks. The brigadier also said that Mr Azeem Kader, a SAAWU organiser, was being held at C R Swart police headquarters in

Durban, for questioning, but said he had not been detained. He would not say what Mr Kader was being questioned about, but assured concerned union leaders that he would be released as soon as the questioning was over.

Mr Ngcobo brings the number of known detainees in Durban to 21. The union's general secretary, Mr Sam Kikene, was detained in November last year in a nation-wide crackdown on labour officials, students and others.

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# Deadlock over worker demands

Argus Correspondent  
DURBAN. — The work  
stoppage by about 1200  
workers, comprising the  
entire black workforce at  
Defy's plant, entered its  
third day today as  
demands over pension  
contribution refunds  
remained unresolved.

The plant is at a stand-  
still and production was  
halted by the disruption.

A director of the firm,  
Mr R B Collie, said a

further round of talks  
aimed at resolving the  
deadlock would be held  
today.

However, prospects of  
an early breakthrough  
receded as officials of the  
South African Allied Wor-  
kers' Union (SAAWU),  
were locked in two hours  
of negotiations with the  
senior directors yesterday,  
continued to assess worker  
grievances and the  
employers' response to  
their demands

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# Defy workers strike again over pension fund payments

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Mercury Reporter

ALMOST the entire black workforce at the Defy plant in Jacobs have stopped work in an effort to have their pension contributions repaid

The Group Metal Industries Pension Fund, to which the Defy workers have to belong, was the centre of a strike at the Defy plant in November, and in spite of meetings between representatives of the fund and various trade unions, the issue of pension contribution withdrawals has not been settled

A Defy worker said yesterday that Monday's evening shift had refused to work. More than 2 000 workers were involved in the stoppage yesterday and production at the plant had come to a standstill, he said

An official for the South African Allied Workers' Union, who represent most of the Defy workers, said yes-

terday that a meeting was being held between representatives from the union, Defy and the Group Metal Industries Pension Fund

The outcome of the meeting is not yet known

## Grievances

In a statement released to workers yesterday two of Defy's directors, Mr R B Collie and Mr W Ferguson, said they were aware of the workers grievances and that the Defy Corporation had made an urgent application to the National Industrial Council to withdraw from the Group Metal Industries Pension Fund and start a private pension fund for Defy employees

The statement also said that the directors of Defy would continue to work for the establishment of a private pension fund to ensure that workers could receive their pension fund contributions as soon as it was legally possible

# Defy plant hit by pensions strike

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By Tony Davis  
Labour Reporter

The large Defy plant in Durban has again been hit by a pensions strike

The workforce of about 1200 went on strike on Tuesday over demands that management pay out their pension contributions. Workers were still out this morning while more talks were held.

The factory had a pension strike last October.

Talks with the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) seem to have been inconclusive. Workers object to the preservation clauses in the metal industry's pension fund which freeze contributions until retirement.

### SCHEME

The industry's umbrella body — the Steel and Engineering Industries Federation of SA (Seifsa) — only recently announced a scheme entitling former workers to their contributions if not re-engaged within six months of termination of service.

Talks were held between Defy management and Saawu officials over the pen-

sions issue. A management spokesman said Defy was willing to seek exemption from the metal industry's pension fund and allow workers to receive their contributions when they left.

Defy had already discussed the dispute with Seifsa, the spokesman said.

In Johannesburg, Seifsa's director, Mr Sam van Colfer, said the pension fund's board of management had analysed submissions from industry, unions and other sources dealing with the fund and was ready for face-to-face interviews.

**CAPE TOWN—Mortgage rates could rise again following yesterday's increased rates of interest on tax-free treasury bonds.**

Minister of Finance Owen Horwood said the interest rate on tax-free indefinite treasury bonds would be increased from 8,75 percent to 9,5 percent from February 1, 1982.

The Opposition spokesman on finance, Mr Harry Schwarz, MP, said this decision was 'a symptom of the escalating interest rates, and building society tax-free rates will have to go up'.

'This means mortgage rates will go up once again.'

It follows a prediction earlier this week by Mr H A Sloet, president of the Association of Building Societies, that the rate could go up by as much as 1 percent before the end of the month.

If the rate rose by 1 percent, it would mean that on a bond of R2,000 the monthly payment would be by R33,33.

**Defence bonds**

Mr Horwood said the decision meant that adjustments would also have to be made to conditions applicable to national defence bonds and defence bonus bonds. However due to technical problems this could not be done immediately.

He also announced that Treasury bills with redemption dates coinciding with tax payment dates would again be sold to provisional taxpayers.

Mr Horwood said the Reserve Bank had made arrangements to utilise that part of South Africa's official foreign reserves held in the form of special drawing rights to obtain foreign bridging finance.

Amounts which could be made available through this and the so-called 'reserve tranche' at the International Monetary Fund totalled R107,4 million and R115,2 million.

Mr Schwarz said this was 'an indication of the deteriorating foreign exchange position and particu-

larly the adverse current account of the balance of payments which has serious implications for the economy as a whole'.

In his statement, Mr Horwood also said a number of improvements in the method of issuing Government stock had been made recently, but after representations from market institutions and investors, it had been decided to experiment with one of the new marketing techniques which was receiving attention from the De Kock Commission.

The next issue by the Treasury was scheduled for April but as a test run, tenders would be invited for issue prices on the re-issue of two existing Government stocks.

Mr Schwarz said this decision meant that no long-term stock would be offered in the first half of 1982 and this would have the effect of pushing up rates on long-term stock.

Parliamentary Correspondent

**Govt move points to higher bond rates**

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# Union claims harassment

EAST LONDON — Security Police have raided the East London offices of the South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU) three times in the past two days, says a statement issued by the union's branch executive last night.

The statement said that a contingent of black security policemen visited the offices on Thursday and said the union had no right to operate in South Africa because the officials were "foreigners" from Ciskei.

"Today a group of four black security policemen from Cambridge ransacked our offices and took away documents.

"Two SAAWU officials, Miss Nomvuzo Tshetu and Mr Rani, were taken to Cambridge by the Security Police. They were released two hours later after being questioned.

"The Security Police later returned to our offices and handed in a list of four officials they wanted to report to the Cambridge police station," the statement said — Sapa

# Saawu claims raids on offices

Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON — The security police raided the local offices of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) three times last week, according to a statement by the branch executive of the union on night

The statement says this follows a visit by two officials of the East Cape Administration Board to the Saawu offices in Duncan Village on Wednesday, asking to see the union's permit to use the building — an old church hall

## Evicted

The union was evicted from its offices in central East London at the end of December and moved into its new offices recently

The union claimed that board officials also inquired about Saawu's activities and why they did not register (Saawu is an unregistered trade union). "They went away claiming they would be back, but they never turned up," the statement said.

It said a contingent of black security policemen had visited the offices on Thursday and had said the union had no right to operate in South Africa since the officials were "foreigners" from the Ciskei

"They said we were liable to a fine of R150 per person, questioned us about our activities, mentioned the two gentlemen

from the Ecab offices and boasted about the fact that we were evicted from our offices in East London

## 'Offices ransacked'

"Yesterday a group of four black security policemen from Cambridge ransacked our office and took away documents, among which were Wilson-Rowntree boycott pamphlets, copies of our newsletter, files and forms for a petition which we intended sending to the Minister of Police requesting the release of our detained leaders

"Two Saawu officials, Miss Nomvuzo Tshetu and Mr Rani, were taken to Cambridge by the security police. They were released two hours later after being subjected to questioning

"The security police later returned to our offices and handed over a list of four officials they wanted to report to the Cambridge police station"

The statement said such campaigns of harassment severely damaged the government's so-called labour reforms and clearly indicated that the State was involving itself in labour matters

"We view with great concern and indignation the arbitrary actions of the security police, a sign of naked hostility against the independent trade union movement"

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*D. Dispatch*  
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**EL service**  
**for Aggett**

EAST LONDON — A memorial service for Dr Neil Aggett, the trade unionist who died in detention last week, will be held in the city hall here tomorrow at 5 30 pm

This was announced yesterday by Miss Debra Komose, the local branch secretary of the African Food and Canning Workers' Union (AFCWU). Dr Aggett was Transvaal branch secretary of the union.

Meanwhile two other unions with strong East London membership, the General Workers' Union and the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), have endorsed the call by the AFCWU to employers and workers to observe a half hour work stoppage on Thursday in memory of Dr Aggett.

Mr Herbert Barnabas, the national organiser of Saawu, said Dr Aggett had been largely responsible for helping Saawu get off the ground in the Transvaal. He said all Saawu members mourned his death.

The Detainees' Parents Support Committee held its weekly placard demonstration outside John Vorster Square in Johannesburg, where Dr Aggett died, yesterday morning — but this week each member held two placards instead of one and wore black armbands of mourning.

"We feel helpless against Section 6 of the General Laws Amendment Act because there is so little we can do in terms of legal action," parents of detainees said after a meeting on possible action against detention without trial.

"We nevertheless would like to see that independent doctors be allowed to visit all detainees," a spokesman for the parents' committee said.

● A police spokesman said yesterday that the decision to perform an

autopsy on Dr Aggett almost immediately had been taken by the state pathologist and had not been requested by the police.

The state pathologist, who started the post-mortem only hours after Dr Aggett's body was found hanging at John Vorster Square, immediately halted the autopsy when told the Aggett family wanted their own pathologist present — DDR-DDC

# Union backs day of mourning call for Dr Aggett

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By JIMMY MATYU

THE South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) has called on its members to regard tomorrow as a national day of mourning, stop work for 30 minutes and to wear black armbands until after the funeral of Dr Neil Aggett on Saturday.

Dr Aggett, Transvaal secretary of the African Food and Canning Workers' Union, died in detention last week.

Speaking from Durban, Mr Godfrey Shiba, vice-president of Saawu's East London branch, said today that many firms, particularly in Durban, had responded well to the call and promised to let their employees observe the 30-minute mourning period.

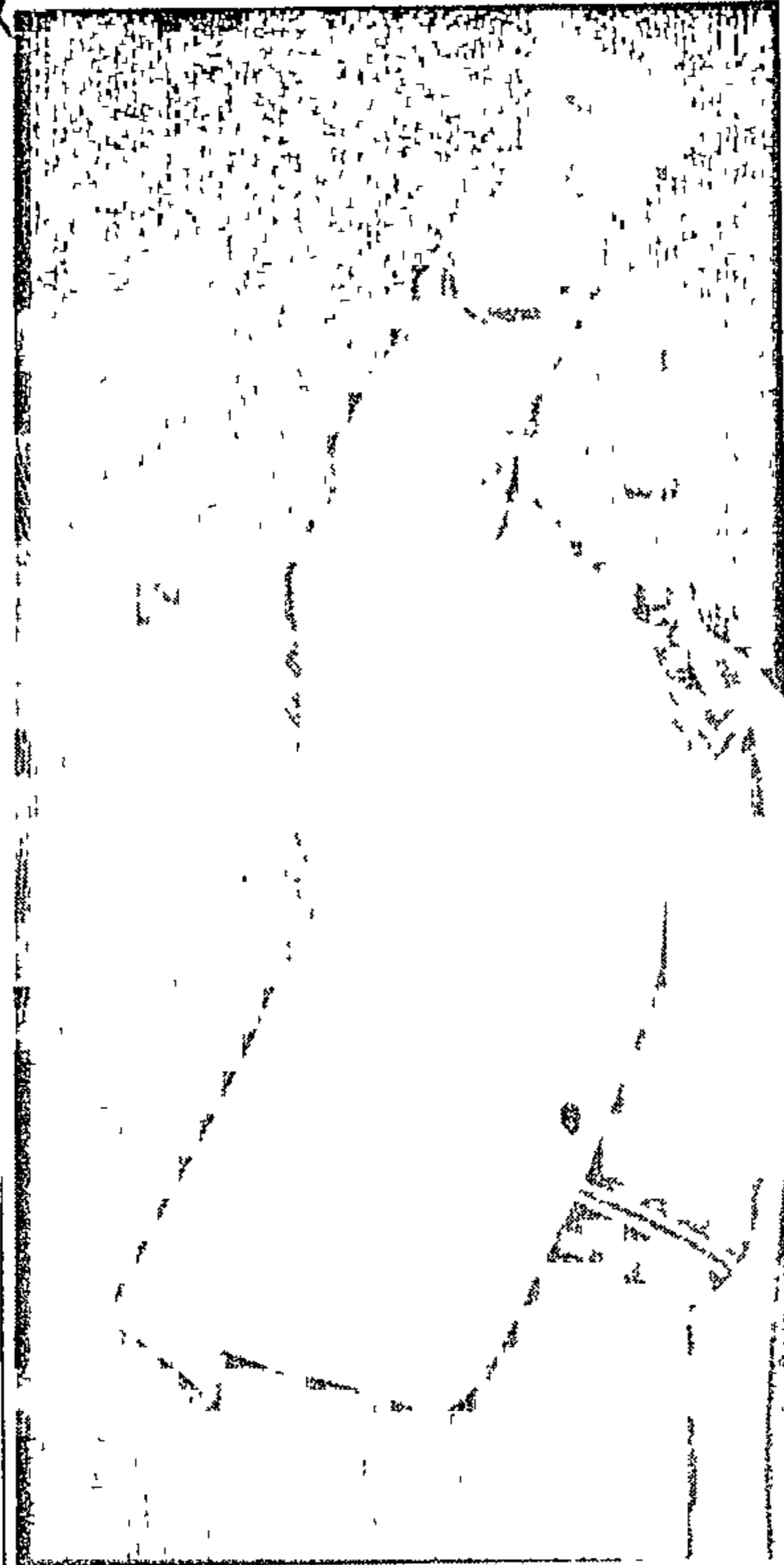
A memorial service would also be held in East London today, he said.

His organisation, which is represented in 67 companies, had received co-operation from some of the managements and the workers would observe the 30-minute work stoppage, Mr Zini said.

● A joint meeting of all members of Macwusa and the General Workers' Union of South Africa (Gwusa) will be held in the Centenary Great Hall in New Brighton today at 6pm.

The meeting will discuss forms of procedures to be observed during the half-hour work stoppage tomorrow.

● See Page 2



The branch chairman of the African Food and Canning Workers Union, Mr Ernest Qwasha, left, and the chairman of the memorial service for Dr Neil Aggett, Mr Joe Kobo, address the crowd at the City Hall

## Aggett death: Sash protest

EAST LONDON — Members of the Border region of the Black Sash took turns in one woman stands at the City Hall yesterday with a black-edged placard reading "Another death in detention"

They were joining a country-wide silent protest by Sash members against the death in detention of Dr Neil Aggett

The Border Black Sash organiser Mrs Nora Squines said later "It is less than two weeks since we held our last stand which was to mark the opening of Parliament"

"Our message then was 'Parliament opens govern justly — no detentions'"

"It is tragic that we had to stand today to mourn a death in detention" — DDR

# Service told of unionist's sacrifices

EAST LONDON — Dr Neil Aggett the trade unionist who died in detention last week, was a white man who forewent his privileges to seek a better life for blacks, speakers said at a memorial service in his honour here last night

The service, held in the city hall, was attended by about 1 500 people and was addressed by representatives of the African Food and Canning Workers Union (AFCWU) the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu), the General Workers Union (GWU), the United Women's Organisation (UWO) and the Congress of South African Students (Cosas)

Mr Ernest Qwasha, the branch chairman of the AFCWU, the union of which Dr Aggett was the Transvaal secretary said that despite being born into privilege Dr Aggett had seen himself as a human being first and foremost

"Now that Dr Aggett is dead the struggle of the workers for the improvement of this system has not died with him," Mr Qwasha said "But his death has not gone unnoticed by the workers and it will only strengthen us in our resolve"

Mr Welile Mzozonyana a former branch chairman of the union, said the world had greeted Dr Aggett's death with shock "It was not the fact that he died but the circumstances of his death which have caused so much concern" he said

Mr Mzozonyana praised Dr Aggett as "a man who had chosen to be a South African rather than a white man — no matter what big brother said"

"He was a strong opponent of apartheid and all its attendant evils and I weep at this unnecessary death because I am also strongly opposed to apartheid"

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"The whole of South Africa has been robbed by his untimely death. He was one of the very few white people who reached across the chasm of apartheid to stand side by side with his fellow South Africans"

Mr Joe Kobo, the chairman of the meeting, said the cause Dr Aggett had aspired to was a non-racial future "Dr Aggett was a typical example of what we aspire to. He represented a South Africa of tomorrow"

Mr Kobo said the rulers of South Africa had never asked the black masses what they wanted as a solution "They are scared because they think we want to replace white domination with black domination. That is not true — we want a country where colour means nothing"

In Grahamstown academic technical and general staff at Rhodes University will join a half hour work stoppage today to mourn the death of Dr Aggett

A meeting of staff and students will be held in the university's Great Hall in memory of Dr Aggett who attended Kingswood College in Grahamstown before going on to medical school, and to protest against detention without trial

The Vice-Chancellor of Rhodes, Dr Derek Henderson, agreed last night to the stoppage provided that no open air meetings were held on campus

Stoppages are also planned in other centres throughout South Africa

A funeral service for Dr Aggett will be held in Johannesburg on Saturday — DDR-DDC

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# Aggett: Thousands stop

by Tony Davis, Drew

Arrest and John Allen  
tens of thousands of  
workers countrywide to-  
day downed tools in  
protest against the  
death in detention last  
week of leading trade  
unionist Dr Neil Aggett.

Early indications  
were that the response  
to the call for the half-  
hour stoppage — be-  
tween 11 30 and noon —  
has been good.

Heavy support for  
the stoppage came  
from thousands of  
workers in the coun-  
try's motor industry in  
Port Elizabeth, Uiten-  
hage area and Pretoria.

At the time of going  
to press it was difficult  
to ascertain the full ex-  
tent of the stoppages.  
Numerous reports  
of some form of protest  
action were received  
across the coun-  
try.

It was a move that  
crossed the colour  
bar and brought "sym-  
pathetic" and "under-  
standing" responses  
from many companies  
and protesting  
workers.

Dr Aggett's African  
Workers' Union (AWU)  
said about 20 000  
workers in the Eastern  
Cape area and about

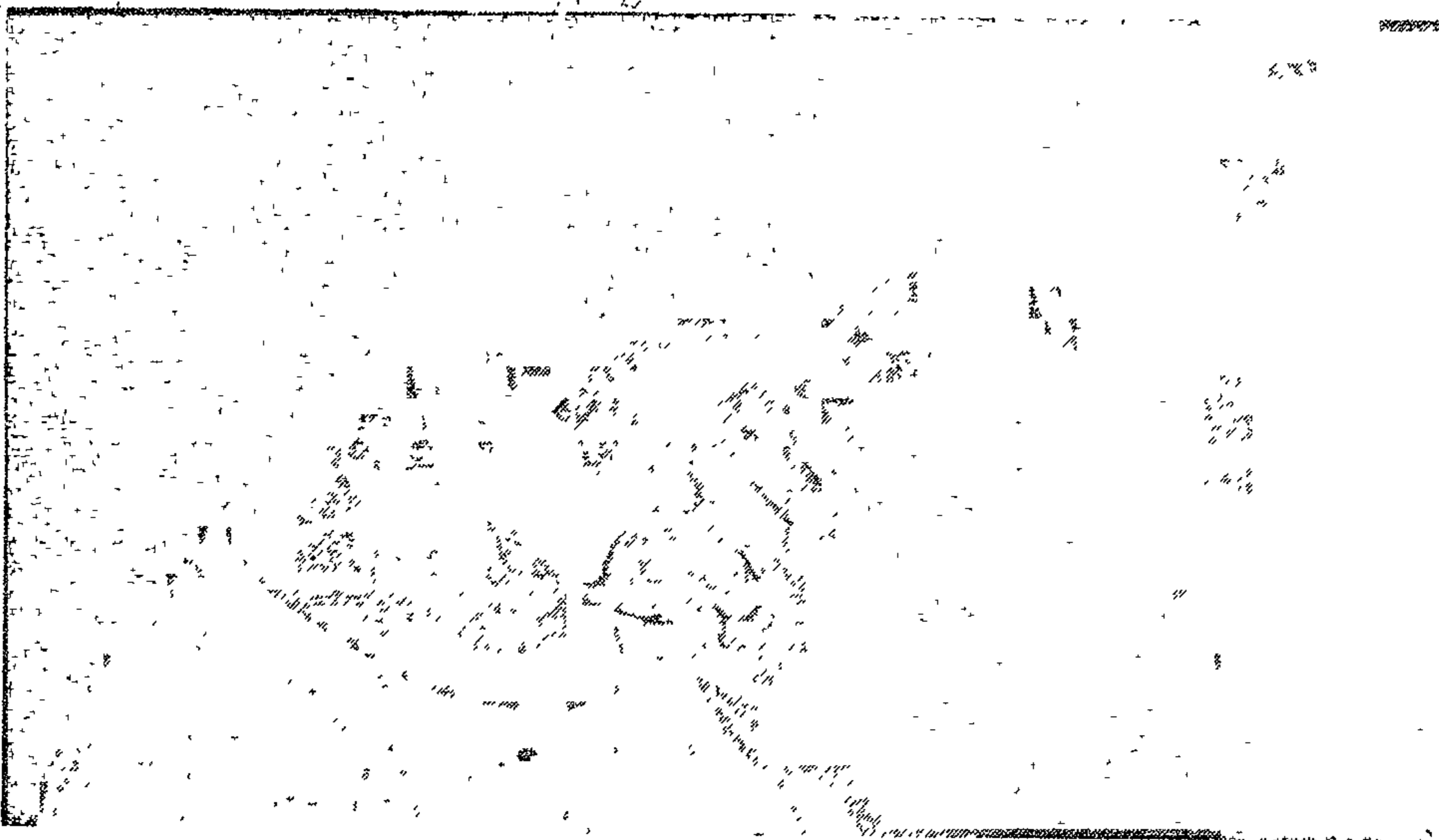
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Maritzburg at  
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the East Rand  
was varying sup-  
port of stoppage at  
Chemical in Boks-  
burg 60 percent at  
Chester and Hansen  
in Midrand.

of the 2 000  
workers at the large  
Hendler and Hender  
tal plant in Boks-  
burg also downed tools.  
The large Siemens  
plant in Isando more  
than half the work-  
ers observed the pro-

worker protests have  
been peaceful and the  
stoppages have varied  
between five and 30  
minutes. Stoppages will  
be held tonight for  
shift workers.



The face of grief — Mrs Penelope Mayson, wife of detainee and former Methodist minister Mr Cedric Mayson, was overwhelmed with emotion at the mass meeting at Wits University today.

Other firms in the  
PWV area which re-  
ported some form of  
protest included Col-  
gate Palmolive in Boks-  
burg, Premier Paper in  
Khriviet, Chloride  
Batteries in Benoni and  
Kellogg SA in Springs.

At Port Elizabeth  
companies organised by  
Fosatu affiliated work-  
ers and their hundreds  
met and observed a mi-  
nute's prayer and then  
sang "Nkosi Sikelel'  
iAfrika".

The Star's East Lon-  
don correspondent re-  
ports that 3 000 workers  
at six companies joined  
in the protest.

These included the  
giant CDA motor assem-  
bly plant and the Ameri-  
can multinational John-  
son and Johnson.

Transvaal unions con-  
demned yesterday's po-  
lice action in which  
20 000 support stoppage  
stickers were seized at  
the printers in Johan-  
nesburg.

An official of Fosatu's  
National Union of Tex-  
tile Workers claimed  
about 17 000 workers at  
mills across the country  
observed the stoppage.

The Paper, Wood and  
Allied Workers' Union

feared that management  
of the Sappi pulp and  
paper group would take  
disciplinary action  
against workers.

The chief executive of  
Sappi Mr Eugene van  
As had previously warn-  
ed that any stoppage  
would be viewed as  
"illegal".

Officials of Dr Ag-  
gett's African Worker's  
and Canning Worker's  
Union in Cape Town  
said today there had  
been stoppages at  
several firms.

These included Fattis  
and Monis, Sasko, SA  
Milbng, SA Sea Pro-  
ducts and Sea Harves.

At a meeting attend-  
ed by about 1 200 people in  
the University Great  
Hall, the principal and  
vice-chancellor, Profes-  
sor D J du Plessis, said  
"A civilised nation  
should not allow this  
type of outrage".

Three university staff  
associations, the SRC,  
The Black Students' So-  
ciety and a representa-  
tive of the Detainees'  
Parents Support Com-  
mittee, called for the  
abolition of detention  
without trial and for  
the release or charging  
of detainees.

Many of the state-

ments were greeted by  
standing ovations dur-  
ing the emotional  
gathering.

At noon Dr Jennifer  
Thomson, chairman of  
the Academic Staff As-  
sociation and co chair-  
man of the meeting,  
called for two-minute  
silence.

At the end of this  
many in the audience  
sang "Nkosi Sikelel'  
iAfrika" raised clenched  
fists and shouted  
"Amandla, Awethu".

The president of the  
Wits SRC, Mr Jeremy  
Clark, said today was  
the first time the uni-  
versity had come out "in  
support of trade unions  
and the working class  
of this country".

Professor du Plessis  
said the meeting was  
paying tribute to "one  
who lost his life in the  
pursuit of an ideal".

The fact that this  
ideal had not been  
shared by those in power  
had been no reason for  
him to die.

Whatever the cause of  
his death it was the  
result of a method of  
detention which did not  
belong in a civilised  
country.

Whatever the explan-  
ations and excuses of-  
fered, it was a "disgrace  
to our country and its  
people and a hindrance  
to good human rela-  
tions".

Dealing with "our  
role in this dreadful  
phase of South African  
history," Professor du  
Plessis said protest was  
essential but should not  
turn into the destruc-  
tive behaviour of those  
who despaired.

The university had to  
demonstrate that it had  
a greater maturity than  
those responsible for  
the conditions under  
which Dr Aggett had  
been detained.

It had a positive role  
— the creation of a  
community which  
served as an example to  
others and was guided  
by tolerance and sensi-  
tivity.

Dr Thomson, speak-  
ing for the Academic  
Staff Association, said  
Dr Aggett had been  
guilty of no crime  
other than working  
courageously for a just  
and democratic society.

"We shall never give

up this fight until jus-  
tice prevails," he said.

Some students hissed  
at senior members of  
the academic staff  
when they left the  
meeting at the end of  
the official university  
work stoppage.

But Mr Clark ordered  
them to be quiet before  
explaining the reason  
for their departure.

The Black University  
Workers' Association  
said in a statement  
"Like Biko, Dr Aggett  
will cause the South  
African authorities  
more trouble in his  
grave than when he  
was alive".

The Administrative  
and Library Staff Asso-  
ciation said although  
it normally adopted a  
low profile, current  
events had made neu-  
trality impossible.

The Australian Coun-  
cil of Trade Unions is  
to call on its member  
unions to impose week-  
long bans on South  
African shipping and  
air services in protest.  
ACTU president Cliff  
Dolan said in Melbourne  
today.

## Top he trainer quit TVL

By Andrew Davidson

Champion racehorse trainer  
Barnard is to leave the Rand. The  
old former English riding instru-  
tor to move to Cape Town at the  
end of the racing season.

Mrs Barnard told The  
Star exclusively today  
that the main reason for  
her planned move was  
the health of her hus-  
band Philip, a former  
Royal Air Force pilot  
who has had heart  
trouble for several  
years.

"I think the climate  
in the Cape will suit him  
better," said Mrs Bar-  
nard.

The Vaal trainer has  
not always got on with  
other Rand trainers but  
this, she said, did not  
influence her decision  
to move. But she did  
admit there had been  
some unpleasant  
incidents with other  
trainers.

The Jean Barnard  
stable currently the  
most successful in the  
Transvaal with 49  
winners to date has a  
string of about 80  
horses.

Mrs Barnard said she

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# POLICE CALLED AS 59 BLIND WORKERS DIG IN THEIR HEELS CHARGED!

FIFTY - NINE blind workers dismissed this week from the Natal African Blind Society's factory in Umlazi were yesterday charged with trespassing after they refused to leave the hostel at the factory.

John Randles, director of the society, confirmed yesterday he had charged the workers with trespassing and pointed out it was up to the Umlazi police to decide whether to move them off the premises.

But the workers, who were fired after striking in protest against increased accommodation and food deductions, were adamant yesterday they would not leave the Enduduzweni hostel — which they regard as their home.

A worker spokesman, Michael Sangweni, said: "We want them to take us to court. The court must decide whether we should leave our homes or not."

The workers were given until 10am yesterday to quit the hostel. But by late yesterday afternoon they had not been moved off the premises by the police. Earlier police had visited the hostel to tell them they were breaking the law.

Matters came to a head at the factory this week when the 59 workers employed by the Natal African Blind Society to make cane products and weave were fired after an almost week-long strike.

They downed tools after their boarding and food deductions were increased by about R1,50 a week to R2,50 a week.



John Randles ... called the police

They were not interested in our suggestions although they had asked for them. We went on strike as a last resort to try to make

By SHAMI HARICHUNDER

them realise we are opposed to different rates. "All we want is a uniform deduction which we all will be able to meet. After all, we are not earning fat salaries."

According to the Blind Allied Workers' Union, wages at the factory ranges from R8 a week to R22 a week.

When Mr Randles was contacted at the factory yesterday morning, he confirmed he had made a complaint to the police that the workers were trespassing and said he had warned them on Thursday that they were illegally on the premises

He also said the dismissed workers were given an opportunity to reapply for their jobs

But a short while after the interview Mr Randles and three police officers approached photographer Morris Reddy and me and asked us to leave the premises

Mr Randles complained that we were trespassing

The police gave us a few minutes to leave. They said we would be arrested if we entered the township without a permit

Barry Johnstone, president of the society, refused to comment on the police involvement and other developments saying he would first have to talk to Mr Randles.

The society — a non-profit welfare organisation — justified the increase by saying the hostel was running at a "tremendous loss". Mr Sangweni said the workers are unhappy with the new deductions, not because of the increase, but because each were being charged different rates for food and lodging and also because their request to cook their own food — which would cut costs — had been refused by management

"In the middle of the dispute management gave us the option of finding our own accommodation but continuing to work for them. This was unacceptable cause it is almost impossible to find housing in Umlazi."

He claimed the society went ahead and increased deductions, even though it had asked workers for suggestions.

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12.2 EXERCISE: ACTIVE LISTENING

OBJECTIVE: To assess your listening habits.

DIRECTIONS: Check yourself honestly on the following points. Don't try to give "right" answers. Only one who needs to see this, and little value if you don't answer accordingly.

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in recent just what the scheme involved We have no objections to extensions to the hotel to make it viable But the extent of the development along the very boundaries of the site (the condominium) is unreasonable and not in keeping with the area

One resident pointed out that within the hotel precincts, the developers had planned for a hand dresser, sweet and fruit shop and a delicatessen This raised fears that the condominiums would turn out to be nothing but flats

Apart from the objections to the proximity of the development, residents had no guarantees in the event of the hotel failing and the consequent future use of the units

## Lost bail cheques cancelled

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The lost bail cheques for four alleged Seychelles mercenaries, totalling R25 000, were cancelled by the Reserve Bank soon after new cheques had been issued by the bank

This was stated yesterday by the managing director of the freight company which handled the lost cheques, and confirmed by a police spokesman investigating the case

Mr J Austin, managing director of ADF Freight Services, said yesterday that he had been informed that the Reserve Bank had cancelled the four cheques made out to L Baxter

The money was to pay bail for Colonel "Mike" Hoare, Mr Peter Duffy, Mr Ken Dalgleish and Mr Charles Goatly — all of whom allegedly took part in the seizing of an Air India Boeing after an aborted coup in the Seychelles earlier this year

The cheques were believed to have been lost in the process of opening a packet, which included other items as well as the cheques, in the offices of the freight company in Durban last week

## Allied Union trial put off again

Own Correspondent

ZWELITSHA — Judgment in the trial of 41 members of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) which was supposed to have been given yesterday, has been postponed to Friday

The unionists, charged with incitement to public violence under the Assemblies Act, unlawful gathering and two alternatives, have been allowed out on warning

Second time

This is the second time the trial has been postponed

On January 19, after the State and defence had closed their cases, Mr J Kotze, the Regional Court magistrate, stated that before giving judgment he wanted to go through the recorded evidence rather than rely on notes taken during the trial He postponed judgment till yesterday When the trial was resumed yesterday one of the unionists, Mr Nuku Kolisi, was not in court

No explanation

Mr J Clark, instructing attorney for the defence, told the court he had been given no explanation for the absence of Mr Kolisi He suggested a warrant of arrest be authorized, but temporarily withheld

Mr J W Jurgens, for the State, agreed with Mr Clark that the issuing of the warrant should be withheld till Friday

Mr Kotze then adjourned the trial to Friday

Progressive Federal Party

## Awards amputated on mine

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Working under falling rock in a tiny, dusty, enclave hundreds of metres underground, a doctor and a nursing sister last year carried out an intricate operation to amputate the leg of a trapped miner and saved his life

Last night, at a ceremony in Nababeep, Northern Cape, Dr P Le Clus and Sister J C van der Merwe received awards for outstanding bravery The story of their heroism was described as "one of the most stirring in the history of the mining industry"

The drama occurred on October 15 last year — a hot, dark night A copper miner, Mr Willem Bakker, lay screaming for help — trapped under hundreds of tons of rock after a rockfall on the 2384 level of the O'okiep Copper Mine Company's Carolusberg Mine

But he could not be seen through a haze of continually falling rock and was unable to move

Collapse

Mr Bakker was one of three victims of the rockfall, or, in miners' language, "the collapse of a large section of scooptram drawpoint brow"

A labourer, Mr T Qoboka, was killed instantly when a piece of rock weighing 20 tons crashed down on him

The story of Mr Bakker's rescue was recalled at the gathering in Nababeep last night when the President of the Chamber of Mines, Mr L W P van den Bosch, made the Chamber of Mines' Bravery Award to Dr Le Clus, Sister van der Merwe and several mine officials

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13.25 percent on bonds of less than R10 000 to 15.25 percent on those above R10 000.

It was hoped that the new rise would be the last this year, said Mr Hart, "but we can give no guarantee"

From the announcement of the rates yesterday it is clear that the building societies failed to obtain an increase in their fully tax-free rates at a meeting in Cape Town last week with the Minister of Finance, Mr



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**Judgment postponed in Saawu members' trial**

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ZWELITSHA — Judgment in a trial in which 41 members of the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) are charged with incitement to public violence under the Riotous Assemblies Act, unlawful gathering and two alternatives, was postponed again yesterday

Mr J Kotze, a regional court magistrate, said it was unfortunate that the typed record of evidence had arrived only on Friday. It would be to the advantage of everybody

that he went through the evidence

On January 19, after the state and defence closed their case, Mr Kotze said before giving judgment he would like to go through evidence recorded on tapes and not rely only on notes taken during the trial. He postponed judgment until yesterday

Judgment will now be given on Friday. The Saawu members were warned to appeal

When the trial resumed yesterday one of

the union members, Mr Nuku Kolisi, was not in court

Mr J Clark, attorney for the defence, told the court that he had not been given an explanation about the absence of Mr Kolisi. He asked that a warrant of arrest be authorised but stayed

Mr J W Jurgens, for the State, agreed and Mr Kotze said the issuing of a warrant of arrest for Mr Kolisi would be stayed until Friday —  
DDR

During the past ten years, Tilley had worked in smaller companies where all employees felt they were part of one big family. The XYZ Corporation was a larger organisation, employing a total of 190 persons involved in electronics. Rod felt a sense of apprehension because he had heard rumours to the effect that the organisation was autocratic and paid little attention to the needs of people.

This impersonal atmosphere was substantiated when he arrived at XYZ that Tuesday morning because there was no one to welcome him. Rod headed for the office space allocated to the Financial Division, and remembered the room number 202 which was to be his work area. On his desk a note awaited him to call his Director, Roy Little. When he telephoned Mr Little, he was told that the Director was attending a meeting.

As he waited impatiently to speak with his boss, Rod found his office in a state of confusion and disorder. He found the desk littered with financial papers, the glass in the bookcase was broken, the reading lamp was without a bulb, and the ashtray full of old pipe tobacco.

Two hours having elapsed, Director Little finally greeted his new accountant, with a warm handshake, "We're most pleased to have you join XYZ, Rod. You've noticed several financial manuals in the bookcase which, I think, will help to explain the new financial procedures we discussed during our recent interview. After lunch, my secretary, Fern Brodie, will provide you with considerable information relating to our data processing installation. Miss Brodie will introduce you to Rick Graves, our recently-appointed E.P.D. Engineer. Feel free to drop in or to telephone me as the need arises, but I must run now to the executive luncheon scheduled sharp at noon".

As the financial director was preparing to leave Rod's office, Tilley conveyed his appreciation to Mr Little and said "Could you arrange for me to meet my colleagues in charge of sales, production, administration and personnel, as well as the four members of my support staff?"

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Internationally known South African trade unionist, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, who was detained by the South African Security Police late last year, has been hospitalised.

## Police guard on sick union leader

Mr Gqweta is president of the South African Allied Workers Union (SAAWU) and is being held in Johannesburg under Section 6 of the Terrorism Act.

He is being guarded by police at Johannesburg Hospital psychiatric ward and is receiving treatment.

They have arranged for his brother Robert to fly from East London to visit him.

His legal representatives confirmed today that he had been admitted to the Johannes-

burg Hospital psychiatric ward and is receiving treatment. Mr Gqweta has been detained a number of times by the Ciskei Security Police and in each case released

without being charged. Other senior officials of SAAWU, including the national organiser, Mr Sisa Nkkelana, are still being held in detention.

Several SAAWU members were hospitalised in the Ciskei last year after they had conducted a hunger strike while in detention. They were later returned to jail.

Mr Gqweta is apparently being held in the same ward as Dr Liz Floyd, girlfriend of Dr Neil Aggett who died in detention on February 5. This brings the number of known detainees in hospitals to four. In addition to Dr Floyd, Mrs Esther Levitan and Miss Rene Roux, both held under Section 6 of the Terrorism Act, are in hospital.

Argus Bureau  
EAST LONDON — The local branch of the South African Allied Workers' Union today accused Ciskei's President Lennox Sebe of being a 'foreman' for the South African Government and of living in luxury while his people suffered

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**Union says Sebe SA agent?**

A spokesman said the President had never done anything for the betterment of his people and that he lived in luxury, preaching the Afrikaners' apartheid.

The spokesman was reacting to a statement by the President yesterday that organisations which made 'revolutionary' staff and multiplied the social problems in Ciskei would not be tolerated.

The spokesman asked whether President Sebe conceded that wages and relations between employers and workers had improved since unions began representing workers

'What has he done in Madantsane since 1973, when he came into Government?'  
'We are still suffering oppression, rent hikes, bad street conditions and he claims he is looking after his people.'

'Has he ever intervened on behalf of Ciskean workers who have been unfairly dismissed?'  
The spokesman said the unions of being revolutionary because he was living in luxury and had no feeling for oppressed people

'We are not revolution-ary We are working to improve working conditions'

'He is not a Government but a Government agent for the Republic of South Africa — a foreman,' the spokesman said.

President Sebe's remarks were made at the first Press conference in the territory since independence.

He was asked what the attitude of his Government would be to the independent trade union movement developing in East London, of which many members are Ciskean citizens living in Madantsane

He said: 'We shall have no dead sectors which do not generate something

'All this talking, talking, talking and making revolutionary stuff and multiplying the social

problems — that we will not have.  
'To put it nicely, we will allow no dead sectors they like. The social standard of my people must continue as it is continuing now.'

The long-standing tension between Ciskei and trade unionists came to a head when the territory became independent in December. Unions called on members to boycott the celebrations

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# Detention: Statement by Union

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Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG

The internationally known president of the SA Allied Workers' Union, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, has been detained for nothing more than his involvement in a non-racial trade union, the union said in a statement yesterday.

17. No parcels are first examined at reception unless contents of any other staff were believed he was terrorising them.
16. Firm with F... It was disclosed on Tuesday that Mr Gqweta has been admitted to the psychiatric ward of a Johannesburg hospital. He is the sixth detainee to be put in hospital in recent weeks.
15. Any vital information should be kept locked in a room for similar equipment should be available. His brother, Robert, said after visiting him in hospital that he had never seen him in such a state.
14. Have a method prepared for all staff, in case a suspicious and a factory evacuation drill prepared. Among the symptoms Thozamile appeared to be suffering from, he said, were a headache at the back of the head, severe depression, anxiety, difficulty in speaking, a dramatic loss of weight and loss of memory.
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11. Have a list of numbers stuck on windows. Robert said that during the visit his brother sat with his head resting on the table, found it an effort to speak, looked down at the floor all the time and complained when he spoke that his voice was excessively loud.
10. Check that you and first aid quantities of fire-lighting vehicles after dark.
9. Periodic checks to be made by a designated person around the premises, note made of registration number.
8. All floors to be checked each night by staff/supervisor after closing time to ensure there are no unusual items left behind, especially toilets, restrooms, and any area containing inflammable materials or similar.

MDANTSANE — A total of 139 trade unionists appeared briefly in the magistrates court here charged with incitement to public violence

No evidence was led. They were not asked to plead and the matter was postponed to Febru-

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**139 UNIONISTS ON incitement charge**

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The unionists were allowed out on bail of

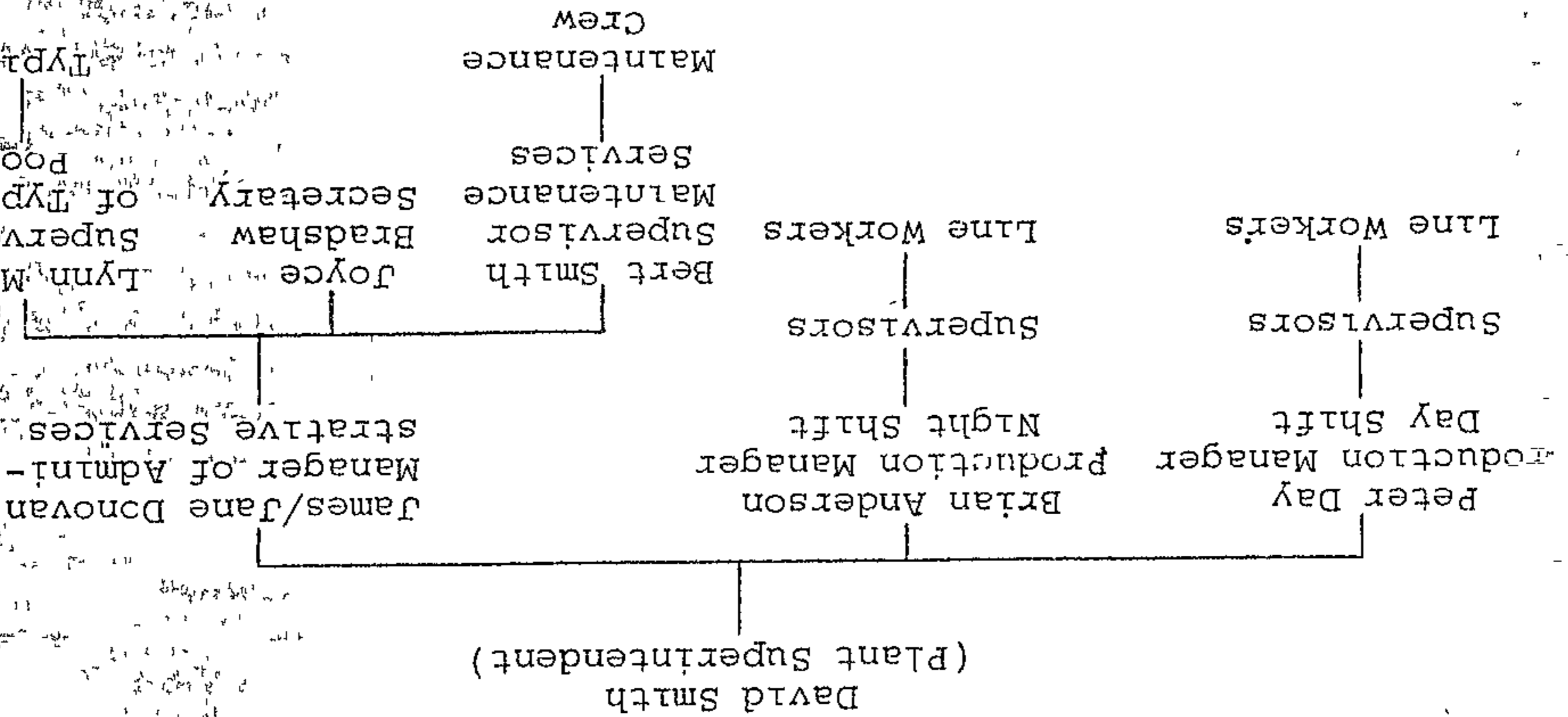
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They are part of a

group of 205 unionists arrested while returning from a meeting in Duncan Village on September 6, 1981

Forty-two others have appeared in the regional court in Zwelitshi and are due to appear for judgment today - DDB

As James/Jane Donovan, you have to deal with a wide variety of correspondence in your 'in' basket each day. The following items are now in your basket. Deal with them according to the instructions given with each one.



Master Engineering - Cape Town Plant

Your name is James/Jane Donovan. You work for Master Engineering, a middle-sized manufacturing and sales organisation with plants in all the larger centres in South Africa. You are Manager of Administrative Services for the Cape Town Plant, and one of three managers reporting to David Smith, the Plant Superintendent. The following organisation chart explains how you fit into the total structure.

10.1.2 'In' Basket Exercise

# Abolish Section Six of Terror Act, Says Union

Appears 19/2/48 (145A)

Argus Bureau  
EAST LONDON—The local branch of the South African Allied Workers' Union has called for the abolition of section six of the Terrorism Act.

Commenting on the announcement that the national president of the union, Mr Thozamile Gqwela, has been admitted to a psychiatric ward in a Johannesburg hospital, a local spokesman said detainees should be released if there was no case against them.

Mr Gqwela is one of six section six detainees who have been admitted to hospital in recent weeks.

His brother, Mr Robert Gqwela, who visited him yesterday, said he was suffering from headache, anxiety and depression, and had difficulty in speaking, had lost weight and complained of a loss of memory.

The Union spokesman said members were concerned about Mr Gqwela's condition and wanted him to be charged or released.

If there is no case against him, let him be released, the spokesman said.

The last time union members had heard of Mr Gqwela he was reported to be well.

"We are shocked to hear of his condition now. If he is crying so readily now and is suffering from loss of memory, what are they doing?"

The spokesman said the Government claimed to be democratic but they sit up there and hand down orders.

"They say they are democratic but they don't practise what they preach. They are fighting our leaders."

The union would continue its campaign to prove working conditions even if its leaders were detained, the spokesman said.

The union was not a one-man shop. No spokesman said trade unionists don't carry guns and bazookas, yet we are treated like criminals.

*Dispatch 19/2/82*

# Saawu calls for Gqweta's release

(145A)

EAST LONDON — The South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) has called for the immediate release from detention of the union's national president Mr Thozamile Gqweta, who has been admitted to a psychiatric ward in a Johannesburg hospital.

And the General Workers' Union (GWU) has reacted with shock and outrage to the news of Mr Gqweta's illness, saying the union feared for the safety of all detainees in the present circumstances.

Mr Herbert Barnabas, the national organiser of Saawu, said he was deeply perturbed over the news of Mr Gqweta's admission to hospital. "Thozamile has outlived detention on four previous occasions, each time coming out uncharged and healthy."

"We view Thozamile's illness with suspicion," he added.

Mr Barnabas said the 80 000 members Mr Gqweta led before he was detained "do not be-

lieve he was terrorising them."

In calling for Mr Gqweta's release Mr Barnabas said "We know of no offence Thozamile has committed. Ours is an open and democratic struggle and we are not prepared at all to operate as an underground movement."

"Despite the South African Government's assurances that everyone is free to join a trade union of their choice, our leader has been subjected to inhuman treatment purely because of his work as a trade unionist."

"We call on them to hand him over to us immediately so he can be treated by a professional doctor of our own choice."

Miss Dr Cooper of the GWU said Mr Gqweta's hospitalisation was particularly disturbing because it came so soon after the death in detention of another trade unionist Dr Neil Aggett. She said her union feared for the safety of

Mr Gqweta and the numerous other detainees.

She said the trade union movement had suffered the most severe harassment and unprecedented attacks over the past few months.

"Thozamile Gqweta as an outstanding leader of a powerful union has come under particularly heavy attack. We can only imagine what he must have been subjected to to induce his present state of health."

Mr Gqweta is reported by the GWU to be in "good health."

Our Johannesburg correspondent reports that Mr Gqweta's brother, Mr Robert Gqweta, said yesterday that his brother's condition had improved.

"He is talking easily now and was able to do some physical exercise," he said.

The doctor who is looking after him says he is making good progress compared with what his condition was," he added — DDR

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8.2.1 Read the following memorandum and then answer the questions.

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You are employed as Sales Manager for a company manufacturing stabilite liquid polishing wax. This product contains a high proportion of expensive caruba wax and is therefore about 20% dearer than its competitors. On the other hand, it dries, without buffing, to an unusually long-lasting shine which improves on repolishing and with normal use. The finish is completely water-resistant and will not 'spot' when water is spilled on it.

Sales are to date directed through over 400 retail outlets regularly visited by a small team of salesmen. Your company now proposes a limited national advertising campaign aimed to increase sales by 25% over six months. Write a letter to an advertising agency asking for first suggestions for such a campaign with indications of the cost involved.

8.1.6 Letter of Request

*Dispatch* (145A)  
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**Fund-raising  
Saawu men freed**

EAST LONDON — Two members of the South African Allied Workers Union were found not guilty in the magistrate's court here on a charge of collecting contributions while they were not authorised to do so.

Mr Robert Gqweta, of Zone 11, and Mr Melvin Mampunye 30 of Zone Six, both from Mdantsane pleaded not guilty before Mr N R Oosthuisen.

In a joint statement handed in to court by their defence counsel

Advocate M Moerane, the two men said they had not been registered as a fundraising organisation and that at no stage did they make applications for such registration.

In his finding Mr Oosthuisen said the facts of the case were not in dispute. However the State had failed to prove the two men had the necessary intention to commit an offence or that they were aware they had committed an offence —  
DDR



# Detained leader didn't terrorise us - SAAWU

By Drew Forrest

The president of the SA Allied Workers Union, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, had been detained "for nothing more than his involvement in a non-racial trade union," the union said in a statement yesterday.

"Those detained under Section 6 are known in South Africa as terrorists," the statement said "But the 80 000 members that Mr Gqweta led do

not believe he was terrorising them."

It was revealed on Tuesday that Mr Gqweta had been admitted to the psychiatric ward of a Johannesburg hospital — the sixth detainee to be taken to hospital in recent weeks.

His brother, Robert, said after visiting him in hospital that "he head never seen him in such a state"

His symptoms included headaches, severe depression and anxiety, difficulty in

speaking, loss of weight and loss of memory

Robert said that during the visit his brother sat with his head resting on the table, found it an effort to speak, looked down at the floor all the time and complained that his (Robert's) voice was excessively loud

The SAAWU statement said Mr Gqweta had "previously outlived detention four times" and had come out healthy and uncharged

## Union criticises Sebe

Labour Staff

The South African Allied Workers Union has criticised Ciskei President Lennox Sebe, for a statement this week that independent trade unions would not be tolerated in the homeland.

President Sebe voiced his opposition this week to independent trade unions during a Press conference being held in King William's Town. He said these unions did not generate anything except "revolutionary stuff" and that they merely multiplied social problems

SAAWU and other unions had called on the public and union members to boycott the Ciskei independence celebrations last December, reports The Star's East London correspondent.

SAAWU accused President Sebe of acting as a "front" for the South African Government and of living in luxury.

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daughter instilled with guilt from her childhood, Angela is determined it will not happen to her daughter Well written with caustic

# 35 Saawu members guilty of incitement

**ZWELITSIA** - Thirty-five members of the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) were found guilty in the regional court here yesterday on a charge of incitement to public violence

Five members were found not guilty and discharged and a warrant of arrest was authorised for one member who was not in court yesterday.

The 35 members were fined R100 each and sentenced to nine months' imprisonment conditionally suspended for five years.

They are: Mr Benjamin Thyali, 30, Mr Morrison Sindapi, 41, Mr Lutama Siyaya, 26, Mr Janani Matikina, 34, Mr Vuyani Camagu, 27, Mr Mzwandile Mati, 32, Mr Mandla Thobezweni, 25, Mr Siphiso Sityebi, 28, Mr Dennis Tshaba, 31, Mr William Makhiva, 30.

Mr Desmond Ludziya, 33, Mr Mntukanti Madlaba, 21, Mr Ndoyisile Jubati, 28, Mr Galbin Yelani, 54, Mr Nyamisile Mthumani, 33, Mr Mzwandile Gogotya, 28, Mr Mboneli Landani, 28, Mr Ayanda Ndzungu, 23, Mr Elvin Mfikuli, 25, Mr Mcebisi Mbangela, 25, Mr Louis Dyani, 53, Mr Buyisile Kema, 34, Mr Tanana Mbingo, 24

Mr Mentjies Malahla, 36, Mr Thembinkosi Zinyusile, 27, Mr Afrika Vellem, 38, Mr Ernest Manyane, 36, Miss Julia Sohupa, 28, Miss Thembeke Mapasa, 31, Miss Zukiswa Maneli, 33, Miss Nomfundo Thobigunya, 20, Miss Nomntu Mtyeku,

34, Miss Nancy Sgingqi, 19, Mrs Fundiswa Bonga, 31, and Mrs Winnifred Maweni

Mr Thozamile Maneli, 26, Mr Thobile Manqina, 25, Mr Mawisa Godula, 30, Mr Gcmikhaya Mbiza, 26, and Mr David Thandane, 27, were all found not guilty

A warrant of arrest was authorised for Mr Nuku Kolisi, 26.

One of the accused Mr Welile Luthuli, was stabbed to death during an adjournment of the trial

When the trial started in November last year there were 42 Saawu members facing three charges and two alternatives

On the incitement to public violence charge the state claimed that on September 6 last year at the Mdantsane Highway bus terminus the members sang inflammatory songs while on a bus approaching the terminus, shouted inflammatory slogans while on the bus, gave black power salutes, continued singing while debussing, congregated and continued singing, shouting and giving salutes, defied the legitimate order given by a police officer to disperse, remained as a group while continuing with the shouting, singing and giving of salutes.

The magistrate Mr J Kotze said that after going through the evidence he gave the benefit of the doubt to Mr Thozamile Maneli, Mr Thobile Manqina, Mr Mawisa Goduka, Mr Gcmikhaya Mbiza and Mr

David Thandane. All five men testified that they were not in the bus. He found them not guilty and discharged them

He said the remaining members did not dissociate themselves with what took place in the bus

Other passengers, the 11 caddies, did dissociate themselves and were released

Mr Kotze said he considered the circumstances at the bus terminus and according to witnesses they were expecting trouble because of previous experiences

He said the state did not prove that each member participated in the committal of the crime but relied on common purpose. Common purpose can be proved by circumstantial evidence

Mr Kotze said the state proved common purpose that Saawu members participated in the singing of songs, shouting of salutes, and slogans

He said the court had come to the conclusion that this was done with one specific purpose, to run down the government of the state and to influence others. The state had proved all elements of public violence

Mr Kotze said the members associated themselves with the people who were singing, giving black power salutes and shouting of slogans. The true position of the case rested on circumstantial evidence

**JOHANNESBURG** - A d Zeerust farmer yesterday asked the Rand Supreme Court to order his former fiancée, to return to him jewellery worth more than R100 000 which he had given to her during the engagement

Mr Pieter Francois Theron brought a civil action before Mr Acting Justice Cohen against Mrs Henrietta Taylor, who according to papers before the court carried on business as Bilingual Printers and Secretarial Services, Johannesburg

Mrs Taylor, however, told the court that she had since remarried and was now called Murray and was living in Umhlanga

Mr Theron told the court that he and Murray, then a divorcee, got engaged to be married here in May 1984. During the engagement he gave her a ten carat diamond ring worth R100 000, a gold bracelet with 15 diamonds worth R100 000 and a brooch worth R100 000

## Pope w...

**LIBREVILLE** - Pope wound up his African tour, since his attempt on his life overseas trip, since warning against rampant materialism in developing Africa

The Pope noted yesterday in the late speech of his second African tour that for multi-nationalism to actively exploit long-dormant natural resources of Gabon, other African countries

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Stimularly there was only one laser cannon, a model 88 cm high in too. The visible structure of the 50-story docking bay was photographed twice. Star some 50 stories high. The sequence appears to be shot from the deck of this docking bay. In the background are two towers.

is approaching the Death Star for the first time and is caught in a tractor beam. In an eight-second sequence we watch the cruiser being drawn into a docking bay on the Death Star. The sequence was a 76 cm high matte painting, done on glass. The stars were a real star field, which had been filmed separately.

have no experience with the studio system. Finally they are no longer the anonymous, unsung heroes of filmmaking. The explosion of special effects set off by Star Wars has created a great demand for their services, and their names and reputations have become well known.

## With Mirrors

D. Dispatch 20/2/82

# Saawu: Ciskei to decide

ZWELITSHA — The Ciskei Government would have to decide whether or not to ban the South African Allied Workers' Union, Major General Charles Sebe said yesterday.

General Sebe was commenting after the trial of 41 Saawu members in which 35 of them were found guilty of incitement to public violence.

General Sebe was in court, listening intently and taking notes, when judgment was given by Mr J Kotze.

After the trial General Sebe told members of the press that the sentence had nothing to do with the membership of Saawu.

'I have said on various occasions that they do not stand for any trade union. It is now in the hands of the government whether or not to ban Saawu.'

He said the leaders of Saawu, Mr Thozamile Gqweta and Mr Sisa Njikelana, had been detained by the "central government".

'I am glad that we have proved our case to the world. We have been accused, particularly me, of harassing Saawu members. Today we have brought them to court and they were legally represented by an able advocate, Mr Brassey from Johannesburg, but we have got a conviction.'

When a short adjournment took place to allow members of the union to consult with their attorney on mitigation after being found

guilty, General Sebe ordered police inside the courtroom to stop them.

He said these members had been found guilty and were now the police's responsibility. Mr J Clark, defending attorney, had to appeal to the state advocate, Mr J W Juigens, to be given an opportunity to meet with the members for a briefing on mitigation.

Consultation had to be conducted inside the courtroom — DDR

Court report, page 4

(a) Power Station

Claims by conservationists that the power station will cause thermal pollution and that once this starts, it is difficult to control.

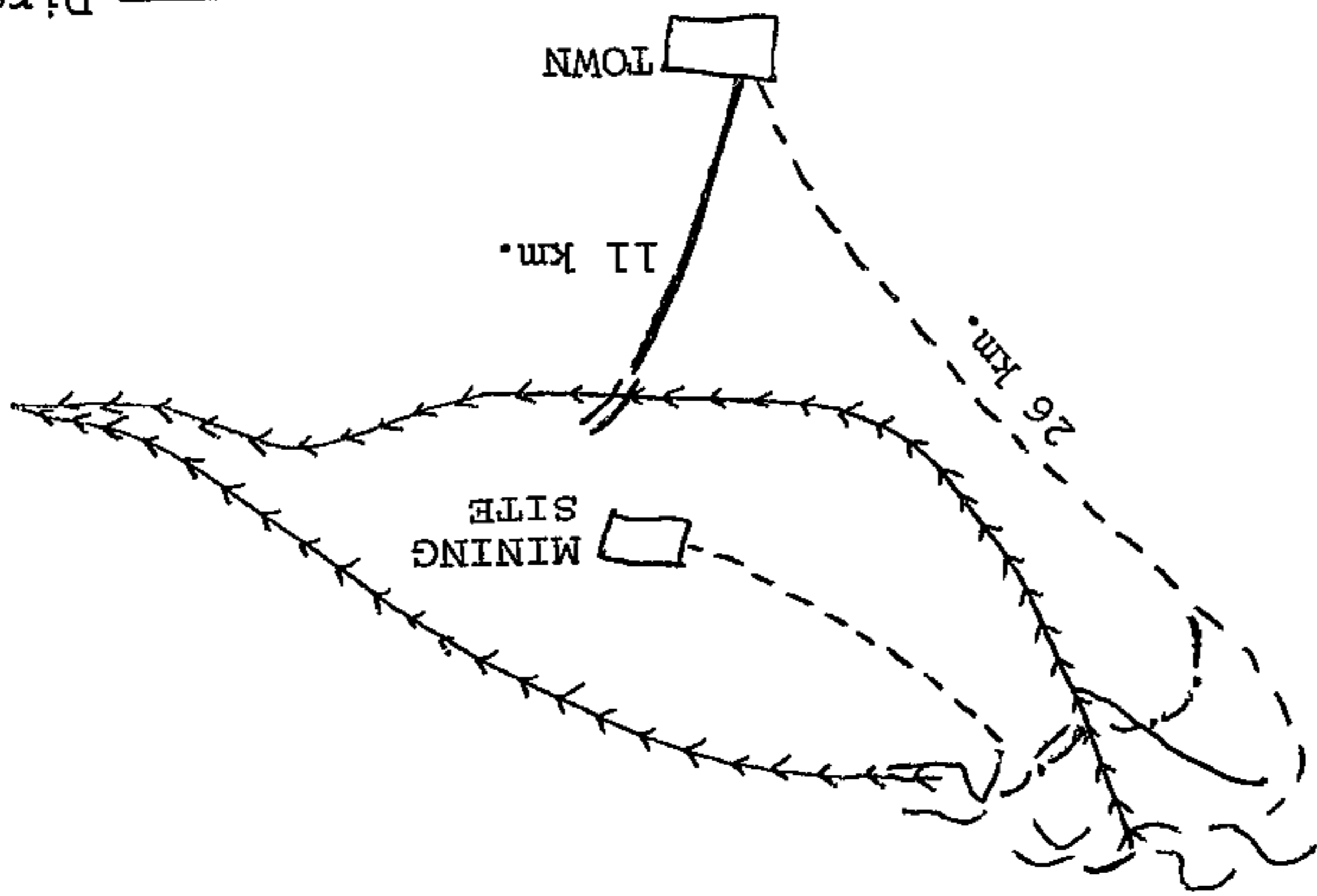
Claims that there is the danger of explosions, and

5.3.2 Chemical Engineering

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Write the report of your investigation and make recommendations.

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(2) whether his family was notified of his being admitted to hospital, if not, why not, if so, when,

(3) what is his present state of health?

The MINISTER OF POLICE (for the Minister of Justice)

(1) Yes

- (a) Johannesburg General Hospital
- (b) and (d) Psychiatric observation and treatment
- (c) 10 February 1982

(2) No. When the South African Police located Mr Gqweta's family in Ciskei on 15 February 1982, it transpired that the family had already been informed of his hospitalization through another unknown source. Mr Gqweta's brother and daughter visited him on 17 and 18 February 1982.

(3) His physical condition is described as good by the doctors. His mental condition is improving and he is undergoing treatment.

Dr A L BORAINÉ Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply—despite the fact that the hon Minister of Justice is not present, I hope the hon the Minister will be able to reply because he knows a great deal about these matters—can he tell us whether he is aware of the report in a newspaper which describes the condition of Mr Gqweta as almost unrecognizable by his own brother? Could he tell me how it is possible for a man who is in very good health after a short time in detention to be put in a psychiatric ward in hospital?

†The MINISTER I am aware of the rumours which appeared in newspapers about this detainee and I also read that report concerned. I do not want to comment on it ex-

cept to say that I also have experience of how reports are blown up by people for the sake of sensation. I think there is an element of that present in this particular case as well.

Dr A L BORAINÉ Mr Speaker, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, could he tell us what causes a healthy man to become a psychiatric case after a time in detention?

†The MINISTER I want to suggest to the hon member to discuss it with his family doctor.

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Mr. Thozamile Gqweta  
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\*21 Dr A L BORAINÉ asked the Minister of Justice

(1) Whether Mr Thozamile Gqweta has been admitted to a Johannesburg hospital, if so, (a) to which hospital, (b) for what type of treatment, (c) when and (d) for what reason,

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Ordering labour

PM 26/2/82  
There are strong indications that the Ciskei government, under President Lennox Sebe, will soon ban trade unions in the independent homeland

Although Sebe's intolerance of labour unrest was reflected in the detention of 200 Ciskeian trade unionists during 1981, the first open threat to ban a trade union came last week from Major-General Charles Sebe, head of the Ciskeian National Intelligence Service

At a press conference held immediately after the conviction, on charges of incitement to public violence, of 35 Ciskeians, the officer said it was time for the government to make a decision on whether or not to ban the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu). He considered that the court's decision had proved his long-standing allegation that Saawu should not be considered a workers' movement but a "front for a subversive organisation," which he did not specify.

He said the trial had disproved accusations levelled at the government, and in particular him, of "harassing" Saawu members. "I am glad we have proved our case to the world. Today we have brought them

to court — they were legally represented by an able attorney but we got a conviction"

The Ciskei's attitude to unionism had been made plain at an earlier press conference — the first held by the new state — when President Sebe labelled labour unrest an "intolerable disease"

A keystone of the Sebe government's economic development policy is the presentation of Ciskei's labour force as stable, efficient, and definitely controllable. Published comments by Sebe (in a Ciskei Department of Foreign Affairs pamphlet) acknowledge an employer's right to expect that "a new employee will fit into his organisation and cause a minimum of disruption through inexperience or ineptitude"

Sebe goes on "We feel that if we can contribute materially to increasing the efficiency of Ciskeians in industry and other undertakings, it is reasonable to expect that the resultant profits will at least be

redistributed partly in increased wages, and the Ciskeians will be sought after as desirable employees."

Ian Duncan-Brown, chairman of the Dimbaza Chamber of Industries, endorses the Sebe government's labour policy. "It has been a major part of attracting industrialists to invest in the Ciskei," he says.

However, Saawu general secretary Dave Lewis says he thinks the policy is "the major threat to industrial peace in the eastern Cape area"

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# Unions slam Siwani call

EAST LONDON — The General Workers Union and the African Food and Canning Workers Union have condemned a call by the Ciskei Minister of Justice, Chief Z Siwani for people to keep away from organisations such as the South African Allied workers Union (Saawu).

Speaking at a meeting of chiefs, headmen and members of the National Assembly in Zwelitsha on Tuesday Chief Siwani warned those present not to identify themselves with such organisations, which he accused of aiming to disturb peace and order at places of employment.

In a joint statement the branch secretary of the General Workers Union, Mi David Thandani, and the branch secretary of the African Food and Canning Workers Union, Miss Debra Komose, said the reason why there had been problems at places of employment was the intransigence of management.

"The honourable Chief Siwani must know as a matter of fact that there are large factories where Saawu has been recognised and where sound employer-employee relations prevail as a result of negotiations between the unions and management."

Chief Siwani said the sons of the chiefs and headman should not identify with organisations such as Saawu. Firstly, he should know that many of these people he was referring to are members of a trade union already.

"Secondly, the Minister stands to mislead the organised workers and thirdly he seems to be advocating the perpetuation of ill-treatment of the workers while the unions are fighting for the betterment of their situation at their places of work —" DDR

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## Charges against unionists dropped

EAST LONDON — Charges of incitement to public violence against 139 trade unionists would be withdrawn at Mdantsane magistrate's court today, a spokesman for the Ciskei attorney-general's office said yesterday.

The spokesman said the unionists did not have to appeal and confirmed the attorney representing them had been informed of the decision.

He declined to elaborate, saying "We don't furnish reasons for our decisions."

The attorney representing the unionists, Mr Jonathan Clark, of King William's Town, said he had received a letter from the attorney-general's office informing him of the decision.

He said he had conveyed the message to officials of the union and told them it was not necessary for the unionists to appeal in court today.

Thirty-five of 40 unionists arrested with the 139 on September 6 last year were found guilty in the Ciskei regional court in Zwelitsha of incitement to public violence and were each fined R100 and sentenced to nine months' imprisonment, suspended for five years.

Five others were found not guilty and discharged — DDR

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# 'OBSERVERS' INVITED

The unprecedented invitation to unregistered trade unions to attend the annual wage talks in the metal industries has been rejected.

Unregistered unions, and registered unions outside the industrial council, have been offered observer status at the industrial council talks on March 9. Established unions party to the council have also agreed to bring them into the union caucus during the talks.

But two key unregistered unions in the metal industries — the SA Allied Workers' Union and the General Workers' Union — said they would not attend.

A GWU spokesman said it "had reservations about the industrial coun-

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cil's structure" and would not join the same caucus as Trade Union Council of SA affiliates.

"Tucsa has been consistently hostile to the independent unions," she said. "We are particularly concerned about its stance on Neil Aggett's death."

Two major Fosatu affiliates — the Metal and Allied Workers' Union and the National Automobile and Allied Workers' Union — have also refused.

In a letter to the

industrial council, the unions say they will not attend as "observers." Since talks on the industrial council's future structure are planned with the metal industries' employer body, Sefsa, their attendance would serve no purpose.

They also "cannot allow" the union caucus to speak for them, as "serious allegations" against certain caucus members are pending at the International Metalworkers' Federation.

The only union to accept the invitation is the unregistered Black Allied Workers' Union — but its spokesman said it wants more than observer status.

"If we can't take part as full members, we could decide to go home," he said.

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## GENERAL NEWS

# Unionists: charges dropped

By Barbara Hart  
Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON — Ciskei's Attorney General has withdrawn charges of incitement to public violence against 132 members of the South African Allied Workers' Union.

The unionists, part of a contingent of 205 who were attested by Ciskei police on September 6 last year, would have appeared in the Mdantsane Magistrate's Court last week charged with incitement to public violence.

Mr I Clark for the defence said the Attorney General had withdrawn the charges earlier in the week.

Last week 35 Saawu members were fined R100 or 100 days' imprisonment and given a nine months' sentence, suspended for five years after being found guilty of in-

citement to public violence. The 35 were the first to be charged of the group of 205.

Meanwhile, the Ciskei government has hinted that it will ban trade unions in the territory. At a Press conference recently President Lennox Sebe said organisations that "made revolutionary stuff and multiplied the social problems" would not be tolerated in Ciskei.

He was replying to a question of what Ciskei's attitude to trade unions should be after independence.

And the Minister of Justice Chief Z. S. wane has told a meeting of headmen and chiefs that they should keep away from organisations like Saawu.

He said they should tell their sons not to identify with these organisations as they disturbed peace and order in work places.

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# Kikine in 'good' condition

## Mercury Reporter

THE condition of Mr Sam Kikine, general secretary of the 85 000-strong South African Allied Workers' Union who was admitted to St Augustine's Hospital on Wednesday is 'good', an authoritative source said yesterday.

The same source said that no restrictions had been placed on treatment, though Mr Kikine was under police guard.

A legal representative for the Kikine family, who did not want to be named, said Mr Kikine was undergoing psychiatric treatment. While he was not allowed visitors, immediate family had been permitted to see him.

When asked why Mr Kikine was in hospital, Brig J R van der Hoven, head of the Security Branch at C R Swart Square, said it was 'for the doctors and myself to discuss'.

Industrial week

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# SEBE WARNS UNIONS

**MOVE** which must be reassuring to the grow-  
list of prospective investors in Ciskei, General  
Charles Sebe - head of security - says the Ciskeian  
Government is prepared to ban all trade union ac-  
tivity.

His warning follows the February 19 court conviction of 35  
"agitators" - members of the influential SA Allied Workers  
Union which claims a "mixed" membership of 95 000 and  
featured in recent major strikes in the Eastern Cape

Stability in labour is a  
major incentive to  
investors and the warning  
by General Sebe, brother  
of President Sebe, coincides with the fresh  
announcement by the  
President that more than  
30 industrial "giants" and  
other concerns are seriously considering setting up business  
interests in Ciskei

"The Government may  
have to ban the SA Allied  
Workers Unions,"  
General Sebe says

Godfrey Shiba, acting  
general secretary of the  
SAAWU, says there are  
about 5 000 union mem-  
bers at King Williams  
Town and 800 at Ciskei's  
Dimbaza industrial town-  
ship. The remaining mem-  
bers are made up of  
Blacks, Coloureds, In-  
dians and about 50  
Whites throughout South  
Africa and the  
Homelands

"We are expecting  
General Sebe to ban us.  
He's afraid of us and any  
group and intends to ban  
all organisations with  
more than 1 000  
members, including  
burial societies," says  
Shiba

In addition to appli-  
cations being investi-  
gated by the Ciskei Na-  
tional Development Cor-  
poration from industria-  
lists in South Africa,  
United States, Israel,  
Taiwan, France, Ger-  
many, Hong Kong, Italy  
and Australia, almost all  
of the 47 industries  
established in Ciskei (35

## By Lynn Carlisle

at Dimbaza) are embark-  
ing on expansion prog-  
rammes totalling more  
than R10-million

"The announcement  
of improvement incen-  
tives to attract in-  
dustrialists has acce-  
lerated interest in Ciskei.  
Some industrial giants  
from South Africa and  
abroad are now coming  
forward to invest here,"  
says President Sebe

It is believed the grow-  
ing interest could lead to  
investments exceeding  
R100-million over the  
next few years, sources  
say

## Climate

Dimbaza Chamber of  
Industries chairman, Ian  
Duncan-Brown, says  
there is a need to pro-  
mote secondary and ser-  
vices industries there.  
Any industrial unrest  
would put off investors  
coming to Ciskei

"We must create a  
climate for more in-  
dustrialists who have a  
greater responsibility for  
providing the  
unemployed with jobs  
than just improving con-  
ditions for those already  
working," says Duncan-  
Brown

He has had no deal-  
ings with the SAAWU,  
and no worker unrest has  
taken place at Dimbaza

Duncan-Brown sees the  
type and amount of

unrest which took place  
at East London and Port  
Elizabeth as having been  
"out of all proportion"

"Yet those industries  
affected - Mercedes Benz  
Assemblers CDA, John-  
son & Johnson, Wilson  
Rowntree and others  
are model employers and  
industrial leaders paying  
well above the average  
salaries in industry," he  
says

It is pertinent that  
good labour relations  
should be promoted in  
the area, especially as  
Prime Minister Piet  
Botha considers Ciskei  
and the Eastern Cape as  
the prime area for con-  
centrated development,  
adds Duncan-Brown

After refusing to in-  
clude Berlin into an in-  
dependent Ciskei, the  
South African Govern-  
ment has undertaken to  
develop an industrial es-  
tate adjacent to Berlin  
and to provide for the  
development of its in-  
frastructure while offer-  
ing more attractive  
decentralised incentives  
to prospective indus-  
trialists

The Ciskeian Govern-  
ment has now completed  
a scientific resources  
survey and multi-  
disciplinary planning  
and has identified about  
38 viable agricultural pro-  
jects. A development  
fund in the order of  
R332-million over 10  
years will be needed to  
exploit these agricultural  
possibilities

the accumulation of profit; the accumulation of profit through the mining of gold on the Rand was critically dependent on the ultra-minimisation of labour costs; the resolution of this problem was made possible by the ultra-exploitation of non-white labour in the system of production established by white property owners in South Africa, a system of production which included a racially discriminatory system of class domination and forced labour, which served to secure the extreme powerlessness of non-whites generally and of non-white workers in particular, and thus to permit the ultra-exploitation of non-white labour; the profitability of the mining companies came to be secured through the operation of various specific forms of racial discrimination, which served to secure and maintain the ultra-exploitation, and ultra-exploitation of non-white labour. For the mining companies, therefore, racial discrimination served as a means

### KIKINE VISITED

DETAINED trade unionist Mr Sam Kikine, who is receiving psychiatric treatment in a Durban hospital, was visited yesterday by Rev Rod van Zuylen, chairman of the Durban Central Regional Council of the Anglican Church.

Mr Van Zuylen said Mr Kikine was obviously under sedation, but participated in a private service he held for him in the presence of police guards.

I met with no opposition from police or hospital staff and he is obviously in good hands, responding well to treatment. Mr Van Zuylen said.

He said he had left a Bible and prayer book with Mr Kikine and had told the police and medical staff he would visit him again.

The exploitation colour bars included the system of forced labour. The latter chiefly comprised the contract system, the pass system and the compound system (while also including such discriminatory measures as the discriminatory political franchise and system of government), which served to secure and maintain the ultra-exploitation of non-white labour.

But the exploitation colour bars also included the discriminatory system of wage minimisation which, through the ultra-minimisation of time rates, and of piece rates (the maximum average system), and the loafer ticket system of unpaid and extra-contractual labour, served to secure the ultra-exploitation of non-white labour.

The involvement of the mining companies in racial discrimination was partly an involvement in exploitation colour bars already in operation, already instituted by property owners in South Africa - such as the contract system, the pass system and the compound system. And it was partly an adaptation and extension of this discrimination to meet their own specific interests - in such forms as the institution of minimum long term contracts, the

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consolidation and large-scale implementation of the compound system, and the system of wage minimisation.

It may be noted in passing that the term 'colour bar' has not usually been used in relation to the exploitation of labour. The tendency, in the study of the socio-economic aspects of race relations in South Africa and elsewhere, has been for the term to refer merely to one particular type of racial discrimination - discrimination in access to employment. The 'colour bar' has usually meant the 'job colour bar' (of the white workers). The reasons and significance of this usage aside - they will be discussed later on - it is clearly unjustified. For racial discrimination (and other forms of discrimination) in the socio-economic sphere may be and has been of other types, such as measures securing the ultra-exploitation of workers belonging to the discriminated-against group, and measures securing and maintaining the proletarian condition of its members. And such other types of discrimination may play and have played a very important role in the exploitation and ultra-exploitation of labour, as did the measures of racial discrimination wielded by property owners in South Africa. (101)

The exploitation colour bars thus served to secure profit for property owners through the ultra-exploitation of non-white labour. For no group of owners was this of more vital importance than for the gold mining companies. This was because, as we saw, the specific economic and geological conditions of the Rand gold mining industry, notably the fixed price and the low grade, made imperative the ultra-minimisation of labour costs, and rendered the profitability of the mining companies critically dependent on the ultra-exploitation of non-white labour. While all owners benefited from the exploitation colour bars in the form of profit maximisation, for the mining companies they were the sine qua non of profitability.

This critical dependence of the mining companies was an undisputed fact, and the companies were themselves the first to acknowledge it. 'It was not so much the richness of these fields that attracted the necessary capital', the Chamber of Mines declared (in something of an understatement, in view of the very poor grade of the ore), 'as it was their apparent continuity and the fact that they could be worked efficiently by cheap native labour.' (102) The Chamber did not tire of emphasising that: 'There is no factor in the industrial fabric of the mines of greater importance than the native labour supply.' (103) 'Without the native', the 'South African Mining Journal' observed, 'the Witwatersrand gold mining industry would not exist, or, if it did exist, then only on a very small scale.'

EAST LONDON — Mr Thozamile Gqweta, the president of the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu), has been released after 86 days in security police detention

But on his first day of freedom yesterday after his fifth spell of detention without trial in two years, Mr Gqweta was arrested at his Mdantsane home by Ciskei security police

Mr Gqweta said he was taken to the Zwelitsha offices of the Ciskei Central Intelligence Service, where he was told by Major-General Charles Sebe, the Director General of Ciskei State Security, that he would have to report to the Mdantsane police station three times a day

Mr Gqweta said he had been taken from his home at 6.30 am, driven to Zwelitsha 40 km away and released again at 9 am. He said he had been told to report to the police station at 6 am, 6 pm and 10 pm every day.

Approached yesterday General Sebe said he was "not prepared to comment"

Mr Gqweta was released in East London on Wednesday afternoon. On February 8, while in detention, he was admitted to a psychiatric ward at a Johannesburg hospital

After a visit to him at the time his brother Robert said he was suffering from a headache and loss of memory and had difficulty in speaking

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**Gqweta out after 86 days**

"The doctors recommend that in order for me to recover 100 per cent I must be in contact with my family, close friends and the community"

Another two East London-based officials of Saawu, Mr Sisa Njikelana, the vice-president of the union, and Mr Eric Mntonga, the branch chairman, are both still being held under Section Six of the Terrorism Act. They were also detained in early December

Another Saawu official, Mr Sam Kikine, the general secretary, has been in detention since November and was recently admitted to a Durban psychiatric hospital

Mr Gqweta expressed his greatest appreciation yesterday to all those who had sympathised with him during his stay in hospital — DDR

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MR GQWETA . . last night's picture.

Mr Gqweta said yesterday that he was feeling better but was still undergoing treatment in East London. He said he had been released because of the state of his health

**Sugar goes up 15 cents**

JOHANNESBURG — yesterday  
The price of sugar would be increased today by 12 per cent, the South African Sugar Association announced in Durban. This would mean an increase of 15 cents on each 2.5 kg packet of white sugar to the consumer — SAPA

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CAPE TOWN — The constant harassment and persecution of Mr Thozamile Gqweta, the trade union leader, was nothing short of scandalous, the Progressive Federal Party MP for Pinelands, Dr Alex Boraine, said yesterday

Mr Gqweta, the general secretary of the South African Allied Workers' Union, was released this week after three months detention

Dr Boraine said "The constant harassment

# Boraine hits at Gqweta detentions

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and persecution of Thozamile Gqweta by the security police and by the state is nothing short of scandalous

"Five times Mr Gqweta has been detained and released and never once

has he been charged

"The Minister of Police must not be surprised if the public believe that a vendetta is being waged against a young man who has suffered physical and mental distress and is inno-

cent of any crime," Dr Boraine said

A spokesman for the minister said that in accordance with the provisions of the Terrorism Act, no reason would be given for Mr Gqweta's release — PC

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By KEITH ROSS  
 EAST LONDON — Mr Thozamile Gqweta, president of the South African Allied Workers' Union, who was released from detention this week, has been told to report to the Ciskei police three times a day.

A spokesman for the union deplored the instruction and expressed fears that Mr Gqweta — an "unwell man" — would be harassed by the Ciskeian police.

Last month Mr Gqweta received treatment in the psychiatric ward of the Johannesburg Hospital.

Mr Gqweta was released on Wednesday after 86 days. It was his fifth spell in detention.

On his first day of freedom he was arrested in his Mdantsane home by the Ciskeian police. He was taken to Zwelitsha, 40 kilometres away, and released after 2½ hours.

Mr Gqweta was told he had to report to the police station at 6am, 6pm and 10pm each day.

"This will cause great hardship to Mr Gqweta, who is still not well," said the SAAWU spokesman.

The spokesman said his union was, however, grateful for the release of Mr Gqweta. "We appreciate the concern the authorities have shown for Mr Gqweta's welfare," he said.

Mr Gqweta said "The doctors recommend that in order for me to recover completely I must be in contact with my family, close friends, and the

The death of a partner automatically accounting entries. For this to be drawn up for the period to ascertain the correct balance policy would be shown as income to the partners' capital account

Note 2:  
 At the end of year 03, the life balance sheet as a non-current

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Jan 31: Bank Debtor

Jan 2: Income from Life Insurance

Jan 2: Debtor (Insurance) Life Policy

04, Jan 1: Life Policy Bank

Dec 31: Income Statement Life Policy (See Note 1 bel

03, Jan 1: Life Policy Bank

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(2) Premiums Treated as an Asset - Cont'd:

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At the end of year 03, the life policy would be reflected on the partnership balance sheet as a non-current asset at its surrender value of R240.

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03, Jan 1: Life Policy	300	Bank	300
Dec 31: Income Statement	60	Life Policy	60
(See Note 1 below)			
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Income from Life Policy	23 460	Income from Life Policy	23 460
Jan 2: Income Statement	23 460	being closing entry	
Jan 31: Bank	24 000	Debtor	24 000
being receipt of proceeds			

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(2) Premiums Treated as an Asset - Cont'd:



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THE National President of the South African Allied Workers' Union, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, who has been released from detention, is likely to be called to give evidence for the State in a terrorism trial in Ciskei.

Mr Gqweta, who was being held under Section Six of the Terrorism Act, was released and returned to Mdantsane on Wednesday. He was detained, along with the national Vice President, Mr Sisa Njikelana, on December 8 last year.

In February Mr Gqweta was admitted to the psychiatric ward of a Johannesburg hospital.

The Attorney General of Ciskei, Advocate Jurie Jurgens, yesterday confirmed that Mr Gqweta had been released so that he could be a State witness in a terrorism trial in Zwelitsha. The four accused are members of Saawu.

On further questioning, however, Advocate Jurgens said he had not decided finally whether to call Mr Gqweta to give evidence for the State.

"There is a possibility that I will call him as a witness," Advocate Jurgens said, adding that "My calling him as a witness was nothing to do with his detention in South Africa."

An authoritative source also confirmed that Mr Gqweta had been released to give evidence in the trial.

Mr Gqweta denied

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that he would be giving evidence for the State in the trial. The police had said nothing about his giving evidence. He believed he was being released for health reasons.

"They (the Security Police) said nothing about being a State witness. I was released because the doctors who were treating me refused to continue if I was to go back into detention. The treatment was for me to go back

into society."

Mr Gqweta said the chief of the Security Police on the Witwatersrand, Colonel H Muller, had approached the Minister of Justice, who had agreed that he should be released.

Mr Gqweta was picked up by Ciskei Security Police barely 12 hours after the South African Security Police had returned him to his home in Mdantsane.

Asked why Mr

Gqweta had been taken in, the Chief of Security in Ciskei, Major General Charles Sebe, said "I am not prepared to comment on frivolous matters based on cheap talk. I am a professional."

Mr Gqweta said he had been instructed by Ciskei police to report to the Mdantsane police station three times a day until the unionists being held in South Africa were brought to trial either at the end of March or early in April.

The Minister of Police announced early last month that the unionists presently being held under Section Six would be brought to trial later this year.

The Ciskei police had also told him not to do any work for Saawu or to address any meetings, Mr Gqweta said. He was later released.

Mr Gqweta said he was feeling a lot better but would continue having psychiatric treatment in East London.

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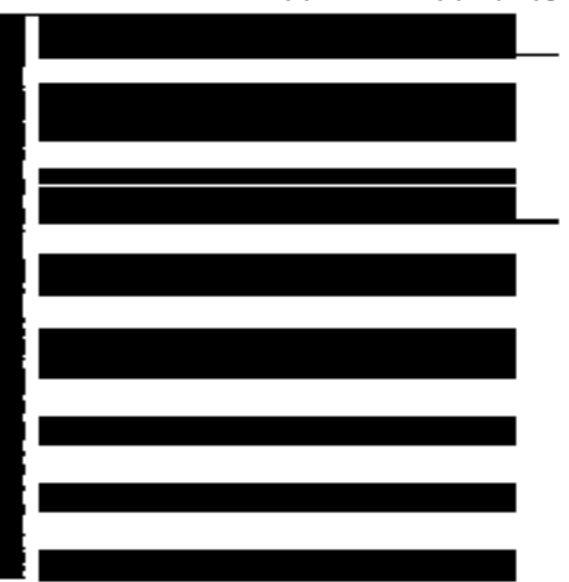
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# Union man may testify

**Own Correspondent**  
EAST LONDON — The national president of the South African Allied Workers' Union, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, who was released from detention earlier this week, is likely to be called to

give evidence for the State in a terrorism trial in Jiskei

Mr Gqweta, who had been held since December 8 last year under Section 6 of the Terrorism Act, was released and returned to Mdantsane on Wednesday.

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# SAP detained Gqweta twice in one year

## Political Staff

**THE** South African Police detained the president of the SA Allied Workers Union, Mr Thozama Gqweta, twice within a year, without laying charges against him, the Minister of Police, Mr Louis le Grange, revealed yesterday.

Between June 26 last year and March 3 this year, Mr Gqweta spent nearly four months in detention.

Mr Le Grange was replying to questions tabled in Parliament by Mr Harry Pitman (PFP, Pinetown).

Asked if Mr Gqweta had been charged with any offences, Mr Le Grange replied "No". Kobié Coetsee, said it was un-

The Minister did not disclose how many times Mr Gqweta has been detained by the Cape police, although it has been reported that he has been held five times since 1979.

Mr Pitman said he was sure that the detention of Mr Gqweta was nothing but victimization.

He has been detained repeatedly but he has never been charged.

"If section six of the Terrorism Act is used, says the only way to find out crimes in this section clearly shows that he is not guilty of any crime."

In reply to another question by Mr Pitman, the Minister of Justice, Mr

known whether Mr Gqweta had been convicted of any offences during the past five years.

In reply to a question tabled by Dr Mr. J. P. Barnard (PFP, Durban) Mr Coetsee said the Department of Justice did not know whether any of the detainees admitted to hospital for psychiatric treatment had previously received psychiatric treatment "as it is not possible to check only the person concerned and his doctor possess".

Mr Coetsee said it was not feasible to refer to the causes of a psychiatric condition.

He also told Dr Barnard in reply

to another question that two detainees had been hospitalized in 1981, in February, for the treatment of an illness and for other reasons for treatment of psychosis.

The first detainee had been discharged from hospital and the other was expected to be discharged yesterday, the Minister said.

Mr Le Grange told Mr Pat Rogers (NRP, King William's Town) it was impracticable to say how many detainees under the Terrorism Act had been hospitalized since its introduction because of the volume of work involved in collecting and compiling the particulars required.

# Ministers quizzed on treatment of unionist

Political Staff

**HOLST OF ASSEMBLY** — The South African Police detained the president of the SA Allied Workers Union Mr Thezamlle Gqweta twice within a year without laying charges against him, the Minister of Police, Mr Louis le Grange revealed yesterday.

Between June 26 last year and March 3 this year, Mr Gqweta spent nearly four months in detention. Replied to questions tabled by Mr Harry Pitman (PFPP Pinetown), Mr Le Grange said Mr Gqweta had been detained by South African police between June 26, 1981 and August 4 1981 and between December 10, 1981 and March 3 1982.

Asked if he had been charged with any offences, Mr Le Grange replied, "No."

The minister did not disclose how many times Mr Gqweta has been detained by the Ciskei police although it has been reported that he has been held five times by them.

Mr Pitman said afterwards that the detention of Mr Gqweta was nothing but victimization. He has been detained repeatedly but he has never

been charged

"If section six of the Terrorism Act is necessary and the only way to find out crimes, this action clearly shows that he is not guilty of any offence."

In cases like this the very least the government could do is to give some explanation," Mr Pitman said. This action could only have the effect of disruption of the activities the union he added.

In reply to another question by Mr Pitman, the Minister of Justice Mr Kobie Coetsee said it was "unknown" whether Mr Gqweta had been convicted of any offences during the past five years.

Mr Coetsee said "To establish this his fingerprints have to be taken."

"The Criminal Procedure Act 1977, only authorizes the taking of the fingerprints of persons arrested on criminal charges. This does not apply to Mr Gqweta," Mr Coetsee said.

In reply to a question tabled by Dr Marius Barnard (PFPP Parkton), Mr Coetsee said the Department of Justice did not know whether any of the detainees admitted to hospital for psychiatric treatment had previously re-

ceived psychiatric treatment "as it is information which only the person concerned and his doctor possess."

Mr Coetsee said it was not practically possible in general to refer to the causes of a psychiatric condition because "it is accepted that the question whether a psychiatric condition exists in any specific case and what the possible causes of such condition are can only be answered by doctors after a thorough investigation of the person concerned."

Mr Coetsee also said "The question of course arises whether it is justified to publicly discuss the psychiatric condition of any person concerned even if it would have been possible to determine the causes."

He also told Dr Barnard in reply to another question that two detainees had been hospitalized since February 16, 1982.

"One for treatment of an ulcer and the other one for treatment of psychosis."

The first detainee had been discharged from hospital and the other was expected to be discharged yesterday, the minister said.

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DURBAN — The detainee Mr Sam Kikine, general secretary of the 85 000 strong South African Allied Workers' Union, was discharged today from St Augustine's Hospital where he had been receiving psychiatric treatment since February 26.

Mr Lionel Goldman, administrator of St Augustine's, said Mr Kikine left the hospital premises under police guard.

Mr Kikine was detained on November 26.

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**Kikine not to be isolated?** *(145 A)*

DURBAN — Detained trade unionist Mr Sam Kikine had been discharged from hospital on condition he would no longer be held in isolation cells, his lawyer said yesterday.

Mr Kikine had been receiving psychiatric treatment.

Mr Kikine's lawyer said the psychiatrist who had treated Mr Kikine since he was admitted to hospital about two weeks ago had recommended the conditions of discharge which had been accepted by the police.

The psychiatrist declined to comment yesterday but said he was satisfied with the conditions of the discharge.

Mr Kikine, the general secretary of the South African Allied Workers Union, is being held under Section Six of the Terrorism Act and had spent about 90 days in solitary confinement before he was admitted to hospital.

The head of security police here Brigadier J van den Hoven would not comment — SAPA

When 35 members of the S.A. Allied Workers Union (Saawu) were convicted in a Ciskei court recently of incitement to public violence Major-General Charles Sebe the Ciskei's head of state security announced immediately after the trial that Ciskei was considering banning Saawu

I am glad we have proved our case to the world he said. We have been accused — particularly me — of harassing Saawu. Today we have brought them to court and though they were legally represented by an able advocate we have got a conviction.

The case was yet another chapter in the ongoing dispute which began two years ago when a ten little known trade union organised by Mr Th. Zizwe Gqweta was declared illegal by the Mdanisane snopping complex by the Ciskei government and the Mdanisane council.

# Ciskei's ongoing dispute with Saawu

By Daily Dispatch staff reporter PHILIP VAN NIEKERK

Mdanisane council

The then Brigadier Charles Sebe explained that trade unions in the Ciskei were redundant. "The Ciskei Government looks into the problems of every worker," he said.

The hostility between Ciskei and Saawu has found its way into many arenas from militant on the shop floor to political funerals. But nowhere has the conflict been so pronounced as in the numerous detentions of trade union members.

While it appears that Ciskei's jails have been relatively clear of security detainees since independence on December 4, about 300 people with trade union links have been detained since Saawu began operating in East London in 1980.

Most of the detainees were charged but many of the cases have not yet been heard.

Mr Gqweta who has experienced five periods of detention but has yet to be convicted of an offence had a charge of incitement to strike hanging over him for nearly a year before it was withdrawn under instructions from the Ciskei Attorney General.

In another case 36 former employees of the sweet-manufacturing company Wilson Rowntree were picked up in Mdanisane in May last year.

They were brought to court and faced charges of holding an illegal meeting. The charges eventually were withdrawn before any evidence was led.

When these men were detained they joined another 19 former Wilson-Rowntree employees who were held for three months before being charged with public violence. One of them, Mr Eric Mntonga, the East London branch chairman of Saawu who has been in detention in

South Africa since early December was charged with incitement to violence.

In this instance too the charges were eventually withdrawn against all 19.

In fact out of the 68 Wilson Rowntree workers who were charged in South Africa and Ciskei with offences connected with the strike only one was convicted. Mr Danile Tokwe was found guilty of using force to threaten people not to go to work and sentenced to one year imprisonment.

Before the recent conviction of the 35 men, only one other trade union member had been convicted of an offence in Ciskei. Mr Ernest Qwesha, the East London branch chairman of the African Food and Canning Workers Union, was found guilty of being in possession of banned literature.

# Work stoppage from misunderstanding

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## African Affairs Reporter

THERE was a work stoppage at Turnall Ltd in Jacobs yesterday because of a misunderstanding between the management and the workers who demanded to be recognised as members of SAAWU.

They claimed they did not go on strike but were locked out by the management who called the police to disperse them.

Last Wednesday the management agreed to meet organisers from SAAWU yesterday who were to present the ledger cards to the manager.

But before their union spokesman could come the workers were locked out and were told to collect their pay at noon. They refused to accept it on the grounds that they did not strike.

Mr G H Hampshire, works director, said the stoppage started on Wednesday involving some 480 employees. From then until Thursday night all production was at a standstill.

Management had addressed the employees on several occasions on Wednesday.

On Thursday employees arrived at work and many of them indicated their desire to start work but production did not commence.

Employees were advised that they should leave the factory.

Mr D I Ngcobo, Branch Chairman of SAAWU, said he regretted that Mr Hampshire had fired the workers although they had agreed with him to discuss the matter.

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# Work stoppages hit five Natal companies

## Mercury Reporter

WORK stoppages were experienced by five companies in Natal yesterday as more than 1 200 workers downed tools in support of their demands.

The stoppages follow a wave of strikes on the East Rand which have affected 15 companies over the past two weeks.

At Tongaat Milling in Estcourt more than 150 workers continued to refuse to return to work until their demands had been met.

An official of the Fosatu-affiliated Sweet Food and Allied Workers' Union said the workers downed tools on March 3 following claims of victimisation by a super-

visor. They returned to work when management agreed to investigate their complaints.

According to the official, the workers were given till midday on Thursday to return to work, failing this they were dismissed.

## Due to meet

The managing director of the company, Mr W O R Gibson, could not be contacted late yesterday.

The labour officer of the KwaZulu Department of the Interior, Mr Z A Khanyile, yesterday was due to meet both KwaZulu Shoe Company management and the 700 women workers who downed tools last week in support

of their demand for reinstatement of a fired shop steward and recognition of their union.

The results of the meeting were not known late yesterday. The company manager, Mr Peter Bodovines, was unavailable for comment.

Workers from the Henkel chemical plant at Prospecton near Durban gave Chemical Workers' Industrial Union officials permission to negotiate with management at a meeting early yesterday.

The workers, about half the workforce of the plant, demanded firstly that they all be reinstated and then that management agree on their return to work to discuss wage, shift and pension grievances.

An official of this Fosatu-affiliated union said late yesterday they had managed to get management to agree for the time being not to re-employ new workers while negotiations continued.

Mr M Rousouw, Henkel's personnel officer said they did not want to put any undue pressure on the present situation while talks continued with the union.

Although a number of workers from Turnall Ltd in Jacobs had returned to work by yesterday, a large group of workers met yesterday at the South African Allied Workers' Union offices and claimed they had been 'locked out'.

About 480 workers had downed tools on Wednesday last week after a 'misunderstanding' between the management and workers who had demanded the recognition of their union.

Mr G H Hampshire, works director, said the employees had been invited to return to work on Friday and most of them had accepted the offer. None of them had been dismissed, he said.

# Wilson-Rowntree action spreads to Lesotho

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By MIKE PITSO  
Mail Africa Bureau

MASERU — The Lesotho branch of the Wilson-Rowntree boycott committee, formed two months ago, held its first Press conference in Maseru on Thursday

The committee was formed by representatives of various Lesotho trade unions and other organisations, to express solidarity with the 500 workers dismissed by Wilson-Rowntree last February in East London, following a strike

The committee, which is raising funds for the workers, discourages businessmen from purchasing Wilson-Rowntree products

The committee has also appealed to expatriates in Lesotho to contact their home-trade union to express solidarity with workers dismissed from their jobs in South Africa

Mr Adrian Clarke, a Briton living in Lesotho, is the secretary of the committee

He strongly attacked the British Wilson-Rowntree company for working within South Africa's apartheid policies

He said there was an unholy alliance between the South African Government and Ciskei, whereby workers would be suppressed indefinitely

He added that it was now clear that the South African homelands had been created to become cheap labour reservoirs

Dr Peter Jackson, a former Labour MP in Britain who is now on the staff of the National University of Lesotho, said workers in South Africa were being denied the right to join unions of their own choice

Workers throughout the world had to exert pressure to bring about change in SA

He said pressure in Britain had forced Barclays Bank, for example, to improve conditions for its workers

Various trade unionists in Lesotho expressed solidarity with the South African workers

One of the students from the National University of Lesotho said "Lesotho is one of the main exporters of workers to South Africa. There is no doubt they will also be victims"

# Union (USA) accuses KwaZulu of stalling Mercury

## Mercury Reporter

THE South African Allied Workers' Union yesterday accused KwaZulu's Department of Works of stalling meetings for nearly two months

This charge was made following attempts to raise long-standing grievances held by temporary and casual labourers at KwaZulu's Department of Works.

The chairman of the workers' committee, who asked not to be named, said about 500 temporary and casual workers had complained of low wages — some he claimed were being paid as little as R3,29 a day

## Letters

He also said a number of the workers had complained that they had been employed as temporary workers for more than five years

They should have been transferred to permanent staff after three months' probation, he claimed.

Saawu's branch chairman and national treasurer, Mr Isaac Ngobo, said yesterday he had sent a number of letters to the KwaZulu Minister of Works requesting a meeting to discuss the workers' grievances

He said after several weeks of negotiating he was referred to the Secretary of the Department of Works, Mr Tony Johns, who agreed to meet him last Wednesday

When workers' committee members and Saawu officials arrived at Ulundi they were told the meeting would have to be cancelled unless Mr Ngobo agreed to meet alone Mr Johns without the presence of the delegation

## Cancelled

'We had no choice but to forget the meeting,' said Mr Ngobo 'What had to be said concerned the whole of the delegation and not only me

'I simply cannot understand the motive behind Mr Johns's request especially after Chief Buthelezi has recently made several statements in favour of trade unions

KwaZulu Department of Work's secretary, Mr Johns, said yesterday that he had cancelled the meeting last week because the appointment had been made with Mr Ngobo and 'nobody else'

He said the workers' representatives at the meeting had not been from the official works committee so he had told them to raise their grievances through the accredited channels

# Three union leaders appear in court

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Staff Reporters

Three executive members of the 70 000-strong South African Allied Workers' Union appeared briefly before a Johannesburg regional magistrate today in connection with a charge

under the Terrorism Act

The president of the union, Mr Thozamile Richard Gqweta, the general secretary, Mr Sam Bekhuyise Kikine, and the national organiser, Mr Sisa James

Njikelana, were not asked to plead

On May 4 the Attorney-General authorised the prosecution.

Their names were added to a charge sheet and they will appear with Miss Barbara

Anne Hogan (30) of Hunter Street, Yeoville, Mr Cedric Radcliffe Mayson (54) of St George's Street, Bellevue, and Mr Alan Morris Fine (26) of Sharpe Street, Bellevue

In terms of a certifi-

cate handed to the magistrate, Mr J J van Eeden, their advocate, Miss Priscilla Jana, did not apply for bail. The men were remanded until May 28 for further investigation

After more than five months in detention two leading trade unionists were released yesterday with no charges brought against them

Mrs Emma Mashinini, general secretary of the Commercial, Catering and Allied

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## Unionists in court

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Workers' Union, and Mrs Rita Ndzanga, organising secretary of the General and Allied Workers' Union, were detained on November 27 last year and were held under section six of the Terrorism Act

Mrs Mashinini was one of many trade unionists detained in the crackdown by Security Police last November.

"I don't know in the first place why I was held I should have been charged if I had committed any crime," said Mrs Mashinini

Her husband, Mr Tom Mashinini, said: "I'm really bitter that I was deprived of a wife for so long and yet no charges are brought against her"

Mrs Mashinini said the Security Police had warned her not to talk about her detention

In Kimberley an Anglican priest, Father Ivor Shapiro, editor of the church's publication Seek, was detained yesterday

A 31-year-old legal clerk, Mr Kwenzakhe Mlaba, was detained yesterday in Durban

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# Top Cape unionist held for the seventh time

By ANNE SACKS

MR THOZAMILE Gqweta, president of the 70 000-strong SA Allied Workers Union has been detained for the seventh time, Saawu officials said yesterday

Two other prominent trade unionists, Mrs Emma Mashinini, general-secretary of the Commercial Catering and Allied Workers Union, and Mrs Rita Ndzanga, organising secretary of the General and Allied Workers Union, were released yesterday after being held for nearly six months by Security Police

Lawyers said two other SAAWU unionists, Mr Sam Kikine and Mr Sisa Njikelana, will appear in the Johannesburg Regional Court this morning. It is believed they face charges under the Terrorism Act

Four University of the Witwatersrand students were detained yesterday while visiting the University of Fort Hare university

sources said

They are believed to be T Seretlo S Ntom-bela, S Majola and M Boloko

Police were unable to confirm these detentions last night

Mr Gqweta was detained by Security Police on December 8 last year, and released a few weeks later from the psychiatric unit of the Johannesburg Hospital

Mr Theo Heffer, group manpower consultant for Grinaker Holdings said he was shocked to learn of Mr Gqweta's detention saying the East London-based unionist had been repeatedly detained without ever being charged

Mr Heffer, who had direct dealings with Mr Gqweta for more than two years as personnel director of Chloride, described him as a responsible leader who worked long hours to improve the lot of the many workers he represents

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# Violence is out, says Le Grange

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — Police have been instructed to avoid violence at all times when interrogating detainees, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, said yesterday

Replying to a question in Parliament from Mr Ray Swart (PPP Berea), the Minister said instructions for interrogating detainees "amount to the application of sensible and conciliatory methods in order to gain the information required".

"No questionable or forbidden methods may be employed with the object of obtaining evidence or statements from persons under suspicion"

Asked what controls there were for preventing irregularities in interrogation methods, Mr Le Grange replied "Commanding officers and other senior officers bring regular visits to detainees and satisfy themselves that irregular methods are not resorted to"

"Detainees are visited at least once in 14 days by a magistrate and at random by inspectors of detainees"

"Any complaint of violent conduct is properly investigated and referred to the Attorney-General for his decision"

# Antics from Amsterdam

Mail Correspondent

AMSTERDAM — It was a confusing morning for the postman in one Amsterdam suburb yesterday. Dozens of familiar streets seemed to have disappeared overnight — to be replaced by others he'd never heard of

There was no post for Soweto Avenue, but piles for the untraceable Transvaal Avenue Kruger Square had become Robben Island and Spitskop became Boer-go-to-hell Street

Anti-apartheid activists had replaced hundreds of street names in Amsterdam's old Transvaal quarter with liberation-style names

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# Detention's role 'to obtain information'

Mail Reporter

THE Security Police detained certain South Africans in order to obtain "vital information" from them and not necessarily to bring them before a court of law, the Chief of the SP, Lieutenant-General Johann Coetzee, said yesterday

Addressing about 70 Rand Afrikaans University students at lunchtime, Lt-Gen Coetzee admitted "Our intention is not to try criminals, but to obtain information that can be used for highly confidential operational, diplomatic and other activities"

He said the 48-hour detention clause applicable in civil cases was inadequate. The SP "needed more time"

He believed different methods were required to extract information from "highly-motivated, highly-trained, and sometimes intellectual ideological criminals". He did not elaborate on SP methods of extracting information, but said detentions were "correctly and thoroughly" carried out

"We have no desire to be the sadistic, arbitrary detainers of people," he said

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# 'Apeman' discovered in Kenya

skin and all just like a monkey"

The being who has been nicknamed "John" by hospital staff at Homa Bay, 280km from Nairobi, was found two months ago in the rugged Lambwe Valley forest

He was taken to the hospital where he has been held pending positive identification of his species

Dr Maundu said John does not sleep in a bed but squats like a monkey. He has "mb-

bling, silly behaviour with fast movements" similar to that of a monkey

John cannot speak any known language but uses one "word" utterances similar to the local vernaculars

The being eats raw meat, shuns vegetables and spends much of his time in the hospital yard collecting pieces of wood and leaves

Doctors have estimated his age at about 27 years

A search has been launched in the rugged forest for villagers who may know the origins of the primate

"We want to track his family if he has one," Dr Maundu said

When found, John was partially dressed in rotting blankets and rags

Dr Maundu said it was unlikely but not impossible that he is a human who was raised by monkeys — UPI

# The veld fire season looms

THE approach of winter heralds severe headaches for Johannesburg fire chiefs

"Veld fire season" is just around the corner, and Reef fire chiefs have warned the public to think twice about doing such foolish things as flicking cigarettes out of car windows. If you want information on fire prevention, contact your local fire department.



## Trade unionists in court

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THREE executive members of the South African Allied Workers' Union made an appearance in the Johannesburg Regional Court yesterday.

They are Mr Thozamile Gqweta, president, who was de-

tained for the seventh time on Wednesday afternoon in East London. Mr Samuel Kikine, general secretary, and Mr Sisa Njikelana, national organiser.

During their appearance before Mr JJ van

Eeden, no charges were read against them. The prosecution said police are still continuing with investigations and indicated that the men are to face charges under the Terrorism Act.

They were re-

manded in custody to May 28, a provisional date for the State to furnish the defence with charge sheets.

Ms Priscilla Jana, their legal representative, told the court she had no objection to this arrangement.

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# UK trusts may help in Rowntree strike

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LONDON — The two largest shareholders in the Rowntree Mackintosh confectionery group — the philanthropic Rowntree Trusts — may join the growing protest against the company's bitter and controversial stand over trade unions in South Africa

The Joseph Rowntree Memorial Trust and Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust are considering placing their considerable weight behind a motion at today's annual meeting of Rowntree Mackintosh shareholders here, condemning the company's South African subsidiary Wilson Rowntree

The row, which has lasted for almost 18 months is centred on Wilson Rowntree's refusal to recognise the black trade union Saawu and reinstate workers sacked during the dis-

pute  
The trusts, which help finance social, educational and pacifist causes own almost 11 percent of Rowntree Mackintosh shares worth nearly R54-million

Support for the highly critical shareholders motion would bring the charitable trusts into their most serious open conflict with the company. The company and the trusts share the same origins and their relationship is unique in British commercial life

The debate will come

## OWN CORRESPONDENT

a month before the Anti-Apartheid Movement begins a week of protest to increase pressure on Rowntree Mackintosh

The protest is timed for June 16-23 to coincide with the anniversary of the Soweto uprisings and will involve pickets outside Rowntree Mackintosh factories and lobbying for support among MPs, trade unions and student groups

The shareholders'

motion urges Rowntree Mackintosh to change its policy and recognise Saawu as a trade union and reinstate employees dismissed last year

Mr Trevor Jepson, secretary of the Rowntree Charitable Trust, said at the weekend "We certainly have sympathy with the concern underlying the theme of the motion" He said the trust was particularly concerned about the fundamental question of freedom of association

Unions have been classified according to the Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities. The full extent of the operation of the following general workers unions has not been established:

National Federation of Workers  
Orange-Vaal General Workers Union  
General and Allied Workers Union

## AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING

Black Allied Workers Union  
Farmworkers Union  
Food and Canning Workers Union  
National Certified Fishing Officers Association  
Orange-Vaal General Workers Union  
Trawler and Line Fishermen's Union

## MINING AND QUARRYING

Amalgamated Engineering Union of S.A.  
Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers  
Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers of S.A.  
Black Allied Workers Union  
Black Mineworkers Union  
Federated Mining Explosives and Chemical Employees Union  
Iron Moulders Society of S.A.  
Mine Coloured Staff Association of South Africa  
Mine Surface Officials Association of South Africa  
Mine Workers Union  
S.A. Boilermakers, Iron and Steel Workers Shipbuilders and Welders

# Unionists on terror charges

Own Correspondent

**JOHANNESBURG** — Three leading trade unionists appeared briefly in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with charges under the Terrorism Act.

Mr Thozamile Gqweta, president of the 25 000-strong South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), Mr Sisa Njikelana, Saawu vice-president, and Mr Sam Kikine, Saawu's Natal-based general-secretary, all appeared before M J van Eeden.

They were remanded to May 28.

According to the charge sheet, the trial of the three has been added to that of Miss Barbara Hogan, 30, of Hunter Street, Yeoville, Mr Cedric Mayson, 54, of St George St, Bellevue and Mr Allen Fine, of Sharp Street, Bellevue.

Miss Hogan and the others are appearing for alleged contravention of the Terrorism Act. Their hearing has also been set for May 28.

All three men were neatly dressed and looked well. Mr Gqweta greeted friends and fellow unionists sitting in the visitors' gallery with a clenched fist salute as he left the dock after the brief hearing.

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# East London hub of new black union phase

Last year more than 14 000 workers in the East London area went on strike in 17 major disputes at local industries. It marked the growth of the South African Allied Workers Union (SAAWU) and the name of the union's president, Thozamile Gqwethu, became known throughout the world for his role in those strikes.

Indeed this week the National Manpower Commission reported that 101 of the 342 strikes last year — 29.5 per cent — took place in the Eastern Cape.

They were events that will be analysed and discussed for a long time were they a 'Flash in the pan' or were they symptomatic of deeper issues of conflict in greater East London?

The latest edition of the South African Labour Bulletin has devoted a special double edition to these issues.

Entitled "Flashpoint East London", the journal has published a statement from a dismissed SAAWU committee member, an analysis of the dispute at the Wilson Rowntree factory, a summary of the disputes in the East London area last year, an assessment of SAAWU in East London by Johann Maree, a University of Cape Town lecturer, an examination of industrial development in the East London area, an assessment of the political economy of the Ciskei and a statement made at the University of the Witwatersrand in April last year by the personnel director of Chloride SA, Mr Theo Heffer.

Not everyone will agree with the analyses, particularly among some levels of management and government but what is clear is that the strikes of last year the



Women strikers outside an East London factory last year being addressed by one of their members

growth of unions in the East London area and the disruption to the local economy cannot be ignored — except by the footholdy.

In certain circles last year there was little doubt about the response unions, particularly unregistered unions, should be resisted and countered at every turn.

This was an attitude which characterised official responses before the Wiehahn Commission paved the way for the legalisation and legitimacy of black-dominated unions.

In his foreword to the National Manpower Commission report, the chairman Dr Hennie Reynders said the growth in black membership of trade unions

implied especially in regard to collective bargaining, that "the country is beginning to move towards a completely new situation in which not only will more workers be involved but in particular, a much larger number of black workers will be involved."

"The significance of this should not be underestimated."

"The developments show that more and more workers — especially black workers — are becoming and wish to become, a part of organised labour."

"This puts them in a substantially improved position to exercise a significant influence on their conditions of employment, and will affect the quality of their lives

favourably," Dr Reynders said.

The message is clear black unionisation has come to stay and the government has come to terms with this reality.

The government and the National Manpower Commission would clearly like unions to be registered and formally to be part of the organised labour structure but at the same time it has been accepted reluctantly, that not all workers will be prepared, at this stage, to be incorporated in this system.

Dr Reynders said "The activities of certain of the new trade unions in fields outside those that normally fall within the scope of a trade union, illegal strikes and the phenomenon of striking first and nego-

tiating afterwards are however causing concern."

"But this should be viewed against the background of the transitional phase that is at present being experienced and is not necessarily an indication of what lies ahead."

Mr Heffer in his article in the Labour Bulletin also had advice for management. Chloride for example, he said recognised "the right of workers to choose whatever form of representation they desire, in true recognition of the universal principle of association."

He said also that whether one liked it or not, "you will find that the motives of whites government or manage-

ment are likely to be suspect and that very little interest will be shown in even the better aspects of the liaison committee system — unless or until such suspicion has been removed by building up mutual trust within your own organisation."

He added "The chambers of commerce and industry have made efforts to get employers together to form a common strategy."

"This comes from individual companies not knowing what to do. Some of the guidelines being offered by consultants to companies at present are an invitation to strike action."

"Anyway I believe it is dangerous and wrong to encourage employers to join together in order to crush a particular union."

In the East London environment where a document was circulated to employers to counter the growth of unregistered unions — subsequently disclosed in Parliament — and where the

whether or not employers in the East London area used the document, "any examination of the strikes of 1981 reveals in most cases a common strategy on the part of employers to break unions."

"The normal pattern is to fire all strikers under the pretext that they have 'dismissed themselves' and then selectively re-employ the workforce ensuring that union 'militants' have been weeded out."

Allegations of lock-outs or deliberate attempts to provoke strikes have been levelled at certain companies."

Although some official and unofficial recognition agreements had been negotiated by the end of 1981 with SAAWU and other unregistered trade unions in the East London area the situation was largely tense and unresolved.

And it is not going to go away. Unions and worker organisations, as Dr Reynders has pointed out and welcomed are here to stay.

Employers either have to come to terms with that reality, and its implications, or face continuing conflict on the factory floor.

The Labour Bulletin has outlined what that conflict entailed in 1981.

And one East London dispute, that at Wilson Rowntree, whatever its causes, today symbolises throughout South Africa the conflict between worker organisations and management.

It would be far happier and significant if the signals out of East London were ones of trust and acceptance of unions, than those of conflict which result in East London being seen as a "Flashpoint."

by Political Correspondent BARRY STREEK

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# SP <sup>(145A)</sup> raided our office — <sup>(145A)</sup> union

**Labour Correspondent**

A SPOKESMAN for the SA Allied Workers' Union said Security Police yesterday raided the union's Kempton Park office

The union's national organiser, Mr Herbert Barnabas, said the SP men had confiscated documents and T-shirts, ripped posters off the walls and threatened union members

Mr Barnabas said the police had raided twice, saying they were looking for him He

was not in the office on either occasion

A spokesman for the Police Directorate of Public Relations said yesterday the police would not comment on the allegations "We do not comment on routine investigations," he said

SAAWU's president, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, its vice-president Mr Sisa Njikelana, and general secretary Mr Sam Kikine are awaiting trial prisoners, having been held in Security Police detention for several months

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South African Allied Workers Union (SAAWU)  
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S.A. Canvas & Ropeworkers Union (Cape)  
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Tanning, Footwear and Allied Workers Union  
Textile Workers Industrial Union  
Textile Workers Union (Transvaal)  
Transvaal Leather and Allied Trades Industrial Union  
Trunk & Box Workers Industrial Union

**Textiles, Clothing, Leather and Footwear**

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National Union of Cigarette & Tobacco Workers  
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Sweet Workers Union  
Sugar Industry Employees Union  
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Western Province Sweet Workers Union  
Witwatersrand Baking & Confectionery Industrial Union  
Witwatersrand Brewing Employees Union

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Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Three executive members of the South African Allied Workers' Union, SAAWU, appeared in the regional court here on a charge under the Terrorism Act

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The president of the union, Mr Thomazile Richard Gqweta, the general secretary, Mr Sam Bekhuwase Kikine and the national organizer Mr Sisa James Njikelana, were represented by Mrs Priscilla Jaha

Union

CONSTRUCTION

Amalgamated Society of Bricklayers  
Amalgamated Engineering and Construction Workers Union  
Amalgamated Union of Building Workers  
Black Allied Workers Union  
Blankebouverkersvakbond  
Building, Construction and Allied Workers Union  
Building Workers Union  
Electrical and Allied Workers Union  
Electrical and Allied Engineering and Allied Workers Union  
Engineering Industrial Workers Union  
General Workers Union  
Metal and Allied Workers Union  
National Union of Engineering and Allied Workers  
Port Elizabeth Operative Masons' Union  
S.A. Operative Masons' Union  
S.A. Woodworkers Union  
Steel, Engineering and Allied Workers Union  
S.A. Electrical Workers Association

The unionists appeared with Miss Barbara Anne Hogan, 30, of Hunter Street, Yeoville. Mr Cedric Radcliffe Mayson, 54 of St Georges Street, Bellevue, and Mr Alan Morris Fine 26 of Sharp Street, Bellevue who were represented by Miss Kathy Satchwell.

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They were not asked to plead and the magistrate, Mr E Dry, remanded the six people until June 14 for further investigation

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Miss Hogan, Mr Mayson, Mr Fine, Mr Kikine and Mr Njikelana have been in detention since last year. Mr Gqweta was detained earlier this month

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Wholesale & Retail Trade

Black Allied Workers Union  
Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers Union  
Concession Stores and Allied Trades Assistants Union  
Domestic Workers and Salesladies Association  
Kimberley Shop Assistants, Warehousemen and Clerks Association  
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THE SA Allied Workers' Union regarded a police raid on its Kempton Park offices this week as "routine harassment", a union spokesman said yesterday.

He said he had been "shocked" by an SAP Directorate of Public Relations spokesman's refusal to comment on allegations of a raid because the SAP did not comment on "routine investigations".

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On Wednesday, the union alleged that police had raided the offices, confiscating 51 union documents and 10 T-shirts and that police had "ripped union posters off the walls".

On learning that no-one had been arrested in the incident, an SAP spokesman declined comment, saying "We do not comment on routine investigations".

"We are shocked that the police can describe actions like these as 'routine'. As far as we are concerned, they are yet another example of routine harassment of our union," the spokesman said.

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CAPE TOWN  
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# Police still hold trade unionist

By PHILLIP  
VAN NIEKERK

IT IS six months today since trade unionist Mr Eric Mntonga was arrested at his union office in central East London and held under South African security legislation

Mr Mntonga, the East London branch chairman of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), was first detained under Section 22 of the General Laws Amendment Act on December 10 last year, but has now been held for more than five months at John Vorster Square, Johannesburg, under Section Six of the Terrorism Act

## Hospital

During February he was admitted to the Johannesburg General Hospital for treatment for five days before being returned to detention

A spokesman for the South African Police Public Relations Division, who confirmed Mr Mntonga's hospitalization, said yesterday he could not disclose the reason for it because it was "privileged information" He said, however, that Mr Mntonga had not been admitted for psychiatric treatment.

## Boycott

Mr Mntonga, who turned 30 in detention earlier this year, was the chairman of the workers' committee at Wilson Rowntree He was at the forefront of a national consumer boycott of Wilson Rowntree products following a strike by workers at that factory early last year

Shortly after the strike, he was detained by Ciskei security police and held under emergency Proclamation R252 for three months before being released, along with 54 other detained Wilson Rowntree workers. He was charged with incitement to violence, a charge which was later withdrawn.

## 'In the dark'

Mr Mntonga's elderly father, Mr Norman Mntonga, who has not visited his son since April, said yesterday he was "in the dark" as to why his son was being held "I am very worried and very angry. How long are they going to keep him there?"

Apart from his trade union activities, Eric Mntonga is well known in the Border region as a lock forward for the Tembu United rugby team

# Warning on effects if union is ignored

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By SANDRA SMITH

THE Midland Chamber of Industries and an industrial relations expert have warned of possible serious economic consequences if the South African Transport Services continues to refuse to recognise the General Workers' Union (GWU)

The GWU has attempted unsuccessfully to arrange a meeting with SATS management, which has moved from a position of refusing to deal with an unregistered union to saying the GWU is not sufficiently representative.

GWU general secretary Mr Dave Lewis said the union had more than 1 000 members on the Port Elizabeth and East London docks

He said the GWU was not asking for the right to negotiate national conditions for dock workers but to negotiate in respect of local matters in the Port Elizabeth and East London docks

The executive director of the Midland Chamber of Industries, Mr Brian Matthew, said today the chamber was seriously concerned, as any disruption of "our supply lines" would affect industry in the area

"We are hopeful the matter will be amicably resolved to the benefit of all concerned," he said

Ford's director of industrial relations, Mr Fred

Ferreira, said it would be a pity if the SATS management were "to continue to underestimate the seriousness of the situation developing in this area — particularly in the light of potential international ramifications"

"It seems totally senseless for an impasse to develop when the issues involved appear to be essentially questions of principle which are totally consistent with current perspectives on labour relations in South Africa," he said

"One hopes that this is not another case of different Government departments each going off in their own direction"

The country could not afford to have its harbour activities crippled through potential strike action and the SATS ought therefore, at least, to show a willingness to discuss the issues involved, he said

In an open letter to the SATS general manager, Dr Kobus Loubser, this month, the GWU said its members had met with "an extraordinarily brutal response" from the SATS and Railway Police in their activities

The union warned of the possibility of bloodshed if the dispute led to open conflict Overseas transport unions have shown an interest in the dispute, and the International Transport Workers Federation has promised its support.



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scepticism by many labour observers. They have argued that while the union may have signed up vast numbers of workers, there are doubts about how well motivated many of these workers are and how well the union is servicing their needs. However, the union has made a strong showing in a variety of strikes and has been particularly well-organised in the East London area.

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UNION MATTERS

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Saawu's survival

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More than any other trade union, the SA Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) has faced the wrath of the South African and homeland governments in recent years. Yet the union continues to survive — and claims to be growing strongly in some regions. A breakaway from the black consciousness-linked Black Allied Workers' Union (Bawu), Saawu was established in 1979. Although it aims to be a non-racial union, almost all its members are black. It has grown rapidly in Natal and the Eastern Cape and by last year boasted a membership of 70 000. The union's membership claims have been treated with a great deal of

Saawu has antagonised both the SA and Ciskei governments. The SA authorities have been concerned about the union's militant style and its willingness to become involved in what are deemed to be political issues.

For example, the union has called for the release of Robben Island prisoners. Last year a security branch officer circulated a document to employers in East London which proposed strategies to hamper the union. The Minister of Police, Louis le Grange, said in response to questions in Parliament that the distribution of the document did not fall within the duties of the security police. However, the officer had been acting in good faith, said Le Grange, and no steps would be taken against him.

The Ciskei government has been perturbed by the union's opposition to homeland independence and perceives the union to be a threat to its authority.

Scores of Saawu members were detained by the Ciskei police last year and the union's leaders have been frequently held

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by both the Ciskei and SA governments. Two senior union members have been treated in hospital after long periods of detention. Finally, late last month, charges of contravening the Terrorism Act were brought against the union's president Thozamile Gqweta, its general secretary Sam Kikine, and national organiser Sisa Njikelana.

There have been predictions that Saawu would suffer the same fate as black unions operating in the decades up to the Sixties. In some respects these were mass movements rather than proper trade unions, and they tried to gain as large a membership as possible in the shortest space of time. By not entrenching themselves properly in factories they failed to secure an enduring national base and were vulnerable to a sud-

den collapse

Saawu, however, appears to be surviving and its leaders say it is unfair to compare the union to those which ceased to be effective due to poor organisation. They admit that membership in the East London area has dropped from about 25 000 to about 17 500 in the past year due to the detention of members and leaders. However, they claim continued growth in Natal, where they say three recognition agreements have been signed this year and several others are being negotiated.

Saawu organiser Herbert Barnabas says the union's membership in the Transvaal has grown from 139 a year ago to about 2 050 now. He says two recognition agreements have been signed in the past year and claims that another nine are in the

pipeline. He attributes Saawu's survival to the union's efforts to create a secure organisation at plant level and the accent that is placed on workers' participation in the union's affairs.

Some companies which have recognised the union report that they have managed to achieve a good relationship with it. The personnel manager of one of the first companies to negotiate with Saawu says the union has a good record of adhering to an agreement it signed with the company. He says the Saawu shop stewards are playing an important role in dealing with day-to-day labour problems. Johnson & Johnson has also signed an agreement with Saawu and a company spokesman describes relations with the union as "fairly reasonable". "There are no major problems," he adds.

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**A sticky week for the sweet makers**

London Bureau

LONDON — An attempt to sabotage the sale of Rowntree-Mackintosh products is to be made by the British Anti-Apartheid Movement, which claims it has the backing of the leaders of the Labour Party, the Liberal Party and the Trades Union Congress

"The company is to be the target for a week of action," said the movement. Shoppers will be handed leaflets urging them to "think before you eat" Rowntree-Mackintosh products

"We are taking this unprecedented action because of the persistent refusal of Rowntree-Mackintosh to reinstate 470 black workers sacked by their 100% owned South African subsidiary or to recognise their union"

"We have tried every reasonable course of action, now

we are going to the consumers. We have chosen to launch this campaign on June 16 — the sixth anniversary of the Soweto massacre — to remind people of what apartheid means in practice"

Demos are planned outside Rowntree-Mackintosh factories in York, Leicester, Norwich and Glasgow

A broadsheet to be distributed includes on its front page a message from the TUC leader, Mr Len Murray, claiming that Rowntree-Mackintosh is "running away from its obligations" and saying British unions will put pressure on the firm

A message from Mr Michael Foot, says the Labour Party is taking up the matter with the company. Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, is quoted as saying "I wish you every success in bringing additional international pressure to bear on Rowntree-Mackintosh"



# Sweets boycott 'gesture of solidarity'

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Argus Bureau

LONDON — An anti-apartheid-led boycott of Rowntree Mackintosh sweets has started in Britain as a gesture of solidarity with black workers in South Africa who are seeking recognition for the South African Allied Workers' Union

The BBC devoted a television programme last night to the issues involved in the British boycott

The irony that it should be the company founded by Joseph Rowntree was dwelt on at some length. Rowntree a Quaker, was concerned about the welfare of his workers and sponsored housing projects, better feeding schemes and recreation facilities at the company's headquarters in York

## ATTITUDES

The Rowntree Mackintosh chairman, Mr Kenneth Dixon, told viewers. "The essential attitudes of Joseph Rowntree still persist in this business. Rowntree would not have liked the apartheid system and nor do I"

But, he emphasised, Rowntree Mackintosh workers in South Africa were not exploited

Professor Laurie Taylor of York University said the boycott was symbolic

"You can't talk about apartheid in global terms," he said "You have to bring to people's attention the relationship between apartheid and a bar of Kit Kat"

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Off'n Correspondent

EAST LONDON — Parker Pen retrenched 35 semi-skilled and unskilled workers yesterday

Mr D C Breetzke, managing director, said the retrenched workers had been compensated

They had been paid a week's wages for each year of service

Although the company had no formal agreement with the Allied Workers' Union, management had held discussions with the union regarding the retrenchments, Mr Breetzke said



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ABOUT 550 striking workers from Uniply's Cato Ridge plant returned to work yesterday after a dispute over the dismissal of a colleague while the strike at Non-Ferrous Metals involving about 200 workers continued

The Uniply workers downed tools on Tuesday when the company dismissed a worker who had refused to work overtime, which is apparently not compulsory, a spokesman for the Fosatu-affiliated Paper Wood and Allied Workers' Union said yesterday. The workers had demanded his reinstatement.

According to a statement released by Uniply, the entire workforce including those dismissed had returned to work after discussions between representatives of management and workers.

The statement said. 'It would appear that there was a misinterpretation of an instruction by an employee regarding a request to work overtime.'

**Downed tools**

The workers at Non-Ferrous Metals who downed tools on Monday over pensions had not returned to work yesterday.

Non-Ferrous Metals' managing director, Mr Bernhard Lazarus, said the company still stuck by its Tuesday dismissal of the workers and their wage packets were available at the Metal Industries' Industrial Council's local office.

He said that although he would start hiring new workers from next week, he would be willing to re-employ workers selectively.

A local industrial council official said yesterday that in terms of the council's legislation he could not reveal how many workers had collected their pay.

The branch secretary of the South African Allied Workers' Union, Mr Isaac Ngcobo, who says he represents the Non-Ferrous Metals' workers, said a meeting had been set up with the company for Monday. This was confirmed by Mr Lazarus.

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550 strikers back at work  
— but 200 others stay out

Mail Correspondent

DURBAN — About 550 striking workers from Unply's Cato Ridge plant returned to work yesterday after a dispute over the dismissal of a colleague

But the strike at Non-Ferrous Metals involving about 200 workers continued

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The workers at Non-Ferrous Metals who downed tools on Monday over pensions had not returned to work yesterday

Non-Ferrous Metals' managing director, Mr Bernhard Lazarus, said the company still adhered to its decision on Tuesday to dismiss the workers. Their wage packets were available at the metal industries' industrial council local offices

He said although he would be hiring new workers from next week, he would be willing to re-employ workers selectively

The branch secretary of the South African Allied Workers' Union, Mr Isaac Ngcobo, which claims to represent the Non-Ferrous Metals' workers, said a meeting had been set up with the company for Monday. This was confirmed by Mr Lazarus

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# Saawu men to be tried soon

EAST LONDON — The Grahamstown trial of two executive members of the South African Allied Workers' Union should start 'any day now', the Attorney-General of the Eastern Cape, Mr E C Heller said yesterday

The president of SAAWU, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, and his vice president Mr Sisa Njikelana, would make a brief appearance "within the next few days", Mr Hel-

ler said when a remand date would be set

The two union leaders appeared on charges under the Terrorism Act in the Johannesburg regional court earlier this week and were told their case was being transferred to Grahamstown magistrate's court

The general secretary of the union, Mr Sam Kikine, had his case transferred to Durban magistrate's court —  
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# Rowntree men

## 'desperate but

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## determined'

Labour Reporter

THE plight of 470 Wilson-Rowntree workers in East London, dismissed after striking more than a year ago, is growing more desperate

However, the workers are determined to press for reinstatement, and recognition of the South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU), according to a worker representative, Mr Sam Bani.

Mr Bani said workers had been harassed by the South African and Ciskeian authorities and "blacklisted" by other managements in East London

In February last year, three workers were dismissed for refusing to fix

a machine without written permission

The three workers said a worker had been reprimanded before for fixing machines when he was unqualified to do so. They were reluctant to do the repairs without written permission and a skilled rate of pay.

### BOYCOTT

Later, about 470 workers struck in support of the dismissed workers and in May last year they called a boycott of Rowntree products

Management has refused to negotiate with the workers or SAAWU, saying they will negotiate only with the Sweet Workers' Union, which they say represents most

of the workers in their factory.

The workers and SAAWU deny this. African workers were not allowed to belong to the SWU, until 1980

Workers claim membership of the Sweet Workers' Union is a condition of employment at Wilson-Rowntree

SAAWU branch secretary Mr M Mdyogolo said one dismissed worker had been sent to SWU offices after inquiring about his job.

He was told the SWU would recommend him "after his case had been carefully considered"

With the plight of the unemployed workers becoming increasingly severe, the workers have renewed their call for a boycott of Wilson-Rowntree products in an attempt to bring management to the negotiating table

The Argus Africa News Service reports that a support committee in Lesotho claims to have raised "several thousand rands" for the workers.

Dr Peter Jackson, a committee member and former Labour MP in Britain, said the committee had been surprised at the support shown.

Another committee member, Mr Adrian Clarke, said although the strike was 15 months old, he felt it was important to persevere as "very few of the 500 workers have got new jobs because they've been blacklisted"

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# Unionist held after terror case dropped

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JOHANNESBURG — An urban trade unionist Mr Kikine was taken into police custody on Tuesday immediately after charges against him were withdrawn by a Johannesburg magistrate.

Mr Kikine a top SA Allied Workers Union official appeared in the Johannesburg Regional Court on Tuesday about 9am. He was told he would be transferred to Durban for trial. He appeared with two other top SAAWL officials, Mr Thozamile Gqweta and Mr Sisa Njikelana who were told they would be transferred to Grahamstown for trial. About 30 minutes later Mr Kikine reappeared in

court the spokesman said. He was told the charges against him had been withdrawn. Immediately afterwards he was taken into police custody and we do not know where he is. The spokesman said Mr Gqweta and Mr Njikelana who live in East London appeared in a Grahamstown court yesterday. The Grahamstown court said it had no jurisdiction over the unionists and transferred the case to East London.

The spokesman said no charges had been laid against the two men who will appear today.

Police yesterday confirmed that a Soweto student who disappeared last week from the University of the North campus was being held in terms of security laws.

A police public relations spokesman said in a telex to the Rand Daily Mail that Mr Moeketsi Ali Mphaki 21, of Dube was being detained under Section 22 of the General Laws Amendment Act.

His father Mr Cornelius Mphaki, said that police had not informed him. He did not know where his son was being held.

## Support for land deal

Own Correspondent

UMTATA — The Prime Minister of the Transkei Chief George Matanzima has come out in support of South Africa's plan to hand over Ingwavuma and Kangwane to Swazi land.



Mrs Cynthia Pope and Miss Dina Syste in the kitchen of the Mitchells Plain home where 12 people were overcome by what they believed was gas from a portable gas bottle.

## Mystery attacks of 'dizziness'

Staff Reporter

FOUR Mitchells Plain adults, a six-year-old child and three babies were taken to hospital early yesterday morning after being overcome in their home by what may have been a leaking gas bottle.

Mrs Cynthia Pope of Nile Street said she had gone to take a cooking pot of jam off a gas cooker soon after midnight when she suddenly felt faint.

She left the kitchen but her domestic servant Miss Dina Syste, entered felt giddy and collapsed unconscious in the next room.

Miss Debbie Bobbert, another occupant went to the kitchen to fetch ice with which she hoped to revive Miss Syste, was also overcome by dizziness and collapsed in the lounge.

Mrs Pope said two girls, Desiree Bobbert and a friend Felicity Hendricks both woken up by the commotion ran out

side where they collapsed in front of the door, gasping for breath.

This in turn woke Mr Jeffrey Erasmus, who felt light-headed the moment he stepped into the passage.

He ran back into the bedroom picked up his seven-month-old baby Antonio and climbed out the window.

Three other children — Elvita, 12 months, Alphonso August 3 and Natasha Pope, 6 were taken outside by Mrs Elvira August.

Mrs Pope said her house was very damp and spots of fungus kept reappearing on her walls after cleaning.

She felt the only other cause of the dizziness may have been the damp.

A spokesman for Groote Schuur Hospital yesterday said no traces of gas had been found in the blood tests.

The people had been affected by lack of oxygen and nothing was wrong with them, she said.

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courts, controlled the issuing of business licences, agricultural matters and other business without control from the South African Government, he said. Throughout the day members of the Inkatha movement sat on the court lawns awaiting the outcome after arriving in a column during the morning. The singing protestors marched up Maritzburg's main thoroughfare, Longmarket Street before taking up their positions under police surveillance. Most of the group were schoolchildren but they were led by adults.

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Mall Reporter

A DURBAN trade unionist Mr Sam Kikine was taken into police custody on Tuesday immediately after Terrorism Act charges against him were withdrawn by a Johannesburg magistrate

A spokesman for Priscilla Jana and Associates, a legal firm, said yesterday they did not know who had arrested Mr Kikine or under what law he was being held.

"We guess he is in Durban, but we are still trying to find out," he said

Mr Kikine, a senior SA Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) official, appeared in the Johannesburg Regional Court on Tuesday about 9am. He was told he would be transferred to Durban for trial.

He appeared with two other top Saawu officials, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, and Mr Sisa Njikelana. They were told their cases were being transferred to Grahamstown

Mr Kikine had reappeared in court about 30 minutes later and was told by the magistrate that charges against him had been withdrawn, the spokesman said

"Immediately afterwards he was taken into police custody and we do not know where he is"

The spokesman said Mr Gqweta and Mr Njikelane, who live in East London, had appeared in a Grahamstown court yesterday. The case had been transferred to East London

No charges had been laid against the two men, who were expected to appear in court today.



**Unionist  
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Mail Reporter

POLICE said yesterday that top Durban trade unionist Mr Sam Kikine was being held in terms of Section 12(a) of the Internal Security Act.

Section 12(a) is the refusal of bail clause, lawyers said yesterday.

Mr Kikine, a vice-president of the SA Allied Workers' Union, appeared in a Durban court on Tuesday. His case was adjourned to July 7.

He appeared in the Johannesburg Regional Court on Monday and was told he was being transferred to a Durban court for trial.

A spokesman for Priscilla Jana and Associates said, he reappeared 30 minutes later and was told by a Johannesburg magistrate that Terrorism Act charges against him had been withdrawn.

# 'ab' Moscow

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ted Leningrad, Russia's cultural capital, and many hospitals Professor Brink said the medical service was broad but basic The general level of their medical service was not high "Their equipment facilities and training are not

as good as ours," he said Their training of doctors differs from training in South Africa Professor Brink, said besides doctors with six years' training, there were "felshars" who had three years' training at a "secondary medical institute" after only eight years at a school These "felshars" provide basic medical services and are allowed to practice

# No union accord on federation

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Labour Reporter

INDEPENDENT trade unions have decided that there is "no basis" for the formation of a federation representing all of them "at this stage".

A meeting was held in Port Elizabeth at the weekend at which 14 trade unions and union groupings debated the question of a federation The matter had arisen at a meeting held in Johannesburg in April Mr Jan Theron, the chairman of the meeting said in a statement it had been decided there was no basis for the formation of a federation 'at this stage' No further meeting was planned

### COUNCIL

The unions represented at the meeting were the Federation of South African Trade Unions the General Workers' Union, the Council of Unions of South Africa, the Food and Canning Workers' Union, the African Food and Canning Workers' Union the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association the Orange Vaal General Workers' Union, the Motor Assembly Components Workers' Union of South Africa, the General Workers' Union of South Africa the South African Allied Workers' Union, the Black Municipal Workers' Union, the South African Transport and Allied Workers' Union the General and Allied Workers' Union and the Media Workers' Association of South Africa

# Ghana's judges 'go on strike'

ACCRA — Ghanaian judges decided today to withdraw their services in protest at the callous and coldblooded murder of three colleagues the Ghana News Agency said A statement issued after an emergency meeting chaired by Chief Justice Fred Apaloo said the judges had failed to find any discoverable motive for the murders and that the victims had performed their duties in accordance with their judicial oaths and in the manner expected by right-thinking Ghanaians.

### "IMPOSSIBLE"

The statement added that Ghana's Head of State, Flight Lieutenant Jerry Rawlings, who has ordered a special inquiry into the murders, had advised the judges to continue to discharge their duties undaunted

Last Saturday the bullet-riddled and partly burnt bodies of three High Court judges were found on the Accra Plains, along with that of the personnel director of the Ghana Industrial Holding Corporation — Sapa-Reuter



Cynthia Balinyanga and three young children of the more 200 squatters who spent last night outside the grounds of Holy Cross Church with hardly any shelter Their eviction the churchyard where they have been staying for the past months, comes as a direct result of the delay by the Department of Co-operation and Development in deciding whether to grant them legal status in the Western Cape (Report Page 1)

# Editor quits new paper

Argus Bureau  
DN. — The editor of the Mail on Sunday — its first new Sunday paper in more than 10 weeks. — has resigned the departure of Mr Shrimpsley has speculation that could be a cham

reaction of executive changes in Fleet Street The Mail on Sunday, launched with a R6-million publicity campaign, has failed to reach its target circulation of 1.2-million copies It is believed to be selling about 850 000 The chairman of Associated Newspapers, Lord Rothermere, has

announced that the editor of the Daily Mail, Sir David English, will now also edit the Mail on Sunday Sir David spent most of yesterday afternoon in a meeting with Associated Newspapers executives, fuelling speculation that there may be a string of executive changes instead.

# Immunisation

Argus Africa News Service

NAIROBI — Kenya has launched a large-scale immunisation campaign against polio The target is to immunise 100 000 children against the crippling disease

**SAAWU man  
in court**

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — The general secretary of the South African Allied Workers' Union Mr Samuel Kikine no age given appeared briefly before Mr J J Brits in the Durban Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with an allegation of contravening the Terrorism Act

No charge was put to Mr Kikine and no details of the allegation were given. The hearing was adjourned to August 6 and Mr Kikine was released on bail of R500.

He has to report twice a week to the police.

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# SAAWU Terrorism Act detainee released on bail

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN  
Labour Correspondent

THE general secretary of the SA Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU), Mr Sam Kikine, who has been in police custody since last November, was released on R500 bail on Tuesday after appearing briefly in the Durban Magistrate's Court in connection with alleged Terrorism Act offences

Mr Kikine's appearance was the latest in a series by three SAAWU office bearers who have between them now appeared before magistrates in four cities. On one of his appearances in Johannesburg, a magistrate told Mr Kikine charges against him had been withdrawn

A fourth SAAWU office-bearer, Mr Eric Mntonga, has been in detention under security laws since late last year

Our Durban correspondent reports that Mr Kikine appeared in connection with a charge under the Terrorism Act, but that he was not charged during his appearance and that no details of charges against him were given

Legal sources said yesterday it was "unusual" for an accused due to face a Terrorism Act charge to be released on bail

After being detained for several months,

Mr Kikine, SAAWU president Mr Thozamile Gqweta and vice-president Mr Sisa Njikelana, appeared in court in Johannesburg earlier this year charged under the Terrorism Act

But at a later hearing, the magistrate told the three men Mr Gqweta and Mr Njikelana were being transferred to Grahamstown and Mr Kikine to Durban

Later, the magistrate informed Mr Kikine charges against him had been dropped, but that he was being transferred to Durban in police custody

He was held in Durban under Section 12 of the Internal Security Act, which deals with potential State witnesses, until his appearance on Tuesday

A spokesman for the law firm representing Mr Kikine said that, before Tuesday's hearing, the Attorney-General for Natal had withdrawn his certificate stipulating that no bail be allowed Mr Kikine

Meanwhile, Mr Gqweta and Mr Njikelana appeared in a Grahamstown court but were told by the magistrate that he had no jurisdiction over their case and that they were being transferred to East London

They are now due to appear again in an East London court next month

# Cosmetic factory workers arrested for trespassing

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**Mercury Reporter**  
SEVENTY-SEVEN workers from a Rosburgh cosmetic factory, Chemo Laboratories, were arrested by police yesterday following a stoppage over wages.

A police spokesman said the workers had been arrested for trespassing at 9 a.m. when they refused to leave the company's premises.

The workers later appeared in a Durban magistrate's court where charges were withdrawn.

According to a spokes-

man for the South African Allied Workers' Union (Sawu), about 180 workers at the company had downed tools on Friday after the company refused to agree to their demand for 'a better increase'.

He said the workers had been dissatisfied with the company's offer of a weekly increase of between 60c and R1.

They had tried to raise the issue with management but had been told 'their services were no longer required' because 'the company was closing

down', he claimed.

The following day workers met and decided as a number of workers had continued to work in the factory the company could not be closing down. The workers then decided to return to work, he added.

'The workers arrived at work yesterday, clocked in and had even begun to work when a supervisor asked what they were doing and said he would fetch the management,' a union source said.

They had been waiting for the management when

the police arrived, he said.

Police were told that the company had paid off the workers on Friday. But the union source denied this saying they had not yet 'signed off'.

The police spokesman said workers had been warned to disperse as they were trespassing. 'When they refused to move, they were arrested,' he said.

Chemo Laboratories managing director, Mr S Wolfowitz, said he was not prepared to comment.

THE detention for eight months of Mr Sam Kikine, general secretary of the SA Allied Workers Union (SAAWU), who faces charges of terrorism in Durban next month, has been marked by a series of legal wrangles

And the lengthy detentions of his two colleagues, the SAAWU president, Mr Thozamile Gqweta — detained at least five times before — and SAAWU vice-president, Mr Sisa Njikelane, have also been unusual

Mr Kikine, who was allowed out on bail, will appear in the Durban Magistrate's Court on August 6

He was detained in Durban on November 27 last year and held in terms of Section 22 of the General Laws Amendment Act Two weeks later, he was held in terms of Section Six of the Terrorism Act, which provides for detainees to be held in solitary confinement with no access to the outside world

In March this year, he was admitted to the psychiatric unit of the St Augustine Hospital in Durban, where he was under police guard

Mr Gqweta was also admitted to a psychiatric unit, but in Johannesburg When his brother Robert saw him, he described him as "unrecognisable"

Sometime after Mr Kikine's discharge from hospital, he was transferred to Johannesburg His lawyers do not know exactly when

On June 28, he appeared in the Johannesburg Regional Court together with Mr Gqweta and Mr Njikelane in connection with charges under the Terrorism Act Details of their charges were not disclosed

Mr Gqweta and Mr Njikelane were told they would be transferred to Grahamstown for trial, and Mr Kikine was told he was being transferred to Durban for trial

# The strange case of Sam Kikine

ANNE SACKS reports on the legal wrangles surrounding the detention of trade unionist Mr Sam Kikine.

The three men left the court Thirty minutes later, Mr Kikine was returned to court, where he was told the charges against him had been withdrawn

He was immediately redetained and transferred to Durban in police custody His lawyers do not know under which law he was detained, but presume it was Section Six of the Terrorism Act

The next day, June 29, he appeared in the Durban Magistrate's Court, where he was told his case had been remanded until July 13 He appeared in connection with a charge under the Terrorism Act, but no details of charges against him were given

Mr Kikine was returned to police custody, and police said he was being held in terms of Section 12 (a) of the Internal Security Act, the refusal of bail clause

Meanwhile, his lawyers applied to

have the trade union leader released on bail When he appeared in court on July 13, he was told his bail application had been successful, and that he was being released on R500 bail

He was told to appear in court again on August 6

Legal sources said it was unusual for an accused due to face a Terrorism Act charge to be released on bail

When Mr Gqweta and Mr Njikelane appeared in a Grahamstown court, the magistrate told them he had no jurisdiction over their case, and that they were being transferred to East London

They are due to appear again in an East London court next month

Another SAAWU office-bearer, Mr Eric Mntonga, has been in detention under security laws since late last year

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# Unionist freed after 2 weeks

O. Dispatch

24/7/82

EAST LONDON — The branch secretary of the General Workers' Union, Mr David Thandani, said yesterday he was released on Thursday after two weeks' detention in Ciskei

He said he had been held at the Mdantsane police station

Mr Thandani said he would continue working as the GWU branch secretary

He said the only time he was questioned during his detention was on Tuesday morning, between 8 am and 11 30 am, when he was taken to the Ciskei Central Intelligence Service offices in Zone 6

"They wanted to know if GWU and African Food and Canning Workers' Union were both under the control of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), which they said was part of the African National

Congress (ANC)

"I told them GWU had its own executive, its own headquarters and its own organisation and was completely independent of Saawu"

Asked to comment, the Commander General of State Security, Major-General Charles Sebe, said last night Mr Thandani had been in possession of certain documents

"He was questioned about these documents and matters concerning subversive organisations," he said

He said regarding GWU he knew very well that the GWU was under the wing of Saawu

As a matter of fact, he said, all such trade unions were working under the wing of Saawu

"We are very conversant with the subject of trade union relationship," General Sebe said — DDR

# Natal firm asks Court to test 'closed shop'

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Mercury Reporter

A NATAL furniture company has asked the Industrial Court to test the controversial 'closed shop' provision, which forces workers to belong to a trade union.

The case is being brought by Grafton Everest against the furniture industries' Natal Industrial Council and National Union of Furniture and Allied Workers (NUFAW), an affiliate of the Trade Union Council.

It concerns a council agreement which forces all Indian, black and coloured furniture workers to belong to NUFAW.

The closed shop has been extended only recently to blacks.

The closed shop is firmly supported by most established unions but has been attacked by emerging unions and employers, who see it as a violation of workers' freedom of association.

It is understood that Grafton Everest brought the case after three of their workers — one who has worked for the company for 25 years — refused to join NUFAW because they supported the unregistered South African Allied Workers' Union. The council told the company they must dismiss the three workers.

The company has now taken the case to the Court, arguing that to fire workers because they refuse to join a union is an unfair labour practice and runs counter to the principle of freedom of association.

## Tested

NUFAW's secretary, Mr Mohan Lalaram, yesterday confirmed that the case had been brought by the company but said 'it was the right of any employer to ask the Minister of Manpower for an exemption from the closed shop agreement'.

It is understood that the company has not asked for an exemption because this would mean that the closed shop principle would not be tested in court.

The Natal Industrial Council for the furniture industry declined to comment when contacted yesterday.

The Registrar of the Industrial Court confirmed the case, but said a date had not yet been set because 'we are waiting for the parties to agree on a mutually satisfactory date and then come back to us'.



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terms of the aid agreement, the to buy equipment from over- in local currency, that recycled for local development

Malawyo industry congress and informative interchange

"Probably nowhere in the world would so many Ministers and their deputies attend that kind of a meeting. It is an indication of co-operation and positive attitudes that exist between government and industry."

Zimbabwe was not alone in its economic problems, Mr Gross said, although industrialists who had been isolated from the international community for so long needed more opportunities to travel in other countries.

Firms that had been cut off from the world during the UDI era needed to reassess their position in terms of competitiveness of their products and their effectiveness in the international markets — Sapa

# Saawu says no to land transfer

Mail Correspondent

THE South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), which claims a membership of 50 000 in Natal, has come out against moves to incorporate Ingwavuma into Swaziland and has urged workers to attend King Goodwill's meeting at Nongoma on Saturday.

Saawu's general secretary, Mr Sam Kikine, said workers should attend the meeting because if the Ingwavuma issue went ahead unchallenged, it would mean many workers could lose their jobs in South Africa.

"The incorporation of Ingwavuma into Swaziland would mean that workers from the area would be reclassified as foreign migrants and therefore could lose their right to work locally," he explained.

Mr Kikine urged Natal employers to allow members of the Zulu royal family to leave work early today to assist preparations for Saturday's meeting and to allow workers to leave work early on Friday to give them enough time to get to Nongoma.

# Weather Mail

Weather Bureau's forecast for today —

NATAL — Fine to partly cloudy and mild but warm over Transvaal and the eastern lowveld. KATIE and CAPE north of the Orange — Fine and colder over the south.

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Partly cloudy and mild but cloudy at first over south coast.

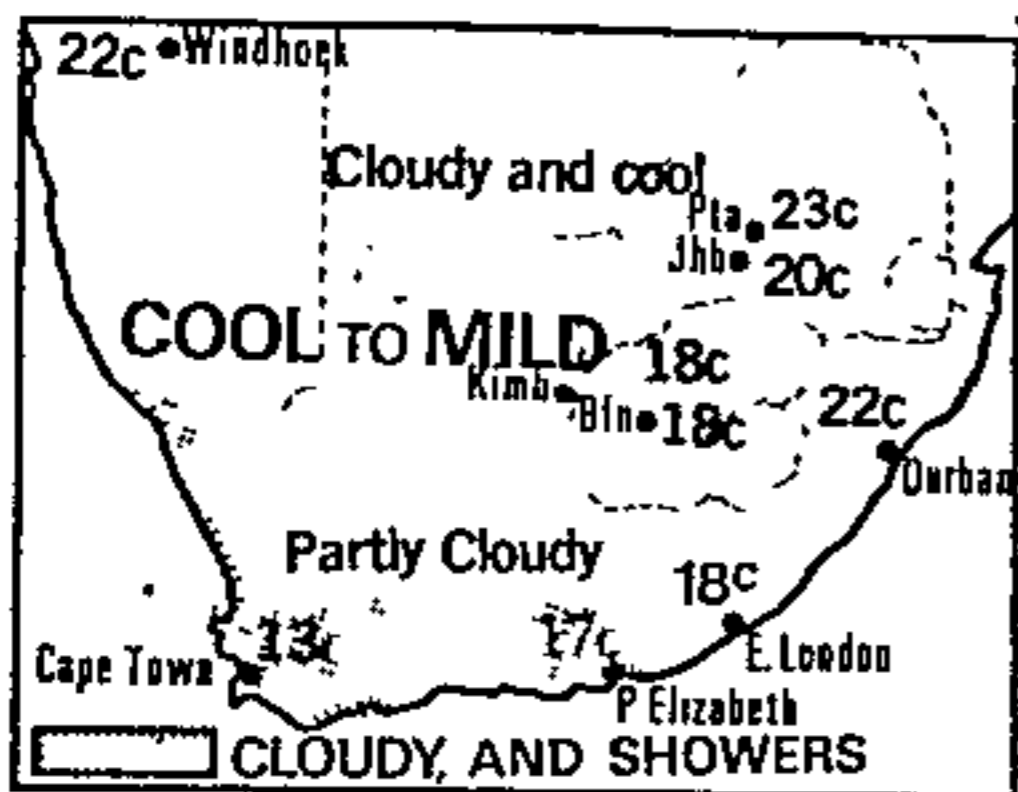
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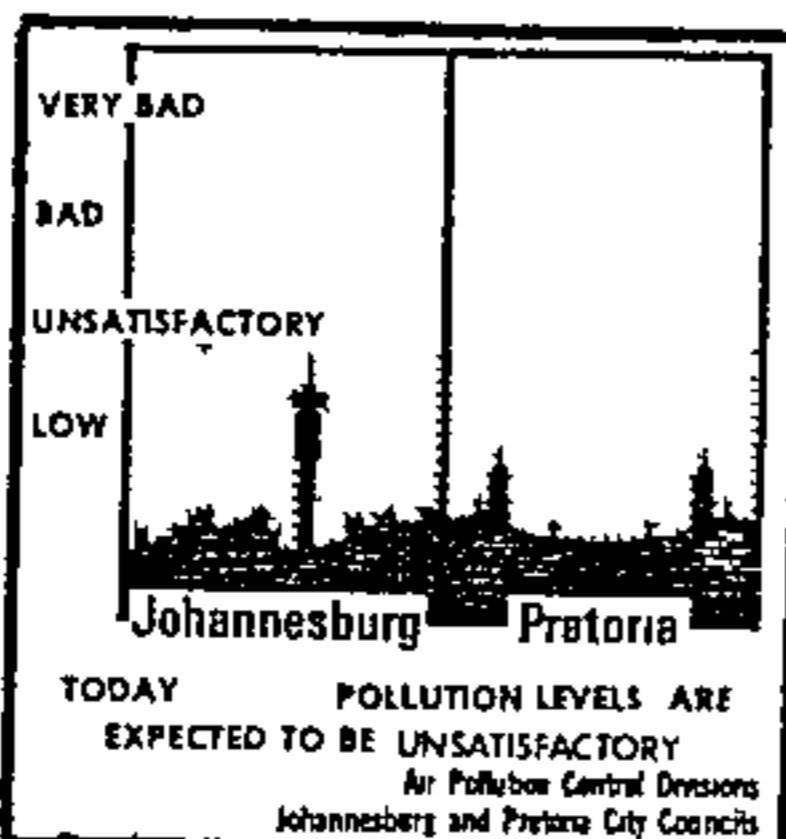
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## WORLD YESTERDAY

Min	Max	Weather
14	18	Cloudy
23	34	Cloudy
13	22	Cloudy
11	19	Cloudy
9	17	Rain
21	31	Cloudy
28	33	Clear
16	29	Clear
16	26	Clear
12	19	Cloudy
20	30	Clear
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28	31	Cloudy



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*D. Dispatch*  
**Detainee treated**

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*7/8/82*  
JOHANNESBURG —  
Police have confirmed  
that a security detainee,  
Mr Eric Mntonga, is in  
hospital here, where  
they said he was being  
treated for "a slight ail-  
ment"

Mntonga was suffering  
from sleeplessness

However, Mr Sam  
Kikine, SAAWU's Dur-  
ban-based general  
secretary, said Mr

Mr Mntonga, East Lon-  
don branch chairman of  
the SA Allied Workers'  
Union, is being held in  
terms of Section 29 of the  
Internal Security Act,  
formerly Section Six of  
the Terrorism Act. He  
was detained last  
November — DDC

# Trade unions are a target of Ciskei government

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Cape Times 10/8/87

By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK, Labour Reporter

AS OUR country has relatively few export commodities our labour force can rightly be regarded as black gold" Ciskei's Manpower Minister, Chief Lent Maqoma, told the National Assembly on June 3. But "black gold" unlike the real thing makes demands, joins trade unions and sometimes even goes on strike.

Since 1976 the Ciskei government has acted against opposition politicians, students, sports administrators and anybody else who has trodden on its toes, but the independent trade unions, based in East London, have drawn special attention. Hundreds of union officials and members have been detained, hostile verbal attacks have been launched against the unions and the Ciskei government has itself intervened in labour disputes to break strikes.

## Political threat

Cape Town University sociologist and labour expert, Johann Maree, believes the Ciskei's opposition to independent trade unions is based on a desire for a cheap and docile labour force. "It also sees the unions, particularly the SA Allied Workers Union (Saawu), as a political threat."

During the run-up to independence last year, Saawu actively campaigned against Ciskei and it was clear that, in Mdantsane anyway, they had a lot of popular support. This drew the allegation that Saawu was a "political" union, but the union replied that it could not keep quiet when its members were being stripped of their South African citizenship and their benefits at the workplace and while the Ciskei insisted on attacking the unions.

## Commuters

The vast majority of East London's workers commute daily from Mdantsane, which is on the outskirts of East London but within the boundaries of Ciskei. Twenty years ago it was virgin farmland, but through resettlement, mainly from Duncan Village in East

London and from the Western Cape and the influx of people from rural areas, Mdantsane has become southern Africa's second largest black city. But Ciskei and the Border region are not well developed industrially and there is massive unemployment, a problem exacerbated by the exporting of unemployment from other areas through resettlement and influx control.

## Vested interests

Two years ago Saawu's phenomenal growth in this region earned East London the title 'labour's siege city'. As representative of workers as well as the community, Saawu found itself in conflict with nearly all the vested interests in the region — the Ciskei state, the South African state and many companies — who were prepared to hit back.

Saawu's leaders have been in jail since December last year. National President Mr Thozamile Gqweta — who was released for a few months after suffering a psychiatric breakdown while in detention — and Vice-President Sisa Njikelana are in custody awaiting trial. Both men have been detained five times under Ciskeian and South African security legislation without being convicted. The local branch chairman, Eric Mntonga, has been in detention under Section Six of the Terrorism Act for more than seven months.

Thousands of workers have lost their jobs in strikes at companies such as Wilson-Rowntree and Dunlop Flooring and this has had an adverse effect on morale. The union has claimed that these multi-nationals have acted in concert with the authorities to break the union and warned workers not to strike for fear of mass dismissals. Security police raids are a regular event and the union is no longer able to find a hall in East London to hold mass meetings.

Mr Maree says "It looks as if in the short run, the

Ciskei in collaboration with the South African security police and most companies has succeeded in setting back Saawu. However this has not been a solid response and some companies — such as Chloride and Johnson and Johnson — have seen the wisdom of talking to representative unions as the only basis to build a sound industrial relations structure.

As Mr Maree says the appalling economic conditions of the Border make it a fruitful area for worker organization and at least one other union — the African Food and Canning Workers Union (AFCWU) — has continued to grow in spite of detentions of officials and union-bashing by the authorities. The AFCWU has recently opened offices in Queenstown and negotiated a recognition agreement with KSM Milling.

But the unions have steered away from organizing inside Ciskei, where the major industrial area is Dimbaza, the resettlement camp which gained international notoriety with the documentary "Last Grave at Dimbaza" and where one of the major factories is the Lonrho-owned Dimbaza Foundries. In Dimbaza wages are reputedly very low but trade union organizers stay out for fear of action by the Ciskei authorities.

Ciskei's opposition to trade unions is likely to intensify with the new National Security Bill which will grant considerable powers to the unions arch-enemy Major-General Charles Sebe, Director-General of State Security. The bill provides for the vetoing of newspaper registrations and the banning of slogans, songs, salutes, organizations and people. It also makes it an offence for an employee to strike under certain conditions and provides for Ciskeian courts to try offences committed outside Ciskei. These provisions in particular, could be used against the East London-based unions.

One method Ciskei has developed of marketing its "black gold" is the Ciskei Manpower Training



Major-General Charles Sebe, unions arch-enemy

Centre, which computerizes the work records of workers and provides for "disciplinary" action against those who might have by, for instance, going on strike. In this scenario the promise by Mr Fanie Botha, the South African Minister of Manpower that workers would be allowed to join the unions of their choice, is gravely undermined.

And the recent words of Professor Nic Wiehahn that labour reforms help defuse revolution have particular relevance for the Ciskei-Border area, where there has been little evidence of those reforms.

# Plea for talks with dockers

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Chamber warns

that ports could  
come to a halt

By SANDRA SMITH

**THE Midland Chamber of Industries has called for a delegation comprising a City Council representative and labour relations experts to find a solution to the dispute between the South African Transport Services and Port Elizabeth dock workers.**

The chamber's call comes after about 600 dockers signed a letter calling on the Port Manager to open discussions with the workers' committee by next Monday at the latest.

The letter said the efforts of the General Workers' Union (GWU) over 10 months to negotiate with SATS had failed.

"If the SATS administration does not agree to the workers' request, they will be forced to conclude that there is no point in further efforts to initiate discussions," the letter said.

While the workers were not seeking a confrontation with SATS, such a confrontation would undoubtedly draw in GWU stevedore members in all four South African ports, and would gain supportive action from members of the International Transport Workers Federation (ITF).

"A conflict of this scale will inevitably spill into the already tense black townships of Port Elizabeth," the workers' letter added.

"We call upon the leaders of the city and all those concerned with Port Elizabeth's economic and political well-being to intervene urgently in this conflict to try to persuade the SATS administration to negotiate a solution to this potentially dangerous conflict."

The chamber's executive director, Mr Brian Mathew, said today "The chamber is concerned that the entire labour situation seems to be deteriorating."

"In order to protect industrialists in this area a delegation, perhaps consisting of someone like the Mayor, assisted by experts like Professor Roux van der Merwe, head of the department of industrial relations at UPE, and the former chairman of the chamber, Mr A de Kock,

should meet with SATS and the union concerned to attempt to find a solution to the problem," he said.

However, Port Elizabeth's Mayor, Mr H van Zyl Cillie, said he felt the dispute was an internal SATS matter.

"I would not consider interfering in their affairs," he said.

Commenting on the chamber's letter, the head of the department of industrial psychology at UPE, Professor L Kamfer, said that if a body had the potential to take a labour force out on strike one should talk to it.

He said the issue was something SATS should consider very carefully because of possible international ramifications.

"It could lead to South African goods rotting in world ports," he said.

The PFP MP for Walmer, Mr Andrew Savage, today called the GWU's request for discussion on work-place issues "a moderate and conciliatory approach" as the union was not, in fact, demanding recognition.

"Not to talk is a dangerous attitude to take in a sphere where the stakes are very high and there is a danger of South Africa becoming isolated," he said.

SATS had to regard South Africa's harbours differently from the rest of its operations. The docks were vulnerable contact points with world trade.

"Clear thinking, enlightened policy-making and diplomacy are called for — or we're going to bump our noses," Mr Savage said.

SATS confirmed receipt of the workers' letter and reiterated that approaches to its management had to be conducted "through the correct channels."

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union wins  
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in Natal

**Labour Correspondent**

THE unregistered SA Allied Workers Union (Saawu) has won its first formal recognition agreement in Natal

The union has been recognised by a British-owned ink firm Coates Brothers at its Isipingo plant

The company was hit by a strike two years ago and talks between the two sides have been going on for some time

A joint statement by Saawu and the company says that both sides have affirmed their belief in "industrial relations and industrial peace"

The agreement is believed to be a precursor to further written accords between the company and Saawu

Saawu's general secretary Mr Sam Kikine, this week hailed the agreement as 'a victory for both the company and the workers' He said Saawu regarded Coates Brothers as a progressive company'

Mr Kikine has appeared in court to face charges under the Terrorism Act after being detained without trial for some months He was then released on bail He was hospitalised during his detention

The company's managing director Mr G P Jordan said yesterday the agreement was "nothing momentous — it simply reflects the direction in which most employers are now moving"

He declined to elaborate further, saying the two sides had agreed not to enlarge on the statement

Saawu's strongest branch is in East London, where it is known to have won three recognition agreements

The union has been the subject of repeated official action, particularly in East London, and many employers in that area refuse to deal with it, claiming it is "too militant"

Saawu's president and vice-president, Mr Thozamile Gqweta and Mr Sisa Njikelana, are awaiting trial on charges under security laws and its East London chairman, Mr Eric Montonga, has been in detention for eight months

# Unionist freed after 8 months' detention

Labour Correspondent

THE East London branch chairman of the South African Allied Workers' Union, Mr Eric Mntonga, has been freed after more than eight months in detention under security laws, the union announced yesterday

And Saawu general secretary, Mr Sam Kikine said that the union expected its president, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, and vice-president, Mr Sisa Njikalana, to be released on bail soon. The two are awaiting trial under the Terrorism Act

Mr Kikine said the union had raised bail for the two men and sent this to East London, where they were

being held, yesterday

"We have been assured that they will be released on bail as soon as the money reaches East London," he said

Mr Kikine himself is currently free on R500 bail after appearing in a Durban court charged under the Terrorism Act

The charges against the three have not been specified

Lawyers say it is "highly unusual" for prisoners awaiting trial under Terrorism Act charges to be granted bail

Mr Mntonga was a worker leader at Wilson Rowntree in East London before being fired in a dispute which led to a consumer boycott against the company

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# Union leaders to be released on bail

Labour Correspondent

SA ALLIED Workers Union leaders Mr Thozamile Gqweta and Mr Sisa Njkelana are expected to be released on bail on Monday, the union's general secretary, Mr Sam Kikine, said yesterday

The two men are being held as awaiting-trial prisoners in East London after being charged under the Terrorism Act. They spent several months in detention under security laws before being charged — the sixth time each had been detained

On Thursday, Mr Kikine said the men had been offered bail, and that the union had raised this money for them and sent it to East London

He said he had contacted a member of Mr Njkelana's family in East London and learned that the men were due to be released yesterday, but that this was not possible because Mr Njkelana's reference book had been mislaid

Mr Gqweta had refused to be released on bail without Mr Njkelana and the two men were now expected to spend this weekend in prison, Mr Kikine said

Mr Gqweta is Saawu's president and Mr Njkelana its vice-president

Mr Kikine said Saawu's East London branch chairman, Mr Eric Mntonga, who was released this week from detention after being held for eight months, was "well"

# Sats: minister won't talk to outsiders

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PORT ELIZABETH — SA Transport Services (Sats) yesterday issued a statement saying that the Minister of Transport Affairs, Mr H Schoeman, was prepared to negotiate only with his own personnel and their recognised representatives, the SAR Staff Association,

and not with any "outsiders"

The Sats statement read in part "Over the last few days there have been several newspaper reports alleging that the Minister of Transport Affairs had stated that he was prepared to negotiate with the General Workers' Union

These reports are definitely incorrect

"He made it quite clear from the outset that he would only negotiate with his own personnel or their recognised representatives namely the SAR Staff Association and not with any outsiders"

The Sats statement comes after a report on Tuesday which quoted Mr Schoeman as saying in an interview that he would be prepared to investigate the dispute between Sats and the General Workers' Union, (GWU) if the union contacted him

The report did not state that Mr Schoeman indicated he would be willing to negotiate with the GWU. The Minister made no mention of negotiation with any party and nor did the report

In the interview Mr Schoeman said "I have discussed (the dispute) with officials of the Railways and it seems they are going to solve it



MR SCHOEMAN

themselves"

Mr Schoeman was not available for comment yesterday — DDC



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**EL cuts**

**workers**

By Barbara Hart  
Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON —  
Johnson and Johnson  
in East London is ret-  
renching employees  
and introducing short-  
time and work-sharing  
programmes because of  
the economic down-  
turn

Mr Wayne Munro,  
the personnel director,  
said he could not say  
how many workers had  
been or would be  
retrenched, because "it  
is a moving target"

The managing direc-  
tor, Mr Richard Cook,  
said in a statement  
that the cuts were  
being made because of  
the downturn in the eco-  
nomy, the increase in  
interest rates, and the  
weakening of the rand  
against the United  
States dollar

"We have introduced  
alternatives such as  
short-time and work-  
sharing, where possible,  
to avoid redundancies

"We are obviously  
anxious to ensure job  
security wherever pos-  
sible, and are keeping  
our employees inform-  
ed on the action the  
company will be taking  
to secure its long-term  
growth and profitabili-  
ty," Mr Cook said

The South African  
Allied Workers' Union,  
which is recognised by  
the company, will dis-  
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# Call for stronger Rowntree boycott

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THE Johannesburg-based Worker's Support Committee has called for the intensification of the Wilsons Rowntree sweets boycott which started in East London more than a year ago after about 500 workers were fired for having gone on strike.

According to pamphlets distributed throughout the country calling for the support of the boycott, the fired workers cannot find work anywhere in East London, "because of actions by both the bosses and the Ciskeian authorities."

The pamphlets read "Being fired from work is no fun. It is a threat every worker has to face at some stage. As most of our parents' families,

neighbours and friends are workers, we can understand and share the hardships and humiliation suffered by workers who have been kicked out of their jobs.

"Presently there are approximately 450 Wilson Rowntree workers who were fired 15 months ago. Most of us know that these workers were unfairly dismissed and subsequently called

for the boycott of all Wilson Rowntree sweets and chocolates.

"This 'the pamphlets go on, 'is to force management to bow down to the workers demands which are, the recognition of their union, the SA Allied Workers Union (SAAWU) and the unconditional re-instatement of all dismissed workers."

A spokesman for the Workers Support Committee said "This is one boycott we are not going to stop until the workers' demands have been met. For the period that

the boycott has been going on, although they won't say so, we know that management has felt the pinch.

"For every person who abstains from buying all products of Wilson Rowntree, a meaningful contribution has been made in the workers' struggle for their rights and fair treatment on the factory floor.

"And if we all co-operate in this effort, nothing will beat us. We will realise our aspirations as citizens of this country and shall all be happy to make a contribution for the betterment of our country," said the spokesman.

BY SAM MABE

# R750 bail granted to Saawu executives

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EAST LONDON — The president and vice-president of the South African Allied workers' Union (Saawu) were released on bail of R750 each after a brief appearance in the magistrate's court here

Mr Thozamile Richard Gqweta, 29, and Mr Sisa Njikelana, 27, were not asked to plead when they appeared before Mr N R Oosthuysen on a charge of high treason, alternatively charges under the Terrorism Act. No evidence was led.

The Deputy Attorney General, Mr Petrus Jaco-

bus Strauss assisted by Mr Deon Els, said although the Attorney General, Mr Edward Charles Heller, previously objected to bail being granted to the two men, the matter had since been reconsidered and that an agreement with Mr Gqweta and Mr Njikelana's attorney, Mr H K V Siwisa, had been reached regarding certain conditions of the bail.

The conditions were that Mr Gqweta and Mr Njikelana hand in to the court their passports and travel documents and report daily to the

Cambridge police station between 7 am and 9 am and to the police at Duncan Village between 6 pm and 7 pm.

In addition, once the identities of state witnesses had been disclosed in any way, the two must not have any contact with or interfere with such a person and that they should not involve themselves in any way whatsoever with unlawful trade union activities.

A further condition is that they must not leave the magisterial district of East London unless, in the case of Mr Gqweta

who had indicated he wanted to visit relations in King William's Town they do so with the written permission of the local branch of the Security Police.

It is alleged in the charges under the Terrorism Act that the two men furthered the aims of a banned organisation and that they furthered the aims of communism over a period.

The hearing was postponed to September 30 by which date, Mr Strauss said, the indictment specifying the charges would have been drawn up — DDR

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## Unionists on Terror Act charges released on bail

### Labour Correspondent

THE president and vice-president of the SA Allied Workers Union, Mr Thozamile Gqweta and Mr Sisa Njikelana, were released on bail in East London yesterday after spending several months in police custody

Both men have been detained six times without trial by Ciskeian and South African authorities and neither has yet been convicted

Their release was announced by Saawu's general secretary Mr Sam Kikine, who is himself free on bail after appearing in a Durban court charged under the Terrorism Act

Mr Gqweta and Mr Njikelana have been released on

R750 bail each after appearing in court in Johannesburg and Grahamstown, also charged under the Terrorism Act. Mr Kikine's bail was set at R500

Details of the charges have not yet been made available to the three men's legal representatives and lawyers say it is "unusual" for accused people in Terrorism Act cases to be released on bail

According to lawyers for the two men, several bail conditions have been imposed. They must report twice a week to the police, they must surrender their passports and they must not engage in "illegal trade union activities"

September 3, 1982

# Charges against unionist dropped

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN  
Labour Correspondent

CHARGES under the Terrorism Act against the general secretary of the SA Allied Workers' Union, Mr Sam Kikine, were dropped yesterday when he appeared unexpectedly in the Durban Magistrate's Court.

This move follows a remarkable series of events in which Mr Kikine was detained without trial under security laws for several months, charged in a Johannesburg court, had the charges against him withdrawn, was redetained and transferred to Durban where he was again charged and released on bail.

Mr Kikine said yesterday that he had received a call from the Durban public prosecutor's office on Wednesday asking him to appear in court later in the day, where charges against him would be dropped and he had then agreed to appear yesterday morning to hear the charges against him withdrawn.

No explanation or reasons were given for the dropping of the charges against Mr Kikine and he has not called that he may be forthcoming security law cases.

Mr Kikine was detained late in November last year, initially under the General Law Amendment Act and then under the Terrorism Act.

During his detention he was admitted to the psychiatric ward of a Durban hospital. After about six months in detention, he appeared with Saawu president Mr Thozamile Gqweta and vice-president Mr Sisa Njikelana in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court and was charged under the Terrorism Act.

Mr Kikine reappeared in court and was told by the presiding magistrate that charges against him were being withdrawn. He was also told, however, that he would remain in police custody and was to be transferred to Durban in court and was released on R500 bail, a move which lawyers described as "unusual" in Terrorism Act cases.

Meanwhile, Mr Gqweta and Mr Njikelana were transferred to East London, where they, too, have now been released on bail of R750 each.

# White union behind workers' aid move

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN  
Labour Correspondent

THE Government's controversial R2-million plan to compensate "loyal" motor workers who don't want to join strikes was introduced at the express request of the country's biggest all-white union

The union, the SA Iron, Steel and Allied Workers' Union, is a power in the Rightwing Confederation of Labour

But neither employers nor the National Automobile and Allied Workers' Union, which represents about 11 000 black and coloured motor assembly workers, were consulted

In other developments yesterday

● A spokesman for the Unemployment Insurance Fund said the authorities had not yet worked out how the scheme would be implemented, and,

● Mr Botha's move was attacked by the SA Allied Workers' Union and criticised by the chief manpower spokesman of the Progressive Federal Party, Dr Alex Boraine

The scheme will set aside R2-million

from the UIF for workers who want to work but cannot because plants are closed by strikes

Yesterday Mr H Ferreira, general secretary of the SAISAWU, said he had asked the Government to introduce the scheme because of its experience in the Eastern Cape motor strikes when its members had wanted to work but had been unable to, because the plants had been closed

Mr Ferreira said he had specifically drawn the Government's attention to Section 46 of the Unemployment Insurance Act, which provides for relief for the jobless in this connection

"We want to insure that innocent workers do not suffer for the actions of others," he said

But Mr Rod Ironside, who chairs the Eastern Cape Motor Employers' Association, said yesterday employers had not been consulted

"We had an inkling through the grapevine that something like this was coming, but that is all," Mr Ironside said

He said employers were waiting to see how the fund was to be adminis-

tered, before taking the matter further

"This is crucial. However worthwhile the principle may be, there is no way we can decide which of our workers want to work and which don't," he said

It was established yesterday, however, that details of how the fund is to be run have not been worked out

"All we have done is set aside the money. We are waiting for suggestions from the Department of Manpower on how the fund is to be administered," a UIF spokesman said yesterday

Dr Boraine yesterday urged the Government to reconsider the move

He said it was "understandable" but would "seriously affect relations between management and worker and between worker and worker"

If workers affected by lock-outs did not also benefit from the scheme, it would seem to be "one-sided", he said

And Saawu said that, instead of the fund, the Government should ensure that black workers who had difficulty drawing unemployment benefits because they were homeland citizens were helped to do so

# THE NIGHTMARE IN DETENTION IS OVER FOR UNIONIST KIKINE

By Barney Mthombathi

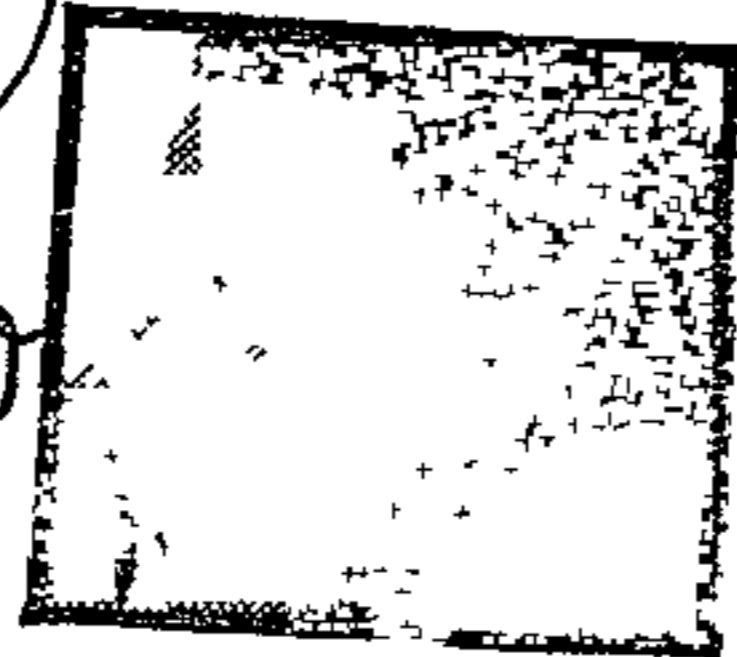
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SAM Kikine spent the past week pinching himself trying to prove to himself the bad dream was over

Some strange things have happened to the 34-year-old secretary-general of the South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU) in the past 10 months

Mr Kikine was detained by the Security Police in November last year, one of the first batch to be detained in a nation-wide swoop, which included Transvaal secretary of the African Food and Canning Workers' Union, who later died in detention.

During his detention Kikine was admitted to a psychiatric ward. This later led to an international controversy when the former South African ambassador in Washington, Mr Donald Sole, claimed in a letter to American legislators who were concerned about the treatment of detainees that Kikine was one of those faking illness for publicity purposes



Sam Kikine . . . live with it

After appearing in court nine times during and after detention, he was told by a Durban magistrate a week ago that his troubles were over.

And this week, the trade unionist in an interview at the union offices in central Durban dismissed his ordeal with a wave of a hand. Detention was an occupational hazard for unionists and they would have to learn to live with it.

"It was just victimisation," he said.

Mr Kikine was detained for eight months, charged under the Terrorism Act, released with all charges against him withdrawn, only to be arrested again as he was leaving the courtroom.

He was later released on bail by a

Durban magistrate. It is unusual for an accused under the Terrorism Act to be released on bail.

Also unusual was the case of his two SAAWU colleagues, president Thozamile Gqwetha, and vice-president Sisa Njikelane, who were released on bail in East London two weeks ago.

He said his detention and that of the other SAAWU officials was part of a Government strategy to "crush the union federation, which has 22 affiliates."

"But it won't succeed. This whole thing has worked in our favour. The authorities thought that by detaining the leadership the membership would be intimidated. On the contrary this has been a boost to us."

Mr Kikine said more than 10 000 members have joined since the crackdown on the SAAWU leadership.

He said the swoops were part of a two-pronged strategy to deal with "maverick unions like SAAWU" who did not want to

register in terms of labour legislation.

The harassment tied up with a document circulated by the Security Police among employers in East London on how to deal with labour unrest in the area.

The document, which became a subject of heated debate in Parliament last year, sketched a joint Government-employer strategy to smash unregistered unions, especially SAAWU, in the area.

The document said two strategies, the short-term and the long-term, should be devised. The short-term strategy involved paying a living wage to workers and organising all unemployed blacks so that strikers could be fired and replaced immediately by the unemployed.

The long-term solution suggested making union registration obligatory and legally preventing unions from organising in more than one industry.

Mr Kikine described Ambassador Sole's letter to American congressmen, claiming he was feigning illness, as "rubbish."

# Visiting U S unionists running into local black union flak

Labour Reporter

MOUNTING controversy over the present visit to South Africa by representatives of the giant American trade union federation, the AFL-CIO, has led to a number of mainly black trade unions refusing to meet the delegation

The high-ranking labour delegation arrived in the country last week on a 10-day fact-finding mission. Their visit could lead to stepped-up American labour aid to local unions

But, alleged links between the director of the AFL-CIO's international affairs department, Mr Irving Brown, and the CIA, has caused disquiet among the emerging trade unions

The CIA links have been denied by Mr Brown, but in spite of this unionists expressed misgivings about the role the American

gouvernement plays in AFL-CIO's African American Labour Centre

The four-man delegation during the past week has met representatives from the moderate Trade Union Council of S A, from the all-white Confederation of Labour and from the emerging mainly black unions. The delegation is due to arrive in Durban today for further meetings

## Boycott

The general secretary of the S A Allied Workers Union, Mr Sam Kikine, said although the union had been invited to meet the American delegation, it would not be going

Mr Kikine said 'We do not need international imperialist organisations here in South Africa. They have come here to tame the unions'

The Natal-based National Federation of Workers has also decided to boycott meetings arranged by the labour delegation

The union's general secretary, Mr Magwaza Maphalala, said the emerging trade unions were being harassed by American multinational companies but they have received no support from American trade unions

In a statement released yesterday, the Motor Assembly and Component Workers' Union of S A said it refused to meet the delegation because they offered assistance both to unions operating within 'the system' and those operating outside

'Their object is to create confusion and chaos among ourselves,' it added

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# Unions snub US labour delegation

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN  
Labour Correspondent

TWO local unregistered unions have refused to meet a high-ranking delegation from the American trade union federation, the AFL-CIO, which is in the Republic on a fact-finding mission

The SA Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) and the Port Elizabeth-based Motor Assembly and Components Workers' Union (Macwusa), did not give reasons

Saawu's refusal was conveyed yesterday morning

And, in a statement released in Port Elizabeth, Macwusa said it would not meet the AFL-CIO because of the Reagan Administration's "constructive engagement" policy which, Macwusa said, the AFL-CIO supported

The statement said the AFL-CIO was offering assistance to those working both inside and outside the system - an apparent reference to the delegation meeting registered unions

Macwusa refuses to join any union federation which accepts registered unions

Macwusa charged that the AFL-CIO's decision to give

George Meany Human Rights Award jointly to Chief Buthelezi and the late Neil Aggett was "an insult" to Dr Aggett by "implying that they are in the same class"

SAAWU's general secretary Mr Sam Kikine said the AFL-CIO delegation had not been invited by local unions,

but had come on its own initiative

The delegation, which is nearing the end of a 10-day fact-finding tour, has met most of the country's major union groups

Union bodies which agreed to meet it include the all-white Confederation of Labour, the Trade Union Council of SA, and emerging union groups including the Federation of South African Trade Unions (Fosatu), the Council of Unions of South Africa (Cusa), and the General Workers' Union

It is understood that local unionists have reacted "coolly" to the idea of an AFL-CIO-sponsored union training programme opening in South Africa

Although none of the unions which met the delegation have taken a formal decision on co-operation, most unions have their own education and training programmes

When the delegation arrived, spokesmen said it could decide to aid local unions by setting up an "in-country" programme in South Africa. A training programme was one idea mooted

Official comment from the delegation could not be obtained yesterday, but it is understood that the AFL-CIO is not wedded to the idea of a training centre or any other specific form of aid

But it appears that some sort of "in-country" programme is still being mooted by AFL-CIO men

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# Urgent talks on Barclays

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN — An urgent meeting has been called by Barclays Bank's top management to discuss the blanket ban preventing employees from taking part in political activities.

A senior bank spokesman confirmed that a statement was expected to be released after the meeting.

He was unable to provide any more information

But sources close to Barclays said they expected the political ruling to be reversed.

The bank's decision has provoked an outcry from several organisations and unions, including a new threat by the general secretary of the South African Allied Workers' Union to call for a boycott of the bank if the ruling is not reversed

Mr Sam Kikine said: "We would not hesitate to call for a boycott of the bank if it does not reverse the decision."

"This is an unfair labour practice and the bank runs the risk of

alienating many of its black clients"

Dr Frank Mdlalose, Minister of the Interior of the kwaZulu Government, said no citizen should be robbed of the right to express his political approach, affiliation and activity in a way that benefits him and his society.

Mr Mdlalose said he could understand the approach of Barclays, but the bank could not deprive anyone of the right to express their political affiliations.

A bank spokesman yesterday qualified the ruling saying it was not aimed at banning the politically conscious.

The warning is an apparent sequel to the recent dismissal of a black consciousness leader convicted of displaying a banned T-shirt

In London the leader of Britain's biggest bank employees' union has described the ban as "monstrous". Mr. Leif Mills general secretary of the Banking, Insurance and Finance union, says he will take the matter up with Barclays.

Union shuns visiting US body

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**Labour Correspondent**

THE unregistered SA Allied Workers Union has decided to have no contact with the American trade union federation, the AFL-CIO, or any of its affiliated unions, the union's general secretary Mr Sam Kikine said yesterday

Mr Kikine said this decision was taken at a meeting of the union's national council in Estcourt yesterday

He said allegations in a Sunday newspaper that members of an AFL-CIO delegation which visited South Africa this month were linked to the American Central Intelligence Agency led to the move

Members of the delegation have denied these allegations, describing them as a "canard" and have claimed they first surfaced in a Soviet publication. They say the AFL-CIO would not allow any of its officials to work for the CIA

SAAWU refused to meet the AFL-CIO delegation, apparently as a result of the allegations

However most major emerging union federations did meet it, as did the Trade Union Council of SA and the SA Confederation of Labour

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EAST LONDON Three buses carrying more than 200 mourners — all members of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) — to a funeral in Chalumna were stopped and delayed for six hours before being escorted back to East London by Ciskei police, Saawu said in a statement yesterday

The mourners were going to the funeral of Mr John Tena

A spokesman for Saawu said the buses were stopped at a roadblock at about 11 am on Sunday

The buses were directed to the Chalumna police station and no reasons were given the spokesman said

# Saawu: buses stopped

He said that at the police station the passengers were searched and a Saawu flag membership cards and a wooden necklace bearing a carved map of Africa were confiscated

Police told those on whom the flag and necklace were found to collect them from offices of the Ciskei Central Intelligence Services in Zwelitsha on Monday at 7.30 am the spokesman said

The mourners were said to have been held up until 5 pm.

"This outrageous and completely unjustified action by Ciskei police is the most serious challenge to the democratic union movement" the spokesman said

He added that the union viewed the action as an act of intimidation and harassment

"This action indicates clearly the animosity of the Ciskeian police towards the independent trade union movement"

The Commander General for State Security in Ciskei Major General Charles Sebe could not be contacted for comment last night

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# Prisoner alleges torture by police

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**By Alex Ball**

The vice-president of the South African Allied Workers' Union, Mr Sisa Njikalana, told the inquest on Dr Neil Aggett today that he was given electric shocks while being interrogated on the 10th floor of John Vorster Square.

He said that, after his arrest in East London in December last year he was transferred to Johannesburg.

In the last week of December he was writing a statement on his trade union activities and was questioned by a Lieutenant Boovsens and a Lieutenant Steyn.

Mr Njikalana said

that Major Arthur Cronwright, head of investigation personnel, occasionally looked into the office where he was sitting.

"Major Cronwright looked at my statement and said I could write more. He put me against the wall and slapped and punched me," Mr Njikalana said. This happened three or four times.

At the beginning of January he was told his statement was rubbish and he would have to rewrite it.

Lieutenant Boovsens and Lieutenant Steyn handcuffed him and put him in leg irons. The chain of the leg irons was put over the handcuffs so he could not move and a black

bag was then pulled over his head, Mr Njikalana said.

Wires were fastened around his forearms and he was given electric shocks for about 10 minutes.

The only injury caused was scabs on his forearms which healed after three weeks, he said.

Mr Njikalana told the magistrate, Mr P A J Kotze, that he had seen Dr Aggett several times on the second floor of John Vorster Square.

Dr Aggett seemed normal until the end of January when he appeared to be very depressed and morose, he said.

Yesterday a convicted member of the anti-

South African Indian Council told the inquest that security policemen assaulted him and made him stand for long periods with his right hand shackled to his right ankle.

Pramanathan Naidoo, who is serving a one-year sentence for harbouring an escaped prisoner, said he was arrested on November 27 last year in a 10th floor office at John Vorster Square. A Major Abrie punched him and banged his head on a table when he denied being a member of the African National Congress or the South African Communist Party.

Two days later he was taken to an interrogation room. His right hand was shackled to his right ankle and a bag pulled over his head. He was repeatedly asked if he was a member of the ANC or SACP.

Naidoo said a Warrant Officer Prince kicked him while he was in this position. Later a Warrant Officer Smith made him do exercises including push-ups, squats and sit-ups.

Next day he was made to strip and again handcuffed in the same position, Naidoo said. Questions by Warrant Officer Smith and a ginger-haired policeman were interspersed with jabs and kicks.

After lunch he was ordered to exercise at a fast pace.

Naidoo said that Warrant Officer Smith told him "We want to get your body warm because in a post-mortem when the body is warm marks do not show."

He was also beaten on the soles of his feet and made to hold a chair in the air while kneeling.

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# Activist comment on unions draws

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**Labour Reporter**  
 MRS Helen Suzman PFP Opposition spokesman on Community Development said the Deputy Minister of Information, Mr Barend du Plessis must be living in a 'dream world' if he thought it was possible to single out workers that were political activists.

'They are all political activists,' she said.  
 Mrs Suzman was responding to reports that at a conference at Yale University in the United States, Mr du Plessis urged American companies operating in South Africa to get rid of political activists in black unions.

She said 'His speech made nonsense of the so-called concessions wrung out of the Government as a result of the Wiehahn Commission'.

By removing so-called political activists, American companies would become collaborators with the Security Branch, Mrs Suzman said.

The general secretary of the Fosatu, Mr Joe Foster

said 'How can you separate political issues from other trade union issues?'

'The workers all lived in locations suffered under the pass laws and people were daily uprooted. The unions cannot ignore these issues because they are political,' he said.

The general secretary of the Council of Unions of South Africa, Mr Phiroshaw Camay, said Mr du Plessis had 'just made a fool of himself'.

'The Government had opened up industrial rights for black people but it had not opened up economic and social rights and obviously trade unions are the only channels through which the black people can argue for change,' he said.

The S A Allied Workers' Union's general secretary, Mr Sam Kikine, and the national organiser for the National Federation of Workers, Mr Magwaza Maphalala, said there was no such thing as 'political agitators' manipulating unions. Unionists were instructed by their members, they said.

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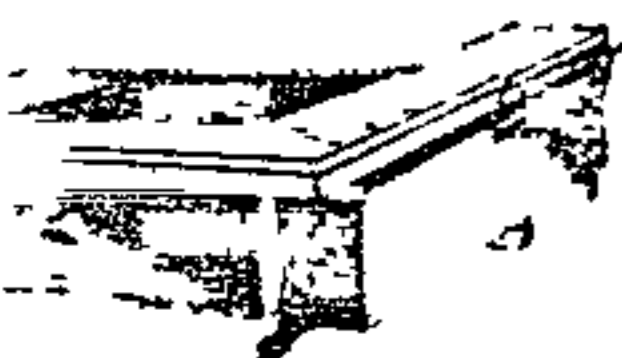
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# Sweets boycott stand: 2 plead not guilty

MDANTSANE — A Wongalethu High School pupil who was detained for four months claimed he had been assaulted by the Ciskei police to force him to make a statement if he wanted to be released

This was alleged at the Mdantsane magistrate's court during the trial of two men charged with contravention of Proclamation R252 of 1977, before Mr G M Zamxaka

Mr Nceba Mahlangeni 26, and Mr Malungisa Joka 35, pleaded not guilty to the charge

The State led evidence that the men had organised a boycott with the object of causing loss disadvantage or inconvenience to Wilson Rowntree by displaying stickers to encourage people not to buy certain brands of sweets in Mdantsane on July 28, last year

Advocate B E N Tshabalala instructed by Mr Ben Ntonga said the basis of the defence would be that the accused would admit having stickers on their clothing which read, "We don't eat Wilson Rowntree," but that the stickers referred to them, and did not intend to encourage others

A 17-year-old youth told the court that on the day in question he met

the accused in front of the post office at about 8 50 am He said he was from school when the men came to him and they stuck stickers on his chest and hat

The youth said after the men did this they told him he should be aware of arrest by the police

Cross-examined by Advocate Tshabalala the youth said after his arrest he was detained for four months While in detention he was assaulted by the police to make a statement if he wanted to be released

He said because he was keen to go to school, he had told the police that the statement he had made was true

Detective Sergeant Zolile Goodman Velebaya told the court he was patrolling the Highway bus rank with Constable Mdingi, Constable Mdoza and Warrant Officer Fanti when they saw the accused standing in front of the post office

Detective Sergeant Velebaya said their attention was attracted by the stickers which were on their clothing

He said they searched the accused and found other stickers in their pockets

Sgt Velebaya said he had asked the accused where they had got the stickers He was told by

them that they had written them as they had worked at Wilson Rowntree and that they had been dismissed and wanted to go back They believed this would happen if people did not eat the sweets

Sgt Velebaya said he knew there was trouble between the management of Wilson Rowntree and the employees who had been dismissed

Sgt Velebaya said he had not seen them sticking the stickers to other people The stickers were on their backs and fronts

Sgt Tukela Welcome Mnwana said he had imprisoned the accused at the police station on the afternoon of the day in question

He said there was nothing wrong with their cell where another man had been imprisoned When he visited the cell later with the station commander, Major N Mlandu, at about 4 pm, he found papers and posters stuck to the wall

Sgt Mnwana said the man who had been detained with the accused had denied sticking the papers to the wall He said the accused had also denied knowledge of the posters

The hearing was postponed to October 18 Bail of R50 each was granted — DDR

EAST LONDON — People should not be arrested and transported across borders between South Africa and Ciskei unless legal requirements are observed and approaches made through diplomatic channels

This emerged from inquiries by the Daily Dispatch following two incidents said to have involved Ciskei police actions in South Africa

In one reported incident Mr Godfrey Shiba, a member of the Wilson-Rowntree Boycott Support Committee, said that on September 22 he and six companions were ordered by an armed man to drive from King William's Town to the offices of the Ciskei Central Intelligence Services (CCIS) in Zwelitsha for questioning

In the other, a Daily Dispatch employee, Mr Themba Kente, said he was arrested in East London by a uniformed Ciskei policeman with a warrant of arrest issued in Mdantsane

Mr Shiba said that he and his companions had parked in Bank Street, King William's Town, on their way to attend a meeting of the Dependents' Conference near Port Elizabeth

He heard a hoot from a vehicle behind him. A man knocked on his window and, when he opened it, pointed a rifle at him

Mr Shiba said the man ordered him to drive to the CCIS offices in Zwelitsha. The man with the rifle followed them in his vehicle

He said they were questioned about their trip by Lieutenant Colonel L Nhonhohho, Captain Vuyani Genda and others. Mr Shiba said they were then questioned briefly by General Sebe

One and a half hours later they were questioned by two men from the South African security police in Cambridge, Mr Shiba said

They were released three hours after they had been picked up

Mr Shiba said others involved in the interrogation were Mr Samson Nube, Mr Johnson Ndindwa, Mr Boyce Melitafa, Miss Thami Mndi and two former Fort Hare students. Mr Eric Mntonga, who was travelling with them, was not in the vehicle when they were picked up

Mr Kente said he had

been asked by three men in plain-clothes to accompany them into Caxton Street from the entrance of the Daily Dispatch

A uniformed man showed him a warrant for his arrest issued by the Mdantsane magistrate's court and he was taken to Mdantsane in a Ciskei police van

The Daily Dispatch was not notified that one of its employees had been arrested and established this fact only after extensive inquiries

Mr Kente was imprisoned at Mdantsane before being released on bail arranged by the Daily Dispatch

Ciskei's Commander-General of State Security, Major-General Charles Sebe, has refused to comment on claims that Ciskei police were involved in the two incidents

General Sebe said he had no knowledge of the incident involving Mr Kente. He said of Mr Shiba's allegations "if they feel the matter is illegal, then they must go to court"

General Sebe confirmed that Ciskei police could not make arrests in South Africa and that all the "red tape" had to be followed

Asked if Ciskei police were permitted to enter South Africa in uniform and driving police vans, General Sebe said he often went to Pretoria in uniform on official duties

"Just because you see a Ciskei police van driving around East London does not mean they are going to arrest someone"

He said co-operation between South African and Ciskeian police was "good"

Asked about the claim that men from the South African Security Police had interrogated Mr Shiba and his companions in CCIS offices, the head of the security police here, Colonel A P van der Merwe, said "It's possible, I don't know"

A spokesman for the Department of Foreign Affairs in Pretoria, who investigated the incident involving Mr Kente outside the Daily Dispatch's East London offices, said "We understand he was not arrested in South Africa"

A spokesman for the Department of Justice in Pretoria said he was not aware of any legislation which permitted the police force of any foreign country to operate

within the Republic of South Africa

He said foreign police forces were not empowered to make arrests in South Africa and transport any arrested person across a South African border.

The spokesman said the only way in which a foreign country could have a person arrested in South Africa and transported across the border would be in conformity with the Extradition Act of 1962 and any extradition agreement made in terms of the law

An extradition agreement between South Africa and Ciskei came into force at Ciskei independence

The spokesman said that in terms of the agreement and the Act, a request for the arrest and extradition of any person in South Africa by Ciskei had to be made through the diplomatic channel to the Minister of Justice

After being considered by the Minister, the request would have to be considered by a magistrate who could issue a warrant of arrest

The arrest would then have to be made by the South African Police in terms of the warrant

The arrested person could contest the extradition request in the magistrate's court with the right of appeal to higher courts

The spokesman said only after an extradition request had been granted legally could a person be taken by the South African Police and surrendered to the government which had requested the extradition

A spokesman for the magistrate's court here said that as far as he was aware, no extradition requests had been received by the court from Ciskei — DDR

## Energy talks: US withdraws

WASHINGTON — The United States withdrew from the general conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna yesterday denouncing a vote to expel Israel as "unjustifiable and illegal". State Department officials said

The officials said the US was reassessing its participation in the key nuclear energy agency and said the action "could have ramifications for the whole United Nations system" — SAPA-AP

# Cross-border arrests need legal sanction

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**Bread price unjust**

30/9/82 Labour Reporter

DURBAN community organisations and trade unions have launched a petition against the bread price rise due to come into operation tomorrow.

The increases, which will raise the price of brown bread from 29c to 35c and white bread from 43c to 53c, are condemned as 'totally unjust'

The launching of the petition follows the formation of an ad hoc committee this week representing the Durban Housing Action Committee, the Democratic Lawyers Association, the Natal Indian Congress, the National Federation of Workers, the African Workers Association, the S A Allied Workers Union, Diakonla and Black Sash.

The petition also criticises the Government for slashing the bread subsidy at the same time as it introduced a GST increase.

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Labour Reporter

Workers at a Durban fumigating firm downed tools yesterday in protest against the retrenchment of several of their colleagues

About a dozen workers were dismissed as a result of their protest according to the management of South African Health Protecting Services

A management spokesman said the firm was trimming staff because of economic problems and the workers had protested

The general secretary of the South African Allied Workers Union (SAAWU), Mr Sam Kikine said management had refused to accept the demands of the union's members to reinstate the retrenched workers

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Police quiz  
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Labour Reporter

Two officials of the South African Allied Workers Union (SAAWU) were held by the police at John Vorster Square yesterday but released later without being charged.

Mr Derrick Smoko and Mr Asthon Kill are SAAWU officials from East London who were attending a union meeting in Johannesburg.

The union's national organiser Mr Herbert Barnabus has criticised the police action. He said the holding of union members and then releasing them without laying charges was becoming more frequent.

The police would not comment.

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## SAAWU MEN RELEASED

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Saawu's national organiser Mr Herbert Barnabus criticised the police action and said the holding of union members and their subsequent release without any charges was becoming more and more frequent. (1457)

The police would not comment on the matter.

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# Terror charges against union men withdrawn

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN  
Labour Correspondent

THE State has decided to withdraw Terrorism Act charges against two leading East London unionists, SA Allied Workers Union president Mr Thozamile Gqweta and vice-president Mr Sisa Njikelana lawyers for the two men were told yesterday

Following the acquittal of unionist Mr Alan Fine in Johannesburg on Tuesday, this means that none of the group of some 12 unionists detained without trial in a police swoop late last year have been convicted of an offence

Mr Gqweta and Mr Njikelana were the last of this group of union detainees to still face charges

One of this group of unionists, Dr Neil Aggett died in police custody

The Government has said that unionists who have been subject to detention and other police action were not held for their union work but for "other activities"

Lawyers for Mr Gqweta and Mr Njikelana said yesterday

the office of the Attorney-General for the Cape had told them that charges against the two men were to be dropped

The charges will be formally withdrawn at a court hearing in East London tomorrow, they said

The withdrawal of charges follows the sixth detention without trial of the two men by South African or Ciskeian police Neither has been convicted of a security law offence

After being held for some five months, the two men appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court on Terrorism charges, but were transferred to Grahamstown for trial

In Grahamstown they were transferred to East London for trial and have appeared in court there several times No details of the charges against them were specified

In an unusual move the two men were granted bail of R750 each while awaiting trial under the Terrorism Act

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THE Attorney-General's office in Grahamstown has confirmed that all charges are to be withdrawn against two East London trade unionists who have been in and out of detention seven times in three years

A spokesman for the office confirmed that the charges under the Terrorism Act against Mr Thozamile Gqweta, president of the 25 000 strong South African Allied Workers Union, and Mr Sisa Njikelana, vice-president, will be withdrawn when they appear before the magistrate in East London tomorrow

Withdrawal of charges follows the recent acquittal of Mr Allen Fine in Johannesburg of charges under the Terrorism Act

The State attempted to prove that because of his links with the South African Congress of Trade Unions he was part of a revolutionary alliance against South Africa

The dropping of charges means that of the 16 trade union figures seized in a major police clampdown at the end of last year only one (Barbara Hogan) has been convicted

All the others have been released, acquitted or died (in the case of Dr

## Charges dropped against 2 union men

Neil Aggett) Many spent more than 100 days in detention

Mr Gqweta has been detained seven times in recent years, spent some time in a psychiatric hospital and has never been convicted of an offence under the country's security laws

The trade union leader was arrested in May this year and appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court the next day charged with two other SAAWU officials

The charge sheet linked the trial to that of Barbara Hogan, Cedric Mayson and Allen Fine

In February this year the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, defended the detention of the trade union figures and promised a major trial involving the detainees was pending

# Terror charges dropped

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The State would withdraw Terrorism Act charges against two East London trade unionists, the president of the SA Allied Workers Union, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, and the vice-president of the union, Mr Sisa Njikelana, lawyers for the two men were told yesterday

They were among a group of about 12 trade unionists detained in a police swoop last year. None of them has been convicted of an offence. One of the group, Dr Neil Aggett, died in police custody.

## 'Other activities'

Government spokesmen have said unionists who have been detained were not held for their union work but for "other activities"

Lawyers for Mr Gqweta and Mr Njikelana said yesterday the Attorney-General of the Cape had informed them charges against the two men were to be dropped.

The charges will be formally withdrawn at a court hearing in East Lon-

don tomorrow, they said.

The two men have been detained six times by the South African or Ciskeian police. Neither has been convicted of a security law offence.

While he was in detention, Mr Gqweta was admitted to the psychiatric ward of a Johannesburg hospital.

After being held for five months, the two men appeared in a Johannesburg magistrate's court on terrorism charges. They were transferred to Grahamstown for trial.

In Grahamstown, they were transferred to East London for trial and have appeared in court there several times. No details of the charges against them were given.

## 'Unusual'

In an unusual move, the two men were granted bail of R750 each while awaiting trial under the Terrorism Act.

Saawu's general secretary, Mr Sam Kikine, had earlier been granted R500 bail while awaiting trial in Durban under the same act. Charges against Mr Kikine were also withdrawn.



# Saawu hits <sup>45</sup> out at SP

Labour Reporter

The South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) has criticised the Security Police

The union's national organiser, Mr Herbert Barnabas, said Security Police had visited the Estcourt offices on Wednesday and had taken down information regarding Saawu. He said the same policemen later questioned township workers about their membership of Saawu.

Mr Barnabas said police questioning about Saawu's activities tended to be "routine harassment"

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## Charges against Saawu men to be dropped

EAST LONDON — The Deputy Attorney General of the Eastern Cape, Mr P J Strauss, confirmed yesterday that a charge of high treason, alternatively charges under the Terrorism Act, will be withdrawn when two trade union leaders, Mr Thozamile Richard Gqweta, 29, and Mr Sisa Njikelana, 27, appear in the magistrate's court here today

Mr Gqweta and Mr Njikelana, president and vice president respectively of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), have been on bail of R750 each

Initially they appeared in court in Johannesburg on May 6 with the un-

ion's national secretary, Mr Sam Kikine Bail was refused then

After another appearance in Johannesburg with several other trade unionists previously detained with them, Mr Gqweta and Mr Njikelana appeared in East London on August 27 when bail was granted under certain conditions

When the men appeared on September 30, the state sought postponement to January, 1983, but this was refused by the presiding magistrate, Mr N R Ooshuysen, who ordered a postponement to today

The men were not asked to plead at their appearances — DDR

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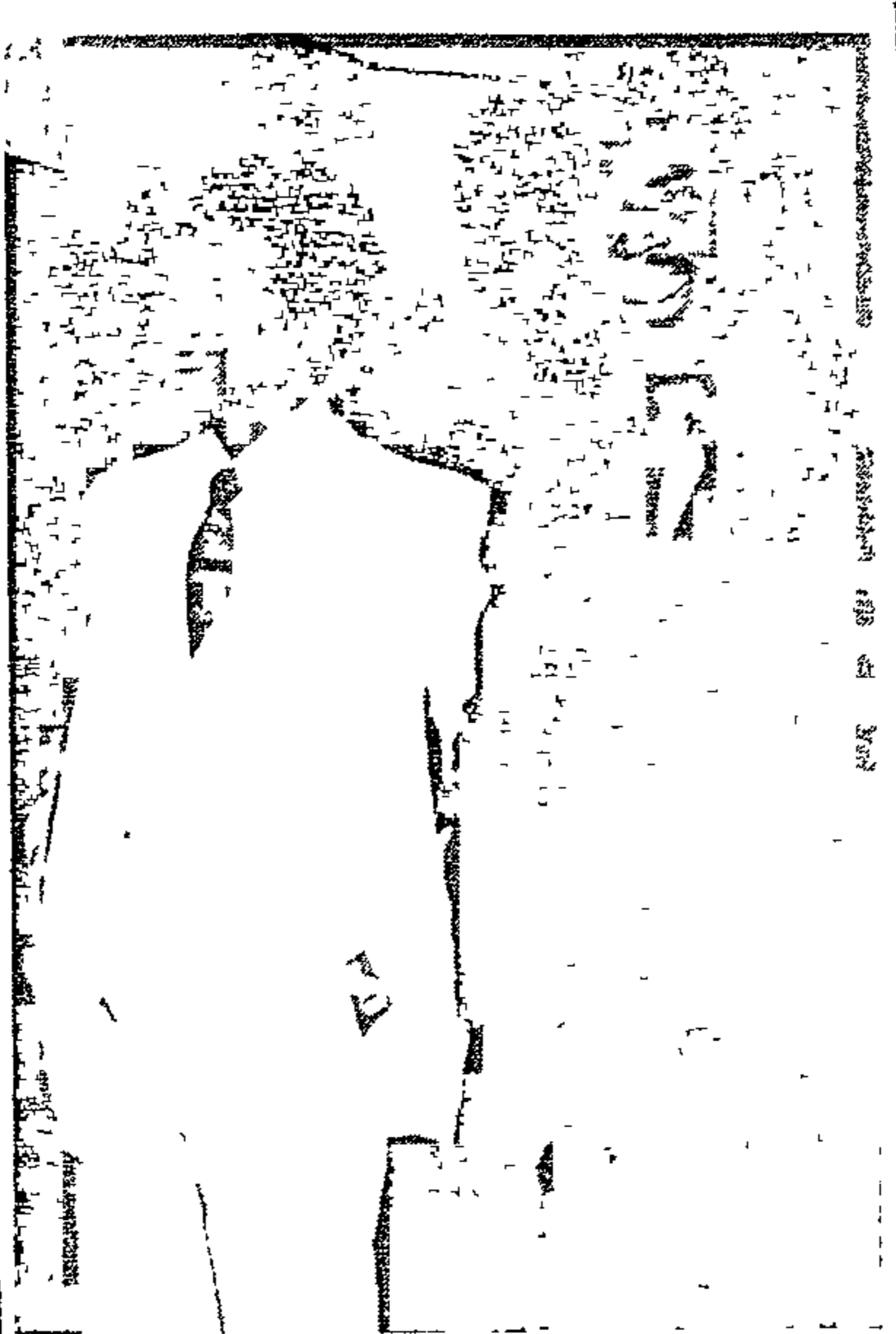
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## End of Gqweta's charges

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CHARGES against the national president and vice president of the South African Allied Workers' Union would be withdrawn today, a spokesman for the Attorney General's office in Grahamstown said yesterday. *Sowetan*

The spokesman said the charges against Mr Thozamile Gqweta, president, and Mr Sisa Njikelana, vice president, would be withdrawn when the men appeared in the Magistrate's Court

Mr Gqweta and Mr Njikelana, who were detained on December 8 last year, have appeared in court eight times since May



Mr Njikelana and Mr Gqweta after the withdrawal of the charges in the magistrate's court yesterday

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## Court packed as charges are dropped

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EAST LONDON — Trade union leaders Mr Thozama Richard Gqweta, 29 and Mr Sisa Njikelana, 27 were told by a magistrate here that charges of treason, alternatively charges under the Terrorism Act, against them had been withdrawn

The court was packed to capacity when the leaders of the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) appeared before Mr N R Oosthuysen

The Deputy Attorney General of the Eastern Cape, Mr P J Strauss, asked for the withdrawal of the charges. He said

investigation of the matter had been 'very complex'

He said police had had to do further investigations which had been completed recently and, despite the close attention given to the matter much time had been taken to finalise it

Mr Strauss said the Attorney General had decided not to proceed against the two men and had decided to withdraw all the charges

A worker shouted "Amandla" after Mr Oosthuysen had told them the charges were withdrawn

Mr Oosthuysen had earlier called upon a court orderly to stop people entering the court when another trial was in progress

"This is not a circus," Mr Oosthuysen said

"Those who have seats can stay and those who have not must leave"

Mr Gqweta and Mr Njikelana arrived in court 30 minutes before the matter was heard

Mr Gqweta wore a dark green striped suit, dark shirt and a grey tie while Mr Njikelana wore a light grey suit, light green floral shirt and a black striped tie —  
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**Unionists:**

# terror charges dropped

## Labour Reporter

Terrorism Act charges against two leading members of the South African Allied Workers' Union were formally withdrawn yesterday

However, another senior Saawu member, Mr Eric Mntonga, is still in the custody of Ciskei authorities after his arrest last month

Mr Thozamile Gqweta, president of Saawu, and Mr Sisa Njikelana, vice-president, were both out on bail since their detention last December

The charges, which were withdrawn in an East London court yesterday, had been condemned by overseas trade unions and organisations such as Amnesty International

Mr Gqweta had briefly been out of custody between March and May this year before bail was eventually granted

Most of Saawu's leadership has been in detention over the past year. The union's general secretary, Mr Sam Kikine, was also detained late last year and released on bail before charges were dropped after several court appearances

Mr Gqweta's and Mr Njikelana's initial detentions had led them from appearances at the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court to Grahamstown and East London. Both operate from Saawu offices in the port city

# Freedom for two unionists

Mall Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — Nearly a year of detention and restriction ended yesterday for Mr Thozamile Gqweta the president of the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu), and Mr Sisa Njikelana, the vice-president of Saawu

The charge of treason, alternatively charges under the Terrorism Act, against them was dropped

For the two East London men it was the latest development in a two-and-a-half-year saga during which they spent more than a year in jail Mr Njikelana, 26, has been detained five times in little more than two years

Mr Gqweta, 30, has been detained six times in that period without being found guilty of an offence

His first spell in detention began in April 1980 when he was arrested at a rugby match by Ciskei police after a strike in Mdantsane He was held for a month before being charged with inciting a strike

Seven months later the case was struck off the roll

He was detained by the Security Police after a strike at Raylite Batteries in August 1980 and charged with inciting workers After seven months the case was withdrawn

At the end of 1980 he was detained for a month along with 14 other trade unionists by Ciskei police He and Mr Njikelana went on a hunger strike for several weeks before being released without charge

In June last year Mr Gqweta was detained by SA Security Police and held until August under Section Six of the Terrorism Act

On December 8 he was detained again, along with Mr Njikelana and Saawu's East London branch chairman, Mr Eric Mntonga

Released on March 3, he was arrested again by the Ciskei police on his first day of freedom, but was released on the same day

He was detained again in May He and Mr Njikelana — who was detained throughout this period — were made awaiting trial prisoners before being released on R750 bail each in September



Members of the South African Allied Workers' Union celebrate the withdrawal of treason charges against two of their leaders, Thozamile Gqweta and Sisa Njikelana outside an East London court this week.

# Union breaks State harassment

THE withdrawal of charges against two top South African Allied Workers Union officials in East London this week was the final blow to a Government-sponsored campaign to crush the union, say SAAWU officials

The entire executive of the union — which claims a membership of nearly 95 000 — was in detention at one stage this year

Two of the executives spent time during their detention, in the psychiatric wards of hospitals

Sam Kikine the union's general secretary, who spent more than six months in detention, appeared in court nine times during and after his incarceration before charges under the Terrorism Act were withdrawn against him

This week president Thozamile Gqweta and vice-president Sisa Njikelana, whose trial has been postponed eight times since May — after they had both spent several months in detention — were told the Attorney-General of the Cape had decided to drop charges of high treason, alternatively under the Terrorism Act.

Mr Gqweta has been detained seven times since 1980 and Mr Njikelana five times

Mr Kikine told the Sunday Tribune the withdrawal of charges against his two colleagues this week was not unexpected following the acquittal in Johannesburg on Wednesday of another trade unionist, Alan Fine, who faced Terrorism and Internal Security Act charges

Thirty-year-old Mr Fine, an official of a registered liquor and catering workers' union, was freed after spending more than a year in prison, by a Regional Court

By INGRID STEWART  
Labour Reporter

magistrate who found the State had failed to prove that by secretly sending information to an official of the exiled South African Congress of Trade Unions (SACTU) he intended to assist the banned African National Congress

Among his findings were that Mr Fine's participation in consumer boycotts did not mean he was working for the ANC and that he may have sent information to SACTU secretly because he feared banning or detention without trial

Mr Kikine also said the State never had a case against the two SAAWU officials

"SAAWU has never done nor will we ever do, anything that is illegal. On the many occasions that I appeared in court there was never a charge sheet," he said

The indictment against Mr Gqweta and Mr Njikelana also failed to arrive in courts where they appeared

Mr Kikine said his detention and that of his two colleagues was part of a Government strategy to crush the union

But they have failed"

he said  
Instead more than 10 000 people have signed up with the union since the crackdown on the leadership

"Our detention is proof to the workers that we are fighting for them and the union has carried on regardless"

Backing up his claim of Government harassment of the union, Mr Kikine points to a document circulated by the Security Police in East London — where SAAWU is particularly powerful — on how to deal with labour unrest in the area

The document outlined a joint Government-employer strategy to smash unregistered unions, especially SAAWU in the area and became the subject of a heated debate in Parliament last year

Mr Kikine says the Government is concerned about SAAWU not only because it refuses to register but also because it is committed to a policy of non-racialism and does not confine its activities to factory-floor issues only

"We believe the problems of the workers go beyond the factory gate," he says

For this reason SAAWU stands on the same platforms as those organisations fighting for improved housing and better transport for the poor and improved educational facilities. At the time of the three officials' detention last year, the union was actively campaigning in the Eastern Cape against Ciskei independence

SAAWU is also gaining support overseas. Organisations like Amnesty International and the Anti-Apartheid movement in London as well as the British Labour Party campaigned for the release of the unionists when they were in detention

"When you put all this, and our vast and growing membership together, you can see why the Government finds us a threat and feels it necessary to harass us," he said

Both the police and the Department of Manpower have persistently denied harassment of any trade unionists

However, during Mr Fine's trial, Major Craig Williamson, a member of the Security Police, admitted that trade unions had been a particular target of police action over the past few years

We've stopped the campaign to crush us, says SAAWU as charges are dropped

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# Union victory final blow to Govt

**THE WITHDRAWAL of charges against two top South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) officials in East London last week was the final blow to a Government-sponsored campaign to crush the union, say SAAWU officials.**

President of the union, Mr Thozamile Gqweta and vice-president Mr Sisa Njikelana, whose trial has been postponed eight times since May — after they had both spent several months in detention — were last week told the Attorney-General of the Cape had decided to drop charges of high treason and terrorism

Mr Gqweta has been detained seven times since 1980 and Mr Njikelana five times

Mr Sam Kikine, the union's general-secretary, said the withdrawal of charges against his two colleagues was not unexpected following the acquittal in Johannesburg on Wednesday of another trade unionist, Mr Alan Fine, who faced Terrorism and Internal Security Act charges

Mr Kikine had spent more than six months in detention and appeared in court nine times before charges under the Terrorism Act were withdrawn against him

Mr Kikine said the State never had a case against the two SAAWU officials

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The indictment against Mr Gqweta and Mr Njikelana also failed to arrive in courts where they appeared

Mr Kikine said their detentions were part of a Government plan to crush the union "But they have failed," he said

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NEARLY a year of detention and restriction ended on Friday for Mr Thozamile Gqweta, president of the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu), and Mr Sisa Njikelana, Saawu's vice-president, when charges against them under the Terrorism Act were dropped

For the two East London men it was the latest development in a 2½-year saga during which they spent more than a year in jail without being convicted of an offence

Mr Njikelana, 26, who worked at an electronics factory before being fired

By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK  
Labour Reporter

for union activities in 1980, has been detained five times in just over two years

Mr Gqweta, 30, has been detained six times in that period without being found guilty of an offence

A one-time star of the Mdantsane rugby team Winter Rose, he is regarded as a popular and charismatic figure

Before becoming a trade unionist, he worked as a furniture salesman. He grew up in Peleton, a small village of mud huts near King William's Town

Mr Gqweta and Mr Njikelana have been outspoken critics of both the homelands system (Saawu has been effectively banned from operating in Ciskei and hundreds of union members have been detained there) and of the South African Government. Mr Njikelana was detained for four months last year after he spoke at an anti-Republic Day rally at Wits University

Fellow trade unionists and academics believe Mr Gqweta's only "crime" — and the reason why he has spent so much time behind bars — is that he is an authentic black leader, the voice of voteless and exploited people

#### 'An example'

He is thus seen as an example of what happens to a black leader who articulates the grievances of his people and works through peaceful means to improve their rights

Ironically, he and the youthful leadership of Saawu, though believers in non-racialism, grew up

in the shadow of the black consciousness movement and Steve Biko, who died in detention in 1977. Biko's headquarters were down the road in King William's Town and he played a major role in politicizing the youth of the area

Mr Gqweta's first spell in detention began in April 1980 when he was arrested at a rugby match by Ciskei police after a strike in Mdantsane. He was held for a month before being charged with incitement to strike

Seven months later — after numerous court appearances in which he was not asked to plead — the case was struck off the court roll

He was detained by security police after a strike at Raylote Batteries in August 1980 and charged with intimidation of workers. Again, after seven months and numerous court appearances the case was withdrawn

At the end of 1980 he was detained for a month along with 14 other trade unionists after a swoop by Ciskei police. He and Mr Njikelana went on a hunger strike for several weeks before being released without charge

In June last year Mr Gqweta was detained by South African security police and held for three months under Section Six of the Terrorism Act

#### 11 months

In the space of three weeks in November last year, his mother and uncle were burnt to death in a fire that destroyed their shack in Peleton. A lover of his, Deliswa Roxiso, was shot dead by Ciskei police and a friend, civil rights lawyer Griffiths Mxenge, was murdered

On December 8, Mr Gqweta and Mr Njikelana were detained at their union offices along with Saawu's East London branch chairman, Mr Eric Mntonga. Mr Mntonga has spent 11 months in detention — three in Ciskei and eight in South Africa — without charge in the past two years

Two months after being detained, Mr Gqweta was admitted to a psychiatric ward suffering from severe depression. His brother, Mr Robert Gqweta, who visited him in hospital, said he was 'unrecognizable' and hardly capable of speech

Released on March 3, he was arrested at dawn on his first day of freedom this time by Ciskei police. He was released on the same day

# Detention ends for SAAWU men

Mr Thozamile Gqweta, president of the SA Allied Workers' Union, left, and Mr Sisa Njikelana, vice-president of the body, after their release from detention in December 1980. The men had been on hunger strike for several weeks.



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Detained again in May 1981, Mr Gqweta and Mr Njikelana became awaiting-trial prisoners before being released on R750 bail in September. All charges were withdrawn on Friday

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# Dropping of charges is welcomed

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## Labour Reporter

THE dropping of charges under the Terrorism Act against East London trade unionists Mr Thozamile Gqwetha and Mr Sisa Njikelana has been welcomed by trade unionists in Cape Town.

In a statement, the Western Cape solidarity committee of trade unions said members of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) had "clearly indicated" their confidence in national president Mr Gqwetha and vice-president Mr Njikelana

The unions on the solidarity committee include the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association, the General Workers' Union, the Food and Canning Workers' Union and the Federation of South African Trade Unions

### Will continue

"If the 'offence' of these two men has been to fight for the workers whom they truly represent, where does one place justice?"

"The progressive trade union movement will continue to fight for workers' rights, notwithstanding the State's onslaught," said the unionists

A spokesman from the Detainees' Parents Support Committee said the dropping of charges against the two men ended yet another period of State harassment

"After a wave of detentions last year, with talk by the Minister of Law and Order of a 'countrywide conspiracy', not one trade unionist has been found guilty in court

"It confirms what we have always known That detention and security laws are a blatant form of harassment and intimidation aimed only at suppressing legitimate grievances," the spokesman said

Mr Gqwetha and Mr Njikelana were detained on December 8 last year and charged six months later

Mr Gqwetha was treated in a psychiatric hospital in February this year

and released soon afterwards He was re-detained in May and later released, with Mr Njikelana, on R750 bail

Mr Gqwetha has been detained seven times since 1980 by both the South African and the Ciskei authorities Mr Njikelana has been detained five times in the same period

# Textile firm's huge layoff follows slump in demand

By KEITH ROSS

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EAST LONDON — A "sudden and severe" downturn in demand has caused Da Gama Textiles to lay off 1 368 workers in King William's Town and East London

Most of the retrenchments — 1 100 weekly paid workers and 65 salaried staff — are at the King Wilham's Town factory

The managing director of the company, Mr Casey Joosse, said today his company been taken unawares by the speed and severity of the downturn in demand

Mr Joosse said the plant at King William's Town had been more seriously affected because it specialised in industrial fabrics

"It makes everything from backings for abrasive papers to fabrics that go into pipes," he said

"The downturn in demand for these products reflects the general industrial recession

"Our East London plant, which produces fashion fabrics such as sheeting and curtaining, has not been as badly affected"

Mr Joosse laid part of the blame for the downturn on cheap fabrics imported from the Far East

"External trade is all very well, but why should we help to give a textile worker in Taiwan or Hong Kong wages to

take home when our own people are being thrown out of work altogether?" he asked

The Mayor of King William's Town, Mr Eric Weyer, expressed his concern about the retrenchments at Da Gama — the largest employer in the area

The workers at Da Gama Textiles appear to be largely ununionised, although the SA Allied Workers Union (Saawu) does have a small group of members at the plants

Because of its low membership and the fact that it is not recognised by management, the union did not wish to comment on the retrenchments today

● Four Eastern Province textile companies said today they did not intend to retrench in the foreseeable future, despite predictions of widespread lay-offs in the area

Spokesmen for Gubb and Inggs, which processes raw wool, and Union Cotton Mills in Uitenhage said there was no indication at present that they would need to cut down on their combined workforce of more than 10 000 people

A spokesman for Industex, which employs 1 500 people, also said retrenchments were not foreseen, although the company is working short-time

A spokesman for Valley Textiles in Middelburg, which employes about 470 people also does not expect to retrench in the near future, although staff who have left or been fired have not been replaced

EAST LONDON —

The Frame Group textile factory here has no formal retrenchment programme the group's joint managing director Mr Selwyn Lurie, said yesterday

On Wednesday, Da Gama textiles announced that 1 368 employees in its King William's Town and East London factories would be laid off from December 10

Mr Lurie said the Frame Group was cutting back on staff

# Frame Group cutting back

through a redundancy programme

"We are just not replacing staff who leave" he said

"We are also cutting down on working hours"

Mr Lurie said the textile industry being a labour intensive industry was particular-

ly hard hit by the economic recession

He said he was not surprised at a Textile Manufacturers Federation (Texfed) warning that 10 500 jobs in the industry would be lost between now and the new year

The regional director of the Textile In-

dustry Workers Union, Mr Gladstone Sto to said he did not think Frame Group would retrench large numbers of workers

Although the TIWU represents workers at Frame Group, it had no members at Da Gama textiles Mr Sto to said

A spokesman for the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) said that although the union had members at Da Gama factories membership was low

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# Fifty workers walk out on Durban excavation site

By Barney Mthombathi

FIFTY machine operators walked out on their jobs this week, bringing work to a standstill, after their boss allegedly told them to look for two men who had not reported for work.

The workers, employed by Greystones Enterprises, which is involved in excavation and bulk handling at Glen Anil, Durban, also claimed that R10 was deducted from their pay packets every week, supposedly as a pension fund contribution. It was not refunded when they left, they alleged.

Their packets had no pay slips and money was often deducted without explanation, they said.

Mr Ken Morrison, a company director, denied the allegations.

He claimed the workers simply walked out after six men were fired for "various misdemeanours" which included taking joy-rides on equipment without permission.

"I still don't know why they walked out. I can only assume there's a bit of intimidation going on," he said.

Workers told the Sunday Tribune that Mr Morrison called them together on Monday and said two of his workers were missing and they (the workers) knew where they were.

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# Strikers cripple Glen Anil operation

"He demanded that we should go and look for them and must never come back if we didn't find them. He closed the gates and even suggested we may have killed them," one of the men said.

Mr Morrison denied the allegations.

The men also complained that they did not get enough protective clothing for handling dusty and at times dangerous substances with the payloaders they operated.

A week ago six workers who were loading pitch pencil — a substance used in making anodes — at Richards Bay harbour were badly affected by the substance. One man was carried from his payloader because he could not see.

The man said he was told by Mr Morrison to report to the office on Monday to be taken to the doctor. When he reported, he claimed Mr Morrison said he should work as there was nothing wrong with him.

The man's skin has been corroded and he said his eyesight had been affected. He became dizzy when it was very hot.

Mr Morrison said he could not get a doctor's appointment on Monday and when he did get it on Tuesday his workforce

had gone on strike. He agreed the substance was "terribly unpleasant".

He said he wanted all the men back but if they did not report for work, he would hire new labour this week.

"The men are very highly trained and very highly thought of in the industry. I'm extremely hopeful they will come back. We haven't made any effort to take on new staff."

He said he did not put pay slips into the workers' packets to protect them from muggings. They requested it, he said.

Mr Morrison said he had talked to the South African Allied Workers Union in a bid to break the impasse.

"We're more than anything on their (the union) side," Mr Morrison said.

But a SAAWU spokesman said Mr Morrison had been very difficult to talk to.

The Department of Manpower is investigating the men's grievances.

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WEST Germany faces strikes by the powerful Transport Workers' Union if a German bank grants credit to a South African company

Mr Siegfried Merten, deputy chairman of the union, said the company concerned supported apartheid and had fired 600 workers because they planned to join a trade union

### Warning

On a report in a Johannesburg magazine that South African Transport Services planned to ask the bank for a R47-million loan, Mr Merten said it was "beneath our political morals to grant money to a South African company which strictly adheres to a hard and relentless apartheid policy"

He warned that relations between the two countries could worsen and reach a stage where "goods from and to South Africa will no longer be handled in German ports"



MR NJIKELANA

**Saawu**  
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**policy**  
*22/11/82*  
**outlined**

EAST LONDON — The South African Allied Workers' Union believed in mass participatory democracy, active mass participation, and active mass support, the Saawu vice-president, Mr Sisa Njikelana, said here

Mr Njikelana was addressing a meeting in Braelyn Heights yesterday.

Outlining Saawu policy, Mr Njikelana said the union had ten commandments, which included selfless devotion and self-criticism, self-sacrifice devoid of self-interest, non-racialism, collective leadership and freedom of association — DDR

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# Union officials freed

After nearly a year of incarceration under security laws, two leading trade unionists, Mr Thozamile Gqweta and Mr Sisa Njikelana, were released this month, and the charges against them were withdrawn.

Mr Gqweta has to date been detained six times — either by Ciskeian Security Police or South African police, Mr Njikelana five times.

They have never been convicted of an offence under security legislation, however, and have on each occasion been summarily released.

Mr Gqweta, president of the SA Allied Workers' Union, and Mr Njikelana, vice-president, were held by security police in East London in December last year. This was soon after Saawu general secretary Sam Kikine had been detained.

Held first under Section 22 of the General Laws Amendment Act, and then Section 6 of the old Terrorism Act, the three office-bearers, together with a Saawu member Mr Eric Mntonga, spent six months in detention before any charges were laid.

In February, Sam Ki-

kine and Thozamile Gqweta were transferred to the Johannesburg Hospital for psychiatric observation after long periods in isolation.

In May Mr Gqweta was released for a week and then re-detained. On May 6, Mr Kikine, Mr Gqweta and Mr Njikelana all appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's court under "charges relating to the Terrorism Act".

In the five months that followed, and in the course of multiple court appearances, the charges were not once made known.

After four court appearances and postponements in Johannesburg, Sam Kikine's case was referred to Durban where it was dropped after two sessions in court.

Mr Gqweta and Mr Njikelana were transferred from Johannesburg to Grahamstown to East London on the terrorism charges which were never revealed. They were finally withdrawn and the men released on November 12.

Mr Mntonga was released on August 27 — only to be re-detained by the Ciskei Security Police.

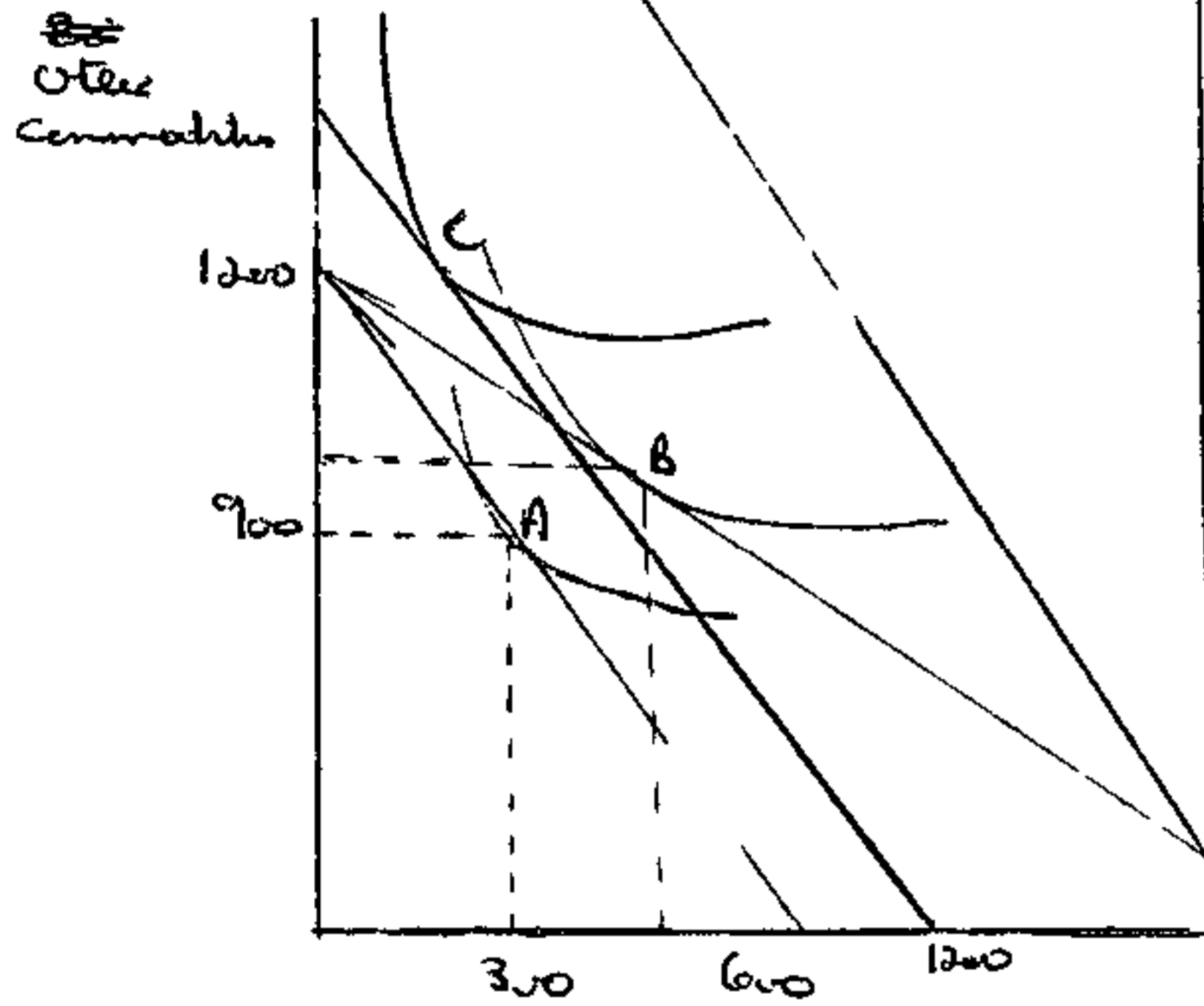
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**Saawu gains ground in Natal**

**Labour Correspondent**

THE unregistered SA Allied Workers Union has been recognised by a Natal chemical company in what is believed to be only its third recognition agreement in the province.

Management at Umbogintwini company Resinkem confirmed this week that it had signed a recognition agreement with Saawu giving it the right to negotiate on work conditions at the plant.

The company and union have been dealing informally with each other for the past year.

Saawu's general secretary, Mr Sam Kikine, described Resinkem as a "progressive company".

Although Saawu's East London branch has been recognised by three companies for over a year, the Natal branch only won its first agreement this year.

The agreement comes at a time when Saawu, which grew rapidly in the East London area in 1980 and early 1981, has been on the retreat as a result of employer hostility and repeated official action against its leadership.

The union's president and vice-president, Mr Thozamile Gqweta and Mr Sisa Njikelana, recently had Terrorism Act charges against them withdrawn after being detained for the sixth time by South African or Ciskeian authorities.

Mr Kikine was detained for several months under security legislation.

Saawu's East London chairman, Mr Eric Mntonga, was released from detention some months ago - only to be re-detained by Ciskeian authorities.

**R6m Africa Bank loans**

**Mail Africa Bureau**

LUSAKA - The African Development Bank (ADB) has set aside about R5 859 000 to help ailing African economies for the 1982-86 period.

The ADB's vice president, Mr Samuel Ogunleye, said in Lusaka yesterday at the close of a four-day visit to Zambia that a large part of the money would be used for agricultural projects.

Zambia has already drawn about R81-million in loans from the bank.

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# Union gains recognition

The unregistered South African Allied Workers' Union signed a recognition agreement with Resinchem (Pty) Ltd this week.

The agreement signals the end to a year of negotiations between the Durban-based company and SAAWU — one of the country's

largest unregistered independent trade unions.

A spokesman for SAAWU said the negotiations had been friendly throughout,

and the company extremely progressive in its attitudes towards the union.

The SAAWU leadership has been hard hit by Security Police

crackdowns over the past year, which makes the recognition agreement doubly important to the union.

Its president Mr Thokozani Gqweta, its

vice-president Mr Sisa Njikelana, and its secretary, Mr Sam Kikina, have all been held in detention for the better part of this year.

All were released without being convicted or found guilty of any security offence.

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# Claims made of worker *E. Post 26/11/82* 'repression'



By GARTH KING

THE Ciskei security chief, Lieutenant-General Charles Sebe, told wives of detained Wilson-Rowntree workers that he had detained them at the time of their strike "on the basis of a list he had received from Wilson-Rowntree management"

These and other startling claims were made in a document on "The Wilson-Rowntree Campaign" by the Diocese of Cape Town's Board of Social Responsibility — made available to Anglican Synod delegates this week

The document, which traces the history of "the unfair dismissal" of 500 workers at the start of this year, claims

- Jobless workers have suddenly been threatened with eviction for arrear rentals
- Companies had "suddenly" demanded full payment for goods bought on hire purchase
- There has been continual harassment of workers and their union (SAAWU) by the Ciskeian authorities and Wilson-Rowntree management

The document said "Wilson-Rowntree, together with other employers, benefit from the repression of independent trade unions and the cheap labour provided by the Ciskei — a service that has been refined by the creation of the Manpower Development Centre in the Ciskei. This is a computerised screening process which weeds out workers who have been active in trade unions, to ensure a submissive labour force for employers"

The synod is due to discuss a motion today which calls on the Anglican Church to "actively boycott all Wilson-Rowntree products until the SAAWU is satisfied that the workers have been reinstated"

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IHL Stevedores' Workers

Union, an affiliate of the South African Allied Workers Union, bitterly condemned the South African Stevedores for dismissing 10 of its members in resolutions passed at the congress of its shop stewards at the YMCA, Beatrice street, Durban, yesterday.

The congress demanded the men's immediate reinstatement. The 10 workers were dismissed early this year for allegedly stealing SA Railways property. The men were arrested and then released on bail.

The congress noted that the men had used the overalls belonging to the Railways because SAS was not providing them with any protective clothing.

The union says the dismissal of the men was an unfair labour practice.

Union to  
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EAST LONDON — The South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) will formulate its policy towards retrenchments at a mass meeting here tomorrow morning

Saawu's vice-president, Mr Sisa Njikelana, said yesterday that retrenchments had become the "burning issue" among workers

"We are hoping to formulate a policy on this, but we cannot do it without consulting with the workers," he said

"We will also discuss quite a number of important things dealing with various factories"—  
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WR BOYCOTT  
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**TUC takes action**

SA's longest-running consumer boycott — of Wilson Rowntree (WR) sweets — continues. The company is adamant it is having no effect. Ian Stubbings, WR's marketing director, states "We can identify no effect on our sales in SA from any consumer boycott."

However, there are indications that the boycott is becoming increasingly internationalised and that British parent Rowntree Mackintosh (RM) is catching

some of the flak

SA Allied Workers Union's (Saawu) general secretary Sam Kikine claims "British trade unions are putting pressure on RM to have its SA subsidiary change its attitude toward striking workers. Support for Saawu's stance has already come from the British Labour party, the Trades Union Congress (TUC) of Britain, the Anti-Apartheid movement and Amnesty International."

A British (TUC) spokesman confirms that "we are trying to influence the parent company to reach a negotiated settlement in SA which will involve Saawu recognition. We will be having a high-level meeting with RM management early in the new year in an attempt to find a solution. We will be pressing them very hard."

"Thereafter, the TUC will decide what further steps are necessary. Boycotts are an option which we have not ruled out. There is a good deal of support in Britain for Saawu, especially as a number of British unions have membership in RM."

Closer to home, the Lesotho branch of the WR Boycott Committee, representing various Lesotho trade unions, is actively discouraging businessmen from purchasing WR products. 1 200 schools around the country have been barraged with publicity about the campaign.

The boycott grew out of the suspension of three workers from WR's East London factory in February 1981, which led to the dismissal of 500 others, most of whom are still unemployed. But the dispute then became one of union recognition. Saawu is an unregistered union.

Kikine claims that, "WR have recently adopted a much more aggressive marketing campaign to counter the effects of the boycott. This is particularly noticeable on buses in Natal."

Counters Stubbings "We are merely continuing our normal advertising campaign with continuous promotion of our products. We choose different media from time to time."

# Unions

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## Wages Power Overhaul

Labour Reporter

An agreement between the National Union of Textile Workers and employers in the Transvaal Knitting Industry means the Fosatu union can now conduct industry-wide and factory floor bargaining.

Fosatu has hailed the agreement as the NUTW is not a member of the knitting industrial council in the Transvaal.

An agreement was reached in April this year

which provided for plant-level bargaining, negotiations on wages and working conditions outside the industrial council.

Employers could not enter into agreement with other unions on the council to undermine the settlement.

The substantive agreement signed in early October also met Fosatu's needs for industry-wide bargaining.

These include stop-order facilities, recognition of shop stewards and union access to plants

# Putting pressure on printing industry



Labour Reporter

Unregistered black-member trade unions are putting pressure on employers in the printing and publishing industry to pull out of the closed shop system.

The unions complain that although they are able to recruit members in the industry, workers are still bound to pay their dues to the registered South African Typographical Union (Satu).

They also claim that employers are hiding behind the terms of the industry's closed shop and are not applying for exemptions.

In Durban the printing affiliate of the South African Allied Workers

Union (Saawu) has challenged the management of Republican Press, publishers of Scope and Farmer's Weekly, to stop deducting stop orders from their members at Moberi.

The Media Workers' Association of South Africa (Mwasa) has held talks countrywide with the SA Associated Newspapers and Angus Printing and Publishing Company over dual union membership and the closed shop.

This month the General and Allied Workers' Union also confronted the management of a Horlors subsidiary in Johannesburg, Kalamazoo Business Systems, over the closed shop issue and stop-order

deductions.

Satu's secretary, Mr Lief van Tonder, said other unions were welcome to recruit members in the industry.

"We have nothing against such healthy opposition but we do resent pressure being put on workers to join these unions."

The general secretary of Saawu, Mr Sam Kikine, said Republican Press was "guilty of an unfair labour practice" because it was unfairly requiring the union's members to pay deductions to Satu.

"Our members have requested management that stop-orders no longer be paid to Satu but we have

as yet had no response from Republican Press," Mr Kikine said.

Mwasa officials said they had no problem recruiting former Satu members but these workers still had to pay deductions to Satu in terms of the closed shop agreement.

A Gawu spokesman said even though his union claimed a majority membership among workers at Kalamazoo management had not sought an exemption to the agreement.

But a spokesman for Kalamazoo said this week that although the firm permitted workers to belong to Gawu if they wished the firm tried to stay within the terms of their industrial agreement.

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# Member of SAAWU detained in raid

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"They said they were looking for documents and asked some questions about the ANC and then took Sebenzile away"

He said his brother was an ordinary member of Saawu and worked for the Da Gama textile company, and was not a senior member of the union

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General Sebe could not be contacted yesterday to confirm if Mr Sebenzile Mdyogolo had been arrested in the raids — DDR



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# Ciskei hits at unionists

Labour Reporter

Armed members of the Ciskei police, army and intelligence service raided the homes of trade unionists in Mdantsane township last Thursday

Trade unions have condemned the raids as provocative and said they were intended to intimidate unionists living in Ciskei

Ciskei's intelligence service head, Lieutenant-General Charles Sebe, confirmed that raids were carried out on Thursday

He said only homes belonging to members of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) were raided. "We will raid more Saawu people because Saawu is not a union, it is the ANC," Lieutenant-General Sebe said.

However, unionists said Ciskei forces also raided the homes of union officials of the African Food and Canning Workers' Union and the General Workers' Union

The general secretary of the AFCWU, Mr Jan Theron, said heavily armed police had seized documents from one home

"We view this action by the Ciskei authorities as terrorism," Mr Theron said

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### Labour Reporter

THE SA Allied Workers' Union has started legal proceedings against the Eskort Bacon Co-operative at Estcourt based on a claim that the company's dismissal of three workers in October was an unfair labour practice.

The union's national organiser, Mr Herbert Barnabus, yesterday said the company had alleged the workers were stealing meat, but an investigation by the union found this to be unfounded.

Earlier this month a letter had been sent to the company regarding the dismissals.

Mr Barnabus said the union had not received a reply and the matter was handed over to the union's attorneys.

Eskort Bacon Co-operative's general manager, Mr V I Fincken, said he was not prepared to comment but added that the company had also instructed its attorneys to investigate the matter.

that public blunderers live on to lose another day

This year's recipient of the Baden-Powell Memorial Award for De-Africanisation of Urban Areas is the Western Cape Administration Board. During the last stages of the siege of Mafeking (aka Mafikeng), when food for whites was running low, Baden-Powell adopted a policy of "leave-here-or-die-here" towards 5 000 "superfluous" Barolong tribesmen and their families. He withdrew their rations and urged them to make for Kanya in the "homeland" of Bechuanaland, where he claimed there was plenty of food.

Air tickets to Palermo are awarded to Cape Wine's André du Toit and Gys Steyn to attend the annual prize-giving of *omerta*. They should be made country members of this organisation in recognition of their impressive, though so far abortive, techniques in trying to "persuade" Jan Pickard to part with control of his Union Wine group.

Rudi Frankel, indefatigable chairman of Tiger Oats, deserves a Lamborghini as the only vehicle capable of matching his speed in grabbing Monis & Fattis from under the highly astute nose of Premier's Tony Bloom. In addition, Frankel gets a rear-view mirror so that next time he'll spot Barlow Rand sneaking up behind him to overtake (or takeover).

For different reasons, Greatermans' ex-chairman Isaac Kaye also seems to need a speedy form of transport. A GT motorised wheelchair goes to Kaye to help him keep ahead of Natie Kirsh and other irate investors.

To Laurence Goldberg, Enyati's boy wonder, we offer an oil rig to drill holes for investors to throw their money down.

A giant monogrammed face cloth is awarded to all the merchant bankers, law firms, auditors and stockbrokers who put their stamps of approval on this year's stock exchange disasters, to wipe the egg from their faces. Ex-JSE president Richard Lurie deserves an advanced yoga course to make his limbs as flexible as his interpretation of the JSE's rules. A 25-hour day and eight-day week is granted to Paul Ferguson to allow him to devote some time to his

own business and not his entire life to putting out fires at the JSE.

Sigma chairman Chris Griffith gets a pair of handcuffs to restrain him from interfering with his new MD, Spencer Sterling. Ex-MD Fred Butler receives a free ticket to the play, *Death of a Salesman*.

A free single ticket to Newcastle in a Putco bus (not on Magnum Airlines) goes to Martin Summerley to help him avoid the heat generated by the Bank of Athens imbroglio.



To Joe Moller, Gold Fields of SA's spokesman on this year's mine labour unrest, we offer a bag of Charaka charcoal briquets to throw on the fire he said all the "savages" were dancing around. He, however, is only runner up for the Blaar Coetzee Memorial Award for Public Misstatements. Taking a bow this year is Deputy Minister of (mis)Information Barend du Plessis, who seemed to land in hot water whenever he spoke.

SA Transport Services (SATS) GM Kobus Loubser deserves a more cautious speech writer. Not long after Loubser declared that "we have left no stone unturned" to provide all employees with adequate negotiation machinery, SATS was hit by one of the year's most well-publicised strikes.

Happily, however, bouquets have been well-earned by some top public servants — especially those in the departments of Finance, Manpower, Inland Revenue, In-

dustries and the Treasury — who once again displayed a commitment to letting the public know about the activities of their departments.

Industries Minister Dawie de Villiers (who has been the recipient of a few brickbats in the past) deserves a bouquet this year. It appears that it takes a former rugby-playing dominee to do something about introducing free enterprise principles into industry in this country.

Armcor chief Commandant Piet Marais certainly deserves a free holiday on the Greek island of his choice and a ticket to the film *Who Dares, Wins* for his efforts to help SA change from a net importer of arms to a net exporter of weaponry.

A free course in Afrikaans is offered to the German government official whose mistranslation of a newspaper report provoked a row over an alleged R40m loan for Baragwanath. Notwithstanding his somewhat impulsive response to reports about the alleged loan, Finance Minister Owen Horwood deserves a large bouquet for his very able handling of the economy. It would, however, be a little too generous to grant him another set of proof fractional Krugerrands.

It might be appropriate to grant a course in market research for SA Breweries executives who totally misread black attitudes to the disastrous tour of the SAFA international soccer team. A vintage of Luyt Lager is also offered to help them digest the lessons they have to learn. Transvaal rugby boss Jannie le Roux also seems to need a few lessons in marketing. We grant him a season ticket to Orlando Stadium to help him learn more about the audience that might save his stadium from financial collapse.

To Andreas Wassenaar we offer a free screening of *The Great Dictator* for his quite reasonable insistence on his right to fire anyone, anywhere, anytime. His nominated successor, Fred du Plessis, gets a copy of *Who's Who in Business* to enable him to check up on his statement that Wassenaar was "only another director." To Wassenaar jr, an appointment as Escom's computer manager under rumoured next chairman Wim de Villiers.

## PORTFOLIO COMPETITION

# Bad year for brokers

The past year must surely go down as particularly frustrating one for the investing community frustrating because of an erratic market which plummeted during the early part of the year but which later recovered to new highs in the face of a deepening economic recession. It was nevertheless rewarding for some, just because of this volatility.

The market has been a fickle creature in

1982 and there is plenty of evidence of this in the results of this year's brokers' portfolio competition. It must have been a nerve-racking ride bearing in mind that the half-dozen brokers who selected a portfolio of 10 shares at the beginning of the year, based on fundamentals at that time, were not able to change their portfolios, as they surely would have done during 1982.

Certainly, any broker who did not advise

his clients to take advantage of the record fixed-interest offerings available in the money and institutional markets, or who did not himself trade the gilts market, will not have been doing his duty.

And there must have been few brokers around at the half-way stage this year who would have predicted the current levels of the gold and industrial share markets, economic indicators being what they were.

power lies at plant level, it is also not surprising that they have opposed industry-level bargaining through industrial councils

Rod Ironside, president of the Federated Chamber of Industries (FCI), emphasises that "understanding the other party's perceptions" is vital. Managements that have had the sensitivity to appreciate the issues at stake to black workers have been remarkably successful in structuring productive relationships with even the most tough-minded emerging unions

The South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) is, for example, regarded by many employers and government officials as beyond the pale, and its leaders have been detained for lengthy periods. But Theo Heffer, one of SA's most respected industrial relations practitioners, achieved extraordinary success in helping to create a healthy relationship between it and Chloride SA. In retrospect, he says that virtually everything that the company was told three years ago about the union's approach, techniques, strategies and officials has proven to be untrue

One of the most visible effects of a change in management attitudes is revealed by the radical revisions that some employer organisations have made to their labour policy guidelines in the past two years. Just this month, for example, the Chamber of Mines announced that mining employers will recognise unregistered unions if they are representative

Remarkable too was the FCI's sympathetic attitude to the brief work stoppage by about 100 000 workers in protest against the death in detention of unionist Neil Aggett

But it is not just employers who have had to make fundamental readjustments to their attitudes and policies. Government has been compelled to heed the power being exercised by emerging unions. It may be regrettable that widespread strikes forced the withdrawal of legislation to preserve pensions. But by South African stan-

dards it is extraordinary that government should actually scrap a proposed law in the face of pressure from black workers

Perhaps more significant is government's proposed amendment to the Labour Relations Act, aimed at making official dispute-settling machinery available to unregistered unions. The effect of this is to downgrade registration (which is seen by emerging unions as a form of unnecessary government interference in their affairs) as an issue in industrial relations

But there is a rich irony to government's proposed amendment. Only a few years ago National Party spokesmen on labour were emphasising to nervous white workers that registration was the crucial mechanism through which emerging black unions would be controlled. However, during the past year the Department of Manpower has shown an increasing willingness to move away from direct control of events in labour

Manpower Minister Fanie Botha told the Institute of Personnel Management conference two months ago "As long as employers and employees, or their respective organisations, do not negotiate wages and conditions of service which are less beneficial than those provided for in basic legislation, they are free to structure and regulate the relationship between themselves. This is what self-government in labour relations means, and this principle applies from the factory floor to industry level"

A singular feature of many new unions has been their ability to successfully use structures and systems created by government to achieve their goals. In doing this they have been able, unlike some black political organisations, to recognise that strategic considerations can sometimes have a higher priority than some other issues which they might be tempted to regard as matters of principle

Many emerging unions object in principle to registration, but they have realised that from a strategic point of view registration can aid recruitment and recogni-

tion. Similarly, some are finding that participation in the officially-sanctioned system of collective bargaining through industrial councils can, in certain circumstances, provide tangible benefits

It would naturally be unwise to underestimate the value of the advice these unions have received from young white intellectuals and activists. However, because of the democratic nature of most new unions, grass-roots membership has been closely involved in all potentially risky decisions

Anyone trying to assess future trends in SA labour cannot ignore the fact that while black workers have been granted a vote in the workplace, they are still denied fundamental political rights. The obvious danger is that unions will be used to redress grievances which do not lie within the normal scope of the employer/employee relationship. Managements are already being confronted with such issues and are learning that the industrial relations function does not necessarily stop at the factory gate

However, it is remarkable that emerging unions have, by and large, so far been able to avoid the temptation to play an overt political role or to forge links with black political movements. Attempts by the State in recent years to prosecute unionists for security-related crimes have failed

Given all the perils that lie ahead, it is remarkable that many of SA's most experienced industrial relations practitioners are still able to display a cautious optimism about the future

"The South African labour situation today certainly has the potential for revolution," says Fred Ferreira, Ford's director of industrial relations. "But if the protagonists — labour employers and government — recognise at least some of the inequities and remove these, they will tip the scales in the direction of evolutionary change"

The South African black worker is on the move. And the early indications are, hopefully, that he is on the move towards participation and greater prosperity

## BRICKBATS AND BOUQUETS

# Not a very good year

Most South Africans will not look back on 1982 with happy memories, for many, it was far from being a vintage year. For white politicians, it was the year of the big split in the National Party, and of by-elections which yielded ambiguous results. For businessmen, who had enjoyed three years of life in the fast lane, shifting back into the lower gear required for negotiating the steep downturn was painful for most, very traumatic indeed for a few

The Slim Janne Smuts Award for splitting Afrikanerdom is awarded jointly to PM P.W. Botha and Conservative Party

leader Andries Treurnicht. Botha does, however, deserve a minuscule bouquet for at least trying to maintain a modest pace of reform

Two pairs of tortoiseshell spectacles, to alleviate his severe short-sightedness, go to Minister of Co-operation and Development Piet Koornhof. One is for closer scrutiny of the innumerable submissions which have been made to him over the years on influx control laws. In particular, he appears to have been unable to focus on the reasonable suggestions of the Grosskopf committee. The other pair — which he can pass on to

Pik Botha — should help the Foreign Minister to read the signs of local national and international opinion before he acquiesces to Koornhof giving away parts of SA to Swaziland

It hasn't been a good year for "Piet Promises," aka "Piet Pinnochio," aka many less savoury titles. What with the Orderly Movement and Settlement of Black Persons Bill and the debacle over Ingwavuma and KaNgwane, he must be reeling. In countries like the UK and the US, ministerial heads roll for getting it wrong. Fortunately for Piet, the tradition here in SA is

TERRORISM

## Tough action justified

Last weekend's attack on the Koeberg Nuclear Power Station, preceded by the strike at Escom's conventional plant at Innerdale near Vereeniging, adds weight to SA's determination to hit the ANC wherever it is harboured in the region.

Clearly we must exert maximum diplomatic pressure to persuade our neighbours to curb the ANC. This seems to have worked in Swaziland. The recent talks at the Mozambique border are evidence that we are pursuing this path and we must continue to do so.

But only the naive will assert that a speeding up of internal reform will bring an end to ANC terrorism against people and installations in SA. Let there be no mistake about it. What the ANC seeks is a one-party Marxist SA. This means that SA must fight unrelentingly with all the force at its command to wipe out the ANC.

At the same time, we must proceed as rapidly as possible with internal reform. In particular, urban blacks must somehow be drawn into the process. And we speak here not of militant all-or-nothing radicals. They seek ends akin to those of the ANC. Let us look seriously, for example, at the proposals of the Buthelezi Commission.

Among the mass of black urban South Africans, there is a large middle group with a growing stake in stability and peaceful evolution. They've got something to lose. If, as Moscow seeks, and the ANC propagates, this country falls

under the iron grip of collectivism, what is ironic is that the same abominable form of people control practised under apartheid is taken to extremes under communism, which makes apartheid seem like a kindergarten beginner.

Let us not forget, for example, Mao's forced removal of middle class Chinese out of the cities. In his new book *China — Alive in the Bitter Sea*, Fox Butterfield of the *New York Times* describes it as the "greatest forced movement of population in history." Almost 20m teenagers alone were torn from their families and schools and sent to labour in the remote and poverty-stricken countryside.

Apartheid is an abomination. We must move away from it. But what the ANC seeks is something that would be far worse for black South Africans than is the present system. Let them look to the North for evidence of economic disaster and the destruction of personal liberties.

With the ANC it must be, in the interests of all who live in the region, a matter of no quarter given. They must be hunted down and eliminated and our neighbours can never say they have not been warned. What our security forces must provide is a shield behind which our society can evolve in reasonable prosperity and peace.

This is not Zimbabwe and parallels drawn with that particular model display more wishful thinking by leftwing intellectuals than a firm grasp of the *realpolitik* of the SA situation.

ZIMBABWE

## Devaluation not enough

Zimbabwe's national pride has apparently been wounded by this month's 20% devaluation of its currency. If that be so, it is soon going to be faced with more humiliation.

The devaluation was not enough. It was too late, and it will not work unless there is other far-reaching change.

All that it will do is boost a rate of inflation that is already above 16%. Certainly the freeze on wages is not going to counteract its inflationary consequences, although it might deflect them for a while.

When a country is living beyond its means, as Zimbabwe is doing, it can bring about economic growth and price stability only by devaluing and deflating. It is possible to deflate and thus avoid or minimise devaluation.

It is not possible, however, to devalue and avoid deflating. For devaluation gives only a breathing space until excess domestic demand is curbed.

In Zimbabwe excessive demand is a consequence of government spending and policies — such as a doubling of minimum wages — that push up costs. The country is caught in a vicious circle: minimum wages are increased,

demand is inflated, the consequent rise in prices erodes the value of the increases and wages have to be hiked again. In addition, resources are misallocated.

Sure, there is now a rents and wages freeze and the latest increases in minimum wages have been delayed. But that is not deflation. It is no more than postponing the inevitable. Without market determined rents and wages, there will be little investment and ultimately limited output.

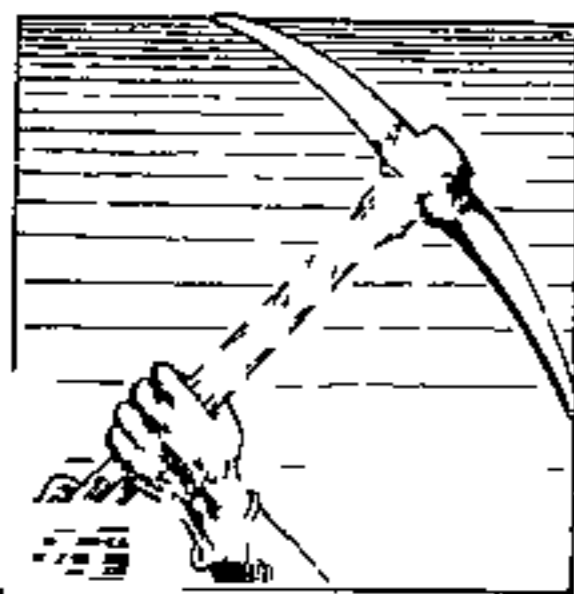
More than six months ago the *FM* pointed out that the Zimbabwe dollar was overvalued. It forecast then an eventual food crisis and a housing shortage. Despite the 20% devaluation, that view is just as valid now.

The Mugabe administration is going to have to learn the hard way that feeding and housing its people are much more important than imposing what Zanu is pleased to call "political and ideological substance" on economic strategy.

Unfortunately, while the lessons of economic reality slowly sink into the bush generals now in Cabinet office, the ordinary folk in Zimbabwe are the ones that are going to have to queue for food and scuffle for shelter.

MAN OF THE YEAR

# South Africa's black workers



There are those who regard South Africa as seething with violence and discontent. And indeed it is sobering to reflect that the prosperity and stability of the country depends on so many

people who face severe social and political disadvantages

Millions of black people struggle daily to cope with an appalling shortage of adequate housing and public amenities. Their lives are governed by increasingly stringent influx control laws which break up families and make blacks aliens in the land of their birth.

Statutory and non-statutory measures are still formidable barriers to their advancement in the workplace. Their often meagre incomes are eroded by inflation, while the increasing scale of retrenchments testifies to their lack of job security.

Yet, despite these handicaps, they are actively involved in an evolutionary process which will surely change the face of the society they live in.

The battle for recognition of black unions has not been an easy one. Gains made in recent years have, in the main, not been achieved by political activists, but by ordinary men and women who perceived the power which lay in group action. In view of the impact they have made in the three years since statutory collective bargaining rights were granted to blacks, the *FM* believes it appropriate to name the black worker as our Man of the Year.

Few people would have dared to predict, only five years ago, that by the early 1980s unions representing large numbers of black workers would be posing a serious challenge to labour policies pursued by government and employers.

However, events on the labour front this year have served to confirm what was already becoming apparent a year ago. Black

unions are here to stay. Never before in this country's history has there been such an urgent need for mutual trust to be established between black workers and all the other parties participating in this country's turbulent labour arena.

Although, by some estimates, fewer than 350 000 of a total of 6.3m economically active blacks are unionised, it is especially members of the new emerging unions who are restructuring the relationship between capital and labour in SA. The most immediate effects of their new sense of assertiveness is revealed in the rising number of strikes. There are estimates that about 400 took place this year, virtually all by black workers. This is four times the annual number of strikes in the years immediately preceding the Wiehahn reforms.

The present wave of black unionism is, of course, not the first in South African labour history. Several major unions and union groupings have grown spectacularly during the past 60 years. But they were largely ignored or fiercely opposed by employers, and many collapsed or were forced into exile due to government pressures.

It was the large-scale labour unrest in 1973 which finally prompted government to begin to re-examine its labour policies. An almost spontaneous display of anger by black workers over low pay, these strikes were the prelude to the formation of a new breed of emerging black unions.

Where previous black unions concentrated on mass mobilisation, but failed to secure an enduring power base in the factories, most of the new emerging unions have placed great emphasis on building up and consolidating support, factory by factory. Unlike black unionists in the past, their leaders have not been trained to become charismatic orators. Instead, they have concentrated on developing the union skills of grass-roots representatives in factories, adopting the traditional British shop-steward system as an integral part of their strategy. Although these unions have committed themselves to representing

workers of all races, the vast majority of their members are blacks.

It cannot be denied that many have made grievous and costly errors. Unrealistic wage demands, strikes to retrieve pension contributions, and too rapid growth, which has impaired the ability of some to service the needs of members adequately, are some of the mistakes that have been made.

But it is worth noting that, at least so far, most of the gloomy predictions made in recent years by opponents of government labour reforms have not been fulfilled.

The more than 250 recognition agreements negotiated between managements and emerging unions during the past three years are possibly the most tangible evidence that black unions have arrived. These agreements vary considerably in form and content, but they have a common feature. Although many aspects of the authority previously wielded arbitrarily by management are being modified, the agreements actually reinforce management's right to manage. The basic right to manage is not challenged — and it is significant that unions are not objecting to this being formally enshrined in agreements.

It is natural, however, that unions should seek to modify some of management's powers. It is also logical that unions representing unskilled black workers should raise issues which have not been on traditional negotiating agendas between employers and white unions. For example, because they represent unskilled people who are easily replaced if dismissed, they are especially concerned about job protection. For migrant workers, loss of a job also means a loss of residence rights in an urban area, while it can also be argued that in the society we live in, a black man's job is his only real form of property. It is not surprising therefore that these unions are demanding a say in issues such as the formulation of disciplinary, grievance and retrenchment procedures.

Because emerging unions realise that at this early stage of their development their



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An out-of-court settlement was reached yesterday between a Durban asbestos firm and the South African Allied Workers Union over a dispute dating back to last March

A joint statement released by the two sides said that Turnall Ltd and members of Saawu's building affiliate who were former employees of the firm had reached the out-of-court settlement after lengthy negotiations at the recommendation of the president of the Industrial Court

The settlement was reached with neither side conceding the validity of the other's case

Turnall dismissed about 50 workers in March last year allegedly over demands for union recognition

**Settlement**  
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Labour Reporter  
A DISPUTE between the asbestos company Turnall Ltd and members of the South African Allied Workers' Union dating back to March last year was settled yesterday

A joint statement released by the union and the company said an out-of-court settlement had been reached

This was between the management of Turnall and certain workers formerly employed by the company following lengthy negotiations

'The settlement was reached with neither party conceding the validity of the case of the other,' the statement said

The dispute arose last March after a work stoppage when 33 workers formerly employed by Turnall Ltd alleged the company had refused to negotiate with them and was guilty of selective re-employment

The company denied these charges, and the workers made a request to the Industrial Court to be reinstated



# Saawu talks raise hopes of new deal

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN  
Labour Correspondent

THE unregistered SA Allied Workers' Union has taken part unofficially in industrial council negotiations in the explosives industry — a move which has prompted intense interest among labour observers

And it appears that Saawu's participation in the talks may herald the beginnings of a new national bargaining deal between AECI, the only employer on the council and two emerging unions — Saawu and the SA Chemical Workers Union.

This may see unregistered unions negotiating national wage minima with the company without joining the council.

Saawu is against councils and is seen by many employers as "militant".

But late last year Saawu accepted an invitation from AECI to take part informally in the council negotiations which set minimum pay and conditions at the company's Modderfontein Umbogintwini and Somerset West plants.

Many of the unions on the giant metal

industrial council also belong to the explosives council.

As an unregistered union Saawu may not join a council or take part officially in its negotiations. But these unions can take part unofficially and this has occurred in the garment, motor assembly and metal industries.

Saawu was represented at the negotiations by general secretary Mr Sam Kikine and national organiser Mr Herbert Barnabas.

Mr Kikine yesterday confirmed this, but added that the union had "made it clear that we were not taking part in the council system — our role in the negotiations took place outside the council".

Saawu he said had not signed the council agreement as it refused to be a party to councils. But he said it had been responsible for moving minimum wages from the R311 a month accepted by "the ja-baas unions" to R328 a month.

He said Saawu expected recognition at AECI's Umbogintwini plant soon. He added that it would not take part in council negotiations in future.

"AECI want to negotiate wages na-

tionally and we are prepared to do this. We are not the hard-liners some people say we are and are prepared to compromise.

"But we will not negotiate through a third party like an industrial council. We are a democratic union and will negotiate where we can listen to our members' wishes."

Mr Ben Nicholson, immediate past chairman of the council and a leading metal unionist, said established unions on the council had played a role in persuading Saawu to take part.

"They not only took part fully, but also agreed to invoke the council disputes procedure when the talks were deadlocked. There were some rough moments, but we are pleased they took part."

It is understood that AECI now plans to negotiate with both Saawu and the registered Sacwu on a permanent national wage negotiating structure.

Talks will take some time and will be aimed at enabling emerging unions to take part in national pay bargaining without necessarily joining the council.

## Court acquits father in car case

By JOHAN BUYS

A WELL-KNOWN East Rand police officer and regional administrator, Captain Amos Spies, was acquitted yesterday on a charge of defrauding the State by failing to report an accident in which his son — a detective with the same branch — was involved. According to evidence in the Benoni Regional Court, Capt Spies' son, Detective Sergeant Andre Spies, 27, of the Van Ryn Police C-ages was involved in an accident in a police car on Nigel Road, Springs, on April 22 last year while on a private trip but later reported the accident as having happened in Benoni. The State claimed that Capt Spies — who was his son's immediate superior at the time of the accident — was aware of this but did not report it as required by departmental rules.

Capt Spies, 47, of Cliveden Road, Cassel Dale, and his son appeared in the Benoni Regional Court on Wednesday on a charge of fraud, attempting to defeat the ends of justice. Sgt Spies pleaded guilty while Capt Spies pleaded not guilty. Sgt Spies was fined R250. Capt. Spies was tried separately yesterday.

Detective-Sergeant Nico Vlok, of the Brakpan Murder and Robbery Section, told the magistrate, Mr Kotze, "A police car was booked out to me on April 21. I handed the car to Detective-Sergeant Spies."

"The following morning I phoned to say he had been involved in an accident. I told him to report it and meet me at the office. I accompanied him to Wilmot Park, where the vehicle was parked. There was some damage to the right bumper of the car. Sgt Vlok said he informed Capt Spies of the accident and that his son, who was driving the vehicle, had it repaired privately. Cross-examined by Mr T. Grobbelaar, for the defence, Sgt Vlok agreed it was possible he did not inform Capt Spies, but he thought about it.

The magistrate, Mr Kotze, said the State had to prove on a single witness that he had not

## Woman tells of ordeal in car boot

STELLENBOSCH — A young Stellenbosch woman told a magistrate yesterday that she was smuggled back and forth to her work in the boot of a car for more than three weeks out of fear of her former husband.

She gave evidence against her former husband, a Frenchman, Patric Maurice Jear Masue, 30, who was sentenced to 30 days' imprisonment, suspended for three years and warned not to violate a Cape Supreme Court order prohibiting him from contacting his ex-wife.

Mrs Emmerentia Masue said her ex-husband had told her earlier that he would kill her if he should find her alone.

Every day after that he would wait outside her place of work in his car. On occasion it seemed Masue had slept in the car.

She had fled from Masue in Switzerland in August last year as he continuously assaulted and threatened her.

On arrival in South Africa, Mrs Masue wrote him a letter and this helped him to trace her. He molested her at her place of work where he walked up and down corridors screaming and shouting.

"I had to travel down to the basement by lift every day and be smuggled out in the

## Dairy products shortage will hit SA, say farmers

Pretoria Bureau

SOUTH Africa is heading for a long-term acute shortage of dairy products unless the industry is made more rewarding for farmers.

That is the warning that will probably be given to the Government after a meeting of the dairy committee of the SA Agricultural Union in Pretoria earlier this week.

The committee has made price increase recommendations to the Dairy Board.

A senior delegate at the meeting said yesterday dairy farmers were still opting out of the industry in disturbing numbers, because their production cost increases were not being adequately compensated for by price adjustments.

During the past 12 months production costs had risen by between 18% and 20%.

There were other types of farming with greater re-

wards and less risks than the milk production operation, it was stated.

The prices of dairy products were last increased in July 1982 — milk by 12.7%, butter by 16.4% and cheese by 15%.

However, according to sources in Pretoria, no matter how strong the justification for substantial increases the Cabinet is unlikely to approve any increase much greater than 10%.

## Cut airfares and fly our way, commerce tells SAA

Mail Correspondent

DURBAN — Airfares should be cut and flights marketed aggressively, South African Airways was told at a recent meeting of the Durban Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting called for new customs procedures to cut delays for overseas passengers in transit at Jan Smuts Airport.

A late night Airbus-combi flight with "greatly reduced fares" from Durban to Johannesburg was being considered, Mr P C du Plessis, SAA director of planning and finance, told the meeting. It would carry 25 tons of cargo and fill the need left by the cancellation of the nightly air cargo service.

Painting a picture of declining passenger numbers, Mr Du Plessis said that of the 2 100 available seats on flights leaving Durban daily, just over half were filled. Only early morning and later afternoon flights were heavily patronised.

He said Tuesday's direct Boeing 737 flight to Cape Town averaged 50 passengers with 60 to 70 on the northbound flight and the Airbus carried only a fraction of its load.

The link between Kimberley, Bloemfontein and Durban "was poorly used".

Mr Du Plessis said flight-frequency reduction was not being considered, although a close watch was being kept on the Cape flights.

He said reduced fares were available on late night and weekend flights and family excursion fares. Fare cuts on off-peak day flights were being considered.

The chamber asked SAA to avoid problems with customs clearance at Jan Smuts Airport which meant that passengers missed connecting flights.

Mr Du Plessis said SAA was discussing this issue with the Department of Customs and Excise.

## Long-term prisoner is on the run

## Union act a 'man bites dog' story

THE news that the SA Allied Workers' Union has taken part in industrial council negotiations must have seemed like a labour "man bites dog" story

Not only is SAAWU regarded by many employers — and the Security Police — as "radical", but it is one of the unions which refused to enter unity talks with rivals who joined industrial councils

But it did take part, albeit unofficially, in the explosives council's annual pay talks, and SAAWU's insistence that it was not there as a party to the council does not alter that

Whether it will do so again is another matter. It says it won't.

AECI (African Explosives and Chemical Industries), the only employer on the council, hopes to negotiate a national bargaining deal with SAAWU and the black SA Chemical Workers' Union, the other emerging union with which it deals

It wants pay bargaining to take place at a national level, but won't insist on the council as a vehicle

But AECI also obviously plans to continue bargaining with the established unions on its council. They include major metal unions who are committed to the council system

So a formula reconciling these factors will have to be found

There are some interesting facets to the AECI developments

Firstly, SAAWU's participation is further evidence of the silliness of assigning

images to unions — a practice much beloved by some employers and trendy university labour watchers

Whether a union is "radical" only becomes clear in negotiations and is at any rate fairly trivial compared to the overriding question of whether it represents its members

The last four years have seen several cases in which "militants" bargained like "moderates" and vice-versa

The AECI developments come as the National Union of Textile Workers (NUTW) has been working out an arrangement with knitting employers which may see sweeping changes to the knitting council and a decision by the NUTW to join it

Some labour watchers see the beginning of a trend

They suggest a growing number of employers accept that industry-wide bargaining with emerging unions can only come about through major changes to councils or arrangements to accommodate unions which refuse to join them

This might produce a changed union stance and open the way for industry-level deals between employers and union opponents of councils, so settling conflict on how bargaining will take place

It's far too early to predict that in the vital metal industries, such an accommodation seems as far off as ever, despite some planned changes to the council

But there is a whiff of change about, however slight

THIS month the industrial court handed down two landmark rulings

In both cases, its reasons for the decisions are perhaps more important than the rulings themselves, which are expected to be released late this week or soon thereafter

But the rulings themselves have far-reaching implications

In the first decision, the court ordered three newspaper employers to reverse their decision to quit an unofficial conciliation board where they bargain with the Southern African Society of Journalists

Lawyers say it could not have done so without finding, at least in part, that it is an "unfair labour practice" for employers to refuse to bargain with majority unions

This is a watershed in labour law, with a direct bearing on recognition disputes involving emerging unions

But much will depend on the court's reasons, which should spell out the circumstances in which it will intervene in these cases

The second was the granting of the first-ever "status quo" order compelling an employer to reinstate fired workers pending the settling of a dispute. It ordered Stobar Reinforcing to reinstate 55 members of the Metal and Allied Workers' Union

As influx control laws compel many black workers to leave the cities when they lose their jobs, the granting of such orders would be a key impetus to settling disputes

Employers' ability to fire

migrants in the sure knowledge that they must leave the cities would be restricted and unions would have an incentive to use the court, rather than boycotts and campaigns

The Stobar dispute has already been settled

But, as with the SASJ, there were unusual features in the case and the reasons will indicate the circumstances in which these orders will be granted

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THE outcome of that annual slugfest, the Mine Workers' Union general council meeting should be revealed early this week

Other established mine unions are watching carefully. They hope the all-white MWU has abandoned its longstanding refusal to bargain at the same table as unions representing black workers

They want to get all mine unions, from the MWU to the black National Union of Mineworkers, onto one caucus

There was a difference of opinion within the MWU on this before the meeting

But the MWU stance may be less important than the NUM's. An industrial council or some similar forum is not on without its agreement, which seems unlikely

Meanwhile, the NUM is about to enter into negotiations on its first recognition agreements — on two Anglo-American mines

Recognition is likely, but will the NUM win agreements from houses which have taken a tougher line than Anglo?

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## INDUSTRIAL COUNCILS

### Saawu's stand

FM 4/2/83

Hopes that emerging unions' opposition to industrial councils will decline as they perceive the advantages of industry-level bargaining have been given an important boost

The SA Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) is regarded by many employers and government officials as an uncompromising, radical body. However, it has been revealed that late last year Saawu leaders took part in industry-level bargaining in the explosives industry.

Saawu general secretary Sam Kikine strenuously denies that these talks amount to an endorsement by him of industrial councils. However, labour observers are pointing out that the talks, in which established unions took part, amounted to unoffi-

cial industrial council negotiations.

Unregistered unions cannot take part in council negotiations, but there is a trend in some industries towards allowing these unions to be present at unofficial council talks. Minimum pay and working conditions at AECI plants were set at the negotiations in which Kikine participated.

Kikine is now emphasising that he remains strongly opposed to industrial councils. He says he was at the negotiations at the invitation of a Saawu affiliate, the Chemical and Allied Workers' Union, and claims that he will not participate again.

However, while Kikine says he rejects industrial councils, he says he does favour industry-level, or national-level bargaining with a single company, or group of companies. He emphasises that participation in such bargaining depends on the wishes of Saawu members, and on workers on the shopfloor being closely involved in negotiations.

Managements who are willing to consider changes to industrial councils to accommodate the needs of emerging unions will obviously be watching Kikine's future actions with great interest.



Saawu's Kikine ... yes to a certain level of bargaining



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# Unions set to oppose Labour Party

AN ALLIANCE of emerging unions against the Labour Party's decision to take part in the Government's constitutional plan seems on the cards

The Federation of South African Trade Unions (Fosatu) has decided to campaign against the LP move. So have the Food and Canning and General Workers' unions. There have been clashes at meetings between LP supporters and union members.

Unions such as the SA Allied Workers' Union and General and Allied Workers' Union have also backed action against the proposals.

This is a significant development.

Fosatu, particularly, has not involved itself in a political campaign before — though it has always rejected claims that it is "non-political" and has been more prepared to make political statements for the past year or so.

The reason has been largely tactical — the belief that unions should build factory-floor strength before taking up political issues.

But what makes last week's union moves doubly significant is that they are, unionists say, a reaction to a groundswell of worker anger at the LP move.

Thus unionists report many requests from workers to discuss the proposals and the union's stand on them.

Fosatu's general secretary Mr Joe Foster says that, at Fosatu's recent executive meeting, all regions reported "anger" at the LP move, with black delegates — particularly from the Inkatha stronghold of Northern Natal — charging that they had been

"sold" and asking where coloured delegates stood.

There are many reasons why unionised workers might oppose the plan. But one factor may help explain why they see this as such a pressing issue.

A key aim of many emerging unions is to build co-operation between black and coloured workers. In some areas, they have succeeded.

They argue that the plan seeks to split irrevocably coloured and black people and so flies in the face of what they are trying to achieve in the factories. Its effect on them as unions is thus far more concrete than many other political issues.

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LAST week saw the launching of the country's first labour mediation service.

The new service plans to set up a panel of mediators which will be available to help settle labour disputes.

Mediation is a normal part of factory life in many Western countries, with governments often assisting it.

A mediator's job is to help bargaining — he only intervenes when both sides ask him to and seeks ways to get them bargaining again.

Here, worker suspicion of the Government has led to the belief that mediation must be totally independent of officialdom, which the new service is.

But planned legislation enabling the authorities to appoint mediators to settle disputes if both sides ask for them means mediation clearly has Government support.

Many unions are suspicious of it, seeing it as a threat to their independence.

And some labour experts argue that for mediation to work both sides must recognise the value of bargaining with each other — at least in principle. Where that exists you don't need a mediator, they say. Where it doesn't, mediation will be resisted.

Supporters of the new service reply that once it establishes itself it will show it is an aid, not an obstacle, to independent bargaining.

They also believe there are many firms in which the two sides have agreed to bargain, but where this is placed under stress by a dispute.

They believe they have a key role there and that, once they prove they can play a useful role, the demand for mediation will grow.

In this way, they say, the service can play a key role in promoting bargaining and reducing factory conflict.

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FORMAL efforts to cement unity between emerging unions are under way again.

Last year efforts to get the unions to bury their differences and get together in a working alliance failed.

But the talks led to a realignment in which two groups emerged — on the one hand Fosatu, the GWU, and two food and canning unions, on the other a group of "community" unions led by the Motor Assemblers' and Components Workers' Union and the SA Allied Workers' Union.

The Council of Unions of SA has remained neutral.

With plans afoot to call a new meeting of unions to form a federation, the trends which emerged last year have hardened. Co-operation between Fosatu and its allies has increased — as has hostility between them and the Macwusa group.

There is thus little chance the latest move will produce an alliance of all the unions. But it may well cement the alliance between Food and Canning, GWU and Fosatu.

As they have the vast bulk of unionised workers and factory muscle, this would be a big boost to unionism.

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FOSATU's Sweet, Food and Allied Workers' Union is predictably delighted about an out-of-court settlement which means meat employers Vleissentraal will reinstate 30 workers it fired after a dispute last year.

One reason for the union joy is that Vleissentraal is a tough employer which took an uncompromising stance for much of the dispute.

But the deal was also made an order of court and is the first such order reinstating workers, rather than compensating them for their sacking.

Because it did not come to court, the case does not set a legal precedent.

But in this and similar recent cases, employers seem willing to settle rather than face court action.

One reason may be the judgment in a Transvaal case last year which gave much greater legal muscle to dismissed workers.

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## Sentence

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Court Reporter

A 32-YEAR-OLD-black man who sent a 'death threat letter' to a black supervisor of the firm where they were both employed was sentenced to two years' imprisonment by Mr H W Weitz in the Durban Regional Court yesterday for contravening the Intimidation Act

The entire sentence on Themba Willmot Zwane was suspended for five years

Zwane, a shop steward with the S A Allied Workers' Union, admitted he had sent a letter containing a threat against the life of Mr Thamsagna Luthuli

The Court was told that Mr Luthuli was a supervisor at O T H Beier and Co in September last year

### Betrayed

The letter claimed that Mr Luthuli did not 'behave' at work and was a white man's informer

It also said that Mr Luthuli betrayed his community and his fellow workers to the white people

It also said. 'All crooks like you are dead Where is Mr Griffiths Mxenge, a famous lawyer? Is he not dead? Why did he die? And who killed him?'

The letter warned Mr Luthuli to stop betraying his people.

The letter also said that Mr Luthuli should stop using buses to go to work and that he should apologise to the African National Congress

The letter ended 'Stay in peace, brother, I am from the ANC'



Union denies death threat letter (145A) man was a member

# Not one of us!

By BARNEY MTHOMBOHI

THE South African Allied Workers' Union has denied reports that a man who sent a threatening letter to a fellow worker suggesting that Durban lawyer Griffiths Mxenge may have been killed for cheating or betraying the ANC, was a member of the union.

Mr Mxenge, who was found murdered and mutilated in November 1981, was the union's attorney.

Themba Wilmot Zwane, 32, was found guilty by Mr H W Weitz in the Durban Regional Court this week and sentenced to two years for contravening the Intimidation Act.

The sentence was suspended for five years

Zwane admitted sending a letter in September last year containing threats against the life of Mr Thamsanqa Luthuli, a supervisor at OTH Beier and Company, where they were both employed

In the letter Mr Luthuli was told there were people who wanted to kill him. Everything had been arranged and the assassin selected — only the date remained to be set.

Mr Luthuli had to be killed because he did not "behave" and was an informer for the whites

Zwane, who was described as a Allied Workers' Union shop steward, wrote. "All crooks like you are dead. Where is Mr Mxenge, the famous lawyer? Isn't he dead? Who killed him? Why did he die? Please stop betraying people, its end is death"

Mr Luthuli was told to apologise to the ANC. "Stay in peace, brother, I am from the ANC," the letter concluded

In a statement released in Durban yesterday, Allied Workers' Union general secretary Sam Kikine said Zwane was not, and had never been, his union's shop steward. The union had no knowledge of the letter read in court and wished "to dissociate itself completely from the unsavoury statements and sentiments expressed therein.

"SAAWU, as a federation of unions, wishes it to be placed on record that it had the utmost and unqualified confidence and faith in the person of G M Mxenge and condemns in no uncertain terms this and every other attempt to besmurch the character of the late Mr Mxenge, whose memory we, as a nonracial federation, hold in the highest esteem," the statement said

Mr Kikine said he did not know how Mr Zwane came to be associated with SAAWU in the first place.

"We know all our shop stewards and if he was our member he could have brought the matter to our attention," he said.

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D. Dispatch 16/2/83 (USA) (22)

# Union condemns death threat letter

EAST LONDON — The South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) has "completely dissociated" itself from a death threat letter produced in the Durban regional court last week from a man claiming to be a Saawu shop steward

The letter was produced in the court during the trial of Mr Temba Wilmot Zwane, 32, who was imprisoned for contravening the Intimidation Act. The sentence was suspended for five years

In a statement, Saawu's general secretary, Mr Sam Kikine, said that Mr Zwane had never been a Saawu shop steward as had been claimed

The letter, which suggested that a lawyer, Mr Griffiths Mxenge was killed for cheating or

betraying the banned African National Congress, was sent to a work supervisor Mr Thamsanqa Luthuli

In his statement Mr Kikine said that Saawu had no knowledge of the letter written by Mr Zwane but "dissociates itself completely from the unsavoury statements and sentiments expressed therein

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# Union denounces Durban pamphlet

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Labour Reporter

16/2/83

The South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) has denounced a pamphlet, purportedly issued by them in Durban recently which attacks the General Workers' Union (GWU)

The pamphlet is seen by Saawu officials as another attempt to split the ranks of the emergent trade-union movement in Durban

The GWU is accused of having lost workers jobs because of unsuccessful strikes as well as being involved in the embezzlement of funds

## NOT SIGNED

The pamphlet largely appeals to the black worker. It is not signed and bears no publication details

Saawu's general secretary, Mr Sam Kikine, said that the pamphlet was a fraud and his federation had never adopted a racial stance. He is going to get in touch with the GWU's general secretary, Mr Dave Lewis, over the matter

• There have been several pamphlets distributed in Durban and East London over the past few years seeking to discredit Saawu

*D. Dispatch 18/2/83*  
**Home searched  
by CCIS says  
trade unionist**

EAST LONDON — A member of the South African Allied Workers Union, Mr Godfrey Shiba said yesterday that Ciskei Central Intelligence Services staff searched his home and removed some books.

The acting head of Ciskei's Department of State Security Brigadier N H Tamsanqa would neither confirm nor deny the report.

Mr Shiba said three men from the CCIS arrived at his home on Wednesday and questioned him about a T shirt he was wearing.

"They asked me about a map of Africa on the T shirt and added I should not wear a foreign shirt in another country," Mr Shiba said.

The men searched his home for about 45 minutes he said, and left with 12 books on trade unionism and other related matters and two T shirts.

Mr Shiba said the men who did not give their names asked him if he wanted to continue living in Ciskei. They also questioned him about the ownership of the house he lived in.

He said they told him the books and the T shirt, for which they did not issue a receipt, were not acceptable in Ciskei.

Mr Shiba said the men returned the T shirt yesterday and searched his car, removing some addresses from it —  
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# Stoppage could affect union

RDM 26/2/83

26/2/83 Labour Correspondent

A WORK stoppage has hit one of only three plants in the Eastern Cape to recognise the unregistered SA Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU).

According to informed sources the stoppage began on Thursday at a smelter at Berlin, near East London, which is owned by the Wadeville-based company Fry's Metals.

The smelter was originally owned by battery manufacturers Chloride (SA), the first company ever to recognise SAAWU — first at its East London plant and then later at Berlin.

When the smelter was sold to Fry's, the new owners agreed to honour the recognition agreement on Chloride's advice. It is understood, however, that Fry's has been intending to renegotiate the agreement with SAAWU.

The dispute could, therefore, have a bearing on SAAWU recognition at the company. It comes at a time when police action, unemployment, and tough employer action have taken their toll on SAAWU in its East London stronghold.

Yesterday a union spokesman refused to comment on the dispute at the smelter. "We are engaged in talks with the company and cannot release information until the dispute is resolved," he said.

But a company spokesman confirmed there had been a stoppage.

"The issue is delicate and we are attempting to find a way to sort out the problem. I am sure a solution acceptable to both sides can be found," he said.

"Because of the delicacy of the situation, we would prefer to say as little as possible," he added.

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**New  
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*Natal 26/2/83*  
Mercury Reporter  
MORE than 200 Durban nightwatchmen decided this week to break off in-house negotiations with their management and form their own trade union

Mr Isaac Ngcobo, Natal branch chairman of the South African Allied Workers Union, said that the nightwatchmen were despondent about promised wage increases that had not materialised

They had dissolved their liaison committee to form the new union — to be named the Watchmen and Allied Workers' Union

He said the new union would be affiliated to SAAWU

But Mr Tom Connolly, guards director of Fidelity Guards (Pty) Ltd, which has taken over Durban Nightwatchmen (Pty) Ltd, said there was no truth in the workers' complaints, and he could produce minutes of meetings held with the liaison committee to prove it.

Mr Connolly, who is also the Natal divisional chairman of the newly registered South African National Security Employers Association, said wage legislation laid down in July 1981 had provided for a minimum wage for workers, and that was effective until July 27 this year

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# Nightwatchmen get R25-a-month increase

## Labour Reporter

A R25-a-month increase given to employees of Fidelity Guards (Pty) Ltd. Durban Guards, formerly known as Durban Nightwatchmen, will be built into the new wage determination due to be gazetted later this year.

This is according to Mr Tom Connolly, the company's director of guards and chairman of the Natal division of the South African National Security Employers Association, who said the recent increase was due to demands by our men in the form of a threatened work stoppage on February 28.

'The company has agreed to an interim in

crease of R25 per month with immediate effect. This will constitute part of the increase when promulgated by the new gazetted wages due later this year,' Mr Connolly said.

Durban nightwatchmen formed a trade union at the end of last month after alleged dissatisfaction over wage increase negotiations.

The new union, called the Watchmen and Allied Workers' Union has already recruited more than 200 members, according to Mr Isaac Ngcobo of the South African Allied Workers' Union. The new union is affiliated to Saawu.



# Unions dissociate themselves from smear letter

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12/3/83 By JIMMY MATYU S. Post

THE Motor Assemblers and Component Workers Union of South Africa (Macwusa) and its sister organisation, the General Workers Union of South Africa (Gwusa), have vehemently dissociated themselves from a bogus smear letter

The letter stated that another union — the General Workers' Union — was "a bunch of whites manipulating black workers for its own obscure ends"

It was dated January 5, 1983, signed in the name of Mr S Duze (one of the Macwusa officials) and received in Cape Town by Mr David Lewis, secretary-general of the General Workers Union (GWU)

It was written after Macwusa, Gwusa and 13 other trade unions had met in Cape Town and Port Elizabeth during the past two years for trade union unity talks

Today Mr Government Zini, organising secretary of Macwusa and Gwusa, said "We deplore this mischievous letter and we dissociate ourselves from it Mr Duze has denied knowledge of it

"It is understandable why it is written on our letterheads, because in the past our offices had been burgled several times. We have our suspicions about who wrote it, trying to create mistrust between the progressive trade unions"

He said a similar letter with the same insulting wording had been circulated among civic and trade unions and its authors claimed it came from the South African Allied Workers Union of South Africa (Saawu). Saawu also denied writing that letter, he said

# CCIS searches news offices

ZWELITSHA — The offices of an independent news agency here were searched by members of the Ciskei Central Intelligence Services (CCIS) and some documents taken away, the editorial co-ordinator of the agency, Mr Charles Nqakula, said yesterday

The four CCIS members who conducted the search also took two members of the three man staff of the agency, Mr Nqakula and Mr Elliot Maziko, to the CCIS offices for questioning by Lieutenant General X C Sebe, Commander in Chief of State Security

Mr Mxolisi Fuzile, the agency's administrative co-ordinator, was out on an assignment and arrived after the search

Mr Nqakula said the CCIS men were at the

tail-end of their search when he arrived at his office

"Mr Maziko was present when they started the search which lasted for more than hour," he said

Mr Maziko said the men did not say why they were searching the office "except to tell me they had been sent to search it but did not say who had sent them"

Mr Nqakula said he did not know what had prompted the search "but it seemed from General Sebe's questions that he believed we have strong ties with Saawu which he said is leftist"

Mr Nqakula said "General Sebe was at pains to drive home the point that he was not interfering with our work as a news agency,

saying that if he clamps down on us we must know it is not because we are a news agency

"I do not know what he was talking about because ours is a legitimate business"

Mr Nqakula said documents taken from the news agency were Mwasas reports, the congress special copy of Kwasa, the Mwasas newsletter, the 1982 annual report of Masakhane Open School, a speech on human rights, a list of detainees compiled by the East London branch of the Detainees Support Committee, a circular on the black press compiled by the black communications fund and a pamphlet calling for a boycott of the West Indies cricket tour

Mr Nqakula said the documents were termed subversive by the CCIS

men "and are now in the hands of General Sebe, who is scrutinising them"

General Sebe, when asked about the search and the questioning of the news agency staff, said they were never detained but just questioned at the CCIS offices

He said the search was prompted by intelligence reports received. He confirmed that certain reports were taken away

"We were surprised because we had taken them to be newspaper people who are not supposed to take sides," the General said

"If there is a story about Saawu they would definitely take sides with the union because they are more sympathetic to Saawu," he said — DDR

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CISKEI security police have detained six trade unionists, including the South African Allied Workers' Union's national president, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, and its vice-president, Mr Sisa Njikelana, according to a Saawu statement released yesterday

The statement, released by Mr Yure Mdyogolo, Saawu's East London branch secretary, said the others held were Mr Sidney Mufamadi, general secretary of the General and Allied Workers' Union (Gawu), Mr Humphrey Maxogwana and Mr Jeff Wubena, both Saawu organizers, and Mr Bangumzi Sifingo, vice-chairman of the workers' committee of a battery company

#### Seven times

Mr Gqweta has been detained seven times in the past three years, both by Ciskei and South African authorities, and Mr Njikelana has been detained five times. Neither have been convicted of an offence

Lieutenant-General Charles Sebe, director-general of Ciskei State Security, was not available for comment yesterday both on these detentions and on the reported detention of five other people in the past two weeks

# Sebe: union is a front for ANC

Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON — The South African Allied Workers' Union was a front organisation for the African National Congress, the President of Ciskei, Mr Lennox Sebe, said last night.

Nine of the East London-based union's members had been detained in Mdantsane this week and would be tried soon.

At a function in Zwelitsha yesterday, Mr Sebe stated that an ANC cell was uncovered by Ciskei police in Mdantsane.

Asked to enlarge on the statement, Mr Sebe said in an interview last night that nine people had been detained.

"They are all definitely members of Saawu which proves that Saawu is a front for the ANC."

Mr Sebe said that valuable material had been found. It revealed "the routes taken by recruits and their planning

"They are streets ahead in their planning," he said.

The local secretary of Saawu, Mr Hure Mdyogolo, said yesterday that five union members, including the national president, Mr Thozamile Gqwetha, and the national vice-president, Mr Sisa Njikelana, had been detained.

The general secretary of the General and Allied Workers Union, Mr Sydney Mufamadi, who has travelled from Johannesburg to East London for the weekend, had also been detained, he said.

"Something must be done to improve the quality of life. This is not the voice of an alarmist.

"This view was expressed at an international conference on terrorism in Tel Aviv recently after a study of data and activities throughout the world.

"Unless something revolutionary is done the communists will overcome," Mr Sebe said.

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# 6 - unionists detained

EAST LONDON — Six leading trade union members, including Mr Thozamile Gqweta, the national president of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), have been detained by Ciskei's Central Intelligence Service, a Saawu spokesman said yesterday

Mr Yure Mdyogolo the East London branch secretary of Saawu, said the detention of the five Saawu officials and the general secretary of the

General and Allied Workers' Union (Gawu), Mr Sidney Mufamadi, had been confirmed by members of their respective families,

Those reported to be detained are Mr Gqweta, Mr Sisa Njikelana, the Saawu national vice-president, Mr Jeff Wubena and Mr Humphrey Maxegwana, two Saawu organisers Mr Bangumzi Sifingo, vice-chairman of the Chloride workers' committee, and Mr Mufamadi

Mr Mdyogolo said that Mr Njikelana was picked up at the house in which he was staying at Mdantsane According to other people in the house security police raided the house at 1 am on Wednesday after breaking in through a window, Mr Mdyogolo said

After searching the house, police dug up the garden and then left with Mr Njikelana he added

The other five were taken to the Mdantsane police station after they were stopped on a road in the city during the early hours on Wednesday morning, Mr Mdyogolo said

The Commander-in-Chief of State Security in Ciskei, Lt-General Charles Sebe, could not be reached for comment yesterday and late last night.

The head of the CCIS, Colonel Louis Nohno, was not available — DDR

# 8th detention for union boss in Ciskei crackdown

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN  
Labour Correspondent

IN THEIR biggest crack-down on unionists this year, Ciskei security forces have detained six union leaders, including the president of the SA Allied Workers Union, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, and its vice-president Mr Sisa Njikelana

This is the eighth time Mr Gqweta has been detained by South African or Ciskeian Security Police, and the sixth time Mr Njikelana has been detained. Neither has been convicted of an offence after any of the detentions.

The detentions, five SAAWU officials and the general secretary of the General and Allied Workers Union, Mr Sidney Mafamudi, follow intense activity by Ciskei Security Police, which has also seen several raids

They also come as SAAWU is involved in delicate talks at two plants in the area

And it is not clear what authority Ciskei police had to arrest Mr Njikelana. He was detained at the home of relatives, but he has been living in Duncan Village township which is not part of Ciskei

Ciskeian security officials referred all attempts to obtain comment to the head of the Ciskei security forces, Lieutenant-General Charles Sebe. Repeated attempts to contact him failed.

A statement by SAAWU yesterday said Ciskei Security Police also arrested Mr Bangumzi Sifingo, vice-chairman of the SAAWU committee at battery manufacturers Chloride, and two union organisers Mr Jeff Wabena and Mr Humphrey

Maxagwana

It said Mr Njikelana had been detained early on Wednesday morning at his home

The others had been detained while travelling in a bus, which was held by police for more than a day.

SAAWU said it "vehemently deplores this barbaric action". It was a "clear indication of an intention to destroy SAAWU".

It called on "all progressive bodies" to condemn the detentions.

This week alone, Ciskei authorities have detained four people unconnected with the union movement and have raided a news agency run by Mr Charles Nqakula, president of the Media Workers Association of SA.

SA Police also raided the East London offices of the SA Institute of Race Relations

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# Unionists held for ANC links, says Gen Sebe

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN  
Labour Correspondent

THE six trade unionists held this week by Ciskei security forces would appear in court next week with three other detainees and would be charged with "ANC activities", the head of Ciskei security, Lieutenant-General Charles Sebe, said yesterday.

"By Sunday I will know where I am I am hurriedly investigating this case and on Sunday I will tell my story I will give the docket to the Attorney-General on Monday," he said.

He said all nine detainees had been held in connection with "subversive cases".

"With all humility, I tell you that with these nine we have got the executive and the case is complete," he added, but did not elaborate.

Five office-bearers of the SA Allied Workers' Union and the general-secretary of the General Allied Workers' Union, Mr Sidney Mafamudi, were held by Ciskei security forces this week.

The SAAWU men included union president Mr Thozamile Gqweta, who has been detained by Ciskeian or South African police eight times, and its vice-president Mr Sisa Njikelana, who has been held six times. Neither has yet been convicted of an offence arising from the detentions.

Four other people unconnected with union activities

were also detained by Ciskeian authorities this week.

Gen Sebe said yesterday that all the detainees had been held "in connection with activities of the banned African National Congress".

He was only agreeing to discuss the detentions because his brother, Ciskeian President Lennox Sebe, had made a public statement about them.

"If the President had not made his statement, I would have kept quiet about the whole thing."

He said he would complete his investigations on Sunday. The docket would be handed to the Attorney-General on Monday "and I am sure he will tell me on Tuesday whether he decides to prosecute".

"I will bring these people to court next week," Gen Sebe added.

Asked about charges that Ciskei police had arrested Mr Njikelana at his home in Duncan Village township, which is not in Ciskei, Gen Sebe said "That is a lie. We arrested him in a kombi in Mdantsane."

When told he had been arrested at a house, not in a bus, Gen Sebe said "We arrested him in Mdantsane. If his house is in Duncan Village, he was not at his house."

"There are people who are lying. This is a bunch of lies. Not a bunch of carrots, a bunch of lies."

## Ciskei comes under fire for detentions

Mall Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — The detention of trade union leader Mr Thozamile Gqweta and five other unionists in Ciskei has been fiercely condemned by emerging unions.

It is the eighth time Mr Gqweta, the president of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), has been detained without trial, and the sixth time Mr Sisa Njikelana, Saawu's vice-president, has been held.

Mr Jan Theron, the gener-

al-secretary of the African Food and Canning Workers' Union, condemned the "continued and unending repression of trade unions in the Ciskei".

Mr Yure Mdyogolo, the East London branch secretary of Saawu, said his union "vehemently deplores the callous actions of the Ciskei security police" which showed "their intention is to destroy Saawu".

Mr David Lewis, the general-secretary of the General Workers' Union, said it was a clear indication that the unions enjoyed more popular support than the Ciskei government. He said Ciskei was an "illegitimate government acting against legitimate trade unions".



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## Probe into body in toilet

**Staff Reporter**  
 BOLAND police are investigating the death of a 22-year-old Worcester man who collapsed in his home on Thursday night with a stab wound in the chest.

A police spokesman said yesterday that the body of Mr Daniel Jacobus Fourie, of Oak Avenue, had been found by his wife in the toilet of their home about 9pm. A bloodstained pocket knife was found in the garden near the toilet.

Police have not opened a murder docket but the spokesman said the incident was being investigated and that further particulars could not be made available "at this stage".

Mr Fourie, an apprentice fitter and turner, had been married for 10 months.

A member of his wife's family said yesterday that she was "too shocked" to speak about the incident, but that Mr Mr Fourie had been "a very depressed man".

## Hassan Howa denied passport for 8th time

**Staff Reporter**  
 MR HASSAN HOWA, the chairman of the Western Province Cricket Board and former president of the South African Council on Sport (Sacos), was yesterday refused a passport for the eighth time.

Mr Howa was due to leave for England on Monday to attend a number of meetings and conferences with people concerned with cricket in England.

Mr Howa said he received a call from the Department of Internal Affairs yesterday after-

noon and was told the minister had turned down his application.

Last night Mr Tian van der Merwe, the opposition spokesman on Internal Affairs, slammed the decision, saying a passport was a right of every citizen, to be withheld only when dealing with criminals or in "a small number of other possibilities".

Last year Mr Howa missed a six-week study tour of the United States because his application for a passport was refused.

## Unionists face ANC charges

**Labour Reporter**  
 LIEUTENANT-GENERAL CHARLES SEBE, head of Ciskei security, said the unionists detained in Ciskei this week would appear in court with three other detainees next week and would be charged with "ANC activities".

Unions have condemned the detentions.

Among the detainees are Mr Thozamile Gqweta, national president of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), who has been detained eight times by South African and Ciskeian security police, and Saawu's vice-president, Mr Sisa Njikelana, who has been held six times. Neither has been convicted of an offence arising from their detentions.

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# Sebe confirms detention of unionists

EAST LONDON — The detention of six leading trade unionists by Ciskei's Central Intelligence Service earlier this week was confirmed last night by Lt-General Charles Sebe, Commander-in-Chief of State Security in Ciskei.

The men are being held in terms of Section 26 of Ciskei's security legislation at the Mdantsane police station.

Those who had been detained, General Sebe said were Mr Thozamile Gqweta, the national president of the South African Allied Workers' Union, Mr Sisa Njikelana, the Saawu national vice-president, Mr Jeff Wubena and Mr Humphrey Maxegwana, two Saawu organisers, Mr Bangumzi Sifingo, vice-chairman of the Chloride workers' committee, and, Mr Sidwell Mufamadi, general secretary of the General and Allied Workers' Union.

Mr Njikelana was arrested at 1 am on Wednesday at the house in which he was staying. The other five were taken to the Mdantsane police station after they were stopped on a road in the city during the early hours of Wednesday morning.

"The six men are being held subject to an investigation we are busy with, but which should be completed by Sunday," General Sebe said.

"We will refer the matter to the attorney-general next week and pending his decision, the six men will either be kept in custody or released.

"If there is a case against them, they will be brought before a court as soon as possible," General Sebe added.

He declined to comment on the nature of the investigations —  
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TWO Durban industrial companies this week signed recognition agreements with a trade union representing more than 1500 black workers

This is seen as a breakthrough for the workers, who battled for 18 months to get Defy Corporation and Wireohm (Pty) to recognise their representatives, the Metal Iron and Steel Workers' Union

Sam Kikine, general secretary of the South African Allied Workers Union (SAAWU), said yesterday this was the first time in South

**Workers'  
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Africa two companies simultaneously signed a recognition agreement

"This is a breakthrough for the South African labour force, especially in the metal industry, and means the industry is progressing," said Mr Kikine

# Defy and Saawu sign deal in Durban

## Labour Reporter

The South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) signed a recognition agreement with the Defy Corporation in Durban on Friday which covers workers at two factories in the industrial suburb of Jacobs

Mr Ron Collie, for Defy, confirmed that the agreement formalised a previously informal relationship between the company and Saawu

## MEMBERSHIP

The agreement also provides that the union must sign up more than half the workforce among hourly paid workers to receive recognition at Defy, Mr Collie added

Defy and Saawu earlier this year signed another agreement which provides for alternative measures to be taken in the event of any pending retrenchments

Saawu's general secretary, Mr Sam Kikine, said the union was also seeking recognition at Defy's operations in Newcastle

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# Dockets on unionists go to Attorney-General

EAST LONDON — The dockets on investigations into the activities of six trade unionists, all office bearers would be handed to the Ciskei Attorney-General this afternoon

This was said yesterday by the Commander-in-Chief of Ciskei State Security, Lieutenant-General Charles Sebe

Last week five South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) executives and the general

secretary of the General Workers' Union (GWU), Mr Sidney Mafamudi, were detained by Ciskei security police

The Saawu men include the union president, Mr Thozamile Gqweta and vice-president, Mr Sisa Njikelana

Mr Gqweta has been detained eight times before by Ciskei police while Mr Njikelana has been detained six times before

Neither has been convicted of any offence arising from the detentions

General Sebe said he had nothing to add to statements he made concerning the detentions last week

"Things stand as I said on Friday"

Last week he said the unionists were detained "in connection with activities of the banned African National Congress"

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Saawu  
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at Defy

Labour Correspondent

THE unregistered SA Allied Workers Union has won its biggest recognition agreement yet — bargaining rights at the Durban plant of household appliance firm Defy.

The agreement was signed on Friday and follows a year of informal dealings between Defy and Saawu. Defy's general manager Mr Ron Colley said yesterday.

It comes at a time when the union's East London based president and vice-president, Mr Thozamile Gqweta and Mr Sisa Njikelana, have been detained by Ciskeian security authorities.

Although Saawu has won several recognition agreements in the Durban area and is recognised at three Eastern Cape plants, Defy's site at Jacobs outside Durban, is the largest at which the union has won representation rights.

Some 1 300 workers are employed at the Jacobs site, which houses Defy's appliance and wiring plants.

The agreement signed on Friday is similar to one between Defy and Fosatus Metal and Allied Workers Union at the company's East Rand plant.

Defy and Saawu have been negotiating informally since the company was hit by a strike over workers demands to withdraw their pension contributions from the metal industries pension fund.

Mr Colley said yesterday the agreement signed on Friday was largely procedural and dealt with election of shop stewards and other general recognition issues.

But Defy and SAAWU already have a retrenchment agreement at the plant and have signed other agreements on factory issues.

The agreement does not provide specifically for wage bargaining between Defy and SAAWU but it is expected this will take place if the union requests it.

# Detained eight times but never convicted

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN

detailed charges levelled against him

Now Ciskeian security chief Lieutenant-General Charles Sebe says Mr Gqweta and other detainees will appear in court charged with African National Congress activities

Appearing in court will be no new experience to Mr Gqweta

Perhaps the best way to describe his three-year ordeal is simply to detail his experiences over that period

In April 1980, he was detained for the first time by Ciskeian police after a strike at the Mdantsane Special Organisation, a Ciskei Government project

He was held for one month and then appeared on charges of incitement to strike

He made numerous court appearances over seven months, but was never presented with a charge sheet. The case was eventually struck off the roll

In August 1980, he was held for two weeks by South African Police after a strike at the Ray-lite battery company in East London

He was eventually charged with intimidating workers under the Riotous Assemblies Act

Once again, he appeared in court numerous times over a seven-month period until the case was withdrawn

In November, he and 14 other unionists — including Mr Njikelana — were detained for about one month by Ciskeian authorities

During their detention, Mr Gqweta and Mr Njikelana went on a hunger strike. They were released soon afterwards

In June 1981, Mr Gqweta was detained for about three months by SA Police under Section 6, the indefinite detention clause of the old Terrorism Act. He was not charged and released

Two weeks after his release, Mr Gqweta was held for one day by SA Police, together with Mr Njikelana and another SAAWU official, Mr Eric Mntonga

On December 8 1981 Mr Gqweta was detained by SA Police again. Security legislation

er, Mr Gqweta suffered his personal tragedies — the fire which killed his mother and uncle and the death of Miss Roxisa

In February 1982 — a week after the death of Dr Nel Aggett in detention — Mr Gqweta was admitted to a Johannesburg psychiatric ward

His brother said he complained of severe pain at the back of his head and was suffering from depression, anxiety and loss of memory

He had lost weight dramatically and had difficulty speaking

"His eyes were bloodshot and, at one stage, tears came rolling down his cheeks," he said

Mr Gqweta was released after nearly three months — on March 3 — because, he said, of his ill-health

At dawn on the day after his release, Mr Gqweta was held by Ciskei security police but released later that day

In May 1982, Mr Gqweta was held by SA Police. He was flown to Johannesburg, where he appeared in court the next day on Treason and Terrorism Act charges

He and Mr Njikelana were immediately transferred to stand trial in Grahamstown, then immediately transferred to East London

They remained in prison, without appearing in court, until August, when they made the first of several new court appearances

In September, he and Mr Njikelana were released on R750 bail each, a highly unusual step in Terrorism Act cases

In mid-November, all charges against the two were dropped

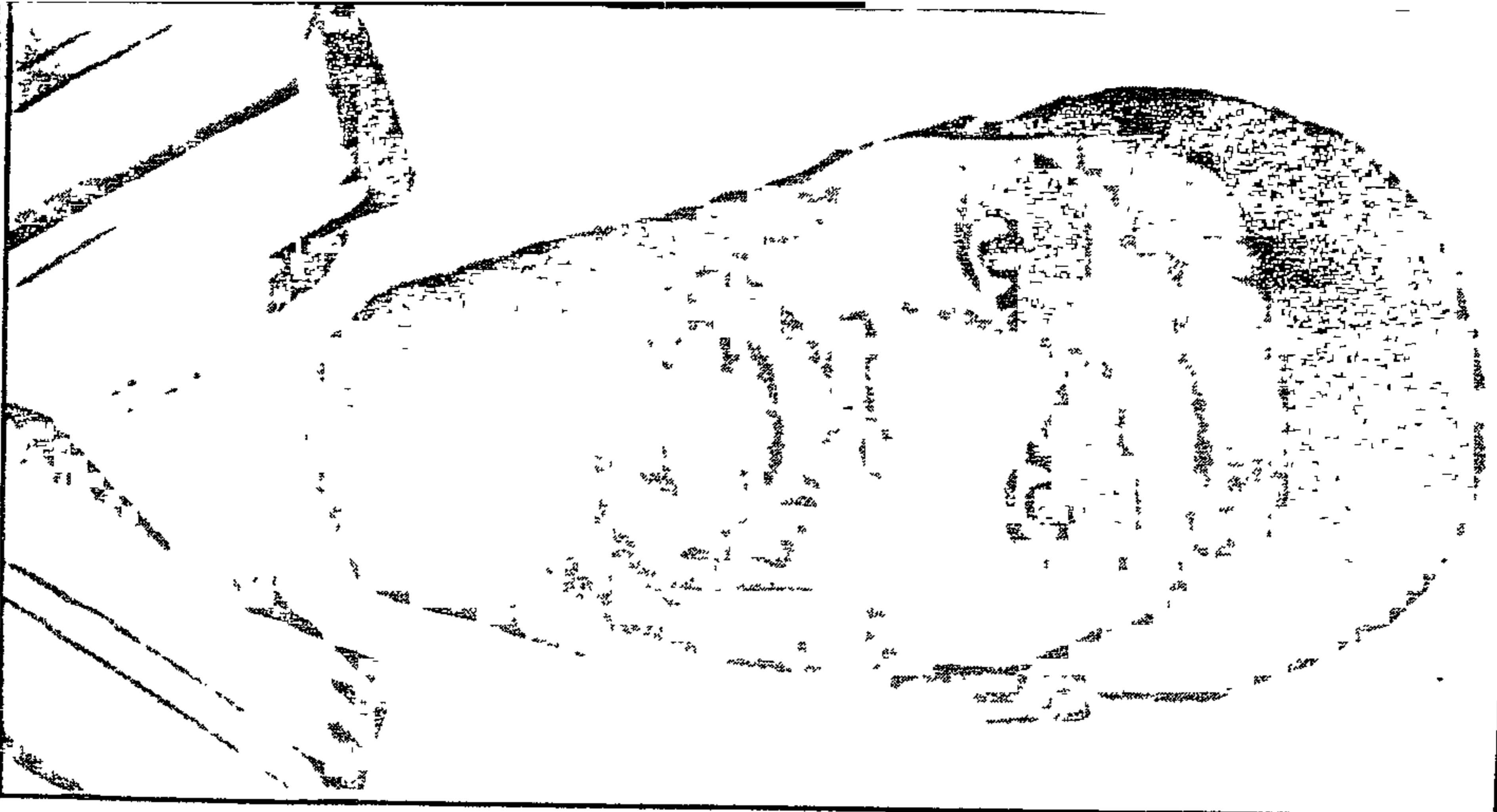
In the early hours of last Wednesday, Mr Gqweta and four other unionists were detained in Mdantsane township by Ciskeian police

Mr Njikelana had already been detained at his home. Both are still in detention

How and when Mr Gqweta will emerge from this latest detention is not certain

But SAAWU itself — seen as a force for stability by some employers who have dealt with it — has been weakened by repeated official action in what is supposed to be an era of union freedom

And Mr Gqweta — once described by a conservative works foreman who had negotiated with him as "the most underrated man in the area" — has once again paid the price of being seen by the authorities as a threat



THOZAMILE GWETA . a bizarre history of detention

IT IS doubtful whether any anti-apartheid fiction writer could have invented a story as bizarre as that of Mr Thozamile Gqweta, president of the South African Allied Workers Union (SAAWU)

For the past three years, Mr Gqweta has been subjected to an unprecedented onslaught by both the South African and Ciskeian authorities

He has been detained without trial eight times and arrested to face terrorism charges once

During one of his detentions, he was admitted to the psychiatric ward of a Johannesburg hospital where his brother Robert visited him and described him as 'unrecognisable'

In late 1981 Mr Gqweta lost his mother and uncle in a mysterious fire at their King William's Town home

A few days later he lost a girlfriend when Ciskei police opened fire on a crowd of workers returning from the funeral, killing Miss Diliswa Roxisa

Inevitably these experiences have taken their toll on Mr Gqweta, a former salesman who learned his unionism by studying books on the subject in the East London public library and who attracted international attention when SAAWU was supported by more than 20 000 East London workers in 1980

After his release from detention last year, friends reported that the once fiery unionist was 'no longer the same man'. He spent a great deal of time at home, they said, and said little

One went as far as to say he had been mentally crippled

But lately, Mr Gqweta seemed to be on the mend. He addressed a meeting of the Transvaal Anti-SAIC committee recently and according to those there, seemed "much better" though they added he was still not the Gqweta of old

But last week, his slow recovery was cut short when he was detained yet again

He was arrested by officers of the Ciskei Central Intelligence Service, together with several others, including SAAWU vice-president Mr Sisa Njikelana, who has been detained six times by South African and Ciskeian police

Throughout his ordeal Mr Gqweta has never been convicted of an offence or had

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Labour Reporter

A SHORT work stoppage took place at the S A Wire plant in Glen Anil yesterday morning when workers downed tools in support of their demands to withdraw their pension fund contributions and for the company to recognise their union

A South African Allied Workers' Union official said more than 400 people were involved in the stoppage, although a spokesman for the company set the figure at 250

He confirmed that the stoppage was over pensions and union recognition. Employees had resumed work when the management told them that a delegation from the Metal Industries Pension Fund would visit the plant to discuss pensions

The conditions of the Metal Industries Pension Fund are that money cannot be withdrawn until an employee resigns or reaches retiring age

Detentions are aimed at leaving movements headless

# Ciskei moves to crush unions

By Tony Davis,  
Labour Reporter

The detention of six trade unionists by the Ciskeian authorities last week marks the latest move by that territory's government to crush the independent union movement

Both Ciskei President Lennox Sebe and his mercurial brother, Lieutenant-General Charles Sebe, have been unashamedly ruthless in their opposition to independent trade unions since they came to power

Three unions have been hardest hit by this stance the South African Allied Workers' Union, the African Food and Canning Workers' Union and the General Workers' Union

Last week's detentions saw Saawu president, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, vice-president, Mr Sisa Njikelana, and others being detained by Ciskei. Mr Gqweta has been detained on at least eight occasions by either Ciskeian or South African police and Mr Njikelana has been detained six times

Lieutenant-General Sebe said the men would appear in court in the Ciskei this week for what he described as "ANC activities"

The first notable action by the Ciskei authorities against the members of newly emergent unions took place early in 1981 after labour unrest at the Wilson-Rowntree sweet factory in East London

Twenty-one members of Saawu were arrested. They

The appearance in a Zwelitsha court this week of officials of independent trade unions who were detained a week ago by members of the Ciskei security forces highlights the continuing crisis between the union and the territory's authorities.

were held under the territory's infamous Proclamation R252, which provides for detention without trial

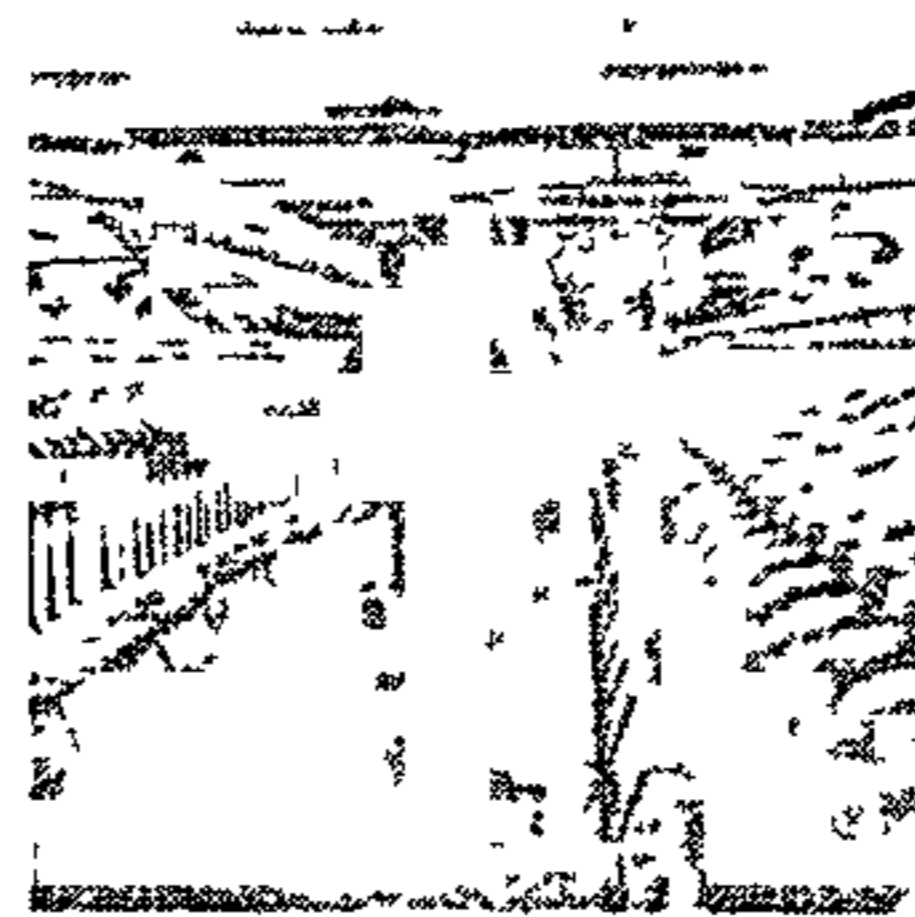
The anti-Republic Day campaign during 1981 was the occasion for further action against Saawu as members were arrested for distributing pamphlets. Many of the union detainees were released without being charged

In East London Saawu found itself in the position of being evicted from its offices several times and being raided by the South African Security Police

The union faced the difficulty of conducting its union business in South Africa while its membership lived in Ciskei and complained of alleged harassment by members of Security Police on both sides of the border

In September 1981 matters came to a head with the detention of 205 unionists under Proclamation R252

The unionists, members of



Workers in a Ciskei textile factory trade unionism can attract trouble

Saawu, the GWU and AFCWU, were arrested as they were returning to Mdantsane in Ciskei from a meeting in East London

They were accused of having sung freedom songs and condemned Ciskeian independence

The arrests sparked critical reaction as far afield as Australia

There were reports on several occasions that unionists had conducted hunger protest strikes while in jail

In November 1981 Ciskeian security services also involved themselves in a recruitment scheme for an East London factory. Workers responded to a call by Ciskei's agricultural department for job-seekers only to find the security services were interested in screening the people first. Various trade unions condemned this action

The funeral of Mr Gqweta's mother that month sparked

further unrest. Ciskei police fired on mourners after they had reportedly refused to disperse

Saawu, GWU and AFCWU issued a statement saying "If the South African authorities do not intercede and discipline the Ciskei authorities, the consequences will be disastrous"

Early in 1982 President Sebe spoke out publicly against the independent trade unions, apparently in response to an anti-Ciskei publicity campaign by some unions

President Sebe indicated that independent trade unions would not be tolerated and any organisations that made "revolutionary stuff" would not be allowed to operate in Ciskei

Lieutenant-General Sebe had also stated that he felt Saawu was not a trade union "It is not for the Ciskei Government to bow to Saawu — they must obey law and order"

During 1982 the homes of senior trade unionists in Mdantsane were raided by Ciskei security forces on several occasions and documents and pamphlets were seized

Reports of detentions of several trade unionists earlier this month could not be confirmed with the Ciskei authorities. Last week's detentions added to union fears that Ciskei was once again "getting tough" on trade unions

Labour experts feel Ciskei is only one step from banning outright some trade unions and has shown it has hoped to crush the unions through repeated police action and detentions

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# Union leader tells of torture in detention

Own Correspondent

ZWELITSHA — The president of the South African Allied Workers Union, Mr Thozamile Gqweta told the Supreme Court here yesterday he received electric shocks, was assaulted and was suspended on window bars with handcuffs while in detention in 1981.

Mr Gqweta, who is currently detained under Ciskei's security laws with five other trade unionists, was called by the defence to give evidence in a trial within a trial to determine the admissibility of statements made by accused people in a Terrorism Act trial.

William Duna, Dumisani Maninjwa, Bayi Keye and Luyanda Mayekiso, all of Mdantsane, have been charged with participating in terrorist activities, recruiting people for military training, being members of the ANC and possessing and distributing banned publications.

They have pleaded not guilty before Chief Justice De Wet.

Mr Gqweta claimed that he was assaulted by six members of the East London security police. He named them as Messrs Elsdon, Els (senior), Els (junior), Robey Keth, Fourie and Schooling.

On the first day of interrogation at the Cambridge police offices, he said, he was slapped on the face by all of them. When he was taken to prison he

complained to the district surgeon about the assaults.

The next day Mr Fourie told him that they had heard about his complaint. Mr Fourie said that he was going to be assaulted every day till he complained no more. The police would make sure no marks were left on his body.

Mr Gqweta said he was ordered to strip naked and was suspended on windows with outstretched arms. He screamed with pain as the handcuffs went deep into his skin.

Then he was hooded with a wet canvas bag that was tightened around his neck, making it difficult to breathe. He fainted. Electric shocks were then applied to his toes.

He claimed that cold water was poured on his naked body, and then he was ordered to dry himself in front of a fan. He shivered with cold and when he became dry, cold water was again poured over him. He was then ordered to do press-ups while naked.

He said under cross-examination that he was questioned about visits of the accused to the SAAWU offices, his visits to Swaziland and Lesotho and alleged contacts with certain operatives in the two kingdoms and the ANC.

Cross-examination continues today.

# I was beaten says Gqweta

A SECURITY detainee told the Ciskei Supreme Court yesterday that Security Police interrogated him intensively about his visits to Lesotho and Swaziland and his links with the South African Congress of Trade Unions.

Mr Thozamile Gqweta, national president of the South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU), currently detained under Ciskei security laws, gave evidence as a defence witness in a terrorism trial of four men

Mr William Duna (31), Mr Gumifani Maninjwa (52), Mr Bayi Keye (23) and Mr Luyanda Mayekiso, pleaded not guilty to partaking in terrorist activities, being members of the banned ANC, recruiting people for military training in Lesotho and possession of banned publications

Mr Gqweta said his written statement to Security Police affirmed that Mr Maninjwa, Mr Duna and Mr Mayekiso visited his office. He said the police were dissatisfied, as they wanted him to include "ANC" in his statement

Mr Gqweta said that on the first day of his detention he was assaulted with clenched fists. He said he complained to the district surgeon about his right ear. The next day he lodged another complaint

The police told him "We want to tell you that as from now we are going to assault you un-

til you complain no more to the prison warders and doctors"

The court heard that he was stripped and suspended from a window bar with handcuffs. When he told the police that he knew nothing, a canvas bag was pulled over his head and was twisted until he collapsed

He did not deny his visits to Swaziland and Lesotho, but denied dealing with the ANC

The Attorney-General, Mr W F Jurgens, said Mr Gqweta was not interrogated by the police in connection with the current case, but for his alleged visits to the neighbouring states and his ANC connections — Sapa

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# No trial yet for 6 union leaders

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN

CISKEI'S Attorney-General does not expect a docket containing charges against unionists detained by Ciskei Security Police until Friday.

This means they will not appear in court until next week at the earliest. Ciskei's security chief Lieutenant General Charles Sebe said after the detentions that the Attorney-General would receive the docket on Monday, and that the men would appear in court this week.

The six unionists were detained by Ciskeian Security Police early last Wednesday morning.

Five of the detainees are officials of the SA Allied Workers Union including SAAWU's president Mr Thozamile Gqweta and the vice-president Mr Sisa Njikelana. Another is SAAWU's general secretary Mr Sidney Mafamudi.

Gen Sebe told the Rand Daily Mail on Friday that the men would appear in court this week charged with taking part in "African National Congress activities".

The Ciskeian authorities have repeatedly accused SAAWU of being a "front" for the ANC but have not successfully prosecuted any of the union's senior officials for ANC activities.

Gen Sebe said he was "hurriedly investigating" their case and said he expected the Attorney-General to decide by yesterday whether to prosecute.

But inquiries at the Attorney-General's office by the Mail's East London correspondent have revealed that no docket has been received. And a spokesman for the office said that it was not expected before Friday.

He hinted that it could be received only next week.

The earliest the detainees could appear in court is, therefore, towards the middle of next week.

SAAWU is to meet tomorrow to discuss the detention of its senior office bearers, according to its Durban-based general secretary, Mr Sam Kikine.

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# Attorney-General of Ciskei confirms receipt of dockets

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ZWELITSHA — The Ciskei Attorney-General, Mr W F Jurgens, has confirmed that dockets on the investigation into the activities of six leading trade unionists who are in detention have been handed to him by police

He said he was studying the documents and hoped to make a decision within the next few days

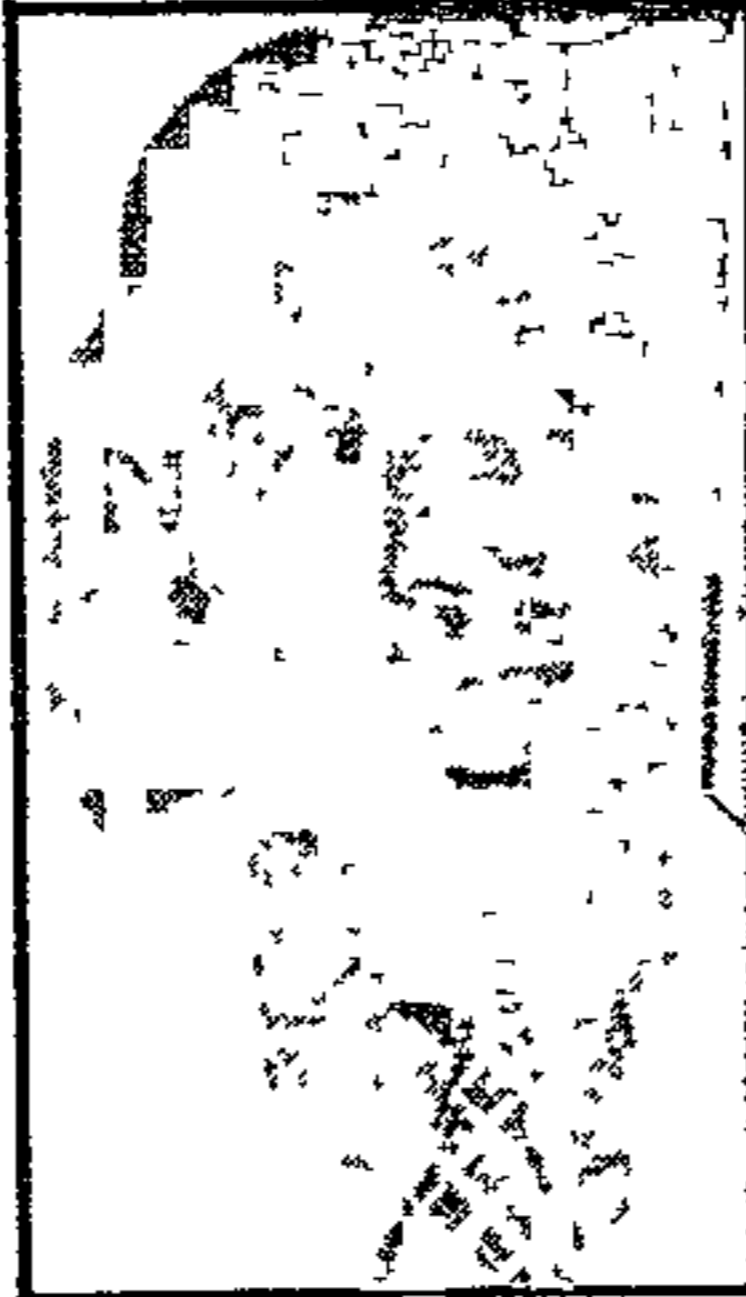
Last week the Commander-in-Chief of State Security in Ciskei, Lt-Gen Charles Sebe, said the unionists, who included the national president of the South African Allied Workers' Union, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, were being held in terms of Section 26 of the Ciskei security legislation in connection with activities of the banned African National Congress

Mr Gqweta and his vice-president, Mr Sisa Njikalana, have been detained for the eighth time Both the Ciskeian and South African security police have detained them in the past

Neither has been convicted of any offence

The men were detained in a swoop by the Ciskei security police last week — Sapa

# Unions City Press fear for 27/3/83 Gqweta's life (USA)



● THOZAMILE GQWETA

**JOHANNESBURG** — Eight of the country's biggest independent trade unions expressed concern this week for the safety and life of trade unionist, Thozamile Gqweta and six others detained in Ciskei.

"We fear we might mourn again," said a statement by the United Against Detention Committee, a formation of the independent trade unions. It pointed out that already Sections 6 and 29 of the Terrorism Act and the Internal Security Act have claimed numerous lives in the past.

The Ciskei's President Lennox Sebe and his brother Charles, head of the homeland's security police, also came under heavy fire.

The committee said "We call on international labour movements and other organisations to engage with us in a common struggle to combat this monster called detention without trial."

# Saawu storms a head at full sail

**THE FAST-GROWING non-racial South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) would weather the storm of recent detentions of its leadership and would certainly maintain its growth as in the past, labour experts and trade unionists believe.**

Last week's swoop and the subsequent detention of several trade unionists by the Ciskei Security Police, including top leaders of Saawu, the president Thozamile Gqweta and his deputy Sisa Njikelana, has evoked a big outcry and continues to receive widespread condemnation. The Ciskei Government action has been strongly condemned by many progressive bodies including trade unions and community bodies.

The national organiser of Saawu, Mr Herbert Barnabas, told The SOWETAN, "Detaining our leaders will not result in Saawu tumbling down. The worker organisation which today has more than 100 000 members is powerful enough to withstand the new wave of attacks. Lennox Sebe is a power monger and quite clearly sees Saawu as the biggest threat to the very existence of his pseudo government. With him operating in a strongly feel the chances

## MONO BADELA reports from the E Cape

for the continued harassment by the Ciskei Government on the union, was that Chief Lennox Sebe and his brother, General Charles Sebe, "clearly see Saawu as a threat to their government, because Saawu expresses the legitimate needs and broad aspirations of the people in East London and Mdantsane."

To substantiate his claim, Mr Barnabas said the structure of Saawu differed from that of other unions. "We believe in worker democracy and mass participation. Our structure is such that workers themselves are in a position to perform the duties of senior officials. Our branch organisers from the factory floor level are the people who are negotiating with management. So it does not only to organise

sembles Act, the direct intervention of General Sebe and the Ciskei Central Intelligence Service, a dossier written by the South African Security Police on how to break the power of Saawu and bring the worker organisation to its knees was circulated to companies in East London in the second half of 1980.



**SEBE: Persecuting the "democratic" Saawu.**

The document proposed long-term and short-term solutions on how to break the power of the union. The long-term plan would force black trade unions to register as industrial trade unions or to encourage the Trade Union Council of South Africa (Tucaa) to become more active in the region. The short-term solution included a strike-breaking strategy of encouraging firms to keep records of unemployed workers with whom they could immediately replace striking workers.

This would help employers not to give in to the pressure from workers if they demanded that Saawu be recognised as a union. However, the most remarkable aspect of the onslaught against Saawu is that it has thus far survived. Those officials still remaining firmly believe that the union will withstand the new wave of attacks. More than 20 000 of

the union's 100 000 membership live in East London and Mdantsane. The organisation's leaders have displayed a remarkable resilience and commitment to their members. In fact detentions seem to make them more resolute to carry on. Mr Njikelana once remarked soon after his release from his fourth detention that "we have a duty to our members not to let things like this interfere with our work".

Saawu appears to have a fair depth of leadership and organisational ability. It therefore appears that continued detention of leaders had not stopped union organisation from carrying on although it has been severely disrupted. Another official of Saawu, Mr Thozamile Maneli, last year told a Pecco meeting in Port Elizabeth that Saawu had been forced into organising in a way that shared responsibility more widely. Some employers had broken ranks by recognising Saawu, thereby undermining the attempted strategy of other employers and the Security Police.

A split in the Black Allied Workers Union (Bawu) in 1979 at a conference in Durban saw the birth of Saawu. The split was caused by ideological differences between those who wanted to follow the Black Consciousness policy and the group led by Thozamile Gqweta, a proponent of the nonracial ideology. Although Saawu is a trade union, it is also considered to be tied to the community. Those interviewed all linked it with the community. Mr Maneli said "Saawu is a trade union dealing with workers who are part and parcel of the community. Transport and rent are also worker issues. The problems of the workplace go outside the workplace. If you are underpaid it goes back to your home or the community."

Saawu takes up a position on political matters more overtly and explicitly than most trade unions. At its third annual congress in Durban in May 1981, it called for the unconditional release of Nelson Mandela, saying he was a national leader who could save South Africa from self-destruction. The call was in line with Saawu's declared policy of linking workers with the wider political struggle. The congress also strongly rejected the bantustan system and local government-created bodies such as the community councils.

The national organiser of Saawu, Mr Herbert Barnabas, told **The SOWETAN**: "Detaining our leaders will not result in Saawu tumbling down. The worker organisation which today has more than 100 000 members is powerful enough to withstand the new wave of attacks. Lennox Sebe is a power monger and quite clearly sees Saawu as the biggest threat to the very existence of his pseudo government. With him operating in the border region of South Africa, we strongly feel the chances of the freedom of association existing there is minimal."

His comments were echoed by a labour expert operating in the Eastern Cape, who firmly believes that Saawu will weather the storm of recent attacks on its leadership. In an interview he said ever since Saawu was founded in 1979, the South African and Ciskeian authorities had attempted to crush the organisation. He said the recent detentions of its leaders was the latest of many similar attempts to silence and intimidate both its leadership and the general membership into submission.

"While leaders have been repeatedly detained, workers in the organisation have been victimized in the factories with few exceptions," he said. "Despite the onslaught, Saawu has not moved from its intention to satisfy the daily needs of its members. On the contrary the union has doubled its efforts to legally function as a trade union under very difficult circumstances."

He said even under the present conditions Saawu had managed to obtain at least five recognition agreements with companies in East London. "In the past Saawu has managed to weather the storm of attacks against it. There appears to be no reason why it will not survive the most recent."

The reason he gave

people in East London and Mdantsane"

To substantiate his claim, Mr Barnabas said the structure of Saawu differed from that of other unions. "We believe in worker democracy and mass participation. Our structure is such that workers themselves are in a position to perform the duties of senior officials. Our branch organisers from the factory floor level are the people who are negotiating with management. So it does not mean that their job is only to organise more members," he said.

He said Saawu intended to organise even in King Williams' Town and Queenstown — to give the Ciskei Government more overtime work. "We intend sending more organisers to the area, not from East London now but from our other branches in South Africa."

"The Sebe Government must do more work because the offices from which we operate are not in the Ciskei but in South Africa. Our task therefore is to train more manpower in South Africa. We feel Sebe must ask for permission from the central Government to have all the workers in East London factories organised by Saawu detained."

Co-operation between South African and Ciskeian security police against Saawu has been openly stated by General Charles Sebe. A few days after the detention of 205 trade unionists in September 1981, he was reported to have boasted that a team of six specially selected men from both the South African Security Branch and the Ciskei Police were working hand in hand on investigations into the cases. Regional employers also co-operated with the police in repressing Saawu, it was claimed.

In addition to police baton-charges, the frequent detention of members and officials of the union, charges under the Riotous As-

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# Workers fired, then re-employed

## Labour Reporter

MORE than 400 workers at Union Flour Mills, Durban, were dismissed yesterday morning — only to be re-employed a few hours later

The dismissals stemmed from a work stoppage which began on Friday, when workers downed tools over complaints about the behaviour of two personnel officers

Workers outside the factory told the Mercury yesterday morning they had been told of their dismissal when they reported for work. Several hundred workers had gathered outside the mill in Fenniscowles Road to collect their pay

However, Mr Mike Kammerman, general manager of Union Flour Mills, said later that all workers had been re-employed

He confirmed the stoppage was over allegations concerning the behaviour of two personnel officers, but said he had investigated the men's complaints and discovered them to be unfounded

Mr Sam Kikine, Natal secretary of the South African Allied Workers' Union, said yesterday he had contacted the Premier Group, Union Flour Mills' holding company in Johannesburg, and had arranged to meet company representatives in Durban next month

# Ciskei unionists to be freed

ZWELITSHA — Ciskei's Attorney-General, Mr W. F. Jurgens, has declined to prosecute six leading Mdantsane trade unionists arrested by the Ciskei Police a fortnight ago.

He said, however, that he had decided to prosecute two Mdantsane men who were detained earlier

Mr Jurgens said Mr Monwabisi Michael Mnikina and Mr Thembinkosi Witness Matutu would appear in the magistrate's court here today on a charge of contravening the terrorism section of Ciskei's National Security Act of 1982. They would be formally remanded to a trial in the regional court

It is believed they will be the first to be prosecuted under the new security act

Mr Jurgens said after a careful study of the documents he had decided not to prosecute the trade unionists. He would inform the police of his decision and in terms of the law the unionists must be released

The six trade union members are the president of the South African Allied Workers Union (SAAWU), Mr Thozamile Gqweta, SAAWU's national vice-president, Mr Sisa Njikelana, two SAAWU organisers, Mr Jeff Wabena and Mr

Humphrey Maxegwana the vice-chairman of the Chloride Workers' Committee, Mr Bangumzi Sifingo, and the general secretary of the General and Allied Workers' Union, Mr Sidney Mufamadi

Mr Mnikina and Mr Matutu and three other Mdantsane men were detained at the beginning of this month

The other men are Mr Vuyani Camagu, Mr Meintjies Malahla and Mr Sicelo Ndevu

This is the ninth time that both Mr Gqweta and Mr Njikelana have been detained in Ciskei without being prosecuted

The Commander-in-chief for State Security in Ciskei, Lieutenant-General Charles Sebe, confirmed last night they had been notified of the attorney-general's decision

"It was late for us to take action on the matter and the men will be released first thing tomorrow morning," he said

He added that nine other unionists — including Mr Mnikina and Mr Matutu — would appear in court in groups — DDR

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# Ciskei detentions slammed

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MORE than 100 trade unionists and black organisations met in Johannesburg yesterday where they demanded the unconditional release of six unionists detained by the Ciskei government recently.

They condemned the detention without trial legislation and drew the Ciskei and South African government's attention to the fact that the

unionists have so far not been charged despite promises to do so

The meeting was called to protest against the detention of trade unionists including Mr Thozamile Gqweta, president of the South African Allied Workers Union and the union's vice president Mr Sisa Njikelana

The organisations involved include Azaso, Cosas, the Soweto Civic Association, Black

Sash, Workers' Support Committee, Black Students' Society and several unions affiliated to Fosatu and Cusa

A statement released after the meeting that Ciskei Government's failure to prosecute the men is proof that the accusations under which they are detained are a pretext to attack the democratic trade union movement

Similar other meetings are to be held in the country

# No Ciskei hunger strike — Sebe

ZWELITSHA — The Commander-in-Chief of State Security in Ciskei, Lieutenant-General Charles Sebe, said yesterday he knew nothing about a hunger strike allegedly staged by detainees this week.

He would have been told of such an event, he said.

He had been told that Mr Mhleli Xofa, an Mdantsane schoolteacher, had threatened to go on a hunger strike but had not done so.

Information received by a newspaper yesterday suggested Mr Xofa and Mr Sidney Mufamadi, general secretary of the General and Allied Workers' Union, had gone on a hunger strike earlier this week.

Mr Mufamadi is one of six leading unionists due to have been released from detention yesterday following the decision of the Attorney-General, Mr W F Jurgens, not to prosecute them.

Gen Sebe said two other unionists, Mr Monwabisi Mnikina and Mr Thembin-kosi Matutu, appeared in court yesterday. He refused to identify another seven unionists who were to be charged — Sapa

# Union men freed and no charges

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN  
Labour Correspondent

THE president of the SA Allied Workers Union, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, and five other unionists were released from Ciskei Security Police detention yesterday after the Attorney-General declined to prosecute them.

The men had been in detention for two weeks.

The Attorney-General's decision follows claims by both the Ciskei president, Chief Lennox Sebe and the head of the territory's security forces, Lieutenant-General Charles Sebe, that the unionists were engaged in African National Congress activities.

Gen Sebe claimed they would be tried within a week for ANC activities and President Sebe said the day after their detention that they were part of an ANC cell Ciskei police had uncovered.

Mr Gqweta has now been detained eight times by Ciskeian or South African Police SAAWU's vice-president Mr Sisa Njikelana also among those released yesterday has been detained six times.

None of these detentions has led to a conviction of either man.

They were detained two weeks ago, in the early hours of the morning, with Mr Mafamudi, general secretary of the General and Allied Workers Union and three other SAAWU men Mr Bamgumzi Sifingo, Mr Jeff Wabena and Mr Humphrey Maxagwana.

They were detained in Mdantsane township which, although it is just outside East London, is part of Ciskei.

Shortly after their detention Gen Sebe said they had been engaging in ANC activities. He said he was "hurriedly investigating the case" and added that a docket would be handed to the Attorney-General within days of their arrest.

However, the docket only reached the Attorney-General late last week.

Yesterday the Attorney-General Mr W F Jurgens confirmed he had declined to prosecute. He said he had taken this decision formally on Tuesday afternoon and had conveyed it to Ciskei police.

In a brief telephone interview yesterday afternoon Mr Njikelana said the SAAWU unionists had been released yesterday morning.

Mr Mafamudi had not yet been freed but he was undergoing a police medical examination prior to his release and Ciskei police had said he was "on his way". He was expected in the union office shortly.

Mr Njikelana said that all the freed men were "fit and well".

He declined to comment on their detention or on their treatment in prison, saying that the six men would meet to draft a formal statement.

"We have several points we want to make about our detention and the statement will be released as soon as possible", Mr Njikelana said.

# Moll will not quit SA

By GEOFFREY ALLEN

MR CHRISTO MOLL has given an undertaking that he will not leave the country before the conclusion of the civil action in which Mr Murray Quartermaine of Perth Australia is suing him for R400 000.

He gave the undertaking to Mr Quartermaine's lawyers Dr Martin Benade on Tuesday afternoon.

Yesterday Dr Benade confirmed that his client had given an assurance he would not leave the country and had no intention of doing so.

Mr Keith Matsels instructing lawyer for Mr Quartermaine's counsel, confirmed he had asked for and received an assurance that Mr Moll would not leave South Africa before the conclusion of the case.

However, it was confirmed yesterday that Mr Quartermaine has left the country and is headed home to Perth via Nairobi and Bombay.

This was confirmed by his lawyer in Perth.

Dr Benade said he and his client had no objection to Mr Quartermaine leaving South Africa since more than R400 000 had been lodged to guarantee Mr Moll's legal fees in the event of him winning the case.

"There's really no need for him to stay as far as we can see" Dr Benade said.

He said he anticipated the total cost of the case would be 'around R100 000', with legal fees running at about R20 000 a day.

At the close of the summing up of the case on Tuesday, Mr Quartermaine told me he intended spending Easter at Sun City and staying to hear the conclusion.

However he did say he was concerned that the costs of the case were mounting and that if he did not leave before the end of the week he might be stuck until the end of the following week because of the few flights between here and Australia.

## R13m theft case man may travel

Mail Reporter

AN AUSTRALIAN charged with stealing R13-million in platinum had his passport returned yesterday after his bail condition was lifted by a Johannesburg Regional Court magistrate.

Mr Peter Steven Copko 32, of Ponte Berea is charged with stealing platinum from the Wadeville Refinery in Germiston possession of unwrought gold and failing to declare his foreign assets.

He was previously allowed R100 000 bail after a friend Mrs Glenys King, put up her home as surety.

The magistrate Mr J J F Boovens lifted the restriction confining him to the Witwatersrand magisterial district.

He postponed the case to April 28 for further investigation.

It is believed Mr Copko intends going to London to attempt to lift a court injunction freezing his R20-million assets.

## No deal at Star

NEGOTIATIONS between The Star management and officials of the Media Workers' Association of South Africa over the dismissal of 207 Mwasa workers last week failed to reach any conclusion yesterday.

In a statement The Star management said talks would be resumed on April 5 - Sapa

## 'Urgent need for union registration overhaul'

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN  
Labour Correspondent

A MAJOR overhaul of the Government's trade union registration system is a "matter of extreme urgency", the general secretary of the SA Boilermakers Society Mr Ike van der Watt, told a meeting this week.

He said difficulties in the registration system were "holding up a normalisation of labour relations, not only in the mining industry but in South Africa".

He also called for the scrapping of a clause in the Labour Relations Act allowing unions on industrial councils to veto applications by new unions to join a council.

Mr Van der Watt said this clause, with controls in the registration process, were making emerging unions unwilling to register or join councils.

The reluctance of these unions was understandable but was having a 'profound effect' on labour relations in

key industries such as the mines.

Mr Van der Watt was addressing a meeting of the Manpower and Management Foundation on labour relations in the mining industry, where new black unions have refused to register or are opposed to joining councils.

The union registration system is being investigated by the official National Manpower Commission (NMC) and major changes aimed at removing control over unions from the registration process are expected.

In his address Mr Van der Watt predicted that the registration process would be charged to remove the 'exclusive rights' of registered unions to curtail the rights of new unions.

But he implied that progress in bringing about these changes was too slow.

"We understand that the proposed changes are being delayed by the time it is taking the NMC to bring out its

report on registration," he said.

"We should make it clear to the commission that changes in the law regarding registration are a matter of extreme urgency."

Mr Van der Watt said unions who sought registration were "subject to a long and complicated process which may well result in their not gaining the scope they believe they require to do their jobs properly".

They could theoretically be denied registration on the whim of an opposing union intent only on preserving the position of its leadership.

Some established unions saw registration as a means of "protecting the interests they believe they have acquired in the labour relations structure".

Mr Van der Watt urged that registration go no further than ensuring that similar organisations with similar aims are brought together.

## Thwarted thieves caught red-handed

By EMIELIA JAROSCHEK  
Crime Reporter

BURGLARS who found only cheque books and no cash after laboriously cutting open a building society safe in Lyndhurst set fire to the agency causing R50 000 damage.

The five men, however did not get very far.

They were spotted by a lone police constable while

loading goods into their car a short distance away in Lyndhurst Road.

Constable J W du Plessis of Lombard East managed to arrest three of the men - still in possession of a grinder and other housebreaking tools.

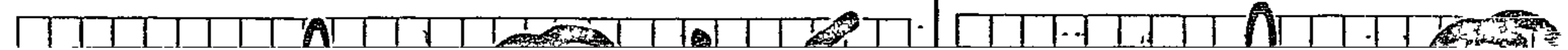
They were later linked to the arson attack.

When an employee of the agency, Mrs Marilyn Harvey, 35, arrived for work at the

United Building Society Agency in Pretoria Street Lyndhurst about 8 10am yesterday morning she was shocked to find the fire brigade still busy extinguishing the blaze.

By that time, the three suspects had already been arrested.

Police were still searching for the other two men last night.



*O. P. Khatke*  
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**Charge is terrorism**

**MDANTSANE** <sup>(USA)</sup> Two men appeared briefly in the magistrate's court here yesterday on a charge of terrorism — contravening the Ciskei National Security Act and an alternative charge under the same Act

Mr Monwabisi Mniki-  
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Matutu were not asked  
to plead and no evidence  
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# Detained union men released

EAST LONDON — The six trade unionists whom the Ciskei Attorney General Mr W F Jurgens declined to prosecute had all been released, the vice-president of the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu), Mr Sisa Njikelana confirmed yesterday

general secretary of the General and Allied Workers Union Mr Sidney Mufamudi; three other Saawu men — Mr Jeff Wabena, Mr Bangumzi Sifingo and Mr Humphrey Maxegwana — and Mr Njikelana

Mr Njikelana said that in the light of the many serious allegations made about them when they were in detention, they would issue a statement — DDR

The six were the president of Saawu Mr Thozamile Gqweta the

# Call for end to harassment of trade union officials

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Weekend Post Reporter

THE Port Elizabeth branch of the Detainees Parents Support Committee today called on the authorities to refrain from further harassment of trade union officials

The call follows the recent release of six trade union officials after the refusal of the Ciskeian Attorney General, Mr W F Jurgens, to proceed against them

The men, held for a fortnight, include the president of the South African Allied Workers Union, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, and Mr Sisa Njikelana, the trade union's vice-president

Mr Gqweta has now been detained eight times, either by Ciskeian or South African police, and Mr Njikelana six times. None of those detentions led to a conviction

The DPSC said in a statement the refusal by the Ciskeian Attorney General to prosecute was a further clear indication that the arrests had been unwarranted intrusions by State security apparatus into the legitimate affairs of trade unions

The DPSC condemned the repeated arrests of trade union officials and reiterated their belief that detention without trial was wrong

It noted in its statement that the industrial sector, which consistently paid lip service to the ideals of trade unions operating in a free market system remained quiet when unionists were detained without protection or access to legal representation or the courts, a basic right accorded all other persons arrested





**She looks even better on Page 8!**  
**Schoolgirl Thembi Kubheka of Dube is this week's Miss Soweto entrant... and we like the way she stakes her claim.**

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They can't make it stick, so unionist freed again

# GQWETA POLICE

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CP Correspondent

**ZWELITSHA.** — Ciskei's Attorney-General yesterday dropped charges against Thozamile Gqweta and five detained trade unionists, and ordered them released.

This is the eighth time that Mr Gqweta, president of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Sawu), has been detained and released without facing charges, and the sixth for Sawu vice-president Sisa Njikelana.



● Thozamile Gqweta ... repeat performance

## CITY PRESS ON SUNDAY

City Press will publish as usual on Sunday. Don't miss the Late Reef edition which will bring you up to date with all the holiday sport and news.

## Black pensions are boosted

CAPE TOWN — Pensioners of all races are to receive increased benefits, said the Minister of Finance, Mr Owen Horwood in his Budget speech yesterday.

whites are to be increased by R14 to R152 per month, by R10 to R93 a month for coloureds and Asians and by R8 to R57 per month for blacks.

Social pensions for

The Attorney-General, F W Jurgens, said he would convey his decision to the police, and "in terms of the law they must be released".

At the same time he said that two detainees, Michael Mnikim and Tembinkosi Matutu, would appear in court today charged under the National Security Act.

### Slammed

Reacting to the news, leading union spokesmen slammed the Ciskei government for its "cowardly harassment" of trade unions.

Gawu president Samson Ndan said: "The treatment of Mr Gqweta and his colleagues by the Ciskei police proves that we must fight as never before. Their release does not change anything. Many are still going to be detained."

The Justice and Reconciliation Division of the Catholic Church views the situation as a "serious violation of human rights," said a spokesman.

### Cowardly

"This cowardly action by the Sebe brothers is proof that they can't stand the tide of progressive trade unionism."

The general secretary of the Council of Unions of South Africa (Cusa), Piroshaw Camay, said: "Justice has been done because there were strong insinuations from the Sebe regime that SAAWU was connected with the outlawed ANC."

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# Saawu: we function within scope of law

EAST LONDON — The South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) said yesterday it was functioning constitutionally within the scope of the law

A statement was issued following the Ciskei Attorney-General's decision not to prosecute six trade union leaders detained for two weeks by the Ciskei Central Intelligence Services

Activities outside the scope of trade union work had no sanction from the union, the statement added

"It was alleged that they (the six) were detained in connection

with ANC activities," the statement said

"Since this has been done several times before we hope the public will understand the motive behind such public statements especially when none of those detained has been brought to a court of law and charged for ANC activities"

The union appealed to the public to understand the difference between involvement of Saawu members in trade union activities and activities outside the scope of trade unionism

"Activities of the latter nature do not have the sanction of the orga-

nisation which is known to be functioning constitutionally," it said

The union expressed its concern at the increasing practice of implying that it sanctioned activities outside trade unionism "especially when such implications pertain to banned organisations like the ANC"

It pointed out that as the union's activities increased in the East London industrial area there was more harassment from the Ciskei Government

The union added that it realised that harassment in the form of arbitrary detention had become the daily bread

of its members and that this dovetailed with sophisticated propaganda aimed at tarnishing the image of the union

Asked about an alleged hunger strike earlier denied by the Commander-in-Chief of State Security in Ciskei, Lieutenant-General Sebe, a spokesman for the union said the only one of the six involved in that was the general secretary of the General and Allied Workers' Union, Mr Sidney Mufamadi, of Johannesburg

Efforts to contact Mr Mufamadi by telephone in his Johannesburg office yesterday were unsuccessful — DDR

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**Labour Correspondent**

ALL the country's emerging union groups are expected to attend a key meeting on union unity in Cape Town this weekend to explore the formation of a closer working alliance between them

While the meeting is certain not to lead to an alliance of all emerging union groups, it could see three major groups — the Federation of SA Trade Unions, the General Workers Union and the two food and canning workers unions — decide to cement a closer alliance, although even this is not certain

The meeting was called by the General Workers Union, which told unions in its invitation that the meeting would explore forming a new union federation

Fosatu, the food and canning unions and several other unions quickly accepted the invitation, but it appeared at first that unregistered unions which have adopted a tough stance against registration with the Government and joining official industrial councils, might boycott the meeting

These unions, led by the SA Allied Workers Union and Motor Assemblers and Components Workers Union (MACWUSA), have now indicated that they will attend

But observers believe the meeting may see a confrontation between them and groups like Fosatu, the General Workers Union and the food and canning unions

The SAAWU/MACWUSA group is likely to accuse Fosatu of not honouring resolutions at earlier union summits to boycott industrial councils and registration while the Fosatu/GWU group is likely to accuse its opponents of giving little practical support to grassroots union unity efforts

# Saawu denies ANC links

Labour Reporter

THE South African Allied Worker's Union (Saawu) has criticized allegations by Lieutenant-General Charles Sebe, head of Ciskei state security, that Saawu officials have been engaged in activities of the banned African National Congress (ANC)

Five Saawu officials and an official of the General and Allied Workers' Union (Gawu) were detained in the Ciskei last month

At the time of their detention, General Sebe alleged the unionists were being held in connection with "ANC activities". They were later released without charge

In a press release yesterday, Saawu said the involvement of union members in activities outside the scope of unionism had "no sanction" from the union, which was "known to be functioning constitutionally"

The statement said allegations of ANC involvement had been made several times, though Saawu detainees had never been brought to court and charged

Saawu was increasing its activities in the East London area and harassment by the Ciskei Government was continuing

"However, we are of the opinion that worse is still to come."

D. Dispatch  
13/4/83  
**Saawu**  
**goes to**  
**court**

EAST LONDON — For the first time, the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) has gone before an Industrial Court to resolve a dispute

The unregistered trade union brought an injunction for a restitution order against Fry's Metals at Berlin as the first step in getting dismissed workers re-employed

Judgment on the order is expected to be made by the chairman of the court, Dr D B Ehlers, within the next week

The vice-president of Saawu, Mr Sisa Njikelana, confirmed it was the first time the union had applied for an Industrial Court hearing

Neither Mr Njikelana nor the branch manager of Fry's Metals here, Mr R F Currie, would comment on the case, saying they would have to wait until judgment was passed

The assistant registrar of the Industrial Court, Mr P M Joynt, said from Pretoria that the next step in resolving the dispute would be the convening of an Industrial Council — DDR

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# ANC LINK IS NOT TRUE, SAYS SAAWU

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By MONO BADELA

THE non-racial South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) this week came out strongly against "arbitrary detention" and described as nonsense allegations by the Ciskeian government that the union has connections with the outlawed African National Congress.

In a statement Saawu said the Ciskei government had launched a "sophisticated propaganda exercise" to tarnish the union's image, in an effort to justify "arbitrary detention which has become our daily bread"

Six Saawu leaders were recently detained in terms of the Ciskei security laws. Also detained were president Mr Thozamile Gqweta and vice president Mr Sisa Njikelana.

The men have since been released. The Ciskei government accused the unionists of furthering the aims of the ANC. Major-General Charles Sebe, of the Ciskei Central Intelligence Service had said the unionists were detained in connection with ANC activities. The statement charged that it was not the first time this type of allegation had been levelled against the unionists but none of those detained were ever brought before court charged with furthering the aims of the ANC.

The statement alleges that the motive was to publicly discredit Saawu by giving it the tag of a political organisation so as to scare members, and would-be members.

"We want to appeal to the members and the public to understand fully that Saawu does not sanction activities which are outside the scope of trade unionism."

"We wish the public notes that whilst Saawu activities are increasing in the East London industrial area, harrassment is being protracted by the Ciskeian government. However we are of the opinion that the worst is still to come," it stated.

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## Moving to unity?

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Past attempts to forge unity between SA's emerging unions have faltered, but there are signs that the latest effort has a good chance of succeeding. Leaders of unions representing about 200 000 workers agreed last weekend to form a feasibility committee which will investigate the possibility of establishing a major new trade union federation.

Unions and groupings which have committed themselves to the investigation are the Federation of SA Trade Unions (Fosatu), the General Workers' Union, the Food and Canning Workers' Union and the African Food and Canning Workers' Union, the SA Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), the Commercial Catering and Allied Workers' Union (Ccaawusa), the General and Allied Workers' Union, and the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association.

Most union leaders involved in the latest unity effort are reluctant to comment publicly about what exact form they would like the new federation to take. But there is considerable optimism that it will be possible to find a formula acceptable to all who have agreed to serve on the feasibility com-

mittee. One union leader tells the FM it would be more accurate to describe the committee as a "steering committee," thus implying that the body will have more on its agenda than a mere examination of the desirability of a new federation.

There is little doubt, however, that much hard bargaining has still to take place. Some unions are, for example, opposed to past suggestions from Fosatu members that there should be tight, centralised control within a new union federation.

Unions and groupings which did not vote in favour of the federation were the Council of Unions of SA (Cusa), the Motor Assembly and Components Workers' Union of SA (Macwusa), the Orange Vaal General Workers' Union and the Municipal and General Workers' Union. Cusa has displayed a lukewarm attitude towards past unity efforts, while Macwusa has refused to ally itself with unions which register with government or take part in the industrial council system.

Employers are obviously watching these developments with great interest — and a certain amount of anxiety. If the new federation is formed, it will be the largest, and probably the most effective, co-ordinating body to represent black workers in SA's labour history. Inevitably this could strengthen the position of black workers on the factory floor.

But there could be some benefits for employers as well. Relations between some of the unions which are moving in the direction of the new federation have been extremely poor in the past. The fact that they are now willing to enter a strong alliance suggests that inter-union rivalry, which has presented severe problems to employers, may be reduced.

D. Dispatch, 16/4/83

# Saawu rejects Sebe claims

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EAST LONDON — Allegations by the President of Ciskei Chief Lennox Sebe that the aims of the South African Allied Workers Union were of a subversive nature were unfounded the union said yesterday

In a statement Saawu said the claims made by President Sebe at the opening of the National Assembly followed previous statements in which he had claimed the union was a front organisation for the ANC

The union said that it had on numerous occasions declared itself a trade union

Subversion and violence are nowhere to be found in our activities and our constitution bears testimony to this fact the union said

The fact that some one is found with a Saawu membership card does not mean that Saawu has anything to do with subversive activities that particular individual might have been engaged in" — DDC



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**Industrial court  
action denied** (145A)

EAST LONDON — The South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) yesterday denied it had taken a Berlin company, Fry's Metal either to an industrial court or the industrial council

In a statement confirmed by the union president Mr Thozamile Gqweta Saawu said that four workers were dismissed and that later the management fired the

entire workforce, following a work stoppage

Saawu said that in accordance with principles it could not participate in industrial councils but was prepared to negotiate with Fry's Metal only on a shop floor basis

The four workers had filed the case in their individual capacities the statement said —  
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# Unions accuse press

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CAPE TIMES  
Labour Reporter 18/4/83

THE South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) and the General and Allied Workers' Union (Gawu) have accused the press of "adjusting public opinion" and "subverting the workers' struggle" by its reporting on the moves towards trade union unity.

In a joint statement issued on Friday, the unions said reports that seven trade unions had walked out of the unity talks in Port Elizabeth last year were lies.

The statement said that between the Port Elizabeth talks and the recent talks in Athlone, a lot of "prejudiced and divisive statements" had appeared.

"It is unbecoming for the press to adjust public opinion into its own wishful thinking by stating that there are unions hostile to the formation of the envisaged trade union federation and others for the federation.

"That is not our experience. All unions which participated in the unity talks were committed to the formation of a federation though they may, understandably, differ on how to work towards it."

# Talks may lead to SA's biggest movement

18/4/83

LAST week's union unity meeting could be a watershed for emerging unions.

Groupings with a combined membership of more than 180 000 — Fosatu, the General Workers Union, the Food and Canning unions, the Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers Union and the Cape Municipal Workers Association — have agreed to form a committee to work out details of a new federation.

Thrashing out how this body will operate should take several months at least and there could be hiccoughs along the way.

But the unions insist it will emerge Food and Canning, for example, says the unions have "no option" but to form the new body if they want to tackle "intransigent employers" nationally.

In other words, most major emerging unions believe they have reached a stage where the costs of not uniting are so great that old rivalries will not stand in the way of the new body.

When it is formed, it could be the biggest black union body in the country's history. It also could see a merging of unions in key industries and a streamlining of black union operations in the factories.

Who will join is still unclear. It is still conceivable, but unlikely, that some groups listed above could drop out.

The SA Allied Workers Union and General and Allied Workers Union have also joined the committee planning the new body.

But they have not publicly committed themselves to it as the others have and it will still be a surprise if they join. Several groups which did not join the committee insist they may yet join. The 100 000-member Cusa will discuss the issue on April 30. It stresses it needs a firm



STEVEN FRIEDMAN

## Labour Week

date from members to

decide Even the Motor Assemblers and Components Workers Union (Macwusa), which walked out of past unity summits, says it is still to decide on its attitude.

Perhaps But Fosatu, GWU, Food and Canning, Ccawusa, and the Cape municipal union are still by far the likeliest starters.

homelands and workers will have to collect benefits in these areas.

There are doubts as how the separate UIFs will be run. And the new system also creates an unusual situation.

It will mean, for example, that a Venda citizen who is born in a "white" city, has made his home there and has never visited Venda, will have to commute to that territory fortnightly to claim benefits if he loses his job.

NO nobody's surprise, the Metal and Allied Workers Union has formulated demands for the metal industrial council pay talks which far exceed those of established unions on the council.

MAWU expects to take part in the bargaining for the first time this year. It wants a R190 a week minimum wage — some 40%

make that the present minimum — and an R18 a week across the board rise. It also wants an overtime ban and a 40 hour week to reduce retrenchments.

Another MAWU proposal is that the council no longer bar "stop orders" to unions who have a majority or represent 500 workers in a plant.

Most of these demands will be fiercely resisted by employers who want a temporary wage "freeze" because of the recession.

But a key issue could be the metal pension fund.

The agreement setting it up is due for renewal this year and MAWU wants its rules changed to give workers a majority on its board. Both employers and established unions are against this, and some industry sources say the fund's existence is in danger — at least temporarily.

HERE'S one for those who feel the Mail's labour coverage is madly radical.

Two unions, the SA Allied Workers Union and General and Allied Workers Union, this week held a Press conference. We did not attend — it is our policy only to cover conferences if we are told where they are being held.

There they issued a statement attacking our coverage of union unity talks and charging we were "prejudiced and derisive" in our labour reporting.

The two claim the Mail incorrectly portrayed them as opponents of union unity and say we are "becoming part and parcel of a total strategy aimed at subverting the workers' struggle." Attempts to obtain confirmation of our new role from General Magnus Malan have thus far proved unsuccessful.

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# Pay body elected

The Star

Members of the South African Allied Workers' Union were last week elected to a workers' committee at an Elandsfontein subsidiary of LTA. The committee will negotiate with management over wages and working conditions.

The union's national organiser, Mr Herbert Barnabas, said more than 100 workers at the Conforce building firm had voted for the committee.

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## Saawu elections

FIVE members of the South African Allied Workers' Union were unanimously elected to the Workers' Committee of the Elandsfontein factory of Conforce, Mr Herbert Barnabas, national organiser of Saawu said yesterday.

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**Medical query  
over Kikine**

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A DURBAN psychiatrist has written to the South African Medical and Dental Council complaining that a detainee he was treating was removed from his care by the Security Police, who did not inform him, consult him or ensure his patient continued to take the psychiatric drugs prescribed.

The SAMDC, at its meeting in Pretoria yesterday agreed to refer the matter to the Director-General of the Department of Health and Welfare and ask him to bring the incident to the attention of the relevant authorities

The SAMDC found this behaviour by the Security Police unacceptable

Dr Colin Levisohn, a Durban psychiatrist, wrote to the Medical Officer of Health in Durban, Dr P Buchan, on April 7 last year

In the letter he said "I learnt officially today that my patient Mr Sam Kikine, detained under Section 6 (of the Terrorism Act) has been removed from my care

"This action was taken without consulting me or giving me an opportunity to discuss the continuation of psychiatric treatment. Mr Kikine was suffering from a reactive psychosis," the letter said.

"It is my opinion he may suffer a relapse

Mr Kikine was later released on bail  
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# Reinstate workers, says court order

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EAST LONDON — The industrial court has ordered Fry's Metals to reinstate four members of the SA Allied Workers Union (Saawu) fired from its smelter at Berlin in February

The court issued the order on Thursday, under legislation which allows it to order the reinstatement of workers until a dispute before the court has been settled

The firings in February prompted a work stoppage which placed Saawu's recognition agreement at the smelter in doubt and led to the firing of a further 73 Saawu members there

An industrial court action for the reinstatement

ment of the 73 workers is also pending, but no date for it has been set

The managing director of Fry's Metals, Mr George Griffiths, said yesterday that the four workers ordered reinstated by the court would not be physically reinstated, but would be paid for the period of the order

He said the company intended to oppose the action asking for their reinstatement, and the second action asking for the reinstatement of the 73 other workers

Fry's recognition agreement with Saawu was "in limbo" pending the outcome of the two actions — DDC-DDR

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# Court rules on sacked Saawu four

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN  
Labour Correspondent

A DISPUTE between the SA Allied Workers' Union and an Eastern Cape metal smelting firm has taken a new turn — the Industrial Court has ordered the smelter to reinstate four Saawu members whom it fired in February

This is believed to be the first time Saawu, which is against taking part in "Government institutions" has made use of the court

The firings prompted a work stoppage which placed Saawu's recognition agreement at the smelter in the balance and led to the firing of 73 members of the union at the plant

An Industrial Court action for the reinstatement of the 73 workers is also pending

The smelter — at Berlin — is owned by Fry's Metals, a Wadeville-based company which bought it recently from battery manufacturers Chloride

Chloride was the first company to recognise Saawu and the recognition agreement at the smelter remained in force when Fry's took over

But in February the firing of the four workers led to a dispute during which, the union alleges, Fry's said it was not bound by the agreement

Workers allegedly struck as a result and the 73 were fired

The union then undertook two separate actions — one for the reinstatement of the four and another on behalf of the 73

Last Thursday the court issued an order instructing Fry's to reinstate the four temporarily pending the outcome of the case. The order was issued in terms of Section 43 of the Labour Relations Act which allows the court to order reinstatement of workers until a dispute before it has been settled

Fry's managing director, Mr George Griffiths, said yesterday the four would not be physically reinstated, but would be paid for the period of the order

He said the company intended to oppose the action asking for the reinstatement of all the workers

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**Homes search  
in Mdantsane**  
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MDANTSANE — Several homes were searched and many documents removed in what the Commander-in-Chief of Ciskei State Security Lt-General Charles Sebe called 'a normal law-enforcement raid by the combined forces here on Friday night and early Saturday morning

General Sebe said one man from Zone 9 was held for theft and would appear in court today

He confirmed that many homes were searched during the raid

Mr D Sifingo and Miss G N Botha both of Zone 8, confirmed visits by Ciskei security men. Both said homes were surrounded by soldiers during the raid in which some documents were taken

In Zone 5 searches were confirmed to have been conducted in the homes of Mr M Mazwai and Mr M Gajule

Other homes searched belong to Mr J Citeko of Zone 4, Mr Sisa Njikelana, national vice-president of the South African Allied Workers Union and Mr Vuyisile Mati of Zone 9

An employee of the Dependants Conference a branch of the South African Council of Churches, Mr Stage Thando Cuntu said Ciskei security forces raided his house at the weekend

Mr Cuntu said a truck-

load of soldiers and members of the police in two cars came to his house in Zone 9 at 2 a m on Saturday

Six policemen searched his house

He said nothing was removed

He said this was the second raid in five months. Police searched his house on December 15 and nothing was removed

Four students — Mr Zandisile Sobandla 20, Mr Vusumzi Sobandla 18, Mr Linda Majikijela 21, and Mr Sindile Tabata, 18 — also confirmed the searches and removal of documents

They said they were taken from their homes and released at a police tent set up near Fort Jackson at the entrance to Mdantsane

They had to walk home to Zones 2 and 3 they said

General Sebe said that although he was in charge of the operation, he had not arrived at the checkpoint when the students were released but he doubted the truth of their story — DDR

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# Unions use court to settle disputes

A WHILE ago, a chief employer labour priority was avoiding strikes. Now it is staying out of the industrial court.

Since the recession began, Fosati and, to a lesser extent, Cusa, have been using the court to seek redress against employers in cases where the unions believe they have no other avenue.

But now there are signs that other emerging unions plan to use the court.

Members of the SA Allied Workers Union and the Media Workers' Association of SA have filed papers before the court, asking it to reinstate workers fired during work stoppages.

Saawu's case concerns a stoppage at a Berlin smelter — sold by battery firm Chloride to Fry's Metals — which led to the sacking of 73 workers and threatens one of the union's oldest recognition agreements.

The court has already granted an order temporarily reinstating four Saawu members whose sacking sparked off the stoppage.

The Mwasa case concerns the sacking of workers at The Star newspaper for striking.

Both are key cases, because they may test for the first time the circumstances in which employers can fire strikers, a practice which is common here but less so in other Western countries.

But the cases are also significant because both unions have opposed using Government labour machinery.

The court is a key element in the official labour set-up, and in some cases — such as Saawu's — disputes which come before it have to be processed by an official industrial council first.

Both Saawu and Mwasa say their members, rather than the union itself, are using the court but the distinction is a fine one.

The two cases show the court is winning a credibility among black unions which once seemed unlikely and which even seems to override suspicions about taking part in "the system".

Courts are only used in cases where unions feel they have no other avenue, so its workload will reduce when the economy picks up and unions feel better able to settle disputes in other ways.

While some employers are disgruntled about the court's new role in settling disputes, it is worth noting that this year has seen few of the boycotts and campaigns which might have been expected during the recession.

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# UIF: Unions and employers to meet

By MARTINE BARKER  
REPRESENTATIVES of five trade unions today meet East London employers to discuss the recent implementation of the transfer of Unemployment Insurance Funds (UIF) from South Africa to Ciskei, Venda and Transkei.

At the beginning of May, contract and commuter workers who were cut off from the UIF as each homeland took "independence" began having contributions to the South African UIF deducted from their wages again.

The change from their previous participation in the UIF is that they will now have to return to their respective homelands if they want to claim benefits.

A statement released yesterday by the

General Workers Union, the South African Allied Workers Union, the Media Workers Association of South Africa, the African Food and Canning Workers Union and the National Automobile and Allied Workers Union said the transfer of funds had caused considerable reaction among workers.

The resolutions taken by workers at a mass meeting last weekend would be conveyed to East London employers through the representatives of the local chambers of industries and commerce at the meeting.

A telex to the Minister of Manpower, Mr Fanie Botha, proposing a meeting with a delegation of workers on the UIF issue is being prepared.

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# Botha to consider UIF talks

EAST LONDON — The Minister of Manpower, Mr Fanie Botha, may consider a request from five unregistered unions for a meeting on unemployment insurance funds (UIFs), according to Mr Botha's private secretary

The private secretary, Mr J Niemand, told the unions in a telex that Mr Botha was unable to consider their request yesterday but would do so on Monday

The unions — the South African Allied Workers' Union, the General Workers' Union, the African Food and Canning Workers' Union, the Media Workers' Association of South Africa and the National Automobile and Allied Workers' Union — had earlier sent a telex to Mr Botha asking for the meeting

The unions said there was "worker unhappiness" with the transfer of contributions from South Africa's UIF to funds established in Ciskei, Transkei and Venda

Representatives from the five unions met with representatives from the East London chambers of commerce and industry yesterday morning to discuss the issue

In a statement issued after the meeting by the vice-president of Saawu,

Mr Sisa Njikelana, the unions said they had presented "several demands" to the business heads

The statement said workers represented by the unions rejected the transfer of their UIF contributions to funds run in the national states

It said the workers wanted this transferral suspended until the union leaders had spoken to Mr Botha about it. They also called for their previous contributions to UIFs to be refunded

The statement said yesterday's talks were "frank and open" and that the business heads had expressed concern at the situation

The business heads had stressed, however, that they were obliged to contribute to the UIFs, the statement said

Mr Njikelana said later that there was "great hope" among the union representatives that the workers would be given a hearing by the Manpower Minister

Neither the chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr George Orsmond, nor the chairman of the Chamber of Industry, Mr David Saunders, could be contacted for comment — DDR

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# Ciskei police detain unionists

By MONO BADELA

IN another crack down on trade unionists, the Ciskei Security Forces have detained two top leaders, including the secretary general of the General and Allied Workers' Union, Mr Sidney Mafamandi of Johannesburg.

The other man detained in the Ciskei is the union's national organiser, Mr Monde Mditshwa, formerly of Port Elizabeth

A statement by Gawu said the two were detained in East London on Friday at 10pm. This is not the first time the two trade unionists have been detained

Mr Sidney Mafamandi was last detained with five other trade union leaders, including the South African and Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) president Mr Thozamile Gqwetha, and his deputy, Mr Sisa Njikelana in March this year. They were all later released without being brought before a court of law

Mr Mditshwa was last detained in 1980 during a crack down on student leaders during school boycotts in 1980

In a statement the

president of the union, Mr Samson Ndou strongly said "Gawu vehemently deplores the barbaric action." He called on progressive bodies to condemn the detentions

The secretary general of the Council of Unions of South Africa (Cusa), Mr Phirashay Camay said he was shocked that this kind of harassment was still being perpetrated in the Ciskei. It is high time that this kind of harassment should come to an end," he said

Earlier this month the Ciskei Security Forces

also detained another trade unionist, Mr Dlaki Vani, the Queenstown organiser of the African Food and Canning Workers' Union (AFCWU)

Mr Vani was arrested in Queenstown by the South African Security Police and was handed over to the Ciskei authorities.

Later the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange admitted to Parliament that Mr Vani had been handed over to Ciskei where he is now being held in terms of Ciskei's Proclamation R252.

**MYSTERY** surrounds the whereabouts of the two top Johannesburg trade unionists who were detained and later reported to have been released by the Ciskei Security Forces in Mdantsane, near East London during the weekend

**By MONO BADELA**

The men are the general secretary and national organiser of the General and Allied Workers' Union, Mr Sidney Mafumadi and Mr Monde Mditshwa. The Chief of the Ciskei Security Forces, Lt Gen Charles Sebe, confirmed on Tuesday the detention of the two men. He said they were held for questioning.

"They had gone home by Monday," Gen Sebe said. He however declined to state exactly when the men had been released.

The two unionists were detained on Friday night and their car was kept at the Mdantsane Police Station.

A puzzled Mr Samson Ndou, president of Gawu told **The SOWETAN** yesterday he was unaware that the two men had been released.

"They would surely have contacted our head office as they were released from detention," he said.

He said the men knew that they had some important work to do in Johannesburg. "I fail to believe that the men have been released," he said.

He has contacted the offices of the South African Allied Workers' Union in East London but nothing was forthcoming. The Press Officer of Saawu, Mr Yure Mdyogolo told **The SOWETAN** yesterday afternoon they have not seen the two men. "We

believe the men are still in detention. The only thing we got from the Mdantsane Police was that we should fetch their car."

Late yesterday Mr Ndou said the Saawu officials in East London could not find the car key. Mr Mafumadi and five members of Saawu including the president, Mr Thozamile Gqwe-

tha were held in detention for two weeks in March this year. They were released when the Attorney-General of the Ciskei, Mr Jure Jurgens, declined to prosecute them.

The detention of the two men was strongly condemned by other trade union leaders who called for their immediate release.

**Detained  
Unionists  
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sent letters requiring information to several unregistered unions

Unregistered trade unions are now required by the Department of Manpower to provide information on membership and finances

The general secretary of the South African Allied Workers' Union, Mr Sam Kikine said his offices were visited by department officials last week

Previously only registered unions were bound by such regulations under the Labour Relations Act, but recent amendments to the Act put the onus on unregistered unions to provide information

He had also received a written request to submit details of his union's finances

Unions are to submit details of income, auditors' reports, balance sheets, appointments and elections among other things

The Deputy Director-General of the Department of Manpower, Dr C F Scheepers, said unregistered unions were being asked to comply with "minimum requirements" of the Act.

Failure to comply can mean a fine or jail sentence

The requests were in no way a clampdown on unregistered trade unions, he added

The department has



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# Third agreement in Tvl for SAAWU

## Labour Correspondent

THE unregistered SA Allied Workers Union has won its first recognition agreement in the Transvaal this year — the third agreement since it began operating in the province a SAAWU statement said yesterday.

SAAWU said its Baking and Allied Workers Union had signed a recognition agreement with Park Bakery in Isando earlier this month. The company, a subsidiary of Fedbake Pty employs about 270 workers at the plant.

According to the statement, the union represents more than 60% of the workers at the plant.

"In terms of the signed agreement, the union is regarded by the company as the collective bargaining representative of workers for conditions of employment and all matters affecting workers in the company," the statement said.

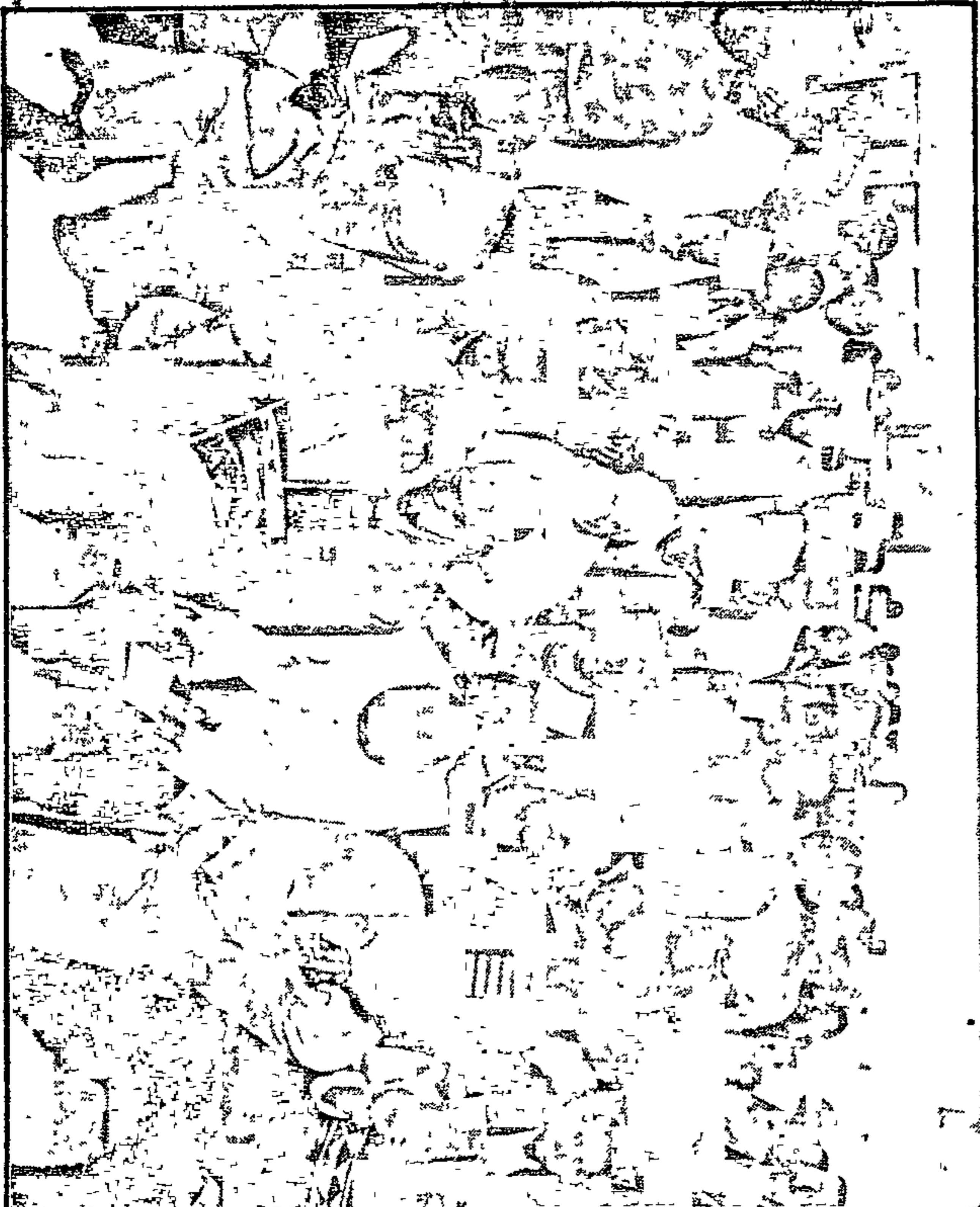
It hailed the agreement, saying its contents "are regarded by the union as progressive and constitute a step towards creating good industrial relations between the parties".

SAAWU says it has signed two other recognition agreements in the Transvaal — one in 1981 with Oerlikon Electrodes and the other in 1982 with a plant in the Spartan industrial township.

# Migrant workers fear Rikhoto judgment reversal

# UNION BRANCHMAN'S WARRIORS

City Press 5/6/83 145T



**JO'BURG** — Trade unions have warned the Government of "a terrible backlash" if it frustrates migrant workers' attempts to secure urban rights following this week's historic Rikhoto case ruling.

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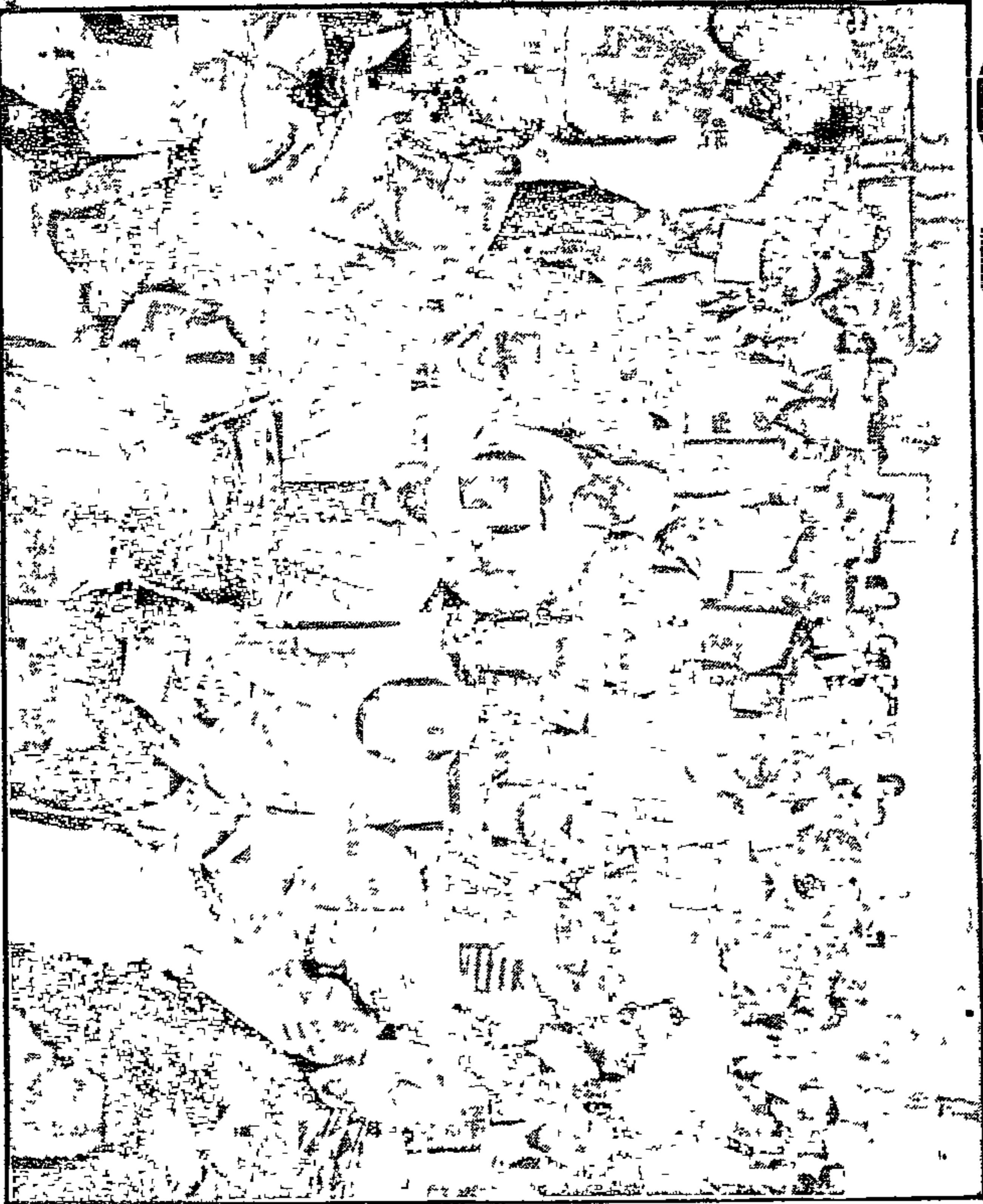
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# JOHANNESBURG

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● Hundreds of people crammed into the Black Sash offices in Johannesburg yesterday seeking advice over the Rikhoto judgment giving section 10 1 (b) rights to migrant workers. Scores of people had to be turned away because the Sash could not cope with the stream of inquiries.

The judgment by the Appeal Court has effectively opened the way for migrant workers and their families to live permanently in the urban areas. As thousands of workers are attempting to cut through the red tape to gain urban rights, fears are growing that administration boards will frustrate their efforts. And there is increasing concern that the Government is planning new legislation to prevent migrants from obtaining urban rights.

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Mr Phiroshaw, also speaking on behalf of the National Mine Workers' Union, said that if new legislation was implemented to overturn the Rikhoto ruling, it "will be ver-

gorously opposed by us". The secretary of the Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU), Mr Sam Kikine, said: "There will be a terrible worker backlash if the authorities use delaying tactics in registering migrants."

His views were echoed by Building, Construction and Allied Workers' Union organiser Frank Mohlala. "The Rikhoto ruling has raised a lot of expectations," he

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## Rikhotso warning

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said "There can be no going back, and should migrant workers be deliberately blocked from getting their rights, I foresee a terrible reaction"

Azapo's publicity secretary, Mr Ishmael Mkhabela, warned "The Government should take rumblings in the labour movement very seriously"

"If the Appeal Court ruling is disregarded there could be serious consequences"

Meanwhile, the Black Sash says it is offering advice to all those who face problems in applying for their rights and will assist those seeking legal action.

## One for the road

LONDON - Peter Woodend has amazed doctors by surviving the biggest drinking spree recorded by police in northern England.

He was found naked and unconscious outside hospital with an alcohol count equivalent to 67 whiskies.

# JUDGMENT OLD MPHETHA

CP correspondent  
CAPE TOWN - Veteran trade unionist Oscar Mphetha, 73, will hear on Monday whether he can go free after nearly three years in detention.

The judgment in the country's longest Terrorism Act trial, in which Mr Mphetha and 17 others are appearing, begins on Monday.

They are charged with committing or inciting others to commit terrorist activities between August 8 and August 12, 1980, in Cape Town.

The two murder counts follow the deaths of Mr George Beeton and Mr Frederik Jansen on August 11, 1980.

One of the original accused, Mr Lawrence Lerothoh, was discharged at the end of the



Judgment in South Africa terror trial will be delivered in Cape Town on Monday. In the year-old Oscar Mphetha and others, charged in connection with the unrest in 1980 in which Jansen (right) and Beeton died.

State case because of a lack of evidence against him

Mr Mphetha, chairman of the Nyanga Residents' Association and national organiser for the African Food and Canning Workers Union, was detained in the early hours of August 13, 1980.

### Appears

More than 100 witnesses testified during the trial which began on March 3, 1981. The record covers more

than 10 000 typed pages.

During the hearings, the defence and outside organisations have made appeals for Mr Mphetha's acquittal, particularly because of his age and diabetic condition.

The trial has been characterised by numerous delays, among them lengthy trials within trials, a perjury trial in which a witness was convicted and sentenced to 15 months' jail, as well as the illness and hospitalisation of Mr Mphetha on two occasions in one week.

The trial was delayed seven times for incidents unrelated to court proceedings. On one occasion, one of the assessors fell in the bath and was not available for a few days.

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## Rastas jailed for 4 years

By TEBELLO RADEBE

JO'BURG - Rastafarians Jose Charles, 24 and Rufus Radebe 19, were yesterday sentenced to four years' jail each for singing pro-ANC songs at a pop festival.

They were found

guilty in the Regional Court of contravening the Internal Security Act by singing the songs at the Kloofendaal, Roodepoort music festival organised by University of Witwatersrand students on February 12.

of all state witnesses He said both accused were untruthful.

"Getting answers from them was like extracting wisdom teeth", he said.

The magistrate, Mr A W Aucamp said he accepted the evidence

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CAPE TOWN - The Ciskei government says it still has to decide whether to establish military-style punishment camps for migrant workers who break their contracts.

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**Saawu member**  
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EAST LONDON — A member of the South African Allied Workers' Union, Mr Nkululeko Wasa has been detained by the Ciskei Central Intelligence Service, according to friends

He was detained by seven CCIS members after they visited his home last week and ordered him to dig up his garden the friends said

The Commander-in-Chief of State Security in Ciskei, Lieutenant-General Charles Sebe, said he could not confirm or deny Mr Wasa's detention

"I have been away from my office for a few days and will only be able to comment tomorrow (Monday)," he said when contacted at home yesterday — DDR

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Mercury Reporter

HUNDREDS of black workers at Nampak Products Ltd, in Mobeni, downed tools yesterday, demanding a refund of their pension contributions

A spokesman for the workers told the Mercury yesterday that they were also demanding the right of their union to be recognised at the factory

He said they had been contributing towards the pension fund since 1978 and while most other factory workers had been paid out, Nampak workers still had not received their money

Mr R Campbell, the company's industrial relations manager, yesterday confirmed that the workers stopped work at 6.30 a.m.

### Not available

He said they had refused to speak to the management and had insisted that the management contact the representative of the South African Allied Workers' Union

'This union is not yet recognised — the management attempted to make contact but were told that the official was not available

'It now appears that the workers want a refund of their pension contribution. This is still being considered,' he said

Mr Isaack Ngcobo, national treasurer of the union, said union officials had met the workers' committee late yesterday and the union would be holding talks with the Nampak management today

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**Saawu  
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EAST LONDON — A member of the South African Allied Workers' Union, Mr Nkululeko Wasa, was released yesterday after being detained for a week by the Ciskei Central Intelligence Service

This was confirmed by the Commander-in-Chief of State Security in Ciskei, Lieutenant-General Charles Sebe

General Sebe said Mr Wasa had "tried to stage a hunger strike" while he was imprisoned. He was eventually released without being charged

Mr Wasa, who works for a marine engineering firm in East London, was detained last Tuesday when seven CCIS members arrested him at his Mdantsane home

Mr Wasa could not be contacted yesterday —  
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**Mail Correspondent**  
DURBAN — The management of a Mobeni paper products factory is to hold further talks today with its black workers who downed tools on Monday

Hundreds of workers at Nampak Products Ltd stopped work on Monday morning in support of their demands for a refund of their pension contributions and the right of their union, the South African Allied Workers' Union, to be recognised by management

Mr Roderick Campbell, the company's industrial relations manager, said yesterday "I hope to get the full details of the workers complaints about the pension fund I will then go back to the trustees and a further meeting on the issue will be held next week"

He said the representatives of the workers left a meeting on Monday with the hope of persuading the workers to return to work today

"If they do not return to work today we'll have to consider what steps to take. We've been tolerant all this time," he added



RAND DAILY MAIL, Wednesday, June 8, 1983

# Union denies 'poaching'

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN  
Labour Correspondent

A ROW over alleged "poaching" of members has broken out between two emerging unions in the food industry, one affiliated to the Council of Unions of SA, the other to the Federation of SA Trade Unions

Yesterday, Cusa's Food, Beverage and Allied Workers Union issued a statement attacking rival unions for "preaching unity and solidarity while attempting to divide workers organised by Food, Beverage"

The row comes as emerging unions are planning key union talks next month

FBAWU officials say the attack is directed chiefly at Fosatu's Sweet,

Food and Allied Workers Union which they accuse of trying to "poach" members at the Irvine and Johnson plant in Springs and a meat plant in Pretoria

But the Fosatu unions' general secretary, Mrs Maggie Magubane, yesterday said her union only allowed workers at the plants to join after "persistent requests" by them over a two year period

In the FBAWU statement its general secretary, Mr Skakes Sikhakhane, said the union "views the recent action of other food unions in a serious light"

It said in several plants where it had majority support, had been recognised and had "negotiated the best possible wages", rival unions were now "attempting to organise already organised workers"

In a supporting statement, Cusa said all its unions had "consistently followed a policy of non-interference in the affairs of other unions" and had not organised workers "where other unions are attempting to organise"

"We would like to inform our members that we will resist the attempts of unions who seek to mislead them", Cusa added

FBAWU official Mr Glenn Mokoena charged yesterday that the union faced "poaching" from both Fosatu's SFAWU and the SA Allied Workers Union, but he said its dispute with SAAWU was being settled

"We feel strongly that this sort of thing damages union unity," he said

Mrs Magubane said yesterday SFAWU had been approached two years ago by I&J workers who were

unhappy with the Cusa union and wanted to join its Fosatu rival

"We ignored these requests because we did not want to interfere and even went to the extent of discussing the matter with the Food Workers' International (to which local food unions belong)"

The requests had persisted and workers had begun claiming that Sweet, Food was not interested in recruiting them

"The final straw came when they sought a meeting with the Cusa union this week and its officials did not turn up

"We believe in freedom of association, which means workers can join any union they choose. We thus allowed these workers into the union and so far 200 have joined," she said

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**Workers, churches get together**

WHAT do the Durban Housing Action Committee, the SA Allied Workers Union and the Islamic Council of SA have in common? The answer is straightforward they all oppose the Government's constitutional proposals and are members of the United Democratic Front

The dozens of groups that belong to the UDF across the country represent a wide range of workers, students, churches and community organisations. In the Transvaal alone, more than 30 organisations have joined the UDF.

Workers are represented by the Council of Unions of SA, the SA Allied Workers' Union and the Food and Canning Workers' Union, amongst others.

Communities are represented by the Soweto and Vryburg civic associations and the Soweto Committee of 10 Nusas, Azanian Students' Organisation, the Black Students Society and Young Christian Students represented the youth.

The Church was represented by the Witwatersrand Council of Churches and the Catholic Bishops' Conference, women by the Federation of SA Women teachers by the National Educational Union of SA, the Indian community by the Transvaal Indian Congress. The Detainees Aid Movement and the Transvaal Anti-PC Committee are also taking part.

The first UDF was formed in the

Eastern Cape in January, when a local co-ordinating committee was formed. Eastern Cape member organisations include the Port Elizabeth Black Civic Organisation, the EP Council of Sport, the Eastern Cape Council of Churches, the Motor Assembly and Component Workers' Union, the General Workers Union of SA and the Congress of SA Students.

On May 14, a Durban branch was formed under the chairmanship of Mr Archie Gumede, of the Release Mandela Committee. It includes the Natal Indian Congress, the Democratic Lawyers' Association, the Islamic Council of SA and the Durban Housing Action Committee.

# Union member detained on train

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EAST LONDON — A member of the African Allied Workers' Union, Mr Cunningham Ngcukana, was held for questioning while he was travelling on a train from Johannesburg to East London this week

This was confirmed by Major J F van Wyk of the South African Railways Police, who said Mr Ngcukana had been released yesterday morning.

He would not comment on claims by Mr Ngcukana that he had been assaulted while he was moved from one compartment to another for questioning

"All I know is that he was questioned because we thought he had illegal publications with him," Major Van Wyk said yesterday "I don't know anything about assaults"

Mr Ngcukana said he intends laying charges of assault against the persons involved

Mr Ngcukana said the documents he had been carrying included a supplement to Muslim News entitled Message to the Oppressed and the Oppressor, and a publication by the International Union of Food Workers —DDR

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WHICH unions are most active on the factory floor?

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Part of the answer may lie in a detailed strike study by labour consultancy Andrew Levy and Associates

Its main finding — that there is an increasing strike trend which will grow after the recession ends — may be controversial.

But its break-down on which unions' members are most often involved in strikes will be more generally accepted because it is easier to verify

The study point outs that its findings do not necessarily mean the unions caused the strikes

Most black worker strikes tend to be caused by grass-roots militancy, rather than union leaders, and the study finds that 80% of strikes are sparked by issues which lie directly under management's control

But the figures do give an insight into the unions' shop-floor presence

The study finds that Fosatu unions, often attacked for their lack of "militancy", were involved in 65% of strikes where there was a union presence

Members of its MAWU were involved in most strikes, followed a long way behind by its motor union, NAAWU

SAAWU is third, the National Union of Textile Workers fourth and the Food and Canning Workers Union fifth

But when statistics take account of man days lost in strikes, NAAWU comes out top by far

As the study points out, this seems to show again that unions' rhetoric is not a good guide to their "militancy"

A further key finding is that the metal industries are by far the most strike-prone followed by food and motor

The study finds that metal has only occupied this position for the past 18 months, food having been most strike-prone for years

Metal employers would no doubt deny that this reflects the success or failure of their refusal to bargain with unions at plant level

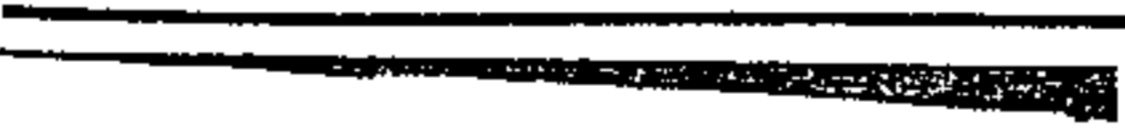
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SOME weeks, you just can't avoid talking about the metal industries

A further development this week was MAWU's decision to seek further negotiation on the 5%-7% wage rise agreed on the metal council recently

While angry statements from the union condemning the increase were inevitable, word is that it doesn't intend to leave the matter there

Action to attempt to win a re-opening of talks seems to be on the cards



# Manifesto under attack

THE ADOPTION of a manifesto by a conference convened by the National Forum Committee (NFC) in Hammanskraal recently, took a dramatic turn yesterday when two leading trade union and two student organisations said they disassociated themselves from it.

In a joint statement released to The SOWETAN the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), General and Allied Workers' Union (Gawu), Cosas and Azaso, said they could not be party to the adoption of the manifesto because they were still committed to the Freedom Charter

"We reiterate our uncompromising commit-

ment to the historic Freedom Charter as the only democratic document drafted in the history of the liberation struggle

"The Charter stands out from all other alternatives for change in South Africa, not only because of the manner in which it came into being, but also because of the demands reflected in it

"It can, therefore, never be substituted without the will of the majority. Any attempt by an individual or group to discredit or undermine it can only be seen as an act of betrayal to the aspirations of all the people of South Africa," the statement ended

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# Sats pays out unionists

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EAST LONDON — South African Transport Services (Sats) has agreed to pay two trade unionists R2 000 damages each for their wrongful arrest in East London harbour last year

A Sats spokesman, Mr Leon Els, said Miss Nomonde Mgumane and Mr David Thandanji — both organisers for the General Workers' Union (GWU) — had been arrested for touting and fund raising while collecting subscriptions from stevedores with their employers' permission

The general secretary of the GWU, Mr David Lewis, said the unionists had sued Sats after being acquitted in May last year. They sued the service — as employers of the railway police —

for R2 000 each for unlawful arrest and malicious prosecution

He said that Sats had agreed in an out-of-court settlement to pay the damages, as well as legal costs

This was confirmed by Mr Els, who said that at the time of the arrest the railways police though they had bona fide grounds for arrest

"It was only after further investigation that they found themselves in the wrong so an out-of-court settlement was made"

Mr Lewis said Sats' decision to settle out of court bore out the union's allegations of "police harassment and intimidation of union members and officials"

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## UNIONS Office problems

Property owners seldom view trade unions as desirable tenants. After all, union offices tend to attract vast numbers of visitors who crowd the corridors and lifts. In addition, union leaders who provoke the wrath of the authorities can be detained for lengthy periods during which rents are sometimes not paid.

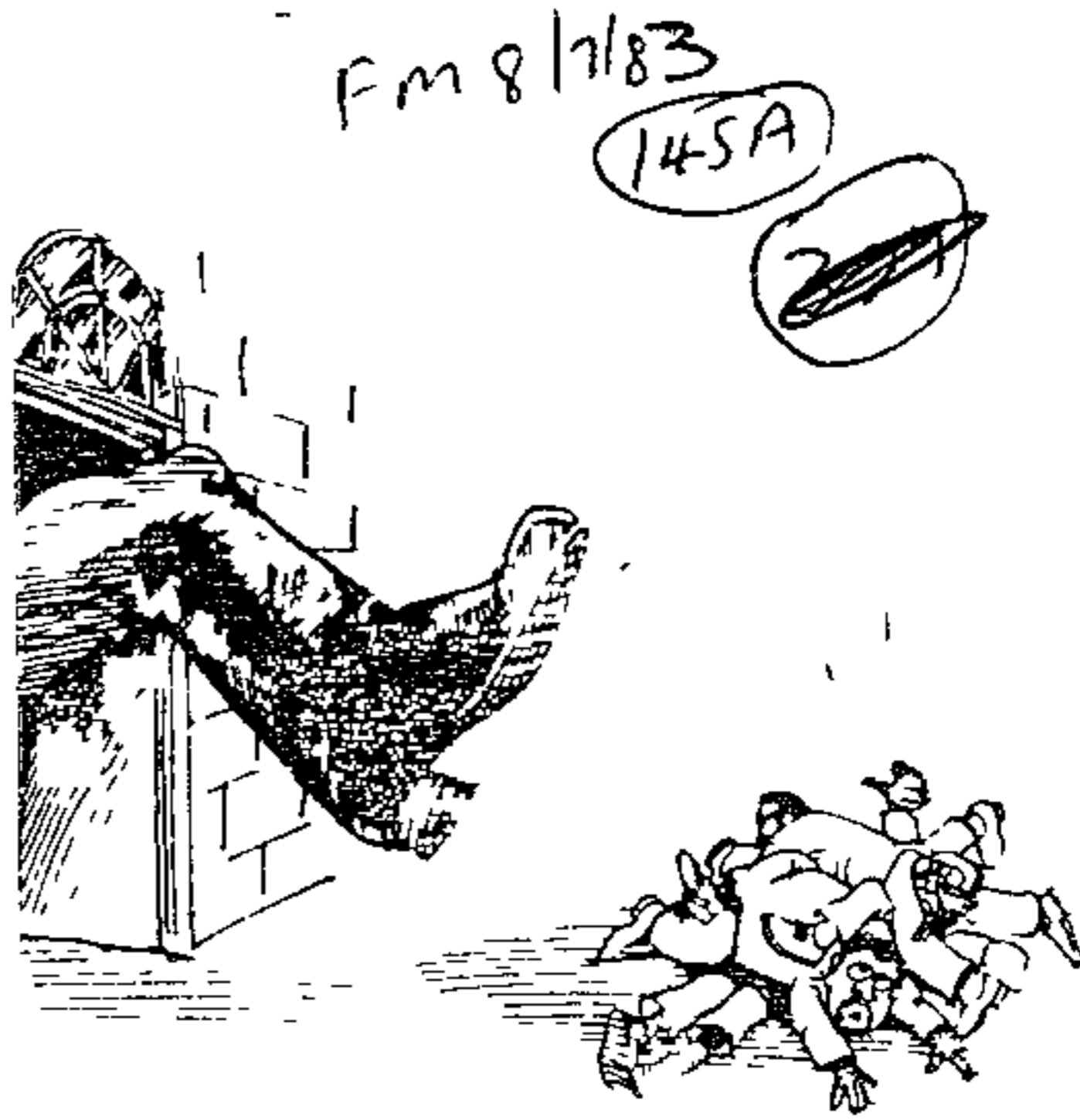
Having said that, it is also probably fair to say that the SA Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) can be excused for believing that there are other reasons why it struggles to get office accommodation. The union can offer no proof that anyone is deliberately trying to dissuade landlords from renting it office space.

However, in recent years Saawu has been forced to quit its offices on a number of occasions after expiry of its leases. In East London, in particular, it has battled to get offices and, for some time, was forced to operate from a church hall. This is labour history repeating itself: early British unions were forced to gather in churches due to the hostility they faced. Some still refer to their branches as "chapels".

Saawu is now fighting a rearguard action against eviction from its head office premises in Durban. The union was supposed to have vacated the office by the end of last month, but has managed to negotiate a delay of a further month. Meanwhile, Saawu leaders claim they are finding it extremely difficult to find other accommodation in Durban and say there are signs that they may also have to vacate their office in the Transvaal.

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Saawu's officials vow that the problem of getting offices will not hamper the union's growth. But they point out that in at least one respect this will create difficulties for many union members. A growing number of unemployed workers are using the union office in Durban as an address to which their unemployment fund cheques can be sent.

"If we are forced to move and cannot get an office elsewhere, these people will suffer," says a union official. He also points out that employers with labour problems could find it difficult to get in touch with union leaders.

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**2 organisers held — Saawu**

July 1983

QUEENSTOWN — Two organisers of the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) were detained yesterday, an official of Saawu, Mr Geof Wabala said

removed and the police said they were detaining the men for distributing banned literature, Mr Wabala said

Mr Wabala said Security Policemen arrived at the office and after searching it detained Mr Derick Smoko and Mr Shephard Mayekiso

Colonel A P van der Merwe, head of Security Police in the Border, could not be contacted for comment last night — DDR

He said he and the president of Saawu, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, were asked to leave the office while the police conducted their search. Several documents were



# 160 workers fired

~~14/7/87~~ Mercury  
Labour Reporter (145A)

ABOUT 160 workers at a mosaic glass-tile manufacturing plant at Estcourt have been dismissed after a work stoppage this week.

Mr Simon Kapa, branch secretary of the South African Allied Workers' Union in Estcourt, said yesterday that the workers at Mosaic Producers refused to accept their notice of dismissal and had not collected their pay.

They said they will return to their jobs on condition that their wages are increased. At present some earn less than R20 a week. They want the minimum wage increased to R50.

He said the workers went on strike on Monday after management refused to act on a complaint by the workers committee against another worker.

Mr Robert Craig, a director of Mosaic Producers, told the Mercury yesterday that the workers, mainly women, were dismissed after they ignored an ultimatum to return to work.

# Workers want their jobs back

*Mercury* Mercury Reporter 15/7/83

THE 160 workers who were dismissed from an Estcourt factory this week still refused to collect their pay yesterday and were assembled outside the factory gates demanding their jobs back.

But Mr Robert Craig, a director of Mosaic Producers said the workers had dismissed themselves by disregarding an ultimatum following a work stoppage on Monday.

He said the workers had been given 'substantial' pay increases two months ago.

Mr Simon Kapa, branch secretary of the South African Allied Workers' Union in Estcourt, said yesterday that he had met the company representatives again yesterday and pleaded with them to take back the workers.

'But they refused, saying that the matter was out of their hands,' he said.

# Dismissed factory workers reinstated

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16/7/83

Mercury Reporter

DISMISSED workers at the Estcourt glass tile factory, Glamosa Producers, will return to work on Monday morning as a result of negotiations which took place yesterday.

A joint statement issued by the factory management and the South African Building and Allied Worker's Union said discussions had ended with an offer to all workers to return to work at their old wages, with unchanged terms and conditions of employment

Wages were to be frozen until April next year, when they would be reviewed

The Glamosa management were considering formal recognition of the union

Appreciation was expressed towards the union officials who helped to reach a friendly agreement

Workers at the factory went on strike on Monday and were dismissed after ignoring an ultimatum to return to work. They refused however to accept their dismissal, did not collect their pay, and gathered at the factory gates every morning

According to the factory director, Mr Robert Craig, the workers received a pay increase two months ago

The dispute had taken so long to settle because the managing director had been away, only arriving back in Estcourt on Thursday evening

On his arrival, union officials had been invited to negotiate. After what Mr Craig called a 'very friendly discussion' the union men met with the workers, who accepted the terms, collected their pay for the previous week and went home

'We are very grateful to the union. They handled the dispute like gentlemen,' Mr Craig said

*7/10/83*

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*18/7/83*

# Ignore bus boycott call — Sebe

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ZWELITSHA — A strong plea was made at the weekend to Mdantsane bus commuters not to boycott buses today

The plea, which was supported by President Lennox Sebe, was made by Members of Parliament representing the Mdantsane constituency — the Minister of Public Works, Chief D M Jongilanga, Mr Q Kewuti and Mr L M Yako

A rally attended by thousands at the sports stadium here was told that the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) had called on people to boycott buses from today following a bus fare hike

Chief Jongilanga said the union did not have the interests of the people of Ciskei at heart and their call for a boycott

should not be heeded

President Sebe said that if the residents heeded the strike call, the ruling party in Mdantsane would be disbanded and the factories that were being erected there would be moved elsewhere to help other starving people

He said Saawu did not exist in Ciskei and Mdantsane residents should not allow Saawu "boys" from Duncan village to come and dictate to them

He said police would be in full force to protect the people who wanted to board buses

President Sebe said the last bus boycott was instigated by the government because it wanted the removal of the bus company that was operating then — DDR

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# Saawu officials reported detained

D. DISPATCH 22/7/83

EAST LONDON — The vice president of the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) Mr Sisa Njikelana, and a fellow union official were detained yesterday after being stopped by Ciskeian police at a roadblock in Mdantsane, a Saawu spokesman said

A woman passenger travelling with the two officials was questioned by Ciskeian police, and released

Efforts to contact the head of the Ciskei Security police, Colonel Z Makhuzeni, last night were unsuccessful —  
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## 2 union officials held in Ciskei

Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON — The vice-president of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), Mr Sisa Njikelana, and a fellow union official were detained yesterday after being stopped by Ciskeian police at a roadblock in Mdantsane

A statement by a Saawu spokesman read "About 8 30am, the SAAWU van in which Mr Njikelana and Saawu organizer Mr Bonile Tuluma were travelling, was stopped on the Qumza highway

"Ciskeian policemen, among them a Ciskeian intelligence officer, searched the van thoroughly but nothing was found. After the search, they were detained"

A woman passenger travelling with the two officials was questioned by Ciskeian police and later released, the spokesman said.

The head of the Ciskei security police, Colonel Z Makhuzeni, could not be contacted last night.

Earlier, the Commissioner of the Ciskei Police, Brigadier L Madolo, had said the roadblocks were part of an exercise

# Saawu denies boycott decision

(145A)

EAST LONDON — The decision to boycott buses was taken by the community as a whole and was not organised by the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), the union's president Mr Thozamile Gqweta, said yesterday

22/7/83  
D. D. SPATZ

He said that, although a delegation which met the Ciskei Transport Company to discuss the increased fares including two Saawu members, they had been democratically elected at a public meeting as community members and not as union officials

"As an organisation, our policy is non-violence," he said

Mr Gqweta expressed Saawu's "greatest sympathy" for the victims of the bus explosion

Referring to the Ciskei Government's accusations that Saawu did not have the interests of the people at heart, Mr Gqweta said "We find it rather strange that the Ciskei Government used the community of Mdantsane in 1974 to boycott buses, when it was in their interests, but when it is in the interests of the people, the government is against it," he said

The Ciskei government taught the people how to boycott buses, Mr Gqweta said

"In this particular instance, the people only have to compare the stand taken by Saawu against the stand taken by the government to see whether we have their interests at heart," Mr Gqweta said — DDR

## Fraud cash went abroad

Mail Reporter

A 28-year-old man was jailed for two years in the Johannesburg Regional Court yesterday after he was convicted of fraud under the Exchange Control Regulations Act.

One year's jail was suspended for five years and he was also fined R7 500 (or nine months).

Hendrik Johannes Meyer, of Highland Place, Horison, pleaded guilty to 21 counts of fraud involving R647 025.

Meyer admitted that between August 1981 and May 1982, he bought US dollars for a man named "Harry". He said the money was sent overseas and he received R15 000 commission.

## Decision on Becker death

Mail Reporter

A JOHANNESBURG inquest magistrate will give his decision tomorrow on the death of Mr Clive Errol Becker the security guard who died shortly after he was arrested as a suspect in a R205 000 payroll robbery.

Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad police say Mr Becker drowned in the Kli priver while trying to escape Mr Becker's sister, Mrs Dawn Francesco, claims police murdered him in the Brixton police cells.

## SAAWU men's fate unknown

By PATRICK LAURENCE  
Political Editor

A PALL of silence yesterday hung over the fate of two detained officials of the South African Allied Workers' Union.

The two men, Mr Sisa Njikelana, SAAWU's vice-president, and Mr Bonile Tuluma, a local organiser in East London, were detained by Ciskeian police at a roadblock on Friday.

Repeated attempts to establish whether they were still in detention were unsuccessful yesterday.

Ciskei's Commissioner of Police, Brigadier I Madolo, Security Police chief Colonel Z Makuzeni and the Minister of Justice, Mr DM Takane, were unavailable for comment. Mr Takane's office referred the Rand Daily Mail to Major G Ngaki, the Ciskei's public relations officer, but he, too, was not available for comment.

There was no reply from SAAWU's head office in East London yesterday. The union's Johannesburg representative, Mr Herbert Banabas, said that, as far as he knew, the two men were still in detention.

The detention of Mr Njikelana and Mr Tuluma is the latest in a series of detentions

of its officials by Ciskeian security police many of them carried out by General Charles Sebe before his own detention last week.

The latest issue of the SA Labour Bulletin carries the full text of a SAAWU reply to allegations by President Lennox Sebe of Ciskei that SAAWU is a subversive organisation.

It rejects the allegations as "fabricated lies of the most misleading kind" and describes an accusation that SAAWU is a front organisation for the outlawed African National Congress as a "politically naive statement".

Insisting that it is a trade union and not a political movement, the SAAWU statement says "All our activities are above board. Subversion and violence is nowhere to be found in our activities and our constitution bears testimony to this".

It adds "SAAWU has never had anything to do with the ANC".

SAAWU's aim is to fight "capitalist exploitation" and eliminate poverty — which, the statement says, is caused by the apartheid system, "of which the homelands are a product".

## Ex-clerk stole blankets

By JOHN MILLER

A FORMER clerk in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court was yesterday found guilty of stealing a pair of sheets, blankets and towels from the Hillbrow Police Barracks when he stayed there last month.

Mr Jan Taljaard, 26 of Hoedspruit, pleaded not guilty in the Hillbrow District Court to a charge of theft of linen worth R60 allegedly committed in June this year.

He said he lived at the barracks and was to stay with some friends who did not have any linen for him.

He said he took the linen from his room in the barracks but could not find his friend's flat.

He hid a kit bag which contained the linen under a bush in a park and went to buy some food.

When he returned, the bag had disappeared.

The magistrate, Mr W J Wilken, found Taljaard guilty and said he did not know why he did not return to the barracks after the incident to report the linen as stolen.

The case was postponed for sentence to August 26 and bail of R200 was fixed.

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# Saawu: members detained at party

DISPATCH 27/7/83

PRETORIA — Two members of the unregistered SA Allied Workers Union (Saawu) here have been detained by police, a union spokesman said yesterday

He said the two men, both of whom live in Atteridgeville township near Pretoria, had been detained at a party in the township at around 10 pm on Sunday

They were still in detention and police had subsequently raided their homes and confiscated union membership forms, he added

By late yesterday afternoon, confirmation

of the detentions had not yet been received from the SA Police Public Relations Division

Saawu's spokesman said the two detainees are Mr Khomotso Gabriel Mokoka and Mr Gerald Ramaano Dau, both ordinary members of the union

"We strongly condemn this harassment of our members," the spokesman said

"By detaining them while they were attending a normal social function, the police have seriously encroached on their personal freedom"

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# Detained unionists were due in court

## Labour Correspondent

TWO members of the SA Allied Workers Union who were detained in Atteridgeville township, near Pretoria, on Sunday night, were due to appear in the Pretoria Magistrate's Court yesterday, according to a police spokesman

He said they would be charged under the Criminal Procedure Act

The two men, Mr Khotso Gabriel Makoka and Mr Gerald Ramaano Dau, were arrested at a party in Atteridgeville on Sunday night

According to SAAWU, Mr Makoka, 26, is an ordinary union member who works at

Olympia International in Pretoria, and Mr Dau, 28, is a member at the electrical multinational Siemens

The union alleges that, since the detentions, police have raided the two men's homes and confiscated union membership forms. It condemned the police action as "harassment"

In response to a telex requesting confirmation of the detentions Major V Haynes, of the South African Police public relations division, said the men would appear in a Pretoria Magistrate's Court yesterday "on a charge or charges under the Criminal Procedure Act"

# Man held in ~~Ciskei~~ taken to hospital

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ZWELITSHA — A security detainee was admitted to hospital after being held for two weeks, his wife said

Mrs Mabel Twede said Mr Moses Twede, a former Robben Island prisoner, was in Mount Coke Hospital

The chief of the Ciskeian security police, Colonel Zebulo Makuzeni, today confirmed that Mr Twede had been admitted to Mount Coke Hospital

Mr Twede was detained at his home in Dimbaza township near King William's Town two weeks ago

Mrs Twede said her husband had been seen yesterday in the surgery of the district surgeon of King William's Town, Dr G M Peer

Colonel Makuzeni yesterday confirmed the detention of the vice-president of the South African Allied Workers Union, Mr Sisa Njikele, and another union member, Mr Bonifile Tuluma, last week, at a roadblock at Mdantsane

He could not confirm the detention of another unionist, Mr Shepherd Dumezweni — Sapa

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# Detention confirmed

28/7/82

KING WILLIAM'S TOWN — The detention of an Mdantsane man was confirmed by Ciskeian police yesterday and relatives reported that a second man had been detained

Colonel Z Makuzeni, head of Ciskei security police, confirmed the detention of Mr Bonisile Tuluma, who was picked up last week with the vice-president of the

South African Allied Workers Union (SAAWU) Mr Sisa Njikelana

Miss Faniswa Dumezweni of Zone 5 Mdantsane, said her cousin, Mr Shepherd Dumezweni, had been arrested at the highway bus terminal, Mdantsane, last Wednesday

The family believed he was detained in Dimba-

za and Mr Dumezweni's mother had gone there to see him yesterday but had not returned by early evening

Col Makuzeni said he was not in a position to confirm the detention of Mr Dumezweni because he did not have the full list of detainees with him

He said he would check today — DDR

# Three holdups committed by same two gunmen?

Crime Reporter

TWO gunmen hit a dairy, a woolshop and building society in Johannesburg yesterday — escaping with a total of R10 000 — and police are investigating whether the holdups were committed by the same two men

Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad detectives said that in the first holdup two gunmen walked into the Knitting Centre on the corner of Mint and Main Roads, Fordsburg, at 7.15am and held up Mr H Hassim, 35, and his wife Mrs Khalije Hassim 35

They snatched a briefcase containing R6 000

Two gunmen struck again at 8.45am and held up an employee of the Clover Dairies in Mayfair, Mr Ben Nyembe, 36. Mr Nyembe was forced to hand over R1 503

In the third holdup two gunmen robbed a teller of the United Building Society in Gleneagles Road Weltevreden Park. The teller, Mrs L Kuttschruter told police that the men handed her a plastic bag and demanded money. She gave them R2 500 and they fled

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Strikers are back at work

CAPE TOWN — About 170 workers at a concrete factory in Blackheath returned to work yesterday morning after a week-long stoppage because of a dispute over recognition of their union the SABC reported

The workers were issued with an ultimatum on Friday to return to work

The general-secretary of the General Workers Union, Mr Dave Lewis, said the workers had returned on condition that management reopened negotiations

Management agreed and talks were held for about four hours yesterday, but the dispute still remained unresolved

Mr Lewis said the workers would hold a meeting later this week — Sapa

# Bomb probe almost over

AN IMPORTANT announcement on the Pretoria car-bomb blast, in which 19 people died and 217 were injured, is expected to be made by police today

Police investigations into the blast were almost complete, police confirmed in Pretoria yesterday

The investigation into the blast, which rocked the capital on May 20 this year, is reportedly one of the most extensive ever conducted by South African Police

The banned African National Congress claimed responsibility for the explosion — Sapa

# Rape suspect gets bail

Mail Reporter

A MAN appeared in the Hillbrow Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with an allegation of raping a Hillbrow woman on Sunday night

Mr Kurt Palauber, 24, of Metropolitan Heights, Berea,

was not asked to plead and was granted bail of R2 000 — after he said he had left Germany eight months ago — and had been in South Africa ever since

The magistrate, Mr A H Barlow, postponed the hearing until September 27

# Weather Mail

THE Weather Bureau's forecast for today —

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CAPE south of the Orange — Cloudy and cool over the west and south-west with light showers otherwise it will be fine and mild to warm but cold in the morning over the interior with frost in places

NATAL — Fine and mild to warm but cold over the interior in the morning with frost in places

SOUTH WEST AFRICA — Fine and mild to warm but cool along the coast with fog patches

BOTSWANA — Fine and mild to warm — Sapa

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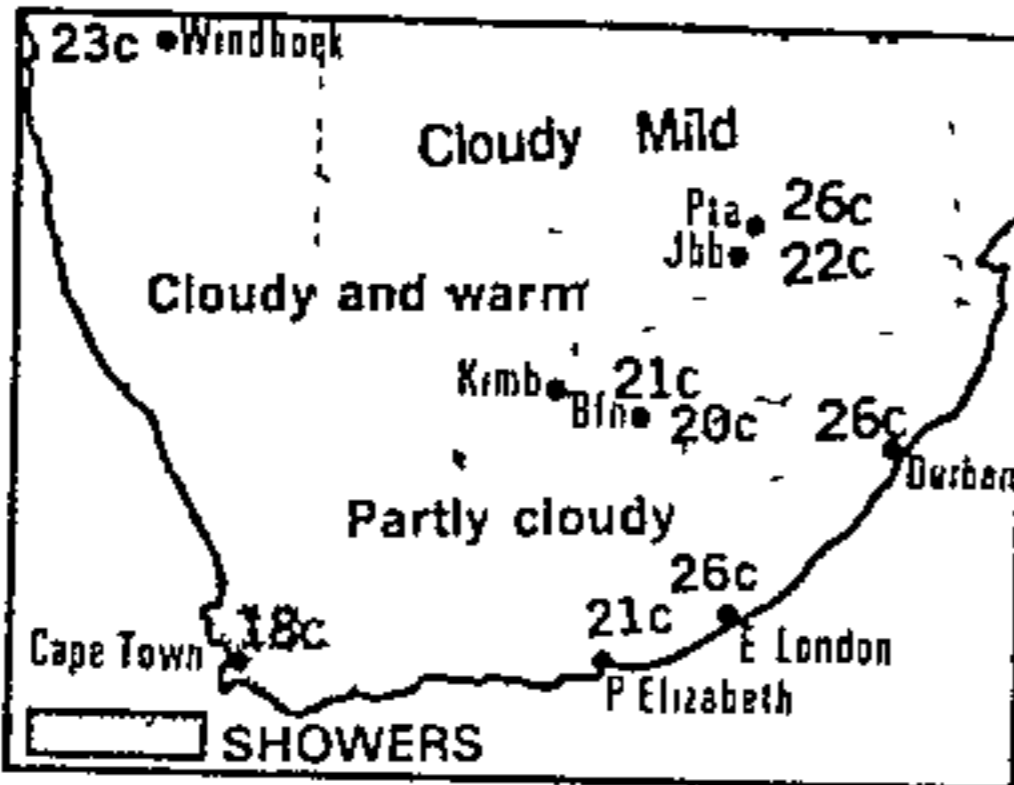
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# SOUTH AFRICA YESTERDAY

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# THE WORLD YESTERDAY

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Amsterdam	15	25	Cloudy	Los Angeles	21	31	Clear
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Berlin	18	30	Clear	Miami	27	31	Cloudy
Brussels	13	25	Cloudy	Montreal	22	27	Cloudy
Buenos Aires	7	14	Clear	Moscow	14	23	Clear
Chicago	19	34	Clear	New York	24	31	Rain
Hong Kong	28	31	Cloudy	Paris	19	32	Cloudy
Jerusalem	20	32	—	Rio de Janeiro	14	30	Cloudy
Lisbon	8	26	Cloudy	Rome	20	36	Clear
London	16	21	Clear	San Francisco	15	24	Cloudy
				Stockholm	12	24	Clear
				Tokyo	26	30	Cloudy
				Toronto	20	25	Rain

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**Poor turn out  
at meeting**

**EAST LONDON** A meeting called by trade unions here yesterday, and attended by officials of the local chamber of commerce, did not get off the ground because most trade union officials failed to turn up, the secretary of the East London Chamber of Commerce, Mr R Allison, said

And one of the men who called the meeting, Mr B P Norushe, secretary of the African Food and Canning Workers' Union, confirmed that he and the general secretary of the General Workers' Union, Mr D Tandani, were the only unionists who attended

He did not know why the others had failed to appear.

"We will get together with the others and see if we can find another suitable time for the meeting," said Mr Norushe, who added he

believed other trade union leaders may have had problems with transport

The president of the Border Chamber of Industries, Mr Dave Saunders, said the first time he had heard about the meeting was when he read about it in the Daily Dispatch yesterday

He had not been invited and thought the unionists might have tried to contact the local director of the chamber of industries, Miss Sheila Hamilton, who was away in Johannesburg on business.

The meeting had been called to sound out employers on problems faced by workers from Mdantsane during the bus boycott and subsequent action against people walking to stations by Ciskei National Independence Party men and police — DDR

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MDANTSANE — The homes of officials and members of the South African Allied Workers' Union were raided by the combined armed forces of the Ciskei in army trucks and police vans last night, according to a union spokesman

Among many people detained were Mr Humphrey Maxhegwana, the Saawu local organiser, Mr Godfrey Siba, former vice-chairman of the Wilson-Rowntree Workers' Committee, and Mr Gardner Mambushe, former chairman of the Buffalo Timber Workers' Committee. Mr Eric Ntonga, former chairman of the Wilson-Rowntree Workers' Committee is also believed detained

A statement issued by Saawu last night said "We want to make it clear and in no uncertain terms that our members and officials command the highest degree of discipline

"We call upon the Ciskei Government to release all those detained and to stop the shooting. The solution to the boycott lies with the Gampo Transport Corporation and the East London community sitting down and negotiating" — DDR



# Ciskei forces <sup>(USA)</sup> hounding union <sup>RD 61 6/8/83</sup>

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN  
Labour Correspondent

CISKEIAN security forces have launched a massive crackdown against the unregistered South African Allied Workers' Union, using the current bus boycott in Mdantsane township as a pretext, SAAWU's president, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, said yesterday.

He said SAAWU had the names of at least 20 union members who had been detained by Ciskeian authorities in the past two days and knew of other union members whose homes had been raided.

The list included six SAAWU officials or worker leaders in East London factories.

In addition, the union's vice-president, Mr Sisa Njikelana, and an organiser, Mr Bonile Tuluma, have been in detention in Ciskei for more than a week.

"We believe the list we have is by no

means complete and that scores of our members may have been detained," Mr Gqweta said.

He added that union officials Mr Humphrey Maxhagwana, Mr Eric Mntonga and Mr Godfrey Shiba were among the detainees, as well as chairmen of SAAWU committees at a number of factories.

"We call for their immediate release because the authorities have absolutely nothing to charge them with. This is clearly yet another crackdown on SAAWU," Mr Gqweta said.

He denied claims that the bus boycott had been organised by SAAWU.

"The decision to boycott buses was taken by a cross-section of the community and we have never discussed the issue at our meetings — officially or unofficially," he said.

"Obviously, members of SAAWU sup-

port the boycott and have taken part in it, but so have members of other unions in the area as well as students and other groups in the community. To call this a SAAWU boycott is to distort the truth."

He said it was "obvious" that SAAWU members were being detained because of their membership of the union and not because of their involvement in the boycott.

"They have been no more involved than anyone else so why is it that the police immediately head for the SAAWU members?" he asked.

Mr Gqweta labelled the Ciskeian security authorities the "real intimidators" in the present unrest.

"People have been peacefully boycotting buses, which is their right, and Ciskei police have come along and locked them up as well as forcing them to use the buses. That is intimidation," he said.

MDANTSANE — Twenty-one people have been detained by the Ciskei police, Colonel Z Makuzeni, the head of state security, confirmed yesterday

They have been detained under section 26 of the Ciskei National Security Act, Colonel Makuzeni said

Among those detained were Mr Nomhqibelo Nkosi, Mr Fumene Tom, Mr Andile Siyalana, Mr Thembinkosi Mhlontlo, Mr Boloni Dyani, Mr Michael Dyani, Mr Vuyisile Dyani, Mr

Mzwandile Dyani, Mr Ndile Mlotyana, Mr Captain Gabashe, Mr Vuyani Ncana, Mr Daniel Ncana, Mr Mzingisi Sithole, Mr Nkululeko Mtshayeni, Mr Mandla Tshangela, Mr Charles Maswana, Mr Mgeqeke Mdashe

Colonel Makuzeni also confirmed the detentions of four members of the South African Allied Workers' Union. They are Mr Humphrey Maxhegwana, Mr Godfrey

Siba, Mr Gardner Mambushe, Mr Eric Ntonga

● Ciskeian security forces have launched a crackdown against the unregistered South African Allied Workers Union, using the current bus boycott in Mdantsane township as a "pretext", according to Saawu's president Mr Thozamile Gqweta

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by Saawu

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"Obviously members of Saawu support the boycott and have taken part in it, but so have members of other unions in the area as well as students and other groups in the community. To call this a Saawu boycott is to distort the truth." Mr Gqweta said — DDR-DDC

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# Police detain unionist

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

A MEMBER of the Natal Leather and Allied Workers' Union, an affiliate of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), Miss Ntombi Mpheka (21), was detained by police at her home yesterday.

Another woman, known only as Pumla, who is a member of the Congress of the South African Students, was detained and later released by the police according to a spokesman for a Durban firm of lawyers yesterday.

According to Saawu's

Natal branch chairman Mr Isaac Ngcobo, the police came to Miss Mpheka's home at 4.30 pm and detained her. They did not explain the reason for her detention.

She is an active member of the union and also a member of the Lamontville Rent Action Committee.

Pumla was also detained but later released. It is understood that she was questioned

about her activities in the student movement according to the spokesman.

A spokesman for the lawyers said that they were investigating reasons for her detention as well as trying to establish under which laws Miss Mpheka was being held.

Chief of the Durban Security Police Brigadier Van der Hoopen denied any knowledge about the detention and

referred The SOWETAN to the Police Directorate in Pretoria.

The South African Police could not confirm the detention of Miss Mpheka in terms of security legislation, according to the Police Directorate in Pretoria.

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## Power fails

ATTERDIGEVILLE/Saulsville residents are up in arms against the daily electricity power cuts which they say has led to them losing thousands of rands through the amount of food they are forced to throw away.

Residents interviewed by The SOWETAN yesterday said there was a total electricity blackout everyday after 5pm. They blamed the authorities for not giving immediate attention to the problem.

Mrs S Mokone said for the past four months she had been throwing away food in large quantities. She said authorities did not seem to be concerned about the welfare of the com-

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# Workers strike over dismissals

By PHIL MTIMKULU

WORKERS at Mega-Plastics in Olifantsfontein went on strike on Tuesday morning after two of their colleagues were suspended from work.

The exact number of workers who downed tools is a matter of dispute between the company and the union representing the workers, the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu). The company claims 55 workers went on strike while the union claims over 200 workers were affected.

According to an official of Saawu, which claims to have a majority of members at the company, the workers went on strike after two quality controllers, Bambi Maepa and Difer Mnsi, were sacked on Monday.

The union spokesman said the grievance arose

when the two men were summarily dismissed after a client returned a poor quality product. The striking workers claim management did not follow the correct procedure and no verbal warning was issued before the men were dismissed.

Mr H Barnabas, the national organiser of Saawu, said the dismissal of the two workers was nothing else but sheer victimisation. Mr Barnabas said he spoke to Mr T V Hodge, the personnel manager of Omega, and made him aware of the contents of Section 18 of the Employment Act. He said Mr Hodge denied that the workers were dismissed and said they were suspended.

The managing director of Sentrachem, Mr D J Marlow, confirmed that the suspension of the two workers led to the strike.

MORE than 200 workers at the Omega-Barfel plastic products plant in Pretoria went on strike for the second day yesterday over the dismissal of two colleagues

The workers, most of whom are members of the

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**Plastics strike enters third day 11/8/83**

independent South African Allied Workers Union refuse to return until their colleagues are reinstated

According to a union spokesman, the grievance

arose when the two men who are quality controllers in the plastics plant, were summarily dismissed after a client returned a poor quality product. The striking workers

claim management did not follow the correct reprimand procedure

The management of Omega was unavailable for comment yesterday — Sapa

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# Company responds to Saawu

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By PHIL MTIMKULU

THE MANAGING Director of Sentrachem, whose subsidiary company Mega Plastics has been hit by a strike, says that if a union can demonstrate that it enjoys majority support they will be happy to talk to it.

Mr D J Marlow was reacting to an accusation made by the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) to the effect that Mega Plastics of Olifantsfontein had frustrated their efforts to hold recognition talks with the company.

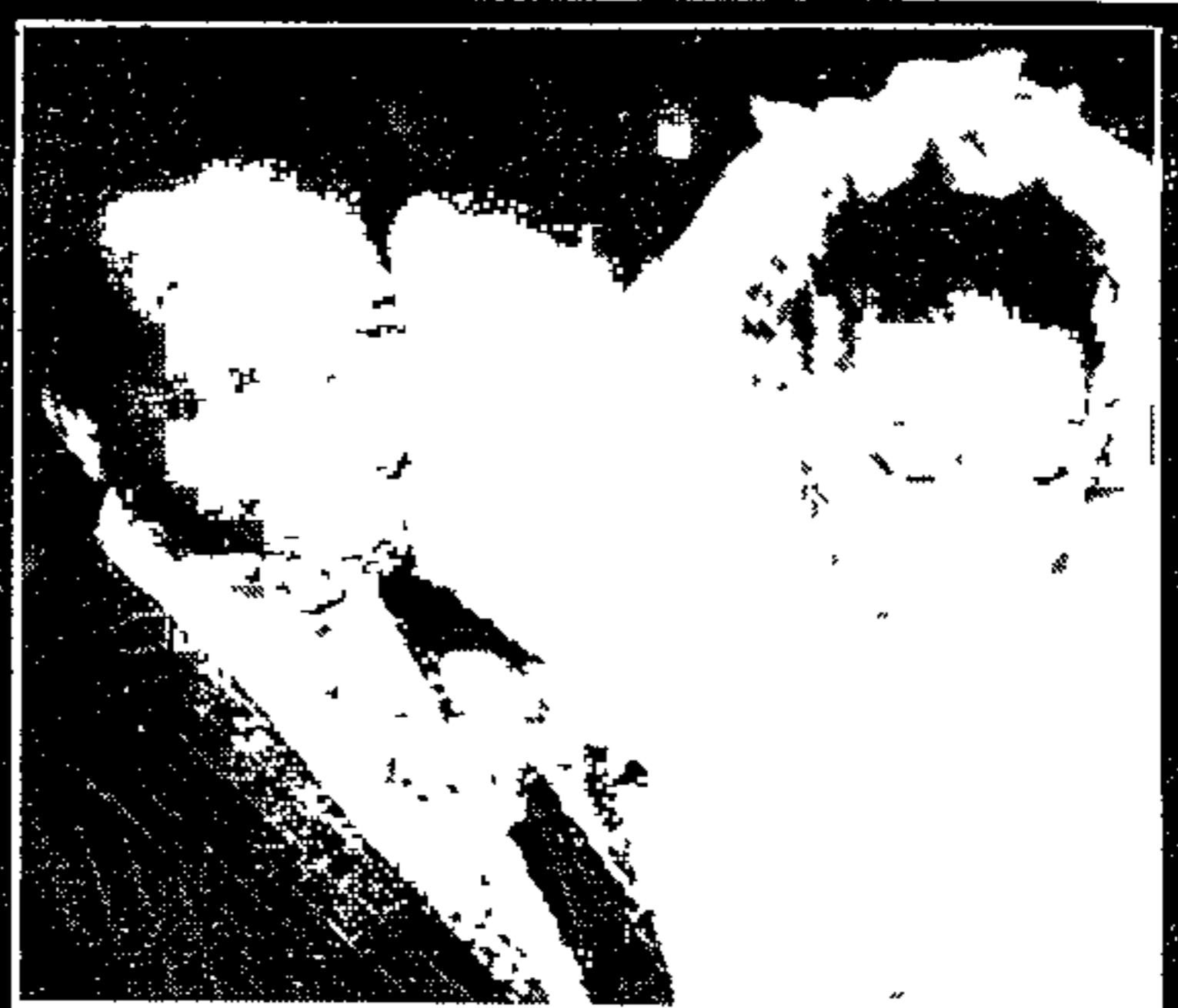
Mr Marlow said they had last heard from Saawu when they asked

the union to produce proof of the majority support they claimed they enjoyed among workers of the company.

### CONTRADICTED

But the national organiser of the union, Mr H Barnabas, contradicted what Mr Marlow told **The SOWETAN**. "When we wrote to them asking to talk about recognition as we represented a majority of workers at their plant, they wrote back asking for our receipt book. We use a ledger book for our records.

"We referred their request to the workers.



**I DO** Mr Godfrey Kgabane Maponya, elder son of Mr and Mrs Richard Maponya, recently said "I do" to school teacher and former beauty queen Laretta Nninki Phooko. The wedding ceremony was held at Burgersdorp in the Cape Province on Saturday.

"The workers said we should not comply with this request but said we should ask the company to allow the union to hold a meeting with the workers so as to show proof that Saawu had a majority there. The company wrote back to us on September 14 last year, saying they saw no reason why they should

comply with our request," Mr Barnabas said.

Mr Barnabas said the workers were still on strike and they had refused to go and fetch their money until Mega Plastics spoke to the union. He said they were going to talk with the management of the company on Monday.

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# 'THE PRESIDENT SENT ME...'

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These words mean the start of a vicious flurry of sjamboks, batons and sticks for Mdantsane residents involved in the boycott of the township's buses

Each day they have to run the gauntlet of police, soldiers and vigilante squads before they can reach work -- and again before they can return home

The Ciskean Police have denied any assaults on commuters But this denial is rejected angrily by people who live in the township -- 11 of whom told City Press this week of the wounds they have received trying to get to and from work

Factory worker Sheila Ndukwana-Bixa told City Press police had fractured her arm with a rifle butt when they threw her onto a bus

"They said President Sebe had sent them, and if I complained to the president he would take no notice, because they were acting on his behalf.

"The policemen also said they would blame the South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU) if I had any injuries"

Mrs Nkukwana-Bixa said she had been confronted again by the police two days later, when they pushed her towards a waiting bus.

"They hit me again on my injured left

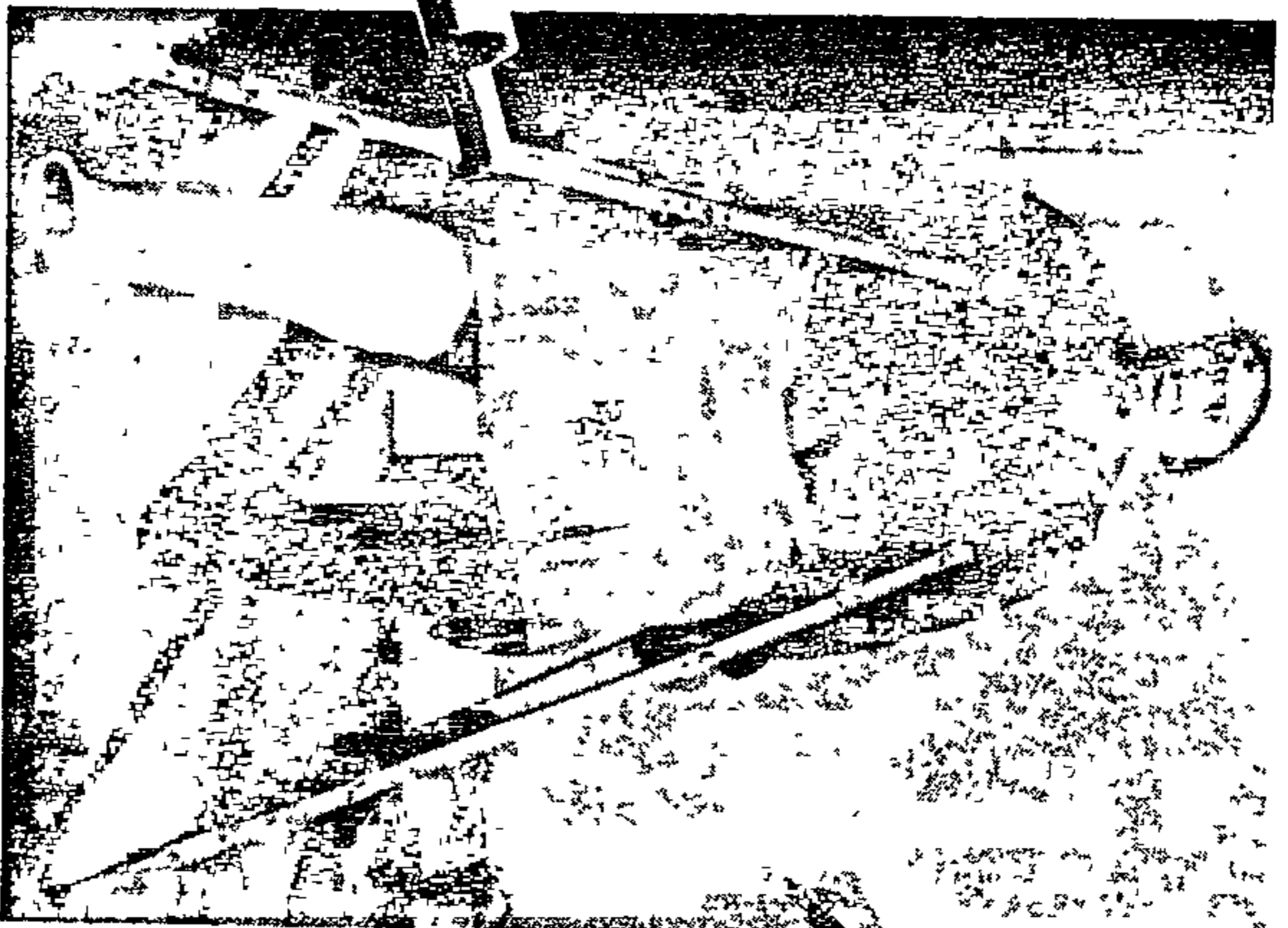
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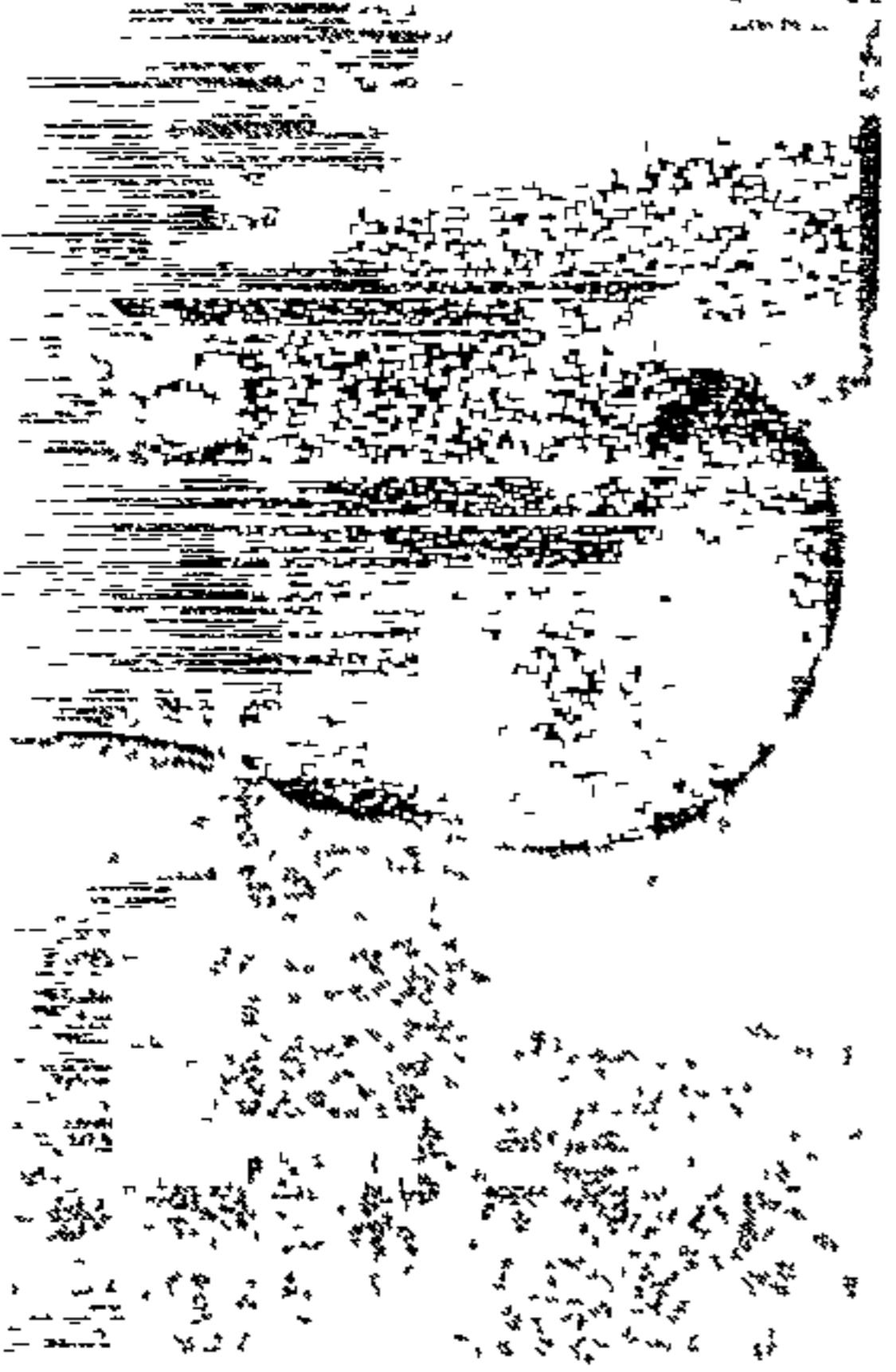
Mr Sonandi said he received 12 stitches above his eye and 13 on his ear

Other injuries reported to City Press were:

- Factory worker Shepherd Kalimasha said his jaw had been broken with an iron rod when he asked for change after being forced to board a bus.
- Ernest Mannoni said he was still coughing blood after being hit in the stomach by police who dragged him out of a taxi.
- Lulama Mooi had her leg broken by three Ciskean policemen who hit her with batons.
- Esther Mkhiva needed six stitches on her head after six cops attacked her with batons as she was crossing a road She said she was off work for four days because of her wounds
- Boniwe Bonkolo was hit on the knee by policemen when she refused to board a bus.
- Mzwandile Tsholisi was "beaten all over" with sticks and kicked



● SYLVIA LULAMA MOOI . . . her leg in plaster after being batoned.



said she had been confronted again by the police two days later, when they pushed her towards a waiting bus. "They hit me again on my injured arm, causing further pain."

Her husband, Elijah Ndukwana, is presently in Mdantsane's Cecilia Makwane Hospital with bullet wounds sustained in a confrontation with police.

He was hit in the buttocks by the bullet, which came out of his stomach.

A zone 14 resident, Mkuiseh Sonandi, said his ear had to be stitched back after police struck him with a rifle to try to get him to board a bus.

"I showed them my monthly train ticket, but they grabbed it

On Lize knee by policemen when she refused to board a bus.

● Mzwandile Tsholisi was "beaten all over" with sticks and kicked in the stomach.

● Zandisile Patolimi, who works at a battery factory in East London, was robbed and stabbed by a vigilante squad wearing overalls and welding sticks. Badly bruised and bleeding, he was then bundled into a bus.

● Amos Mangxola was attacked from behind by men welding sticks while he was walking to the Mount Ruth railway station.

● Tom Kiko was also attacked on his way to Mount Ruth station and had to be treated for a serious neck wound.

# RUMOURS OF MORE BODIES IN BUSH

SEVERAL dead people - believed to be victims of police attacks on commuters - are rumoured to have been found in bush on the outskirts of Mdantsane.

Resident of the township claim the people were shot dead while trying to reach railway stations.

Ciskei police officials could neither confirm or deny these claims.

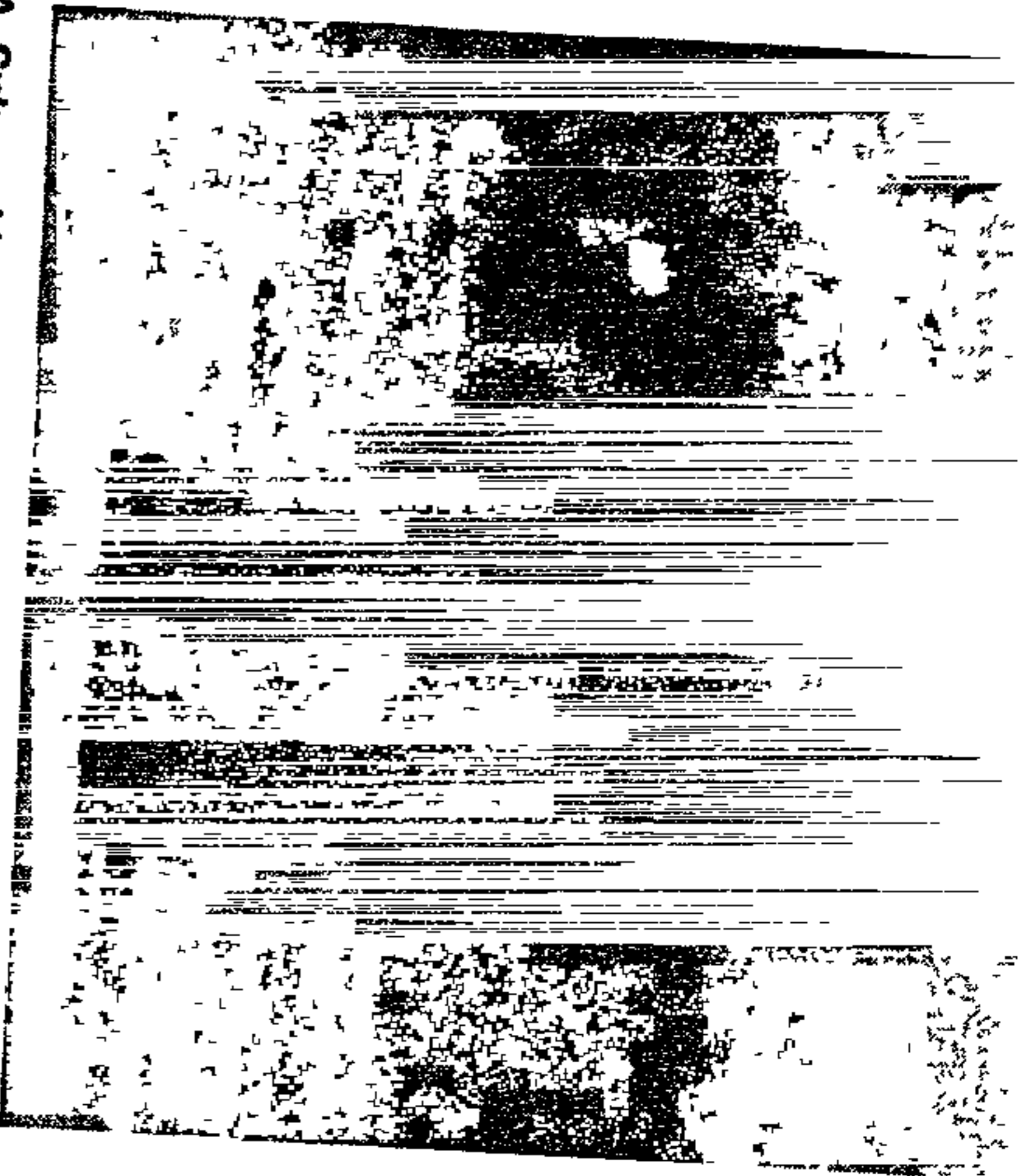
However, people in Mdantsane told City Press they believe the dead people were wounded by police bullets and fled into the bushes, where they collapsed and died.

They said "several" corpses had been found swarming with flies, and that many had bullet wounds.

The official death toll in police shootouts was seven at the time of going to press.

The death toll includes two people who died in police action last weekend. Sisa Fuika, 16, was shot after police fired at a crowd of people allegedly stoning a rents office.

Mr M Mbula was shot dead after police fired into a group of people who had barricaded a street.



A Ciskei soldier on guard at an Mdantsane bus stop this week - guarding buses, or forcing commuters onto buses? Numerous complaints have been made about police and army attempts to break the four-week boycott of Ciskei buses.

# POLICE ORDERED TO STOP ASSAULTS

CISKEI'S Chief Justice, Mr Justice De Wet, this week granted an interim court order to an Mdantsane taxi driver prohibiting members of the Ciskei police and the Ciskeian army from assaulting, molesting, harassing, intimidating or unlawfully interfering with him.

Mr Khabalu Mabulu said a group of five men had alighted from a kombi wearing long coats, brown military boots and armed with sticks, sjamboks and a sword. They approached him and questioned him about carrying passengers. When he protested, he said, and explained he was entitled to do so as a licenced taxi driver, they assaulted him.

He sustained open wounds to the head and a swollen right arm.

Mr Mabulu said unless the court protected him he feared for his physical safety and security.

The case was postponed to August 26 for the respondents to file their reply. Late last week six other Mdantsane residents were granted similar court orders to protect them from police and army attacks.



SHEILA NDUKWANA ... her arm in a sling after it was broken with a rifle butt.



# Union slams company

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

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MORE THAN 800 members of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) at the weekend deplored the action by Omega Plastics management in dismissing workers at the plant.

In a statement to The SOWETAN after a meeting in Tembisa, the union said it demanded the immediate re-instatement of the workers, otherwise "a programme of action" shall be taken against the company by the entire Saawu membership

About 250 workers at the factory went on strike last week after two of their colleagues were dismissed. The workers were sacked after a client had returned a poor quality product

In the statement the union said that the management did not follow the correct procedure and no verbal warning was given to the workers before dismissal

# Saawu 2 on ANC charges

*sowetan 16/8/83 (USA/22)*  
TWO MEMBERS of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) made a brief appearance on charges of furthering the aims of the banned National African Congress and being in possession of banned literature in the Pretoria Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Mr Gabriel Kgomotso Mokoka (27) of 45 Ngolase Street and Mr Gerald Ramano Dau (28) of 3 Motau Street, both of Atteridgeville, appeared before Mr H F Bosman. They were not asked to plead and their case was postponed to September 9.

Both men were granted bail of R500 each on condition they report to the Atteridgeville police station on Mondays and Fridays between 8 am and 8 pm.

The two men were arrested by three black and white security policemen in Atteridgeville on July 24 and appeared in court for the first time on July 27.

They were represented by Mr Eric Dane, instructed by the newly formed Pretoria firm of attorneys, Motlhe, Matlala, Mahlangu and Moabi.

Meanwhile an intensive search has been launched by police for three armed men who allegedly held a liquor store cashier at gunpoint and robbed him of R4 000 in cash in Atteridgeville at the weekend.

Brigadier H A du Plessis, chief CID officer for the northern Transvaal yesterday said Mr Peter Kekane (27), was robbed of R4 000 at the local administration board's Shikabakeng Bottle Store in Masupha Street, Saulsville, on Friday at about 7 15 pm.

A toy gun was later found by police inside the garbage bin a few metres away from the scene of the crime.

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# President accuses Saawu of being involved

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ZWELITSHA — President Lennox Sebe yesterday accused the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) of being involved in the bus boycott.

At a press conference, President Sebe said, Saawu had been active and vocal in the boycott.

"They are behind the situation," he said.

"The tragedy of South Africa is that because the unrest involves blacks, then whites in the comfort of their suburbs are not aware that Mdan-

being used as a cover for atrocities. If we had given in, whites would have been strangled like pigeons in their comfortable suburbs."

He said Saawu were not fighting the bus fare increases, because fares had been increased peacefully and people had been shown viability stu-

The alternative would be to close down the bus company and fire more than 300 drivers, as well as other workers, which would have aggravated existing unemployment — DDR

dies, undertaken by the bus company, which showed that buses were running at cost

Thursday, August 18, 1983\*

# October trial for Mrs Sisulu

JOHANNESBURG — Mrs Albertina Sisulu will start trial from October 17 in the Krugersdorp regional court for allegedly taking part in African National Congress activities appearing in a crowded Johannesburg regional court yesterday, 66-year-old Mrs Sisulu — wife of late ANC leader Walter Sisulu — and 25-year-old Thami Mali of Soweto were told the trial would start on October 17 and continue uninterrupted to the end of the case.

They have been charged under the old Suppression of Communism Act of 1950 which means the alleged offences were committed while Mrs Sisulu was still banned.

Mrs Sisulu who was arrested on August 5, has since been elected Transvaal president of the United Democratic Front.

Mrs Sisulu and Mr Mali have been in custody since their arrest following an order from the Attorney-General of the Transvaal not to grant them bail.

*Cape Times 18/8/83*

# 4 trade union men detained

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**Own Correspondent**  
**EAST LONDON** — Four trade unionists were taken from their offices here yesterday and detained by South African Police.

They are the branch secretary of the South African Food and Canning Workers' Union, Mr N Norushe, the general secretary of the union, Mr David Tandani, the organizer of the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) Mr Boyce Melitafa, and the branch secretary of Saawu, Mr Yure Mdyogolo, all of Mdantsane.

A spokesman at their offices said the officials were taken from their offices by members of the security police yesterday afternoon.

The head of the security police here, Colonel A P van der Merwe, said he knew about the matter and further details would be obtainable today.

A number of Saawu officials are being held

in detention in Ciskei. In Cape Town the General Workers' Union (GWU) and the SAFCWU expressed "outrage" and "shock" at the arrest of the men two of whom have been detained by South African and Ciskeian security police before.

Mr David Lewis, general secretary of the GWU, said "The South African Police are clearly looking for scapegoats for the upheavals in the Ciskei. Seeing the Ciskei authorities are no longer able to control the situation, their superiors are taking a hand".

The president of the SAFCWU, Mr L A Noko said the arrests would "greatly aggravate an already tense situation" and that trade unions had "once again been victimized for a situation of the government's making".

● The former acting president of the Media Workers Association of

South Africa (MWASA) Mr Charles Ngakula 40 was detained yesterday by the Ciskei security police.

The head of the security police, Colonel Z Makuzeni confirmed the detention. Colonel Makuzeni said Mr Ngakula was detained under Section 26 of the National Security Act. The act provides for indefinite detention.

Colonel Makuzeni also confirmed the detention of three former Mdantsane councillors — Mr M Maqosha, Mr D Qabaka and Mr N Nkohla.

● An advocate and an attorney from Johannesburg have been barred from entering Mdantsane for 60 days by Ciskei's Commissioner of Police, Brigadier L B Madolo.

This was confirmed yesterday by the police liaison officer, Major G A Ngaki, who said the order had been issued in terms of the National Security Act.

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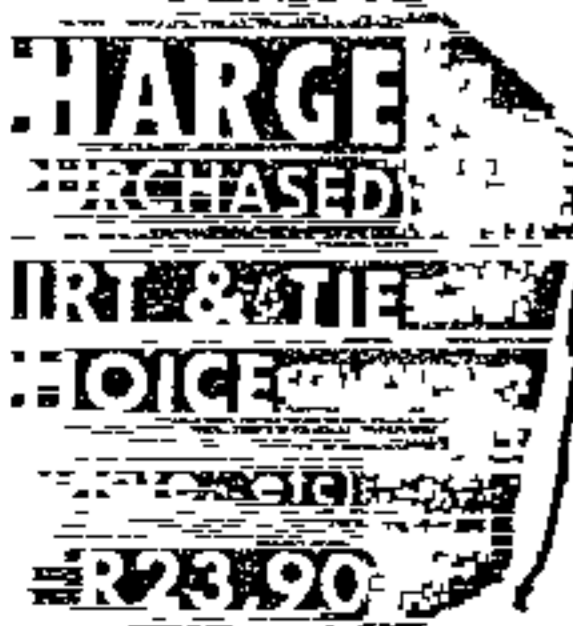
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# School exams brought forward

**Education Reporter**

THIRD-TERM examinations in coloured schools — due to begin in September — have in most cases been brought forward to this week.

The press liaison officer of Coloured Education, Mr N Eales, yesterday denied teachers and pupils had only been informed of the move this week, saying a decision to allow early exams had been taken last term.

Parents, pupils and teachers have suggested that the move may in some way be connected with the boycott of classes at the Mount-

*Cape Times 18/8/83*

# Pupils plan to boost boycott in 'action day'

**By MARTINE BARKER**  
**Education Reporter**

MOST coloured high school pupils in Cape Town are expected to hold a "day of action" today in a demonstration of sympathy with the boycotting pupils of Moutview Senior Secondary School in Hanover Park.

Students at the University of Western Cape and the Peninsula Technikon have also indicated they would support the "day of action".

SRC representatives from 25 coloured high schools in the Peninsula decided on the action at a meeting on Monday and confirmed this decision at another meeting

held and face possible expulsion. The pupils have demanded, as well as the reinstatement of all 16 disciplined pupils, that the school principal, Mr P Snyders, be transferred.

The Directorate of Coloured Education has said categorically it will "not be held to ransom by these children" and will not transfer Mr Snyders.

**Support**

● The Congress of South African Students (Cosas) has expressed its support of the Moutview pupils and their demands.

A statement issued by a spokesman for the Western Cape regional

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# Ban on trade union meeting

EAST LONDON — The chief magistrate of East London has banned a meeting of representatives of four of the main trade unions in the city

It was due to have been held in Braelynn this morning

The order was issued yesterday, banning a scheduled meeting of members of the SA Allied Workers Union, General Workers Union, African Food and Canning Workers Union and Congress of SA Students

The four bodies represent an estimated 100 000 members

The secretary of the SA Food and Canning

Workers Union, Mr P Norushe, said the meeting was scheduled for 10 am today "but we were issued with an order yesterday which banned all gatherings by the four unions from 7 am today until 7 am on Monday"

Mr Norushe declined to say what the meeting was to have been about and would only say that it had been called by the "community"

The banning order was signed by the chief magistrate of East London, Mr J M van Rooyen

It stated that it had been issued in terms of the Internal Security Act — DDR

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# Boraine warns on detentions

## Political Staff

THE arbitrary detention of four leading East London trade unionists by the South African Police was tantamount to "putting a match to a powder keg" the PFP's labour spokesman, Dr Alex Boraine, said yesterday.

In a statement from Cape Town he called on the Minister of Manpower, Mr Fanie Botha, and the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, to visit the East London area "without delay".

## 'Provocative'

The detention of the four unionists was a "highly provocative act in a very sensitive situation" and the ministers should visit the area and attempt to bring calm and peace to the tense atmosphere there.

"It is inevitable that thousands of black workers, without whom industry and commerce in East London will come to a standstill, will be directly affected by this harassment."

## 'Dangerous mood'

Dr Boraine said it was clear from recent developments that the situation in Ciskei continued to deteriorate, and could rightly be described as a "powder keg".

"The deaths and violence and arson continues apace in Mdantsane

and the township is in a dangerous mood.

"The utmost sensitivity and understanding are called for from all sides and the SAP have not helped the situation at all."

## Govt 'creation'

If calm and peace were to return to the area, the immediate release of all those in detention was essential.

It was also necessary to ensure that workers were not intimidated and were given the chance to choose which form of transport they wished to use to get to work.

"The Ciskei is a creation of the South African Government and there is every indication that it has turned very sour indeed."

## 'Normality'

"But the urgent requirement is to restore normality, and this cannot be achieved by victimization and detention of trade union leaders."

The unionists detained by the police on Wednesday are the organizer and branch secretary of the South African Allied Workers' Union, Mr Boyce Melitafa and Mr Yure Mdyogolo, and the branch secretary and general secretary of the African Food and Canning Workers' Union, Mr B Norushe and Mr David Tandani.

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## SA hands over 4 unionists to Ciskei

Argus Bureau

EAST LONDON — Four leading trade unionists detained here on Wednesday have been handed over to Ciskei police

Mr Bonisile Norushe, secretary of the African Food and Canning Workers' Union, Mr David Thandani, secretary of the General Workers' Union, Mr Boyce Melitafa, organiser of the South African Allied Workers' Union and Mr Yure Mdyogolo, secretary of SAAWU, were detained by South African Security Police

Head of Ciskei's security, Colonel Z Makhuzeni, confirmed yesterday that the four unionists were now being held in Ciskei under Section 26 of the National Security Act

He refused to say whether Ciskei had requested the South African Security Police to hold the unionists

At a Press conference on Tuesday, President Lennox Sebe charged SAAWU with organising a bus boycott

The boycott is now in its fifth week

As from today, bus fares have been reduced by 50 percent of the increase implemented over a month ago

Indications are, however, that workers will continue to boycott the bus service in spite of the reduction in fares which Chief Sebe said had been made possible by imminent fuel price reduction

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EAST LONDON — Five local trade unionists detained by the South African security police last week were now being held by the Ciskei security police, the head of the Ciskei security police, Col Z Makuzeni, confirmed yesterday

But he would not comment on how the men came to be detained in Ciskei after being picked up by South African Police

The general secretary of the African Food and Canning Workers' Union, Mr Bonisile Norushe, the branch secretary of the General Workers' Union Mr

# Unionists now held by Ciskei Police

David Tandani, the secretary of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), Mr Mzuzwana "Yure" Mdyogolo, a Saawu organiser, Mr Boyce Melhtafa, and the chairman of Saawu at a battery factory on the West Bank, Mr Bangumzi Sifingo, were all held by

South African Police last week

In a statement the president of Saawu, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, said the men had been transferred to Ciskei,

This, he said was proof of the workers' claim that there was collabora-

tion between Ciskeian and South African Police

Mr Gqweta alleged further that Saawu offices were under surveillance and that the police were looking for him and Saawu's local organiser, Mr Jeff Wabena

The head of the South African security police here, Col A P van der Merwe, refused to comment on whether the men had been transferred to Ciskei

Col Makuzeni said the men were detained under Section 26 of the National Security Act — DDR



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**'Official demanded weekly payments'**

# PROTECTION RACKET AT COAL MINE

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**WORKERS** at Kilberchal Coal Mine in Newcastle have claimed that a white mine official demanded R5 a week from each worker after boasting he was going to "eat the kaffirs' money."

This was told to **The SOWETAN** by Mr Sam Kikine, secretary of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) which represents the workers.

According to Mr Kikine some of the 1 000 workers paid the money over a period of four weeks because they feared being dismissed.

## WORKERS

The workers, who are members of the Mine and General Workers' Union, an affiliate of Saawu also complained that since the official took over their wage increments had followed no pattern and there were wide differences between what the supervisors and the ordinary workers received. They said he blamed it on the drought which is gripping Natal.

The workers also claim that when they requested a meeting with the directors of the company, the official brought them his friends who work in the neighbouring mines. When it

By **PHIL MTIMKULU**

was pointed out that those were bogus officials, he then promised to organise a meeting with the "real" directors.

But when they reported for work last Friday they found the official waiting at the gates. They allege that he allowed 450 to enter the premises and locked out the rest, and threatened to repatriate them to their homelands.

Mr Kikine said on hearing about the alleged malpractices at Kilberchal Coal Mine he telephoned the company and warned it to stop the official taking money from the workers, and that the rest of the workers should be reinstated. Mr Kikine said Saawu had given the company until yesterday to reinstate all the workers.

## MONEY

Mr G G Horn, Manpower Manager of the mine told **The SOWETAN** that there was no

truth in the allegations and denied that the official had taken any money.

He admitted however, that the mine had had a dispute with the workers over salaries. "We explained to them how our salary structure is implemented, but they did not accept our explanation and demanded more money. They then asked to meet the head office," he said.

Mr Horn said they had got together the senior manager of operations, the area manager and the manpower manager of the coal division to talk to the workers. The workers had then decided to go on strike. Mr Horn said the workers were then told that by striking they had dismissed themselves.

He said that after further discussions the workers had agreed to return and were now being rehired.

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# Gqweta calls for ~~the~~ ~~26/8/83~~ talks on bus issue ~~145A~~

EAST LONDON — The president of the South African Allied Workers Union, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, yesterday repeated his offer of negotiations on the Ciskei bus boycotts

Mr Gqweta said such negotiation with the Ciskei Government and the bus company was subject to the release from detention of eight members of the community committee of ten which had organised the bus boycott

The committee had at one stage arranged for a meeting with representatives of the bus company but had called off talks before they started because some of its members had been detained

Mr Gqweta said machine guns and detentions were not a solution to the bus boycott

"How many hours, not even days, has President Lennox Sebe spent with the people in trying to find a solution to the bus boycott?" Mr Gqweta asked

He said when capitalist exploitation of workers reached its highest level, trade unions, apart from political organisations, were bound to emerge in large numbers to strive for the economic interests of workers

History had proved no governing political party in any capitalist society in the world could ever fulfil the economic interests of workers, he added

He said President Sebe's suppression of trade unions in Ciskei had led to the situation he found himself in today

He accused President

Sebe of boycott-breaking tactics

He said President Sebe had applied them in 1974 and this time had intensified them with gunpowder

Mr Gqweta said similar tactics had been applied by the South African Government against peaceful demonstrators at Sharpeville in 1960 and repeated in 1976 when many students were shot dead during the riots in Soweto and other urban areas

"But these tactics have not deterred our people in their battle against racist capitalist exploitation and oppression," he said

How could they be expected to submit to President Sebe, he asked

"We still declare that in the face of brutal repression, between the jaws of a lion, the South African and Ciskei Gov-

ernments, our people are still not riding buses

"It is not ourselves but our principles that provide us with the determination we are displaying today

Mr Gqweta said President Sebe would never get co-operation, collaboration and sacrifice of principles by trade unionists

He said the Sebes had been out and out exponents of non-violence and sworn enemies of violence as a means of achieving consensus on any issues involving conflicting ideas

They had remained true to this belief and it had taken them to Ciskei independence in 1981 — achieved through "negotiations"

"It is now interesting to read in newspapers that General Charles Sebe is alleged to have plotted violence against



MR GQWETA

the presidency of his brother"

He said Saawu — which had been accused of subversion and other incriminating allegations by President Sebe — was still ready to negotiate in pursuit of its policy — DDr

# GQWETHA IS READY TO NEGOTIATE

CISKEI trade unionist Thozamile Gqwetha yesterday offered terms to the Ciskei Government to end the bus boycott.

Mr Gqwetha, who is president of the South African Allied Union (Sawu), made this offer as the bus boycott continued in its sixth week.

In a statement issued from a hideout in East London Mr Gqwetha said the terms for such negotiations were subject to the unconditional release of eight detained members of the Community Committee of Ten which had organised the boycott. "We still say our pens are ready for negotiations

and machine guns and detentions are not a solution to the bus boycott," Mr Gqwetha said.

He asked how many hours the president of Ciskei, Chief Lennox Sebe had spent with the people in trying to find a solution to the bus boy-

cott

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## JUNGLE TIGER

He likened President Sebe to "an enraged, wounded and directionless jungle tiger which, by some unknown miracle, found itself in a soccer stadium full of spectators with whom it had never had any natural affinity.

"One can imagine what kind of damage can be done to the people in that situation."

Such behaviour had manifested itself on the "Black Thursday" shooting at dawn of more than 60 workers by Ciskei police and army on August 4.

He said President Sebe's boycott-breaking tactics were not new to the people. He had applied them in the 1974 bus boycott and had this time intensified them with a smell of death and gunpowder.

In spite of all this the people were still not using the buses and Mr Gqwetha warned that if the matter would be solved by violence, more people were still to be shot.

## OWN CORRESPONDENT

# Gqweta rejects Sebe's allegations

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EAST LONDON — Nobody would be fooled by President Sebe's allegations that the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) was responsible for the current bus boycott, the president of Saawu, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, said yesterday.

In a statement released to the Daily Dispatch, Mr Gqweta said President Sebe's allegations were a further symptom of his political naivete.

He accused the Ciskei President of using force against the workers. These attacks were launched when workers were on their way to board trains at places like Fort Jackson, Egerton, Mount

Ruth, Mdantsane siding and Mtsotso, where there were no buses, he said.

"How does President Sebe account for this?"

He had introduced politics into the issue by allowing supporters of his government to beat workers or turn them back if they failed to produce CNIP membership cards. The CNIP was a political party to which not all the people in Mdantsane subscribed, Mr Gqweta's statement said.

Trade unions in this region had done everything possible to bring order into the bus boycott situation, but as soon as workers' representatives appeared the

Ciskei Police intervened and harassed the commuters.

Mr Gqweta said officials of various unions, including his own, had asked the Border Chamber of Industries and East London Chamber of Commerce to intervene. Managements had also been approached.

Saawu in addition had engaged attorneys to defend the workers' interests in court. The Ciskei Government in response had reinforced its vigilantes, the army and the police against the workers.

A lawyer, Mr H Siwisa, had been detained and clients going to his office had been searched and turned back.

Those with union membership cards and documents relating to legal actions against the vigilantes and police had been detained.

Saawu had then instructed a Johannesburg attorney, Mrs Priscilla Jana, and an advocate, Mr C Mailer, but they had been banned from entering Ciskei.

"What has President Sebe's regime to say about this? What kind of freedom, what kind of democracy is this that interferes even with legal practice and that denies its citizens legal representation when arrested?"

Mr Gqweta's statement said no solution to the tensions would be pro-

vided by detentions and harassment of officials and members of unions.

The CTC Bus Company should be prepared to negotiate with the commuters.

The Ciskei and South African police should undertake not to detain any more trade unionists and workers for any reason related to the boycott and should release all detainees as a condition for opening the negotiations.

The bus service should be withdrawn completely during the negotiations because its presence had become provocative and had led to an escalation of violence, Mr Gqweta's statement said. — DDR

# 'CISKEI THUGS KIDNAP WOMEN'

28/8/83 City Press

CISKEI vigilantes are kidnapping Mdantsane residents hours before the 10pm curfew, holding them prisoner overnight in the Sisa Dukashe stadium and beating them up.

Residents have told City Press that the vigilantes separate the men and women at the stadium and then beat them up before locking them up for the night.

A number of teachers who did not want to be named for fear of reprisals said many of the women arrested were forced to strip - because the vigilantes claimed they wanted to see if they were wearing SAAWU T-shirts.

Although they are taken to the police station the following morning, no charges are laid, say residents.

Meanwhile, charges against 51 people who were arrested at the weekend funeral of Mr Michael Mbita, killed during the bus boycott on August 8, have been dropped.

# GOWETA HIDES INTO HIDEINGS

LEADING trade unionist Thozamile Gqweta — one of the few East London unionists not behind bars — has fled into hiding.

GP Special Correspondent

And this week Gqweta, president of the South African Allied Workers Union, spoke for the first time from his secret hideout.

He told City Press that he and SAAWU's East London organiser, Jeff Wabene, had taken the step because of South African security police attempts to hand them over to Ciskei.

This statement also protested against police harassment of the union during the six bus week boycott — "but the union survives".

"But it is not for the police's lack of trying," Gqweta said in his statement. "They pay daily visits to our office in North End

"They have even raided our homes, but to no avail. We therefore had to go into hiding, as we are not prepared to suffer the consequences of a bus boycott we did not start."

Gqweta issued a three-point plan for ending the boycott and the "accompanying bloodshed".

All those detained for "reasons pertaining to the boycott" should be released.

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The homeland leader was to blame for bringing politics into the boycott, Gqweta said, by

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"We, the trade unionists in this region, have done everything in our power to bring order into the boycott situation, but as soon as worker representatives appeared Ciskei police intervened and harassed commuters." The police action had not

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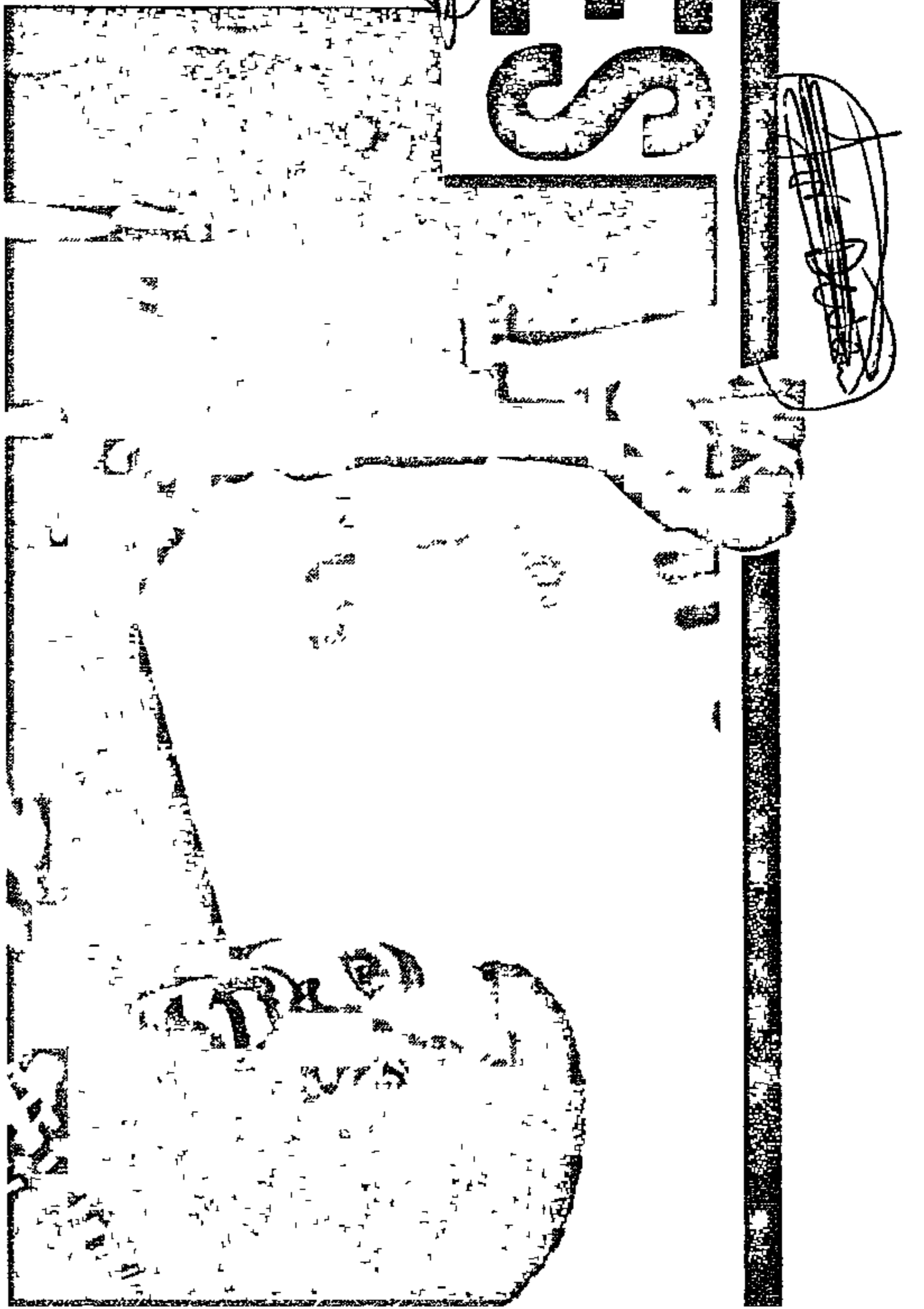
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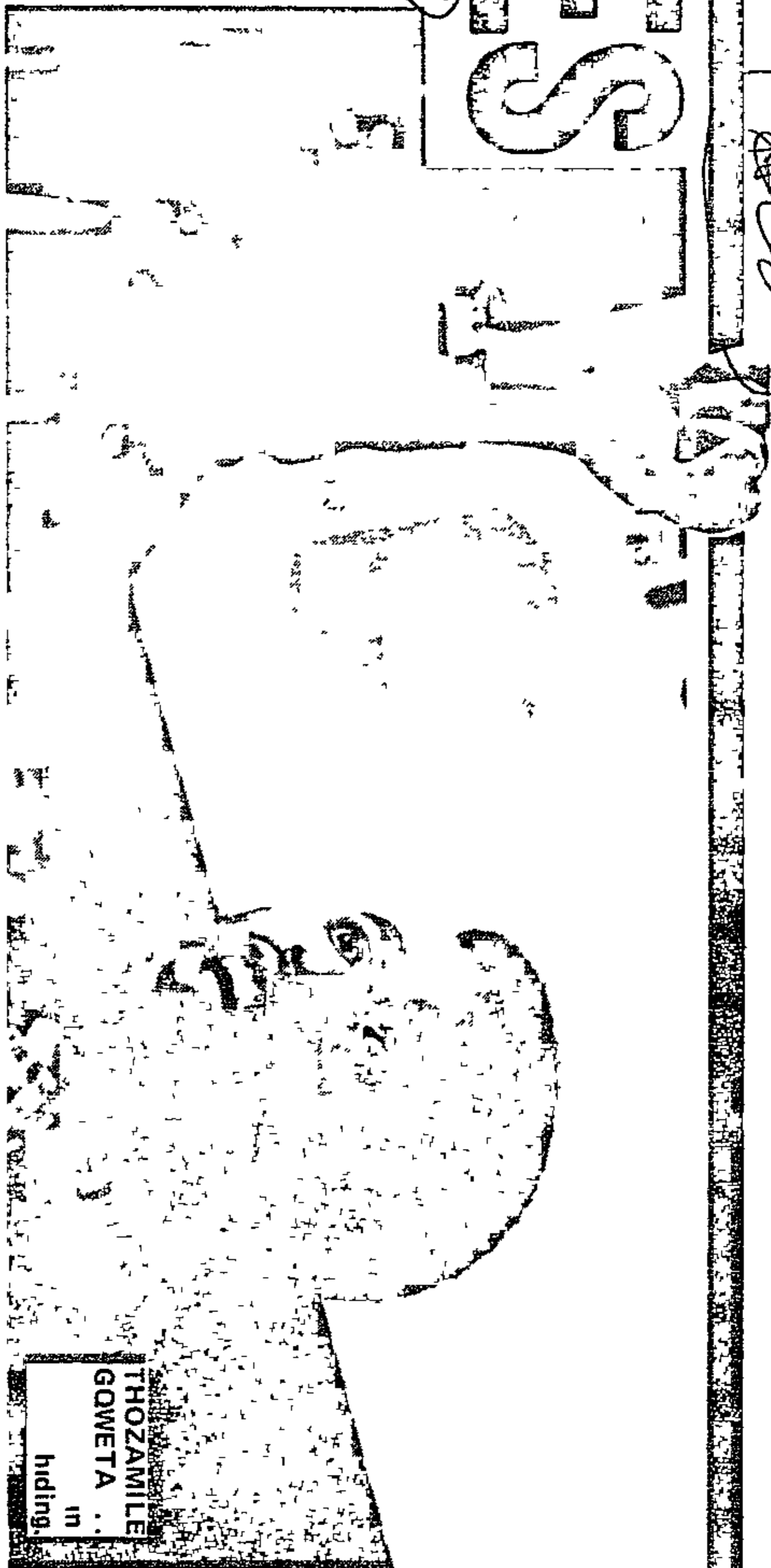
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## 59 not guilty of cop assault

FIFTY NINE people charged with assaulting police near Mount Ruth Station on August 4 — the morning five workers were shot and killed — have been found not guilty by the Mdantsane Magistrate's Court.

### Siyu back in hospital

FORMER Ciskei Cabinet Minister Fikile Siyo, currently in detention, had a relapse and was re-admitted to hospital days after he was discharged.

Mr Siyo, once Ciskei's Minister of the Interior, was first admitted with a kidney ailment. Relatives told City Press he had contracted pneumonia since his discharge. He has been in detention for almost two months.

Three other people, detained under the Ciskei National Security Act, have also been admitted to hospital. They are Cosus organiser Mr Sindile Tabata, Mr Nkululeko Wasa, and Mr Mzukel Mayeni.

The magistrate stopped the hearing as the state was about to lead its third and last police witness, Lieutenant W. Pantzi.

As the prosecutor called Lt Pantzi, the Magistrate, Mr G. M. Xamzaka intervened and asked him if he was not sporting enough to declare defeat.

"They are obviously not guilty," said Mr Xamzaka.

He further said that although there was a faint suspicion people had threatened the police, it was not clear whether those in court had been in that group. The defence called several people to show wounds allegedly inflicted by police trying to prevent workers from boarding trains.

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other documents for legal action — detained."

As an alternative SAAWU engaged Johannesburg-based attorney Priscilla Jana and advocate Clifford Maler.

"They also felt President Sebe's hard-handed attitude towards the law," Gqweta said. "Sebe's regime banned them from Ciskei for 60 days, once again depriving workers legal representation against his atrocities."

"What kind of freedom, what kind of democracy is this that stoops so low as to interfere with legal practice?"

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THE intervention of the South African Allied Workers Union (SA-AWU) settled a dispute between workers at a Masterbuilt company in Olifantsfontein and their management after a work stoppage.

According to Mr H Barnabas, the organiser of the union, about 100 workers downed their tools and they were subsequently locked-out by management. The workers had downed their tools following the sacking of one of their colleagues, Albert Ngoepe



# Saawu in talks <sup>Sowetan 21/8/53</sup>

IN AN unprecedented move the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) has invited all mineworkers who had R5 extracted from their wages by a mine official to a meeting with the management of Kilberchal Coal Mine on Saturday in Newcastle.

Mr Sam Kikine, general secretary of Saawu, said it was necessary for them to take this unusual step because "if they (management) get it from the horse's mouth it may be more effective." He said many

employers think unions are instigating the workers and unfairly accusing management

Mr Kikine said they would have loved to have at the meeting all the workers who had R5 extracted from them by the official, but this was going to prove difficult as about 550 of them had been repatriated to the homelands

"Senior executive members of the coal mine were very concerned when they saw the stories about the maltreatment," he said

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talks, angrily claiming that the union had been misled by employers during the negotiations. The chamber denied having done this, and a showdown was averted after further discussions between it and the union

jected a chamber offer of an 8% increase. The union is seeking a 40% - for workers at the refinery, but appears to be willing to regard this figure as able if certain other demands are met. NIM is, for example, demanding

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# Ciskei bans Saawu

*D. Dispatch*  
*5/9/83*

## — report

EAST LONDON — The South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) has been banned with immediate effect in the Ciskei, according to a Radio Ciskei announcement

The radio station said a directive banning the union had been received from the Minister of Justice, Mr David Takane

"Any supporter of Saawu will be liable for prosecution. Persons taking active part in its activities and sympathisers will be liable to face a penalty of up to 10 years' imprisonment," the radio said

Several Saawu leaders have been detained by the South African security police and handed over to the Ciskei National Security in re-

cent weeks

Their detentions and handing over were confirmed by the head of Ciskei security, Colonel Z Makuzeni

Saawu has been accused by Ciskei leaders of being involved in the five-week-old bus boycott in East London and Mdantsane

Saawu's president, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, has vehemently denied this and has pointed out that his union had tried to negotiate between the CTC and bus boycotters when fares were increased

Attempts to contact Mr Takane at the weekend were in vain

Saawu leaders could not be contacted yesterday — DDR

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# Warning on consequences of banning trade unions

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THE head of the Industrial Relations Unit at the University of Port Elizabeth, Professor Roux van der Merwe, warned today that if trade unions could be banned by "so-called independent states" it would have very serious consequences for labour relations in South Africa

Prof Van der Merwe was commenting on the banning of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) in Ciskei by the Minister of Justice, Mr David Takane, yesterday

Prof Van der Merwe said he viewed the banning with grave concern. It appeared it would make it very difficult for SAAWU to operate in South Africa

He said the banning order, which meant that any supporter of Saawu would be liable for prosecution, would seriously damage the possibility of developing progressive labour relations in the East London area

"We must not lose sight of the fact that trade unions are a part of a free enterprise society and if we persist in harassing them we expose ourselves to the growing danger of losing that society in the longer term"

The only alternative to a free society, with the inevitable existence of trade unions, was a totalitarian centrally managed society, he said

Mr Fred Ferreira, the director of industrial relations at Ford, said the banning of Saawu was highly undesirable from a labour relations point of view

"It could have a detrimental effect on labour relations in the entire area," he said

He said he was uncertain of the position of Saawu members in the South African work situation, but thought the union would still be able to operate in South Africa

"But I disapprove of actions restricting the ability of trade unions to operate under the concept of freedom of association," he said

In East London, however, uncertainty exists today over the position of Ciskeian members who are involved in Saawu activities in South African territory

The official statement released yesterday said Saawu sympathisers and those taking part in the union's activities were liable to face a penalty of up to 10 years' imprisonment

But the statement was not clear on whether a person taking part in Saawu activities in South Africa was automatically branded a sympathiser and liable for arrest on his return to Ciskei

Attempts to gain clarification on this point today were fruitless

Ciskei's head of State security, Colonel Z Makuzeni, was not available for comment

The police Press liaison officer, Major G Ngaki, said he was waiting for clarification on the Saawu ban and referred inquiries to the Minister of Justice, Mr Takane

Mr Takane was not available for comment and a member of his department said he did not know if Ciskei would tolerate its citizens taking part in Saawu activities in South Africa

Meanwhile, Saawu has not yet issued a statement on the ban

A spokesman for Saawu said only executive members were allowed to issue Press statements and none was available today

However, the Motor Assemblers and Components Workers Union of South Africa (Macwusa), its sister organisation, the General Workers Union of South Africa (Gwusa) and the Port Elizabeth branch of the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) today condemned the ban

In a statement, Macwusa and Gwusa called on the Ciskeian Government to review the banning

"It is the right of the workers to belong to a trade union of their choice and we wonder if the workers who are members of Saawu have been consulted," the statement said

"We are, therefore, calling on all progressive trade unions to voice their feelings on this banning of Saawu"

In its statement, Azapo said today that in the past few weeks it had witnessed "a naked disregard and abuse of human life by the Sebe regime in Ciskei"

"The banning of Saawu is deliberately calculated at destroying Saawu, not only in Ciskei — a human dumping ground from which the majority of the membership of Saawu is drawn — but also outside the Ciskei," it said

Azapo further pointed out that the black people would continue to struggle until they were free from being exploited and oppressed

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# Saawu ban a <sup>(KSA)</sup> blow to labour <sup>(227)</sup> relations — prof <sup>6/9/83</sup>

PORT ELIZABETH — The head of the Industrial Relations Unit at the University of Port Elizabeth, Professor Roux van der Merwe, warned yesterday that if trade unions were banned by independent black states it would have very serious consequences for labour relations in South Africa

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Mr Takane said the Ciskei Government had been forced to take these steps because Saawu's activities were calculated to endanger the national security of Ciskei. The government had a duty to protect its citizens

He said severe penalties would be imposed. Penalties could be ten years' hard labour for people who were still members of the union

**Reaction P9**

# Warning on banning of trade union

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PORT ELIZABETH — The banning of trade unions by "so-called" independent states could have very serious consequences for labour relations in South Africa, the head of the Industrial Relations Unit at the University of Port Elizabeth, Professor Roux van der Merwe, warned

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## THE CISKEI government has banned the fast growing South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu).

The ban, which was broadcast on Saturday, has caused confusion since no Saawu officers were informed about it, nor does anybody know where and when it was gazetted.

By yesterday very few unionists had heard about the ban. And efforts to get more information about it from Ciskei government officials were not successful.

Already a number of unions have condemned the banning of Saawu which has been at loggerheads with the Ciskei government and was persecuted by the now-detained General Charles Sebe.

The East London branch of Saawu, which only got to know about the ban from Press reports, was scheduled to hold an executive meeting last night.

The Council of Unions of South Africa (Cusa) in a statement released yesterday morning said it condemned in the strongest possible manner the banning of Saawu in the Ciskei.

"An attack of this nature constitutes an attack on the trade union movement as a whole. The Ciskei government is continuing relentlessly with its inhuman actions to stifle trade unionism. We deplore the security legislation in the Ciskei. We will continue to resist and reject all attempts to stifle or destroy trade unionism in the Ciskei," Cusa said.

The Motor Assemblies and Components Union of South Africa together with the General Workers' Union of South Africa issued a joint statement calling upon the Ciskei government to review the ban. "It is the right of the workers to belong to a trade union of their choice," they said.

## By PHIL MTIMKULU

The Ciskei government has been intolerant of Saawu from the onset of its operations in that homeland. Saawu members and officers have been operating under constant intimidation, harassment and detention. The Ciskei government has on various occasions detained the leaders of Saawu and accused them of furthering the aims of the banned African National Congress. But so far none of the leaders have been convicted of any of the charges and have always been released.

Saawu has also been accused by the Ciskei government of complicity in the current bus boycott in the Ciskei. The president of Saawu, Mr Thozamile Goweta, who is the only official of the organisation in the Ciskei not in detention, issued a statement from hiding a week ago wherein he offered to negotiate an end to the bus boycott. But he said it would be on condition that the detained unionists were released unconditionally.

Mr Sam Kikine, the general secretary of Saawu said his organisation did not recognise a "Bantustan." He said Saawu was above the level of "Bantustan politics." He said "The South African Government did not ban the Industrial and Commercial Workers' Union of Clemens Kadhane nor Sactu because they knew that they cannot ban a people's ideology. You can ban the name but not the ideology."

Mr Kikine said as far as he knew nearly all black workers in the Eastern Cape were Saawu members, which meant that their membership extended beyond the factories and firms.

# Trial told of baton death

ONE of the dead in the Barberton Prison ordeal died after being repeatedly assaulted with rubber batons after he could not continue pushing his wheelbarrow up a hill, the "Barberton heat exhaustion" trial was told yesterday.

Four black warders also refused to beat 37 Barberton Prison Farm

plaintant in the trial told the court.

"Sunny" Ndzila Sibisi, one of the 34 convicts to testify in the case, said the four warders were asked by four white warders to help them beat the prisoners as they worked on a prison dam site on December 29 last year.

The eight warders — Mr Gert Louis Smit

raad Stoltz (18), Mr Burger van Dyk (20), Mr William Kobyané (47), Mr Jonas Zephania Madonsela (32), Mr Lefasa Charles Makhola (40), Mr Fanyana Elmon Mahumane (32) — have pleaded not guilty before Mr Justice Vermooten to 34 counts of assault with intent to do bodily harm and three counts of murder.

Mr Smit, Mr Horn and Mr Stoltz hit and kicked him as he lay on the ground.

He said he saw the white warders beating many of the prisoners as they pushed loaded wheelbarrows up an embankment.

"One of the dead men, Robert Mayo Khumalo, could not push his barrow up the hill. "Mr Horn and Mr

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# Ban on Saawu: Fear of unrest

By PHILLIP  
VAN NIEKERK  
Labour Reporter

THE BANNING of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) by the Ciskei Government was yesterday condemned by black trade unions and employers amid fear that it could spark widespread industrial unrest.

Almost all Saawu

East London executive are in detention in Ciskei — two of them after being handed over by South African security police — and Ciskei has warned that "severe penalties" face people who remain members of the union.

All the major independent black unions were conferring yesterday over the banning,

which they said they viewed in a "serious light" and a statement representing the entire independent union movement is due to be released today.

## Commuters

Employers in the East London area, several of whom recognize the union, said Saawu had substantial support among local workers — who commute to work daily from Mdantsane in Ciskei — and one personnel manager said that banning the organization in Ciskei would lead to an "untenable situation".

Mr Theo Hefer, Group Manpower consultant to the Grinacker group, said South Africa would not be able to remain uninvolved as "the world will see this for what it is — an effective denial of the rights of workers born in South Africa and working in South Africa".

"Free and independent trade unionism is essential in any country which subscribes to democratic principles," he said. "Only totalitarian regimes fail to recognise the right of workers to associate and organize themselves into unions."

## 'Independent'

The South African Director-General of Manpower, Dr Piet van der Merwe, said Ciskei was a "completely independent" state and that South Africa had no say over their actions. He said, however, that the banning must have an "inevitable" effect on industrial relations.

Meanwhile, the United Democratic Front (UDF), to which Saawu is affiliated, has extended an invitation to all trade unions to a joint meeting to weigh up the possibility of protest action against the banning.

A statement released by Mr M Lekhota, publicity secretary for the UDF, yesterday, said the banning of Saawu was the "climax to the persecution of that union and its leadership both by the South African security police and their Ciskeian surrogates".

● Saawu banning will burden employers, page 4

# Banning may spark dissent warns Boraine

CAPE TOWN — The Progressive Federal Party labour spokesman, Dr Alex Boraine, warned yesterday that dissent and unrest would increase in Ciskei with the banning of the South African Allied Workers' Union.

Dr Boraine said in a statement he was "astounded and appalled" at the "ruthless" action taken against the union by the Ciskei Government.

It would serve no purpose other than to increase dissent and unrest in Ciskei which was bound to spill over into South Africa, he said.

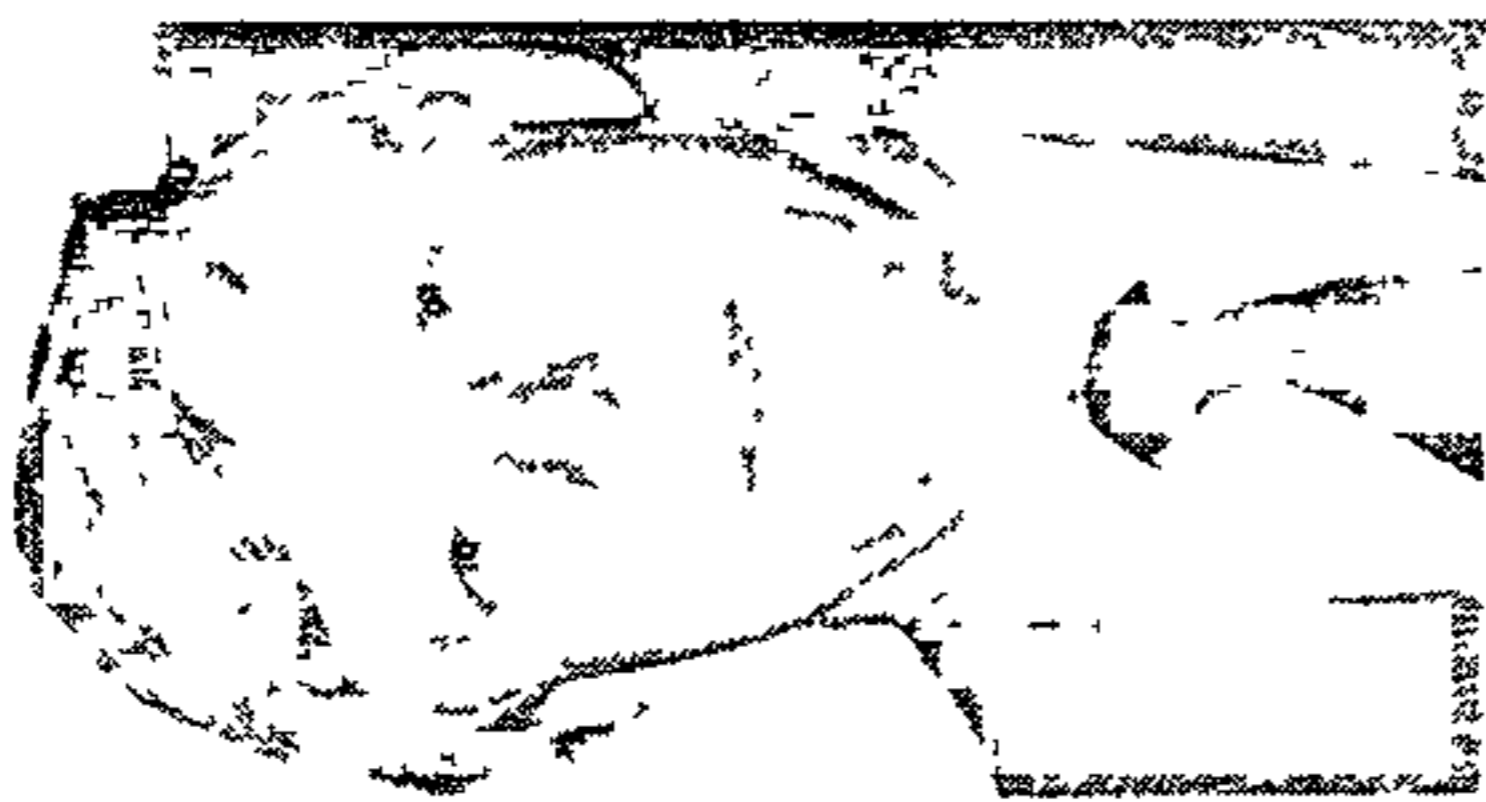
The banning threw a heavy burden on employers in East London and elsewhere where agreements had been signed between management and Saawu.

Dr Boraine said South Africa could also not afford further unrest in industry and he hoped the Minister of Manpower, Mr Fanie Botha, would prevail upon his Ciskeian counterpart to lift the ban immediately.

"Banning of people and organisations is reprehensible and solves nothing.

"It is sad to see the collapse of the rule of law in Ciskei and this is a tragic commentary on the South African Government's homeland and independent state policies," Dr Boraine said.

He expressed the hope



DR BORAINÉ

that the ever-growing unrest in Ciskei would give the government cause to think again.

Also commenting yesterday on the ban the president of the Border Chamber of Industries, Mr Dave Saunders, said "From the chamber's point of view we do not think banning unions solves problems but, not having been given reasons we cannot go any further than that."

Mr Saunders said people had to realise unions were a fact of life.

The factory manager at Chloride, which has a recognition agreement with Saawu, Mr R L Bartlett, said he would have to study the situation before commenting.

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**Prove claims in court says Gqweta**

EAST LONDON — The blatant obliteration of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) by the Ciskei Government in Mdantsane would never take away the union's principles the president of Saawu, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, said in a written statement issued from the Saawu office here yesterday.

Mr Gqweta was reacting to an announcement at the weekend that the union, which claims the largest following among workers in Mdantsane, had been banned.

In his statement, Mr

Gqweta called on the union's members to be careful talking about the union or being found in possession of material and documents.

What action the union would take would be announced after a decision by the national executive following legal advice.

Mr Gqweta said statements by the Ciskei Minister of Justice, Mr D M Takane, and the Commissioner of Police, Brigadier Lulama Madolo, that Saawu's activities were calculated to endanger national security and public safe-

ty were 'deceptive and libellous'.

"Their accusations will never find any comfortable place in the hearts and minds of multitudes of our members," he said.

"Unless and until the Ciskei Government justifies its action through public prosecution of officials in a court of law it cannot hope its claims will be believed by fair-minded people."

Mr Gqweta said if people in Mdantsane needed any protection it was from the Ciskei police, army and vigilantes working on instructions from the government.

Saawu had never detained, hit or killed anyone, he said.

"What is the government protecting the public from insofar as Saawu's activities are concerned?" he asked.

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# Twelve black unions hit at Saawu banning

## Labour Reporter

TWELVE black trade unions have described the banning of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) by the Ciskei authorities as the most serious attack on the trade union movement since 1976, when a number of union leaders were banned

In a joint statement last night, the unions — representing more than 200 000 workers — said neither the South African Government nor employers should think they could distance themselves from the banning

"The complicity of the South African Government is clearly shown by the South African security police arresting union officials and handing them over to the Ciskei."

The unions said there could be no talk of reform in the labour laws and the constitution

while worker organizations were suppressed. Unions which signed the statement include the African Food and Canning Workers' Union, the Council of Unions of South Africa, the General Workers' Union and the Federation of South African Trade Unions (Fosatu)

Meanwhile, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, the national president of Saawu, said the blatant obliteration of Saawu by the Ciskei Government would never take away the union's principles

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● The Cape Times London correspondent reports that the International Confederation of Free Trades Unions has cabled the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, saying the ICFTU was "shocked and appalled" at the Saawu banning and accused South Africa of "delegating its police powers" to Ciskei, to assist them in detaining five Saawu leaders

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JOHANNESBURG — Eleven independent trade unions and union federations representing well over 250 000 workers will discuss what action they can take to prevent Ciskei's banning of the SA Allied Workers Union (Saawu) from taking effect

# Trade unions deplore ban on Saawu

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The statement was issued on behalf of the African Food and Canning Workers Union, the Black and Allied Workers Union, the Commercial Catering and Allied Workers Union of SA, the Cape Town Municipal Workers Association, Cusa, FCWU Fosatu, GWU, the Motor Assemblies and Component Workers Union of SA, the Media Workers Association of SA and the Orange Vaal General Workers Union — DDC

They said the banning was the most serious attack on the trade un-

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"There can be no talk of reform in the labour laws and the constitution while worker organisations are suppressed," the statement said "We reject utterly the

## Botha cabled over banning

LONDON — The Swiss-based International Confederation of Free Trade Unions has cabled Premier P W Botha, accusing South Africa of responsibility for the banning of the South African Allied Workers' Union in Ciskei

The message said South Africa "cannot evade responsibility" for the action by the Ciskei Government and the detention of Saawu leaders

ICFTU Secretary-General, Mr John van der Wegen said the confederation was "shocked and appalled" and accused South Africa of "delegating its police powers" to Ciskei to assist them in the detention of five Saawu leaders

He said South Africa was using the national states to "camouflage" Pretoria's violations of its own labour legislation — DDC

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By ANTON HARBER

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"Neither the SA Government nor employers should think they can distance themselves from these actions. The complicity of the SA Government is clearly shown by the SAP arresting our officials and handing them over to the Ciskei

"There can be no talk of reform in the labour laws and the constitution while worker organisations are suppressed

"We reject utterly the explanation by the Ciskei 'Government' that SAAWU engages in activities which endanger national or public safety

"The facts are that the people of Mdantsane are boycotting buses because the bus company, partly owned by the Ciskei 'Government', is profiteering at their expense"

The "people are more determined than ever to continue the boycott," the statement said

THE CISKEI

## The bad news gets worse

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There are signs that the Ciskei will soon have to pay the price of its "independence." It is beginning to display all the autocratic excesses of an unpopular government that seeks to entrench itself against the popular will. So, on the one hand, there is growing social instability, and on the other, a reluctance on the part of businessmen to consider it as a worthwhile investment area.

It is yet another creation of Pretoria busily fulfilling the worst predictions of those opposed to the Balkanisation policy of ceding "national states" to an uncertain future.

Its latest move has been to ban the SA Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) — one of the largest black trade unions. Union anger is understandable. But as alarming for the Ciskei — if it bothers to take stock of such matters — are signs of growing unease among the region's businessmen, who draw on the homeland for their labour needs.

Many are reluctant to voice their concern publicly. But a spokesman for one affected company told the *FM* this week: "If asked to consider increasing our investment in the area, our response would be a definite negative."

And it is worth noting the remarkably forthright criticism of Saawu's banning by Theo Heffer, the Grinaker Holdings Group's manpower consultant. He says "Free and independent trade unionism is an essential institution in any country that subscribes to democratic principles."

Only totalitarian regimes fail to recognise the right of workers to associate and organise themselves into unions."

Pretoria cannot afford to stand aloof. SA, after all, bears the responsibility for the fundamental flaws on which Ciskei "independence" is based.

Not only is the territory ruled by a government which quite evidently lacks popular support — witness the attempted "coup" against President Lennox Sebe recently. Its government presides over a region which is one of the most impoverished in the sub-continent. Independence has brought handsome rewards to those who wield power, but precious little to vast numbers of Ciskei citizens.

In such circumstances, it is inevitable that those in authority should be fearful of even the slightest challenge to their legitimacy. But that can hardly inspire confidence in a region with a dangerously high rate of unemployment.

SA should curb the Ciskei's excesses. There are signs that recent talks between Foreign Minister Pik Botha and Ciskei government officials resulted in a degree of restraint by Ciskei police.

Perhaps the Minister should make another visit. Reports that the Ciskei is developing an air force, with Israeli assistance, are alarming in the extreme. Just what use does President Sebe plan to make of this arm of modern warfare — so inappropriate to the real needs of his people?

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implications of the ban. As a union, we don't operate in the Ciskei — we only sleep there.

"But when an organisation is banned, membership becomes a criminal offence, and so does 'furthering the aims' of a banned organisation. This gives the Ciskei government scope for further persecution of our members, whose membership of the union in their workplaces outside the Ciskei is perfectly legal."

#### 'Reign of terror'

A Ciskei government spokesman, Fikile Gatya, said that descriptions of Ciskei police action in Mdantsane as a "reign of terror" were inaccurate. He said the reasons for the banning "are included in the National Security Act." This is modelled on the SA Internal Security Act. "Police are conducting routine checks," Gatya told the FM. "I expect that things are going to be normal now."

The response of employers is diverse. David Saunders, chairman of the Border Chamber of Industries (BCI), told the FM. "There has been disruption from the boycott and the conflict in Mdantsane, with factories hit with varying severity. We see no sense in banning unions — unionisation is a fact of life. The Ciskei government has given no reasons for the banning that we can react to."

"The bus boycott appears to have been cooling off since the more heavy-handed approach — forcing people to use certain types of transport — has stopped. But we have so far unconfirmed reports that police are currently stopping and checking workers coming from Mdantsane to see if they are union members. There seems to be a higher absenteeism rate now than in the last couple of weeks. The degree of disruption in the medium and long term is difficult to predict, but if the banning is going to be used against union members it can be expected."

Most employers are concerned not to get caught in the middle of a confrontation between the Ciskei government and the unions. Saunders says the BCI can only make representations to the SA Foreign Affairs Department and its Ciskei counterpart, as well as to the Department of Manpower in Pretoria, in the hope of action there.

#### Grave concern

Richard Savage, spokesman for Chloride SA, said "We have good relations with our workers in East London. We've tried to be as helpful as possible to them but decided against sending buses to collect workers, which would involve us directly in the conflict. But the disturbance and unrest in the area are a grave source of concern — if asked to consider increasing investment in the area, our response would be a definite negative."

Grinaker Holdings' group manpower consultant, Theo Heffer, spoke out sharply

against the banning of Saawu. "Free and independent trade unionism is an essential institution in any country that subscribes to democratic principles. You can deny workers human rights and civil liberties, but you cannot legislate away fundamental freedoms like freedom of association, religion and freedom of speech. SA will not be able to remain uninvolved as the world will see this for what it is: an effective denial of the rights of workers who were born in SA and work in SA."

## THE CISKEI

### Banning the workers

The Ciskei government's long-standing feud with the SA Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) has entered a dangerous new phase. A ban on the fast-growing union was gazetted this week.

This followed on the heels of an offer by Saawu president Thozamile Gweta to negotiate an end to the bus boycott in East London's dormitory township of Mdantsane. According to employers in the area, the boycott seems to have been winding down during the last fortnight, judging by decreased worker lateness and absentee rates.

Gweta, the only undetained national-level Saawu official left in the area, is hiding. Ciskei Life-President Lennox Sebe has publicly laid responsibility for the bus boycott at Saawu's door. By far the greater part of Mdantsane falls within the Ciskei and the homeland government has a half-share in the bus company whose fare increases triggered the boycott in mid-July.

A spokesman for the union told the FM. "The boycott goes on, and so does the use of sjamboks, beatings and violence by the Ciskei police. Gweta saw that this coercion is merely strengthening resistance to the Ciskei government, which will escalate the violence in turn. That's why he felt it was time to talk."

Saawu officials have been detained regularly by Ciskei authorities and any activity on the union's part in the Ciskei has been prohibited. A Saawu spokesman told the FM. "Our branches have still to discuss the

# Union: ban drives us underground

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JOHANNESBURG — The South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) said yesterday that the decision last week to ban it from the Ciskei would not stop opposition, but would force it to go underground

And, in a statement issued jointly here with six other independent unions, it called on foreign investors to meet with the South African and Ciskeian authorities to discuss the banning and to prevent Saawu from being forced underground

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nisations and the harassment of individuals does not stop the people's struggle for social justice. It only serves to force resistance to go underground"

The unions which issued the statement with Saawu were the General and Allied Workers' Union, the Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers' Union, the Johannesburg Scooter Drivers' Association and the Municipal and General Workers' Union of South Africa

The South African Institute of Race Relations has also slammed the ban. According to a

statement issued by the institute yesterday, the banning undermined the current process of reform in South African industrial relations

Following the report of the Wiehahn Commission, the right of workers to organise themselves into trade unions had been officially recognised in South African law

But the Ciskeian authorities had undermined this right by repeatedly detaining a number of trade unionists without trial, it said — DDC-SAPA



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# Detainee released

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EAST LONDON — One of five trade unionists arrested by South African security police and handed over to Ciskei last month has been released from detention following the death of his father

Mr Bangumzi Sifingo, who was chairman of the Chloride branch of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) — now banned in Ciskei — was released on Wednesday, a relative confirmed yesterday

He said this followed

the death of his father. Mr Deutschmann Sifingo, on Monday

Mr Sifingo's release followed representations made by his family to the Ciskei security police

The relative said that as far as he was aware no conditions had been attached to Mr Sifingo's release. He said he had just been told his father was seriously ill

Mr Sifingo's two sisters and a brother — Miss Sindiswa Sifingo, Miss Yaleka Sifingo and

Mr Mthembeli Sifingo — are still detained under Section 26 of the Ciskei National Security Act

Mr Sifingo is the second detainee in two months to be released after the death of a relative

In July Col M F Tele, who was detained with several other top security and army officers in Ciskei, was released after his wife's death

Mr Sifingo will be buried on September 18 — DDR

# Banning won't stop us Saawu

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ANTON HARBER  
Political Reporter

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And, in a statement issued jointly in Johannesburg with four other independent unions, it called on foreign investors to meet with the South African and Ciskeian authorities to discuss the banning and to prevent Saawu from being forced underground

The unions described the Ciskei authorities as a "bunch of hooligans" and "bureaucratic functionaries nurtured to rule the bantustans in the interests of racist South Africa and foreign business"

A four-year-old child "could see Pretoria's connivance in this dirty trick", they said

"In a sustained, malicious and hostile anti-union cam-

paign, Saawu has always been accused of all sorts of things ranging from creating and promoting unrest in the Ciskei to furthering the aims of the African National Congress

"These accusations are obviously not in keeping with reality," the statement said

"History has shown that the banning of organisations and the harrassment of individuals does not stop the people's struggle for social justice. It only serves to force resistance to go underground."

If this was not to be repeated, foreign investors should meet with the local authorities to prevent it, the statement said

The unions who issued the statement with Saawu were the General and Allied Workers Union, the Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers Union, the Johannesburg Scooter Drivers Association and the Municipal and General Workers Union of South Africa

UNION VOWS: WE'LL FIGHT BACK

# GOURT BATTLE OVER SAAMU BAN

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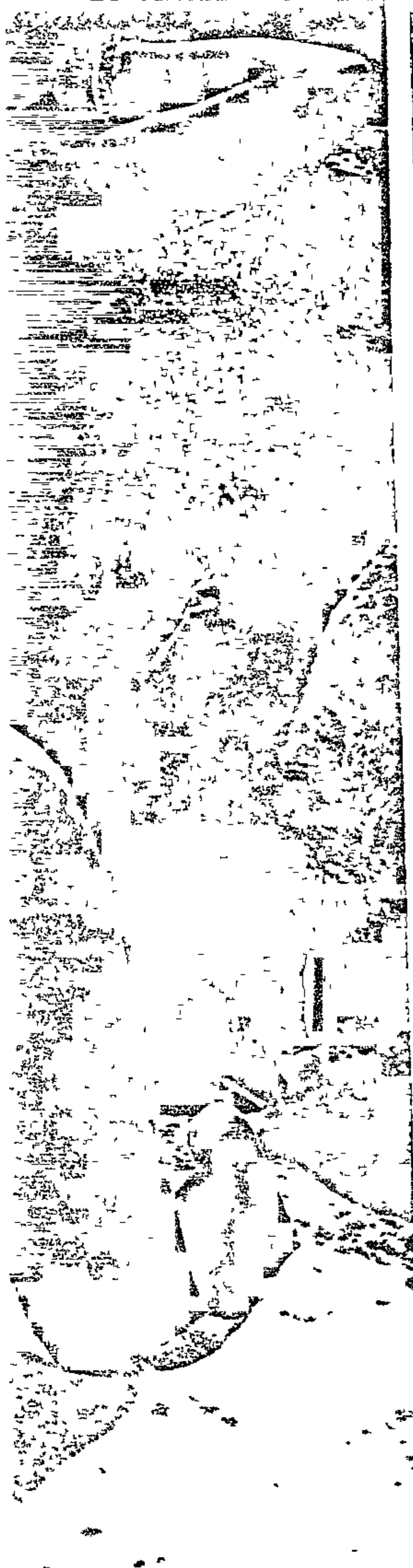
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Saawu president Thozamile Gqweta - who has gone into hiding because of repeated police harassment - issued a hard-hitting statement this week condemning the Ciskei action

He vowed that the ban would "never take away Saawu's principles" and challenged the Ciskei government to prove its allegations against Saawu in court

The ban on the union was published last Friday in terms of Ciskei's National Security Act. The homeland's acting head of state security, Brigadier Lulama Madolo said it was imposed because Saawu "endangered national security and public safety"

The ban prohibits membership of Saawu, possession of union documents or the wearing of Saawu T-shirts or emblems

Its implications are due to be discussed at a special Saawu meeting in Durban tomorrow

However, labour expert Dr Marianne Roux has already predicted that it will have "enormous effects" on the union's 100 000 members, a large number of whom live and work in the East London area

She was certain Saawu members would not resign from the union - a factor which she said could result in more conflict in the area, particularly in the light of the detention of most of Saawu's other East London officials

She also predicted solidarity between workers and employers who had signed recognition agreements with the union

Saawu has, in the meantime, approached the International Labour Organisation (ILO) about its situation and invited a representative to address next week's national Saawu rally in Durban

At the same time, South Africa's independent trade union movement - representing nearly 400 000 workers - has condemned the Ciskei ban as "the most serious attack on the trade union movement since 1976"

A message expressing solidarity with the banned union was issued on behalf of 11 unions, including the African Food and Canning Workers' Union, the General Workers' Union, the Media workers Association, the Council of Unions of South Africa and Fosatu.

In Mdantsane, meanwhile, Ciskei police have resumed their campaign against commuters involved in the boycott of Ciskei buses

Roadblocks have been set up throughout the township and people without identity documents arrested

The boycott started eight weeks ago when fares went up by 11 per cent

to on Sunday to take part in the newly introduced Milo half marathon. Kenny Jacobs will be the man to watch. Preview on Page 10

## Two refs to be imported

THE NPSL has received a sponsorship to "import" two top overseas referees for a two-year coaching stint. See Back Page.

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## Latest Mainstay C

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## Spotlight on Jack

THE spotlight this week on our Aces series, which on top local sport stars, on veteran cyclist Ntsheu. Read all about it on Page 11.

# Saturday's Race

# Union defended

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THE Ciskei authorities' banning of the South African Allied Workers Union undermined the current process of reform in South African industrial relations the South African Institute of Race Relations said at the weekend

Following the report of the Wiehahn Commission, the right of workers to organise themselves into trade unions had been offi-

cially recognised in South African law.

But the Ciskeian authorities had undermined this right by repeatedly detaining a number of trade unionists without trial. This latest action which does no credit to South Africa undermines it further

It said the action risked introducing a new destabilising factor into labour relations

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EAST LONDON — The national organiser of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), Mr Herbert Barnabas, yesterday confirmed the union would contest the Ciskei ban on the union in court

Speaking by telephone from the Pretoria office of the union, Mr Barnabas said the decision to take court action was taken at a national executive council meeting of the union in Estcourt, Natal

"We feel we cannot allow this action by the Ciskei Government to go unchallenged," he said

"The information we have is that our members are being detained in Ciskei for taking part in a bus boycott in Mdantsane and that the decision to ban the union there also arises from the bus boycott

"But we know they did not boycott buses because they are members of Saawu but because they are residents of Mdantsane," Mr Barnabas said

He added the union was aware such action might in future be taken in other "homelands"

"For example we have many workers living in areas run by the KwaZulu Government in Natal and we may have to face similar action there," Mr Barnabas said

Officials at the Saawu offices in East London, were not aware of the decision to take the ban to court yesterday

"We have not heard about it and we are still trying to get information on it," a spokesman said

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# Witness: freeing SA is not main aim

BISHO — Total political liberation of South Africa is not the main item on the agenda of the South African Congress of Trade Unions, the Ciskei Supreme Court heard yesterday

Mr Tom Lodge, a lecturer in political science at the University of the Witwatersrand, was giving evidence for the defence in a marathon terrorism trial. Mr Lodge differed with the state authority, Mr C de Vries, in his analysis of the African National Congress and other organisations

He said that Sactu had political as well as economic pre-occupations. "For this reason, from its inception, it worked closely with the ANC and was represented on the National Coordinating Committee of Congress Alliance"

Mr Lodge said that because of the "cross-membership" existing between Sactu, the ANC, and other members of Congress Alliance, Sactu was seriously weakened when its ANC-affiliated members were convicted

Appearing before Mr Justice De Wet and two assessors were Mr William Dune, 31, Mr Dumisani Maninjwa, 31, Mr

Bayi Keye, 52, and Mr Luyanda Mayekiso, 23

The four Mdantsane men have pleaded not guilty to charges of participating in terrorist activities, being members of the banned ANC, recruiting people to undergo military training in Lesotho, and being in possession of banned literature

Under cross-examination by Mr W F Jurgens, for the state, Mr Lodge differed with Mr De Vries' opinion that the ANC's sole purpose was to overthrow the South African Government by violent means

Mr Lodge said the ANC disagreed with the present political situation in the country and the ANC military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, recruited people to undergo military training

However, he said that the language use by the ANC in its publications was very "broad," and that the organisation subscribed to the Freedom Charter. "Academic" criticism of the ANC had no place in the court room, he said

Mr De Vries said that Sactu members belonged to the revolutionary groups and that Sactu accepted the ANC's leadership. He cited Mr

Moses Mabhida as being a member of Sactu, the ANC, and the South African Communist Party

Asked by the defence counsel, Mr M T K Moerane, to comment about the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), Mr Lodge said it was a general workers' union, similar to Sactu, and that it used the same slogan as Sactu: "An Injury to One is an Injury to All"

In reply to a question, Mr Lodge said Sactu was not banned in South Africa because of its international connections

Also giving evidence for the state was a magistrate, Mr E Marais, who had taken confession statements from Mr Dune and Mr Maninjwa

Mr Marais said the detainees were warned that they were not obliged to make confessions. He admitted that when he took down the confessions, the detainees were handcuffed. He could not account for this action

The magistrate said he was not aware under which security legislation the detainees were being held

The trial continues today — SAPA

# SAAWU stays resolute despite Govt hounding

The South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU) should theoretically be reeling from a multitude of body blows

The national president, Mr Thozamile Gqwetha, is in hiding in East London, the vice-president, Mr Sisa Njikelana, is in detention for the seventh time, and the Ciskei last week banned the union outright

Union members living in Mdantsane are being held by Ciskei police "almost daily now", and the entire union leadership in the Eastern Cape is behind bars

"But we are gaining momentum, signing up new members," claim the general secretary, Mr Sam Kikine, and national organiser, Mr Herbert Barnabus, two of the few remaining union officials not in detention.

Signed-up membership now stands at around 130 000, while paid-up membership is about half of that, which makes SAAWU one of the fastest-growing unions in the country with branches in the Eastern Cape, Transvaal, Natal Midlands and the Free State

But it is more than just the union's size which has elicited the close attentions of the South African and Ciskei security forces and the Minister of Manpower in recent years

## TENACITY

What has probably perturbed Pretoria is the union's tenacity, solidarity and marked successes, even in the face of enormous odds

SAAWU had its origins in the Black Allied Workers' Union when a split developed at the 1979 national conference over the issue of non-racialism.

Mr Gqwetha, then a national organiser in East London, explained why the breakaway body — renamed SAAWU — adopted non-racialism as a founding principle

"We believe the country has a non-racial future and we must therefore be totally non-racial," he said

Other basic tenets include the union's staunch opposition to registration, a commitment to mass participatory democracy and a belief that the inter-

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In the five years of its existence, the non-racial South African Allied Workers' Union has been subjected to what could be seen as a total employer/government onslaught. Detentions, harassment, intimidation and victimisation have marked the unregistered union's expansion and last week it was banned in the Ciskei. Labour Reporter CAROLYN DEMPSTER looks at the union on the eve of its annual national congress this weekend.

ests of the worker in the workplace cannot be separated from his interests in the community — hence the union's overt support for community struggles

In its strategies for organising, explains "comrade" Barnabus, the union lets the workers do most of the persuading

"We believe in worker control. Therefore it is important that the workers fully understand what the union is, what a recognition agreement is and what unionism means before we rush into agreements with management

"It also gives management a chance to see who they are dealing with"

For this reason, says Mr Kikine, SAAWU does not actively "organise" but acts as a magnet for workers. Once the union has made contact with a group of workers in a particular factory "we wait for them to be drawn to the magnet which is SAAWU"

It is a strategy which appears to have worked — at least in the East London area. In two years membership rocketed from 5 000 to 15 000, and the union succeeded in securing a number of informal and formal recognition agreements with major employers

The recession has not hindered the union's growth either, claims Mr Barnabus — and even those members who are made redundant, retrenched or dismissed, are used by the union as organisers until they secure other jobs

Because SAAWU regards itself as essentially a federation, encompassing a loose grouping of some 26 industry-based unions, its influence ranges from the metal industries to the chemical, manufacturing, textile and building industries

And the union's rapid expansion can to some extent be explained by this broad base of appeal

The rise of SAAWU as a potentially powerful and politicised worker organisation worried the Minister of Manpower, Mr Fanie Botha, sufficiently for him to appeal to employers in the East London area as early as October 1980 to hold out against the union and not to recognise it

## SECURITY POLICE

The South African Security Police also did their bit behind the scenes to cow the union

In concert with Ciskei security officials, the South African Security Police have literally hounded SAAWU leadership

Mr Gqwetha has now been detained eight times by one or the other authority and on each occasion has been released without conviction

Mr Kikine has been detained five times and released without conviction, Mr Njikelana six times and he is still in detention

The Ciskei has been more open in its condemnation of the union as "an ANC front and a communist organisation", and have made no secret of a desire to "stamp out this evil"



# Mpetha due at union's congress

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The South African Allied Workers' Union is to hold its fourth annual national congress in Durban at the weekend

Representatives from the International Labour Office and international media were invited to attend the congress, "which will be the most important yet, in view of the banning of SAAWU," said the union's general secretary, Mr Sam Kikine.

The union hopes to present its case through the ILO to interna-

tional labour bodies and the United Nations. The ban imposed on the union by Ciskei this month was said to be the worst attack on the trade union movement since the banning of union leaders in 1976.

Speakers invited to address the congress include Mr Oscar Mpetha, veteran trade unionist and Cape president of the United Democratic Front, Mr Archie Gumede, president of the United Democratic Front, and Mr Mewa Ramgobin

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# TUCSA MOVE SLATED

By PHIL MTIMKULU

**THE TRADE** union rights of thousands of workers — predominantly black — will be threatened if a resolution proposed by the white Mine Surface Officers' Association calling for the ban of unregistered unions is tabled and approved at the Tucsas congress which will be held in Port Elizabeth from September 26-29.

The resolution, which also intends to make it illegal for an employer to have dealings with an unregistered union, has been sharply criticised by black unions, both registered and unregistered.

The Black Allied Mining and Construction Workers' Union (BAMCWU) said the resolution was destructive and would never serve the purpose of bringing about industrial peace and mutual relationships between management and black trade unions.

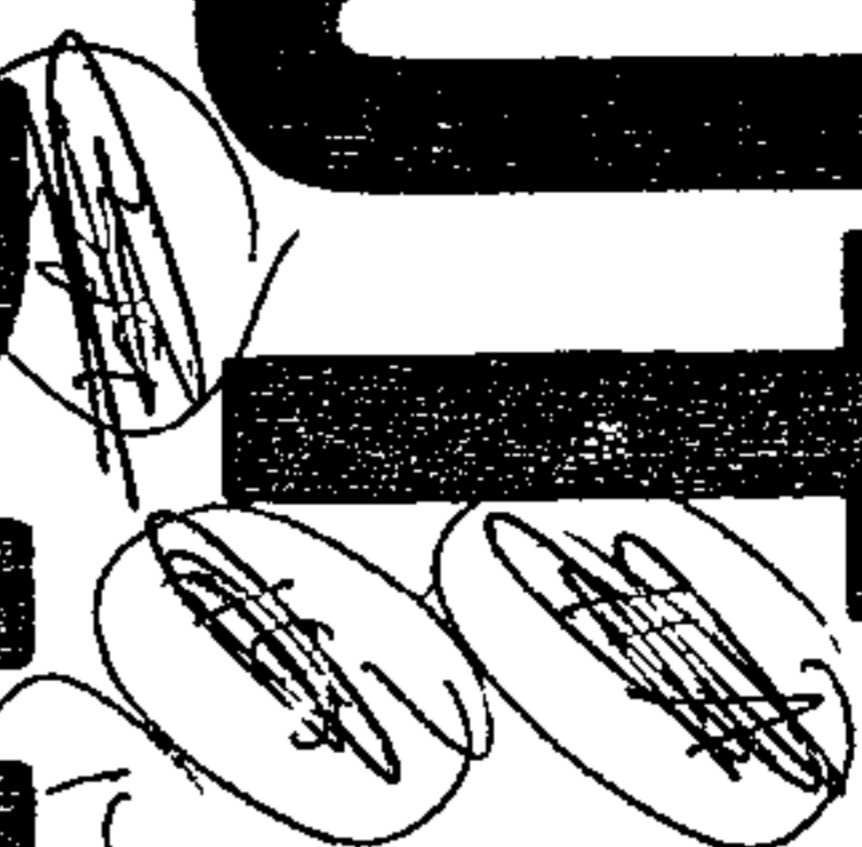
According to the Labour Relations Act, neither trade unions nor employers' organisations are required by law to become registered, and unregistered trade unions are therefore not illegal.

Mr Herbert Barnabas, the national organiser of Saawu, said that in terms of Section 78 (1) of the Labour Relations Act any worker was free to join a trade union of his choice for the purpose of being represented. Mr Barnabas said Saawu feels that under the circumstances it does not need any registration because they can represent workers anywhere they wish.

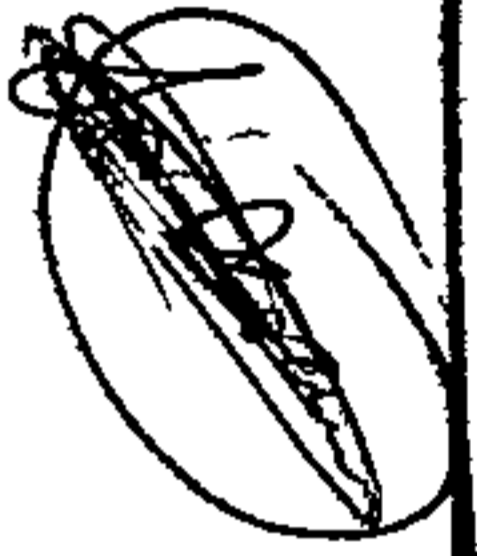
The general-secretary of Fosatu said it was premature to comment on the issue at the moment. He however said if accepted by the unions this motion should be condemned. He added that it was not Fosatu's policy to condemn other organisations.

Mr F Mohlala of the Building Construction and Allied Workers' Union (BCAWU) said the union which intended tabling such a motion did not have the interests of the workers at heart. "Workers should be allowed to join a union of their choice and employers should bargain with any union irrespective of whether it was registered or not," he said.

# GOWETA OUT OF HIDING



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Mr Barnabas said employers in the East London area had not yet reacted to the ban on Saawu.

The United Democratic Front, meanwhile, has held a meeting with other unions to discuss action against the home-

land government in response to the ban.

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Another UDF personality expected to speak is Curtis Nkondo, the Transvaal regional vice-president. A representative of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) is also expected to attend.

Others to address the congress include Magwaza Maphalala, national organiser of the National Federation of Workers, and Keith Philip, president of the National



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## 2 detainees in hospital

TWO CISKEIAN detainees have been admitted to hospital.

Border Council of Sport chairman Dr Lawrence Msauli and Mdantsane boxing promoter Hubert Jekwa were both said to be in "satisfactory" condition yesterday. It is not known what their ailments are.

Dr Msauli is being treated at Mdantsane's Cecilia Makiwane Hospital under police guard. Mr Jekwa, a garage owner, is at Mount Coke Hospital, according to Ciskeian Security Police chief Colonel Z Makuzeni.

Both men were detained two weeks ago under Ciskei's National Security Act.

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# Police seize film on union

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JOHANNESBURG — Freelance cameramen returning to Johannesburg after covering the first day of the South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU) congress in Durban yesterday had about 45 minutes of film footage confiscated by police.

One cameraman, who asked not to be named, said he and his friends had gone down to the congress in Beatrice Street to get footage for use at a later stage.

Among speakers had been Mr Archie Gumede of the United Democratic Front.

"As we were returning to Johannesburg, we were pulled over by five policemen in three cars," the cameraman said.

"One of them was Indian and the rest white.

"We asked for their identities and were shown SAP identity cards.

"They wanted to know how we had come to know about the meeting and we told them it had been reported in the Johannesburg press.

"The Indian policeman must have been at the congress because the policemen asked him questions when they wanted to know about the congress.

"Our car and bags were thoroughly searched and film material in canisters — about 45 minutes' footage — confiscated.

"We asked under what law they were acting and were told they were acting under the Internal Security Act.

"We also asked for a receipt and received one, signed by someone called De Beer.

"We asked when our film would be returned and were told they had no idea because it might be used as an exhibit in a court case."

The cameraman said he intended pressing for the return of the film as soon as possible and that he would be consulting an attorney today on the matter.

# Organisations plan joint action on Saawu banning

By Jo-Anne Collinge

A joint action committee of the United Democratic Front, major workers' organisations and the Detainees' Parents' Support Committee will attempt to bring international pressure to bear on the South African and Ciskei Governments in response to the mass detentions and banning of members of the South African Allied Workers' Union in the Ciskei.

Describing developments in the Ciskei in a statement issued yesterday, the organisations said a stadium in Mdantsane has been converted into a con-

centration camp "

The bid for international intervention is one of several initiatives planned jointly by the UDF, Descom and worker groupings, which include two major federations — the Federation of South African Trade Unions (Fosatu) and the Council of Unions of South Africa (Cusa)

Other plans are

- To contribute direct material aid, especially clothing, to detainees who are said to be kept in the Mdantsane stadium, day and night, lightly dressed

- To publicise and "expose atrocities in the Ciskei" by use of the media, public meetings and union structures. An initial solidarity meeting will be held at lunchtime on Thursday at Khotso House, Johannesburg

- To consult with individual unions about direct action, which might include intervention through companies established in the Ciskei

A spokesman for the joint UDF-unions committee, Mr Terror Lekota, stressed "We will not make threats without a basis. Possible action will have

to be seriously considered by unions and must flow from them "

The organisations regard the banning of Saawu as an indication "that the Bantustan structures will increasingly be used to suppress any resistance to their apartheid policies"

They noted that detentions had virtually closed down other unions in the area and predicted that unions which took a stand on community issues would follow Saawu into banning

"There can be no compromise on the right of unions to take up issues beyond the factory floor"

"To permit the Ciskei Government to suppress union involvement in community struggles is to give away a fundamental element of unionism," they stated.

The list of participants is: UDF, Fosatu, Saawu, Cusa, Descom, Cusa, FCWA, General and Allied Workers' Union, Commercial Catering and Allied Workers' Union, Johannesburg Scooter Drivers' Association, Orange-Vaal General Workers' Union, Municipal and General Workers' Union

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# Saawu lists work rights

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A CHARTER spelling out the rights of workers was among several messages by trade unionists, churchmen, politicians and community leaders at the annual congress of Saawu held in Durban last weekend

Mr. Paddy Kearney, director of Diakonia in Durban said all workers were entitled to the right to a family life, freedom of association and collective bargaining without interference by the police

In addition he said workers were entitled to

adequate housing, the right to form free trade unions and also to exercise their option to withdraw their labour through strikes

- A call for a moratorium on squatter removals,
- A call for the scrapping of the pass laws and the abolishment of the work seekers' permit as applied to Africans;
- Urging the government not to use pension contributions for partial financing of the defence budget

# Opposition to Ciskei ban on Saawu grows

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN  
Labour Correspondent

ALMOST the entire emerging union movement in the Transvaal, the recently-formed United Democratic Front and the Detainees Support Committee joined together yesterday in issuing a hard-hitting statement condemning the banning of the SA Allied Workers Union (Saawu) by Ciskei authorities

And, at a Press conference in Johannesburg, UDF spokesman Mr "Terror" Lekota, said the unions, who represent tens of thousands of workers, and include major federations Fosatu and Cusa, had agreed to discuss with their members taking further action on the issue

One possibility, he said, was action against companies which operated in Ciskei, but had not taken a stand opposing the banning

He stressed, "We are not making threats of action, unless these have a firm base. It will be up to union members to decide if action is needed"

A five-member working committee had been appointed to plan action and, in the interim, a public meeting would be held in Johannesburg on Thursday to protest against the banning, a "media campaign" would be organised and efforts would be made to get food and clothing to detainees in Ciskei

Attempts would also be made to mobilise overseas opinion

Mr Lekota said these decisions had been taken at a meeting between UDF and the unions. It had been called, he said, "because we do not want to take action in this area without the full support and co-operation of the unions"

In the statement, union groups including Fosatu, Cusa, the Food and Canning Workers Union, Saawu, the General and Allied Work-

ers Union and the Orange-Vaal General Workers Union, as well as the UDF and the Detainees' Support Committee, sharply condemn the ban

They also reacted sharply to repeated reports that residents of Mdantsane are being held prisoner in a stadium in the township by "vigilantes" loyal to President Lennox Sebe and physically assaulted there

They say the stadium has been turned into a "concentration camp", into which "defenceless people" are being "herded"

The statement also charges that offices of other unions in East London, such as the Food and Canning, General Workers and Transport and Allied Workers unions, have been "virtually closed down" as a result of detentions

Mr Lekota yesterday also attacked SA Security Police co-operation with the Ciskei authorities, citing incidents in which unionists had been detained by Security Police and then handed over to Ciskei authorities

On the decision to collect food and clothing for detainees, he charged that people who had brought food to detainees in Ciskei in recent weeks had themselves been detained

The statement said the Ciskei banning indicated that "bantustan structures" would increasingly be used to "suppress any resistance to apartheid"

Ciskei action against unions was designed "to strip the large workforce in Mdantsane of any leadership in its struggle against exploitation"

"Henceforth, any union which comes out in full support of worker resistance against bus fare hikes, rent hikes and so on will follow Saawu into banning"

It said the ban was a "veiled threat" against unions involved in community issues, but that to suppress this involvement was to "give away a fundamental element of unionism"



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# Saawu denial

THE NATIONAL organiser of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), Mr Herman Barnabas has denied that a resolution on Sactu was adopted at their congress in Durban last weekend.

Mr Barnabas said because of the pressure of time the only resolution they discussed was the ban by the Ciskei.



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 "Indefinite incarceration in solitary confinement will continue to lead to death in detention. How many more tragedies must occur before the State meets the demands by the DPSC to scrap all existing security legislation," the statement said



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## Call for action on Ciskei move

A STRONG call for positive action instead of slogans and speeches was made yesterday at a meeting held at Khotso House to pledge solidarity with the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) which was banned by the Ciskei government.

Mr Herbert Barnabas, the national organiser of Saawu, said they had decided at their congress in Durban last week to investigate the possibility of boycotting products of companies operating in the Ciskei.

The meeting was later told that both the East London Chamber of Commerce and of Industries have been quiet about the situation in the Ciskei and were thus

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The four speakers, Rev Frank Chikane the Transvaal vice-president of the UDF, Mr Barnabas, Mr Joe Mokoena of CCAWUSA and Mr Piroshaw Camay, the general secretary of Cusa, and the chairman of the meeting, Mr Popo Molefe slammed the Ciskei and South African governments for problems prevailing in the Ciskei.

Mr Mokoena said nobody was surprised by what was happening in the Ciskei. He said those who were in detention, jail and hospitals in the Ciskei were not alone.

Rev Chikane said the jails were full of people hence a stadium in Mdantsane had to be used for people fighting for a just society. "We need the power of the workers and organisations to fight the system and bring change. This is the time to start positive action and break the system," he said.

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## Explosives

POLICE explosives experts are investigating the discovery of explosives found attached to a power pylon in the Rus-sieville district east of Vereeniging earlier yesterday, a police spokes-

## Dadoo

A MEMORIAL service in honour of Dr Yusuf Dadoo, the chairman of the South African Communist Party (SACP) who died in London this week, will be held in Lenasia tomorrow

## Confession

AN ALLEGED confession made to two policemen by a 66-year-old man, who is appearing on a charge of murdering his wife with an axe, was rejected as inadmissible evidence in the Circuit Court in Estcourt yesterday

## Babies

FOUR babies, all a year old, slept or played in a Wynberg dock while their mothers were sentenced for squatting and ordered to leave the

# League slams union bannings

**THE Cape Action League, an alliance of organisations opposed to the new constitution and the Koorhof Bills, has condemned the banning of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) in the Ciskei and the banning of the leadership of the Motor Assembly and Component Workers' Union of South Africa (Macwusa).**

The Cape Action League said in a statement: "The banning of Saawu follows attempts by the only executive member not in detention, Mr Thozamile Qweta, to negotiate an end to the

protracted boycott of buses in Mdantsane. Saawu is held directly responsible for the boycott and presumably for the enormous losses in profit suffered by the bus company, of which the Ciskeian government is a 50 percent shareholder.

"The two-year banning of the Macwusa leadership follows their inhuman detention without trial for 271 days

to fight for the right of the oppressed to live and work in areas of their own choice, and to band together in trade unions through which they can struggle for higher wages and better working conditions.

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## DETENTIONS

The United Democratic Front is to join forces with key worker organisations to protest against the Saawu banning and the accompanying detentions

A small committee, comprising union, UDF and Detainees' Support Committee (Descom) representatives, had been set up to liaise with the

Saawu is an affiliate of the UDF, as are Cusa and several individual unions involved in the anti-Ciskei campaign. While Fosatu has not joined the UDF, the Saawu issue is an indication that co-operation between the two bodies is on the cards

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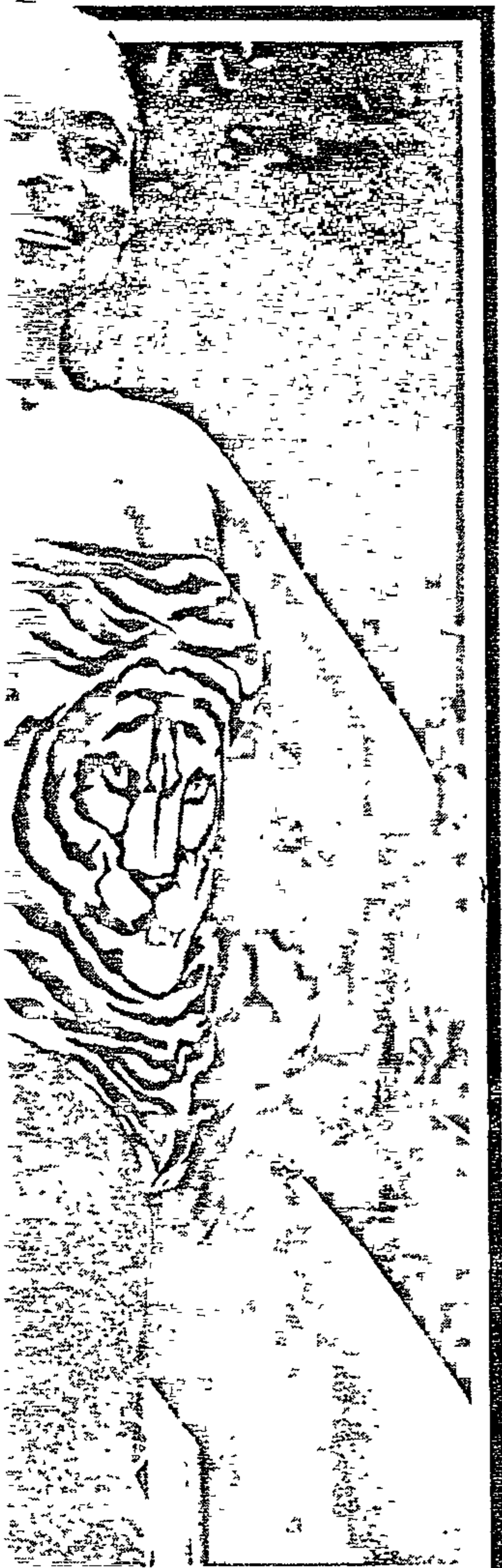
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## ONE MORE TIME...

A HUSBAND who forced his wife to have sex with him "one last time", before their marriage ended in divorce has been jailed for three years for rape.

This offence is normally impossible under British law, but the husband a 32-year-old rail worker, was under a court order forbidding him from molesting his wife.

Brighton Crown Court was told the man had been ordered out of the family

home in January, but he returned in March and told his wife he wanted sex "one more time".

He assaulted her, tore her clothes off and raped her.

Judge John Gower told him "You knew you were forbidden to molest her and that she did not welcome what happened. You used violence, and prison is the only appropriate way to deal with you."

# UNIONS CALL FOR BOYCOTT OF CISCHEI PRODUCE

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A BOYCOTT of products made in Ciskei is being considered by a Committee of Five set up in response to the homeland government's banning of the South African Allied Workers' Union.

Repeated calls for such a boycott were made by speakers at a solidarity rally organised by ten unions and the United Democratic Front at Khotso House in Johannesburg this week.

Saawu national organiser Herbert Barnabas said the union had raised the possibility of a boycott at its congress in Durban last weekend, and resolved to investigate whether it was possible.

Other speakers also condemned the ban, and called for "strong action, not just slogans".

The East London Chamber of Commerce and the Border Chamber of Industries also came under fire for not taking action in response to the ban — despite some of its member factories having recognition agreements with Saawu.

Speakers said the ban "struck at the core of the freedom of workers to associate themselves with organisations of their

own choice"  
By MONO BADELA  
USA

Secretary general of the Council of Unions of South Africa, Proshaw Camay, said the Saawu ban "went against every tenet of accepted labour law and practice".

"It is also a smack in the face for Pretoria from their homeland lackeys — it goes against the smokescreen of so-called labour reform that Pretoria wants to sell to the Western world," he said.

Camay told the meeting — attended by more than 400 people — the ban was "a deliberately orchestrated move against the growing awareness of workers of their collective power".

Other speakers were Transvaal UDF vice-president the Rev Frank Chikane, UDF national secretary Popo Molefe and Cawusa organiser Joe Mokoena.

## THE (SAD) THOUGHTS OF (EX-) CHAIRMAN KNOX

IT WAS a bad week for former Vaal Community Council Chairman Josia Knox Matjila.

No sooner was it announced that the Supreme Court had rejected his application to unseat council chairman Esau Mahlatsi than the council resolved not to listen to Mr Matjila's contributions during meetings and told him to leave the council chamber.

Mr Mahlatsi told City Press later that the former chairman had been ruled out of order for raising a "very contentious issue" — an allegation that the council had deprived some traders of business sites.

"His allegations are untrue," Mr Mahlatsi

**CISKEI'S**

**SECURITY**

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**SOFTENED**

CISKEI'S contentious new security Bill has been softened – and could mean an early release for unionists and others held without trial by the homeland's security forces.

In terms of an amendment introduced in the homeland parliament this week, detainees may not be held for more than 30 days without a warrant from the Justice Minister.

If introduced, the amendment will force the Commissioner of Police to produce reasons why someone should be held for more than a month.

The previous Bill allowed for detention for up to six months without review.

If it is introduced soon, the Bill could mean the early release of the large number of people being held in connection with Ciskei's bus boycott and the alleged coup.

However, this is presuming Justice Minister David Takane would reject whatever reasons the police gave for their continued detention.

When the amendment was introduced in parliament this week, Mr Takane said the aim was to centralise control of security – with most of the power in his hands and those of the Police Commissioner.

This effectively means a reversal of the powers conferred on Gen Sebe shortly before his detention.

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## FROM HIDE-OUT

**BY MONO  
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THOZAMILE Gqweta, the hitherto East London trade unionist, will continue to lead the South African Allied Workers Union (Sawu) — despite the fact that he has been in hiding for nearly two months.

And in another development — Sawu which now claims more than 100 000 members countrywide — opened offices in central Johannesburg this week.

This action has been interpreted by labour experts as showing the union's determination to survive in the face of overwhelming odds.

Sawu has been banned in the Ciskei and many of its leaders are in detention.

National organiser Herbert Barnabas told City Press soon after the union's fourth annual national congress in Durban at the weekend that no elections were held.

Instead the congress co-opted some additional members to assist the already depleted five-man national executive council. He said Mr Gqweta

was severely criticised, and the pressure on union members in the area was discussed at length.

The congress, said Mr Barnabas, confirmed the decision of the national executive council to challenge the ban by the Ciskeian government in a court of law.

Meanwhile this week in Johannesburg a joint statement released by the United Democratic Front (UDF) and 14 trade unions including the Detainees Support Committee and two trade union federations condemned the banning of Sawu in the Ciskei.

A campaign is to be launched to "expose" the situation the Ciskei and enlist international support to pressure South Africa and the Ciskei to stop "persecutions" in the area.

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EAST LONDON — The South African Allied Workers' Union said it would meet officials of the Corporation for Economic Development (CED) in Durban today to discuss the Mdantsane bus boycott

# Saawu: meeting on bus boycott called in Durban

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The national treasurer of Saawu, Mr I Ngcobo, said from the union's Durban office yesterday that the meeting had been arranged at the instance of the CED, which directs bus operations in Ciskei

"We told them Saawu did not start the bus boycott," he said

"We also explained it had been started by several community organisations in East London and Mdantsane and that it could be stopped only after discussions with those organisations but they insisted on meeting us"

He added that the union's leadership had asked for some officials from East London to attend the meeting

"We see it as briefing and guiding these men on who they should see if they want to start negotiations on the bus boycott," Mr Ngcobo said



MR KIKINE

MR KAISER

Details of the agenda and names of who would be coming from the CED were with Saawu's secretary, Mr Sam Kikine, who was travelling between KwaZulu and Durban yesterday afternoon, he said

"We hope he will be back for the meeting at

10 am tomorrow," Mr Ngcobo said

Efforts to get confirmation from the CED were unsuccessful yesterday

The chairman of the Ciskei Transport Corporation, Mr Paul Hoogendyk, referred inquiries to Mr Dave Hart

of the Ciskei People's Development Bank in King William's Town

Mr Hart said he had no information on the matter and referred inquiries to the managing director of the CTC bus company in Ciskei, Mr Hans Kaiser, who was out for the afternoon

Efforts to get comment from the head of the bus division of the CED, Mr D Viljoen, were also unsuccessful. He was reported to be out and expected back tomorrow

His deputy, Mr J Armstrong was said to be overseas and the CED transport division's public relations officer, Mr Harry Strydom, said he had no knowledge of the meeting but promised to investigate and report back

He had not reported back by late last night — DDR

# Ban on union under fire

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## Labour Correspondent

THE South African council of the International Metalworkers' Federation South African council — whose member unions include unions affiliated to Fosatu, Cusa and Tucsa — has slammed the banning of the SA Allied Workers Union by Ciskei authorities

The IMF council is one of the few bodies to bring together workers from all these groups and the statement also means that some unions affiliated to Tucsa have condemned the ban for the first time

It is composed of local unions who belong to the powerful Geneva-based IMF, which represents metal unions throughout the West

In a statement yesterday, the IMF council, which says it represents 145 000 workers, condemned the banning "with contempt"

"It is not surprising that the 'Ciskei Government' should look for a scapegoat to cover their own inadequacy in overcoming the problems of the bus boycott," the statement said

But it added that "there can be no excuse for these actions by the so-called Ciskei Government"

The IMF council said it was clear that "the problems being experienced in Ciskei in respect of the bus boycott are a result of government intransigence in dealing with workers"

By attempting "to put the blame on SAAWU" the Ciskei authorities "have indicated clearly their lack of support among the workers of Mdantsane"

The IMF council saw the ban as "an attack on all oppressed, exploited workers in South Africa"

Unions which belong to the council include Fosatu's National Automobile and Allied Workers Union and Metal and Allied Workers Union and Cusa's Steel, Engineering and Allied Workers Union

Tucsa unions include the SA Boilermakers Society, Radio Television and the Electronic and Allied Workers Union and Engineering Industrial Workers Union

# Call to unions to unite

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THE South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) has called on all independent trade unions to unite under the exiled South African Congress of Trade Unions (Sactu)

The call, made at the Saawu annual congress in Durban last weekend, is bound to have a dramatic effect on current moves to unite the independent trade unions

A resolution on Sactu described the organisation as the only hope for a progressive, non-racial and truly democratic workers movement in South Africa

The more than 1 000 delegates to the congress enthusiastically adopted the resolution.

The congress was told that all present moves towards trade union unity should be done with the aim of uniting the unions under the Sactu banner

A number of trade union unity summits have been held but in June last year at a meeting in Port Elizabeth, the unions concluded that there was no basis for unity at that stage

# FREE OUR LEADERS — THEN WE'LL TALK

By MONO BADELA

RELEASE all detainees in Ciskeian jails first before any solution can be found to the Ciskei bus boycott

This was the message from Sam Kikine, secretary of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), to officials of the Ciskei's Corporation for Economic Development at talks yesterday held to solve the three-month-old bus boycott.

In a major breakthrough, Saawu — banned in the Ciskei — was invited to talks in Durban with Dr Jackie Adendorf, chairman of the Ciskei's CED, half-owner of the Ciskei Transport Corporation. And after the meet-

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ing Mr Kikine said Dr Adendorf emphasised he was not representing either the Ciskei government, the CTC or the South African Government.

Mr Kikine said: "We explained to Dr Adendorf that although we have nothing to do with the bus boycott, we were prepared to assist in finding the solution

"But we pointed out to him that before any solution could be found

the Ciskei government must release Sisa Njikelana, our vice-president, George Shiba, an organiser, and all others who are in detention

"We also told him that compensation must be paid to all the families of those who were killed in the Ciskei during the recent action by the Ciskei police"

"The two officials agreed to see what they can do and will get in touch with us again"

A second meeting may be held in East London. An East London official can be present at the talks

"We made it clear to them that we don't want confrontation but consultation," said Mr Kikine.

THE history of the 100 000-strong SA Allied Workers' Union is not just a mere record of meetings, campaigns, resolutions and strikes — it is a remarkable tale of human courage and endurance, in the face of overwhelming odds.

Probably the most harassed union in the country, its leaders regard Saawu's banning by the Ciskei government as the climax of four years of repression.

But they are adamant that even at this dark hour their union will continue to grow from strength to strength

Sam Kikine, Saawu's voluble secretary general, told City Press "The history of Saawu will not end with the Ciskei ban. It is an on-going process with an assurance of victory in the end"

Saawu began in Durban in 1978

And its emergence dramatically changed the labour scene in South Africa

It soon projected the workers' struggle as transcending shopfloor issues, and linked the factory with the workers' day-to-day problems in the community

For Saawu, the working people are not simply members of a trade union or the employed — but all those who depend on their labour for survival those who are evicted from their homes, those who are engaged in the struggle for better houses, those engaged in protest against bus fare increases and poverty

And according to Popo Molefe, UDF secretary general, it is precisely this philosophy that has made Saawu the most bitter enemy of both Pretoria and Bisho

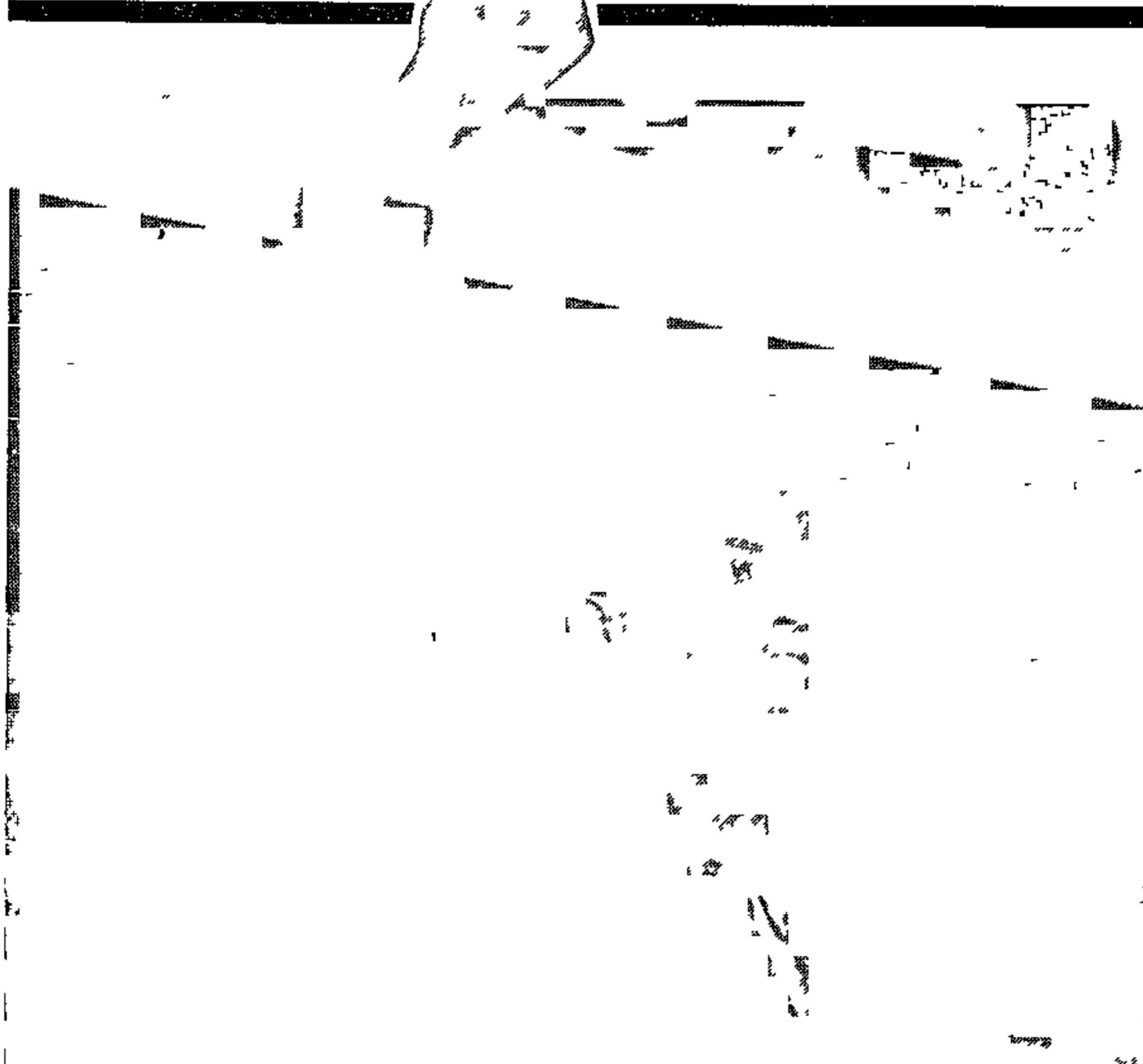
The birth of Saawu can be traced to a national conference of the Black Allied Workers' Union, Bawu, in March 1979 in Durban.

During the course of 1978, a split had developed in Bawu over representation of the union overseas by exile Drake Koka, a founder

# THE UNION THAT WON'T LIE DOWN

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● Saawu president THOZAMILE GWETA... in hiding for eight weeks

**MONO BADELA examines the development of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) into one of the country's most forceful labour movements.**

of Bawu

The split divided those who supported Koka and the black consciousness philosophy and those who opposed him and favoured non-racialism.

Koka's supporters were mainly from Johannesburg and Newcastle and his opponents from Durban and East London. The national conference decided to expel the Johannesburg officials and change the name of the organisation to Saawu

Mr Nattal Mkhize became the first president,

Kikine the secretary general, and Thozamile Gqweta, the national organiser

Dr Neil Aggett, the trade unionist who died in detention in 1981, was at one stage acting branch secretary for the Johannesburg branch and manned the office in Wanderers Street

According to Sam Kikine, it was Dr Aggett who introduced Mr Herbert Barnabas, now the national organiser, to Saawu officials

Another top trade unionist who helped Saawu onto its feet in

the early stages was Oscar Mpetha, one of the three presidents of the United Democratic Front (UDF). He helped the union secure an office in East London

Saawu is strongly opposed to registration because it fundamentally rejects the labour laws as being oppressive and discriminatory

Kikine says registration means swearing an oath of allegiance to racially discriminatory laws

And it rejects the State-sponsored bargaining system

Saawu also maintains an overt and explicit political position. It believes in a unitary, non-racial democratic South Africa based on the will of all South Africans.

It has demanded that black workers be granted political rights

At its annual congress in Durban in 1981 it demanded among other things, universal suffrage in South Africa as well as the abolition of the pass laws and migrant labour system

Earlier it had called for the abolition of the Group Areas Act and the unconditional release of Nelson Mandela

More recently Saawu became one of the trade unions that helped establish the UDF

Saawu totally rejects the concept of the homeland system as well as the community councils

Two months ago the Ciskei Transport Corporation raised bus fares by 11 percent in Mdantsane. But many of the residents of Ciskei are without jobs, and could not pay, so they began boycotting the buses

This strong political stance — probably the most hardline in the entire SA trade union movement — has cost a heavy price.

Eight times detained president Gqweta is now in hiding because of the Ciskei situation

And vice-president Sisa Njikelana is currently enduring his sixth spell in detention with 15 other Saawu officials in the Ciskei. But Saawu is not ready to die yet

As Kikine says "Their plans to bleed Saawu to death have failed in the past and will fail in future"

# UDF call for boycott of buses, money to Ciskei

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Staff Reporter

THE Western Cape branch of the United Democratic Front (UDF) has called for a boycott of Ciskeian Government bus companies operating from Cape Town to Ciskei and a ban on money sent to the the Ciskeian Government from the Western Cape

About 1 200 people attended a meeting at Hanover Park Civic Centre yesterday to discuss alleged atrocities being committed by Ciskeian police and army and government vigilantes against residents of Mdantsane

A large banner in the hall proclaimed "No to Ciskei terror".

## STRUGGLE

The UDF committed itself to supporting the struggle of the people of Ciskei against a "puppet government" and to expose the "brutal methods of the Sebe regime and its masters in Pretoria"

Speakers at the meeting included one from the Border region of the South African Allied

Workers' Union (Saawu), recently banned in Ciskei, other trade unionists, members of community organisations and representatives from Crossroads

Speaker after speaker condemned the involvement of the South African Government in the "repression of people in Ciskei" and called on the Government to remove "its puppet Sebe".

The meeting was told that virtually all trade union leaders in the Border region were in detention and there were allegations of torture and murder being committed by the Sebe Government

The UDF resolved to extend its solidarity to all people of Mdantsane to encourage those people in Cape Town who give money to the Ciskei Government to stop doing so immediately

It was also decided to discourage people from using Ciskei Government buses which travel weekly from Cape Town to Ciskei in support of the people of Mdantsane who are boycotting the buses

Mr Joe Adams, a guest speaker, said "Sebe and his heartless gang have declared war on residents of Mdantsane"

Hundreds of people had been detained, he said

"Workers, residents, students and trade unionists are in the hands of Sebe. Who knows how safe they are," he said

## SEARCH

Mr Adams said President Sebe had been using his power for a door-to-door search of nearly every house in Mdantsane

He said that the only people who had benefited from Ciskeian independence were President Sebe and his supporters

"For the people of Ciskei, independence has meant poverty and hunger so serious that there is starvation all over," he said

The resettlement plans of the South African Government had meant that people were dumped all over Ciskei in places where there was no work or food, he added.

(News by B Gordon, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town)

# 2 000 attend anti-Ciskei weekend rally

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## Labour Reporter

GUNS and brutality would not kill the spirit of the people who had been boycotting buses in Mdantsane for almost three months, Mr Robert Gqweta of the SA Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), told an anti-Ciskei rally in Hanover Park yesterday.

About 2 000 people packed the hall to hear speakers condemn the "ongoing atrocities" in the Ciskei, where a number of people have been detained and allegedly tortured and killed by the Ciskei Government in the wake of the bus boycott.

## Cheering

The rally was organized jointly by the United Democratic Front, the General Workers' Union (GWU) and the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association.

A plea by Mr Moses Mobotwa, an executive member of the GWU, for the "brutality to stop immediately" was greeted by loud clapping and cheering.

Mr Gqweta — the brother of Mr Thozamile Gqweta, Saawu's president, who has been in hiding for several months — outlined the course of events since the boycott began.

He said there would be negotiation with the bus company only when the Ciskei Government released the elected leaders of the people being held in detention.

Mr Gqweta said:

● Mdantsane residents had decided to boycott the buses as they could not afford the fare increase of 25 percent. However, trouble began only when a number of people involved in the boycott were detained.

● People had been chased off trains, beaten, shot and arrested by Ciskei police, army and vigilantes brought in from the rural areas.

● Many people had been held for days at the Sisa Dukashe sports stadium, where they had been tortured and women had been raped. Some men had been tied up with ropes and hung by their hands for days.

● Schoolchildren had been taken away in army trucks and forced to sing "We like Sebe. We no longer want to burn our schools."

## Dog food

● Apart from the banning of Saawu in the Ciskei, six trade unionists had been arrested by the South African security police and handed over to the Ciskei police.

● There were door-to-door raids in Mdantsane every day and Saawu members were being beaten.

● It was impossible to estimate how many people had been killed or were still in detention. People who had been released said they had been forced to eat dog-food pellets while in detention.

● 400 people had been detained at unit eight in Mdantsane in one swoop last week after petrol-bombs had been thrown at the homes of Ciskei officials.

## Police denial

● On Friday the Ciskei Government denied reports of police brutality at Sisa Dukashe Stadium and said "criminal elements have been acting under the camouflage of vigilantes who had been assisting the police."

Major G A Ngaki, police liaison officer for the Ciskei police, said "I know these allegations have been flying around, and I deny them."

# Torture continues, says union leader

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Staff Reporter

THE violence in the Ciskei, where in recent weeks many people are alleged to have been killed, tortured, beaten and raped, is still continuing, the chairman of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) in the Border region, Mr Robert Gqweta, has said

Speaking to about 1 200 people at a meeting in Hanover Park yesterday, organised by the United Democratic Front, Mr Gqweta said that although people were no longer being taken to the Dukashe Stadium where atrocities were allegedly committed, they were now being taken to an old training school called Hlaziya, where beatings and torture were continuing

## DETAINEES FED DOGFOOD

He said about 400 people were in detention in Ciskei last week and people were being fed dogfood in jails

Mr Gqweta said men and women had been tied to a wall with ropes and beaten at the stadium and pupils had been arrested on the way to school and made to sing praises to President Lennox Sebe

The atrocities were being committed by the Ciskei police, army and vigilantes

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Labour Correspondent

THE unregistered SA Allied Workers Union yesterday won its first recognition agreement in Newcastle when it signed an agreement with Defy Corporation's foundry and pressings division in the town.

The agreement is significant, because the Black Allied Workers Union has been seen for some years as the dominant union recruiting black workers in Newcastle.

It is known that BAWU attempted to organise at the Defy plant, and the agreement is believed to indicate that SAAWU is establishing itself in the Newcastle area.

SAAWU, most of whose leadership have been detained by the government of Ciskei President Chief Lennox Sebe, was formed as a result of a split in BAWU some years ago.

It says it is committed to nonracial unionism, whereas BAWU is open to black workers only. Because SAAWU was formed by ex-BAWU officials, there is considerable tension between the two unions.

The signing was announced yesterday in a joint statement by Defy's divisional personnel director, Mr Attie Kolver, and SAAWU's general secretary, Mr Sam Kikine.

# Ciskei 'atrocities' highlighted

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GRIM accounts of people being shot dead, children being beaten up, almost daily door-to-door raids and mass detentions in the Ciskei were heard at a protest meeting in Hanover Park on Sunday.

About 1 500 people at the rally pledged solidarity with the South African Allied Workers' Union (Sawu) and the people of Mdantsane in East London and resolved to "expose throughout South Africa

and the whole world the repressive and brutal measures of the (Lennox) Sebe regime and of Sebe's masters in Pretoria".

The meeting was organised by the Western Cape region of the United Democratic Front (UDF) with the support of the General Workers' Union (GWU) and the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Union. Sawu is an affiliate of the UDF and has been banned in the Ciskei.

They resolved to "encourage those people in Cape Town who donate money to the Sebe regime to stop doing so immediately and, in solidarity with the bus boycott in Mdantsane, to strongly discourage people from using Ciskei buses which leave Cape Town for Ciskei every week.

"We will organise ourselves wherever we may be so that through our unity we will have strength to win our

freedom," read one of the resolutions.

A second resolution was passed in support of the people of Crossroads who have been facing regular harassment from the police and administration board officials.

"Everyone should have the right to houses, security and comfort. The struggle of the people at Crossroads is also our struggle," read another resolution

Mr Robert Gqwetha, chairman of Sawu's East London branch committee and brother of Saawu president Thozamile Gqwetha who has been in hiding for some months and is the only top Saawu official not in detention, told the meeting that the boycott would only stop if all the people's leaders were released.

"Detention and bullets will not stop us from taking concrete action. People who

have been beaten up and told to stop supporting Saawu have shown they are strong. Since we have been banned, our membership has doubled.

"What is happening in the Ciskei is intolerable. People coming from detention said they had been given dog food to eat in prison. Animals are better protected than people in the Ciskei," he said.

Mr Moses Mobotwa, general treasurer of the GWU, said the Ciskeian

authorities were "learning from their masters" to deny the allegations of brutality.

Mr R. D. Nardoo, chairman of the Western Areas UDF in Natal and an executive member of the Durban Housing Action Committee, said the winds of change were blowing rapidly through Africa towards South Africa.

"Botha will not stop our march to freedom. The UDF was born to lead us to a people's government," he said.

# Crackdown on unions forecast

Staff Reporter

THE banning of Saawu in the Ciskei and the recommendation by Tucca that unregistered trade unions be closed down were a forerunner to government action against the labour movements, the president of the Media Workers Association of South Africa (MWASA), Mr Zwelakhe Sisulu, said at the weekend.

Addressing Mwasu's third national congress in Cape Town at the weekend, Mr Sisulu said the "South Africa Government and its bantustan satellites have embarked on a pogrom against the labour movement in the country".

Mr Sisulu said that what might today seem

un-coordinated actions by the government and its proxies were a planned systematic process that sought to confuse the masses and neutralize the revolutionary effort.

"Some of these actions seem isolated and unconnected, but they are in fact part of a higher strategy of oppression."

"The banning of Saawu in Ciskei is the prime example of this pogrom, masterminded by the South African security police and their cousins, the NIS, that is about to be unleashed against our organizations."

"It is as a consequence of this, that today we have the notorious constitutional

proposals and the Black Local Authorities Act. What are the constitutional proposals worth? What is the Black Local Authorities Act worth? They are worth nothing and we reject them out of hand."

## 'Excluded'

"There are those who say we must reject the constitutional proposals because they exclude Africans. The constitutional proposals do not exclude Africans only, they exclude everybody of whatever colour except P W Botha and the NP."

"Those who advance the senile argument that the proposals must be rejected because they exclude Africans must then go on to say we must fight for the inclusion of Africans in the proposals, in which they do not want to be included."

"We want a true democratic process that will select the 'true' leaders of our people and the 'true' government of the people under a 'true' system of government."

(Report by R L Morris, 77 Burg Street, Cape Town)

# UK Gov

From IAN HOBBS

LONDON — Mrs Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government was shaken yesterday by a report claiming that the party had been infiltrated by extreme right-wing, racist and anti-semitic groups.

The Young Conservatives, the youth wing of the party, have spent more than a year investigating the infiltration of the party.

Their report expresses concern that a number of Conservative MPs are closely linked to racist groups, particularly the pro-apartheid and neo-Nazi National Front.

The report is a serious probe into Thatcher and her government's setback in the Conservative Party starting in this week.

The Young Conservatives have a number of MPs, officials and parliamentarians among their ranks.

The investigation continues to report so far has suggested a link with African link.

The Conservative press Arthur Williams

## Children hurt by falling post

Staff Reporter

THREE Manenberg children were injured yesterday afternoon when a post of bricks and concrete fell on them while they were playing at the construction site of a new maisonette.

The children, Denzil Jacobs, 10, Jena Anders, 13, and Charles Morris, 10, were all taken to Grootte Schuur Hospital with slight injuries.

Denzil's mother, Mrs Sandra Jacobs, said there had been similar cases in the past at construction sites around Manenberg.

She said the children had nowhere else to play and were forced to play in the buildings.

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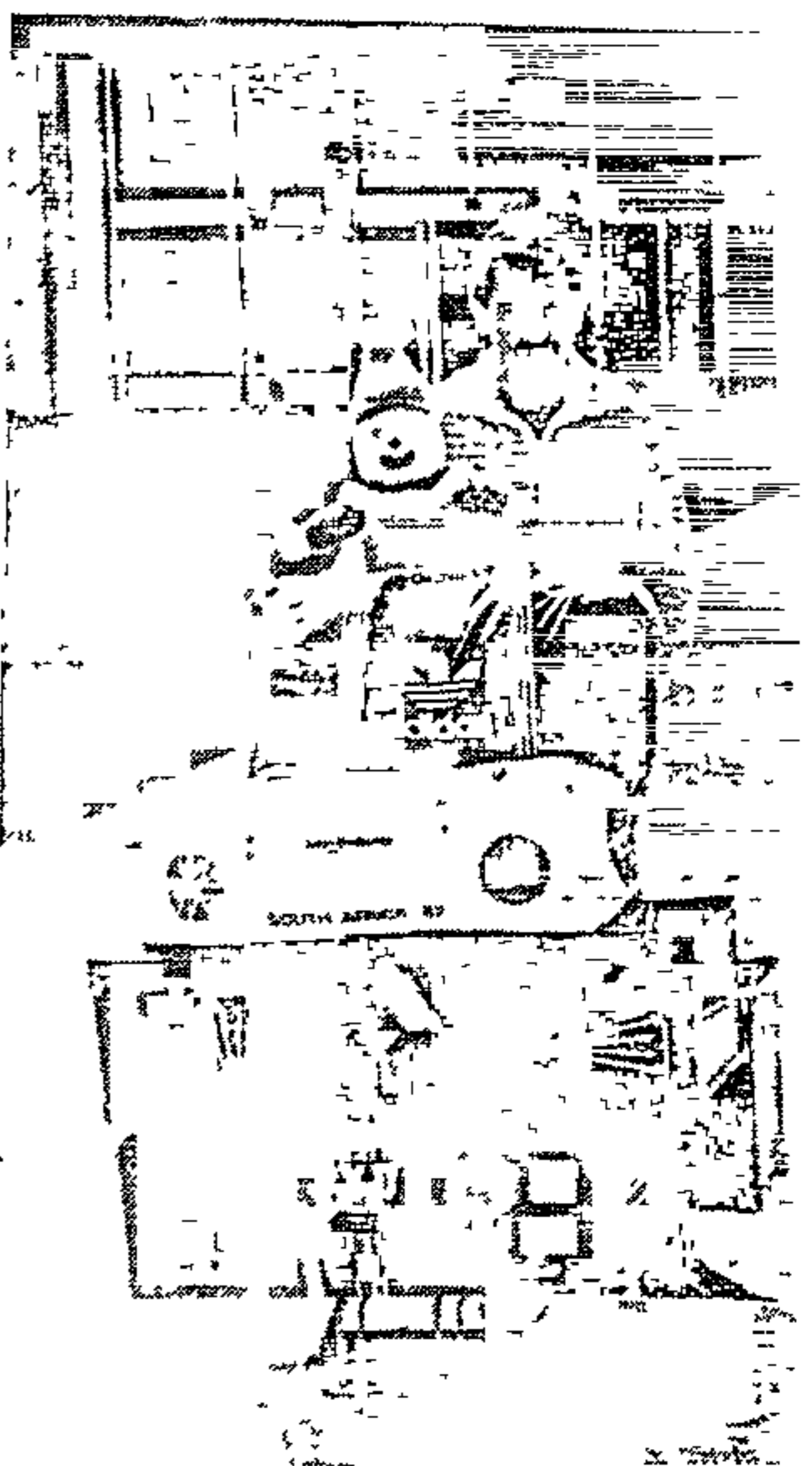
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## Mugabe threat to seize farms

Own Correspondent  
HARARE — Zimbabwe's Prime Minister, Mr Robert Mugabe, has threatened to seize white-owned farms if Britain cuts aid to Zimbabwe.

In his third public outburst against Britain in a fortnight, he told rural peasants at a political rally north-east of here that "we will just take that land and not pay for it" if Britain stopped giving money to buy land for resettlement.



English cricket "rebels" Graham and DF Malan Airport were wives Brenda and Clair Gooch at Cup match at New

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**Koevoet: C of fighters'**

RUNDU — Field operatives of the special police counter-insurgency unit Koevoet were extremely loyal to one another.

According to a detachment of Koevoet road specialists extermination.

THREE hundred striking workers at a Pretoria factory have been fired after a wage dispute with management

Donsi Khumalo, National General Workers Union secretary, said management at Poole Industries Ltd told workers they had lost their jobs

The workers would be allowed to re-apply for their jobs.

The workers, dissatisfied with pay increases and pension deductions, went on strike on Tuesday

# 300 STRIKING WORKERS FIRED

Mr Khumalo said the workers were not prepared to go back to work until their grievances had been resolved

Their dismissal comes soon after another Pretoria

firm, York Timbers fired 200 workers also striking since Friday.

The workers continued to strike despite a management warning that they would be fired.

Deacon Mathe, organiser for the South African Allied Workers' Union, said the company's employees would not return until they received a wage increase

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EMERGING trade unions have lodged an official complaint with Pretoria about the recent Ciskei ban on the South African Allied Workers Union.

The unions sent the protest memorandum to Manpower Minister Fanie Botha after unity talks at Khotso House, Johannesburg at the weekend.

The move is the progressive labour movement's first official attempt to take up the issue with Pretoria.

Last month ten unions formed an AD HOC committee with the United Democratic Front (UDF) and Detainees Support Committee (Descom). The committee condemned the Ciskei ban and the "reign of terror" in Ciskei, and pledged solidarity with the people of Ciskei.

The unions involved are Cusa, Fosatu, Cawusa, Saawu, Gawu, GWU, MGWU and AFCWU.

Saawu has already

Ciskei ban on Saawu:

# UNIONS PETITION PRETORIA

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By **MONO BADELA**

declared that it intends fighting the Ciskei ban in court.

Another round of talks will be held in Johannesburg on November 13, where two delegates from each union will form a co-ordinating committee to speed up the establishment of a federal

union for all trade unions.

Meanwhile Saawu secretary-general Sam Kikine told City Press that the union's affiliate, the Metal Iron and Steel Workers Union, concluded historic recognition agreement with the giant Defy Corporation in Newcastle for more than 1 500 workers. The agreement is the first to be signed by a progres-

sive union in Newcastle.

Mr Kikine said another Saawu affiliate, the Baking and Allied Workers Union would conclude another agreement involving more than 1 000 workers with Union Flower Mills in Durban. His organisation has also made deep inroads into the giant Iscor Corporation.

SEBE WARNS.

## DON'T TAKE MY NAME IN VAIN!

"DON'T take my name in vain..." — that was the message from Ciskei leader Lennox Sebe this week after numerous reports of people using his name to get favours from homeland civil servants.

Presidential advisor T C De Vries issued a circular this week saying the president would take legal action against anyone using his name without authority.

Mr De Vries said this

By **BENITO PHILLIPS**

was because of the "mounting frequency" with which members of

the public used the president's name "when they wanted matters speeded up or wanted certain favours."

"The president views this as outrageous, and will no longer tolerate it," he told City Press. "It must be clearly understood that any transgression will be severely disciplined."

Mr De Vries also expressed concern that the circular had been



## SERVICE TO MARK 17 BANNINGS

A COMMEMORATION service to mark the official clampdown of 17 blacks organisations including the banning of two newspapers — World and Weekend World — will be held at the DOCC, YWCA centre in Orlando East on Wednesday starting at 6.30 pm. This time, ac-

## DETAINED SEBE'S SON IN HOSPITAL

DETAINED Ciskei ex-Cabinet Minister, Namaba Sebe's son, Kama, 17, who was detained last week

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# GWU unlikely to join UDF

Labour Reporter

THE General Workers' Union (GWU) is prepared to campaign alongside but unlikely to ever join up with the United Democratic Front (UDF), according to a policy statement by the GWU's general secretary, Mr David Lewis

The statement, contained in an interview in the latest issue of the publication Work In Progress, is the first detailed public explanation of why many emerging unions have opted not to affiliate with the new anti-apartheid and anti-the new constitution organizations such as the UDF

Apart from the GWU, union groupings such as the Federation of South African Trade Unions (Fosatu) and the Food and Canning Workers' Union have not affiliated, while others such as the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) and the Council of Unions of SA (Cusa) have done so

The relationship of unions to the UDF and the National Forum has become a key political issue

Mr Lewis said that while the GWU supported any opposition to the constitution and the Koornhof Bills, it was difficult for unions to slot into a national front

with organizations which had a completely different structure

He said the second difficulty was that unions represented only workers, whereas the other organizations represented a broad range of classes

He queried whether the style, tone, language spoken and sophisticated structures of the UDF made it easy for workers to play a role

"In 10 years of existence as a union we've never found the need to set up a single sub-committee, let alone a highly-sophisticated and complex structure"

Working class organization in South Africa had developed to the stage where workers insisted on the right to participate fully in the structures of any organization of which they were part.

Mr Lewis foresaw the possibility of a future relationship between a national trade union movement, which was still in the making, and a national political movement

(Report by P van Niekerk, 77 Burg St, Cape Town)

# Strikers ready to take legal action

ANOTHER group of dismissed workers who went on strike after one of their colleagues was allegedly assaulted by their white boss, has threatened to take court action if they are not reinstated.

A total of 51 workers at the Pienaar and Grabe Wood factory in Rosslyn, who went on strike over pay demands last week, also claimed

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yesterday that they were subjected to daily assaults by the authorities including their manager

A spokesman for the workers said the strike was sparked off when their colleague, Mr Antipas Leso, one of the three members of a committee which negotiated for a 30 cents an hour increase, was allegedly punched and kicked by two managers

and a certain foreman

A total of 50 workers went on strike in solidarity with Mr Leso after he was told by management that he had been fired. The workers, who have since joined the union, also lashed out at the company's bad treatment and condemned management for the daily assaults they are subjected to

An official of

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SAAWU Mr Deacon Mathe, yesterday said his union was going to negotiate with management for the re-instatement of the workers failing which court action would be considered

About 300 workers fired at Pool Industries in Rosslyn last week have also threatened to take court action against the company for their "unfair dismissal" over pay demands

# Anger at Seifsa contract move

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

HUNDREDS of migrant workers who take up new employment in the metal industries could be retrenched at a day's notice if they are not given their contracts, the Black Sash has warned.

The warning stems from the government's approval to grant the Steel and Engineering Industries Federation of

SA (Seifsa) a new form of "legislation" allowing employers in this country permission to retrench workers without due notice.

Meanwhile major trade unions have expressed their anger and threatened to take legal action against employers.

## DREADFUL

The unions must take the matter up with employers and insist that migrants be given their contracts which they must keep. Otherwise "some employers may take advantage of the new legislation," Mrs Sheena Duncan warned yesterday.

The Black Sash regards the new contract as "dreadful and scandalous," especially as it will give urban workers preference over migrants.

SAAWU's national

organiser, Mr Herbert Barnabas said "We shall always oppose any action by the government and the employers which is aimed at depriving and dividing workers in this country."

## FIGHT

Mr Barnabas said they believed that workers could not be repatriated in terms of the government's "homeland policies" and the union would fight for any worker retrenched.

Fosatu's Metal and Allied Workers' Union, which represents most workers in this industry, said the changes to the contract meant that em-

ployers could dismiss day's notice.

MAWU had called for the scrapping of the contract system but this had been ignored by Seifsa. Employers were trying to avoid unions from suing them for breaking migrant workers' contracts in the event of retrenchment, said MAWU.

## SAFEGUARD

If Seifsa continued with this move the union would take legal action against employers in an attempt to safeguard migrants' interests, MAWU said.

The National Union of Mineworkers' Cyril Ramaphosa said this had once again proved to workers that the government was in cahoots with employers. The act confirmed the fact that the government was always prepared to amend the law if it was in the interests of employers.

If the government was serious about promoting cordial relations between employers and workers the best thing they could have done was to get the views of workers.

NUM would be ready to take action against

this grossly unjust rule, Mr Ramaphosa said.

In a statement, Cusa said this action negated the basic principle of security of employment and could only detrimentally affect industrial relations practices.

"They appear to have ignored the almost half a million workers in the industry and have created a further imbalance in black/white conditions of employment."

"The new day stipulation by Seifsa has to be deployed, unequivocally and condemned by workers everywhere. If they hope to follow it then they will encounter resistance from Cusa unions."



# Union grows

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MORE than any other trade union in the country, the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) has probably suffered more wrath from both the South African Government and Ciskei.

Despite the police harassment, detention of its leaders and the recent ban on the union by the Ciskei Government, the union's strength has grown unabated.

A break-away from the Black Allied Workers' Union, Saawu was formed in 1979 on non-racial lines, although its entire membership is black.

It has grown rapidly in the Eastern Cape, Natal and Transvaal and can boast of a membership of over 100 000 this year, as compared to 50 000 membership last year.

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# Thozamile Gqweta comes out of hiding

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By SAM MABE

MR THOZAMILE Gqweta, president of the South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU) made a surprise appearance in Johannesburg yesterday after being in hiding for close to two months.

He was at a Press conference held jointly by SAAWU and the United Democratic Front (UDF) at Khotso House, where he told journalists that there was no hope of an immediate return to normality in Ciskei, where hundreds of people have been detained since the beginning of a bus boycott last month.

He said atrocities were going on and that people suspected to have been killed by Chief Lennox Sebe's forces were between 60 and 90, as opposed to the seven reported by the Ciskeian Govern-

ment

Responding to a warning by the US Government to its citizens not to travel in Ciskei because of the dangerous situation there, Mr Gqweta said the US Government should put pressure on the South African Government to intervene in the chaos in Ciskei

The UDF's publicity secretary, Mr Mosiuoa "Terror" Lekota, said that during the coming weekend, starting from today, it would have to be demonstrated fully to the world that the new constitution did not enjoy popular support

There would be the tolling of bells every hour in Durban on Saturday night and tonight vigils will be held in Alexandra and Bosmont

• (Story by Sam Mabe, 61 Com mando Road, Industria West)

# The Pimpernel of the labour struggle

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FIVE years ago Thozamile Gqwetha was an East London furniture salesman. Today he is a fugitive on the run from the Ciskei military and police who have orders to shoot him on sight.

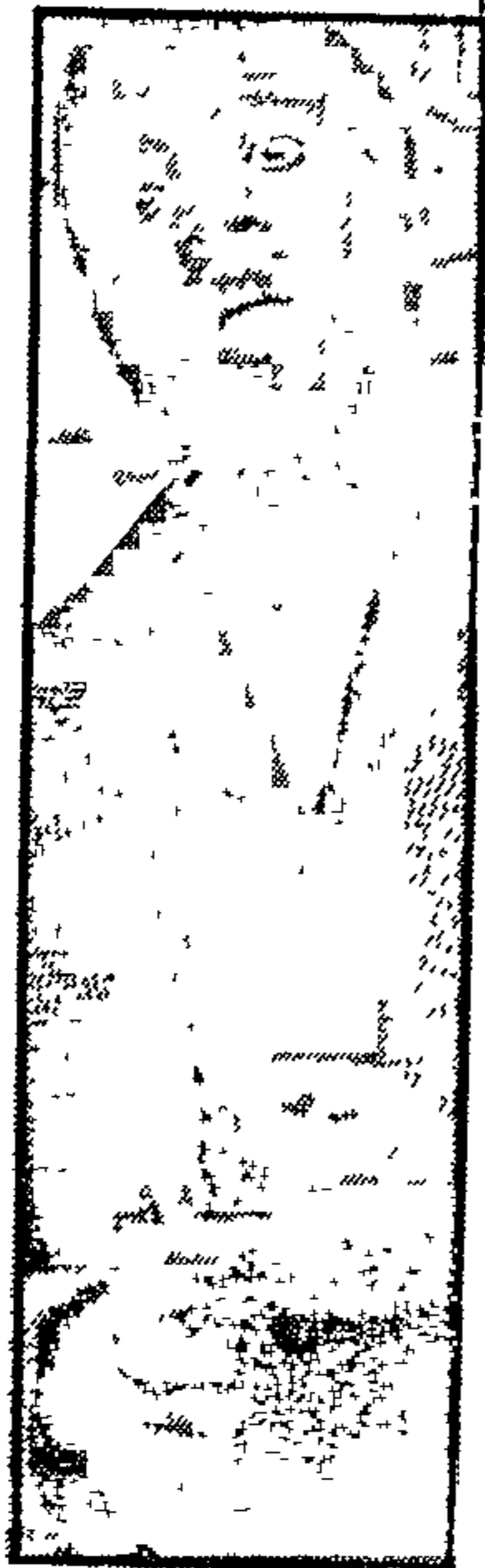
Gqwetha is now living "underground" in South Africa

He briefly came out of hiding last week to appeal at a Press conference in Johannesburg for the world to pressurise the South African Government — whom he holds responsible for the violence and anarchy in Ciskei — to force an end to the tragic events in the state

This Pimpernel of the trade union movement believes that if the Ciskeians want him detained the South African authorities will assist them

In the five year span since he worked as a furniture salesman Thozamile Gqwetha has been detained nine times (but never charged)

He says he has been interrogated at his home and office on more than 15 occasions His uncle



Mr Thozamile Gqwetha.

and aunt died in a fire at their home in 1981

His fiancée, Diliswa Rozisa, was shot dead at the subsequent funeral

What has prompted such a drastic change in the lifestyle of an otherwise apparently ordinary man?

## Bills

In late 1979, Thozamile Gqwetha, concerned first about the inability of many of his store's customers to pay their bills, formed the South African Allied Workers Union

Within two years, General Xhanti Charles Sebe, the former head of Ciskeian State Security and Justice who is now languishing in jail after allegedly plotting a coup against his brother, President for life of the Ciskei Lennox Sebe, complained that SAAWU was "spreading like a bush fire through the Eastern Cape"

"Thozzi" as he is known to his friends and fellow unionists, said membership of SAAWU was nationwide and topped almost 85 000 black workers

SAAWU quickly became not only the most rapidly growing trade

union in the country but the most controversial, mainly because it firmly maintained that a black worker's life - poor housing, pass laws and inferior education - was indivisible from his working conditions and his status and productivity as a worker

Gqwetha's right-hand man, Sisa Njekelane, is now in detention in Ciskei

It is Njekelane's seventh period in detention He has also never been charged He was detained the day after the continuing and bloody Ciskeian bus boycott began in July this year

Both Gqwetha and Njekelane became special targets of Major-General Sebe

## Tapped

They claim their phones were tapped, their mail intercepted, landlords intimidated for housing the union offices, and their union members intimidated by the CCIS And they were all frequently arrested

All of this Gen Sebe freely admitted

In 1981, the CCIS detained 205 SAAWU unionists - allegedly because they were making black power signs in their buses It was the biggest single swoop on trade unionists

The Ciskei achieved "independence" less than two years ago, and since then the situation has deteriorated

In August, SAAWU was banned by the Ciskei The majority of its leadership live in Mdantsane a township within Ciskei

Gqwetha fled to Duncan Village, a township near East London, on September 12

It was just before then, he was informed, the word had been given in the Ciskei to shoot him on sight

This is the background to his press conference this week

He believes 60 to 90 people have died at the hands of the Ciskeian security forces since the bus boycott began in July, and he fears the death toll may not be complete

What has alarmed him, he says, has been "the silence from democratic people of this country who have not raised their voices in protest at the tragic events in Ciskei — Own Correspondence

# Union hits at action taken

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by Ciskei

Post Reporter

MR HERMAN REBHAN, general-secretary of the 14 million-strong International Metalworkers' Federation (IMF) has condemned the anti-union action taken by authorities in Ciskei

Mr Rebhan said he fully endorsed the statement issued by the IMF's South Africa Co-ordinating Council, condemning the banning of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), as being "directed against all democratic unions inside and outside South Africa"

Mr Rebhan renewed the commitment of his federation to do "everything in its power to bring about equal rights for all in South Africa" and attacked the "vicious collusion" between the South African and Ciskeian Governments in oppressing Saawu

The IMF, which has affiliates in several Caribbean countries, has also

condemned the United States's invasion of Grenada

In a statement from Geneva headquarters, Mr Rebhan, said "The US invasion is a flagrant violation of the Charter of the Organisation of American States and an affront to international law and order

"The territorial integrity of independent sovereign states must be respected and military invasions must be condemned

"We cannot condemn the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and accept the American invasion of Grenada. A very dangerous precedent has been set

"The invasion shows that the Reagan Administration has lost all sense of proportion and judgment

"The sooner it is replaced by an Administration that can restore America's name as a champion of peace, national sovereignty and freedom from military adventurism the better"

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**Police disperse 200 strikers**

MORE than 200 workers who  
downed tools on Tuesday at  
the St John's Knitwear Com-  
pany in Hammanskraal, near  
Pretoria, were dispersed by  
Bophuthatswana police yes-  
terday

According to a spokesman  
for the South African Allied  
Workers' Union, most of the  
workers earned R22 a week

The workers went on strike  
after wage demands were re-  
jected by the company

A spokesman for the work-  
ers said negotiations for

wage hikes, increased night  
shift allowances and sick  
leave pay, began two weeks  
ago

He said Mr Frans Lehabe,  
one of the firm's personnel  
managers, speaking on be-  
half of Mr G Licker, general  
manager, told the workers  
that all their demands had  
been rejected

When the workers de-  
manded to see Mr Licker,  
they were told either to re-  
turn to work, or go home  
They decided not to go back

to work until their demands  
had been met.

Yesterday, Mr Licker is re-  
ported to have repeated the  
ultimatum to the workers in  
the presence of a large con-  
tingent of Bophuthatswana  
Police However, the workers  
stood firm on their demands

After about 20 minutes, the  
workers ran off, pursued by  
the police

The spokesman for the  
workers said nobody was in-  
jured in the incident —  
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IT'S a dog's life in Ciskei's detention cells

You don't get a five-star menu

You get dog biscuits, the taste disguised with cheap packets of instant soup. Variation is provided by stale bread, a cup of ice-cold tea or coffee, stale boerewors or mouldy mince-meat, according to people recently released from detention.

The results — diarrhoea.

A spokesman for released detainees said they had heard through the prison grapevine how their food was being prepared.

But Ciskei Police and Prisons Commissioner, Brigadier Lulana Madolo, vehemently denied that detainees were given under-nourished food.

"Their allegations are false and untrue," he said.

**FREE TO DO WHAT  
THE CISKEI GOVT SAYS**

*City Press*

*13/11/83*

THE joy of being released from detention was soured for SA Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU) vice-president Sisa Njikelana when he was told his union had been banned.

After three months in a Ciskei cell the trade union leader came out to be told his union had been outlawed in September — and that he might find himself back in jail if he continued to take part in Saawu activities.

"Although I expected the worst from the Ciskei Government, the ban came as a real shock," Njikelana told City Press in his first interview since his release last week. "Nothing was mentioned

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all the time we were in jail"

But despite the ban, Njikelana said the spirit in the union was still "very high"

"There is certainly no sign of them capitulating," he said

"We knew our detention was a prelude to tougher action, and the ban will certainly pose problems for our functioning in areas like Mdantsane"

He and the 14 other unionists released last weekend — including African Food and Canning Workers' Union secretary Bonisle Norushe — were all detained at the height of

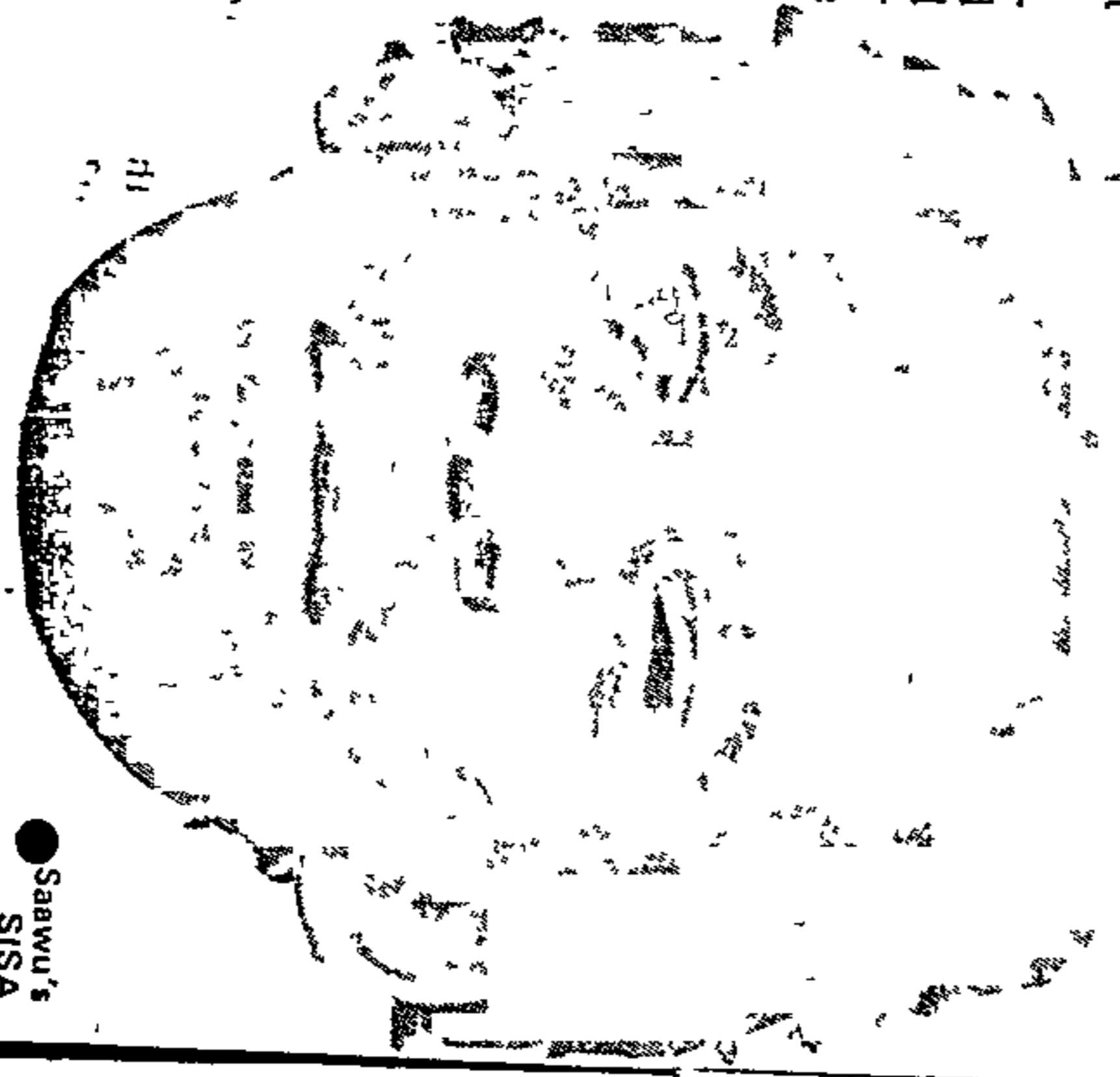
the Mdantsane bus boycott

Njikelana said he had been questioned about the bus boycott during his detention.

He said he had complained about the food given to detainees and was seeing a doctor regularly to make sure he was in good health

Saawu's big guns — president Thozamile Gqweta, secretary-general Sam Kikine and Njikelana — will meet national organiser Herbert Barnabas in Johannesburg next week to discuss strategies

According to Njikelana, only students and Catholic priest Smangalis Mkhatswa are still in Ciskei-detention



● Saawu's  
SISA  
NIKELANA

~~ANC trial~~  
ANC trial  
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THE case of two members of the South African Allied Workers' Union, who are charged with furthering the aims of the banned African National Congress and possessing banned literature, was postponed by Mr E Wilkins in the Pretoria Regional Court yesterday.

They were not asked to plead.

Mr Gerald Ramu Dau, 28, of Motau St, Atteridgeville, and Mr Gabriel Comboy Mokoka, 27, of Nqolafe St, Atteridgeville, were detained in August and appeared before Mr E Wilkins in the Pretoria Regional Court. They were released on R500 bail each.

Their bail was extended. They will appear again on January 30 — Sapa

# Unions join boycott call

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

MAJOR trade union movements have joined the anti-community council campaign by asking workers to boycott the forthcoming elections which they maintain support apartheid.

The movements are the Council of Unions of South Africa (CUSA) the South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU) and the independent Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers' Union of SA (CCAWUSA)

In pamphlets distributed in the city, CUSA says it wishes to call on its members to boycott the forthcoming community council elections because they are "not in

the interests of workers"

The union says it endorses the call of the Soweto Anti-Community Council Committee to boycott the elections.

SAAWU's national organiser, Mr Herbert Barnabas, said they supported the anti-community council campaign by various committees in the country

The union will in future mobilise this idea through shop stewards in various industries and distribute pamphlets, Mr Barnabas said.

CCAWUSA's general secretary, Mrs Emma Mashini said that they supported those who were against the council elections

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# SAAWU FILES PAPERS CHALLENGING CISKEI BAN

THE SA Allied Worker's Union (Saawu) has filed papers with the Ciskei Supreme Court demanding an end to its three-month-old ban in the homeland.

Johannesburg lawyer Ms Priscilla Jana, acting on behalf of the trade union, said the co-respondents in the litigation are Ciskei Justice Minister David Takane, homeland Security Chief Brigadier Lulama Madolo, and Mr Ian Melville, a liquidator. Saawu and its president, Thozamile Gqweta, are cited as applicants.

In the applications Saawu calls on the Ciskei Supreme Court to set aside the order outlawing the union in the Ciskei from September 1.

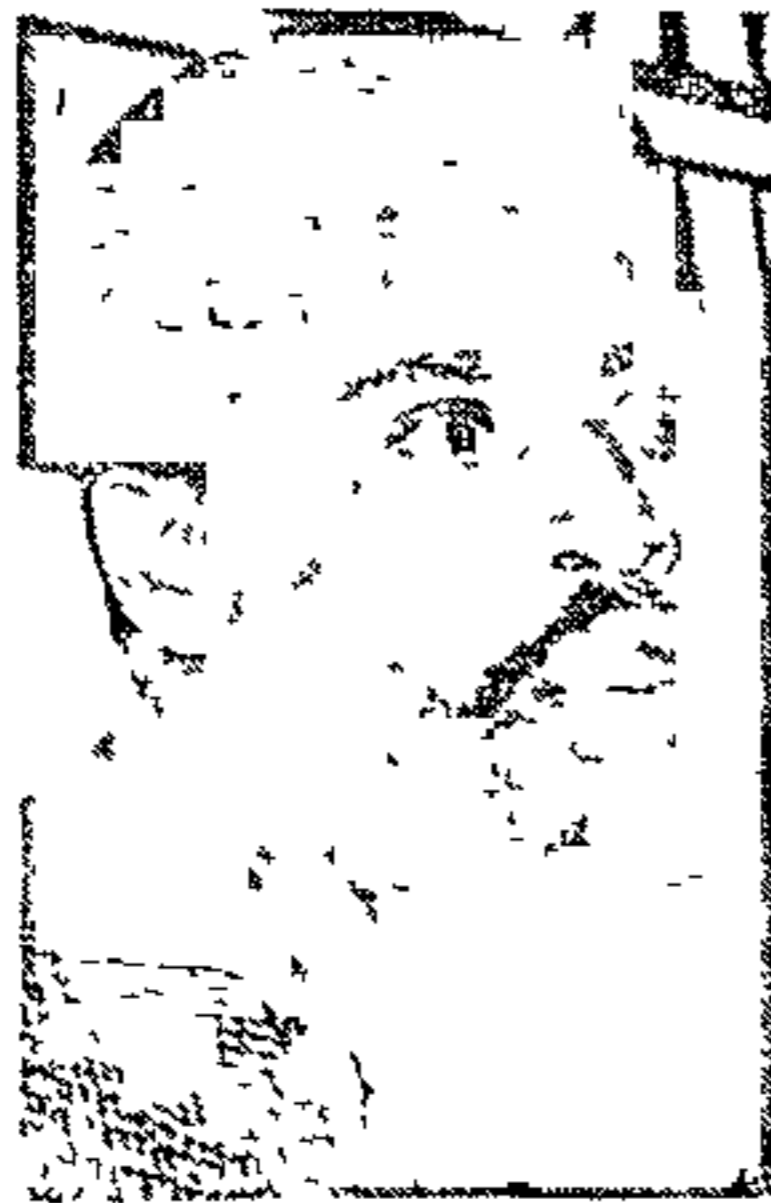
The ban was published in the Ciskei Government Gazette in terms of Ciskei's National Security Act, and the homeland's acting head of state security, Brigadier Lulama Madolo, said at the time the ban was imposed because Saawu "endangered national security and public peace".

The ban prohibits membership of Saawu, possession of union documents — including membership cards — or wearing Saawu t-shirts or emblems.

Saawu has more than 100 000 members, a large number of whom live in Mdantsane and work in the East London area.

The ban came soon after the start of the boycott of buses owned by the Ciskei Transport Corporation and the subsequent arrest of many union officials.

Many of the officials — including vice-president Sisa Njikelana — spent as long as three months in detention.



● THOZAMILE GWETA one of the applicants.

Gqweta went into hiding for several weeks, and emerged last month after the union officials had been released.

# Banning:

# Saawu

# in court

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By MONO BADELA

The decision to challenge the ban in court was taken at Saawu's annual congress in Durban on September 18.

There was an international outcry against the ban and human rights organisations like Amnesty International made urgent pleas to both the South African Government and the Ciskei to lift the ban.

South Africa's emerging trade unions, representing more than 400 000 workers, lodged an official complaint with Pretoria about Ciskei's ban on Saawu.

A memorandum was sent to the then Manpower Minister, Fanie Botha, after a meeting in Johannesburg on October

## COUNCILLORS QUIT

THE DRakensberg Administration Board (DAB) has had to take over Sobantu near Pietermaritzburg, because of the resignation of the last remaining members of the one month old local Community Council.

Last week Israel Mngadi resigned — leaving the Council with the problem of no quorum.

## 'Kei snubs 'Kei

THE CISKEI Government has invited all the homelands to its third independence anniversary celebrations — except the Transkei.

This follows a recent clash between the two governments during the referendum for whites in South Africa.

Transkei President K D Matanzima criticised the referendum while Ciskei Foreign Affairs Minister B. N. Pityi responded by accusing him of having "old" ideas.

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BISHO — Mr Thozamile Gqweta and the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) are challenging the union's ban in Ciskei

Papers were filed with the Ciskei Supreme Court yesterday calling for the setting aside of the government notice that banned the union and also the setting aside of the appointment of Mr Ian Melville as liquidator of Saawu's assets

The registrar of the Supreme Court, Mr G M

## Saawu to challenge ban in Ciskei

Mfundisi, confirmed that the papers had been filed

A Zwelitsha attorney, Mr Vusumzi Mankahla, who is the instructing attorney for the appli-

cants, said yesterday the papers had also been served on the respondents. The respondents are the Minister of Justice, Brigadier Lulama Madolo and Mr Melville

Saawu was declared unlawful in a Government Gazette issued on September 2 in terms of the National Security Act by the Commissioner of Police, Brig Madolo, in his capacity then as acting Commander-General of the Department of State Security — DDR

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a hearing on March 9 in  
the Supreme Court

The union is challeng-  
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**Labour relations office opened**  
*16/12/83*

**Mercury Reporter**  
THE KwaZulu Government has opened an office for industrial relations in its Department of Interior and has openly declared its '100 percent' support for the formation of trade unions within its region.

It will also itself administer the KwaZulu Industrial Conciliation Amendment Act of 1981, introduced to replace the South African Labour Relations Act of 1956.

A spokesman for the industrial relations division said its aim was to administer the Act, a task previously entrusted to the Department of Manpower in Pretoria but which KwaZulu now found necessary to take over.

'Employers, employees and trade union officials should not find industrial relations a problem any more,' he said.

The main aim of the of-

... office is to encourage and promote sound relationship between employers and employees and thus maintain industrial peace, he said.

The KwaZulu Government looked upon trade unions as the only correct channel through which workers should express their feelings to their employers to maintain industrial peace.

Commenting on the establishment of the new division yesterday, Mr Sam Kikine, general secretary of the South African Allied Workers' Union, said he wondered whether the 'progressive and independent' trade unions would be accepted by KwaZulu.

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**Union: 220 fired after stoppage**

EAST LONDON — About 220 workers had been fired at the Buffalo Timber and Hardware factory at Wilsonia here following a work stoppage, the South African Allied Workers' Union said yesterday

The trouble was claimed by the union to

have started on December 6 after a fight between a worker and a supervisor

A Saawu spokesman, whose name was not revealed, said that during the fight the supervisor's brother, also employed at the factory, had tried to join in and other

workers had stopped the fight.

The workers downed tools on December 8. When they returned on December 9, they said, they were told they had dismissed themselves and that they should return on January 10 when they would be re-employed

The managing director of the company, Mr John Keil, said yesterday he had been on leave and would reserve comment — DDR

# 'Union agitators' were not reinstated

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Mercury Reporter

TWENTY-SIX workers were fired by an Estcourt businessman after they had struck for three days when their demands for more pay were not met

Later, he reinstated 21 of them

The chairman of the South African Allied Workers Union chairman, Mr Mandlemkosi Gumbi, said the confrontation began last Friday when workers demanded Christmas bonuses and a R2 an hour pay increase

from Mr Reg Teale, who runs a farm produce depot in the town

On Monday Mr Teale told the workers their demands were unacceptable. They stopped working and police were called in to clear them from the depot. On Wednesday they were told they had been fired

Mr Gumbi said Mr Teale had refused to discuss the matter with him or Mr A Barnabus, Saa-wu's national manager, saying they 'did not work for him.'

The workers had been told to fetch their money from the local commissioners' office

Mr Teale said he did not recognise the union, but had been prepared to negotiate with his workers since the beginning of their discontent about three months ago.

Only four or five of the ringleaders, who were 'union agitators,' had not been reinstated, he said. The others had been prepared to continue working for the same wage and without a bonus

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Labour Reporter

The 250 workers who went on strike this week over a wage grievance at the Wayne Rubber company in Durban returned to work yesterday

The company has disputed that the stoppage had anything to do with the new Income Tax Act, due to be implemented from March 1, although this was claimed by the South African Allied Workers' Union when it reported that about 400 of its members had staged a walkout at the factory



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Isipingo

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN — The work-  
force of about 300 who  
downed tools on Monday  
at Wayne Rubber Compa-  
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Smith, said the workers  
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# Homeland slams the door on SA unions

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By Carolyn Dempster, Labour Reporter

In terms of labour legislation to be promulgated later this month the Bophutatswana Government has warned South African trade unions to keep out of the homeland

The warning, which was contained in letters addressed to the unions now organising in the homeland, amounts to an effective ban

The new Industrial Conciliation Act, due to go before the Bophutatswanan Parliament at the end of this month, provides that South African trade unions

- May not hold meetings of workers who live in Bophutatswana but work in South Africa
- May not operate in Bophutatswana

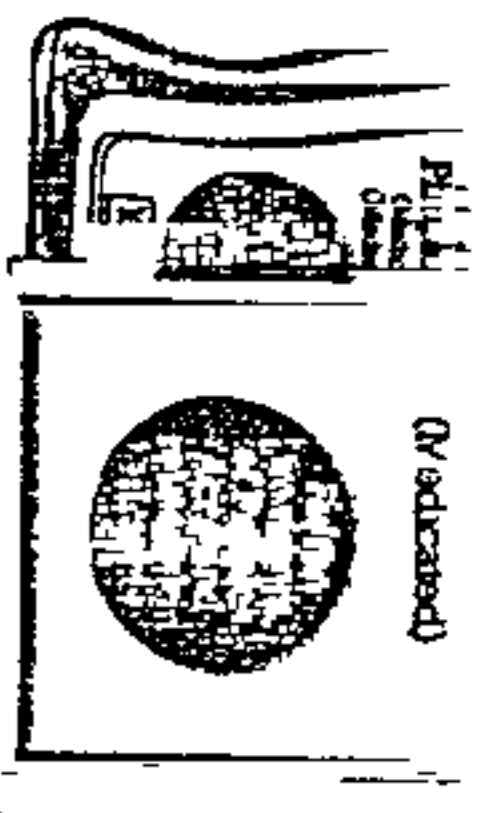
The letter from the Bophutatswanan secretary of labour, Mr P G M Maleke, to the South African Allied Workers Union reads "This is to inform you that neither SAAWU nor any other trade union or employers organisation of another country is permitted to operate in Bophutatswana

"The Government of Bophutatswana appreciates the need for workers to enjoy the benefits of collective bargaining with employers to negotiate wages and conditions of service and the new Industrial Conciliation Act will legalise, for the first time, trade unions and employers associations in Bophutatswana

"Closed shop agreements will not be permitted and workers will have freedom to join a trade union of their choice — or not to join a trade union at all"

Other requirements of the legislation are that trade unions must have their governing bodies in Bophutatswana and that no person may be appointed a union official unless he is normally employed in Bophutatswana

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# Saawu banned in Bop

## ... and all SA trade unions face the same fate

### CP Reporters

THE powerful South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) has been ordered to stop operating in Bophuthatswana — and all unions not based in Bop face the same ban

The warning to stay out of the homeland was contained in a letter sent to Saawu secretary general Sam Kikine on Friday. Signed by the secretary of Manpower PGM Maleke it warned Saawu that it "would face the consequences" if the union continued to operate in the homeland.

This is the second homeland to outlaw Saawu. The union is currently fighting a court battle in Ciskei, where Saawu was banned last year.

The letter to Mr Kikine told him the Bop government was aware that Saawu organisers were operating in the homeland, and warned that it would soon be illegal for any union not based inside Bop to operate.

It said the Bop Government would introduce legis-

lation to this effect by the end of the month.

The legislation will be included in a new Industrial Conciliation Act which will regulate the relationship between bosses and workers

City Press understands similar letters are being sent to other unions operating inside Bop.

He said Saawu had successfully fought many battles on behalf of workers in Bop and this had obviously angered both the Mangope government and employers.

Labour observers said the move was a clear case of another bantustan government trying to disorganise and divide workers by outlawing effective trade unions of the workers' choice



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**Feeling  
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tax  
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grows**

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN  
Labour Correspondent

UNION resistance to the Government's move to include black workers in the same tax system as whites gathered yesterday as eight union groups with a membership of well over 250 000 workers issued a joint statement calling for the withdrawal of the new system into effect on March 1 — to be delayed in the short-term and withdrawn in the medium term "until a just and equitable system" of taxing black workers was found. They also urged employers to back the call for the new move's delay.

The statement follows an earlier call by the country's biggest emerging union group, the Federation of SA Trade Unions (Fosatu), for the new system's delay. Fosatu also signed yesterday's statement, together with the second biggest emerging union group, the Council of Unions of SA.

Other unions which signed are the Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers Union, SA Allied Workers Union, Motor Assemblers Union, General Workers Union of SA, General and Allied Workers Union and Al-Orange-Vaal General Workers Union.

The new tax system will scrap the Black Taxation Act, under which blacks were taxed in terms of a different system to whites, and subject blacks to the same tax system as whites. Most black workers will pay less tax under the new system but some groups, such as married women and some higher-paid workers, will pay more.

In their statement, the unions say inclusion in the white tax system will have a "devastating effect" on workers. They rejected the present tax system "as it perpetuates the inequities of the apartheid system of taxation without representation".

The unions said they also rejected it because it "discriminates against married women" and would place a further burden on migrants from foreign countries who already had to pay tax in their own countries. The unions also charged that the State "is not geared to respond to the tremendous administrative network required to handle the implementation of the new system and the new tax rebate system".

● See Editorial comment

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**BLACK TAXATION**

**Urgent union call** 924  
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In a significant move, trade unions representing 300 000 workers have banded together to call on government to delay the implementation of the new equal taxation system for blacks and whites. The "harmonisation" of tax is due to come into effect on March 1.

The unions and union federations behind the call are the Federation of SA Trade Unions, the Council of Unions of SA, the Orange-Vaal General Workers' Union, the General Workers' Union of SA, the SA Allied Workers' Union, the Motor Assembly Component Workers' Union of SA and the General and Allied Workers Union.

"We have seriously considered the implications of the new tax system," their joint statement says. "We urgently call on the State, in the short term, to delay the implementation of the system and in the medium term to seriously withdraw the implementation until a just and equitable method is found which will not have the devastating effect as the present system on working incomes."

The unions say they reject the new system for the following reasons:

- It perpetuates the inequities of the apartheid system of taxation without representation,
- It discriminates against married women,
- It places further burdens on migrant workers who may have to pay taxes in SA and also in their own countries, and
- It places intolerable burdens on workers originating from the homelands who have to pay additional levies in such area.

Addressing themselves to employers, the unions say "We call on employers to lend their protest and delay implementation of this system. We know that the State is not geared to respond to the tremendous administration which will be required to handle implementation."

The unions say they agree that an integrated tax system which benefits all workers should be looked into on condition that it is a just and equitable system.

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## Four convicted for ANC links

BISHO — Four Mdantsane men were yesterday found guilty in the Ciskei Supreme Court of being members of and of furthering the aims of the banned African National Congress (ANC)

Appearing before Mr Justice D S De Wet and two assessors on terrorist charges were William Duna, 31, Dumisane Maninywa, 31; Bayi Kaye, 52, and Luyanda Mayekifo, 33

Mr Justice de Wet found Duna guilty on the main charge of participating in terrorist activities, being a member of the ANC, taking part in meetings and distributing propaganda material of the organisation and going to Lesotho

Maninywa was found guilty of participating in terrorist activities, gathering information about the South African Allied Workhouse Umon

for the ANC, being a member of the organisation, possessing prohibited material and going to Lesotho

Kaye was found guilty of being a member of and taking part in the activities of the ANC

Mayekifo was found guilty of being a member of and distributing propaganda material for the ANC

Sentence has still to be passed — Sapa

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**EL company recognises Saawu**

By **ANDRE JORDAAN**  
News Editor

**EAST LONDON** — The South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) announced yesterday that it had signed a recognition agreement with E C Smith and Company, a local firm of manufacturers' agents and food distributors

The company confirmed yesterday that a recognition and pro-

cedural agreement had been signed

Saawu's branch secretary, Mr Yure Mdyongolo, said the signing of the agreement on February 3 followed negotiations which started in 1981. In the interim, he said, Saawu had had "de facto" recognition in that the company had recognised a workers' committee functioning under the

auspices of Saawu

Mr Mdyongolo said the agreement followed ones signed with Chloride, KSM, Johnson and Johnson and Wecco Distributors in East London and with Stop and Shop in Queenstown

He said a number of companies had given de facto recognition to Saawu and it was hoped recognition agreements would be signed before

the end of this year

"This clearly indicates that local managements have realised the importance of dealing with trade unions of the workers' choice and have yielded to the principle of freedom of association instead of adopting an intransigent stance towards independent trade unions," Mr Mdyongolo said

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92 workers down  
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EAST LONDON — A strike by workers at the Trace Industries plant here has brought operations to a complete standstill, the manager of the company, Mr N Martin, said yesterday

Mr Martin said that the strike started on Monday morning and that his whole black workforce, some 92 employees, had downed tools

"I have no idea what the nature of the strike is although I believe it is an attempt to get recognition for the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu)," Mr Martin said

He said he had not been approached by any member of the workers committee, with whom he had previously had good relations, but that he was willing to talk to them

"By striking, the workers have automatically dismissed themselves and I shall be recruiting a whole new workforce as from today," Mr Martin said

He said that employees now on strike could reapply for their jobs if they so wished and added that some of his employees had telephoned him to say they wanted no part of the industrial action and asked that their jobs be kept open for them

"I am sure that the

majority of my workers have been intimidated in this matter

"As regards the recognition of Saawu, we are already members of the Iron and Steel Industrial Council and it would be impractical to have two unions operating on the premises," Mr Martin said

Comment from the East London office of Saawu could not be obtained yesterday —  
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EAST LONDON — Two men were reported to have been taken to Frere Hospital with head injuries yesterday after being attacked outside Trace Industries where there has been an industrial dispute this week

According to Mr N Martin, the manager of the plant, the two men were outside the company premises early yesterday morning waiting to apply for jobs when they were attacked by a man carrying a stick

Mr Martin said that some members of the factory staff took the injured men to hospital

Senior police officials said that they had not received any reports of the incident

The work stoppage at Trace Industries, which manufactures domestic light fittings, began on Monday morning when the whole labour force walked out

# Manager: job seekers beaten

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Mr Martin said he believed the dispute was over the fact that he had declined to allow the SA Allied Workers' Union to be the major union operating at the factory

Mr Martin said that by striking, the workforce had automatically dismissed themselves and he had stated his intention to hire new workers to replace them. He said that he had hired about 50 workers yesterday and the plant was back in operation

Mr Martin said he had had telephone calls from several of his former employees asking for pri-

vate meetings to enable them to be reinstated. He said it was his belief that a "tremendous amount of intimidation was involved in this stoppage"

A statement released yesterday by the Saawu office in East London said that repeated attempts by the workers at Trace Industries to have management recognise their wish to belong to Saawu had failed

The statement alleged that management had approached individual workers in an attempt to dissuade them from Saawu membership. At the same time it said that no worker was subscribing to a union inside the plant despite Mr Martin's contention that

workers were members of the Iron and Steel Industrial Council

The statement said that the workers did not want their jobs back unless the management was prepared to talk to the union of their choice. It also denied that Saawu members had been involved in intimidation

Mr Martin said that when Saawu had first started operating he had gone along with the idea of Saawu membership for a trial period

"But for a multitude of reasons it didn't work. Also, by the nature of our operations here we have no choice but to belong to the Iron and Steel Industrial Council and it is impractical to have two unions operating on the premises

"If workers want to belong to Saawu on an individual basis they may do so, but it is not the union which operates on my factory floor," Mr Martin said — DDR

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# 1 000 strikers face dismissal

Mercury Reporter

NEARLY 1 000 striking workers at the Bata shoe factory in Pinetown have been given an ultimatum to return to work today or face dismissal, according to workers.

The work stoppage entered its sixth day yesterday, following a refusal by the management to meet a demand by about 90 workers in the rubber department for a pay rise of 25 percent.

Workers from other departments downed tools in support of their colleagues' demand and now the issue has spread to union recognition.

According to a spokesman for the workers, the management refuses to recognise the black-dominated South African Allied Workers' Union at the factory.

'They are only prepared to talk to the Tucsaffiliated National Union of Leather Workers, which represents about 25 percent of the workforce,' he added.

## Stoning

On Wednesday evening, a black woman was shot and wounded after security guards at the factory opened fire when a riot broke out as home-going workers were attacked by a knobkierie-wielding mob. Two others were also injured.

In a statement to the Mercury yesterday, Mr S Finlayson, the company's managing director, said the company had been in an illegal strike situation since Thursday of last week.

'In spite of numerous attempts by many employees to return to work they have been prevented from doing so by a group of militant strikers.'

He said the situation worsened on Wednesday afternoon when a group began stoning vehicles leaving the company's premises after work.

At 4 45 p m a group of 15 to 20 people attacked and assaulted two casual workers who were leaving the premises using sticks, stones and large rocks.

## Threats

'Two of our security officers went to investigate the fracas and were themselves stoned by the unruly mob. One of these officers drew a pistol and fired five warning shots into the air.'

'It is also known that an unidentified person not employed by the company fired two shots in an attempt to protect his property. Police are investigating.'

'The company dissociates itself from the incident as it does not permit employees to carry weapons. The security guard had brought the weapon to work following threats on his life on Friday,' he said in the statement.

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# Violence at shoe factory

Labour Correspondent

VIOLENCE has erupted at the Canadian-owned Bata shoe company's Pinetown plant, which has a workforce of more 1 500 and where workers have been on strike for the past week.

According to police and the company, strikers used sticks and stones late on Tuesday afternoon to attack temporary workers at the plant. Three people were injured and passing cars were also attacked, they said.

Worker sources said a woman worker had been shot on Tuesday by a company security guard and was now in hospital. The SA Allied Workers Union also claims that police attacked workers.

A company statement confirmed that a security guard had fired shots at an "unruly mob" which, it alleged, had thrown stones at him, but said he only shot into the air.

The strike at Bata began last Thursday when workers in a department organised by the SA Allied Workers Union downed tools.

According to worker sources, other depart-

ments stopped work the next day.

SAAWU's general secretary, Mr Sam Kikine, said workers were striking in support of demands for wage talks and were also demanding that they be allowed to resign from the Tucsa union. They were also protesting against the dismissal of two colleagues, he said.

Bata, Mr Kikine charged, had rebuffed all attempts by SAAWU and a worker committee at the plant to negotiate with it and workers had been told they would be fired if they were not back at work by Monday.

Bata said workers had been on an "illegal strike" and alleged that many wanted to work but were being prevented by a "group of militant strikers".

On Tuesday afternoon, it said, 15 to 20 people attacked two casual workers who were leaving the premises. Two security officers went to investigate and were stoned by the crowd. One fired five warning shots into the air.

# Bata men to end strike

Mercury Reporter.

**STRIKING** Bata shoe factory workers decided at a meeting yesterday to end their week-long strike and return to work on Monday

This decision was taken after an undertaking by the management to meet representatives of the workers soon after all the workers had returned to their jobs, Mr Welcome Ntshangase, a spokesman for the workers, said after the meeting in a Clermont church hall yesterday.

He said the company had requested that all workers return yesterday, but the deadline was extended to Monday as most of the workers could not get the message in time

## Dealings

In a letter to workers, Mr D A Bell, the company's personnel and industrial relations manager, said 'The management had been advised by a group of seven workers, who claim to represent the wishes of the majority, that dealings with the present representative trade union are satisfactory.'

'The company urges all employees who are on strike to return to work immediately and having done so, the company will talk to the spokesmen of workers with a view to ascertaining the wishes of the majority of employees regarding their future representation.'

Mr Ntshangase, who is also organising secretary of the Leather and Allied Workers' Union — an affiliate of the South African Allied Workers' Union — said the majority of the workers no longer wanted the Tucsa-affiliated National Union of Leather Workers to represent them.

'In fact this was one of the grievances which led to the strike. The majority want the Saawu-affiliate to represent them at the factory, but the management refused to recognise this union.'

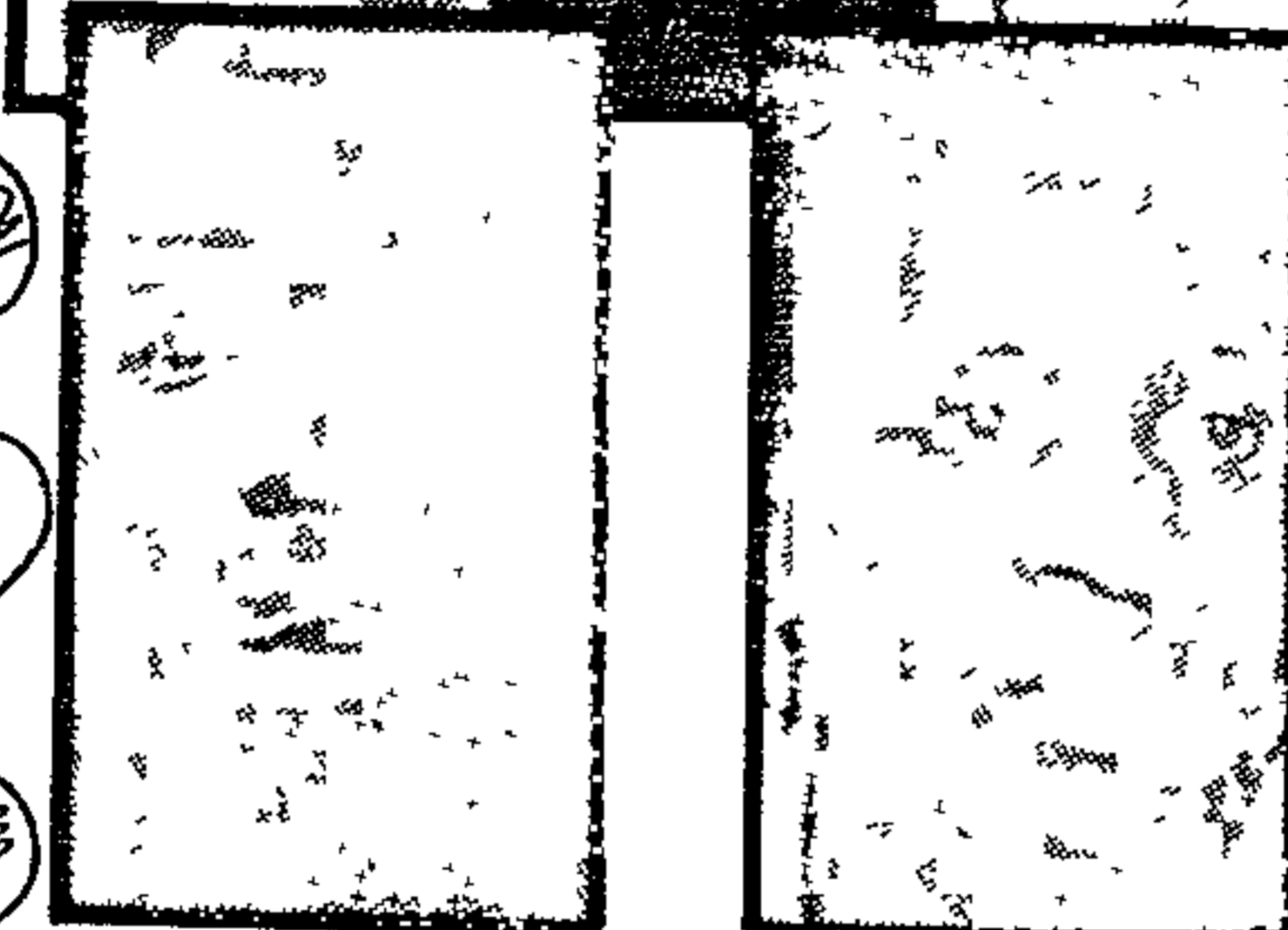
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# Peace talks follow strike violence

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Striking Bata shoe company workers outside the plant on Friday before collecting their wages. Welcome Ntshangase (far left), the workers' spokesman, and Sisa Njikelana, vice-president of the S A Allied Workers Union.

By

Barney Mthomboti  
A TRANS-ATLANTIC telephone call to Bata Shoe Company in Canada this week brought to an end a week-long strike by more than 1 000 workers at the company's plant in Pinetown.

They had been on strike since last Thursday because of a dispute over a pay increase and union recognition. The strike took an ugly turn this week when three workers were injured during an eruption of violence.

One, Miss Nomsa Mdandane of St Wendolins, is in hospital with a bullet wound in the chest after she was allegedly shot by a security guard.

The workers decided on Friday they would report for work tomorrow after management assured them they were prepared to talk to the

workers' spokesmen "with a view to ascertaining the wishes of the majority of employees regarding their future representation."

Workers saw this as a turn-about by management from the hard line it had taken since the strike began and decided to go back to work while talks on union recognition continued.

They are demanding a 30 percent wage increase and that management sign a recognition agreement with the Leather and Allied Workers' Union, and not the Tucsa-affiliated National Union of Leather Workers, which they say they were forced to join.

A spokesman for the workers, Mr Welcome Ntshangase, said there had been a perceptible change of attitude by management after he had contacted Bata's

headquarters in Ontario, Canada, on Wednesday.

"We contacted Bata's head office because we wanted them to get the workers' side of the story as well," Mr Ntshangase said.

He said Mr Thomas Bata, head of the company, had not been available, but he had been able to speak to his secretary-general, a Mr Cheasarie.

"Mr Cheasarie said they were very concerned about what was happening here but could not help because Bata here was autonomous. He however assured me they would contact Bata."

Mr Ntshangase said a letter to workers from Bata's industrial manager, Mr D A Bell, showed they had changed their initial attitude.

Mr Sisa Njikelane, vice-president of the SA Allied Workers Union to

which the Leather and Allied Workers Union is affiliated said the union would have no problem proving majority membership at Bata.

But Mr Terrance Davan of the NULW said all workers at Bata belonged to his union. He denied his union had a closed shop agreement with Bata.

Mr Davan said workers who joined the new union had been intimidated into doing so. "The dispute at Bata is a management-worker dispute. It is not union-worker dispute."

Bata management has refused to discuss the strike with the media except to release a short statement acknowledging the existence of the strike and dissociating themselves from the shooting which took place on their premises.

# Woman (19) shot as 1 000 strike

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THE Pinetown police are investigating charges of assault following the shooting of a 19-year-old worker during a week-long strike by over 1 000 workers at Bata Shoe Company near Durban.

Miss Nomsa Mdadane of St Wendolins Pinetown was allegedly shot in the arm by a company security guard. She was admitted to the King Edward Hospital XIII and later discharged.

Three other workers, Mr P Mkhize, Mr Z Ndlovu and an unidentified staffer, were injured when violence erupted near the plant last week.

The incident has been confirmed by the police, who say they are investigating.

The workers, members of the Leather and Allied Workers' Union, an affiliate of SA Allied Workers' Union, went back to work this week after management had promised to continue discussions with them. They demanded 30 per cent pay increases and union recognition.

## Union branch meeting (145A)

THE Johannesburg branch of the South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU) holds its first general meeting at Khotso House in Braamfontein, Johannesburg, on Saturday.

Among the issues to be discussed are the new tax system that comes into operation today, preparation for the union's annual congress, and a review of progress in recruiting new members.

The union's national organiser, Mr Herbert Barnabas, told The SOWETAN that since the branch was formed last October, over 1 400 members have joined. *Sowetan 1/3/84*

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Meeting  
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on black  
tax issue

The change in taxation of black workers will be discussed at a mass meeting of the Johannesburg branch of the South African Allied Workers' Union on Sunday

The new provisions would be explained to members and it was expected that the branch would then adopt a stand on the issue, a Saawu spokesman said yesterday

He said the meeting would be an opportunity for the branch, which is only five months old, to assess its progress in recruiting and organising workers

The venue will be Khotso House, 42 De Villiers Street, Johannesburg and the meeting will start at 2 pm



# Saawu delays strike action

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A DECISION on a strike by 18 000 workers affiliated to four branches of the 'South African Workers' Union (Saawu) has been postponed until the annual conference of Saawu at the end of the month.

The Johannesburg branch of Saawu met this week and agreed with decisions that have been taken by the Escort, Heidelberg and Kempton Park regions that they wait until the conference before deciding whether to strike over the new tax system.

Mr Barnabas said Saawu had held a string of meetings from February 10 to March 3 in the Heidelberg, Escort, Kempton Park and Johannesburg regions about the new taxation system, which has caused a lot of resentment amongst Saawu members.

"Our members in Escort, Heidelberg, Kempton Park and the Johannesburg regions spoke in one voice and wanted to go on strike if employers dared cut their salaries in terms of the new tax system.

"The taxation will hit the migrant workers and married females," said Mr Barnabas.

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# Major union pulls out of unity talks

*Herald 8/3/84*  
 THE South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), which was recently banned in the Cis-kei, withdrew at the weekend from the Johannesburg meeting of the feasibility committee set up to unite many of South Africa's major unions

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"Mary had just come from Australia the Monday before and wanted to see her son and daughter and her grandchildren in Mafikeng I was supposed to go with but, at the last moment, someone else decided to go along and I had to stay home because the car was full"

Mr Ross said that the family had had another narrow escape soon after the accident

"Mary's daughter and her husband drove down from Mafikeng when they heard the news and they drove into some animal Two of the passengers ended up in hospital with serious injuries"

## Father claims five cops assaulted him

A 29-year-old Mitchells Plain father, Mr Andrew Daniels of Kerrem Street, Beacon Valley claims that he was assaulted by five policemen at the Mitchells Plain police station last Wednesday when he went there to lodge a complaint

"Last Wednesday at 10 45 pm my wife Anny woke up when she heard a commotion in the dining room and found a window broken By the time I got out of bed I saw one of our neighbours, in the driveway begging me to get the police because she was being chased," he said

According to Mr Daniels he went to the Mitchells Plain police station but instead of having his problem solved he ran into trouble

"I explained my case to a policeman but another policeman sitting nearby interrupted and said that I did not have a case

"I asked him how that was possible and then suggested that the man who broke my window be charged with disturbing the peace but he said a charge of that nature would only be effective after midnight He accused me of talking rubbish and threatened to beat me up," said Mr Daniels

### DRUNK

"I then decided to report him to a senior officer for being rude to me I asked him for his identification number and he then accused me of being drunk

"I have never touched liquor in my life," said Mr Daniels

"Anyway, the next thing I knew, this policeman grabbed me in front of my chest and pulled me behind the counter

and tore up the piece of paper with his number on it and told me to take my goods and leave  
 "I didn't lay a charge against the policeman because I believed it would have been pointless

### PEACE

"I have had trouble with the police before — that's why I decided to change to peace and have been a Rastafarian for the past two years

"But that doesn't give me peace from the police either When I walk alone in the street, they search me"

Mrs Cathy van Dieman of Hartebees Road, East

bridge said she was at the police station to report her husband missing when she witnessed the alleged attack on Mr Daniels

● Captain Rooi of the Mitchells Plain police station said that if Mr Daniels did not lay a charge against the police, they would have no record of such an allegation

● Details of the alleged assault were given to Captain Jan Calitz, a police liaison officer, who said an affidavit would be taken from Mr Daniels as part of their investigations

They were accompanied by a few other unions but a majority continued with the meeting

Those who continued were the Federation of South African Trade Unions, The General Workers Union, the African Food and Canning Workers Union, Food and Canning Workers Union, The Cape Town Municipal Workers Union, Commercial and Catering Workers Union and the Council of Unions of South Africa

According to a statement issued by them, some unions which were "not ready" to form a federation were invited as observers but turned this down

However, they say "There is no hostility between unions and the offer to rejoin the talks as observers or as industrially constituted unions still stands"

It is widely known that those who stayed at the meeting don't see eye to eye with Saawu on many issues — chief among them being Saawu's links with the United Democratic Front

### DETAINEE'S DAY

NATIONAL Detainees' Day will be observed throughout the country on Saturday

Seminars, meetings and vigils are being held at 10 centres, and various religious denominations have been asked to offer prayers this weekend for the ever-increasing number of those who have died in detention, and for those who are presently detained or banned

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## VILLAGE

# Court papers filed on union's banning

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D. Dispatch

8/3/84

BISHO — A notice of opposition has been filed against the application by the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) for an interdict against its banning in Ciskei, the registrar, Mr Galelekile Mfundisi, said yesterday.

He said the respondents, the Minister of Justice, the Commissioner of Police, Major General Lulama Madolo, and the liquidator, Mr Ian Melvin, have filed

the notice to oppose the application.

The union and Mr Thozamile Gqweta have applied to the Supreme Court to declare the Saawu ban null and void.

Mr Mfundisi said the respondents have applied for security costs of R10 000 because they regarded the applicants as foreigners. Saawu and Mr Gqweta have filed a notice to oppose the application for the security

costs.

Mr Mfundisi said the application for security costs would have to be heard first.

No dates had been fixed for the hearing of the applications.

The union was banned in Ciskei in September last year in a Government Gazette signed by General Madolo. Mr Melvin, Director General for Finance, was appointed liquidator of the union's assets — DDC

Union's  
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to annul  
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BISHO — A notice opposing application was filed in the Ciskeian Supreme Court by respondents in an application by the South African Allied Workers' Union to have its banning order declared null and void

This was confirmed today by the Supreme Court Registrar, Mr G Mfundisi.

He said the respondents were the Ciskeian Minister of Justice and the then Acting Commander-General in Ciskei, Major-General Lulama Madolo, and the liquidator, Mr Ian Melville.

The applicants are SAAWU and its president, Mr Thazanihe Gqweta

Mr Mfundisi said the respondents filed an application in terms of Rule 47 for security costs of R10 000. The security costs were incurred because SAAWU and Mr Gqweta were regarded as foreigners in Ciskei.

The applicants filed a notice to oppose an application for the security costs. Mr Mfundisi said the court would dispose of an application for security cost theft, and no date had been fixed for argument — Sapa

# First black tax strike hits Durban

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN  
Labour Correspondent

WORKERS at a Durban plant, Union Flour Mills, have staged the first strike by black workers over their inclusion in the same tax system as whites.

Yesterday the strikers were told to return to work this morning or be fired.

The strike was sparked when a Government official told workers that the tax money they paid under the new system would be paid to the KwaZulu Government.

Our Durban correspondent reports that management at Union Flour Mills — where the 700 workers have been on strike since Friday over the new tax system — confirmed that workers were told to return or be fired.

And a tax official in Durban also confirmed yesterday that he had told workers their tax money would be paid to KwaZulu.

Workers, many of whom belong to the SA Allied Workers Union, say they already paid various taxes to the KwaZulu authorities and now want to meet KwaZulu's Chief Minister Chief Gatsha Buthelezi on the issue.

● The National Union of Clothing Workers (NUCW), which represents black workers, has added its voice to calls by emerging unions for the new tax system to be withdrawn temporarily.

## INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS <sup>HA</sup> Natal tax strike <sup>USA</sup>

Industrial relations in Natal are steadily worsening. Durban is experiencing its first strike related to the new Black Tax Act, striking bus drivers have crippled the city's transport services, and further labour unrest is looming in the textile, clothing and leather industries

Since the beginning of the year, there have been almost a dozen strikes in the Durban/Pinetown/Hammarsdale complex. The textile industry appears to be the hardest hit and employers fear they are in for a tough year

Industry's main worry at the moment is that the strike over the new Black Tax Act, at Union Flour Mills (UFM) in Moberi, could precipitate a rash of similar strikes. Managements are worried about the similarities between the strike and the pension disturbances of 1979. Employers complain that government has not done enough to prepare the ground for the changes and has left the burden of explaining the new tax laws to them

Taking the optimistic view, the Natal

Financial Mail March 16 1984

Chamber of Industries says it is hoping that the UFM strike will be a "one-off" which will be contained and speedily resolved

A company spokesman tells the FM that the stoppage occurred after personnel officials from head office travelled to Durban to explain the new Act to employees. Workers refused to sign IRP2 tax forms, saying they had already paid enough tax. As a result, the company was forced to tax them all at the rate for single people. When the workers saw the size of the deductions in last week's pay packets, they came out on strike. A deadline was set for them to return to work, and those who failed to do so were dismissed

The chronology of the strike certainly suggests there was a failure of communication somewhere along the line. Nonetheless, some employers claim black politics and inter-union strife are keeping tension high in Natal labour circles. Moreover, as the substance of the disputes often does not concern employers directly (as in the case of the Tax Act), they feel powerless to offer meaningful mediation. "Why else would we have a problem here?" asks a UFM official. "We've had no problems at any of our other plants"

One explanation could be the plant's troubled labour history. Some time ago, it signed a recognition agreement with the South African Allied Workers' Union, but the relationship has not been a happy one. There have been four work stoppages at the factory in the past eight months

The theory that black militancy and inter-union rivalries are making themselves felt on the shop floor at the expense of industry is gaining ground. The strike by Durban bus drivers is certainly rooted in union discord. The Transport and General Workers' Union is seeking to replace an anti-union works committee

Current speculation has it that, as SA reaches accords with its neighbours, "other forces are bound to internalise the struggle" — meaning that internal political forces will come into play, including strike activity for political ends. The stand-off between unions which actively support the United Democratic Front and those linked to the Federation of SA Trade Unions (Fosatu) — which Natal employers see as avoiding political involvement — is also suspected of playing a part

With Natal at the interface of black politics, and with issues like the Black Tax Act and the recession providing large scope for the build-up of grievances, employers are preparing for further unrest

# 'We want to be in union unity plan'

By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK

THREE trade unions expelled from talks being held to plan a new super-federation of emerging unions still want to be included in the unity moves

Representatives of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), the Municipal and General Workers' Union of South Africa (Mgwusa) and the General and Allied Workers' Union (Gawu) told a Press conference yesterday that they questioned the motives for their expulsion

The unions were excluded from a unity meeting in Johannesburg earlier this month which broke a deadlock which has held back unity moves for almost a year

Mr Sisa Njikelana, vice-president of Saawu, told yesterday's conference that they had been offered observer status at the unity meeting after "certain individuals" had maintained they were blocking progress because of the way they were structured

"We declined to accept this offer because it was not in keeping with our mandate, which was that we should be at the meeting as full participants. They then moved our expulsion from the talks"

Representatives of the three unions said they had not been given a hearing at the talks to explain what steps they had taken in moving towards an industrially-based union structure

Mr Njikelana said they were reluctant to set deadlines to the process of reaching unity. "We can only suspect that those individuals who are setting deadlines are deliberately trying to leave certain unions out of the unity talks"

He said they had not gone to the extent of thinking of forming their own federation and still saw themselves as part of the unity talks, which had been going on since 1981

He said they still had to report back to their members and receive a fresh mandate. They were waiting to see whether the other unions would insist that they have observer status rather than full participation in the talks

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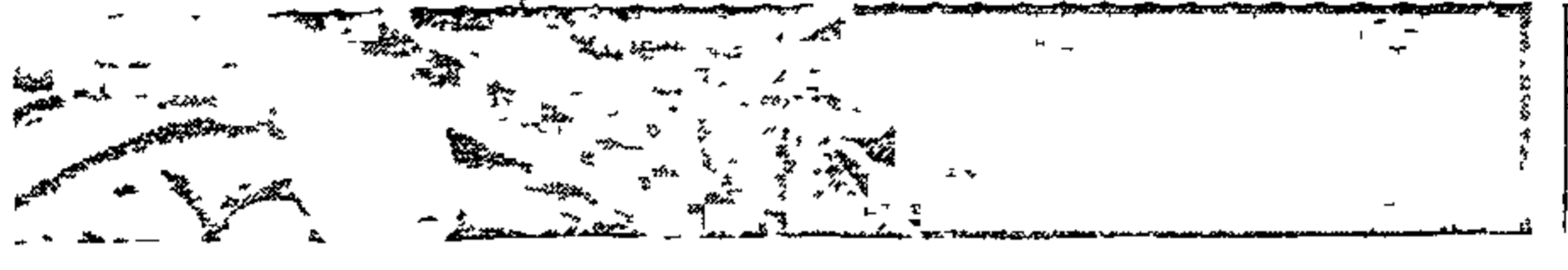
**EAST LONDON** — The  
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Mr Mdyogolo said the  
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**Detainee released**

**EAST LONDON** — A member of the South African  
Allied Workers' Union, Mr Moffat Nkosana Manen-  
tsa, 41 has been released from detention in Ciskei  
He said he had been in detention since Novem-  
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Ngaki could not comment He referred inquiries to  
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SA ALLIED Workers' Union secretary-general Sam Kikine has been refused a passport to attend an International Labour Organisation seminar in Geneva.

Kikine - who applied for the passport after two other Saawu officials were refused travel documents - told City Press

"They refused to give me a passport because I'm not a CIA spy or a surrogate of the African-American Labour Organisation which is trying to talk to tame union leaders."



# Vital Saawu

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City Press

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# Summit

HUNDREDS of delegates and observers are expected at this weekend's South African Allied Workers' Union national congress in Soweto at which the militant trade union body will have to take several critical decisions.

Pressure on Saawu has increased markedly over the past year following its banning in the Ciskei and Bophuthatswana and its temporary exclusion from full participation in current trade union unity moves

Saawu leaders will

## CP Correspondent

ask members for a new mandate on how to re-enter the unity talks, now centred around Fosatu, the Ge-

neral Workers' Union (GWU), the Food and Canning Workers' Unions, the Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers' Union (Ccuwusa) and the Council of Unions of South Africa (Cusa)

A new national federation is expected to be formed later this year

A key issue will be how Saawu can transform itself from a general workers' union into a group of industrially based unions in order to comply with the majority demand that union unity be built on the basis of industrial unions.

Saawu vice-president Sisa Njikelana said at a recent Press confe-

rence in Johannesburg they were still committed to worker unity within one national progressive federation, and were not thinking of forming a separate federation.

They also said the union accepted that unity be built on the basis of industrial unions.

The congress takes place at the Ipelegeng Community Centre in Soweto from Friday to Monday.

# Council workers may join 'any trade union'

EMPLOYEES of the various administration boards and the new black councils throughout the country are free to join trade unions of their choice.

This was confirmed to The SOWETAN by officials of the Department of Co-operation and Development and the West Rand Administration Board who said their employees were not civil servants

The announcement comes in the middle of protests from trade unions and council employees that they have been barred from bargaining and belonging to

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

trade unions of their own choice in terms of the Labour Relations Act

The trade unions — the South African Black Municipality and Allied Workers' Union (Sabmawu), the Municipality and General Workers' Union (Mgwusa) and the Black Allied Workers' Union (Bawu) — have complained of harassment, intimidation and rejection by city and community councils, including the Soweto Council

The unions welcomed the news that thousands of their members who earlier suffered harassment and intimidation from the authorities could now belong to trade unions

Sabmawu's national organiser, Mr Themba Nontlantane, said that the Johannesburg City

Council had refused to negotiate with them. Most of their members reported grievances which include low wages, alleged assaults, intimidation and "unfair dismissals"

He also accused the Soweto Council of refusing to talk to them when they wanted to represent an employee who was apparently suspended for refusing to guard the house of a councillor after the recent spate of bombings

"We took the matter up with an official who told us that the council does not recognise trade unions. But now that we have been given this undertaking, we are going to spread our wings everywhere," he said

Sabmawu has had contact with Wrab officials, but have not negotiated recognition yet. Wrab has welcomed the union and promised to consult with them from

time to time

The unions contended that city councils refused to negotiate with them because they claimed that they were unregistered

"The Johannesburg City Council apparently recognises the Johannesburg Municipal Workers' Union which is registered. They told us they have nothing to do with us," the union leaders said

Soweto Council's chief executive officer, Mr Nico Malan, accepted that during the community council days, workers were barred from belonging to trade unions

Wrab's chairman Mr John Knoetsee said that all the board employees may belong to any union of their choice. He had had contact with trade union officials and discussed several issues. He would not say which unions approached him

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# Saawu expels <sup>145A</sup> 3 top members

Labour Reporter

THREE leading officials of the South African Allied Workers' Union — including its general secretary, Mr Sam Kikine — were expelled from the organization during its annual national conference at the weekend

The move was announced at a press conference held in Johannesburg yesterday. Other officials expelled are Mr Herbert Barnabas, former national organizer, and Mr Isaac Ngcobo, former national treasurer

Mr Thozamile Gqweta has been re-elected as national president, and Mr Sisa Njikelana, another prominent union figure and formerly national vice-president, has replaced Mr Kikine as general secretary

In further signs of a general shake-up, the conference voted to

move its head office to Johannesburg, that a programme should be worked out to establish industrial unions, that a special conference should be held to deal with constitutional amendments and other policy issues

The expulsions mark a major upheaval in the ranks of the union

Sapa yesterday quoted Mr Barnabas as saying the Soweto conference was "unconstitutional" and had been held by a "new splinter group within Saawu"

He claimed several major branches had not been invited to the meeting, and said the union's national executive and all branches would meet in Durban later this month

Saawu was also among three unions which were effectively expelled from unity talks among emergent unions two weeks ago

# Gqwetha denies Saawu is split

Soweto  
11/4/84  
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THE PRESIDENT of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), Mr Thozamile Gqwetha, yesterday denied that his union had split, and said the three members reported suspended had in fact been expelled.

Responding to reports about the split, Mr Gqwetha said that it was the expelled former officials — Mr Sam Kikine, former general secretary, Mr Herbert Barnabas, former national organiser and Mr Isaac Ngcobo, former national treasurer — who were trying to create a division among workers.

Meanwhile Mr Kikine, one of the expelled executives, has denied being expelled from the union and said "I will do everything to support the workers' struggle."

Mr Kikine accused Mr Gqwetha and his group of

- Imposing themselves on workers,
- Causing a split in

By  
**JOSHUA  
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worker ranks,

- Attempting to register the union,
- Creating confusion in the leadership by walking out of executive meetings, and
- Acting unconstitutionally

Responding to the accusations, Mr Gqwetha said that the national conference at the week-

end resolved to expel the members who were suspended in February.

He denied that the workers were divided as could be indicated by the attendance at the weekend congress.

## Appeal

The expelled members were given a chance to appeal in terms of the constitution, but they failed to do so. They could re-apply for membership in 1985.

# Changes will have a dramatic effect

Reports of a split within one of the country's largest and most prominent unions — the South African Allied Workers' Union — have been denied

But the union's 1984 conference witnessed several major changes which are destined to have a dramatic effect on the union's future

Chief among these was the expulsion of three active members of the Saawu executive former general secretary Mr Sam Kikine, former national organiser Mr Herbert Barnabus and former national treasurer Mr Isaac Ngcobo

At a Press conference in Johannesburg yesterday, the national president of the union, Mr Thozama Gqweta, refused to divulge the reasons for the expulsions, but said the three unionists had ample opportunity to present their case at the conference

"All three were suspended from their positions by the union management committee in February this year. None attended the conference, or participated. The expulsions cannot be regarded as a split," he added

Speculation that the reasons for the purge were rooted in Saawu's role in, and subsequent expulsion from, the union unity talks were discounted by Mr Gqweta

"Saawu is not considering rejoining the unity talks at this time, but we will be embarking on an intensive development campaign to co-ordinate resources"

Among the resolutions adopted at the conference which are likely to have a direct bearing on whether

1984  
5<sup>th</sup> Nov 11/4/84  
on Saawu

Following a purge within its ranks, the South African Allied Workers' Union is poised to embark on a phase of expansion after its 1984 annual conference in Soweto this week.  
**CAROLYN DEMPSTER reports.**

the union is accepted back into the union unity fold is a commitment to a programme geared towards the establishment of industrial unions

"We are not doing this for the purpose of getting re-entrance to the unity talks. We have long recognised the need for industrial unions, and believe we can form these out of our membership," added Mr Gqweta

Saawu currently consists of 18 branches with an estimated membership of 100 000 workers. The new executive comprises Mr Gqweta, Mr Welcome Nshangase and Mr Zohle Mshelwane as first and second vice-presidents, general secretary Mr Sisa Njikelana, assistant general secretary Mr Robertson Mache and national treasurer Mr Stanley Peter

The question of expulsion from the union unity talks also did not mean Saawu had been "expelled"

from the working class struggle in South Africa, pointed out Mr Gqweta. The union had often been depicted in terms of a community-based, newly emerging union and had been discredited as such, he stated

"Saawu is not involved in the struggle for national liberation, but we are involved in the struggle to put an end to the exploitation of the working class. Our platform is the union platform. Our strength lies on the shop floor, but we do give support to community struggles and actively encourage our members to participate in these"

Saawu has also resolved to engage itself in the struggle with the democratic trade unions in South Africa and has decided that all branches should affiliate to the United Democratic Front's regional structures

"This is a matter of constitutional commitment, it's not a matter of convenience. We have no fears of being 'swamped' by the UDF because we feel we can work out safety catches," explained Mr Sisa Njikelana

"The most obvious of these is to develop quality leadership. If the quality of leadership in the union is weak, then yes, it will happen. The onus is on us to develop the links between the problems of the factory floor and community problems"

The Saawu head office is to be moved to Johannesburg from Durban and the East London power base

THE situation within the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) continued to simmer yesterday as the two factions in the organisation vied for control.

The triumvirate of Mr Sam Kikine, Mr Herbert Barnabas and Mr Isaac Ngcobo yesterday announced that a national meeting involving all branches is scheduled for April 20.

But, according to Mr Sisa Njikelana, the organisation has rejected the meeting

Although Mr Thozamile Gqweta, president, has dismissed the claims that there is a split within the organisation, two clear camps do exist within the organisation and each is making its own decisions

Mr Barnabas yesterday said the April 20 meeting would be in Durban — the stronghold of the Barnabas-Kikine-Ngcobo trium-

Soweto  
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# Saawu wrangle still rages

virate He said Natal branches were still supportive of the three officials expelled by the weekend congress, which Mr Barnabas and fellow expelled officials describe as "unconstitutional"

The April 20 meeting has now also been described as "unconstitutional" by the Gqweta executive

Mr Njikelana, new general secretary, said invitation to the meeting was discussed at the weekend congress and rejected. By virtue of that resolution the new

executive would not attend that meeting

Mr Barnabas further said that they were unhappy about the confusion reigning in the union's ranks. As a result they have resolved to meet with Mr Gqweta, Mr Njikelana and branch executives to solve their problems

He described the situation within Saawu at the present time as "fluid" following reports that they have been suspended and subsequently expelled by the national conference in Soweto at the weekend

"The Soweto conference was unconstitutional and those elected form a splinter group within Saawu," he said. The trio would not vacate their offices following the reported expulsion. He warned of "a major row brewing in the union"



## UNIONS

### Behind Saawu's split

SA Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) president Thozamile Gqweta's announcement this week that three top officials have been expelled from the union raises questions about who will in future control Saawu — one of the country's biggest emerging unions

Gqweta announced the expulsion of Saawu general secretary Sam Kikine, national organiser Herbert Barnabus and national treasurer Isaac Ngcobo at a press

conference in Johannesburg. The expulsions were in terms of a resolution passed at the union's annual national conference in Soweto last weekend

Gqweta refused to give reasons for the action but said the trio had been sent letters in February informing them they had been suspended. The letters, he added, told them that if they intended appealing against the decision they should attend the Soweto conference

Gqweta also said a new national executive had been elected. He retains his position of national president while the key post of general secretary goes to former vice-president Sisa Njikelana. Welcome Ntshangase is first vice-president, Zolile Mtshelwane is second vice-president, Robertson Mathe is assistant general secretary, and Stanley Peter is national treasurer

The expulsion of Kikine, Barnabus and Ngcobo and the election of the new executive amounts to a *coup d'etat* in the union. The parting of the ways was not unexpected

Labour observers say personality tensions between the East London-based Gqweta and Njikelana, on the one hand, and Kikine and Barnabus, who are based in Durban and Johannesburg respectively, have long been apparent. It has also been

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pointed out that Saawu has been growing so rapidly that a split was inevitable.

Predictably, Gqweta's announcement has provoked an angry response from Kikine. He denies ever receiving the letter of suspension and says he and numerous Saawu Natal and Transvaal branches were not invited to the Soweto conference

Kikine accuses Gqweta and Njikelana of having tried to divide the union over the last 30 months and labels them as "big chance takers" who have formed a splinter group with no right to call itself Saawu.

#### Meeting

He also claims that the Soweto meeting was not an annual conference but "a mass meeting which they have called an annual conference" and that it did not have the authority to expel anyone

Whatever the merits of the dispute the factions will no doubt throw accusations and counter-accusations at each other for weeks to come. However, despite the confusion it is clear that each side commands some support

Just who will end up in control of the union, or with the use of the union's name, is another matter. Employers who have to deal with Saawu could end up being confronted by opposing factions — each claiming to be "sole authentic representative" of the union.



Gqweta . . . moving to oust the opposition

# ut ANC

But Swazi sources said about eight ANC men were believed to have got away and about seven were held by police

Unconfirmed reports said one man was wounded in the fierce exchange of fire, but his identity was not known.

According to another unconfirmed report circulation in Mbabane, about 30 refugees were being held in Swazi police custody.



**Why does Pretoria love Savimbi?**

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## AFTER THE FIRE — SAAWU VOWS TO PUSH FOR UNITY — Page 4

A 24-year-old King Williams's Town man made history this week — he is the first person ever to be charged in the country with being a member of a trade union.

Mr Albert Whittles, 24, a factory worker, made a brief appearance in the Zwelitsha Magistrate's court this week charged with being a member of the SA Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU)

Mr Whittles, who neither lives or works in Ciskei was detained by Ciskei Security Police in Dumbaza two weeks ago.

Last year SAAWU was outlawed by the Sebe government soon after the launch of the Mdan-tane bus boycott

Ciskei claimed the union was a danger to national security and public peace.

Mr Whittles is the first court victim of the SAAWU ban which prohibits membership of the union, possession of documents or membership-cards — and even SAAWU T-shirts

He was remanded in custody until April 17

Labour experts yester-

# Ciskei puts first Saawu ban 'victim' in the dock

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By BRUCE COHEN

day warned that the trial could have far reaching consequences in the area as the East Cape is a SAAWU stronghold

Thousands of SAAWU members live in Ciskei but work in SA, where the union is not outlawed, and a clampdown on union members by Ciskei authorities could have serious industrial relations effects

**They'll have to drag us into hell ...**

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**Top Inkatha man in court — Page 3**



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**THE ULTIMATE  
AGONY FOR A  
MAN OF UNITY**

**THOZAMILE Gqweta**, who has endured immense hardships as president of the SA Allied Workers' Union, experienced what was probably his greatest dilemma this week — expelling three top union members.

It was a decision which deeply affected the dynamic union president — but only hours after expelling Sam Kikine, Herbert Barnabas and Isaac Ngcobo, Gqweta sternly warned them not to try to speak on behalf of the union.

Gqweta told a Press conference at the end of Saawu's watershed conference this week that it was the expelled officials' own affair if they wanted to start another union.

He wouldn't say why the three were expelled, but rejected reports that Saawu had split over the issue.

He pointed out the three men had been suspended in February and had been invited to the conference to put their case — but they had not attended.

Labour observers point out that Kikine's expulsion could ease Saawu's relations with other unions, particularly in Natal where Kikine was regarded by many unionists as divisive.

Gqweta also announced that Saawu's head office would now be in Johannesburg. It is likely to be run by new Saawu general secretary Sisa Njikelana.

Newly-elected national first vice president Welcome Ntshangase said the three officials had been expelled for a variety of reasons, including their handling of Saawu finances.

"We also believe Mr Kikine has concluded a number of recognition agreements which violate Saawu policy, particularly when it comes to strike clauses."

He also accused the three officials of spending too much time with local branch matters, even though they were national office bearers.

Mr Ntshangase conceded that Kikine and the others could lead a break-away to a rival union.

"They could take Es-court, Newcastle and Johannesburg," he said. "This would involve about 8 000 workers, but it would leave us with roughly 162 000 members loyal to the 'new'



**It wasn't easy expelling top officials — but they still have to . . .**

**'KEEP OUT OF  
OUR UNION . . . !'**

**CP Correspondent**

executive " However, observers believe that at least two key Durban factories, Union Flour and Defy, could "go with Mr Kikine"

But Mr Ntshangase stressed that worker unity was a key issue.

"Even though only three members have been expelled, I want to emphasise that every worker is precious to us."

He concluded "It is better to fight for a longer time to achieve liberty, than to be de-

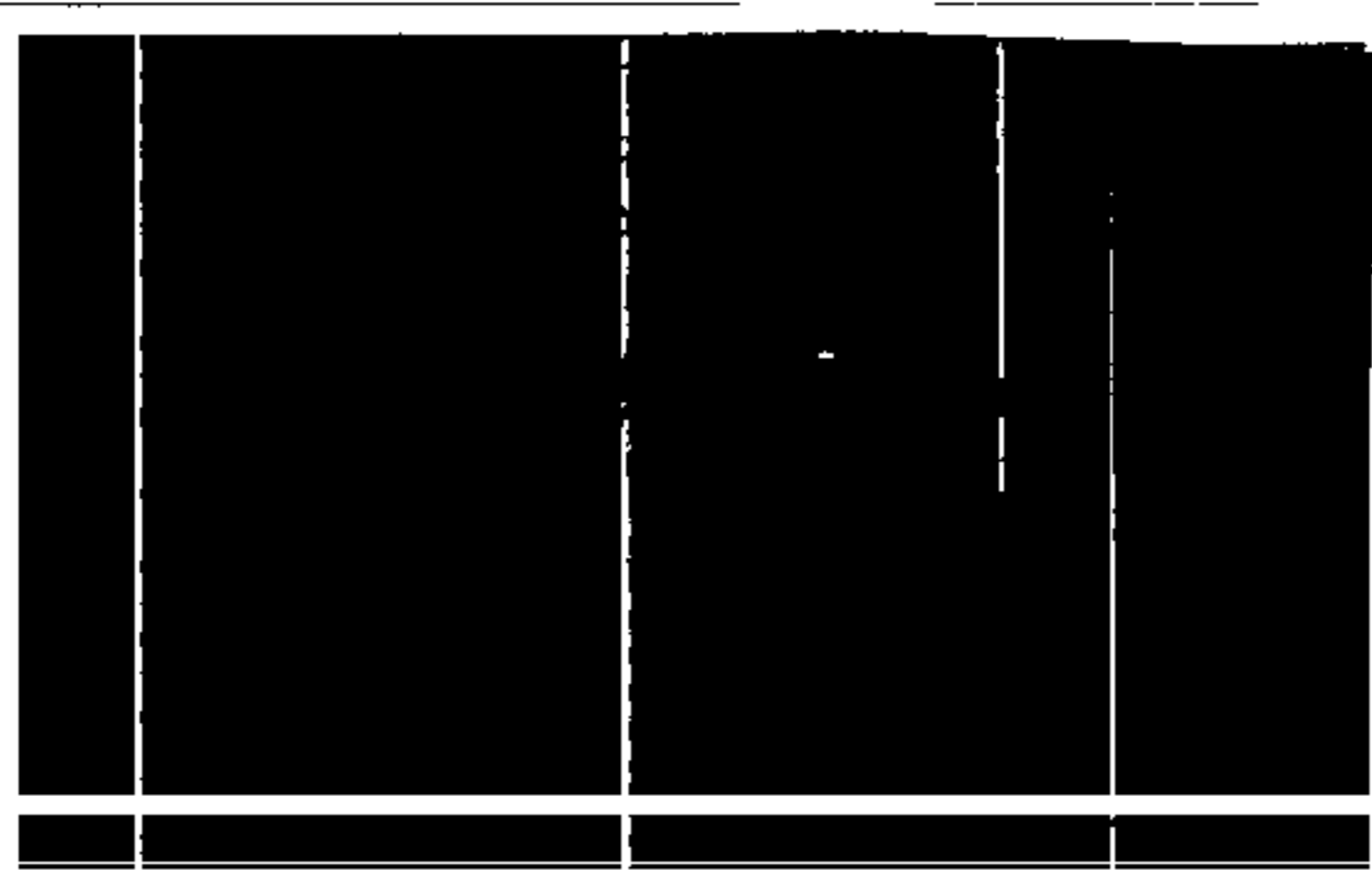
feated now"

Saawu's conference put a high price on unity — it decided that all Saawu branches should affiliate to the UDF, and that another special conference should be held later this year, among others to boost Saawu's programme to transform itself from a general workers union into a group of industrial unions.

This transformation could bring Saawu back into the union unity talks,



**SISA NJIKELANA** — Likely to run Saawu' head office in Johannesburg, with newly-elected first vice-president Welcome Ntshangase.



**'The workers must decide'**

IT'S business as usual for former Saawu secretary-general Sam Kikine, despite his expulsion from the organisation.

But although he has been ordered to vacate the Saawu offices in Durban and return his car and any other union property, Kikine is defiant.

And he's challenged Thozamile Gqweta and Sisa Njikelana to hold a referendum among workers, to see whose side members are on.

"What Gqweta and the others are saying about me is nonsense — the whole thing is a personal vendetta," he charged.

He added that he would only leave his post if "the workers" told him they wanted him to go.

"I have entrenched myself with the workers in Natal. Some of them only joined Saawu because I was here. And if I accept expulsion and pull out, I will be killing the organisation, because they will go with me."

Kikine said, however, that he would accept the will of the workers.

"If they want me to go back to the factory floor, I will do so," he

said. Kikine said a mass meeting would be held in Durban on April 28, and that he would abide by the decision taken at the meeting.

"As far as I'm concerned, I cannot be expelled by Gqweta. In the first place, I manufactured Gqweta. He knew nothing about trade unionism until I taught him," Kikine said of the man who has become one of SA's most popular union leaders.

"He did not preside over last year's annual conference, as he should have done. Therefore, constitutionally, he should have been thrown out."

(At the time, Gqweta was in hiding from the Security Police).

Kikine also claimed the conference which expelled him was not properly constituted, since a number of branches and executive members — including himself — had not been invited.

Kikine said he planned to take legal advice over allegations of mismanagement of funds.

# Union expels three top officials

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**LABOUR WEEK**  
**by STEVE FRIEDMAN**

RUCTIONS in the SA Allied Workers' Union, the biggest of the newer "community" unions, have caused widespread interest.

Tension within SAAWU came to a head last week when a conference expelled Durban-based general secretary Mr Sam Kikine and two officials allied with him. It re-elected president Mr Thozamile Gqwetha and appointed Mr Sisa Nykelana as general secretary. Both men hail from East London.

Both sides now claim to be the real SAAWU. Thus did not come as a total surprise. For some time there have been vast differences in style between SAAWU's East London leadership under Mr Gqwetha and its Durban operation under Mr Kikine. Rival unionists and some employers have seen the East London leaders as far more willing to cooperate with rival unions and far more professional in their approach to unionism.

Besides being seen by employers as erratic negotiators, the Kikine group has been blamed for frustrating unity between SAAWU and major emerging unions.

Some unionists believed that, should SAAWU shed Mr Kikine and his allies, it would move closer to unions involved in unity talks — and perhaps rejoin them.

This idea that there were two SAAWU's seems to have been an illusion. The signs are that the expulsions will have little effect on the union's stance and that differences in policy played hardly any part in it.

After the conference Mr Gqwetha and Mr Nykelana attacked unions involved in the unity drive and denied they would rejoin it.

They also reaffirmed SAAWU's commitment to close links with community groups and the United Democratic Front, which some mainstream unions reject.

But changes within SAAWU — such as plans to move from a general union, recruiting workers in all industries to a collection of "industry" unions — are on the cards.

Time will tell whether Mr Kikine will be able to rally support among SAAWU members and take them, perhaps, into a new union.

**Mother's  
killers  
sentenced  
to die**

Court Reporter

TWO men who murdered a mother after breaking into her room, were sentenced to death yesterday

The killing took place in the same room where the woman's three children had been sleeping

The men, Lesi Nkosi Zimu, 23, and Vongo Bonginkosi Khwela, 24, both of the Sunduzwayo Location, Umbumbulu, were tried at the Supreme Court in Durban

They were found guilty by Mr Justice Wilson and two assessors of having murdered Mrs Verra Lut-huli, another location resident

The Judge said there had been no evidence to prove they had been affected by liquor they drank while attending a soccer club meeting that night

They went to Mrs Lut-huli's kraal, intending to get money to continue drinking

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# Man in court for being in trade union

Mercury Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG—A King William's Town factory worker has become the first man in the country's labour history to appear in court charged with belonging to a trade union

Mr Albert Whittles, a factory worker, appeared in a Ciskei court earlier this month charged with belonging to the unregistered SA Allied Workers' Union. He is due to appear again tomorrow

According to Ciskei judicial sources, he is to face a charge which carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison

The trial is the result of an announcement by the

Ciskei authorities last year that they had declared the union a banned organisation in the territory

In spite of the fact that the announcement was made several months ago, it is understood that Mr Whittles is the first person to be charged with being a member of the union

### Situation

Ciskei's announcement prompted widespread criticism at the time as no other trade union has ever been banned by the South African Government or by 'independent homeland' administrations

The union is still a le-

gal organisation outside Ciskei, and most of its members work in East London but live in townships inside Ciskei's borders

Critics therefore argued that the ban created a situation in which members of the union belonged to a legal organisation when they arrived at work, but an illegal one when they returned home

Although he is appearing in a Ciskei court charged with breaking one of that territory's laws, Mr Whittles does not live in Ciskei, according to his lawyer, but in Shornville, a King William's Town township outside Ciskei

The lawyer added that it was not certain that Mr Whittles was arrested inside Ciskei

While Ciskei sources say Mr Whittles faces a maximum 10-year sentence, his lawyer said yesterday that the nature of the charges against him — and therefore the sentence if he is convicted — were still unclear as the defence had not yet received a charge sheet from the prosecution

Ciskei's Attorney-General, Mr N F Jurgens, yesterday confirmed that Mr Whittles had appeared in court charged with belonging to the union and was due to appear again tomorrow

## Church minister fined R200 for drunken driving

Court Reporter

A 44-YEAR-OLD Bothaville minister of religion, who drove his car while under the influence of alcohol, was fined R200 (or 50 days) with a further three months' imprisonment suspended for four years when he appeared before Mr D M Horak in the Durban Magistrate's Court yesterday

Before the Court was Adriaan Petrus van der Colff of Van der Lingen Street, Bothaville

He initially pleaded guilty but a plea of not guilty was entered by the Magistrate after Van der

holiday with his family on March 23

On the way to Amanzimtoti he had developed severe toothache and had suffered with it all weekend. On Monday, March 26 he had gone to a dentist and had had treatment for the aching tooth

When the effect of the injections wore off the pain returned and he had drunk several whiskies to ease the pain

### Wandering

Mr David Garrod told the Court he had passed Van der Colff's car and seen it wandering all over

Evidence was that Van der Colff was taken to the Amanzimtoti police station where he had to hold on to the counter in the charge office for support

The Court heard that he had bloodshot eyes and smelt strongly of alcohol

In mitigation Van der Colff said he had lost sleep over the incident and that he had driven for 25 years and never had an accident

Passing sentence, Mr Horak said Van der Colff had committed a serious offence

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## Saawu in-fighting intensifies

By Carolyn Dempster,  
Labour Reporter

In-fighting between the two leadership factions within the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) has intensified with both sides claiming to be the true representative of the union's 100 000 members.

Reports of a split after the union's annual conference in Johannesburg last week were quashed by Saawu's new executive led by national president Mr Thozamile Gqweta and general secretary Mr Sisa Njikelana who

are seen as representing the East London power base of the union.

Mr Sam Kikine, former general secretary of Saawu, and Mr Herbert Barnabus, former national organiser, both reported to have been expelled from the union at the conference, are now claiming that the combination of Mr Njikelana and Mr Gqweta comprises nothing more than a splinter group.

The Johannesburg branch committee, under the guidance of Mr Barnabus, announced that a general meeting of Saawu membership would be held in Durban on April 28.

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EAST LONDON — Public meetings at the Braelynn Catholic Centre should be stopped or toilet facilities should be provided, the acting chairman of the Indian Management Committee, Mr Mike Williams, said yesterday

# Call to stop meetings as facilities lacking

Mr Williams was commenting on an IMC resolution to alert municipal officials to the fact that public meetings were still continuing at the centre

Meetings at the hall are held by the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) and the Committee of Ten, which is concerned with the boycott of CTC buses

Mr Williams said he was not concerned at the fact that meetings were held at the hall, but at the fact that no toilet facilities existed for those who attended

"If 300 or 400 people attend meetings and have no toilet facilities, this will cause problems for those who live near the hall," he said.

"We have requested that those who hold the

meetings find a different venue"

Mr Williams said residents in the area had complained that they were disturbed by those who attended the meetings

The secretary of the Committee of Ten, Mr Newell Faku, said if the hall was closed to them, it would be "very difficult to find another venue"

He said that as far as he was concerned the toilet facilities were sufficient

The national president of Saawu, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, said the Catholic Hall was the only place available for the trade union to hold meetings

He said there was no where else the union could hold a public meeting

Mr Gqweta said he



MR WILLIAMS

agreed with Mr Williams that the toilet facilities at the hall were not adequate

"There is only one toilet there

"I would suggest that if Mr Williams wants to discuss the issue, he and his committee can meet with us to try to solve the problems"

The priest-in-charge of the Catholic Community Centre, Father Rodney Abdo, of the St Francis Xavier church in North End, said he had asked Saawu and the Committee of Ten not to hold mass meetings at the hall because of the lack of toilet facilities

"But I turned a blind eye to it because they have no other place to go, and I felt I had to offer them refuge"

Father Abdo said he did not charge Saawu or the Committee of Ten any rental for the use of the hall because the organisations had no choice on where to hold their meetings — DDR

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# Saawu man in court for being union member

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN  
Labour Correspondent

A FACTORY worker from King Williams' Town has become the first man in the history of the South African labour movement to appear in court charged with belonging to a trade union.

Mr Albert Whittles appeared in a Ciskei court earlier this month charged with belonging to the unregistered SA Allied Workers' Union (Saawu). He is due to appear again tomorrow.

According to Ciskei judicial sources, he is to face a charge which carries a maximum penalty of 10 years' jail.

The case is the result of an announcement by the Ciskei authorities last year that they had declared Saawu a banned organisation.

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bles is the first person to be charged with being a Saawu member.

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Critics therefore argued that the ban created a situation in which Saawu members belonged to a legal organisation when they arrived at work, but an illegal one when they returned home.

Although he is appearing in a Ciskei court charged with breaking one of that territory's laws, Mr Whittles does not live in Ciskei, according to his lawyer, but in Shorn-

ville, a King William's Town township outside Ciskei.

The lawyer added that it was not certain Mr Whittles had been arrested inside Ciskei.

"This is one of the issues on which the court will have to decide — there is a dispute of fact over where Mr Whittles was arrested," he said.

While Ciskei sources say Mr Whittles faces a maximum 10-year sentence, his lawyer said yesterday that the nature of the charges against him — and therefore the sentence if he is convicted — were still not clear as the defence had not yet received a charge sheet from the prosecution.

The Attorney-General of the Ciskei, Mr N F Jurgens, confirmed yesterday that Mr Whittles had appeared in court charged with belonging to Saawu and was due to appear again tomorrow.



# Saawu sues Ciskei

By JOSHUA  
RABOROKO

AN application by the fast growing South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) for the Ciskei government to set aside the ban on the union will be heard in the Zwelitsha Supreme Court next month.

This was confirmed to The SOWETAN yesterday by a spokesman for the Johannesburg firm of attorneys who said that the union has filed papers contesting the ban.

The ban on the union was published in the Ciskei Government Gazette in terms of the territory's National Security Act and was issued by the acting head of State Security, Brigadier Lulama Madomo last year.

Meanwhile a factory worker, Mr Albert Whittles, is due to appear in a Ciskei court today, charged with belonging to the unregistered Saawu — thus becoming the first man in SA to appear in court for belonging to a trade union.

The ban on the union sparked off world-wide criticism at the time it was announced as no trade union has ever been banned by the South African Government

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# Saawu fear loss of 145A city venue

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EAST LONDON — The South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) claims it is in danger of having no meeting venue in East London

Saawu's national president, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, said here that the South African government was trying to drive the union out of the city

Mr Gqweta said the Department of Community Development (DCD) had refused to grant permits under the Group Areas Act to allow the union to hold meetings at the City Hall and at the Catholic Community Hall in Braelynn

He claimed that the security police had broken up Saawu meetings because the union did not have the permits.

"We have nowhere to go in East London. The government is trying to drive us out."

The local representative of the DCD here, Mr Malcolm Boucher, confirmed yesterday that two applications submitted by Saawu for permits to hold meetings in East London had been rejected

He said there was no obligation on the Minister of Community Development to give reasons why the applications had been refused

Mr Boucher said Saawu could appeal against the decision if the union felt it was unfair, but if an appeal was lodged within two years of an application having been refused, Saawu would have to pay a R20 cash deposit

The chief of the security police in the Border, Brigadier A P van der Merwe, also confirmed that security police had ordered Saawu to break up a meeting at the Catholic Community Hall in Braelynn

Brig Van der Merwe said the meeting had been convened by blacks in an Indian Group Area without a permit from the DCD and as such was an illegal meeting.

"They were lucky we did not take action against them," he said

The Town Clerk, Mr Les Kumm, said the municipality had a blanket permit to allow multiracial gatherings at the City Hall — but only for entertainment purposes

He said trade union meetings fell outside the provisions covered by the blanket permit, which was why Saawu had to obtain a permit from the DCD to hold a meeting in the City Hall

— DDR

Meeting (USA)  
postponed

THE talks between South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) leaders scheduled to take place in Durban at the weekend have been postponed to April 28.

The meeting, convened by the Sam Kikine faction of the union, has been called in an attempt to solve the present situation in the union leadership following the expulsion of three senior officials

A spokesman said the meeting was postponed because of the long weekend and to enable delegates to prepare themselves. All branches have been invited

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**Worker refused bail**

Labour Correspondent

MR ALBERT Whittles, the first man ever charged with being a member of a South African trade union, appeared in a Ciskei court yesterday and was refused bail, his lawyer said

Mr Whittles, a King Williams' Town factory worker and an ordinary member of the SA Allied Workers Union, has been in custody since appearing in court on April 4

His arrest followed an announcement by the Ciskei authorities last year that SAAWU had been banned in the territory

According to his lawyer, Mr Whittles was formally charged yesterday with being a member of a banned organisation

His case was remanded to a regional court. It could not be established when Mr Whittles would next appear in court

Ciskei legal sources say that the charge carries a maximum prison sentence of 10 years

Mr Whittles does not live or work in Ciskei — he lives in a township outside King Williams' Town which does not fall within Ciskei — and one issue in his trial is expected to be a dispute over whether he was arrested in the territory

## SISA NJIKELANA

### A sense of tactics

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Sisa Njikelana, newly elected general secretary of the SA Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), is already looking for a Johannesburg office for the union

The announcement of last week's expulsion of three top officials — Sam Kikine, Durban-based general secretary (see box), national organiser Herbert Barnabus, and Isaac Ngcobo, Saawu treasurer — accompanied the news that Saawu would move its head office to Johannesburg

Njikelana, 29, will spearhead Saawu's organising on the Reef. The shift moves the head office from expelled Kikine's bailiwick, East London, where its support remains strongest.

Though Njikelana doesn't say so, the move, seen with the expulsions, signals a shift by Saawu away from loose, highly rhetorical general unionism — its hallmark to date — towards a more professionally organised industrial union base.

Njikelana and Saawu president Thozamile Gqweta are the prime movers in this process. Like so many unionists, Njikelana was sacked from an East London job for union activity. He became a professional union organiser because it seemed the logical thing to do. Like Gqweta, he graduated from a very hard school indeed, bearing the brunt of the Ciskeian authorities' harassment and repeated detentions. They kept coming back.

Small and slender, Njikelana is good-looking, with sharp, observant brown eyes. If anything, he has a pop-star air, because he wears his hair in dreadlocks. This is deceptive: one employer who has had dealings with Saawu adjudges both Njikelana and Gqweta "solid trade unionists".

Njikelana rejects the description of his union as "community-oriented," as this implies neglect of organisation and shopfloor structures. But Saawu is by no means uninvolved in community issues and political questions. It participated in the 1981 anti-Republic Day campaign, a Durban bus boycott and displayed strong opposition to Ciskeian independence.

According to Njikelana, this involvement is based on the union's carefully structured Declaration of Principles. He argues that the least politicised worker faces pressure from rent, busfare and other cost hikes —

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Njikelana . . . new style

"community-level" issues  
Where possible community organisations should reflect the responses of ordinary people to hardships inflicted on

the community, he believes but, if necessary, Saawu should join in. It was involved in the formation of the United Democratic Front (UDF).

Saawu, the General and Allied Workers' Union and the Municipal and General Workers' Union were accorded only observer status at the recent trade union unity talks, prompting their walkout. Since then, the question whether the union will rejoin the unity talks — a desire expressed by Njikelana at a press conference in mid-March — has been hanging in the air.

Gqweta has made it clear, though, that Saawu is not interested in joining the unity talks. Perhaps this means that the union leadership needs time to reflect and formulate new structures and policies.

Njikelana says Saawu is open to further discussion on the industrial union issue — but not as a result of pressure from the unity talks. Njikelana argues that industrial unions are best formed on the basis of existing shopfloor structures; it is the latter, he stresses, that Saawu is working hardest at.

Saawu and Njikelana face their strongest test yet. If neither can make it on the Reef, they will doubtless be relegated to a role of rhetoric and small-time skirmishing, like the leaders they expelled. But they should not be underestimated. Njikelana, at least, has proved his determination and staying power.

## SAM KIKINE

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Sam Kikine is a hard man to know behind his screen of words. He is well-known for his oratory, and seldom drops his dramatic declamatory style, forceful gesticulation and invariably optimistic assessments.

Undaunted by his expulsion from the SA Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) general-secretaryship, 34-year-old Kikine claims it is the outcome of a personal vendetta. He is ready with aggressive counterclaims, and seems confident of his ability to hang on to his Natal power base. "I've entrenched myself in Natal and Transvaal — they have no chance here."

He has scheduled a mass meeting for late April in Durban to test "the will of the workers," he says. He adds that he will abide by that decision. "I'm prepared to step down if they so decide, and get other people to lead, preferably workers from the shop floor. But then Gqweta and Njikelana must also withdraw."

Kikine claims his expulsion (at a recent Saawu conference after a period of suspension, of which he says he was not notified) was unconstitutional. He claims he and others were not notified of the conference — though that is something the union denies.

He has been a unionist since the late



**Sam Kikine ... bellicose**

Sixties Kikine says "I'm an old man in this field, I've survived four splits. I'm an anti-split person and I'll survive this one."

Kikine was a moving force in Saawu's predecessor, the Black Allied Workers' Union (Bawu). But Bawu's black consciousness line outlived its usefulness, Kikine believes. With his present opponents, he opted for a non-racial union, Saawu.

Since his election, Kikine has adopted an aggressive, bellicose attitude to other unions, particularly on the factory floor. Hints of financial mismanagement aside (Kikine returns the compliment and says he is taking legal advice), it was his combativeness, perceived as an obstacle to cordial relations with other emerging unions, that was probably an important element in his expulsion.

Current unity talks among emerging unions would heighten such conflict. Other unionists indicate scepticism about Kikine's gung-ho optimism, particularly about Saawu membership figures.

He has been detained a number of times by both SA and Ciskei authorities. After one six-month stint in 1981-82, he was admitted to a psychiatric hospital, then charged under the Terrorism Act (ironically with Gqweta and Sisa Njikelana, now Saawu general secretary). Charges were dropped and he was re-detained before release. Not a man who gives up easily.

Rival unionists blamed for attack on officials

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**TWO new executive members of the SA Allied Workers' Union were beaten up in their Durban office this week — allegedly by members of a rival grouping within the union.**

The attack looks set to heighten tensions in the union, which expelled three top officials last weekend because of alleged irregularities.

The two men assaulted this week were newly-elected assistant general secretary Robertson Mathe and Durban organiser Mbulelo Zitha.

Mr Mathe is still in hospital with a chest stab wound and extensive bruising. Mr Zitha was discharged after being treated for head and other wounds.

They told City Press they were attacked while working late on Monday night, when a group of "between five and eight men" arrived and assaulted them with planks, iron bars and knives.

The men gave no reason for the attack. Mr Mathe and Mr Zitha said they recognised the attackers as union members.

They claim their attackers belonged to the group which opposed the present national executive elected in Soweto a week ago, and worked at a factory strongly identified with one of the expelled executives.

Mr Mathe said he knew the name of the person who led the attack but did not want to identify him until he had laid charges. He said it had come as a



Mbulelo Zitha shows how he tried to defend himself during this week's attack.

total shock to find himself assaulted by the man, whom he had long regarded as a colleague.

The assault could have far-reaching consequences within the union.

Delicate behind-the-scenes negotiations to hold the union together are likely to be aborted because of the outbreak of open violence between the opposing groups.

And because of the tense atmosphere, Saawu's national executive committee has changed the venue for their meeting this weekend.

It is now to be held in Durban — to be on the spot in case of any further developments — instead of in Johannesburg.

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# Saawu tables are turned

By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK

STRIFE in the ranks of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) took a new turn at the weekend when the faction which was ousted at the union's annual conference two weeks ago held a counter-meeting and dismissed the newly-elected national executive

In mid-April three top officials — including the general secretary Mr Sam Kikine, the national organiser Mr Herbert Barnabas, and Mr I Ngcobo — were kicked out of the union at its conference in Soweto

There has since been bitter conflict between the two groups, leading in some cases to allegations of violence as officials have disputed who has the right to occupy union offices

Union members at Saturday's meeting in Durban voted not only for the dismissal of the new executive, but that Mr Kikine and Mr Ngcobo be provided with bodyguards

A statement issued by Mr Barnabas yesterday claimed that hundreds of workers had

filled the YMCA hall to declare the new national executive null and void and to reinstate the old executive pending a repeat of the annual conference later this year

The statement said representatives from 10 Saawu branches — seven of them in Natal, which is believed to be Mr Kikine's stronghold — attended the meeting

Only three branches, East London, Pretoria and Pietersburg, did not attend

The meeting also dissolved the Durban branch executive because of its "failure to act against the unconstitutional removal of Messrs Kikine and Ngcobo from office"

The Johannesburg branch was praised for "protecting the national organiser Mr Barnabas against attempts by those who had been trying to physically remove him from his office"

Mr Kikine, who was at Saawu's Durban office yesterday despite his expulsion, appealed to managements who had received letters saying he had been removed from office to disregard the letters



# Saawu split by <sup>(14SA)</sup> leadership dispute

1/5/84 By Carolyn Dempster, Labour Reporter *Star*

In-fighting within the South African Allied Workers' Union leadership has finally split the union membership

At a weekend meeting in Durban 5 000 Saawu members rejected the "new executive" elected at a congress in Johannesburg last month and voted to expel union president Mr Thozamile Gqweta and new general secretary Mr Sisa Njikelana.

The members attending the meeting represented the Johannesburg, Newcastle, Maritzburg, Durban, Stanger, Heidelberg and Ladysmith branches of Saawu.

The meeting was called by ex-general secretary Mr Sam Kikine, the union's former national organiser Mr Herbert Barnabus and national treasurer Mr Isaac Ngcobo.

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"The two leaders who have been expelled are now free to form their own union, and leave the name Saawu behind," said a statement released after the meeting.

Mr Gqweta said that if the three former officials did not vacate union offices in Johannesburg and Durban they would be evicted

However, this is where they have maximum support. So far the issue of office space has still not been resolved

Mr Kikine has stated "Saawu will never split but renegades will be expelled" Until it is determined which side has majority membership support, it is difficult to determine who the renegades are

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He said he thought the ban had no effect on him as he was a South African citizen

Mr D. Nel, for the state, argued the accused made a statement before a magistrate in which he admitted to being a member of the union

"The accused had a guilty state of mind because he knew that Saawu was banned and could do nothing for him in Ciskei," Mr Nel said

Mr Bizos said the accused was trapped in a situation where he found himself in the hands of both the South African police and the Ciskei authorities

"The state has to prove that the accused performed any offence in Ciskei," he said

The defence argued that the ban did not apply in Mr Whittle's case, because he was a member of Saawu in South Africa

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# Police called to evict rebel Saawu officials

By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK  
Mail Reporter

POLICE were called this week to evict two former officials of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) from the union's Durban offices after Saawu was granted an urgent interdict in the Natal Supreme Court ordering the officials to get out.

However, late yesterday the offices were still being manned by supporters of Mr Sam Kikine and Mr Ivan Ngcobo, the former general secretary and assistant general secretary of Saawu, who were ousted at the union's annual congress last month.

The interdict — ordering Mr Kikine and Mr Ngcobo to hand over the office keys and union property, not to act as union officials and not to instigate violence — was granted by Mr Justice D L Shearer.

The case will be heard in full on May 29.

The granting of the interdict came against the background of mounting tension between the two groups which has involved allegations of violence and squabbles over who has the right to occupy union premises.

The two expelled officials as well as the former national organiser, Mr Herbert Barnabas, held a counter-meeting in Durban last week in which they expelled the newly-elected executive and reinstated themselves.

Saawu's vice-president, Mr Welcome Ntshangasa, told Sapa that after the orders had been served on Mr Ngcobo and Mr Kikine on Wednesday, he and a friend had gone to the offices but he had been physically evicted by a group of workers.

"However, I managed to escape, ran to the nearest café, and telephoned the police.

"I was worried about my friend who was trapped inside.

"Fortunately the police came in time to save him," Mr Ntshangasa said.

A police spokesman confirmed the incident.

Mr Barnabas alleged yesterday that the "security police" had raided the offices accompanied by Mr Ntshangasa, the vice-president of the "splinter group."

A worker who answered the phone at the union's Durban office yesterday said Mr Kikine was still operating from the office.

"This office is controlled by the workers, not by the officials or the police," he said.

# Saawu goes to court...

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# Judge orders Kikine out of office

THE rift between the two factions of the SA Allied Workers' Union widened this week with the main body taking legal action against supporters of the three expelled officials.

Two of the officials, Sam Kikine and Isaac Ngcobo, have been ordered to leave Saawu's Durban offices, hand over the keys and any union property, and stop acting as Saawu members.

They are also forbidden to "instigate violence" against any Saawu members, after an urgent interdict was granted by Judge D L Shearer.

Mr Kikine told City

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Press he would contest the matter on May 29. "But I won't use a lawyer — this is the kind of thing we can do on our own.

"On the date of the case, all the factories will stop and all the workers will go to the court to act as respondents with Mr Ngcobo and I," he claimed. "They are prepared to pay all the costs if need be.

"I am the founder of Saawu and these people

will not be able to touch me. Up till now I have survived, and I will go on doing so"

According to the interdict, both Mr Kikine and Mr Ngcobo are forbidden from calling or attending Saawu meetings.

This week's order follows a month of growing tension between the two groupings following the expulsion of Mr Kikine, Mr Ngcobo and Mr Herbert Barnabas on April 8

SAN KIKINE: "All the factories will stop when I go to court."

The three refused to accept the decision and Mr Kikine and Mr Ngcobo went back to the offices after a "rebel" meeting at which a resolution was passed expelling re-elected Saawu president Thozamle Gqweta and secretary-general Sisa Njikelana

During the week there have been claims and counter-claims by each group of violence or threats made by one faction against the other.

# Saawu man

# not 'illegal' member

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THE FIRST ever South African charged with being a member of a trade union was acquitted by the Ciskei Regional Court this week.

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A DURBAN court was told this week how a 34-year-old woman was kidnapped from her house by a policeman, taken to a shack and brutally sexually assaulted with an iron rod — five days later her body was found floating in a river.

Sergeant Zanemvula Francis Manqindi, 32, is charged with two counts of kidnapping and culpable homicide after the death of Miss Nokuthula Alice Ngcemeleni on September 18 last year.

He is charged together with Sikonzile Mavundjana, 45, and his sister Mavis, 30.

Sergeant Manqindi told the court that Miss Ngcemeleni had broken into his house and

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## Cop charged after woman's brutal death

CP Correspondent: Zwelitsha

stolen bedspreads and R1 000 which was underneath the

bedspreads. Miss Ngcemeleni's sister Ester told the court Sergeant Manqindi came to her house and frog-marched her to her sister's place. She said Sergeant

Miss Nomaza Majola, 22, said she was woken up that night by cries while sleeping in one of the nearby shacks. When she investigated, she said she saw Miss Mavundjana beating Miss Ngcemeleni with a sjambok.

She said she also saw Miss Mavundjana insert and twist an iron rod into Miss Ngcemeleni's vagina.

'Miss Ngcemeleni asked me for water,' said Miss Majola. 'I could see she was running short of breath and her jaws seemed to be locked together.'

Miss Majola said Miss Mavundjana ordered them to go into a room where a gang of more than five were rolling dagga into small parcels. When she came out of the room, said Miss Majola, she found Miss Ngcemeleni dead.

Mr Jabulani Nxasana, 19, who was one of the men rolling dagga in parcels, said



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EMPLOYERS who resist the SA Allied Workers Union will be shocked to know that there are now two SAAWU's — both of which claim to be the only SAAWU.

First the SAAWU headed by Mr Thozamile Gqweta and Mr Sisa Njikelana expelled Mr Sam Kikine and two other officials. Now Mr Kikine and his supporters have expelled Mr Gqweta and Mr Njikelana.

At some point, one of the factions will have to cease being SAAWU and become something else — if only to end the confusion.

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# Unionist freed of ANC charge

By SAM MASEKO  
Pretoria Bureau

AN ATTERIDGEVILLE trade unionist was acquitted in the Pretoria Regional Court yesterday of being a member of the African National Congress.

Mr Gabriel Mokoka, 27, a member of the SA Allied

Workers Union (Saawu), was also found not guilty of being in possession of banned publications and furthering the aims of the ANC.

Mr Mokoka had pleaded not guilty before Mr J H Bekker.

The State alleged that he was a member of the ANC, and that he was found in pos-

session of the ANC publications "Sechaba, Mayibuye, Dawn," and "The Freedom Charter" on July 25 last year. He was also charged with furthering the aims of the ANC.

Mr Mokoka's defence counsel, Mr Eric Dane, successfully applied for his client's acquittal.



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# Union leaders in court

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By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK

THREE expelled former officials of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) have launched a petition among union members throughout the country in anticipation of a Natal Supreme Court case, starting today, which has important implications for the fate of the union.

The petition is an attempt to display support for Mr Sam Kikine, the former general secretary, Mr Herbert Barnabas, the former national organiser, and Mr Isaac Ngcobo, the former treasurer, who were expelled at the April national conference.

At the end of April Mr Kikine held a counter-conference, expelled the newly-elected executive led by Mr Thozamile Gqweta, the union's president, and Mr Sisa Njikelana, the general secretary, and refused to vacate the union offices.

The new executive was granted an urgent interdict at the beginning of May calling on Mr Kikine and the two expelled officials to vacate their offices and relinquish claim to the union leadership.

# Court to decide on union's future

By Carolyn Dempster,  
Labour Reporter

The future of the split South African Allied Workers' Union is likely to be decided by a Durban Supreme Court today.

The court will decide which of the two union leadership factions has the support of the 100 000 membership

The hearing arises out of an interdict brought by the new Saawu executive against three former Saawu leaders who were expelled from the union last month.

Those expelled are former general secretary

Mr Sam Kikine, former national treasurer Mr Isaac Ngcobo and former national organiser Mr Herbert Barnabus.

The three officials have refused to accept their expulsion on the grounds that it was unconstitutional

Consequently, they have refused to vacate union offices in Johannesburg and Durban and have rallied the support of the union members in these regions by holding mass meetings of workers

Employers who are negotiating agreements with Saawu have been caught between the two

factions.

In the Transvaal particularly, companies have been faced with union representatives who do not have the support of the members

The new executive, with president Mr Thozamile Gqweta and new general secretary Mr Sisa Njikelana at the head, has been attempting to oust the three former officials from their strongholds

In preparation for the court case, Mr Barnabus, Mr Kikine and Mr Ngcobo have been circulating a petition, calling for the signatures of all the union affiliates and members who support them

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# Sam's still banned

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**AN interdict preventing two former SA Allied Workers' Union officials from entering the union's Durban offices has been extended to June 12.**

This decision was passed down in the Durban Supreme Court this week, where Sam Kikine and Isaac Ngcobo voiced their opposition to the original interdict passed down on May 2.

Mr. Kikine and Mr Ngcobo were backed by

about 70 supporters from Johannesburg and Newcastle

According to the interdict, Mr Kikine and Mr Ngcobo may not enter the Durban offices, nor may they act as members of the union.

The two were expelled from Saawu at a conference in Soweto in April. They refused to accept the expulsion, however, and continued to act as officials of the union until the original order was granted on May 2.

The two former officials filed papers on Tuesday claiming members of Saawu are its affiliated union, not individuals. They therefore say the people who brought the application — including new vice-president Welcome Ntshangase — are not "members" as they described themselves in their application.

They also claimed the chairmen of the executive committees of each of the 26 affiliated union have given their signa-



**SAM KIKINE** 70 supporters arrived to back him

tures to indicate support for them.

Mr Kikine's lawyers agreed to a suggestion that the matter be postponed. They said that in the meantime, the interdict forbidding the two officials from going to the Durban offices or attending Saawu meetings should be lifted — but the judge refused to do this.

# Leadership row in Saawu goes on

By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK  
TWO court cases brought against three expelled officials of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) who are refusing to vacate the union's offices, and are still operating as Saawu officials, have failed to resolve the leadership war in the union

Since the expulsion in April of Mr Sam Kikine, former general secretary, Mr Herbert Barnabas, former national organiser, and Mr Isaac Ngcobo, former treasurer, there has been conflict between two leadership

groups, each claiming to represent Saawu

Many employers — particularly in the Transvaal and Natal — are in doubt as to whom they should be dealing with

On Tuesday the Natal Supreme Court postponed to June 12 the hearing in which the union is seeking to confirm an interim order calling on Mr Kikine and Mr Ngcobo to vacate Saawu's Durban offices and to relinquish their claim to the union leadership

The interim order —

which was applied for by eight officials of the "new" Saawu, including Mr Thozamile Gqweta, president, Mr Sisa Njikelana, general secretary, and Mr Welcome Ntshangase, vice-president — was granted at the beginning of May

In Johannesburg on Wednesday an application for a similar order calling on Mr Barnabas to vacate the union offices was postponed indefinitely, with the applicants ordered to pay costs

Meanwhile, Saawu's offices in Johannesburg and Durban are being manned

by Mr Kikine and Mr Barnabas and their supporters, who issued a Press statement at the weekend calling themselves the "real Saawu" and claiming the support of the vast majority of Saawu members

The three officials were expelled at the union's national conference in Soweto in April, but have since disputed that the expulsions were constitutional

At the end of April they held a counter-conference in Natal, where they suspended the new executive and reinstated themselves

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# Sawu rebels save Sam?

MEETINGS are to be held this week-end at all SA Allied Workers' Union branches whose members support former secretary-general Sam Kikine.

According to an official of the Newcastle branch, the meetings will be held to discuss strategy for a Supreme Court hearing on May 29.

Three former top officials will have to show why an order preventing them from

**CP Correspondent DURBAN**

entering Sawu's Durban offices should not be made final.

An urgent order against the three — Sam Kikine, Isaac Ngase, Neobo and Herbert Barnabas — was granted on May 2 by Mr

Justice Shearer.

In terms of the order they are not allowed to act as members of the union or attend or call union meetings.

They had to lock the offices and hand over the keys to new Saawu national vice-president Welcome Ntshangase.

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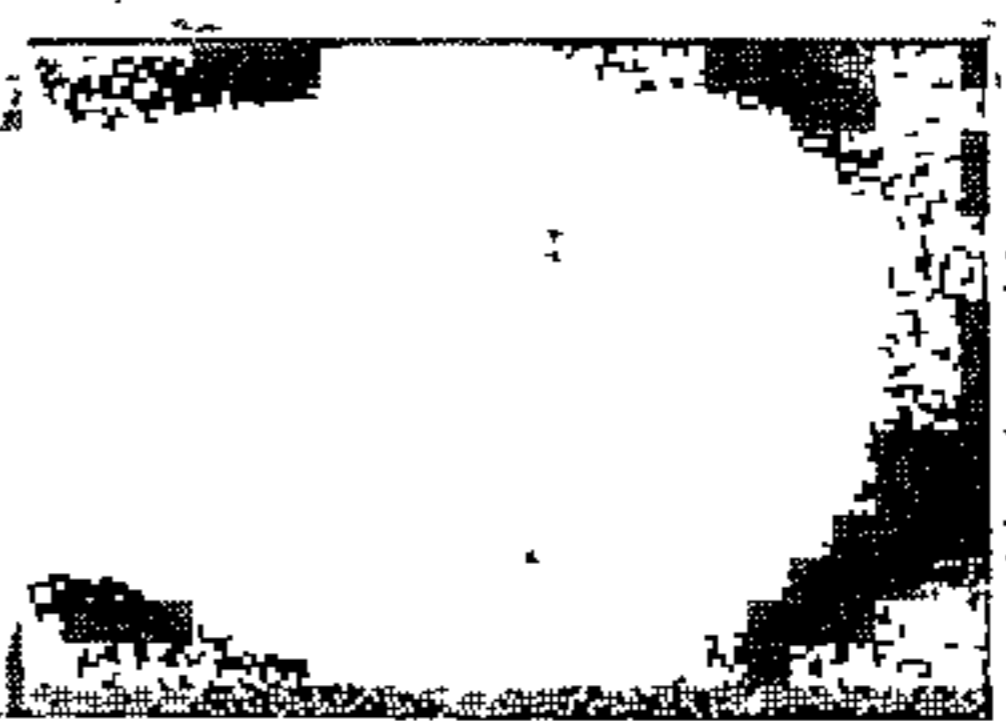
Johannesburg on April 8, but the validity of the conference and the three expulsions was contested by a pro-Kikine group.

At a meeting after they had been thrown out, the three were reinstated by their own group, who voted to remove national president Thozamile Gqweta from office and expel him.

According to the Newcastle official, the branch meetings will also decide on a new date at which to call a "proper" conference to discuss the expulsion.

In the meantime, Welcome Ntshangase has said he is concerned about a drive by supporters of Mr Kikine to collect money to pay for lawyers' costs.

SAM KIKINE



# Peace in the Saawu ranks

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AFTER months of internal squabbling, the SA Allied Workers' Union could be getting back on the road — in one piece again.

The union's two rival groups — headed by Sam Kikine, and Welcome Ntshangase — afreed in the Durban Supreme Court yesterday that an order, forbidding Kikine and Isaac Ngcobo from entering Saawu offices or acting as Saawu members

should be scrapped. All other court action against Kikine — who was thrown out of office earlier this year — is also to be withdrawn. This includes action pending in the Johannesburg Supreme Court.

Instead, the two parties are to hold a meeting within 90 days to elect "true representatives". This election will be presided over by former Robben Island prisoners Billy Nair and Curnick Ndlovu, both

of whom were prominent in the worker movement before their imprisonment. Both also have the confidence of the two sides in the Saawu split.

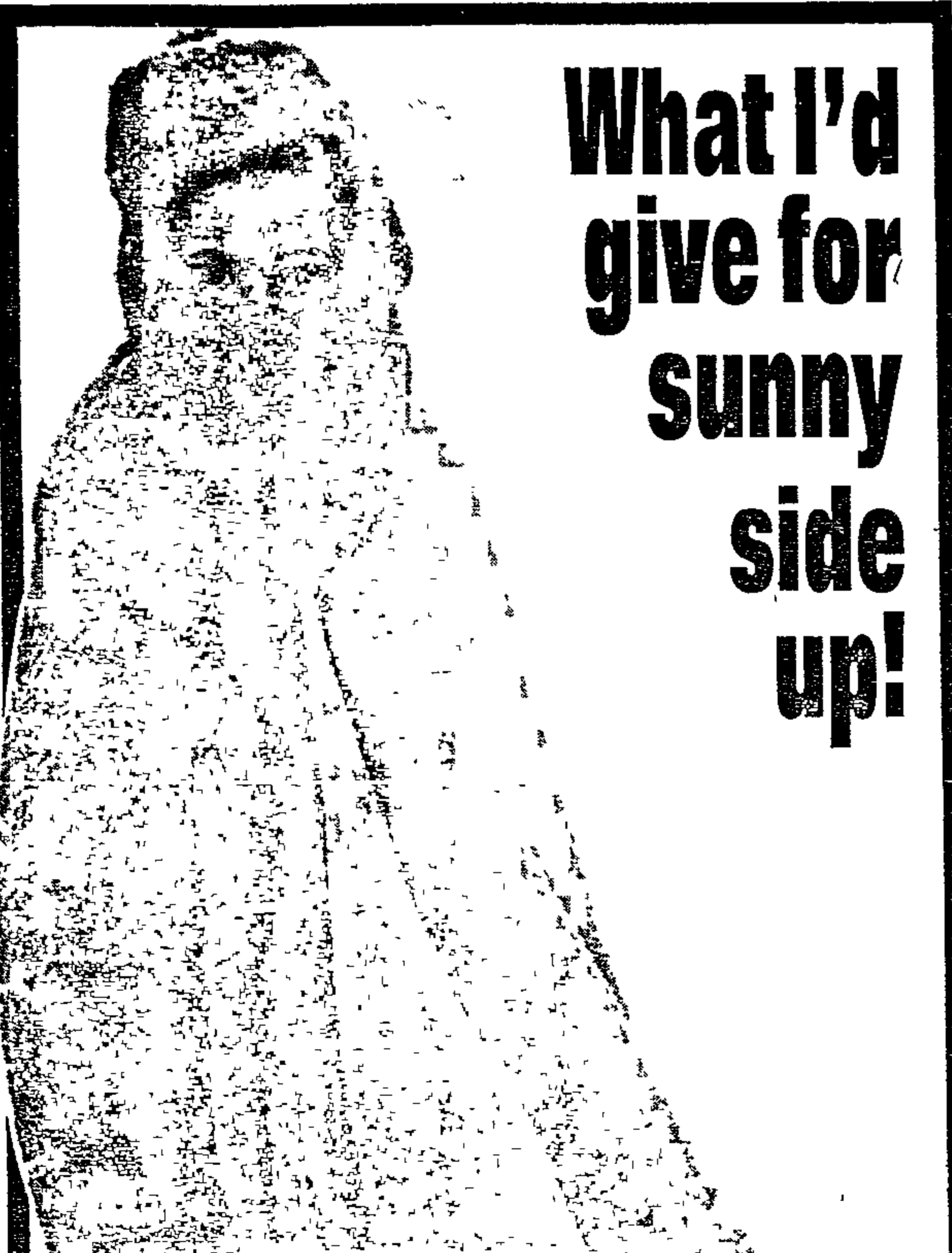
In the meantime, all Saawu members who have some claim to represent the union may continue in office until the elections are held.

National vice-president Ntshangase said after the court case that he was happy about the de-

cision as it could help rebuild worker unity. He hoped it would lead to the split being patched up.

Kikine said he was "more than happy".

The split might not be easy to mend. At an improptu meeting after the court case it was clear that Kikine's group is still highly suspicious of the Ntshangase group. They called for his supporters to leave the meeting before they would continue.



What I'd give for sunny side up!

## Swapo 37 in court in July

THE 37 Swapo office-bearers and supporters arrested last Saturday outside Windhoek will reappear in court next month. Namibian Police Chief Dolf Gouws said in Wmdhoek this week.

The 37 were brought before a specially convened court session on Wednesday night. They were released on their own recognisance and warned to appear again next month.

They will be charged under the Notifications and Prohibition of Meetings Act on July 13, General Gouws said.

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# Sugar firm fires 400 in union row

Labour Reporter

ABOUT 400 striking sugar workers — some with up to 40 years' service — have been fired in a row over union recognition. Some are now worried about losing their homes as well.

Workers at Stewart's Estate, in New Guelderland, near Stanger, downed tools yesterday.

Mr Richard Gumede, the South African Allied Workers' Union representative in Stanger, said they had several grievances they wanted the union to sort out.

But attempts by the union to meet the management for talks, failed. Mr Gumede claimed the company threatened to prosecute union officials who entered the estate, and that it sacked some workers.

The union man said that the compound manager had recently imposed some new rules. Included in them was a restriction on the wives of employees staying in the company compound.

Mr Gumede said 'All the employees were told that their wives would not be permitted to stay on the premises for more than two weeks.

'We regard this as most unfair. Some of the workers are from Transkei.'

## Homes

He said the workers also objected to a deduction of R10 a month from each worker's wages towards electricity charges.

A spokesman for Indian workers on the estate said they had been forced to join the strike.

Some of them had 'almost a lifetime' of service with the company, and were worried they would have to quit company homes which some had occupied for nearly 40 years.

Mr Roger Stewart, the firm's managing director, said 'We are regarded as one of the best employers in the sugar industry. We have contingency plans, but I'm not prepared to comment on them at this stage.'

# SAAWU to test banning in court

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THE banning of the South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU) will be contested in the Bisho Supreme Court within the next few weeks.

SAAWU was banned in the Ciskei in September last year in terms of the National Security Act

The application contesting the banning is being brought by the union and its president, Mr Thozamile Gqweta. They are seeking an order to set aside the banning and the appointment of Ciskei's director-general of Finances, Mr Ian Melville, as liquidator of the union's assets

Earlier this week, the two groups feuding over who are the union's true leaders finally reached a settlement. They agreed to ask for an earlier Supreme Court order, prohibiting three ousted SAAWU members, to be

## CP Correspondent

lifted

They also agreed that any person who believed that he had been elected to leadership in the union would be restored to that position pending re-elections

The two sides are now to hold another conference at which elections will be held to decide on a new leadership

The new meeting will be presided over by Mr Curnick Ndlovu and Mr Billy Nair

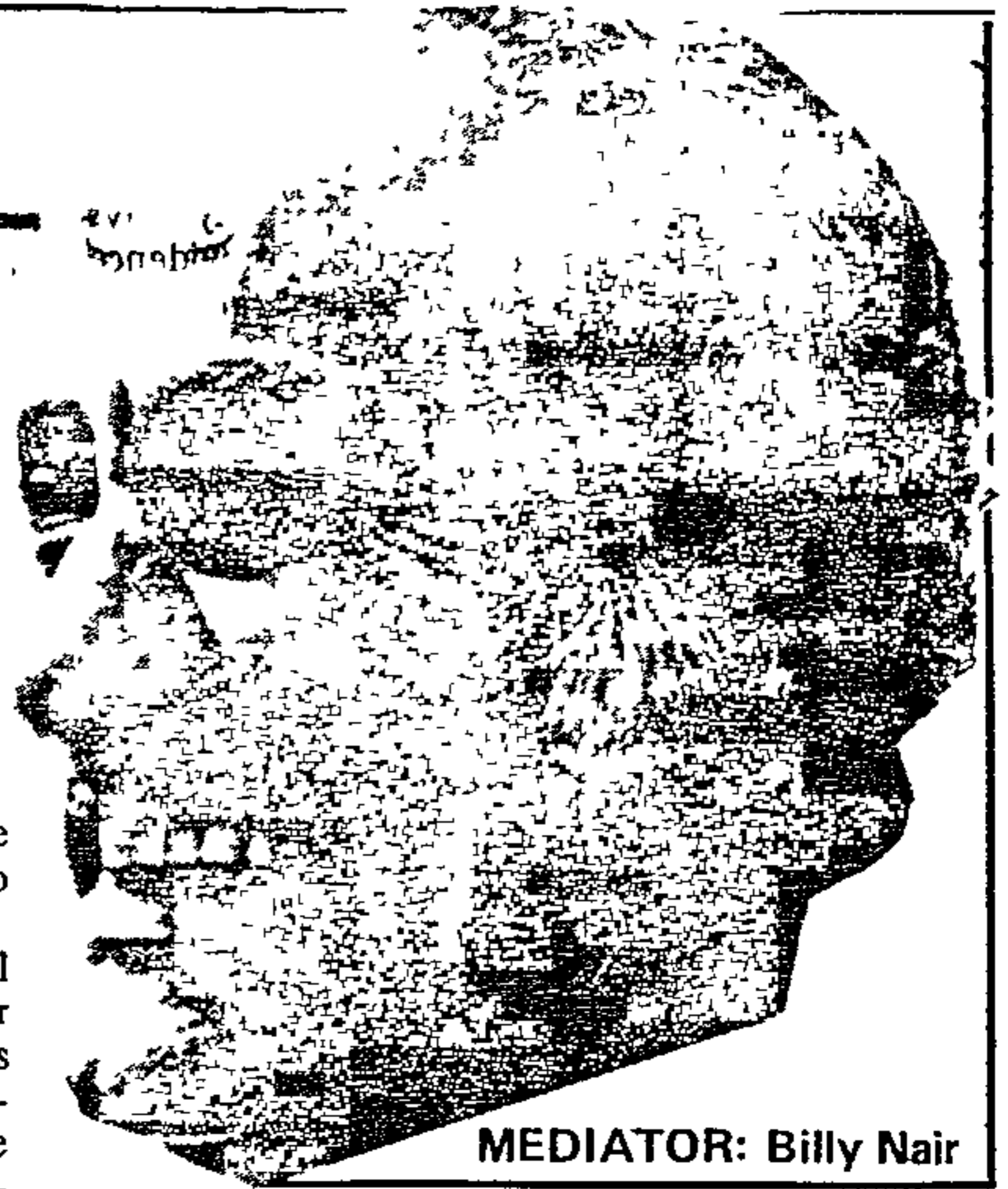
It will be their job to scrutinise the credentials of the factory representatives to make sure that the election is fair.

The settlement, friendly as it looks on paper,

doesn't reflect the true feelings of the two groups

For example, general secretary of SAAWU, Mr Sam Kikine, who was "restored" to his position in terms of the agreement, sees the election as "a mere formality" which will underline his support among members

Mr Kikine, who clearly sees the settlement as a personal victory and vindication of his group, said he thought the original application by the other group, led by national vice president Mr Welcome Ntshangase, was "futile and has achieved nothing else by the



MEDIATOR: Billy Nair

re-endorsement of my colleagues" and my support in the totality of SAAWU across the nation"

National organiser, Mr Herbert Barnabas, another of the three formerly ousted officials, had a similar response, saying that the applications had been without foundation, and "shamefully enough, based on hear-

say and passing remarks"

He described the settlement as a "success" for his group which resulted in even more support for himself, Mr Kikine and Mr Isaac Ngcobo.

"It does seem strange that the applicants had to launch a court order only to learn how unfavourable and how unwanted they are



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# Union to take firm to industrial court

**THE Cusa-affiliate Food Beverage Workers' Union has declared disputes with three companies over trade union recognition, dismissals and abusive language.**

The union's branch organiser, Mr Glen Mokoena, told **The SOWETAN** yesterday that the issues will be settled by the Industrial Court next month

The union has applied to the court to reinstate workers sacked by Dairy Maid following a strike action over the sacking of a colleague in February.

The colleague was dismissed after a quarrel arising out of a fight between a union organiser and a white supervisor. The supervisor had apparently used abusive language and assaulted workers

The union has also charged that **Sacca Company** has re-trenched its organiser and refused to recognise him. "We have since discovered that the member was actually not re-trenched, but was dismissed for organising other workers to join the union," he said

The company's secretary, Mr S J van Heerden, said that they will defend the case in court. The company was in the process of discussing a recognition agreement with the union

At **Gravara Products** near Silverton, management has intimidated and threatened to sack workers if they belonged to a trade union. The company has also challenged workers to go on strike because they will close the company and leave them jobless.

The **Gravara** management was not available for comment

A spokesman for a Johannesburg firm of attorneys has confirmed that they will represent the union in the cases

Mr Mokoena has added that they were taking the matter to the court for the protection of their members



Some of the sacked North Coast sugar workers in Durban yesterday

# Sacked strikers

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# appeal to consul

## Labour Reporter

THE 40 Transkeian nationals who were sacked from a North Coast sugar estate following a strike, yesterday appealed to the Transkei Consulate in Durban to help them get back their jobs

Mr Richard Gumede, the South African Allied Workers' Union representative in Stanger, led a deputation of the sacked workers to the Transkeian Consulate

He said they thought it was unfair that their employers, New Guelderland Sugar Estates near

Stanger, had reinstated other workers who had been on strike, but had refused to give them back their jobs

## Pension money

'The 40 who were refused re-employment were among more than 400 workers who downed tools following a row with the management,' Mr Gumede said

'They felt that the company had been unfair by refusing to reinstate some of the workers,' he said

He also claimed that sacked workers had not

been paid their pension money and had to spend Tuesday night in the open after they had been evicted from company houses

Among the sacked workers was Mr Mondo-  
lokwe Mjikwa who had been with the company for 28 years

## Ringleaders

Two other workers, Mr S Sangoozi and Mr N Mkhonko, had more than 10 years' service each and had received wrist watches to mark 10 years' service with the company

Mr Gumede said the company had refused to reinstate the 40 Trans-

keian workers because it claimed they had been 'ringleaders' in the recent work stoppage

The company's personnel manager, Mr G Wood, said he was not prepared to comment on the workers' allegations until he had received a statement from each of them

'I do not know whether these people were in fact employed by us in the first place,' he said

He declined to comment when he was told that the company's name appeared in the pass-books of each of the 40 sacked workers

# Saawu: firm *D. Asfitch* refuses to *145A* *10/7/84* ~~137~~ ~~137~~ recognise us

EAST LONDON — The East London branch of the South African Allied Workers' Union says a local engineering supplies company, D. J. Field, is refusing to recognise it as the union chosen by its black work-force of 18 employees

A statement issued by the union said the work-force voluntarily joined the union late last year and requested it to approach D. J. Field management to recognise the application

The union said a series of letters to the management drew no response and attempts to meet personally with management met with "hostile arrogance" A petition sent to the management by the workers was snubbed, some workers were dismissed and other harassed, the union said

"We firmly believe in propagating sound labour relations between employer and employees and the creation of a cordial spirit of harmony between managements and the union," the union said It said the management should reconsider its stance on trade unions

The managing director of the company, Mr D J Field, said yesterday that their 18 employees were "well looked after" He said the longest-serving employee had been with the company for 25 years and the average length of service was seven years He did not wish to make any further comments. —  
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# Da Gama, Saawu to negotiate

EAST LONDON — The Da Gama textile company and the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) are to open negotiations "very soon" on a recognition agreement.

In a joint statement, Da Gama and Saawu announced that a referendum among the workers of Da Gama's East London factory had

indicated that 78,5 per cent of the workers wished to be represented by Saawu

The referendum was held on July 18 and 19

"In line with Da Gama Textiles policy to negotiate with any party that truly represents the majority of workers, Da Gama will now proceed to negotiate a recognition agreement that will

lead to formalising relations with Saawu," the statement said

Yesterday the general manager (personnel) of Da Gama, Mr Frank Judd, said the negotiations would begin "in the very near future"

Mr Judd said the recognition agreement would cover Da Gama's East London factory only

and would not apply to the company's factory near Zwelitsha in Ciskei

Saawu has been banned in Ciskei

He said the agreement would affect some 1 500 employees of the company

Saawu's branch secretary, Mr Yure Mdyogolo, confirmed

that the union would not be pressing for recognition at Da Gama's Ciskei factory

"We are not organised there," he said

Da Gama, which is a joint venture between the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) and Tootal, is one of the Border's biggest industries — DDR

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# 800 down tools in factory dispute

Argus Bureau

EAST LONDON — About 800 workers at Consolidated Textile Mills downed tools here and were removed from the factory grounds by police

The workers said they were protesting against having to subscribe to the Tusca-affiliated Textile Industrial Workers' Union

A South African Allied Workers' Union spokesman said the workers downed tools about noon yesterday. Workers on the 2pm shift joined the strike when they came to work

## WITH BATONS

They were later removed from the factory grounds by police armed with batons and using dogs, the spokesman said.

Saawu claims to represent 80 percent of the nearly 4 000 employees at the factory

The workers continued the strike today and met officials of Saawu to discuss the issue

Lieutenant Dot van der Vyver, police liaison officer, said police had not used force to remove the workers. No teargas or dogs were used, she said.

# 'EL police use E. Post batons at 27/7/84 factory strike'

By KEITH ROSS

EAST LONDON — The police allegedly used batons to disperse nearly 1 000 workers who went on strike at the Frame Group works in East London yesterday

The workers were demanding that the group's management recognise the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu)

They objected to paying 50c a month in subscriptions to the Textile Industrial Workers Union

Saawu's chief organiser, Mr Boyce Melitasa, said today more than 400 workers on the morning shift downed tools over the issue of recognition

He said they were joined on strike by the afternoon shift when it came on duty at 2pm

"About 80% of the Frame Group workers are Saawu members," he said "But

the management refuses even to speak to us

"So the workers went on strike and, about 4pm, the police arrived and drove them from the premises"

Mr Melitasa claimed the police used dogs and batons to move the workers who then dispersed

He said the workers had reported to the factory this morning, but had then immediately downed tools

"We still hope to get the chance to speak to the company's management," he said

A company spokesman was unwilling to comment on the strike

The police Press liaison officer for Border, Lieutenant Dot van der Vyver, said she knew little of the strike

She was unable to confirm or deny that dogs and batons had been used to disperse the workers

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**EAST LONDON** — Allegations that security police had assaulted people in the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) offices were treated "with contempt", the head of the security police in the Border, Brigadier A P van der Merwe, said yesterday

He was reacting to a statement issued by Saawu's branch organiser, Mr Boyce Melitafa, at the weekend alleging that security police raided the Saawu offices on Friday morning and assaulted people with "gun butts"

Brig Van der Merwe said the statement only proved "the mentality of the person who said it"

"I challenge Saawu to go to a charge office and lay charges of assault and produce those who were injured in the assaults"

"No such thing happened at all I treat the

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## Police deny EL assault allegations

allegations with the contempt they deserve," he said

In his statement, Mr Melitafa said that at about 8 30 am on Friday, a group of workers from the Frame Group had come to the Saawu offices to report what had transpired in the company on Thursday

"While they were in the office, seven security policemen from Cambridge entered the offices

"When I inquired what they were looking for they said they were

arresting me

"They then started beating workers with gun butts inside the offices saying they should go out A lot of the workers then fled

"Two workers sustained some injuries They have deep cuts on their heads"

Mr Melitafa said there were also armed police in the street outside the Saawu offices, and a lot of people were scattered in all directions — DDR Factory rivalry blamed, P2

## Rain expected to move inland soon

**EAST LONDON** — The heavy rains over the Border coastal area at the weekend are expected to start clearing up tomorrow and to move inland

The weather office at the airport here reported that the rain had reached inland only as far as Stutterheim where six mm was measured

East London had 23 mm of rain and, in adjoining areas such as Kidd's Beach, up to 30 mm was measured The temperature in East London, which was 27,2 C on Thursday, fell gradually as the cold front started moving in on Fri-

day The maximum temperature yesterday was 12,4 C and the minimum 11,5 C

The rain was due to a large high pressure cell pushing in cold moist air behind the cold front

Aliwal North and Jamestown had fairly warm weather over the weekend, with cloudy weather setting in yesterday afternoon

In Barkly East the sun was shining until yesterday afternoon when it became overcast and cooler

Queenstown also had no rain but it was cold with a maximum temper-

ature of 10 C and a minimum of 7 C yesterday

King William's Town had six mm of rain

Meanwhile more than 100 mm of rain fell in parts of Durban and along the Natal coast yesterday causing wide spread flooding

Houses, shops and factories were flooded and damage to many of them is believed to run into thousands of rands Even the circus ring under Boswell Wilkie's big top was flooded

Mr Del Elyse, of Port St John's, said heavy rain started falling early on Saturday night

## Whale washed up

**KIDD'S BEACH** — A small whale died after being washed up at the weekend on the beach at Monkey Bay between Kidd's Beach and Gulu Mouth

Mr Jack Payn of Kidd's Beach, an honorary conservation officer, contacted Dr E H Bigalke, curator of the East London Museum, who tentatively identified it as a Cuvier's beaked whale

The carcass will be more carefully ex-

## Woman escapes being buried alive

**DURBAN** — A young epileptic woman narrowly escaped being smothered by a deluge of mud which smashed into an Umdloti holiday home bathroom and rose to just below her chin during yesterday's heavy rains

Elsbe Janjetich, 22, a member of a group from Randfontein, was trapped in the bathroom while two matrons and members of the party tried to break down the door to free her

Soil which was washed down from an excavation site higher than the holiday home built up behind the building until it reached the roof

The red mud and silt burst through the windows of two dormitories filling them almost to the ceiling

"Luckily when the level of the mud reached her neck, one of the boys managed to kick the door in," a member of the group, Sister Lottie Vorster, said — DDC



EAST LONDON — Allegations that security police had assaulted people in the offices of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) in East London were denied today by the head of the Border security police, Brigadier A P van der Merwe

Brigadier van Der Merwe was reacting to a statement issued at the weekend by Saawu's branch organiser, Mr Boyce Melitafa, alleging that security police had raided the Saawu offices on Friday morning and assaulted textile workers from the Frame Group in East London with "gun butts"

Brigadier Van der Merwe challenged Saawu to lay charges of assault against the police and to produce those who were injured in the alleged assaults

"No such thing happened at all I treat the allegations with the contempt they deserve," he said

In his statement, Mr Melitafa said seven security men had entered the Saawu

# Police deny Saawu claims of assault

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offices early on Friday morning, saying they had come to arrest him

"They then started beating workers with gun butts. A lot of the workers then fled. Two workers sustained deep cuts to their head"

Mr Melitafa said that when he inquired from the security police what they were looking for, they said they were going to arrest him

"There were four black and three white policemen. They started beating the workers inside the office saying they should go outside," he said

"This clearly indicates the security police are not interested in civilised ways

of handling matters," he said

A separate statement prepared by Saawu workers at the factory said they had petitioned management to stop deducting subscriptions from their pay packet for the Textile Workers Industrial Union (TWIU) — a Tucsa affiliate

A condition of employment at Frame Group was membership of TWIU

On Wednesday, a delegation was sent to management with a view to discussing the issue but Mr W Coetzee, a labour officer, said he had "no time to attend to the issue"

When Mr Coetzee appeared the next day, according to the workers'

statement, he was accompanied by two policemen

"Mr Coetzee said he would discuss the matter and the decision arrived at will be filtered through the liaison committee which is not representative of the workers

"This is clear enough that he was not prepared to discuss anything with us. After we returned to work, Mr Coetzee and Mr Sabbagh came back to us carrying pamphlets which read 'anybody who is not working during working hours will be summarily dismissed and new people will be engaged in their places

"Whilst we were busy reading the notices, Mr Sabbagh accompanied by

police gave us three minutes to leave the company's premises. Whilst we were trying to change our overalls, police entered the department and started assaulting people with sjamboks and let loose the dogs," said the statement

"Everything was then in turmoil and people left their belongings inside the company's premises as they fled from the police. A lot of people were injured some were severely bitten though we don't know the exact number"

Workers who came to work nightshift at 6pm on Thursday found the company's gates locked and they were told by police to go home

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# Rivalry blamed for unrest

EAST LONDON — Rivalry between two trade unions has been cited as the reason for last week's work stoppage and unrest at the Framme Group textile factory here

The two unions involved are the Textile Workers' Industrial Union (TWIU) and the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu)

At the weekend, a statement by Framme Group workers released through the Saawu offices here by the branch organisers, Mr Boyce Melitafa, claimed a dispute arose between workers and the factory management after some workers had petitioned the management to cancel stop order, subscription payments to the TWIU

that membership of the TWIU was a condition of employment at Framme Group

However, both the general secretary of the TWIU, Mr Norman Daniels, and the joint managing director of the Framme Group, Mr Selwyn Lurie, strongly denied there was any "closed shop" agreement between the TWIU and the Framme Group

Instead, Mr Daniels alleged there had been fraudulent attempts to cancel the subscriptions of TWIU members.

In the statement issued through Saawu, it was claimed that some workers wanted to stop their subscription payments to the TWIU as an

indication of their resignation from the union

The statement said that 15 days after the petition had been submitted, without response from the management, a delegation was sent to discuss the matter with the management

The following day, the statement said, a company employee accompanied by two policemen told the workers that the matter would be discussed and the response filtered through the "liaison committee".

The statement then alleged the same employee returned with pamphlets stating that anyone who did not work in working hours would be summarily dismissed

While workers were reading the notices, another company employee accompanied by police told the workers to leave the company premises within three minutes

The statement alleged that after three minutes, the police forcibly evicted workers from the premises, and the gates to the factory were locked

Mr Daniels said TWIU's membership exceeded 50 per cent of the workforce of 4500 at the Framme Group factory and that the union had been the officially recognised representative of the workers for more than 50 years

"We started receiving a large number of supposed resignations, of which more than a thousand were from people who were not even members of TWIU

"We approached members who had supposedly resigned and they told us they knew nothing of the resignations

"We concluded that someone had sat at the clock cards and had written down the numbers and names of employees and sent fraudulent resignations to us," Mr Daniels alleged

He claimed that, according to TWIU members, groups of workers "had banners and were marching up and down causing chaos Our people were not part of this,

but many of them were caught up in it when police removed workers from the premises"

"What we are trying to do now is get those innocent people who were locked out of the factory back to work We will be talking with management to ensure this doesn't happen again"

Mr Daniels said no one was compelled to be a member of the TWIU. "There are, in fact, a number of workers who are not members of our union."

Mr Lurie said from Durban yesterday that the statement issued through Saawu was not true

He reiterated an earlier statement that there had been no official discussions between management and workers who wanted to cancel their subscriptions to the TWIU

"Nothing has been put to the management They have not operated through the recognised channels of communication"

Mr Lurie denied workers were compelled to be members of the TWIU. "This is definitely not correct There is no closed shop agreement."

Mr Lurie also said the wording and timing of the notice ordering workers to return to work as presented in the Saawu statement were not correct

"The notice was distributed after workers had stopped working - DDR"

The statement alleges

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~~Teacher~~  
had ANC  
booklet

A QUALIFIED Atteridgeville schoolteacher and member of the S A Allied Workers Union, was found guilty of being in possession of prohibited African National Congress publication and jailed for 12 months in the Pretoria Regional Court yesterday

But the magistrate ruled that the sentence be conditionally suspended for five years

Ramaano Gerald Dau, 28, had pleaded not guilty before Mr J H Bekker to being found in possession of ANC diary entitled "ANC South Africa 1982" in Atteridgeville last year

Evidence was that Dau was arrested at a shebeen in Atteridgeville and taken home where the publication was found. He had denied admitting to the police that the publication was his

The magistrate said there was sufficient evidence to prove that he had been found in possession of undesirable literature

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# 600 hired at Frame

EAST LONDON — Over 600 new workers have been engaged at the Frame Group textile factory here following a stayaway by employees at the factory last week

The joint managing director of the Frame Group, Mr Selwyn Lurie, said from Durban yesterday that the new em-

ployees had been hired to fill vacancies caused by the summary dismissal of employees at the factory who had breached their terms and conditions of service by not returning to work

"Consequently, work is slowly returning to normal and from the

many inquiries which have been received, it is expected that production will soon return to previous levels"

Representatives for the two unions involved in the dispute, the Textile Workers' Industrial Union and the South African Allied Workers' Union, could not be reached for comment

# Cops deny assaults

**ALLEGATIONS** that Security Police had assaulted people in the offices of the South African Allied Workers' Union in East London were denied yesterday by the head of the Border Security Police, Brigadier A P van der Merwe.

Brig van der Merwe was reacting to a statement issued at the weekend by SAAWU's branch organiser, Mr Boyce Melitafa, alleging that Security Police had raided the SAAWU offices on Friday morning and assaulted people with gun butts. Brig van der Merwe challenged SAAWU to lay

charges of assault against the police and to produce those who were injured in the alleged assaults.

"No such thing happened at all. I treat the allegations with the contempt they deserve," he said.

In his statement, Mr Melitafa said seven security men had entered the SAAWU offices early on Friday morning, saying they had come to arrest him.

"They then started beating workers with gun butts. A lot of the workers then fled. Two workers sustained some injuries." — Sapa

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**Union's  
plea on  
mass rally**

**Staff Reporter**

THE General Workers' Union has appealed for unity among "all progressive organizations" to ensure the success of tonight's mass anti-election rally in Athlone

The national GWU president, Mr Johnson Mpukumpa, yesterday urged all those opposed to the coming elections to "bury their differences and take a uniform stand in the struggle"

"We must not let our differences override our common interests," he said

He welcomed the participation of middle-class whites in the election boycott, but emphasized that whites would be impotent to change the system without the co-operation of organized black labour

He said he hoped the rally would enable groups with "different structures and policies", like the UDF and the Cape Action League, to co-ordinate their opposition to the elections

The rally, at 8pm in Fun City, off Hines Road, Athlone, is expected to be supported by all independent trade unions active in the Cape

(Report by H Venables, 77 Burg Street, Cape Town)

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600 go (145A)  
on strike

ABOUT 600 workers at a Pretoria West-glass manufacturer downed tools on Tuesday when wage negotiations reached a deadlock

The work stoppage began when an independent mediator failed to resolve the wage dispute

The branch secretary of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), Mr Jackie Masemola, said he would meet strikers to discuss a compromise

He said the management of Consol Limited had refused to change its offer of an across-the-board increase of 24c an hour. Saawu originally demanded R1 an hour, but lowered their demands to 70c — Sapa

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# Union members in court on tax charges

EAST LONDON — The magistrate at Middle-drift, Mr M Mtebele, has confirmed that a group of 106 people appeared in court on Tuesday charged with failure to prove payment on Ciskei development tax.

No evidence was led and they were released on R20 bail, each he said.

The case had been postponed to September 18, Mr Mtebele said.

The 106 were mourners and members of various trade unions, the president of South African Workers Union, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, said yesterday.

Mr Gqweta said the mourners were on their way to the funeral of a union member, Mr Zongezile Xozu, in Middle-drift on Sunday. They were arrested together with two railway bus drivers who were driving them to the funeral service.

The bus drivers were later released on Sunday night, he said.

The deputy commanding officer, of SA Railway Police in East London, Major J F van Wyk, said the two Sats drivers had been "prosecuted because of a misunderstanding by junior offi-

cial

"The case has been withdrawn. These drivers had clearances not to carry their permits, which are kept at their office base and produced on request if necessary.

"The Ciskeian police were not conversant with these regulations. But the two drivers were treated well, there were no incidents and everything has been cleared."

The police liaison officer in Ciskei, Col Avery Ngaki, said he could not comment on the case as the matter was in hands of the Department of Justice — DDR.



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# Strike over pay-cut threat

Labour Reporter

A BUILDING hardware firm at Mobeni was hit by a work stoppage yesterday when its entire black workforce of more than 400 downed tools in protest against a threatened pay cut.

Mr Isaac Ngcobo, national treasurer of the South African Allied Workers' Union, said yesterday the workers at Blaikie-Johnstone, who went on strike on Monday after a union recognition dispute with the company, had been told they would not be paid for the hours they had not worked during the strike.

The workers returned to their jobs almost immediately after the union held talks with the management on Monday, but on Tuesday a foreman issued a threat to the workers saying that they would not be paid for striking.

This angered the workers and they came out on strike yesterday to protest against the threatened pay cut, he said.

## Stoppage

Mr Hoffmann-Jensen, a director of the company, said in a statement yesterday that the management was taking steps to encourage workers to return to work and to present their grievances clearly through representatives of their own choice.

The reason for the strikes was unclear.

'It is the policy of Blaikie-Johnstone to recognise representative trade unions and discussions were opened with Saawu when the company was first approached in April this year.

'This week's strikes follow a two-day stoppage in April.

'Meetings have been held with worker representatives, including officials of Saawu, and some of the items discussed included wages and recognition of the trade union, the company statement added.

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**Detention confirmed**  
**by Ciskei Police** *145A*

**BISHO** — The Ciskei police public relations officer, Lt-Col G. A Ngaki, has confirmed the detention of an Mdantsane man, Mr Milton Mdze. He said he had been detained under the National Security Act

Mr Mdze was picked up on August 30, according to his family

Col Ngaki also con-

firmed that a second detainee had been admitted to the Cecilia Makiwane Hospital in Mdantsane. He is Mr Godfrey Shiba, a former East London branch chairman of the South African Allied Workers' union

Col Ngaki said he could not say when the detainees would be brought to trial. — DDD

# Saawu split worsens

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THE SPLIT within the SA Allied Workers' Union is worsening

A "national annual conference" was called in Durban at the weekend by former secretary Sam Kikme's group — and is probably going to be challenged by president Thozamile Gqweta's group

The conference was called after a series of legal wrangles and bloody physical conflict earlier this year, which ended when a Supreme Court order was agreed to by both groups.

The fight between the two groups — each calling themselves the ge-

nune Saawu — was over leadership of the union and the validity of a conference electing a new executive.

Both groups agreed in court that a new conference would be called in a bid to bring about reconciliation, and that the new meeting would be presided over by veteran trade unionists Billy Nar and Curnick Ndlovu.

Mr Gqweta's group — which includes Njikelana and Welcome Ntshangase — want to challenge last weekend's meeting on the grounds that it was not convened by Mr Nar and Mr Ndlovu.

# 200 lose jobs after trouble at three Natal plants

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## Labour Reporter

ABOUT 200 strikers were dismissed from three Natal companies yesterday after a wave of industrial unrest at the plants

And today's talks between the management of Allied Publishing and representatives of the Commercial Catering and Allied Workers' Union of South Africa have been postponed to next week.

Speaking from Johannesburg yesterday, Mr C W Eyles, Allied Publishing's Natal manager, said the meeting had been 'unavoidably deferred' and it was hoped that 'this very important meeting will take place early next week'

The proposed talks follow a warning of pending

industrial unrest among Allied Publishing workers demanding a R30-a-week wage increase, says Mr Important Mkhize, the union's Natal organiser

## Ignoring

About 50 employees of a construction company, Basil Read (Pty) Ltd, were fired yesterday after they had downed tools in a demand for more pay

Mr Brian Maynard, the company's director of manpower, said they had been dismissed for refusing to return to work.

'They were demanding wage increase in excess of the statutory increase,' he said, adding that the company would begin hiring replacement staff today

At Silverton Engineering in Isipingo about 60 striking workers were fired after ignoring a return-to-work ultimatum yesterday

Mr Barry Land, marketing director of the Pretoria-based company, said yesterday that the workers had gone on strike on Tuesday. They had been unhappy about the introduction of a four-day working week.

He said the operations had gone on short-time because of the general economic downturn and the fact that a new-tech-

nology radiator for a local motor assembly plant was being produced at the company's Pretoria plant until it was possible to

transfer the new production system to Durban

Mr Land said that although it seemed that a number of workers wanted to return to work, there had been intimidation and the plant had been unable to start production yesterday morning

'The company therefore had no alternative but to dismiss the workers and advise that their re-employment will start today

'The plant is currently operating on a limited scale with its white workers, but we expect to be back in full production by the end of next week,' he said

At the Sylko Paper company in Durban, about 100 workers who downed

tools in protest against the dismissal of one of their colleagues were fired after ignoring repeated pleas by the management to return to work, said Mr R A Williams, the company's managing director

## Theft

The worker was fired after being convicted of theft from the company in the Wentworth Magistrate's Court this week.

Mr Isaac Ngcobo, national treasurer of the South African Allied Workers' Union, which has members at the three companies affected by the unrest, said the union would challenge the dismissals through the 'appropriate channels'.

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QUEENSTOWN — A member of the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu), Mr Andile Xhintolo, has been detained by the South African security police

He was fetched from his place of work, Mr Derrick Smoko, Saawu organising secretary, said yesterday

Mr Smoko said two police officers arrived at Mr Xhintolo's place of work and went to the manager's office

They took Mr Xhintolo away after searching the change room

Major P P Olivier, acting divisional police liaison officer, confirmed the detention

He said Mr Xhintolo had been detained in terms of Section 29 of the Internal Security Act — DDR

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# 105 Ciskei mourners in court

CP Reporter (USA)

THE 105 men arrested by Ciskei cops on their way to the funeral of an SA Allied Workers' Union member appeared briefly in the Middel-drift Magistrate's Court this week for failing to produce proof of payment of Ciskei development tax.

The men were not asked to plead and no evidence was led.

Saawu is banned in Ciskei in terms of the National Security Act.

The State applied to the court that a warrant of arrest be issued against Mr Andile Shosha, 19, who failed to attend Monday's court proceedings.

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# Workers 'locked out after going on strike'

**Labour Reporter**  
ABOUT 300 employees of a transport company in Umbilo yesterday claimed they had been locked out by the management because they had gone on strike on Tuesday

Attempts by the Mercury to contact Mr T R Mezher, managing director of Storm and Co, on Tuesday and again yesterday proved fruitless. His secretary said he was not available to speak to the Press. She also said the company had no comment on the strike.

The strike followed claims by workers that the management was re-

fusing to meet the union to discuss their grievances

A spokesman for the South African Allied Workers' Union said the workers had asked the company for recognition of the union but the management had apparently refused.

He said the strikers — about 300 drivers and labourers — had been locked out of the premises yesterday. The police were on the premises but no incidents were reported.

The workers decided not to return to work until the company agreed to

meet the union to discuss their grievances

Meanwhile, Mr Richard Gumede, president of the South African Allied Workers' Union, said that the union lawyers were being briefed to fight the dismissal of 40 black workers from the Salt Rock Hotel. He said they had been fired after striking in support of their demand for more pay.

Mr Weir Smith, manager of the hotel, could not be reached for comment last night, but a spokesman for his office said they were 'sick and tired' of Mr Gumede and the union.

A DECISION by South African Airways to restrict air fares, announced last week by the Minister of Transport, Mr Hendrik Schoeman, has angered travel agents.

Mr Karl Plateau, managing director of a travel agency and chairman of the council of the Association

President Ronald Reagan spoke to a large celebration in Milwaukee this week.

200 back after ~~157~~ <sup>145A</sup> stoppage

By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK

ABOUT 200 workers at Mathey Rustenburg Refiners in Wadeville, Germiston, who stopped work on Wednesday in protest against a supervisor who allegedly called their colleagues "kaffirs", were back at work yesterday.

They returned after management agreed to investigate "allegations of bad language and unfair treatment".

A South African Chemical Workers' Union spokesman said the entire workforce downed tools after the suspension of 14 workers who stopped work on Monday in protest against the supervisor, who shouted and swore at them and called them "kaffirs".

The workers are demanding the immediate dismissal of the supervisor.

'Sexist' judge drops ruling

INDIANA — Judge James Clement wants the men to wear the pants in his courtroom but he will not push it.

The Superior Court judge drew a refusal this week from the county prosecutor Jack Crawford, who said he would not require women prosecutors to wear skirts.

The judge backed off, saying the memo was only expressing his preference.

Mr Crawford, who employs the women deputy prosecutors, said "I have told Judge Clement I will not require my female attorneys to wear dresses and skirts."

"In fact the reaction was pretty much that it was sexist." — UPI

Chicken load disappears

Mall Reporter

THE TRUCKLOAD of live chickens that stood in central Hillbrow, Johannesburg, since Sunday vanished without trace yesterday.

The chickens keeper, Mr Shadrack Mnyayi, told the Rand Daily Mail this week that he and his employer, Mr Louis Changuon, had arrived from Amersfoort and had not managed to sell the chickens they brought with them.

Presumably the two have sold the chickens or found an alternative venue for their sale.





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# Men sent to city firm after unrest

Labour Reporter

WORKERS from Pretoria have been sent to Durban to maintain production of radiators for new cars after labour unrest at one of Natal's largest radiator factories, Silvertown Engineering, at Isipingo

The plant has been shut down temporarily while negotiations take place between the management and representatives of the South African Allied Workers' Union, according to Mr Barry Land, the company's marketing director

The 60 workers downed tools on September 18 protesting at the introduction of a four-day working week and were later dismissed after ignoring a return to work ultimatum

Mr Land told the Mercury the company was forced to introduce short time because of the 'gen-

eral economic downturn' as well as the fact that a new-technology radiator was being produced at the company's Pretoria plant until it was possible to transfer the new production system to Durban

The company's Pretoria factory was also helping in the production to ensure there were no disruptions in the supplies to the assembly plants of Toyota South Africa

## Recovering

A DURBAN man Mr G Glazer, 23, who was knocked unconscious in a car smash on Wednesday night, has regained consciousness in Addington Hospital His car roof was crushed when it went under a truck trailer and came out the other side in Edwin Swales Drive He suffered head and neck injuries

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# Workers

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Monday 31/10/84

# Talks on carpet

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## company dispute

### Labour Reporter

FURTHER talks between representatives of the South African Allied Workers' Union and the management of Crossley Carpets are planned for today in a bid to end a dispute over the sacking of three workers

About 500 workers at the factory in Reunion, near Isipingo, downed tools yesterday morning and demanded the reinstatement of the three

Company spokesman Seaton Thompson said the three had been fired for refusing to work after the introduction of staggered meal breaks for some workers. There had been no question of them having to do additional work, he said.

'We are doing everything possible to get the workers back to their jobs and we undertook to consider their demand for the reinstatement of the three on condition that all the workers returned.'

Today's meeting was due to take place at 8 a.m., he added.

### 'Stormed out'

Local organiser of the union Elphas Luthuli said the strikers would not return to work until management undertook to hold talks with the union to negotiate the reinstatement of the three. He claimed that a meeting yesterday between the company had ended abruptly when the management delegation stormed out.

But this was strongly denied by Mr Thompson. He said an agreement had been reached that the company would consider the reinstatement of the three on condition that all the strikers returned. Midway through the meeting it had been discovered that none had returned. The meeting had ended at that point and further talks would be held this morning.

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## Two firms still affected by strike action

Labour Reporter

WHILE strikers at one Durban factory returned to work yesterday, two other companies were still affected by labour problems

Cleaners employed by Supervision Services, who went on strike on Tuesday demanding more pay, were yesterday given an ultimatum to return to work today or face dismissal

Mr T W Davis, the company's general manager, said that 'only a handful' of people were involved in the work stoppage 'Most of our staff are at work,' he said

But, Mr Bongani Khaula, a local organiser of the Cleaning and Allied Workers' Union, said about 200 cleaners stopped work in support of their demand for more pay

They were still deciding whether to return to work, he said, adding that they were unhappy with their wages which averaged R172 a month

Silverton Engineering, at Isipingo, where about

60 striking workers were dismissed last week following a protest over the introduction of a four-day working week, was still closed yesterday Mr Barry Land, a company spokesman, said a decision was expected early next week

At Crossley Carpets at Reunion near Isipingo, about 500 workers, protesting at the dismissal of three colleagues, ended their one-day strike at 10 a m yesterday after talks between management and officials of the South African Allied Workers' Union

Company spokesman Mr Seaton Thompson said all had returned to work and the three dismissed workers had been reinstated

'The company was assured by representatives of the union that the workers will observe the staggered meal breaks,' he added

He said there would be discussions between management and representatives of the workers regarding union recognition

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**Victory for  
3 workers**

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MORE than 500 workers who had been on strike at a Durban carpet factory in protest against the dismissal of three co workers this week returned to work after management agreed to re-instate the three

The workers returned to work at Crossley Carpets after negotiations with Saawu representatives

Mr Isaac Ngcobo, SAAWU's national treasurer, said it covered recognition of shop stewards, negotiation and the settlement of disputes, and covered 300 employees in the company's nine operating depots.

He said the agreement was concluded after three months negotiations which had been disrupted by the detention of Mr Sam Kikine, SAAWU's general secretary.

POLICE were called to the Durban Drum Company in Bluff Road on Friday after 120 dismissed workers were paid off following a strike over a pay dispute.

According to Mr Isaac Ngcobo, national treasurer of the South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU), the workers downed tools after rejecting a pay rise of 25 cents per hour and demanded an increase of 75 cents per hour.

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THE South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU), has announced that one of its affiliates, the Industrial Commercial and Distribution Trade Workers' Union, has signed a preliminary recognition agreement with Freight Services Forwarding in Durban.

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# Company signs union agreement

Labour Reporter

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Mr J Z Troskolanski, the company's human resources manager, yesterday confirmed the signing of the agreement

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# Building



## strike into its fifth day

### Labour Reporter

BUILDING work on new flats and shopping complexes at Ballito had come to a halt as the work stoppage by more than 300 employees of Thomas Construction entered its fifth day yesterday

The company's managing director, Mr Gerald Grieveson yesterday confirmed that a stalemate had been reached after the workers had refused to accept a 13 percent pay rise offered earlier this week

He said no return-to-work ultimatum had been given to the strikers and the company had not re-

ceived any formal demands over pay

But Mr Richard Gumede, national president of the South African Allied Workers' Union, said yesterday that the workers had communicated their pay demands to the management in no uncertain terms

'The management refused to meet union representatives, saying that the company had no recognition agreement with the union,' he said

The workers had asked for their minimum wages to be increased from 75 c an hour to R1 an hour, he said, adding that they were earning an average of R135 a month at present

Mr Grieveson said his employees would not be paid for the duration of the work stoppage which started on Monday

He said 'We have offered the dissenting labourers a 13 percent pay increase and expect them to return to work. If they have grievances other than pay — and none has been made known to us — they will be dealt with on resumption of normal duties. No one has been dismissed at this stage



# 2-day work stayaway planned in Transvaal

A two-day work stayaway has been planned for all major industrial areas of the Transvaal next week

Leading trade union groupings — representing about 300 000 workers — have thrown their weight behind the call, in protest against Government response to student, civic and worker grievances

It will be the first time since the nationwide

stoppage over the death of trade unionist Neil Aggett that a wide range of unions and civic organisations have combined forces in protest action

The intention of the stay-home will be to make an impact on the Government and shake it into answering student and worker demands, says the Transvaal Regional Stayaway Committee

The Federation of South African Trade Unions, the Council of Unions of South Africa, the South African Allied Workers' Union, township civic associations, youth groups and student bodies are involved.

The Release Mandela Committee, Federation of South African Women and United Democratic Front Soweto Committee are also key participants

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# Workers return today

Mall Reporter

ALL 600 workers of the Continental China company in Rosslyn, Pretoria, went on strike last week in protest against an increase in their working hours and a decrease in their hourly wages

But at a meeting last Thursday between management and the South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU), it was agreed that the workers would return to work today at the reduced hourly wage of R1,78, but that SAAWU would continue negotiations for the re-implementation of the R2 hourly rate

The workers claim their daily working hours were unilaterally extended from 6 30am-4pm to 7am-5pm, an increase of 2½ hours a week, while their hourly wages were reduced from R2 to R1,78

A company spokesman confirmed the changes in hours and reduction of wages, as well as the return of workers today, but he could not comment further

The workers allege they were informed of the new pay and hour arrangement on a

Friday and told it would take immediate effect from the following Monday

They responded by joining SAAWU, which introduced itself to management after obtaining a mandate from the workers

A meeting to discuss a recognition agreement between SAAWU and management is scheduled for November 20, according to a worker spokesman. But neither management nor the union could be reached for confirmation

The workers were told last Monday, through a liaison committee that has since been replaced by SAAWU shop stewards, that management did not have money for increases and if they found the new hours and pay unacceptable, they should leave

They arrived at work the following day, Tuesday, but refused to go on to the factory floor. Union representatives were then received by management for a meeting

The workers were told they could be dismissed and would only be reinstated at an hourly wage of R1,30

## Workforce downs tools

THE ENTIRE black workforce of Continental China in Rosslyn near Pretoria downed tools on Monday after some 300 fellow workers were locked out of the factory, their union spokesman said yesterday.

A spokesman for the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) said the 650-strong workforce went on strike after the dismissal of nearly 300 workers who had re-

fused to work overtime the day before

Their refusal followed a recent agreement with management that workers would accept a pay cut provided they did not work overtime, the spokesman said

When Saawu officials yesterday went to negotiate with Continental China, they were told the company had closed down and workers would be paid off today

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# Continental Sacks Workers and Closes

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By ALINAH DUBE

ABOUT 300 employees at Continental China in Rosslyn, Pretoria, were dismissed from work yesterday and the plant closed down after negotiations for better pay had ended in a deadlock.

Mr Jack Masemola, a secretary of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Sawu), told The SOWETAN that they were contemplating taking the company to court. He said they viewed the dismissals of their mem-

bers as a violation of an agreement they had entered into with the factory. He added that it was agreed that no action would be taken against the employees unless consultations were held with Sawu.

"Trouble at the plant started when the company reduced the workers' hourly rates by 22 cents recently. Our members were angry because they did not know why the reductions were im-

posed without them being informed. The R2,00 hourly earnings were brought down to R1,78.

"As representatives of the entire work force we brought this to the attention of management. It was agreed thereafter that the union would be kept informed on all the changes the firm underwent, but we were surprised to learn that workers were instead issued with a directive to work overtime without pay," Mr Masemola

said. A statement by Continental China said they had suffered heavy losses in the past. The increases inflated production.

"Work stoppages have severely disrupted reduction and management has implemented the agreed disciplinary procedures. Under these circumstances, we have reluctantly had to cease operations until further notice," the statement said.



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wide work stoppage after the death in detention of trade unionist Neil Aggett in 1982, and the campaign this year against the coloured and Indian elections. Therein lies the answer.

Says Fosatu's education secretary Alec

Erwin "Our attitude is clear. If something affects our organisation and our members we will respond. This action was undertaken because the situation in the Transvaal is very serious — in our view close to civil war — and needed clear protest action.

Cosas came up with the initial student demands. We chose to back them and added other issues like getting the army out of the townships. However, we will only undertake such action in serious situations and when our members feel it is appropriate."

**STAYAWAY PATTERNS**

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Last Monday's and Tuesday's stayaway elicited an average 60% response in the PWV area — with anything up to 800 000, and not less than 300 000 people participating. It was most successful where strong trade union organisation and community and student organisation coincided. The numbers involved in the stayaway are considerably higher if the approximately 400 000 students who boycotted school on those two days are included.

These are the findings of the Labour Monitoring Group (LMG), an academic body which has produced a preliminary analysis of the stayaway. The group used the SA Labour and Development Research Unit's directory of trade unions as its data base and attempted to contact all firms in the PWV area which have a recognition agreement with an independent union. Responses were received from 71 firms. Six firms refused to divulge information.

Other findings of the group are

- Unionised factories gave overwhelming support to the stayaway with some 70% of the companies in their sample reporting a stayaway rate of over 80%.
- The unionised factories were concentrated in the East Rand and the Vaal — the areas where the stayaway rates were highest.

The LMG points out that even though it could not canvass the Pretoria area, because of the limitations of its sample group, it is known that the stayaway in Atteridgeville township was almost total. However, commuters from Bophuthatswana went to work as usual. The pattern was similar in Brits with township dwellers supporting the stayaway and commuters working normally.

In the areas where the stayaway was most intense — the Vaal, East Rand and Atteridgeville — school attendance was also negligible. It seems, the LMG says, that workers readily identified the demands of the students for democratically elected student representative councils with their own struggle for independent representation in the factories.

- All sectors where unions were present were equally affected. Mining was an exception, with lack of participation being attributed to isolation from the townships and the aftermath of the recent strike.
- The stayaway did not weaken on the second day. 56% of establishments

maintained the same level of stayaway on both days, 20% weakened, and 24% actually intensified on Tuesday. This is seen as significant, as in the past extended stayaways have failed — such as the call for a five-day stayaway in November 1976 which simply petered out.

□ There was no significant difference in the response of migrants and township dwellers to the stayaway. The LMG says that migrants formed a significant proportion of the workforce in nine of 71 establishments surveyed. In five of these there was more than 90% participation. The high level of migrant worker involvement, the LMG comments, suggests a critical weakening of the influence of Inkatha on the Rand. Forced to choose between loyalty to Inkatha and to their unions, many supported the stayaway. Inkatha chief Gatsha Buthelezi's vocal opposition to the stayaway call distances him even further from the mainstream of opposition in SA, the LMG claims.

- None of the employers interviewed envisaged disciplinary action. The most common response was to deduct wages for the two days' absence. Some employers treated it as paid leave, others, more sympathetic, accepted employees' accounts of intimidation and paid wages in full.

The LMG states that Sasol's hardline approach revealed the vulnerability of workers during a stayaway. "Most employers were taken by surprise by the success of the stayaway and were unsympathetic to what they saw as a political strike, unrelated to the workplace. Any future stayaways are likely to be met by a harsher management response. Already some employers are calling for a trimming down of the workforce, and could well use stayaways as a pretext for retrenchment."

The LMG concludes that the decision to resort to a stayaway reflects the absence of political rights for blacks, and that as long as blacks are refused access to political power the stayaway will re-emerge as a weapon. In the past the State has responded to such demonstrations of power in a repressive manner with the result that legitimate protest has been forced underground or into exile. A similar response in the present situation would have far-reaching international repercussions and further deepen the internal crisis.

Some labour observers have drawn attention to other factors. They point out that one of the issues underlying the Ummawosa/Metal and Allied Workers' Union (Mawu) split was a deep-rooted dissatisfaction with Fosatu's reticence about political involvement. This is hotly denied by Erwin, who told the FM "There was division in the Mawu leadership, and corruption. But we are perfectly happy that the Ummawosa split did not relate to political issues. That was a rationalisation in hindsight on their part." Nonetheless, Erwin does acknowledge that there are tensions within Fosatu, although he says the federation does not regard these as being unhealthy.

What of the response of employers? Unions report that, barring Sasol, which in one of the biggest mass dismissals sacked 6 500 workers — decimating Fosatu's Chemical Workers' Industrial Union in the Transvaal — very few employers took action against their employees for participating in the stayaway.

According to Tony Ewer, chairman of the Transvaal Chamber of Industries' Labour Affairs Committee "A lot of soul-searching was done among employers. I think there was a lot of sympathy for the situation many of their employees found themselves in, in view of the intimidation that took place preventing them from getting to work." Ewer stated unequivocally, however, that employer response would harden if there are any more stayaways, as has been rumoured.

In general, white reaction has been to blame it all on agitators. Then, in evaluat-



**Cusa's Camay ... stayaways highly selective**

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face to face

PIETIE DU PLESSIS

# The view from Pretoria



Pietie du Plessis is the Minister of Manpower. He spoke to the *FM* about the stayaway.

**FM:** What is government's view of the role of unions in politics?

Du Plessis: The legislator's intentions are clearly outlined. In this regard, the Act stipulates that no trade union shall affiliate with any political party nor shall it grant financial or other assistance or endeavour to influence its members with the object of assisting any political party. From the foregoing, it is clear that the obligation rests with trade unions to further the interests of their members as far as conditions of employment, safety at work and related matters are concerned.

Given that blacks have no representation in central government, is it not inevitable that unions will become involved in politics and that stayaways become a legitimate form of protest?

As you are aware, the political dispensation of urban blacks is presently the subject of an investigation by a special Cabinet committee which is giving priority attention to the matter and

which is hearing evidence from black leaders and other interested parties. In these circumstances, it is desirable to allow the committee full opportunity to consider the matter with due regard to all relevant factors.

For the present, blacks have the opportunity, through the governments of national states and black local authorities, to participate in the decision-making process in so far as it relates to matters affecting their interests. I should like to emphasise that, apart from the legal position as already outlined, I do not regard it desirable for trade unions to involve themselves in political matters. To encourage and participate in stayaways could in the long run only serve to destabilise labour relations, with all its concomitant effects for the workers and the community at large.

Does the Department of Manpower approve of the restraint most employers have displayed in not taking action against workers who failed to report for duty during the stayaway?

The department has always maintained the principle of non-interference in the private relationships of employers and employees. This attitude is emphasised by the impartial role the department is often called upon to play in cases where the utilisation of the dis-

pute-settling machinery of our labour legislation becomes an issue. In this regard, for example, I may mention that the department has already had more than 200 applications for the establishment of conciliation boards for the settlement of labour disputes this year where, in almost all instances, officials of the department preside as impartial chairmen.

If unions continue to involve themselves in political affairs, would government consider taking action against them, such as bannings or other measures? If so, please specify. The *FM* notes that several people involved in organising the stayaway have been detained by the security police. Could you comment?

The government is responsible for the maintenance of law and order, and although trade union personalities are not singled out in terms of the security legislation of our country, there should be no doubt that trade union personalities who become involved in actions where the security of the State is threatened would equally be dealt with in terms of the relevant legislation.

There should be no illusion in this regard, as the government has made it clear on a number of occasions that it would not tolerate destabilising activity in any sphere, including that of labour relations.

ing what it means, to question why the black masses indulged in an action obviously against their economic interests at a time of high unemployment. And there was alarm at revolutionary statements and threats of a general strike from the Transvaal Regional Stayaway Committee's Thami Mah (see page 56).

There was intimidation. But to focus on only that is to miss the point. Industrial sociologist Professor Eddie Webster of Wits has defined a stayaway as "a general withdrawal of labour which does not (usually) arise out of a specific work-place dispute but articulates broader political and sometimes economic demands."

Erwin states "This was action against certain government policies rather than against employers. Sasol? We expected to pay some costs. To have stood back and done nothing would have created serious problems between our members and their children."

In such a situation the fact that blacks cannot exercise their political rights in the central Parliament means that unions with black members inevitably come to articulate their grievances. This is a reality



Wits' Webster ... broad political issues involved

which no statute like the Labour Relations Act's prohibition on union affiliation to political parties can hope to quash. A basic problem is that the liberalism which has been so marked in the labour field since the Wiehahn Commission has not been matched in other spheres. "Unions everywhere in the world — but in SA in particular — are obliged to take up political issues," says Erwin.

The massive response to the stayaway has raised fears that emotions will run so high that someone will call for a general strike. But it does not follow that the large black union federations will indulge in stayaways at the drop of a hat. Says Erwin "We don't entertain any illusions as to how difficult it is to pull off a stayaway — unlike other organisations which don't have membership on the factory floor." However, not all unions share Fosatu's sentiments. Ummawosa, for instance, told the *FM* that it would support any future stayaways.

What is pertinent is that union groupings like Fosatu and Cusa understand the limitations of stayaways. As Webster has stated, stayaways "remain demonstrations, not organised challenges ... Clearly the danger

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of dismissal is considerably greater in periods of high unemployment. Finally, lacking co-ordinated organisation and the financial resources for a long strike, workers cannot stay out for long."

Cusa general secretary Phiroshaw Camay has stated "Right now another stayaway would just weaken our position. We would just lose effect if we did that. Employer attitudes would be much tougher. We cannot pursue all our demands in a stayaway. We can only use it in some instances. One uses stayaways for issues of principle and core issues. Workers have been battered for a whole year retrench-

ments, unemployment, bad pay, gst, township rents increases — it's all cumulative. There are irretrievable forces acting in our community and we needed to react to them."

Unfortunately, while there has to be law enforcement, the police do not seem to have helped matters — and the presence of the army in townships is regarded as provocative. Law and Order Minister Louis le Grange would do well to reconsider the handling of the unrest. For example, the detention of the stayaway organisers and especially of Fosatu president Chris Dlamini has only added to an inflammatory

situation

"The stayaway was a very clear show of mass discontent with specific government policies. It was the clearest and most substantial message that has got across for many decades," says Erwin.

If government ignores what happened last week it threatens the future of all South Africans. It is clearly folly to believe that homeland leaders and community councillors are the real black leaders. Like it or not, it is organisations like the African National Congress and black trade unions that really count. It is to them that government should be talking.

## FOSCHINI

# First-names and efficiency

That Foschini deserves its blue-chip status is undeniable. After all, how does one argue with a compounded earnings growth of 22% over five years? Edgars managed only 6% growth in the same period, and blue-chip Woolworths 18%. In addition, over the past two years, while the retailing recession was at its worst, Foschini has had the edge on both of these larger competitors.

As always, the reasons for the group's success are many. But among the most important must be its rare corporate culture, that combines the involvement of family ownership with the efficiency of professional, decentralised leadership in a diversified group. That chairman Stanley Lewis has been able to merge these seemingly incompatible styles is undoubtedly to his credit.

If there is one managerial quality that the clothing industry has always respected it's "gut-feel." The term describes an ability to predict — months in advance of a new season — what the fickle female public is likely to buy. But with the industry becoming more competitive, and the consumer more sophisticated, gut-feel alone can no longer ensure a successful season. The recessionary years have concentrated managements' attention on other skills.

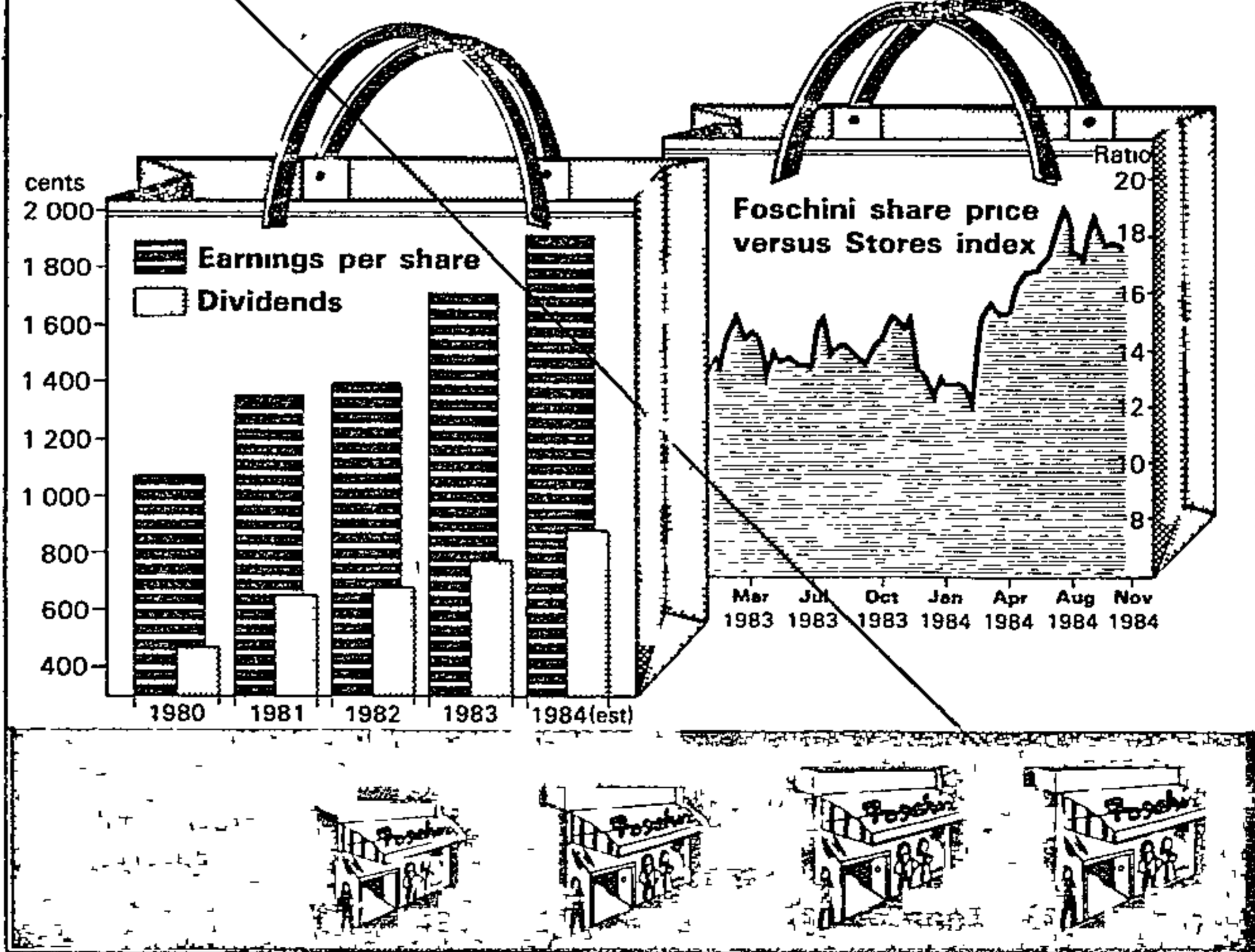
Good marketing techniques, tight asset management and strict control over productivity have become essential adjuncts to the gut-feel quality — that, nevertheless, remains important. For companies like Foschini the computer has become an indispensable ally. The fashion world is risky, but by providing retailers with a constant flow of data, the computer has reduced some of the margin for error.

The hundreds of cashiers that staff the group's stores are, in effect, also computer operators. Each time they enter a sale, details of the garment's size, colour and style are recorded on a computer disc locked inside the cash register. At the end of each day, Foschini's central computer in Cape Town dials into the hundreds

of cash registers located throughout the country, and transfers their recorded information into its own memory bank. The data is then collated, and a printed summary of the day's sales is produced, in time to be presented the next day to Lewis, with his morning coffee, so to speak.

"We have tried to remove some of the guesswork from fashion retailing, and to replace it with effective market information," he says. For Lewis and his executives, the daily report is an essential barometer of market taste. A style which is popular in the chain's Rosebank store may be a loser in Messina, and management must react quickly to this information. The unpopular styles in Messina may be removed or allocated elsewhere, while stocks of popular styles in Messina may be increased. As the season advances, the merchandise mix in each store changes in response to local demand, and every store assumes its own identity. The system also enables each store to run at minimum stock levels, since styles which are about to run out can be

### FOSCHINI'S LAYOUT





# 650 workers dismissed from company in Rosslyn

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By Andrew Beattie,  
Pretoria Bureau

The entire workforce of 650 at the Continental China company in Rosslyn, Pretoria, was reported to have been dismissed yesterday after some had refused to work overtime and the rest downed tools

The report came from the South African Allied Workers Union

There had been an earlier stoppage by the workers when their wages were reduced from R2 an hour to R1,78 an hour while their daily working hours were also changed, resulting in an extra 2½ hours of work a week

A SAAWU spokesman said that workers in three departments last week received instructions to work overtime on Saturday but refused

On Monday an instruction to work overtime was repeated, and the work-

ers again refused

When the workers arrived yesterday they were told they had all been dismissed and the other workers downed tools in support of their reinstatement, the spokesman said

The company's management stated it had been operating at a substantial loss during the past 18 months due to increased employment costs without an increase in productivity

The working hours had been reduced from 46 to 40 hours a week "without any reduction in the weekly take-home pay"

Staff were then asked to work a 45-hour week

Since then, production has frequently been disrupted due to stoppages and the company has been forced to cease operations until further notice, said a management spokesman

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# Saawu signs major agreement

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

THE SOUTH AFRICAN Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) has signed a recognition agreement with Coca-Cola — a major victory for the union, according to Mr Sisa Njekelana, the union's

general secretary.

Mr Njekelana told The SOWETAN yesterday that the agreement — the sixth this year so far — has added strength to the union. They were hoping to conclude other agreements with management late this year or early next year.

In terms of the agreement with the Wadeville plant the union can negotiate wages, retrenchments, health and safety matters, dispute procedures, grievances and

disciplinary measures

"We have also agreed to discuss maternity leave for our members. We are hoping that the finer points of this leave will be concluded in future as well as health and safety measures," he said

Maternity leave and health and safety measures have been contentious aspects in signing of recognition agreements this year, especially in the retail and mining industries

The Commercial, Ca-

tering and Allied Workers' Union (Cawusa) has concluded a maternity leave with OK Bazaar and the National Union of Mineworkers has urged its members working underground not to work at places which they regard as unsafe, according to union sources.

Saawu said that it saw the agreement as a step towards developing progressive industrial relations in the South African industrial community.

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# Defy workers fear closure of Durban factory

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Labour Reporter

WORKERS at the Durban plant of the giant Defy corporation are worried that a possible takeover of the company might result in the closure of the factory

A spokesman said more than 500 workers would be involved if the factory at Jacobs was affected

had to rationalise its operations because of the 'current depressed economic conditions'

Defy's group managing director, Mr R G Newby, confirmed yesterday that takeover negotiations were in progress

He declined to say if any of Defy's factories would be affected, but he added that a statement would be released before the end of the year

Defy, which is one of the country's oldest and best-known appliance manufacturers, also has factories in Newcastle, with about 500 employees, and several factories in the Transvaal. At this stage it is not clear whether the Defy factory in Durban or those in the Transvaal would be affected

## Worried

The giant Federale Group's Tek Corporation has been involved in the takeover talks with Defy

Mr Isaac Ngcobo, national treasurer of the South African Allied Workers' Union, said yesterday the union had been informed of developments at Defy, but it had been assured that only some of the workers would be affected

'Our members at the factory are very worried. Some have worked for Defy for more than 20 years'

He said the union had been told the company

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Paper  
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**Labour Reporter**

ABOUT 200 workers at Syiko Paper Company in Jacobs went on strike yesterday, on the eve of the company's closure for the year-end holidays, and demanded a refund of money deducted from their pay for union dues

According to Mr Isaac Ngcobo, a spokesman for the workers, the entire black workforce had resigned from the South African Typographical Union and joined another union but deductions were still being made in favour of the SATU

They claimed that they were no longer members of SATU and had since joined the Printing and Allied Workers' Union, an affiliate of the South African Allied Workers' Union

**Refunded**

Mr Ngcobo, who is national treasurer of SAAWU, said the workers downed tools yesterday and requested that their money be refunded before 3 p m today when the factory shuts down for the December holidays

He said the SATU had a stop order with the company for deductions from its members' wages

"The workers petitioned both the union and the company to cancel the stop order, but to this day there has been no response from either the company or the union," he said, adding that workers were angry and went on strike

Officials of the SATU were not available for comment yesterday

A spokesman for the company confirmed that the workers had downed tools and added that the management were at a meeting trying to resolve the problem

*Union dues dispute goes on*

**Labour Reporter**

THE strike by about 200 Sylko Paper company workers entered its second day yesterday with no agreement being reached over the workers' demand for a refund of their union contributions

Mr David Cox, a spokesman for the Jacobs company, said yesterday that the strike involved a majority of the black workers, formerly members of the South African Typographical Union, by virtue of a closed shop agreement.

'Over the past month they have expressed unhappiness at having to belong to this union and Sylko has now successfully negotiated an exemption from union membership for these employees

**Calm**

'We therefore no longer deduct union dues. However, the strikers have demanded that all dues ever paid by them into the union must be refunded. This is clearly not possible as Sylko merely collects dues according to gazetted laws on behalf of the union

'At the present moment, no agreement has been reached but the situation is calm,' he added

Mr Isaac Ngcobo, national treasurer of the South African Allied Workers' Union, said the workers had resigned from SATU and had since joined the SAAWU affiliate, Printing and Allied Workers' Union

He claimed that the workers had informed both the company and SATU of their decision many months ago

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# I wasn't hiding, says unionist

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN  
Labour Correspondent

A TRADE unionist who was detained with the "Durban Six" and was thought to be in hiding re-emerged yesterday to claim he had never been a fugitive

He is Mr Sam Kikine, who contacted the Rand Daily Mail from his Durban office to say he had returned to work on Thursday and would attend a meeting of workers this morning

He denied he had been in hiding and said he had been "on long leave" in the Transvaal.

Mr Kikine was one of a group of Government opponents who were detained under security legislation on August 21, and released a week later after the Natal Supreme Court ruled that their detention order was invalid.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, then served new detention orders on them and the six took refuge in the British Consulate

Mr Kikine disappeared with another detainee, who later gave himself up, and had remained out of sight until yesterday.

The order for Mr Kikine's detention was withdrawn earlier this week together with orders on the consulate fugitives

Mr Kikine, who was general secretary of the SA Allied Workers' Union until a split in the union earlier this year, also claimed he had been reappointed to his union job in his absence and that the purpose of today's meeting was to enable him to "officially accept his re-appointment".

He claimed he was reappointed by a workers' meeting "This is worker democracy in action and I am happy to accept the workers' decision," he said

It appears, however, that the split has not been resolved and Mr Kikine has been elected by his Natal supporters only

# 2 fired workers may be rehired

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN  
Labour Correspondent

TWO workers fired by Iscor at its Newcastle works may be reinstated soon after an Industrial Court action by their union, the SA Allied Workers' Union.

The action was the latest move in Saawu's attempt to win recognition at the Newcastle works where it claims to represent 4 000 workers — most of the workforce. It claims the two were fired because they are its members and that Iscor is resisting Saawu.

But Iscor yesterday denied it was against recognising unions. It said Saawu had so far not submitted proof of its membership at the works and said it could not discuss recognition with it until it did so.

There is also a conflict between the two sides over whether the two workers have been granted full reinstatement.

A Saawu spokesman said the two, Mr Philip Ngwenya — a union shop steward — and Mr Goodman Nkosi, were granted temporary reinstatement by the court.

He said they would be given jobs for which the pay and conditions would be no less favourable than those they enjoyed before they were fired. They would also receive back pay for the period since they were sacked.

Mr Nkosi was fired in August and Mr Ngwenya in November.

He said the two had been fired "unfairly" because Iscor was resisting Saawu's fight for recognition at the plant. "They were made scapegoats because they belonged to the union," he said.

But an Iscor spokesman said the company merely agreed in an out-of-court settlement to reinstate the workers when vacancies arose. They would not be rehired immediately as there were no jobs available during the festive season.

"There is also no question of their receiving back pay," he added.

According to Iscor, Saawu brought six cases against it alleging that workers had been unfairly dismissed.

Four of these cases had been withdrawn and those of Mr Ngwenya and Mr Nkosi had been settled, he said.

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# Man who wore Saawu T-shirt not guilty 24/1/85

ZWELITSHA — Mr Mbonisi Eric Sandi, 23, of Grahamstown was found not guilty in the regional court here yesterday of carrying or being in possession of or displaying a T-shirt indicating he was a member of the banned South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu)

He told the court he was arrested at Hamburg while wearing the T-shirt.

Asked by the magistrate, Mr J Kotze, if he knew what the Saawu initials stood for and if he was a member of Saawu, Mr Sandi said he knew what they stood for, but he was not a member. He bought the T-shirt in the Grahamstown offices of Saawu because he liked it. He did not intend becoming a member.

He claimed he did not

know that Saawu was banned in Ciskei, nor had he been told when he bought the shirt that the union had been banned in Ciskei. Had he known it was banned he would have left the shirt at home in Grahamstown.

Mr Kotze said that in terms of the section under which he had been charged it was necessary to show that there was intention to commit the crime and accordingly he found Mr Sandi not guilty.

Mr Sandi pleaded not guilty to an alternative charge of taking part in the activity of an unlawful organisation (Saawu).

He said he had not participated in Saawu activities.

Giving the basis of his defence, he said he had the T-shirt on when he went to a beach. He was arrested and told the police station that Saawu was banned in Ciskei.

The prosecutor, Mr Barry Nel, told the court he intended calling a witness who was not present in court yesterday and asked that the case be postponed until today.

Mr Sandi, who was not represented, was remanded in custody to today.

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## 2 more unions allowed to recruit

By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK

THE Chamber of Mines has reached agreement with two more emerging unions, granting them the right to recruit workers on the properties of chamber mines

The unions are the South African Mineworkers' Union (Samwu), which is affiliated to the South African Allied Workers' Union, and the African Miners' and Allied Workers' Union (Amawu)

In terms of the agreements, announced by the chamber on Thursday, accredited representatives of the two unions may recruit on mine property "subject to conditions that may be determined by individual mine managers"

Samwu — which is based in Johannesburg — was formed in 1983, while Amawu — which operates in the Carletonville/Westonaria area — was formed last year by Mr Vuyani Madolo, a former organiser of the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM)

This brings to seven the number of emerging unions that now have access to recruit on chamber mines

The Federated Mining Union (FMU) is recognised at several De Beers diamond mines in the Kimberley area, at two gold mines and was recognised at Rustenburg Platinum Mines this week

The other three unions with access rights are the Black Allied Mining and Tunnel Workers' Union, which is linked to the Black Allied Workers' Union, the Black Allied Mining and Construction Workers' Union, and the Black Mineworkers' Union

# Saawu plans big boycott

THE SOUTH African Allied Workers' Union is to launch a nationwide boycott of Continental China products in solidarity with the 650 workers dismissed from the Rosslyn Plant late last year.

According to Mr Tshim Mulondo, a branch organiser for Saawu, talks are to be held with several trade unions to strengthen the campaign. A decision will soon be taken at a meeting in Pretoria.

Saawu has also requested members of the public not to seek employment at Continental China as a means of

pledging support with the dismissed workers. This request comes in the form of pamphlets which have been distributed around the black township and in Rosslyn.

A meeting of workers was called after attempts to get management to negotiate were unsuccessful.

"They felt that officials could take their plight more seriously if other people also boycotted the company because they got fired while involved in a battle for the betterment of the working conditions," said Mr Mulondo.

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EAST LONDON — Four Mdantsane men made a brief appearance in the regional court here yesterday in connection with incidents last year in which Frame Textile Group employees were allegedly intimidated

Mr Sandile Stomp, 26, Mr Sibusiso Gwala, 25, Mr Tamsanqa Hanjana, 24 and Mr Buyisile Tyali, 34, were not asked to plead and no evidence was led.

The state alleges that the four threatened to destroy, assault and injure Frame Group em-

ployees in a bid to prevent them from attending work.

The state has also charged the group with seven alternative counts of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm

The case was postponed until March 6 to allow the state to supply defence counsel with more specific particulars

Bail was extended until that date

The magistrate was Mr N R Oosthuysen and Mr T Niemand was the prosecutor Mr H K Naidu represented the four instructed by H K V Siwisa — DDR

# Treason trial: another union leader arrested

By ANTON HARBER  
Political Reporter

POLICE added Mr Sisa Njikelana, general secretary of the SA Allied Workers Union, to their list of treason trialists yesterday, taking to 15 the number who will appear in court in Durban

Seven of these — all arrested and charged on Tuesday — will appear in the Durban Magistrate's Court this morning

There were strong rumours yesterday that Mr Thozamile Gqweta, president of SAAWU, would also be charged UDF officials confirmed this, but police and his lawyers were unable to confirm or deny it.

This will be South Africa's biggest and highest-profile treason trial for nearly 25 years. The charges relate to activities between 1981 and 1984

Strong reaction continued yesterday to Tuesday's massive raids and arrests

Dr Oscar Dhlomo, secretary-general of Inkatha, said the Government's actions would in the long run authenticate the views of those who maintained violence was the only option

open to the oppressed

The opposition Solidarity Party in the House of Delegates condemned the detentions and raids

The Federation of Transvaal Women (Fedtraw) said Mrs Albertina Sisulu, the only woman among the accused, was "a mother figure of South African freedom-loving people"

The seven accused who will definitely appear today are Mrs Albertina Sisulu, a president of the UDF, Mr Cas Saloojee, UDF treasurer, Mr Frank Chikane, UDF Transvaal vice-president, Professor Ismael Mohammed, chairman of the Transvaal Anti-PC Committee, and Mr Sam Kikine, Mr Isaac Ngcobo and Mr Njikelana, all of SAAWU

The eight already charged are Mr Archie Gumede, Dr Essop Jassat, Mr George Sewpersadh, Mr Mewa Ramgobin, Mr Curtis Nkondo, Mr Aubrey Mokoena, Mr Paul David and Mr M J Naidoo

Police yesterday confirmed that Mr Tom Manthata of the SACC was being held under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

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# Trade union leader detained

Police today detained a trade unionist and said he was the eighth person arrested this week who is to appear in a high treason trial in March

He is Mr Thomazile Gqweta, a leader of the South African Allied Workers' Union.

Three other members of the same union and four United Democratic Front leaders were arrested during dawn raids by police earlier this week

Police said they would appear in a Durban court on March 29 with eight other UDF and Natal Indian Congress leaders, who were arrested late last year and are at present in jail — Sapa

Unionist  
tells of  
handover  
to SAP

By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK

THE national president of the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu), Mr Thozamile Gqweta, has been arrested on a charge of high treason and is to stand trial with 15 other opposition leaders, seven of whom were arrested this week

A police spokesman said Mr Gqweta would appear in court on Monday and that his case would be combined with the other 15 leaders of the United Democratic Front and its affiliate organisations

His arrest brings to four the number of Saawu officials in the UDF trial

A spokesman for Saawu said yesterday that Mr Gqweta was arrested while driving with two colleagues, Mr Melvin Mapunye and Mr Jeff Wabena, through Mdantsane, Ciskei, at 7.30pm on Thursday

About midnight the Ciskei police took them out of Mdantsane on to the King William's Town road, where they were flagged down by a minibus that had followed them at high speed

Mr Mapunye and Mr Wabena said there were seven white and one black security policemen in the minibus, who said they had a warrant for the arrest of Mr Gqweta

He at first refused to be arrested and was allegedly threatened with force Mr Wabena and Mr Mapunye said they were then taken home to Mdantsane about 3.30am

JOHANNESBURG — South African Allied Workers' Union organiser, Mr Bonile Lawrence Tuluma, was refused bail when he appeared in the magistrate's court here yesterday in connection with allegations that he took part in activities directly or indirectly in the interests of the banned African National Congress (ANC)

Mr Tuluma, 33, of Mdantsane, who was arrested on February 19, said "I am a trade un-

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ionist, not a politician "

The state alleged Mr Tuluma would leave the country and not stand trial

A security policeman, Warrant Officer Christiaan van Wyk, said it was easy to get political asy-

lum in other countries, "because this is a political case in South Africa, and because South Africa's political policy is not very popular in the outside world "

Mr Tuluma, who has not been asked to plead to allegations framed in terms of Section 13 of the Internal Security Act, which prohibits taking part in activities of, or acting in the interests of an unlawful organisation, was remanded in custody until March 11 by the magistrate, Mr P Miller — SAPA



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T-shirt man  
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ZWELITSHA — A Grahamstown man, Mr Mbonisi Sandi, 23, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment, conditionally suspended for three years, in the regional court here yesterday after being found guilty of wearing a Saawu T-shirt.

Mr Sandi was arrested on New Year's Day wearing the T-shirt at Hamburg near Peddie

He told the court he did not know Saawu was banned in Ciskei —  
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# Ciskei court orders Saawu to pay costs

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BISHO — The South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) was ordered yesterday by Mr Justice Erasmus in the Supreme Court here to furnish security for costs, the amount of the security to be determined by the Registrar of the court.

Saawu was also ordered to pay the costs of an application.

The union, which was banned in Ciskei in 1983, had sought an order that the notice purporting to declare it an unlawful organisation in terms of the National Security Act to be of no force and effect and to set aside the notice.

The applicants are Saawu and Mr Thozamile Gqweta.

The respondents are the Minister of Justice, the Commissioner of Police, Major General L B Madolo, and Mr Ian Melville, who was appointed the liquidator

following the banning of Saawu in Ciskei.

The respondents gave notice in January last year to the applicants that they required the applicants to furnish security for R10 000 for the cost of the case because the applicants were peregrini (foreigners).

The applicants replied that they would oppose the demand.

Mr Justice Erasmus said that from the papers it appeared that Saawu had no offices in Ciskei and that its principal offices were in Johannesburg. The management and control was also in South Africa.

He said the fact that a South African-based trade union had members living in the Ciskei, but working in South Africa, was to his mind no grounds for exercising a discretion in favour of Saawu because Saawu was a peregrinus.

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**Intimidation: 4 in court**

EAST LONDON — A case in which four Mdantsane men are charged with the intimidation of Frame Group textile workers was postponed until May 20

The four men, Mr Sandile Stomp, 26, Mr Sibusiso Gwala, 25, Mr Tamsanqa Hanjana, 24,

and Mr Buyisile Tyali, 34, were not asked to plead when they appeared briefly in the regional court here yesterday before Mr N R Oosthuysen

The state alleges that the four threatened to destroy, assault and injure Frame Group employees in a bid to pre-

vent them from attending work

The state has also charged the group with seven alternative counts of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm

Bail was extended until May 20

The prosecutor was Mr T Niemand and Mr H K Naidu represented the four, instructed by H K V Siwisa — DDR

# Strike shuts down Blackheath china plant

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## Staff Reporter

A CHINA factory has closed its Blackheath plant because its entire workforce is on strike

About 470 workers downed tools on Tuesday when talks on workers' demands between Continental China's management and the SA Allied Workers' Union, of which about 80 percent of the workers are members, ended in deadlock

SAAWU organiser Mr Albert Whittles said today workers were demanding

- A minimum wage of R2 an hour,
- That workers dismissed from Continental China's Rosslyn plant near Pretoria for "refusing to work overtime" be reinstated,
- That a worker transferred from the Blackheath plant to Rosslyn to train new workers be withdrawn immediately, and
- That management scrap its worker-liaison committee in favour of a workers' committee

## Willingness

Mr Whittles said that during talks, management had indicated a willingness to negotiate a minimum wage, the withdrawal of the transferred worker and abolition of the liaison committee, but was not prepared to negotiate the reinstatement of the dismissed Rosslyn employees

Continental China's managing director, Mr Bill Paverd, said negotiations ended in deadlock when management "could not meet the workers' demand for a minimum wage of R2 an hour".

He said management was willing to negotiate on wage increases, however, and had already promised workers an April increase.

Although management had "consistently offered" to re-employ as many of the sacked Rosslyn plant workers as possible under current economic conditions, this offer had been "consistently rejected".

He confirmed management's willingness to scrap the liaison committee and replace it with a SAAWU workers' committee.

"In view of the fact the Blackheath workforce has refused to work until union demands have been met and the union's refusal to negotiate the wage demand, I have no further option but to regretfully close the plant until further notice," he said.

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# 450 strike at china factory

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Staff Reporter

THE Continental China plant in Blackheath was closed down yesterday following a deadlock over a wage demand between the management and the South African Allied Workers Union

According to a statement issued by the managing director of Continental China, Mr Bill Paverd, the plant was closed after the entire workforce of 450 employees had refused to work until the union demands were met

A spokesman for SAAWU could not be reached last night.

Mr Paverd said the deadlock was reached at a meeting on Wednesday when management could not meet SAAWU's demand for a minimum wage of R2 an hour

Management was willing to negotiate on wage increases and had already promised employees an increase with effect from April 1985

The union had also demanded that employees dismissed last year at the Rosslyn, Pretoria, plant be reinstated

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# Change in labour policy on mines seen as inevitable

JOHANNESBURG — White employee bodies should recognise the inevitable demise of the legislated "scheduled person" restriction applicable on the mines, Mr Clive Knobbs, chairman of East Rand Proprietary Mines (ERP) and Durban Roodepoort Deep, says.

In his chairman's statement in the annual reports of the two companies for the year to December 1984, he refers to the talks being held by the Chamber of Mines with the white unions on the controversial issue of replacing the existing "scheduled person" restriction with a non-racial "competent person" definition in the Mines and Works Act.

Efforts should be directed towards devising new work and employee practices, with consideration being given to allaying fears by white employees of mass re-trenchments by including security of employment provisions in the agreements.

"However, these agreements must contain the fundamental concept of selection and promotion on merit, regardless of race," he says.

The country has an acute shortage of skilled

workers and this is for this reason that the majority of skilled white workers need not fear for their future.

"However, unless opportunities are provided for suitably trained and qualified black workers to progress, the future for all could be very bleak."

Another industrial relations problem which would require particular attention this year was the day to day relationship between white and black employees which needed to be developed "more positively".

Mr Knobbs accuses the black National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) in supporting "wildcat" illegal strikes by their members before making use of local grievance procedures.

"The agreed dispute settlement arrangements entered into between NUM and certain employers are flagrantly violated and flouted."

"It is to be hoped that this behaviour is merely a temporary phenomenon and that a more mature and responsible approach will soon emerge to give credence to the basic requirements of a good faith relationship."

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# Factory dispo still deadlock



● (Above) THE first worker who came forward to collect his pay, this man replied to taunts that he was a "sellout" by saying: "It's okay, I've already got another job".  
● (Below) CONTINENTAL China employees mill around outside the factory entrance on Friday, shortly before police were called in to ensure that workers who so wished, could be paid out.



WORKERS at the Continental China fact. were paid off on Friday afternoon as police members of the South African Allied (Saawu) had tried to stop people collecti-

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The 450-strong workforce came out on strike on Tuesday afternoon

Managing director Mr Bill Paverd said the company had lost R12-m in the last two years and could not afford to pay the workforce a minimum of R2 an hour He said that an increase had been due in April, but could not say what it would have been

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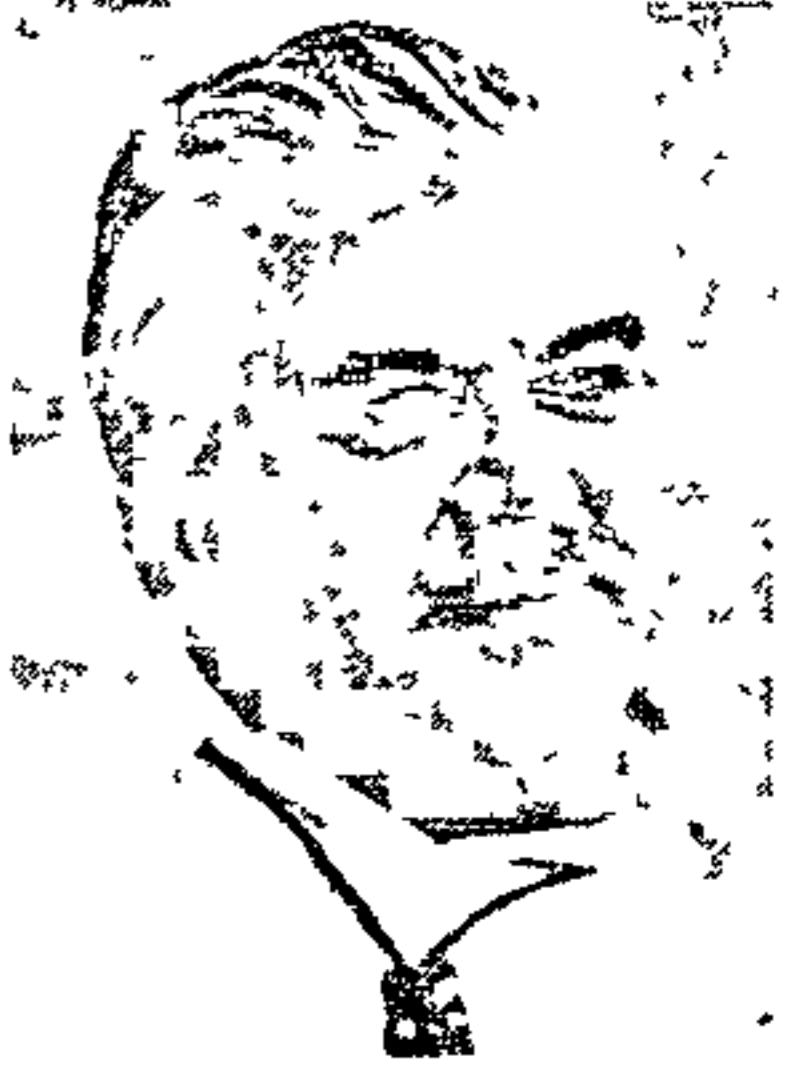
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# Story disputed Ideas deadlocked



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lect their pay packets, and when quizzed by Cape Herald, at least six revealed that they had received two payslips, an unemployment card bearing the number 2. According to a key on the card, a two represents "reduction in staff"

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Also contained in the pay package was a self-addressed envelope and a letter from the management. The letter was to be returned by those employees who were prepared to work under the prevailing (pay) conditions, if the factory reopened

In a statement released on Saturday, Saawu criticised the role of the police and called on the management not to involve them since this was a dispute between the workers and management

● Management were scheduled to have had a meeting with Saawu and the workers' committee on Monday morning



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**Saawu man**

A coordinator of worker education with the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) yesterday received a suspended sentence for possessing a copy of a message by the leader of the banned African National Congress, Mr Oliver Tambo

Bonile Lawrence Tuluma (33) of Mdantsane, East London, Ciskei, pleaded guilty to contravening the Internal Security Act and was sentenced to one year's imprisonment, suspended for five years by a Johannesburg Regional magistrate

According to a statement, Tuluma had been in Lesotho in January to attend a seminar on migrant labour. He had asked a lecturer for a copy of the speech to see if it contained a reply to Mr P W Botha's negotiation offer to the ANC

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## 450 workers to be re-hired as factory dispute is settled

Staff Reporter

AN industrial dispute which closed Continental China's Blackheath plant and resulted in hundreds of workers being dismissed has been settled

The 450 workers sacked will be re-employed from next Monday with no loss of pension and service benefits, in terms of an agreement concluded yesterday by company management and the SA Allied Workers' Union, which represents about 80 percent of the workers

A minimum wage increase of 15 percent has also been agreed to, raising the minimum hourly rate of R1,44 to R1,80, according to a statement issued by Continental China, Saawu and mediators in the dispute, the Western Cape Traders' Association (WCTA). Workers had demanded R2 an hour

### NO OVERTIME

Management also agreed to discuss the issue concerning workers dismissed from the company's Rosslyn (Pretoria) plant for refusing to work overtime

The workers demanded that they be reinstated and that a worker transferred from Blackheath to train new recruits be withdrawn

Management has already agreed to a fourth demand, that the worker-liaison committee be scrapped in favour of a workers' committee

The workers went on strike when negotiations for these demands foundered

Saawu and Continental China expressed their appreciation of the role played by Mr K Alhe and Mr H Esack of the WCTA in ending the dispute

Mr Bill Paverd, managing director of Continental China, said he had not yet counted the cost of the plant's closure since the strike began on March 5. He estimated it would take between seven and 10 days for the factory to resume full production

# Njikelana in hospital for typhoid?

ONE OF the 16 Durban treason trialists, Sisa Njikelana, has been hospitalised this week — after an outbreak of typhoid at the Durban Central Prison where he is being held

It is not clear whether the Saawu unionist is in hospital with typhoid but Prisons Department officials in Pretoria yesterday refused even to confirm that Mr Njikelana is in hospital.

All they were prepared to say was that "an awaiting trial prisoner" with symptoms such as vomiting had been taken to hospital for "certain tests".

The results will only be known next week. Vomiting is a typical symptom of typhoid.

Mr Njikelana's admission to hospital came only days after the Government admitted that Durban Central is South Africa's most overpopulated prison — it's 224 percent overcrowded.

So far there have been nine confirmed cases of typhoid in the prison.

Prisons Department officials said the outbreak was under control and that the district surgeon and trained hospital staff were closely monitoring the situation.

Allegations about Mr Njikelana's suspected conditions follow claims made by another trialist, Professor Ismael Mohamed, that at least up to March 4 he had not been receiving the diet and treatment he needs for a heart complaint.

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Outside factory 10/4/85

More than 200 former employees of the Continental China factory in Rosslyn, Pretoria, were arrested this morning while picketing the factory.

According to a spokesman at police headquarters in Pretoria, 241 people were arrested, including 211 women. They will face charges of intimidation and are expected to appear in court before the weekend.

The South African Allied Workers' Union announced last week that it was intensifying a campaign to get about 650 Continental China workers, who were dismissed after a strike last year, reinstated.

# SAAWU THREATENS CONTINENTAL WITH A BOYCOTT

*Sowetan 10/4/85* By ALINAH DUBE

A BOYCOTT campaign of crockery manufactured by a Pretoria company is on the cards unless the company improves its offer of reinstatement to the South African Allied Workers' Union announced yesterday.

Mrs Tshini Mlondo, branch organiser for Saawu, said the campaign against Continental China was postponed early this year after management had indicated willingness to negotiate for the reinstatement of the 650 workers who were dismissed by the Rosslyn plant five months ago. He added that a dispute has also been declared with the company

A spokesman for the company, Mr Bill Paverd, said they were aware of boycott plans but there was little they could do to stop the move "The only alternative we have is to talk to our customers, which is also not likely to work if Saawu's campaign is successful. But I must warn that their refusal to believe that we are having financial problems could mean the end of jobs for about 2 000 people," he said.

"We decided to take steps when management announced at a meeting that only 12 of the 650 workers would be reinstated. The offer was totally unacceptable and as a result workers said it was as good as nothing and called for the reinstatement for all," said Mr Mlondo

He stressed that it is now up to the company to reopen negotiations as Saawu was only concerned about its programme to launch the boycott.

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dismissals (SA)  
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Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA — Police arrested 241 people today as they picketed a crockery factory.

The arrests came at 6.30am when about 300 members of the South African Allied Workers Union and former employees of Continental China picketed the company premises in Rosslyn.

A police spokesman said the 241 would appear in court to face charges of intimidation.

A Saawu spokesman said the former company workers were protesting about a labour dispute which left more than 500 employees jobless.

The dispute started late last year when 650 workers walked out over wage cuts. They were later dismissed.

# Battle for jobs sparks arrest of 200 pickets

By Mike Siluma

Star

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The arrest of more than 200 former employees of Continental China who picketed the company's Pretoria factory yesterday has opened a new chapter in what is now likely to be a protracted battle by the workers to regain their jobs

Workers' Union, to which the workers belong, said its members had rejected management's offer, demanding instead that all the dismissed employees be re-instated

The workers are part of a 650-strong workforce dismissed by the company's Pretoria plant last November after going on strike to back a wage demand.

Last week Continental China announced it had started to employ new staff at the Pretoria factory and that it would be willing to consider future re-applications by former employees

After the factory re-opened this year, management told the workers it could not re-employ all of them and set a limit of three weeks during which their re-applications for jobs would receive preferential treatment

The union responded by threatening to take industrial action against the company and to launch a consumer boycott of its products.

A spokesman for the South African Allied

Last month 450 workers from Continental China's Blackheath plant, in the Cape, were dismissed for taking part in a solidarity strike with their former colleagues in Pretoria, but were later re-instated.

# Demonstrators get a hearing

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About a dozen former employees of Continental China travelled from Pretoria yesterday to demonstrate at the Johannesburg head office of Federale Volksbeleggings, in a campaign to regain their jobs. Federale is Continental China's holding group.

The workers, carrying placards, were demanding that Federale intervene to restore their jobs. They are among 650 South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU) members sacked by Continental China last November after a wage dispute.

After a brief demonstration in Federale's 27th floor reception area, the workers' leaders were invited to a meeting with Mr A K Roodt, the group manpower manager. The meeting lasted about 20 minutes.

## INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

Mr Roodt told reporters afterwards that Federale as a group was concerned with industrial relations and set certain standards to which its companies were expected to adhere. However, Federale itself was not involved in the day-to-day industrial relations of subsidiaries.

"We will go into consultation with the company at Rosslyn today and try to resolve the problem," he said.

SAAWU spokesman Mr Jackie Masemola said it had been agreed during the meeting with Mr Roodt that a meeting would be called between the union and Continental China to resolve the dispute.



## Strike-hit

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mill ends

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### Labour Reporter

UNION Flour Mills, hit by two strikes at its Durban plant in two weeks, yesterday cancelled a recognition agreement with the Baking and Allied Workers' Union, an affiliate of the South African Allied Workers' Union.

Mr N J Crankshaw, branch manager of the company, said yesterday the company decided to cancel the agreement after a 'long history of conflict'.

'Workers participated in illegal strikes last week and again this week. Management have repeatedly and consistently endeavoured to build a healthy relationship with the union but without success.

'The union was informed of management's decision this week after the company had made clear its concern to shop stewards and union officials last week,' he said.

About 400 workers downed tools last week, returned to work on Friday but again went on strike on Tuesday this week. The reasons for the strike are still not clear.

Union officials could not be contacted for comment yesterday.

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**Two Saawu men  
detained in Ciskei**

EAST LONDON — Two phrey Maxegwana and  
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police liaison officer, under section 28 of the  
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## Saawu members to be charged

THE 241 members of the South African Allied Workers Union who were last week arrested after they had allegedly picketed a Rosslyn factory, will appear in the Pretoria North Magistrate's Court on May 6.

According to Mr Jack Masemola, a branch secretary, Saawu members were released after being warned and charges of illegal gathering and intimidation would be brought against them when they go to court. He added that they were also given the alternative to pay R50 each as admission of guilt fine.

### Fired

Their case will be a sequel to a picketing incident outside a crockery manufacturing factory, Continental China, by about 300 placard-carrying members of Saawu and former employees of the company last Thursday.

Demanding their immediate and unconditional reinstatement, they carried placards reading "Please give our jobs back" and "We the workers demand our unconditional reinstatement". This was after their trade union and management had failed to reach a solution in connection with the 650 people who were fired late last year.

# Saawu picket over arrests

By ZB MOLEFE

**SEVERAL SA Allied Workers' Union members held an hour-long picket at Federale Bellegings in Johannesburg yesterday after the arrest of 241 of their colleagues in Pretoria on Wednesday.**

The Saawu members carried placards at Federale Bellegings, a holding company of Continental China, which has been at loggerheads with the union since last year when 650 workers were dismissed by the Pretoria plant

Led by Saawu branch secretary Jackie Mosemola, the protestors delivered a memorandum calling for the release of those arrested

"Our picket is to publicise our plight Continental is prepared to employ only 12 of those dismissed last year," said a spokesperson of the dismissed Continental workers

Federale's manager of group manpower, AK Roodt, told the Press the company would meet Continental's management today in a bid to resolve the Rosslyn plant's problems

The 241 people arrested this week while allegedly picketing at Continental China factory in Rosslyn

will appear in court today A Pretoria police spokesman said they will be charged under Section 50 of the Criminal Procedure Act in the Pretoria North Magistrate's Court

They are part of the 650 workers dismissed last year by Continental China after a strike over a wage-cut and unpaid overtime

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# Firm breaks deal with Saawu

UNION Flour Mills, a Durban subsidiary of the Premier Group has cancelled its agreement with the South African Allied Workers Union, an agreement which has been in existence since October, 1983.

Approached for comment yesterday a spokesman for the Premier Group said that after a long history of conflict the management of the Union Flour Mills took a decision to cancel the agreement with the Baking and Allied Workers Union, an affiliate of Saawu

Own Correspondent

"Workers participated in illegal strikes last week for one and a half days and again this week for a day and a half. Management have repeatedly and consistently endeavoured to build a healthy relationship with the union without success," the spokesman said

invoked the agreed disciplinary procedure regarding eight workers

The union declined to participate in the disciplinary hearing and also declined to invoke the agreed upon procedure to redress grievances against the manager concerned.

"The union was informed of management's decision to cancel the agreement this week after the company had made its concern clear to shop stewards and officials last week"

Eight workers were dismissed and about 400 of the 500-strong workforce at the mill went on strike.

Management agreed to look into the workers grievances but not before the strike was ended.

The trouble at the mill began when workers with grievances against a manager, marched him from the plant. Management regarded the incident as a serious infringement of agreed procedures for the redress of grievances and

This week, further problems arose and a second strike took the plant out for another day and a half. Management then decided to revoke the agreement

Workers are now back at work. Union Flour Mills has indicated that it will talk to any representatives of the workers

Efforts to contact union spokesman in Johannesburg and Durban were unsuccessful

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# Workers' union backs UDF

THE newly-formed National Federation of South African Workers (NFSAW) supports the principles of the United Democratic Front, but will not immediately affiliate, a spokesman said at the weekend. *Sowetan*

NFSAWU's president Mr Herbert Barnabas, who resigned from the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) last year, said the meeting resolved to align itself with other "progressive-minded" organisations.

Mr Barnabas resigned from Saawu following an internal wrangle in the union which led to the formation of the two factions of the organisation — one active in the Transvaal led by Sisa Njikelane and the other in Natal under Sam Kikine.

He disclosed that

By JOSHUA RABOROKA

following a misunderstanding he was forced to resign and join the newly-formed NFSAWU whose membership was "growing rapidly," especially in the Transvaal *22/4/85*

## Committed

The union was committed to the workers' demands which include

- A living wage
- Better working conditions
- Freedom of association and the right to peacefully protest rights
- The scrapping of the influx control, Group Areas Act and other laws
- The release of all political and trade union leaders
- Equal education for all South Africans

and *145A*  
• Better housing for workers

Mr Barnabas announced that they intended calling on a national council meeting before the end of the year to formulate new structures and to decide whether or not to affiliate with the UDF

"We cannot immediately affiliate because we have to first get a mandate from the members. However, we believe in the principles of the UDF and support them in whatever they are doing," he said.

Office bearers include. Barnabas (national president), Mr Philemon Tau (vice-president), Mr Joseph Machaba (general secretary), Mr Joe Tau (national organiser) and Mr David Magwegwe (national treasurer)

# 150 EL abattoir workers lose jobs after strike

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EAST LONDON — A total of 150 slaughtermen and unskilled workers at the abattoir here were sacked yesterday following a strike over pay increases

The South African Abattoir Corporation's development manager who deals with labour relations at the country's abattoirs, Mr R Fourie, confirmed the sackings from his Pretoria office

He appealed to consumers not to panic buy as everything was under control at the abattoir

Mr Fourie, who flies here for talks this morning with the officials of the Meat Board, livestock agents and meat

traders, warned "Anyone who panic buys will burn his fingers"

He said the strike had been expected and contingency plans had been laid on to keep the situation normal at the abattoir, which was officially opened last week following the R8 million renovations

"We have a stockpile of meat and are hiring unskilled labour locally. Any other skilled staff required would be brought in from one of our 10 major abattoirs around the country," he said

Mr Fourie said the workers had broken their service contracts and the abattoir had

been forced to terminate their services

Workers are unhappy about their pay increases, which are reviewed every six months

"We explained to them the problems with the harsh economic situation throughout the country and the fact that we were not slaughtering the normal quotas. They were working from 6am to 11am

"We explained to them the effects of the drought and the fact that we did not want to retrench workers or put them on short time

"But despite all this, they were not happy and broke their service contracts," he said

Mr Fourie said none of the fired workers would be rehired because they did not want to be accused of selective re-employment.

"We've already started hiring locally," he said

The manager of the abattoir, Mr Graham Gibbon, refused to divulge what increases the workers had rejected and it could not be established yesterday whether they belonged to any trade union

The chairman of the East London Meat Traders' Association, Mr Dennis Meyer, said it was too early to say whether butchers would be affected. He referred inquiries to the abattoir —  
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Saawu says abattoir  
workers joined union  
D. Ndevu 4/5/85

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Trade unionism in the abattoir here started in 1983 when workers organised themselves under the banner of the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu). Mr Sicelo Ndevu, the Saawu branch organiser said yesterday

He said workers at the abattoir had formed a committee and contacted Saawu which introduced the union to the management of abattoir

Meetings were held between the abattoir management and Saawu aimed at familiarising the management with the policy of

Saawu and to formalise the relationship with the management

Mr Ndevu rejected the claim by the abattoir management that it had not been established whether abattoir workers belonged to any trade union

Several attempts to obtain SA Abattoir Corporation comment were unsuccessful. A telex message sent to the company was not answered

Recently, the abattoir management fired about 150 slaughtermen who had gone on strike over pay demands

The management had said the workers did not belong to a trade union



**SAAWU man**  
**back inside**  
SOUTH AFRICAN Allied  
Workers' Union member  
Humphrey Maxhegwana has  
been bouncing in and out of  
Ciskeian jails like a yoyo -  
and he's back inside again  
just two weeks after being  
released

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# Boycott red meat sacked workers

By BENITO PHILLIPS

EAST LONDON abattoir workers this week called for a red meat boycott after 150 workers were dismissed following a dispute over wage increases.

The Red Meat Boycott Committee, formed after the dismissals, said Abattoir Corporation's management refused to settle the dispute in "an amicable manner" and refused to enter into any negotiations with the SA Allied Workers' Union or the workers' committee.

Workers are demanding their unconditional reinstatement R3.50 an hour, recognition of Saawu and cold storage protective clothing

# Unions sign agreements

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THE South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) has signed a recognition agreement with Catepillar Africa (Pty) Ltd, a subsidiary of a United States company.

The agreement, which entails procedures on dealing with the workers' day-to-day problems and other issues affecting their lives at work, was confirmed to The SOWETAN this week by representatives of both parties

Saawu views this agreement as a step towards progressive direction and development in industrial community and hope that other companies will see this development in the same light, according to Mr J Mnisi, Saawu's organiser

Catepillar's general manager Mr Ian Leach said that the company has always promoted the interest of its black workers in terms of its own affirmative action programme and looks forward towards constructive dialogue between the two parties

The South African Motor Corporation and the National Automobile and Allied Workers' Union have also concluded a new wage and service agreement for hourly paid workers at the company's plant at Silverton, Pretoria

Samcor and Naawu said negotiations were conducted in a "constructive atmosphere" and that full cognisance was taken of the depressed state of the economy and the requirements of the workers

In a joint statement released in Johannesburg, they said

"Against this background, we believe that the agreement reached provides in the fairest possible way for the requirements of the company and the members

of the union  
"The agreement, which takes effect from May 11 for a period of one year, caters for across-the-board increases ranging from 15 to 18 cents per hour, depending upon the labour grade

"This brings the minimum basic wage for the lowest labour grade to R2,45 per hour

"In addition, workers at the Samcor plant in

Silverton participate in a productivity scheme, which adds another 10 cents per hour to their wages, on reaching 91 percent productivity and can go up to 26 cents per hour on the achievement of 110 percent productivity"

**SIGNING** a recognition agreement are Mr J Mnisi of Saawu and Mr I Leach manager of Catepillar company



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# Man claims he jumped off train to escape attackers

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EAST LONDON — A Frame Group textile worker told the regional court yesterday he had jumped off a train in an attempt to escape a group of assailants on his way home from work.

Mr Sandile Stomp, 26, Mr Sibusiso Gwala, 25, Mr Tomsanqa Hanjana, 24, and Mr Buyisile Tyali, 34, all of Mdantsane, pleaded not guilty to intimidating workers to try to stop them from attending work by assaulting them in August last year.

A Frame Group employee, Mr K. Nase, told the court that a group armed with sticks, pieces of iron and a hammer had boarded a train at the Highgate Station on August 8, and assaulted him because he had gone to work that day during a strike.

"I tried to get off the train at the next stop and the group grabbed me

from behind and assaulted me. One of them, Mr Stomp, shouted that they would prevent me from getting off so that they could throw me out while the train was in motion," Mr Nase said.

He said he had managed to escape and phoned the police from Dawn after getting off the train.

While being cross-examined by defence counsel, Mr K. Naidu, Mr Nase said he had identified Mr Stomp at an identification parade held by police at the Gasson Centre.

He said he had identified Mr Stomp at the parade after the four men had made an appearance in the Magistrates' Court.

He said police had fetched him on previous occasions to participate with other workers in identification parades at

Fort Jackson and Cambridge.

Mr Nase denied he had seen Mr Gwala at an identification parade at Fort Jackson, after Mr Naidu told him that Mr Gwala had in fact been one of the men police had held there for identification.

He said another worker, Mr S. Nqwili, had identified Mr Gwala, also at the Gasson Centre.

Mr Nase told the court that he had seen Mr Stomp at the Southernwood Station in the custody of police while he was making a statement in connection with the incident.

He denied seeing Mr Stomp being escorted by police on the platform of the station.

The court heard that a policeman had escorted Mr Stomp on the station and asked other workers

there if he was one of the men who had been involved in the attack.

Mr Nase said Mr Stomp had been in the middle of the group armed with a hammer, when they had attacked him, but could not say he had seen if Mr Stomp had assaulted him because he had had his back to the group who assaulted him while he was struggling to get off the train.

He could not say if any of the other three men had been involved in the assault on him.

He told the court among the injuries he had suffered were an open wound on the head and a broken finger on the left hand.

The case continues today.

The magistrate was Mr D. Cronje and the prosecutor was Mr D. Charters. Mr Naidu appeared for the four men instructed by H. K. Siwisa — DDR.

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## Arrests at Saawu office: 18 charged

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Police threw tearsmoke into the East London offices of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) on Wednesday and arrested 22 people.

This was confirmed yesterday by Lieutenant Dot van der Vyver, SA Police liaison officer for the Border area, who said 18 of those arrested would appear in court today charged with intimidation.

Lieut Van der Vyver said police had gone to investigate a complaint by the public that people buying meat in Milner Road were being intimidated.

She said police arrested some people and others ran into the Saawu offices.

"The people locked the doors and the police

asked them to open. They refused and the police then threw tearsmoke in to gain entry," she said.

There were no other incidents, and 22 people were arrested, she said.

Mr. Robert Gqweta, branch chairman of Saawu, told the Daily Dispatch's Port Elizabeth correspondent that some of the people in the Saawu offices at the time had worked at the East London abattoir before they were fired, after industrial action there, earlier this year.

According to Mr Gqweta, the fired workers were attending a meeting to discuss their problems.

He claimed that police had baton charged the people in the office after they had gained admission by using teargas.

## UNION UNITY TALKS

### Fosatu's new moves

The Federation of SA Trade Unions (Fosatu) has initiated moves which could lead to the inclusion of more unions in the proposed new "super federation" of emerging unions. However, serious differences between the "unity" unions and the others will need to be resolved before such a plan comes to fruition.

Fosatu is engaged in unity talks with the Council of Unions of SA, the General Workers' Union, the Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers' Union, the Food and Canning Workers' Union and the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association. The federation has sent circulars to its partners proposing that copies of the new federation's draft constitution be sent to "all independent unions."

This is taken to refer to unions linked to the United Democratic Front (UDF), the black consciousness (BC) Azanian Confederation of Trade Unions (Azactu), and possibly ex-Trade Union Council of SA unions like the SA Boilermakers' Society, the Engineering Industrial Workers' Union and the Motor Industry Combined Workers' Union.

The FM understands that Fosatu has also suggested these unions be invited to a meeting of the "unity" unions scheduled for June 8 and 9. The meeting was called to ratify the draft constitution and set a date for the inaugural congress of the new federation. However, Fosatu's new proposal, which is still being considered by the other "unity talks" unions, lays down certain conditions

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The most important makes the participation of the other unions conditional upon there being no delays in the timetable leading to the formation of the new federation.

But already there are signs that the Fosatu initiative may not work. Fosatu's Transvaal region convened an "informal" meeting last Saturday which was attended by the local branches of the "unity unions," the UDF unions and Azactu. They were invited to discuss the differences which have prevented a wider unity until now.

According to an FM source, the meeting was acrimonious. Representatives of the SA Allied Workers' Union, the Municipal and General Workers' Union and the General and Allied Workers' Union — which were originally part of the unity talks — are reportedly still unhappy at the circumstances of their withdrawal in March last year. They had been accused of delaying progress and were given the option of accepting observer status, or withdrawing completely until they had established industrial union structures and supplied the "unity" unions with details about their organising activities.

At the meeting, the UDF unions also indicated they are not prepared to accept a constitution which they had no part in drafting as a *fait accompli*. However, a spokesman for the United Metal, Mining and Allied Workers of SA (Ummawosa), which is also linked to the UDF, says the UDF unions are keen to participate further and, if invited, will attend future meetings.

An Azactu spokesman says his organisation favours greater unity in principle. But, before responding to the latest developments, Azactu wants a satisfactory explanation as to why some unions were initially excluded from the talks which began in 1981, and will also have to study the draft constitution. Some answers may be forthcoming at the next informal meeting, due to be held soon.

That contact, between the "unity" unions and the others, has been made at all is remarkable. There has been much ill-feeling between the "unity" unions and the UDF unions since last March, and for years there was no official contact at all with the BC unions — which reject the non-racial philosophy of the other groupings. However, in the past month the "unity" unions have joined forces with the UDF and BC unions over two issues — May Day and the death, after release from police custody, of unionist Andries Raditsela. ■

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# 20 jailed for a <sup>CAPE TIMES</sup> 24/5/85 total of ~~91 years~~ 145A 74 years

PRETORIA — Twenty people were sentenced yesterday for public violence in the Eastern Cape while another 20 were arrested as township violence continued across the country

The 20, aged between 15 and 55, were sentenced in Port Alfred to a total of 74 years' imprisonment

Those charged with setting alight a man in Galashewe, near Kimberley, on Monday will appear in court today

Police said 13 were arrested in Ikageng, near Potchefstroom, after barricading roads and stoning buses and police vehicles. Two people were arrested at Viljoensdrif in the Free State following a vehicle-burning incident. In Bethlehem, two youths were arrested when they tried to set a classroom alight

## Stoned buses

At Sebokeng in the Vaal Triangle, crowds yesterday morning stoned buses and a post office

Police reported "isolated incidents of stone-throwing and arson" at New Brighton, Zwidi, Veeplaas and KwaZakele near Port Elizabeth yesterday morning, and later reported that "arsonists" petrol-bombed and destroyed a private vehicle at KwaZakele

In East London, police threw tearsmoke into the offices of the South African Allied Workers' Union on Wednesday and made a number of arrests after a confrontation between union members and the police. Police said 20 people were arrested in the raid and 18 charged with intimidation

Mr Robert Gqweta, branch chairman of Saawu, said 22 people were arrested. He claimed that police baton-charged workers in the offices — Sapa and Own Correspondent

**Tearsmoke  
fired into  
union office  
— 22 held**

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Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH — Police fired tearsmoke into the East London offices of the South African Allied Workers' Union and arrested 22 people, including union officials.

Police liaison officer for the Border, Lieutenant Dot van der Vyver, said 19 will be charged with intimidation and three union officials with obstruction of justice.

Lieutenant van der Vyver said police acted after receiving complaints that shoppers near the union offices were being prevented from buying meat.

Nineteen of those arrested were former employees of the East London abattoir who were fired recently after striking, she said.

She said three men locked themselves in the union offices and police fired tearsmoke through an open window to flush them out.

However, the organising secretary of the union, Mr Derrick Smoko, said the 22 men were meeting in union offices when the police fired tearsmoke and baton-charged without provocation.

He denied there had been any intimidation at the butcheries.

But this was contradicted by butchers who said intimidation had been going on for two weeks and was related to the strike by abattoir workers.

"The intimidation is being directed against any blacks who buy meat," said Mr Arthur Lock.



imprisonment

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**Intimidation case  
postponed** D. Ráputa  
25/5/85

EAST LONDON — Nineteen people who were arrested at the South African Allied Workers' Union offices here on Wednesday appeared briefly in the magistrate's court in connection with intimidation, alternatively public violence

They were Sebenzile Bani, Mpathi Goniwe, Ngenisile Manganya, Kwatile Doda, David Zimela, Nkosinathi Dumela, Lulamile Shwane, Ndoyisile Ncapayi, Mnikeli Kundulu, Heyiya Mata, Mantini Litye, Katsekile Philani, Simpiwe Ncamazana, Tembinkosi Makonco, Joseph Maphasa, Zibekile Botha, Cuthbert Nongogo, Kwatamile Nyisile, Bengu Somoyala

The case was postponed to June 21, and bail of R100 each was granted

The magistrate was Mr W Opperman and Mrs H Niemand appeared for the State — DDR

# 1 600 brick workers return as NM 29/5/85 strike ends

## Labour Reporter

THE week-long strike over a wage dispute by more than 1 600 Corobrik workers in the Western Cape and Pietermaritzburg factories has ended following a decision by the strikers to return to work today

Production at the Corobrik factories has been severely disrupted since May 20 when workers at four Western Cape and the two Natal plants downed tools after rejecting a company offer of a 17 percent pay rise. They demanded a 31 percent increase

Mr David Lewis, general secretary of the General Workers' Union, said yesterday that the workers had decided reluctantly to return to work after it had become apparent that the management was not willing to negotiate in good faith

'It appears management wants to break the GWU strength in Corobrik factories and to replace it with the company union, established by management, which is materially responsible for the low wage rate'

Mr Ray Andrews, managing director of Coro-

brik in Natal, said the dispute had been settled after the union had signed an agreement on the terms which management presented as a final offer after 'considerable negotiation through the normal channels'

The GWU was the only union involved in the negotiations, he said, adding that full production would be resumed today. There was limited production yesterday

## Original offer

According to a Sapa report, the managing director of Corobrik in the Western Cape, Mr Graham Bounds, said the situation was resolved at a meeting yesterday morning between the company's management and representatives of the GWU

He said the union had agreed to accept the company's original offer of R1,37 an hour as the minimum basic wage, which was a 17 percent increase, and a 14 percent increase on all other grades

Mr Bounds said the night-shift allowances had been increased from 5 percent to 10 percent on the basic wage

# Appetite cost him his life

C. Press 2/6/85 By BENITO PHILLIPS  
AN MDANTSANE man was allegedly stabbed to death for not heeding a call by abattoir workers to boycott the sale of red meat.

Mpilo Gwadana, 32, was allegedly confronted by three men when he came out of a zone 9 butchery.

According to his relatives, the men asked him why he had bought meat despite the boycott

He was allegedly stabbed before he could reply, and staggered to a nearby clinic, where he collapsed and died.

Another man was allegedly forced to eat the raw meat he had bought at knife-point

Some of the attackers allegedly ran in the direction of the SA Allied Workers' Union offices

Saawu officials denied that their members were involved, but police teargassed their offices and arrested 19

## Man stabbed to death for buying meat

members

They briefly appeared in the East London Magistrate's Court this week, charged with "intimidation" or alternatively public violence

They were granted

R100 bail each and the case was postponed to June 21

"This action is intended to weaken the workers' militancy and we are now calling on all progressive organisations to pledge solidarity with us," a Saawu statement said

An Mdantsane Rugby Union meeting this week approved in principle a call by Saawu that its members support the red meat boycott — sparked off by the dismissal of 150 abattoir workers early this month.

But the union rejected violence as a means to enforce the boycott.

Vultures Rugby Club delegate John Mngeni said he was forced to throw away meat worth

# ICFTU rejects Namibia 'puppet' rule

THE International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU) has called on its affiliates to pressurise their governments to boycott the multi-party conference to be held in Namibia next week to launch an

<sup>Sowetan</sup> interim government for the territory.

A meeting of the ICFTU's Co-ordinating Committee on South Africa which was held in Geneva, Switzerland, last week, rejected what it called a puppet gov-

<sup>11/6/85</sup> ernment which the South African Government tried to impose in Namibia in contraven-  
tion of United Nations decision.

The meeting, at-  
tended by leaders of trade union federations

from Europe, United Kingdom, Canada and the United States of America, was also attended by Mr Piroshaw Camay, general secretary of Cusa, Mr Joe Foster, general secretary of Fosatu,

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TRADE UNIONS

### Unity talks stumble

Last weekend's trade union unity talks in Soweto, although the most representative so far, were inconclusive and may lead to a delay of several months in the formation of the proposed new "super-federation" of emerging unions

More than 200 delegates, representing about 42 unions — almost the entire emerging union movement — met in an attempt to broaden the base of the proposed new federation which has been under discussion since 1981 Present were

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- The original "unity" unions which participated in the drafting of the constitution. They are the Federation of SA Trade Unions' nine affiliates, the Council of Unions of SA (Cusa), representing 11 affiliates, General Workers' Union, Food and Canning Workers' Union, Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers' Union, and the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association,
- The black consciousness (BC) Azanian Confederation of Trade Unions (Azactu), representing nine unions, and
- Another 10 unions, most of them allied to the United Democratic Front (UDF). They include the SA Allied Workers' Union, General and Allied Workers' Union; Motor Assembly and Components Workers' Union of SA, General Workers' Union of SA — who were originally part of the unity talks until their withdrawal early last year — United Metal, Mining and Allied Workers' of SA, Federal Council of Retail and Allied Workers, Orange Vaal General Workers' Union, the PE-based Domestic Workers' Association of SA, and two unions called the Retail and Allied Workers' Union — one based in Pretoria and the other in Cape Town

whether the launch of the new federation will be delayed. The choice, it seems, is between a smaller organisation this year or the possibility of a larger one some time in the future ■

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**Draft constitution**

Unions which have not been party to the unity talks until now expressed disagreement with a number of the principles and structures laid down in the new federation's draft constitution. The FM understands that Azactu expressed unhappiness with the non-racial character of the constitution, a cornerstone of the original "unity" unions' philosophies. Azactu wants it replaced with the BC concept of "anti-racism".

Surprisingly, Azactu was supported on this point by a number of the Cusa unions, lending substance to speculation that some of Cusa's affiliates will not join the new federation. The National Union of Mineworkers is the only Cusa union irrevocably committed at this stage. According to a Cusa statement, the organisation will hold meetings in the coming weeks to discuss "the position of the various Cusa unions".

Before a new federation is formed it would be necessary for the UDF-linked general unions to take steps toward forming industrial unions. This was a problem which led to their earlier withdrawal. Nevertheless, one source says these unions have shown a "more positive attitude" in this regard.

A further complication is the desire of the newcomers to the talks to further discuss the draft constitution, and they have proposed that the envisaged October inaugural conference be postponed for several months to allow time for this. Such a move would be in conflict with the wishes of most of the original "unity" unions, which would prefer that a committee be elected to prepare for an October conference.

It is a moot point whether the BC unions will be able to resolve their ideological differences with the other unions. It is also unclear

# Construction workers <sup>HRQUS 12/8/85</sup> out on strike <sup>(145A)</sup>

Tygerberg Bureau

ABOUT 1 000 construction workers went on strike at Murray and Roberts sites in the Western Cape today

This was confirmed by Mr H E Minott, the managing director.

There was also "above-average absenteeism" at the company's Tyger Valley shopping centre site, he said

The company was investigating the reasons for the stayaway because there had been no negotiations

"Correspondence was received from one union requesting a meeting and we will be happy to meet them to hear if they have representation of our workers and to discuss matters of mutual concern with them," he said

A spokesman for the South African Allied Workers' Union said the workers were demanding increased wages

They also maintained that rents for single men's hostels owned by the company in Guguletu were too high and were demanding that wives be allowed to join husbands in the hostels

# 1 000 city construction workers call off strike

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Tygerberg Bureau

THE strike by about 1 000 Murray and Roberts construction workers has been called off

The Cape Town branch organiser of the South African Allied Workers' Union, Mr Zezile Ramnewana, said the company had agreed to further dis-

~~discussion of workers' demands on Thursday~~  
The union has to prove to the company that it is representative of its workers, he said

Mr H E Minott, managing director of Murray and Roberts Buildings (Cape Town), said about 1 000 workers did not report for work yesterday and

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that "above average absenteeism" was experienced at the company's Tyger Valley shopping centre construction site in Bellville

Among workers' gripes is that rent for the single men's hostels they occupy in Guguletu has been increased from R12,50 to R15,50



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# Workers return

Labour Reporter

**ABOUT 1 000 Murray and Roberts construction workers returned to work yesterday after going on strike on Monday.**

A spokesman for the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) said workers had decided to return to work as management had met all their demands

These were that management recognize Saawu as the legitimate representative of workers, that a liaison committee be abolished and a workers' committee linked to Saawu be recognized, and that security officers should be elected by workers

He added that a recognition agreement between Saawu and Murray and Roberts management was due to be signed this week.

No confirmation of this could be obtained from management yesterday

# Building workers on strike

099 Times 27/8/83  
Labour Reporter

AN estimated 6 000 Murray and Roberts construction workers went on strike yesterday, according to a spokesman for the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu)

Mr Zuzile Ramncwana, Western Cape branch organizer, said workers had downed tools in support of a wide range of demands, including grievances about their Guguletu hostels

Among these were that hostel fees should be reduced from R16,50 to R6 which workers said were the normal fees in other hostels, that watchmen be replaced and that more cooking appliances and telephones should be provided

Mr Ramncwana said management had negotiated "in good spirit" with the union and the committee after a strike earlier this month

However, a number of undertakings given by management had not been met, and at a meeting on Sunday workers had decided to strike

Mr H Minott, managing director of Murray and Roberts Buildings (Cape), could not be reached for comment. Other spokesmen declined to comment

*CAPE Times 28/8/83*

## Construction firm to fire 2-day strikers

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Labour Reporter

MURRAY and Roberts have announced their intention to fire construction workers who have been on strike for the past two days

In a statement issued yesterday, Mr H Minott, managing director of Murray and Roberts Buildings (Cape Town), said the actions of the South African Allied Workers' Union had "forced the company to take necessary steps against the illegal strikers which regrettably will result in dismissal"

He said this had become necessary to "protect the company's clients and the progress of its work" .

Workers went on strike on Monday in support of demands for recognition of the union and an elected workers' committee, as well as demands relating to hostel conditions

Mr Minott said management had checked nomination forms submitted to it by Saawu and had found it only represented a minority of the workforce

It was therefore "unable to recognize Saawu as a representative union" He also said hostel fees were comparable with those of many other employers in the construction industry

MURRAY 29/8/81  
City firm sacks 1 500 strikers

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Labour Reporter

ABOUT 1 500 workers from Murray and Roberts have been dismissed following a three-day strike in support of union recognition and other demands

The company said a check of union nomination forms showed that the South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU) represented only a minority of the workforce and the company could not recognise it as a representative union

A statement from the Murray and Roberts Workers' Committee, issued yesterday, said discussions with management had been about

- Recognition of SAAWU
- Ending the sites consultation committee
- Reduction of hostel rentals from R16,50 to R6, or a 31,25 percent wage increase
- A reshuffle of hostel staff, particularly nightwatchmen who, it is alleged, ill-treat workers and steal.

Mr H E Minott, managing director of Murray and Roberts Buildings, Cape Town, said hostel fees were comparable with many other employers, and allegations about the watchmen had been investigated and were groundless

# 1 500 fired after Cape Town strike

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ABOUT 1 500 have been dismissed from Murray & Roberts in Cape Town after a three-day strike in support of union recognition and other demands

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A statement from the Murray & Roberts workers' committee said discussions with management had involved recognition of SAAWU and other issues, including the reduction of hostel fees and a reshuffle of hostel staff, particularly nightwatchmen who, it was alleged, ill-treat workers

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vestigated and were groundless.

A spokesman for the strikers has appealed to jobless blacks not to seek employment at the company as they would "get the same treatment we are fighting"

The workers' statement said they wanted to "tell the world that we are being treated like animals by the company"

Meanwhile, the Federation of SA Trade Unions has reacted angrily to actions taken against its president, Chris Dlamini

Fosatu said yesterday it would "lay the blame entirely on the authorities" if anything happened to Dlamini.

The federation said in a statement in Johannesburg that Dlamini's home had been searched three times while he was at work.

"He has of late also been threatened with death and we want it to be known that, should anything happen to him, we will lay the blame entirely on the authorities," Fosatu said. — Sapa-Reuter

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**Trade unionist detained**

EAST LONDON — East London police have detained the Border branch secretary of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), Mr Mzuzwana Yure Mdyogolo 12/09/85

he was being held under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

The organiser of the Saawu offices here, Mr Boyce Melitafa, said Mr Mdyogolo, who was a UDF executive member, had been arrested at the Saawu offices on September 3

A spokesman for the police public relations division in Pretoria yesterday confirmed the arrest of Mr Mdyogolo.

Police also searched the offices and took a UDF file, Mr Melitafa said — DDR

The spokesman said

# Union man held in EL

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The Border publicity secretary of the United Democratic Front, Mr Andrew Hendricks, was detained at a hotel in Knysna, his daughter, Vanessa, 14, said last night ~~ISA~~

Mr Hendricks's wife, Jenny, was detained at the family home on Friday. Police later confirmed she was being held under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act

E Post 12/09/88

# Talks on firing of 200 EL textile workers

Dispatch Reporter  
EAST LONDON — A day afternoon to discuss the situation," the statement said

meeting between the management of the East London plant of Da Gama Textiles and employee representatives will be held this afternoon to discuss the dismissal of 200 employees

A statement released yesterday by Da Gama's management said that approximately 200 employees were dismissed on Tuesday under "company disciplinary procedure"

"Since Tuesday evening the East London plant of Da Gama has not operated," the statement said

"A meeting has been arranged between management and employee representatives for Fri-

No details were given concerning the events prior to the dismissals

A spokesman for the employees' union, the South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU), yesterday confirmed that a meeting was to be held this afternoon between Da Gama management and employee representatives.

The spokesman said he could not give any further details as members of SAAWU still had to meet with the workers' committee at Da Gama to establish the full details and circumstances surrounding management's actions.



*Carl Timis 12/10/88*

# Sacked workers say no to offer

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Staff Reporter

HUNDREDS of dismissed construction workers have rejected a draft agreement between their union, South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), and Murray and Roberts Buildings, Cape Town, (Pty) Ltd, an attorney confirmed yesterday

He would not disclose the contents of the agreement, which was rejected at a meeting in the Murray and Roberts hostels on Thursday night

Saawu officials had earlier insisted on taking the proposals, drawn up by lawyers from both sides seeking a settlement of the deadlock, to all members affected by it for a vote

It is understood that that the workers would like their jobs back en masse, but failing that are pressing the company for payment of all monies they say are due to them. The company is apparently willing to pay the workers off, but does not agree with the workers on what monies are due

The company dismissed 1 587 of its workers after strikes in August, and several hundred workers are still occupying company-owned hostels in Guguletu

A temporary interdict prohibits SAAWU from "interfering" with Murray and Roberts workers, and the company is seeking to make the interdict final

This is being opposed, the attorney for SAAWU said yesterday. The hearing is expected on Tuesday

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Builders' suit  
against union

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Supreme Court Reporter

A CONSTRUCTION company which recently fired 1 587 of its employees, yesterday sought a final interdict in the Supreme Court to prevent the South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU) from "interfering with" its employees

Murray and Roberts Buildings (Cape Town) (Pty) Ltd had been granted an interim interdict on August 30 preventing the union from organizing strikes, picketing or holding meetings on company premises

Mr J J Gauntlett, for the company, said it had been obliged to dismiss its "entire work force" and employ new workers. The "strike" was still on but "strikers" were now ex-employees as far as the company was concerned

Many hundreds of the workers were still occupying hostels owned by Murray and Roberts on Western Cape Development Board land

'Hard core' remains in hostels

Mr Justice J J Fagan asked why ejection orders were not sought

Mr Gauntlett replied that such orders would have to be applied for in each individual case "There has been a steady flow away from the hostels but a hard core remains. One does not know who is left. An ejection would not be unopposed. There would be a dispute as to the lawfulness of the dismissal." He hoped that if the court granted a final interdict, the "trickle" out of the hostels would increase

Mr Justice Fagan asked whether the company could provide employment for the workers, and if so how many. Mr Gauntlett replied that the company was not in a position to take the workers back "across the board"

The judge urged both sides to try to find a real solution, and the court adjourned. The hearing continues today

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# Union judgment reserved

Supreme Court Reporter  
**JUDGMENT** in the matter between Murray and Roberts Buildings (Cape Town) Pty Ltd and the South African Allied Workers' Union was reserved in the Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr Justice R M Marais said he would let the parties know when he was ready to deliver judgment. He had heard three days of representations from the company and union, locked in dispute after 1 587 workers were fired late in August following two strikes.

Mr L J Krige, for the

union, said workers themselves had decided to strike because they had been unhappy with the rent increase in the company hostels, as well as with conditions.

Workers who were still occupying their hostels had been notified that they were fired by pamphlets dropped from an aircraft, he said.

He argued that the company should not have its interim interdict — which prohibits various union activities — made final. Instead the company should take the dispute to "the proper fo-

rum", the Industrial Court.

Mr J J Gauntlett, for the company, said that Mr Krige's submission that there was an alternative remedy open to the company was merely a suggestion that the company should take its case elsewhere.

He said there was no basis on which the temporary interdict should not be confirmed.

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# Judge interdicts SAAWU

A Rand Supreme Court judge yesterday interdicted the South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU) and a printing company from distributing certain pamphlets.

An urgent application was brought by Allan Maskev (Pty, Limited) against the SAAWU and Minit Printers to halt the distributing or disseminating of pamphlets entitled "Attention work seekers Message from 75 Allan Maskev (Isando) dismissed workers".

An interim order was granted by Mr Justice DJ Curlewis, who also ordered the sheriff to seize and hold all the pamphlets.

Unless opposed, the order will be finalised on November 21.

# Rosslyn strikers adamant

MORE than 500 workers at the Metal Box factory in Rosslyn near Pretoria entered their 16th day on strike yesterday protesting against the company's "racist" policies.

The employees, all members of the South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU) downed tools after accusing management of "unjust and unfair retrenchments policies". The SOWETAN was told

Mr Chippa Chidi, the union official yesterday said mediatory talks between the union and management reached a

stalemate on Tuesday with neither party prepared to compromise

The work stoppage at the factory, situated a few kilometres from Pretoria, was sparked off by management's decision to employ three white men — two months after 22 black workers were retrenched. The strikers are demanding that the three whites be immediately dismissed for their colleagues to be re-employed

The company's plant manager Mr A J McLeish could not be reached for comment yesterday as he was said

to be in a meeting

Mr McLeish recently conceded that the cause of the strike "appeared to be the recent engagement of three non-union members in skilled positions". This decision, he added, was reached after it was established there were no suitable black employees to fill up the posts

Mr Chidi yesterday said the workers were reporting for duty daily but chose to wait in the canteen. The employees, he added, also demanded they be paid their wages during the duration of the strike while talks continued

# Ultimatum to 500 strikers

THE Metal Box factory in Rosslyn near Pretoria yesterday issued an ultimatum to their 500 striking workers to immediately return to work or be fired.

The company's plant manager Mr A. J. McLeish in a statement issued yesterday said the ultimatum was made because the South African Allied Workers Union (SAAWU) which represents the employees refused to have the matter referred for arbitration.

## Protest

The union could not be contacted yesterday. More than 500 workers at the company yesterday entered their 17th day on strike in protest against the company's decision to employ three whites — a few weeks after 22 of their black colleagues had been fired.

In his statement, Mr McLeish described the workers' action as a

wild cat strike and deeply regretted the company's decision to fire those who were not prepared to resume work immediately. The company sees little chance of resolving the dispute in any other way, the plant manager

said. Mr McLeish also said the union had refused to discuss issues surrounding appointment of the three 'skilled' persons until the union's demands were met.

Despite the fact that the strike has followed

no accepted procedure the company has on numerous occasions — in negotiation and mediation — discussed the matter with SAAWU and put forward offers in an attempt to settle the matter.

Mr McLeish

# Metal Box may re-hire workers

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by Mckeed Kotlolo, Pretoria Bureau  
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# Saawu <sup>(USA)</sup> 14/11/85 to shun SOWETAN launch of federation

PLANS for a rally to launch the super federation at the end of the month were jolted yesterday when the South African and Allied Workers' Union (Sawu) announced it would boycott the launch.

But all other major unions involved in the talks have confirmed they would take part. These include the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) and the Metal and Allied Workers' Union (Mawu).

President of Saawu (Kikine group), Mr Ashley Shezi, said from Durban that pamphlets bearing the name of his union and two of its affiliates, the South African Textile and Allied Workers' Union (Satawu) and the South African Mine Workers' Union (Samwu), had been distributed in Natal saying the three would participate in the launch.

"It is very annoying that our names should appear in these pamphlets when we had never been party to the unity talks from the beginning," he said.

The rally is scheduled for the King's Park rugby stadium in Durban on December 1.

Executive members of all unions participating in the launch are expected to be in Durban from November 29 to elect office-bearers for the new federation, choose the name of the federation and finalise the constitution.

# Boycott call against Pta firm

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THE 500 workers who were recently fired from the Metal Box factory in Rosslyn near Pretoria have appealed to shop owners and members of the public to boycott the company's products.

The workers, all members of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Sawu) went on strike for 17 days in protest against the company's decision to employ three whites. This was after 22 of their black colleagues were retrenched.

The strikers were tired last Friday after ignoring an ultimatum from the company's plant manager Mr A J McLeish, that they immediately return to work or be fired. All dismissed workers, Mr McLeish said, would be re-employed if they apply for the respective jobs by 1pm tomorrow.

The workers through their union yesterday lashed out at the company's decision and appealed to shop owners and residents in the Pretoria and the Bophuthatswana areas to boycott the company's products. They also accused the company of trying to sow disunity among the workers by urging them to reapply for their jobs.

When told that the dismissed worker had launched a campaign requesting shop owners and members of the community to boycott the company's products, Mr McLeish replied "I just heard rumours about the boycott."

# Saawu, bosses claim harassment after dismissals

THE South African Allied Workers' Union and management of Metal Box have made claims and counter-claims of harassment and intimidation of workers dismissed after a strike at the Rosslyn plant.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said workers who had complaints should tell police who would investigate.

They had not received any report on intimidation.

Saawu's branch secretary, Mr Jackie Masemola, claimed two union members had been arrested, several visited and harassed by police who questioned them about the strike. Police would not confirm this.

However, Metal Box's manager, Mr A J McLeish, said striking workers wanted to return to work, but had been prevented from doing so by intimidators.

He claimed several workers returned to

work, but some found that their homes had been visited by students and strike supporters during the day. One employee's furniture was damaged, he added.

The strike at the plant started after management had employed three whites. The whites, the workers said, were employed after 22 members of the union were retrenched.

After their dismissal the workers launched a boycott of the company's products, but the Pretoria Supreme Court judge, Mr Justice F Myburgh, restrained the union from continuing the boycott after the company had applied for an urgent application last week.

Mr Masemola said they were intending to contest the ruling in the Supreme Court next Tuesday because "we feel the workers have a just and democratic right to put pressure on the company".

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165 rooms burnt out as  
hostels blaze in Guguletu

Staff Reporter ~~25/11/65~~ 1254  
While the fires burned, stones were thrown

ABOUT 165 rooms at three hostels owned by Murray and Roberts in Guguletu have been destroyed by fire.

Police believe the fires were started deliberately.

Damage is estimated at R1-million.

The blaze began yesterday morning and last night another room was set alight.

In addition to the rooms, 11 bathrooms and two kitchens were damaged.

Last week hostel-dwellers dismissed after the second of two strikes in August and still in the hostels began a withdrawal negotiated by the Building Workers Union. The withdrawal was to have been completed by yesterday.

The strikes by workers then belonging to the South African Allied Workers' Union, were in support of recognition of the union by the company, changes in the nightwatch system and better hostel conditions.

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Murray and Roberts hostels destroyed 26/11/85

ABOUT Rm. worth of damage was caused when 160 rooms in three hostels were destroyed by fires at the Murray and Roberts compound in Guguletu on Sunday

The fires were started shortly before 9 am on Sunday and units

from the Cape Town fire department were on the scene shortly afterwards

Police liaison officer for the Western Cape, Captain Jan Calitz, later confirmed the damage and

said an arson docket had been opened

The incident was not unrest-related, Calitz said.

Murray and Roberts dismissed 1 587 workers after strikes in August this year — Sapa

# Former employees harassed

## Court puts brakes on union's move

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SOWETAN

METAL Box of South Africa, a subsidiary of Barlow Rand, has been granted a court order restraining the South African Allied Workers' Union from launching a boycott of its products and from interfering with its former employees.

SOWETAN Reporter

The ruling by Mr Justice Kirk-Cohen in the Pretoria Supreme Court this week, also prevents the union from making any attempt to stop 490 former Metal Box employees from re-applying for their jobs after their dismissal this month following a strike at the company's plant in Rosslyn.

Saawu did not defend the action following an interim interdict granted by Mr Justice Myburgh on November 15.

The order also restrains the union from interfering in any way with the former employees.

Rosslyn plant manager Mr Sandy McLeish said after the hearing

that the company hoped the ruling would put an end to rumours and misleading reports.

There have been incidents of former employees being harassed by students and strike supporters, and of petrol bomb attacks on their homes. The order will put a stop to this and open the way for former employees to talk to us about re-employment," he said.

A union spokesman said their members have been harassed both at work by being dismissed or at home where they were visited by police and questioned about their union activities.

# TRADE UNIONISTS LIVING IN FEAR

POLICE have apparently cracked down on trade union leaders and some are believed to have gone into hiding following the launching of the consumer boycott in Pietersburg.

Ms Geraldine Popedi, an administrator of the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) yesterday claimed she was questioned for several hours by the Security Police about the union's activities and the consumer boycott before she was allowed to go.

Three unionists — Mr Alfred Mokoleng, Saawu's Northern Transvaal organiser, Mr Ehas Nong, of the Commercial Catering and Allied Workers Union (Cca-wusa), and Mr Ephraim Lekganyane of Saawu, are worried after Security Police demanded to see them at their offices in Pietersburg this week.

## Hiding

Several other unionists and members of political organisations, including the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) and the United Democratic Front (UDF) are in hiding.

The Police Public Relations Division for the SAP in Pretoria said: "We do not see our way clear to comment on routine police investigations. Enquiries take place every day, and you must appreciate that it will be impossible to comment on them all".

The consumer boycott

## After move to boycott shops

of white-owned shops in Pietersburg was started in November.

Although the organisers of the boycott claim it is gaining momentum, the secretary of the Pietersburg Chamber of Commerce, Mr L Searle, has contended that the boycott has very minimal effects.

Mr Searle said pamphlets were distributed in the area last month, but said members have reported no effect whatsoever.

"Business is slack in the area because of the current economic recession and one is unable to say it is due to the boycott," he added.

The general secretary of the Black General Workers Union, Mr Harold Madikoto, who was released from detention recently, said police visits to union offices have "almost become our daily bread".

He was detained for 14 days under Section 52 of the Internal Security Act.

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# Two die as township groups battle

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DURBAN — Two people, including a Natal trade unionist, were shot dead in Chesterville township near here.

Two warring groups are still locked in a fierce fight

The body of Mr Ian Phumuza Zamisa, a Natal branch organiser of the South African Allied Workers' Union, was found with several bullet wounds

A spokesman for the union said Mr Zamisa had apparently been abducted and shot dead by members of one of the two fighting groups in the township

## "UDF SPY"

Mr Boyce Melifata, an East London organiser for the union, said Mr Zamisa was confronted early last week by people who threatened to kill him and called him a "UDF spy".

Police confirmed that a murder docket had been opened

A police spokesman said Mr Patrick Blose, 40, had also been shot dead in the troubled township, which had been plagued by fighting between a vigilante group calling itself the "A Team" and another made up mainly of youths, calling themselves "Comrades"

## ALCOHOL RAID

A crowd of 200 was dispersed by police at Kwamakhuta near Durban after a car was set alight yesterday. No arrests were made

Umlazi youths with knives and pangas stole alcohol worth thousands of rands when they forced a lorry to stop in the township this week

The vehicle was set alight

Police later made an arrest in connection with the incident

— Sapa



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# Sackings: union goes to court

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The South African Allied Workers' Union has applied to the Industrial Court and for the establishment of a conciliation board to discuss grievances at Metal Box near Ga-Rankuwa

A Saawu spokesman in Pretoria, Mr Chini Mulondo, said they expected an answer in about two weeks.

The application follows the dismissal of about 500 workers at Metal Box's Rosslyn Plant, following a dispute over the retrenchment of 22 workers and the appointment of three non-union men to higher posts.

The spokesman added that the workers would continue with a boycott of all Metal Box products.

The 500 workers were dismissed last month — Sapa

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Bullet wounds in body of trade unionist

# 2 die in Durban township violence

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DURBAN — Two people, including a well-known Natal trade unionist, were shot dead in the Durban township of Chesterville where two warring groups are still locked in a fierce fight, it was revealed yesterday

The body of Mr Ian Phumuza Zamisa, a Natal branch organiser of the South African Allied Workers' Union, was found this week with several bullet wounds in it

A spokesman for the union said Mr Zamisa had apparently been abducted and shot dead by

members of one of the two fighting groups in the township. Mr Boyce Melifata, an East London organiser for the union said Mr Zamisa had been confronted early last week by a group of people who had threatened to kill him and had called him a "UDF spy"

### Vigilante Group

Police confirmed that a murder docket had been opened

A police spokesman said Mr Patrick Blose (40) had also been shot dead in the troubled township which had been plagued by

fighting between a vigilante group calling itself the "A Team" and another group called "Comrades"

Meanwhile a crowd of 200 was dispersed by police at kwa-Makhuta near Durban after they had set a car alight yesterday

A group of Umlazi youths, armed with pangas, stole alcohol worth thousands of rands when they forced a truck to stop in the township this week

The vehicle was stripped of its contents and set alight.

A man has been arrested in connection with the incident — Sapa

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2 shot dead in Chesterville

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DURBAN — Two people, including a Natal trade unionist, have been shot dead in the Durban township of Chesterville, where two warring groups — the "Comrades" and the "A Team" are locked in battle.

The body of Mr Ian Phumuza Zamisa, a Natal branch organizer of the South African Allied Workers Union, was found with several bullet wounds near his home in Road Seven this week.

A spokesman for the union said Mr Zamisa was confronted early last week by a group of people who threatened to kill him and called him a "UDF spy".

A murder docket has been opened in connection with his death, a police spokesman said yesterday.

He also said Mr Patrick Blose, 40, was shot dead with a firearm in Road Thirteen this week.

# Constructors seek Industrial Court ruling against union

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A MAJOR construction company has asked the Industrial Court to rule that actions by a trade union constitute an unfair labour practice

It is thought to be the first time this has happened in South Africa

Murray and Roberts Buildings applied for the ruling against the South African Allied Workers' Union yesterday. The case arose from a series of illegal strikes involving about 1 500 workers in August

The company claimed that officials and purported members of the union played a leading and confrontational role in the strikes and the application was directed at the union's role in inducing or instigating the workers to breach their contracts

Until then there had been a history of peaceful labour relations

Mr J Gauntlett, for Murray and Roberts, said the union had shown a reckless disregard for collective bargaining processes, treated established industrial relations law and norms with contempt and brought the greatest misfortune to the employees who were dismissed as a result of the strikes

## BARGAINING

"It is submitted that no stronger case could be found of industrial irresponsibility and the creation of havoc by a union reckless of or indifferent to the need for open, if tough, collective bargaining," he said

The union had failed to exercise proper control over officials it had selected and placed in senior positions

Opposing the application, Mr L J Krige argued that union officials were acting beyond their powers in organising Murray and Roberts's workers, signing them up as individual members of Saawu, which was a federation of trade unions rather than a union, and getting involved in the strikes

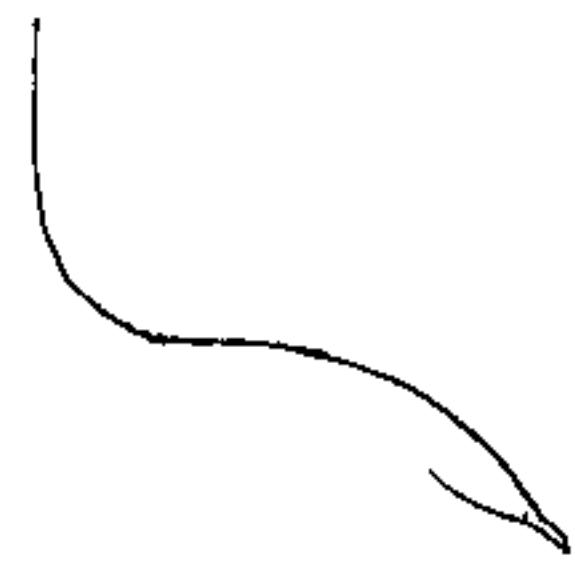
## SCOPE

"The union's employees, in doing the things they allegedly did, were acting outside the course and scope of their employment," he said

The union did not organise the strike, nor did officials have authorisation to get involved with Murray and Roberts workers

Dr P Ehlers, presiding, reserved judgment

Mr Gauntlett is assisted by Mr J Shortt-Smith and instructed by Maree and Muller. Mr Krige is instructed by E Mousa and Associates



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**Man imprisoned for SAAWU membership**

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**SAAWU T-shirt man acquitted**

MDANTSANE — A Cradock man was yesterday acquitted on charges of furthering the aims of a banned organisation when he was found not to have deliberately displayed a T-shirt bearing the name of the South African Allied Workers Union, which is banned in Ciskei

Mr Elliot Goniwe was arrested at a roadblock in Mdantsane last July when he was found wearing a shirt with

the inscription "SAAWU — an injury to one in an injury to all"

Mr Goniwe did not deny wearing the shirt, but said he had covered it with an ordinary shirt and a windbreaker

The magistrate said he was acquitting Mr Goniwe because there was insufficient evidence to prove he had worn the shirt to further the aims and objects of the union — Sapa

MDANTSANE — A 28 year-old man was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment by a Mdantsane magistrate yesterday for being a member of the South African Allied Workers' Union and for possession of prohibited publications

Wilton Vanto, 28, was found guilty on two counts of contravening Ciskei security laws by being in possession of two booklets entitled "The ICU" and "Work In Progress," two newslet-

ters entitled "You and the new pass laws" and "Saspu Focus, V1, No 2"

In the second count he was charged with being in possession of nine SAAWU membership application forms and a piece of cloth emblazoned "SAAWU, getting set for operation"

Treating both counts as one for the purpose of sentence, Mr Dracatos sentenced Vanto to 12 months' imprisonment, half of which was suspended for three years

Vanto pleaded not

guilty, saying he had recently acquired the room in which the articles were found and that the last person who had been a lodger there had left the documents

The magistrate found that all the prohibited publications had been found in a drawer next to Vanto's bed, while the SAAWU membership forms and the piece of cloth were found under the mattress on which he was sleeping when police arrived to search the house — Sapa

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**SAAWU  
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## Six months for unionist

MDANTSANE — A man was jailed for six months by an Mdantsane magistrate yesterday for being in the South African Allied Workers' Union and having prohibited publications.

Wilfon Vanto (28) was found guilty of contravening Ciskei security laws by having booklets entitled *The ICU, Work In Progress* and other publications.

He was also charged with having SAAWU membership forms and a piece of cloth emblazoned "SAAWU".

He was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment, six months suspended for three years.



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evidence  
irrelevant  
— defence

MARITZBURG — The defence counsel for four South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) leaders charged with treason alleged yesterday that the State was producing evidence irrelevant to the trial.

The court heard details of a "dramatic" increase in labour disputes at the East London-based Wilson-Rowntree sweet factory at about the same time the management started negotiations with Saawu in 1980.

A director of the factory, Mr Alistair Lightbody, was giving evidence in the treason trial of Mr Thozamile Gqweta (33), Mr Sisa Njikelana (29), Mr Sam Kikine and Mr Duze Ngcobo (36).

#### LATER

The Judge President of Natal, Mr Justice A J Milne, said the evidence did not appear to be relevant, but said the State could continue on the basis that the evidence may become relevant at a later stage.

The four trade unionists formerly stood trial with 12 United Democratic Front leaders who were acquitted in December last year.

The defence team also questioned the value of an earlier witness's evidence, who said it was part of his duties as a security policeman to have close links with factory management and to liaise with them to keep informed of any strikes.

#### STRIKES

The policeman, Major P Olivier gave evidence on a wave of 58 strikes at factories in the East London area from April 1980 to November 1981.

Mr Lightbody told the court that labour unrest at the factory increased soon after Saawu applied for official recognition as a representative union at the factory.

He said the factory's internal problems eventually resulted in "a highly professional and well-organised boycott" of Wilson-Rowntree in South Africa, England and Australia.

The hearing continues.  
— Sapa.

# Unrest increased at factory after union moved in, Court told

Pietermaritzburg  
Bureau

THE emergence of the South African Allied Workers' Union at the Wilson Rowntree factory in East London had been followed by unprecedented industrial unrest at the plant, the Supreme Court here heard yesterday

Mr Alistair Lightbody, director of the factory, made the allegation during the trial of four leaders of SAAWU who are facing charges of treason

Mr Lightbody, who was testifying for the State, said before 'SAAWU there had been no work stoppages or strikes at the factory'

'But virtually from the day we received our first correspondence from SAAWU in 1980 there was a marked increase in intimidation and later followed by work stoppages'

## Deadlock

One work stoppage in February 1981, Mr Lightbody said, ended in a deadlock between the union and the factory, resulting in 472 workers losing their jobs

Originally the four accused, Richard Gqweta,

33, Sisa Njikelana, 29, Sam Kikine, 36, and Duze Ngcobo, 36, were part of a group of 16 charged with trying to overthrow the Government with violence in furtherance of the aims of the ANC-led Revolutionary Alliance

Twelve of the accused, who were prominent leaders of the UDF, were acquitted last year when the State withdrew the case against them after deciding no reliance could be placed on the evidence of its chief witness, Mr Isaac de Vries, an expert on the ANC

## Repeated

Mr Lightbody told the Court that SAAWU had a 'following that was definitely substantial but there were some irregularities'

These irregularities included discrepancies which arose when a computer check on the 753 names submitted as members of SAAWU showed that some workers were not employed at the factory and that some names had been repeated

Mr Lightbody said that before the appearance of SAAWU the factory dealt with two or three incidents of insubordination

a month

'An analysis I made in January 1979 showed that relationship between employer and management were harmonious and by 1980 the factory was probably in the "top 10" for terms and conditions of employment,' he said

## Audience

But when SAAWU — where accused Mr Gqweta and Mr Njikelani were active in the local branch — became involved with the factory, two to three cases of assault and insubordination were reported every day, said Mr Lightbody

The resumption of the trial on Monday this week attracted a largely black audience

But the gallery was empty yesterday with just a handful of spectators which included two former accused Mr Archie Gumede, a UDF national president, and Mr Mewa Ramgobin a national treasurer for the UDF.

Mr Clifford Mailer and Mr Marumo Moerane are appearing for the defence, Mr Andre Oberholzer and Mr Christo Meiring appear for the State.

The trial continues today.

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# Minister in 'crush Saawu conspiracy'

**MARITZBURG** — A senior cabinet minister was involved in a "combined conspiracy" to "crush" Saawu at the time when trade union autonomy and minimum government interference in labour relations was announced, it was alleged yesterday.

The allegation concerning a meeting held in East London in October, 1980 was made by the defence counsel of four Saawu (South African Allied Workers Union) leaders

standing trial in Maritzburg on a charge of treason

The men on trial, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, Mr Sisa Njikelana, Mr Samuel Kilkinie and Mr Isaac Ngcobo, heard that the alleged conspiracy involved Mr Fanie Botha, the then minister of manpower, the security police and factory management

Counsel said that Mr Botha discussed "the Saawu problem" at the meeting called by the Border Chamber of Indus-

tries and attended by the security police and two members of the National Intelligence Service

Mr Botha, who had said publicly that it would be disastrous for factory management not to recognize the unions demanded by the majority of their workers, discussed a common strategy of how to "deal" with Saawu

The State alleges that Saawu or some of its leaders have close ties with the ANC

Major Phillipus Olivier, head of the East London security police labour branch, said that Saawu had been working within the law and, although they had information of a link with the ANC, they did not have enough evidence to go to court

Details of the meeting, and others, emerged during the cross-examination of Major Olivier

The trial continues — Sapa

MARITZBURG — A senior Cabinet Minister was involved in a "combined conspiracy" to crush the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) at the time when trade union autonomy and minimum government interference in labour relations was announced, it was alleged yesterday

The allegation, concerning a meeting held in East London in October 1980, was made by the defence counsel of four union leaders standing trial in Maritzburg on a charge of treason.

The men on trial, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, Mr Sisa Nykelana, Mr Samuel Kikine and Mr Isaac Ngcobo, heard

# Minister plotted against union'

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that the alleged conspiracy involved Mr Fanie Botha (Minister of Manpower at the time), the security police and factory management

Defence counsel said Mr Botha discussed "the Saawu problem" at a meeting called by the Border Chamber of Industries and attended by the security police and two members of the National Intelligence Service.

Mr Botha, who had

said publicly it would be disastrous for factory management not to recognise the unions, demanded by the majority of their workers, allegedly discussed with the closed meeting a common strategy of how to deal with the union.

The State alleges the union or some of its leaders have close ties with the banned African National Congress. Major Phillipus Olivier, head of the East London security police labour branch, said the union had been working within the law and, although police had information of a link with the ANC, they did not have enough evidence to go to court.

The trial continues

# Court told of secret plan to crush union

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## Pietermaritzburg Bureau

A SECRET security police report recommending ways of 'crushing' the South African Allied Workers' Union in East London and which the Government later admitted had been beyond the duties of the police, was handed in during the treason trial here this week.

Mr Clifford Mailer, for the defence in the trial of four Saawu leaders, handed in the 12-page document during the cross examination in the Supreme Court here of the report's author, Maj Phillipus Olivier, the then head of the labour and trade union section of the security police in East London.

Those on trial are Thozinale Gqweta, 33, Sisa Njikaleni, 29, Sam Kikine, 36, and Duze Ngcobo, 36, facing charges of treason arising from their alleged involvement in industrial unrest in East London in 1980/81 in furthering the aims of the Revolutionary Alliance.

Mr Mailer said the cause of the wave of strikes in East London in 1980/81 had been the 'in-

transigence of management aided and abetted by the security police'

He said 'This report is absolute and conclusive evidence about Maj Olivier's deliberate attempts to crush Saawu.'

Maj Olivier said he had handed the report to Mr Fanie Botha, the then Minister of Manpower Utilisation, and to 'certain select managers of major companies in East London dealing with Saawu' in 1980.

## Motivated

The report claimed that Saawu infiltrated factories in the East London area by inviting a worker representative to a meeting 'where they try to get the black man as emotionally involved as possible'.

The document recommends that the 'more moderate' Trade Union of South Africa be 'activated and motivated to show more interest'.

In reply to a question from Mr Ray Swart (PFP) during the 1981 session of Parliament, the Government said the drawing up of the report was not within the duties of the police.

The trial was adjourned until Monday.

# PMB: Talk of 'conspiracy'

By TONY OOSTHUIZEN,  
Pietermaritzburg

COUNSEL for four treason trialists alleged in Pietermaritzburg this week that a cabinet minister, Fanie Botha and the security police were involved in a conspiracy to crush the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu).

The claims were made at the Supreme Court trial of Saawu president Thozamile Gqweta who is appearing with Sisa Njikelana, Samuel Kikine and Isaac Ngcobo before Justice J P Milne

Advocates Clifford Mailer and Marino Moerane claimed the conspiracy involved Botha, then Minister of Manpower Utilisation, the Security Police, managers of about 15 East London-based factories and two members of National Intelligence

Botha allegedly discussed "the Saawu problem" with them at a closed Border Chamber of Industries meeting in October, 1980. He allegedly said it would be disastrous for management not to recognise the unions demanded by the majority of their workers, but discussed a "common strategy" to deal with Saawu.

The defence also alleged that Botha told the managers to "keep talking" to Saawu, but "not to recognise them". He asked how long they could last against Saawu pressure for recognition.

This evidence was presented during

cross-examination of state witness Major Phillipus Olivier, head of the East London Security Police Labour and Trade Union Section

Olivier said Saawu had been working within the law and, although they had information of a link with the ANC, they did not have enough evidence to go to court

The court heard lengthy evidence on Olivier's visits to the managers of factories in the area and his involvement in giving factories advice when the workers were on strike.

Responding to questioning by Mailer, Olivier said he visited managements at most of the factories and advised them not to have any dealings with Saawu. He denied an allegation that managements were "subjected to considerable pressure by the Security Police to have nothing to do with Saawu", but agreed with an allegation that factory managements in the Border Area were influenced by him, his staff and the minister

Defence counsel said the "collective conspiracy" to crush Saawu took place at the same time the government was announcing trade union autonomy, freedom of association and minimum government interference in labour relations.

The trial resumes on Monday.

# Industrial court makes an unprecedented union finding

Dispatch Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — The South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) has been found by the Industrial Court to have committed an unfair labour practice — the first time this has happened in South Africa

The judgment was handed down in Pretoria on February 7 by the president of the Industrial Court Dr D. B. Ehlers

Evidence was that on August 12 last year, shortly after Saawu began mobilising support among the Murray and Roberts' workforce, more than 1 250 employees went on strike

When workers struck again on August 26 the company ordered them to return to work next day or face dismissal. When they failed to do so they were dismissed and told to collect their money and vacate the hostels in Guguletu on September 1

The company was granted an interim interdict in the Supreme Court on August 30 restraining Saawu from organising, inciting, directing any acts of violence, strike action, picketing or impeding access to or egress from any Murray and Roberts premises, hostel or construction site

It was also restrained from holding any meeting at any company hostel and union officials were

barred from company property.

In papers before the court Saawu denied responsibility for the strike or that its actions were a direct threat to Murray and Roberts fulfilling its contracts.

Saawu also denied it had effective control over workers living in the hostel or that it had instigated any illegal action. The strike was a direct result of the company's failure to address genuine deep-rooted grievances, it said

In an affidavit, Saawu's organising secretary, Mr Zolile Mtshelwane, said the union did not encourage illegal strikes

In his judgment, Dr Ehlers said it seemed evident from affidavits by employees who attended meetings, that Saawu's representatives intended to instigate and induce strike action

It appeared likely that union officials intervened in the relationship between the company and its employees

It was also probable that as a result of such conduct, which the union apparently did not prevent or discourage, Murray and Roberts employees were unfairly affected. Their job opportunities, work security and physical, economic, moral and social welfare were prejudiced and jeopardised

# Freedom songs carry message, court told

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PIETERMARITZBURG — Freedom songs portray a message of "protest against injustice" and some of their words suggest different forms of protest to different people, a secret State witness said in the Pietermaritzburg treason trial yesterday

The witness, who may not be identified, said the songs were symbolic and words such as "take up arms against Pretoria" meant oppressed people should show their opposition to oppression

The witness was being cross-examined in the treason trial of four South African Allied Workers' Union leaders — Mr Thozamile Gqweta, Mr Sisa Njikelana, Mr Samuel Kikine and Mr Isaac Ngcobo

The State alleged the singing of freedom songs at meetings was important "to inspire the people for revolution and to rally them"

Freedom songs were sung at all the meetings of which videos and transcripts were provisionally handed in as evidence in the trial.

The accused allegedly addressed or attended these meetings

The witness told the court that, because of different perceptions, people reacted differently to the meanings of songs and "taking up arms" did not only involve armed struggle

At the start of yesterday's hearing, the defence counsel were again accused of revealing the identity of the witness to the African National Congress

Defence advocates Mr Clifford Mailer and Mr Marino Moerané said they had been scrupulous about not revealing the identity of the witness. After a two-hour adjournment, the trial continued

The witness also agreed to having mistaken the identity of a woman who he allegedly interviewed for recruitment to the ANC

The hearing continues — Sapa



# Labour unrest in the Tvl

A WAVE of strikes and labour disputes swept through several shop floors, including mine industries in the Transvaal this week

The strikes, sparked off by workers' protest-

ing against management's dismissal of colleagues, wages and arrest of workers, involved more than 25 000 black employees

• Most of the over 12 000 black miners of Vaal Reefs goldmine near Klerksdorp, have returned to work after strike action over the arrest of nine miners

A spokesman for Anglo American, which administers the mine, said the strike action was called off after negotiations between the workers and their representatives Workers at two other mines, Goedehoop and Wolwekrans, have also re-

turned to work

• Nampak Tissue Transvaal is to hold discussions with the South African Allied Workers' Union concerning the dismissal of about 160 striking workers at the Pretoria West plant

The workers were demanding wage rises

• About 56 workers at Polycel company in Alrode were still on strike yesterday following the dismissal of their colleagues

The company was negotiating with the SA Chemical Workers' Union (SACWU)

• Workers' representatives at Plascon Paints factory near Krugersdorp were still on strike yesterday following the dismissal of their colleagues. Management is negotiating with SACWU.

• More than 350 members of the Commercial Catering and Allied Workers' Union at an American multinational 3M in Elandsfontein, are to hold a solidarity meeting between 1 and 2 pm today.

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The workers will pledge solidarity with workers of New Jersey who may lose these jobs following the company's threat to shut its operations

• Management of a German multinational, E Merck at Wynberg, is still negotiating with the Black Health and Allied Workers' Union over the retrenchment of workers

The industrial relations consultant said unless the disputes were not resolved quickly the workers will continue to fight for their rights

# Court turns down Saawu

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THE Industrial Court has rejected an application by the South African Allied Workers' Union for the temporary reinstatement of its members dismissed by Metal Box in Rosslyn, Pretoria last November.

The court found, among other things, that the union had not satisfactorily proved that it had met an essential prerequisite for the Industrial Court hearing Metal Box did not oppose the application on the above point

The company was prepared to proceed with the hearing based on the merits of the

**SOWETAN Reporter**

case

The case is a sequel to the retrenchment of 25 black workers and employment of three white employees

After the employment of the three whites, workers protested against the company's decision and went on strike. They were dismissed

Mr Sandy McLeish, Metal Box's Rosslyn plant manager said "The company's ex-employees are still free to re-apply for jobs"

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## Security police 'conspired to crush union'

**MARITZBURG** — The security police in East London were involved in a conspiracy with factory management in the area to crush the South African Allied Workers Union, defence counsel for four men accused of treason alleged yesterday

A security policeman, Major Philippus Olivier, denied the allegations made by defence advocate Mr Clifford Mailer in the trial of the four union members in the Pietermaritzburg Supreme Court.

However, he told the court under cross-examination, he did try gentle persuasion to get management not to give the union recognition

He was giving evidence in the trial of Mr Thozamile Gqweta, Mr Sisa Njikelana, Mr Samuel Kikine and Mr Isaac Ngcobo, all charged with treason

He also denied an allegation that the management of factories in the East London area were "subjected to considerable pressure by the security police to have nothing to do with the union".

Mr Mailer said the intention of his cross-examination was to show the bias of the police against Mr

Gqweta and the union, and that their conduct did not justify the sinister inferences drawn by the State

He said there were good, autonomous reasons within the Republic of South Africa for the union to act on behalf of the workers and they did not act in conspiracy with any banned organisation, as the State alleged in the indictment

Major Olivier said he visited management at most of the factories and advised them not to have any dealings with the union. He did not want it to form a power block that would result in all managements having to submit to unreasonable demands

Mr Mailer put it to Major Olivier that Mr Gqweta had never said at any stage that he would sabotage the economy, nor did the union say at any meetings that its intention was to jeopardise the economy

According to Major Olivier, it was unreasonable for the union to demand recognition because his information was that it was a front for the self-exiled South African Congress of Trade Unions. The trial continues — Sapa

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## Treason trialist held eight times

TREASON trial accused Thozamile Gqweta, 33, president of the SA Allied Workers' Union, had been detained without trial eight times in Ciskei and South Africa, his counsel, C R Mailer, said in the Maritzburg Supreme Court yesterday.

Mailer said the SA and Ciskeian police had harassed Gqweta and Saawu.

He said he was leading this evidence to show the bias of the police against Gqweta and Saawu. Mailer said that Gqweta's conduct did not justify the sinister inferences drawn against him by the State

Mailer, who is appearing for two of the accused, was speaking at the trial of Gqweta, Sisa Nykelana, Samuel Kikine and Isaac Ngcobo.

While in detention in Johannesburg, for about six months, Gqweta was admitted to a psychiatric ward and treated

He had suffered a devastating tragedy. His mother and uncle died in "a rather strange fire" at the house in which they were living, Mailer said

His mother's funeral was attended by many people and the Ciskeian police fired at the crowd returning from the funeral, and his girlfriend was killed.

Mailer said that Gqweta was arrested on April 17, 1980, and held for about a month in Ciskei. He was never presented with a charge sheet but he made many court appearances over a period of seven months.

Mailer outlined Gqweta's subsequent arrests to the court.

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# Unionist's position 'linked him to strikes'

Pietermaritzburg  
Bureau

TREASON trialist Thozinale Gqweta's position as president of the South African Allied Workers' Union, had led the security police to believe he had been involved in the East London strikes of 1980/81, the Supreme Court here heard yesterday.

Maj Phillipus Olivier, the then head of the labour and trade union section of the security police for the Border area, told the Court another factor linking Mr Gqweta to the unprecedented wave of strikes was his presence at some meetings where the 'economic sabotage of the country' was mentioned.

Maj Olivier, a State witness, was giving evidence under cross-examination at the trial of four Saawu leaders who include Sisa Njikalen, 29, Sam Kikine, 36, and Duze Ngcobo, 36.

All are charged with committing treason from 1980 to 1985.

An amendment to the indictment this week accused the trade unionists of forming Saawu work committees in factories, refusing to officially register the union and seeking confrontation with management.

'These acts culminated in unrest, work stoppages, strikes and boycotts,' read the amendment.

Maj Olivier said he had used 'gentle persuasive-tactics' with all the major companies in East London not to give official recognition to Saawu.

'I informed the factory managers that Saawu is the external wing of the SA Congress of Trade Unions which is the industrial wing of the ANC

## Unaware

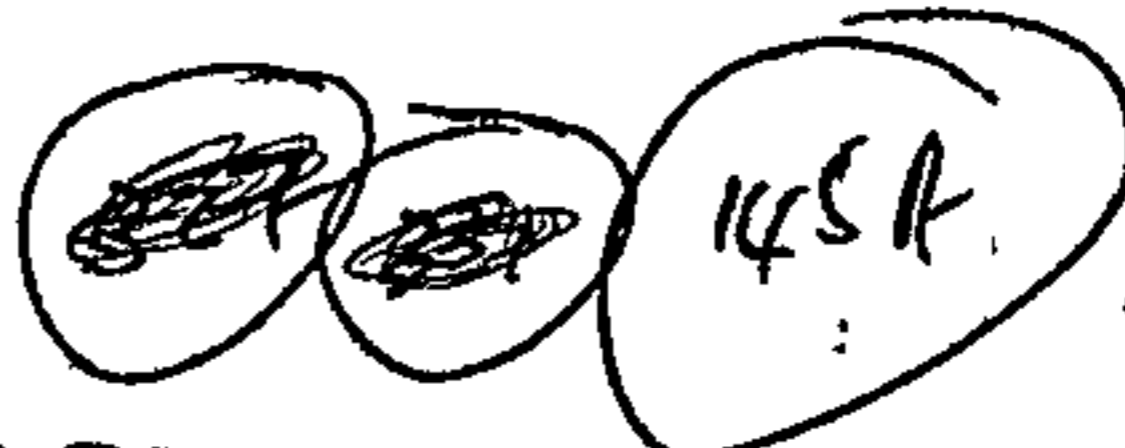
'I believed the recognition of Saawu would be a threat to the national interest as Saawu could form a power bloc when they were recognised by the major firms and make any demands and call a strike if the demands were not met,' Maj Olivier said.

Earlier this week a statement from Mr Wayne Munro, personnel manager of Johnson and Johnson near East London, was read out to the Court where he said 'Mr Gqweta must be given most of the credit for getting the workers peacefully back to work (after a strike at the factory in 1981)'.

Maj Olivier said he had been unaware of Mr Gqweta's role in the strike in spite of reports in the Press the following day.

The trial continues today.

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# Minister in 'crush Saawu conspiracy'

**MARITZBURG.** — A senior cabinet minister was involved in a "combined conspiracy" to "crush" Saawu at the time when trade union autonomy and minimum government interference in labour relations was announced, it was alleged yesterday.

The allegation concerning a meeting held in East London in October, 1980 was made by the defence counsel of four Saawu (South African Allied Workers Union) leaders

standing trial in Maritzburg on a charge of treason.

The men on trial, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, Mr Sisa Njikelana, Mr Samuel Kilkine and Mr Isaac Ngcobo, heard that the alleged conspiracy involved Mr Fanie Botha, the then minister of manpower, the security police and factory management.

Counsel said that Mr Botha discussed "the Saawu problem" at the meeting called by the Border Chamber of Indus-

tries and attended by the security police and two members of the National Intelligence Service.

Mr Botha, who had said publicly that it would be disastrous for factory management not to recognize the unions demanded by the majority of their workers, discussed a common strategy of how to "deal" with Saawu.

The State alleges that Saawu or some of its leaders have close ties with the ANC.

Major Phillipus Olivier, head of the East London security police labour branch, said that Saawu had been working within the law and, although they had information of a link with the ANC, they did not have enough evidence to go to court.

Details of the meeting, and others, emerged during the cross-examination of Major Olivier.

The trial continues. — Sapa

# Secret police report handed in at trial

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Dispatch Correspondent

**PIETERMARITZBURG** — A secret security police report recommending ways of "crushing" the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) in East London was handed in during the treason trial here this week.

Mr Clifford Mailer, for the defence in the trial of four Saawu leaders, handed in the 12-page document during the cross examination in the Pietermaritzburg Supreme Court of the report's author, Major Phillipus Olivier, the then head of the labour and trade union section of the security police in East London

Those on trial are Thozamile Gqweta, 33, Sisa Njikelana, 29, Sam Kikine, 36, and Duze Ngcobo, 36, facing charges

which include being involved in the East London 1980/81 industrial unrest

Mr Mailer said the cause of the wave of strikes in East London in 1980/81 had been the "intransigence of management aided, and abetted by the security police".

He said: "This report is absolute and conclusive evidence about Major Olivier's deliberate attempts to crush Saawu"

Major Olivier said he had handed the report to Mr Fanie Botha, the then Minister of Manpower Utilisation, and to "certain select managers of major companies in East London dealing with Saawu" in 1980

The report claimed that Saawu "infiltrated" factories in the East London area by inviting a worker representative to a meeting "where they try to get the black man as emotionally involved as possible"

"After the meeting he ("the black man") will normally do just about everything for the union and he feels honoured that he is chosen for the task"

The document recommends that the "more moderate" Trade Union Council of South Africa be "activated and motivated to show more interest and to be more active in recruiting and organising workers"

The trial continues on Monday

# Industrial Court rules against union

Staff Reporter

THE South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) has been found by the Industrial Court to have committed an unfair labour practice — the first time this has happened in South Africa.

The judgment was handed down in Pretoria on February 7 by the president of the Industrial Court, Dr D B Ehlers

Evidence was that on August 12 last year shortly after Saawu began mobilizing support among Murray and Roberts workers, more than 1 250 employees went on strike.

When workers struck again on August 26 the company ordered them to return to work next day or face dismissal. When they failed to do this they were dismissed and told to collect their money and leave the hostels in Guguletu on September 1.

The company was granted an interim interdict in the Supreme Court on August 30 restraining Saawu from organizing, inciting, directing any acts of

violence, strike action, picketing or impeding access to or egress from any Murray and Roberts premises, hostel or construction site.

It was also restrained from holding any meeting at any company hostel and union officials were barred from company property.

In papers before the court Saawu denied responsibility for the strike or that its actions were a direct threat to Murray and Roberts fulfilling its contracts.

Saawu's organizing secretary, Mr Zolile Mtshelwane, said the union did not encourage illegal strikes.

In his judgment, Dr Ehlers said it seemed evident from affidavits by employees who attended meetings, that Saawu's representatives intended to instigate and induce strike action.

It appeared likely that union officials intervened in the relationship between the company and its employees

It was also probable that as a result of such conduct, which the union apparently did not prevent or discourage, Murray and Roberts employees were unfairly affected. Their job opportunities, work security and physical, economical, moral and social welfare were prejudiced and jeopardized.

The company's business was unfairly affected and disrupted, labour unrest was created and promoted and the company's relationship with its workers detrimentally affected.

Mr J J Gauntlett, assisted by Mr J A Shortt-Smith, instructed by Marais Muller appeared for Murray and Roberts. Mr L J Krige, instructed by E Moosa and Associates appeared for Saawu.

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Turnover passes R2-bn mark Rand drops to \$0,4650

# Pick 'n Pay lifts dividend and earnings

CMT Times 28/3/86

By AUDREY D'ANGELO

**IN a year described by joint managing director Mr Hugh Herman as "worse even than the Depression," Pick 'n Pay lifted turnover by 17,5 percent to R2 144,6m (R1 824,8m), passing the R2 billion mark for the first time.**

Earnings rose by 5,9 percent to R35,4m (R33,5m).

The final dividend has risen to 70,5c (64,5c) a share, making a total of 92c (83,5c) a share covered 1,97 times compared with 2,05 times last year.

At a press conference last night, the chairman, Mr Raymond Ackerman, and joint managing director Mr Hugh Hermon said the R320m rise in turnover had been achieved through even heavier discounting in a highly competitive market, to ensure continual support from consumers.

## Margins

Mr Ackerman said R7m had been spent on reducing the margins on food items, "through selective price cutting which comes right off corporate profits."

Pick 'n Pay had increased its market share and was the biggest food retailer in South Africa.

But Pick 'n Pay had not cut back on advertising. "We are spending more in spite of these tough times. We believe in advertising."

And it had renovated stores including three in the Cape Town area at Oudebosch, Retreat and Milnerton, to keep them up to standard, cutting off the cost from profits in the year to February. This was not a company policy.

The Brackenfell hypermarket was being renovated now.

Six new supermarkets, superstore and the company's eleventh hypermarket in South Africa had been opened during the year.



Mr Raymond Ackerman ... R7m spent on reducing the margins on food items.

Four more supermarkets and the Western Cape's second hypermarket, at Ottery, would be opened in the current financial year.

A supermarket planned for downtown Durban would have "an up-market feel" in a development of speciality shops, but the prices would be discounted.

Mr Ackerman said he was "very thrilled" with the results in such a tough year, when turnovers had been "savaged" by the boycott. The second half had

been tougher than the first although profits had been higher.

Although the rise in turnover was partly due to inflation, there had been higher unit sales. The inflation rate for food items alone had been eight percent for the year to February.

Looking ahead, Mr Ackerman said the coming year would be "rough and tough," although the economy was turning

## Turnover taxes

The new payroll and turnover taxes to pay for the Regional Services Councils would hit labour-intensive companies with a high turnover particularly hard, and would push up the price of food.

The financial director, Mr Chris Hurst, said the new taxes would cost Pick 'n Pay about R3m a year.

"For a firm like ours these taxes are an absolute killer."

Mr Herman said the country was "over-traded" but there were certain areas, including the southern suburbs of Cape Town, where this was not the case.

The Ottery hypermarket would be in an area which was not over-traded and had an expanding population.

# Car prices seen to rise above CPI

By ALAN RUDDOCK

JOHANNESBURG — Car price increases will stay slightly ahead of the

1986 period would be 21 to 23 percent. Toyota's prices increased at the end of December and the beginning of March.

JOHANNESBURG — The rand closed sharply lower at at \$0,4645/55, a level last seen early last month when it was on the way up to its recent level of above \$0,50, which it held until just over a week ago, dealers said. It touched a low of about \$0,4630 at noon yesterday, as pressure from corporate dollar demand continued unabated amid insufficient Reserve Bank support, with a sharply higher dollar aiding the trend. It opened at \$0,4730/40 against a close of \$0,4755/65 here on Monday.

Importers seem unconvinced by last night's assurances from the Finance Minister that the rand will not be pressurized by next month's debt repayment, they said.

The financial rand closed slightly easier at \$0,3125/75 against a finish of \$0,3150/\$0,3200 on Monday.

Against other major currencies the rand closed at:

- US: 0,4645/75
- UK: 3,1495/525
- Germany: 1,0815/35
- Switzerland: 0,9050/80
- Netherlands: 1,2205/35
- France: 3,3180/230
- Japan: 83,50/80

— Reuter

## Closing gold prices

(In \$ an ounce)

LONDON:  
348,00-348,50  
Fixing am: 352,90  
Fixing pm: 351,75

ZURICH:  
350,00-353,00  
(351,00-354,00)

— Reuter



Mr Mike Dicky, who has been appointed a partner of Faber Holland B & B.

## Oil prices steady off lows

NEW YORK — Oil prices held fairly steady in light trading yesterday on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

At midday, contracts for May delivery of West Texas Intermediate, the benchmark United States crude oil, were at \$12,16 a barrel, up slightly from Friday's price.

Analysts said that if crude prices fell below \$10 to \$12 a barrel, demand would eventually force those prices back up.

But petrol prices still have room to drop, they said.

Crude oil prices may level off in the \$10 to \$12 a barrel range, at least until Opec devises a way of restraining its production and reducing excess supplies, industry analysts said.

Oil ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries suspended a nine-day attempt at that goal yesterday without announcing any agreement, and prices of crude and refined products fell sharply.

## SATS launches mini-container

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — South African Transport Services (SATS) has introduced the mini-container to meet the needs



# Transkei CIMP bans Saawu

9/3/86 CP Correspondent  
ONE of new Transkei president Tutar Ndamase's first jobs has been to ban a trade union - the SA Allied Workers' Union

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The banning appeared in a special government gazette and was co-signed by Prime Minister George Matanzima

The banning was condemned by the UDF, which accused the homeland government of "doing apartheid's dirty work"

It said workers had a democratic right to organise themselves

Transkei is the second "independent" homeland to ban Saawu - in 1982, former Ciskei's armed forces chief Charles Sebe banned the union

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State drops  
evidence in  
transcripts

MARITZBURG — In a dramatic development in the treason trial here yesterday, the State said it would no longer rely on nine transcripts of South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) meetings handed in as evidence last week.

The defence team had alleged that all the transcripts were "gibberish, bristled with errors" and that some of them were "misleading".

According to the indictment, the transcripts contained evidence of conduct the State would have relied on to prove its allegations of treason, or alternatively terrorism and furthering the aims of an unlawful organisation, against Mr Thozamile Gqweta, Mr Sisa Njikelana, Mr Samuel Kikine and Mr Isaac Ngcobo.

The transcripts referred to nine Saawu meetings held in East London between April and November 1981.

The trial was adjourned to Monday, when the State will present a "revised" indictment — Sapa.

Crucial  
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MARITZBURG — The Judge President of Natal, Mr Justice John Milne, said in the treason trial of four union leaders yesterday that it was "extraordinary" that a transcript of a speech contained a "crucial" word that did not exist on the original tape-recording.

The defence claims that the State relied on the missing word "ngowethu" to link the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) with the self-exiled South African Congress of Trade Unions (Sactu).

Mr Marino Moerane, for the defence, also said words in the indictment quoting one accused, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, as saying of Sactu "It is ours" do not appear in either the tapes or the transcripts.

Warrant-Officer B Hattingh of the Security Police agreed that the word "ngowethu" was not on tape, and said he had made a mistake by not telling the court about the missing word.

The hearing continues today. — Sapa.

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# 'Splinter group' leaves Saawu to form new union

Labour Reporter

THE South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) still appeared to be split yesterday following the formation of a new breakaway group - the United Peoples' Union of South Africa, under the leadership of Mr Ashley Shezi.

However, in a statement yesterday, Mr Sisa Njike-laana and Mr Sam Kikine, key officials of Saawu, dismissed the new union as 'another splinter group within the union'

'Upusa was seen not as a breakaway union but as a 'maverick exercise by a few

individuals formerly employed by Saawu', they said

Meanwhile, the first split which rocked Saawu in mid-1984 had been resolved and talks to reunify the organisation were 'well under way', they added

Upusa claims a registered membership of more than 50 000 and branches at Port Shepstone, Newcastle, Krugersdorp and Olifantsfontein

The new union will hold its first meeting at 10 a m this Saturday in the Young Christian Workers' Union Hall in Pioneer Road, Congella

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## Officials say union books 'in shambles'

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — The South African Allied Workers' Union's books have been referred to auditors and lawyers after allegedly being found "in a shambles" by two officials of the union after they were acquitted on charges of treason this week.

SAAWU's general secretary, Mr Sam Kikine, and the union's treasurer, Mr Isaac Ngcobo, said they found it difficult to work with the union's books.

Mr Kikine said the union's accounts had been frozen by the bank.

Mr Kikine and Mr Ngcobo, the union's national president, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, and Mr Sisa Njikelana were acquitted of treason this week after a trial lasting more than 18 months.

Mr Kikine said they dissociated themselves from anything that took place while they were standing trial.

The two officials had taken full control of the union's affairs yesterday, he said.

# The tough task of being an organiser

The struggle of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), whose leaders were this week acquitted of treason charges in Maritzburg, encapsulates the heavy odds faced by black unions in organising workers

Charges against Saawu President Mr Thozamile Botha, secretary Mr Sisa Njikelana, treasurer Mr Isaac Ngcobo and Durban branch secretary Mr Sam Kikine were withdrawn by Mr Justice Milne after the State decided not to proceed with prosecution

## CHARGED

The four — with 12 United Democratic Front leaders — were initially variously charged with treason, terrorism and/or furthering the aims of the African National Congress. Proceedings against the other accused were dropped last December. All accused had been out on bail since May 1984.

The allegations against the four specifically referred to the period from 1981 — when Saawu was at its strongest — until 1985.

The union, formed in

The acquittal of four South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) leaders on treason charges this week has again focused attention on the union, which has had the constant attention of the authorities since its inception. MIKE SILUMA traces the union's history.

1978, was one of the most militant to organise black workers in the post-Wiehahn era. The fastest growing union at the time, Saawu soon called a national boycott of Wilson Rowntree products after its members were fired at the company's plant in East London.

The boycott call was followed by the formation of community and student support committees — giving further impetus to moves in some union circles for closer co-operation between unions and community groups. Such moves were rejected by other unionists.

Saawu's approach was not to lead to a union as strong on the factory floor as its founders would have liked, but it did play a part in the highly politicised Congress of SA Trade Unions-style unionism

Saawu also to become a founder member of Cosatu.

Later Saawu played a leading role in the protracted Mdantsane, East London, bus boycott in 1983.

And when the UDF was established, Saawu was one of the first member unions.

While at the pinnacle of its strength, Saawu might have been a source of worry to many employers, it was perhaps its bold involvement in political issues which placed it on a collision course with both the Government and the homeland authorities.

And while life was made uncomfortable for independent unions for their opposition to the apartheid and the homelands, Saawu was the first union to be banned in the homelands — first in Ciskei and then in Transkei.

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# Saawu's

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### Labour Reporter

THE bank account of the South African Allied Workers' Union was still frozen yesterday as union officials battled to straighten out their financial records.

Mr Isaac Ngcobo, Saawu's national treasurer, said they were still trying to make 'head or tail' of the records which were found in disarray soon after their release from custody on Monday.

Mr Ngcobo and Mr Sam Kikine, the union's general secretary, had been in custody for more than a year on charges of treason. They were acquitted on Monday and spent their first day of freedom trying to unravel the mystery over their union's finances.

'Our lawyers and auditors are also looking at the matter,' he said, adding that both he and Mr Ngcobo wished to reiterate that they had been in no way party to the running of the union's affairs during the past year.

However, they were now fully in control of the union.



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# SAAWU 4 GO FREE

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THE lengthy treason trial involving four of the national executive members of the South African Allied Workers' Union came to an abrupt end in the College Road, Supreme Court, Maritzburg yesterday morning when all four were acquitted on all charges.

Family and friends in the gallery raised their right arms amid shouts of "Amandla" as the judge Mr Justice John Milne, the Natal Judge President, left the crowded courtroom.

Much jubilation continued outside the court building amid tight police security.

The unexpected turn came when Mr Michael Imber SC, appearing for the state announced he wished to stop the proceedings against the accused on all charges in terms of Section 6 of the Criminal Procedure Act 51 of 1977.

Mr Justice Milne acquitted Mr Richard Gqweta, national president of Saawu his general secretary, Mr Sisa Njikelana the general secretary of the Durban branch Mr Sam Kikine and treasurer Mr Duzee Isaac Ngcobo.

The men had been charged with high treason and alternative charges under the Terrorism Act and with furthering the aims of an unlawful organisation.

The allegations included plotting with the ANC to overthrow the South African Government between 1980 and 1985.

Acquitting the men Mr Justice Milne congratulated both the defence and State teams. — Sapa



SAM Kikine. one of the four trade unionists who were acquitted yesterday

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## Minister talks to leaders

BUSINESS leaders met the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, yesterday for talks on the detention of trade union leaders under the state of emergency.

The talks continue



MINISTER Louis le Grange

which could only be resolved by their elected leaders.

At union offices yesterday those leaders who have not been detained were absent and said to be

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By LANGA SKOSANA

Further meetings would be held today and he was hopeful that a result would be reached.

# Puzzle of national anthem on tape

MARITZBURG — A tape-recording of an anti-South African Indian Council meeting being used in the treason trial in Maritzburg contained an "odd feature" — the national anthem, "Die Stem" — which did not fit in with the nature of the meeting, defence advocate Mr Marino Moerane said yesterday.

He asked State expert Coloneel Leendert Jansen to explain this. Colonel Jansen, who examined all the video and audio recordings being used as evidence, said of the playing of the national anthem "This was an odd feature."

## UNEDITED

He was being cross-examined by Mr Moerane on his assessment that all the video and audio tapes being used as evidence were original and unedited.

On trial are four South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU) leaders, Mr Thozamila Gqweta, Mr Sisa Nykelana, Mr Samuel Kikine and Mr Isaac Ngcobo.

With reference to another tape, Mr Moerane asked Colonel Jansen why he had said in his notes that there had been no recording on the first side of the tape when, in fact, it had a full recording.

Colonel Jansen said he was convinced he had not made a mistake about this fact in his original notes, but his new notes could have been incorrectly rewritten.

The hearing continues — Sapa

# Sudden end to treason trial as charges are dropped

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**CLAIRE PICKARD-CAMBRIDGE and Sapa**

THE long treason trial of four national executive members of the SA Allied Workers' Union came to an abrupt end in the Supreme Court in Maritzburg yesterday.

All charges were dropped by the State.

There was much jubilation among family and friends of Saa-wu national president Thozamile Gqweta, general secretary Sisa Njikelana, Durban general secretary Sam Kikine and treasurer Duze Isaac

Ngcobo, as the 13-month trial came to a dramatic end. Yesterday was the 86th court day.

Right arms were raised in the gallery amid shouts of "Amandla!" as Natal Judge President Mr Justice John Milne left the crowded court room.

Prosecutor Michael Imber, SC, said he wished to stop the proceedings against the accused on all charges. The men had been charged

with high treason, alternatively charges under the Terrorism Act, and with furthering the aims of an unlawful organisation.

The allegations, in a 600-page indictment, included plotting with the ANC to overthrow government between 1980 and 1985. Saa-wu welcomed withdrawal of charges.

A member at Saa-wu's Johannesburg head office, however, said he could not comment in the absence of top Saa-wu officials who had been in detention or in hiding since the declaration of the emergency.

Progressive Federal Party (PFP) law and order spokesman Helen Suzman said, "I think there is general alarm about the frequency with which trade unionists have been arrested and more particularly with their detentions under emergen-

cy regulations. "It is difficult to accept Minister of Law and Order Louis Le Grange's statement that the detentions of these people have in every case had nothing to do with their trade union activities.

"I think it is too bad that when people are arrested, it takes such a long time before their cases are heard. If ultimately they are found not guilty, it means they spent many months in jail at great personal loss."

# Tapes cause new turn in treason trial

Pietermaritzburg  
Bureau

COUNSEL defending four trade unionists facing charges of treason in the College Road Supreme Court here have made representations to the Attorney-General of Natal which might result in the matter ending without further evidence being led

The Judge President of Natal, Mr Justice Milne, adjourned the hearing until June 23 for the Attorney-General to study the implications of a judgment handed down last week in which the Judge ruled that all but three tapes presented as evidence in the trial were inadmissible

He allowed the prosecution to lead further evidence on the admissibility of those three tapes only

Mr Ismail Mahomed, SC, for the defence, told Mr Justice Milne yesterday that the judgment had had 'profound implications' for the future conduct of the prosecution in the case

He said he had held discussions with the State advocates and the Attorney General of Natal, Mr Mike Imber, and had made 'certain representations' which, if successful, would make it unnecessary for further evidence to be heard.

Mr Mahomed said the Attorney-General required further time to consider the full picture and 'consider

his own reactions' and had asked for a written report from the defence

Mr Mahomed said the report would be made available to Mr Imber next week.

The four accused — Thomazile Gqweta, Sisa Njikelane, Samuel Kikine and Isaac Ngcobo — are part of a group of 16 people who were initially charged with treason

During the course of the trial in December last year, the Attorney-General stopped proceedings against 12 of the accused

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# Saawu claims necklace threat from AWB

EAST LONDON — The branch secretary of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) here claims that a person, who said he was a member of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) threatened Saawu personnel

Mr Boyce Melitafa said he was telephoned at the Saawu offices on Monday June 2 by a person with an English accent

This person said the AWB would "be coming on Wednesday (June 4) to fix up" the organisers of Saawu

The person then slammed down the telephone

Mr Melitafa said there were only two occurrences on the Wednesday

At about 12 noon, two people he believed to be members of the security police arrived by car at the front of the Saawu offices, in East London, and took photographs of people standing on the verandah

The other occurrence that day happened at 4 15

pm when he received a telephone call from a man who asked him "Do you still recognise my voice? I am Groenewald of the AWB East London region, and tonight we will be coming to your place to necklace all of you You are going to know the wrath of the white man"

Mr Melitafa said nothing further had happened, but that this kind of intimidation and threatening act was not new to Saawu

Mr Melitafa said the incident related to the AWB had not been reported to the police

He said he was issuing a statement because Saawu wanted it known that despite harassment and intimidation, it would continue as a worker's organisation and would grow stronger

"No act of intimidation will force Saawu not to exist Saawu is determined to fight every form of exploitation, whether in the guise of apartheid oppression, or pure economic oppression" — DDR

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# Saawu pleads 'ban the can'

Own Correspondent

BLOEMFONTEIN — "Ban the can" is the plea of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) to the nation as they plan a boycott of products of the Metal Box Company.

The appeal is part of a retaliation programme for the dismissal of 22 black workers replaced, the union says, by whites.

The matter has been referred to the Industrial Court.

The union has called for the dismissal of the white workers and demanded first preference be given to those dismissed.

It has also demanded wages for the two weeks they were on strike.

The nationwide boycott of canned drinks is to take effect from April 1

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# 'Free our men!'

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**By BENITO PHILLIPS**  
**THE SA Allied Workers'**  
**Union East London branch**  
will seek court action if the  
security police do not re-  
lease branch organiser Si-  
celo Ndevu and 16 others

They were detained at the  
launch of the Mooiplaas  
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lice have confirmed they are  
being held under Section 50  
of the Internal Security Act.

Saawu has called for  
Ndevu's unconditional re-  
lease - especially as the  
MRA had obtained a permit  
to hold the meeting.

● Police have confirmed  
that the entire Azanian Peo-  
ple's Organisation executive  
were detained under Section  
50 at Ginsberg outside King  
William's Town.

A police spokesman said  
they were being held under  
Section 50.

They are chairman Lunga  
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# Saawu meeting on video

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SECURITY police told the Maritzburg Supreme Court this week how they obtained evidence against the SA Allied Workers' Union - they confiscated a TV crew's film

Four Saawu leaders - Thozamile Gqweta, Sisa Njikelana, Isaac Ngcobo and Sam Kikine - are charged with treason and furthering the aims of an unlawful organisation

It's claimed they worked for the violent overthrow of the SA Government between 1980 and 1985, and participated in the "revolutionary alliance"

This alliance allegedly includes the ANC's labour wing and the SA Congress of Trade Unions

Security policeman Captain J de Beer - in charge of the security police "labour and trade union" section in Durban

at the time - told the court he and his men had stopped a car with reporters from International Television News after a Saawu meeting in Durban during June 1983

They then confiscated videos made by the TV crew during the meeting

Among those who allegedly attended the meeting were Kikine, UDF president Archie Gumede, Curtis Nkondo and former Lamontville priest Rev Mcebisi Xundu. The ITN recordings were handed into court as evidence

De Beer also told of a raid he and his men carried out on the Saawu offices during June 1983

They confiscated several posters including one which read "Sactu lost only two leaders but they produced millions of workers in South Africa"



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# Bugging union was 'part of daily routine'

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Major Benjamin denied that the equipment he had used or the bugging device in the hall had been faulty.

He also denied allegations that the batteries in the recorder had been flat when the recording was made.

The trial continues today — Sana

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# Treason trial: State drops transcripts

By TONY OOSTHUIZEN  
Pietermaritzburg

IN a dramatic development yesterday in the Pietermaritzburg treason trial, the state withdrew nine transcripts of tape-recorded meetings of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu)

The state has now withdrawn 13 transcripts from a total of 25. Of those withdrawn, 11 relate to Saawu meetings in East London and two in Newcastle

The latest withdrawal of state evidence follows repeated complaints to the bench that a number of statements attributed to the accused in the indictment did not appear in the transcripts as alleged, or were incorrectly translated.

Advocate Marino Moerane, defending the four trialists, made these allegations during cross-examination of security policeman Warrant Officer B Hattingh, who

checked 10 of the transcripts which formed part of state evidence. The transcripts referred to Saawu meetings in East London and Durban.

The accused, Thozamile Gqweta, Sisa Njikelana, Samuel Kikine and Isaac Ngcobo are leaders of the union. Moerane said he had "searched in vain" through one of the transcripts for the words "the government is our enemy" as alleged by the state in the indictment.

He also said an incorrect translation in another transcript led to the state incorrectly alleging in the indictment that one of the accused said, "We must kill our enemies."

Hattingh agreed there were errors and said it was a "most frustrating" experience to check the transcripts

remains the recordings because parts were inaudible and parts were left out.

Earlier in the week Justice Milne, on the bench, described one transcript as an "extremely slovenly piece of work" and not trustworthy.

The state allegedly relied on a passage from the transcript to prove that the union tried to cripple the South African economy.

Moerane said the word "imveliso", interpreted by the state as meaning "economy", in fact meant "production" and was used in reference to the Wilson Rowntree sweet factory.

He said it was a "material mistranslation" of a phrase which referred only to the dislocation or damaging of factory production and had no reference to the economy in

Justice Milne said it was "extraordinary" that a transcript of a speech contained a crucial word that did not exist on the original tape recording.

Moerane said the state had relied on this word, "ngowethu" to link Saawu to the self-exiled South African Congress of Trade Unions. This word did not appear in the original police recording marked "Saawu admits belonging to Saawu". Someone, he said, had "just added it in".

Andre Oberholzer, for the state, said it was a "sloppy job". He would call on the interpreter who translated the speech from Xhosa into English to explain it, he said.

Last week the defence claimed that other transcripts of recorded meetings were incoherent and were "gibberish and bristled with errors".

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# Saawu says split in ranks resolved

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DURBAN — The South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) last night announced that a dispute in mid-1984 — which left the union split into two factions — had been resolved and talks to reunify the organisation were “well under way”

The talks move followed the withdrawal of charges of high treason against four senior officials from opposing factions of Saawu in June this year

During the Pietermaritzburg treason trial, Mr Sisa Njikelaana and Mr Thozamile Gqweta, both top ranking officials in the union, were charged together with Mr Sam Kikine and Mr Isaac Ngcobo, who headed the rival faction

based in Natal

A statement released by Saawu said that “serious attempts” to explore the possibility of unifying the two sections of the union had been made at the time when the trial was drawing to an end

A joint committee was formed to prepare for unity talks and at the weekend the two factions resolved at a joint national executive committee meeting to reunite

The statement said the following resolutions were made at the talks

The two factions be united into one Saawu

A national conference be held within three

months in order to finalise the unification exercise

The question of one group being affiliated to the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) was viewed in a spirit of goodwill. This was endorsed as a progressive step towards strengthening the trade union movement in South Africa. The meeting decided to take a full resolution on this issue during the envisaged national conference

The formation of another splinter group within the union, the United Peoples Union of South Africa (Upusa), was condemned as “glaring opportunism”

In the early 1980s, Saawu became one of

the fastest growing unions in the country and had been seriously weakened by the split that last night's statement said was being resolved

● Upusa, the breakaway union has been formed in Durban with Mr Ashley Shezi as national president

Mr Shezi said Upusa would not align itself with either the Congress of South African Trade Unions, Cosatu, or the United Workers' Union of South Africa, Uwusa

“Upusa will be strictly non-political, concentrating mainly at improving the lot of their members and fighting for justice and fairplay for black workers,” he said — Sapa

# Saawu is united again after rift of two years

Star 20/8/86

Two years after the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) was split down the middle by internal feuding, its leadership has decided to bury the hatchet and restore the union's unity. MIKE SILUMA reports

Reconciliation between two factions in the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), after months of negotiations, should come as a relief to both union leadership and members

The healing of the debilitating two-year-old split in Saawu's ranks was disclosed by the union's joint leadership after a meeting last weekend

Saawu, once the fastest growing black union, claiming about 160,000 members, split into two camps after a bitter leadership battle in 1984

Conflict came into the open when three senior officials were expelled at a meeting in Soweto, amid allegations of unconstitutional behaviour

In turn, the three — then general secretary Mr Sam Kikine, national organiser Mr Herbert Barnabas and treasurer Mr Isaac Ngcobo — charged that the meeting was itself unconstitutional because some branches had not been invited

Those elected into the new executive by the 1984 Soweto meeting included Mr Thozamile Gqweta, Mr Sisa Njikelana, as president and general secretary respectively.

What subsequently followed were bitter clashes as each camp claimed to be the real Saawu.

The matter reached the Supreme Court as each faction sought to dislodge the other from union offices in Durban and Johannesburg

In a statement released after last weekend's meeting the new leadership said unity talks had begun in earnest last June, following the withdrawal of treason charges against Mr Kikine, Mr Gqweta, Mr Ngcobo and Mr Njikelana

Resolutions passed at the weekend included that

- The two factions be united into one Saawu
- A national conference be held within three months to finalise the reunification move.
- The question of one group being affiliated to the Congress of SA Trade Unions (Cosatu) be viewed in a spirit of goodwill. This was a progressive step towards strengthening the trade union movement

*Cape Times 9/9/86*

# Saawu refuses to transfer members

*(USA)* Labour Reporter

THE South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), an affiliate of the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) has refused to transfer its members in the food industry to the new super-union, Food and Allied Workers' Union (Fawu)

Fawu was formed earlier this year as part of Cosatu's programme of creating one national union for each industry and dissolving general unions like Saawu, into these industry specific organizations

Saawu general secretary, Mr Mzuzwana Mdyogolo, said recently that the decision not to join Fawu had been taken at a meeting in Johannesburg between the union's executive and delegates from all the food factories where Saawu is recognized

Mr Mdyogolo said although Saawu was committed to the principle of one union per industry, it did not regard the formation of Fawu as a merger of unions "in the true sense of the word"

Fawu was formed at the beginning of June when the Food and Canning Workers' Union (FCWU) absorbed the smaller Sweet, Food and Allied Workers' Union and the Retail and Allied Workers Union and changed its name to Fawu. At the time it was resolved that general unions with members in the food sector should be transferred to Fawu

Mr Mdyogolo said Saawu believed that when mergers were discussed, unions should participate

He described the formation of Fawu as "merely the transference of members and assets to FCWU and the changing of its name to Fawu"

# Saawu hails agreement

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — A recognition and procedural agreement was signed between the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) and Barlows Commercial Refrigeration last week, Saawu's local secretary, Mr Boyce Melitafa, said in a statement

The general manager of the company, Mr O E Sellers, said the objective of the procedural agreement was to maintain sound and fair labour relations in the

factory

Mr Melitafa said the signing of the agreement was a "victory" for South African workers

Negotiations between Saawu and the company in Wilsonia had started in June this year. The company's workforce totalled 220, and Saawu membership stood at 204

Turning to what he described as harassment of the general membership and leadership of the union, Mr Melitafa said Saawu had sur-

vived the "onslaught over the past six years and will continue to survive in the future

"This agreement together with others already in existence will add strength to the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) to which Saawu is affiliated"

He added Saawu was engaged in merger talks with some unions affiliated to Cosatu. Saawu was a founder member of Cosatu

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# Transkei

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UMTATA — The South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) has been banned as an unlawful organisation by the Transkei Government.

The banning is listed in the Transkei Special Gazette dated February 2.

It was signed by the new Transkei State President, Paramount Chief Tutor Ndamase, and countersigned by Prime Minister Chief George Matanzima by the order of the President-in-Council.

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# Arson probe after Saawu offices burnt

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By MTOBELI MXOTWA  
EAST LONDON — About R8 000 damage was caused by a fire in the offices of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) in St Johns Road, North End, early yesterday

affected office were destroyed  
Saawu has a membership of more than 20 000 in East London alone, he said.

He said it was not the first time that Saawu offices had been attacked

A spokesman for the police directorate of public relations in Pretoria said arson was being investigated. Early indications showed no sign of explosives having been used to cause the fire

Saawu yesterday condemned those responsible for the fire

In a statement issued by the branch secretary, Mr Boyce Melitafa, Saawu said the attacks on its offices, its officials and members would not deter the trade union from fighting for the rights of the "exploited workers"

Mr Melitafa said damage was estimated at more than R8 000 and that all the records and equipment in the af-

In 1984, there were two arson attempts on the local Saawu offices. Last year, the Grahams-town office of Saawu was twice attacked by arsonists and the building housing Saawu offices was completely destroyed. Damage was estimated at R5 000

Mr Melitafa said the Saawu offices in the ABC Building in Oxford Street were attacked by fire last year, causing thousands of rands damage

He said no arrests had been made in connection with any of the incidents

Saawu had no insurance, he said

The owner of the building, Mr J Solomon, said an alarm went off at

about 12.30 am. Employees of a security firm found smoke billowing from an upstairs room. Saawu's offices are situated on the first floor.

Mr Solomon said the fire could have spread to other rooms and shops below had it not been for the prompt action of the fire brigade

He said the building was insured

Saawu's branch organiser, Mr Sicelo Ndevu, said the fire appeared to have been caused by an explosive.

He said the arsonists had gained entry to the building by cutting the steel gates at the back. The steel burglar proofing was also cut and forced open, he said

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# Saawu official held

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Police yesterday confirmed the detention of the branch organiser of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), Mr Sicelo Ndevu, and 19 others of whom three have been released.

Saawu has called on the police to release Mr Ndevu and those arrested with him at the launch of the Mooiplaas Residents' Organisation.

The Saawu statement said the release should be unconditional as the meeting had been legal because the Mooiplaas residents had obtained a permit to hold it.

"The branch committee of Saawu is looking

into the possibility of taking further steps if Mr Ndevu and the others arrested with him are not released immediately," the statement said.

The arrests were made on March 22. Border police liaison officer Lieutenant Dot van der Vyver said an application had been made for a permit to hold a meeting at Mooiplaas, but a permit had not been needed.

However, a meeting had been held for a different reason from that applied for.

The detainees are being held under Section 50 of the Internal Security Act — Sapa

**Call to**

**release**

**Mpetha**

SOWETAN  
Correspondent

THE International Labour Organisation has added its voice to calls for the release of jailed veteran trade unionist Oscar Mpetha.

The director-general of the ILO, Mr Francis Blanchard, has urged President P W Botha to release Mpetha and four other trade unionists from the South African Allied Workers' Union on trial for treason in Maritzburg.

Mr Blanchard called on the Government to release all trade unionists detained or charged under security legislation as well as Oscar Mpetha "in view of the serious state of his health."

Mpetha (77), a founder member of the Food and Canning Workers' Union and the South African Congress of Trade Unions, had a leg amputated while in jail.

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# May Day <sup>KSA</sup> okay <sup>109</sup>

THE SA Allied Workers' Union has successfully negotiated with an East London firm to have May Day recognised as a public holiday

East London battery company Chloride is the only company in the area to recognise May Day as a paid holiday. Saawu, an affiliate of the Congress of SA Trade Unions, concluded the agreement recently. Cosatu has been campaigning for May 1 to be a paid holiday.

Saawu East London branch secretary, Boyce Melitafa, said the union hoped to negotiate similar agreements with other factories in the area.

Saawu has a membership of 18,000 in the East London area. Veritas News Agency

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QUEENSTOWN — An organiser of the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu), Mr Mongezi Sihlahla (25), appeared in the Queenstown Magistrate's Court with four others yesterday on charges of murder

They are charged with killing a policeman and Mrs Blanche Mdudu, a former community councillor and member of the Mlungisi Residents' Association

The charred bodies of Mrs Mdudu and the policeman were found in January among the ruins of the policeman's house, which had been burnt down during unrest

Charged with Mr Sihlahla are Mr Phelelo Gono, Mr Mpumelelo Nongemane, Mr Welcome Pikauri and Mr Phumzile Rawula

The hearing was postponed to May 6 — Sapa

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# Dispute stops work at West Bank depot

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — A wage dispute has led to a work stoppage at the British Petroleum depot on the West Bank.

Workers said yesterday they had been locked out by management on Monday but were allowed onto the premises yesterday while negotiations between workers and management continued.

A spokesman from BP's head office in Cape Town confirmed there had been a work stoppage over wage claims. He said the dispute involved about 50 employees.

Management was in the process of negotiating a recognition agreement with the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) who had been informed of the

work stoppage, the spokesman said.

He declined to comment further.

The branch secretary of Saawu, Mr B Melitafa, confirmed his union had been informed of the stoppage. He said BP had told the union the matter was still being discussed with workers.

Saawu officials were scheduled to meet BP officials at 9 am today following a request by management, he said. The matter of agreement and recognition would be discussed.

Mr Melitafa said his union had submitted a draft agreement and a membership list to BP.

Saawu intends getting information from both management and the workers on the issue.

During a Daily Dis-

patch visit to the depot yesterday, workers stood in groups in and outside the plant.

They said negotiations between workers' representatives and management were underway and they were waiting for the outcome. They declined to comment further, saying they had agreed with management not to do so.

## Tiger mascots arrive in Seoul

SEOUL — Two Siberian tigers arrived from the US yesterday to serve as mascots for the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

They were donated by the Minnesota Zoo. South Korea chose the Siberian tiger — deified in Korean legend — as the mascot for the games — Sapa.

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## Ice cream workers fired

GATTI'S Ice Cream fired half its workforce on Wednesday after they went on strike to protest against the dismissal of two organizers of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu).

The strike — which involved an estimated 60 workers — was called on Friday after Gatti's dismissed a second member of the union's committee at the factory. The first member was fired earlier this month.

A management spokesman confirmed the dismissal of the striking workers yesterday.

He denied that the two committee members had been fired because of their union activities but declined to give reasons for their dismissal.

Saawu's response to the dismissals may not be published in the Western Cape in terms of the emergency regulations.

# Go-slow in paintshop halts car production

EAST LONDON — A spokeswoman for Mercedes Benz said from Pretoria yesterday the company had been forced to halt car production because of a "go-slow" strike by paintshop workers

She said production had been interrupted to such an extent that the company was compelled to close for the rest of the week. About 3 000 workers were involved

Workers did not start work on Monday and negotiations between management and worker representatives had failed

The worker representatives involved are from the National Automobile and Allied Workers' Union, the SA Iron, Steel and Allied Industries Union and an independent workers' group

## CAUSE OF DISPUTE NOT KNOWN

The spokeswoman could not say what was the source of the dispute but said it had nothing to do with wages

Spokesmen for the workers were not available for comment but the branch secretary of the South African Allied Workers' Union, Mr B Melitafa, confirmed that some union members were involved

He said Saawu was still negotiating for recognition and, until then, it could not negotiate formally with management — Sapa

# Police sjambok Pepsi workers in Epping

Cape Times 30/9/86  
Staff Reporter

POLICE used sjamboks to disperse about 200 labourers outside an Epping Industria soft drink plant yesterday after management gave the workers an hour to return to work

Confirming this from Pretoria yesterday, a spokesman for the Police Directorate of Public Relations, Colonel Vic Haynes, said that the workers, who had been paid off, were warned to leave the Pepsi-Cola premises and disperse three times about 10 45am

"They were going to march to town when they were finally warned to disperse in Christiaan Street outside the factory. They ignored the warning and were dispersed with quirts. No arrests were made," Colonel Haynes said

A spokesman for the South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU), which claims majority worker membership at the plant, said police had "aggravated a very sensitive situation"

Several workers showed a Cape Times reporter weals on their legs, thighs and heads

The SAAWU spokesman said the dispute with management followed the summoning last Monday of drivers and deliverymen by Mr Graeme Winn, managing director of Pepsi Africa

The drivers and deliverymen had demanded that he address the production staff as well, but in spite of repeated requests Mr Winn refused to address the entire labour force. This had led to the confrontation yesterday at the plant when Mr Winn had requested to see a worker-delegation

The labourers had refused, and had then been given an hour to "return to work". Police arrived in a Casspir when the hour had expired and the workers had not returned to work.

Contacted for comment last night, Mr Winn described the union's version of events as "not in actual fact true", but he declined to comment further

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# Pepsi's Epping plant workers 'back at work'

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Labour Reporter

PEPSI-COLA workers, who were dispersed by sjambok-wielding police on Monday after gathering outside Pepsi's Epping plant during a labour dispute, have all returned to work, according to the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu).

The union, which has 90 members among the 150-plus workforce, said none of the workers appeared to have lost their jobs.

A Saawu spokesman said the union had tried to arrange a meeting with the company to discuss the dispute, but management had refused.

Repeated attempts yesterday to contact the managing director of Pepsi Africa, Mr Graeme Winn, were unsuc-

cessful.

On Monday Mr Winn declined to comment on the matter.

The circumstances surrounding the dispute and subsequent walk-out by workers are not yet clear.

According to the union, Mr Winn summoned drivers and delivery staff to a meeting on Monday.

Workers insisted that he address the entire staff. When he refused, the workers, including non-union members, downed tools and gathered outside the factory gates, said the union.

The union, which is currently involved in negotiating a recognition agreement with the company, said it would try to arrange a meeting again today.