

CALLING ALL BENONI WORKERS !

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A HEAVY LOAD IS PRESSING US DOWN !

THE COST OF LIVING IS SO HIGH THAT WE CANNOT BUY WITH OUR LOW WAGES THINGS WE NEED TO KEEP US HEALTHY AND STRONG.

HOW ARE WE TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE OUR STARVING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WITH FOOD AND CLOTHING ?

THOUSANDS OF WORKERS ARE UNEMPLOYED AND MANY ARE BEING FORCED TO WORK ON THE FARMS LIKE SLAVES.

WE HAVE PERMIT TROUBLES ! ARRESTS ! LOSS OF WAGES ! AND JAIL !

OUR WOMEN ARE THREATENED WITH HAVING TO CARRY PASSES. THE BURDEN OF THE PASS LAWS HAVE BEEN BORNE BY THE MEN TOO LONG.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES CAN WE AGREE TO ALLOW WOMEN TO HAVE PASSES EXTENDED TO THEM. !

WE WANT BUSES TO TAKE US HOME AFTER A LONG HARD DAYS WORK

WE WANT TO BE TAKEN HOME IN DECENT BUSSES, CHEAPLY AND QUICKLY.

BUT THERE ARE NO BUSSES TO DUNSWART, DAVYTOWN BOKSBURG ETC., AND BUS FARES TO OTHER AREAS ARE SO HIGH !

WORKERS THESE THINGS NEED NOT BE ! IT IS UP TO YOU.

COME TO A

M A S S M E E T I N G

ON

SUNDAY JULY 22 ND, 1956 AT 1. P.M.

AT

THE INDIAN SPORTS GROUNDS BENONI

COME TO DISCUSS:-

1. Location Permits.
2. Transport to Davytown, Boksburg and Dunswart.
3. Unemployment.
4. Organising of workers into Trade Unions.
5. COST OF LIVING.
6. PASSES FOR AFRICAN WOMEN.

HEAR PROMINENT SPEAKERS ! SHOW YOUR UNITY WITH YOUR FELLOW WORKERS !

SHOW THAT YOU ARE TIRED OF THE WHIP OF HATE AND OPPRESSION BEATING

SO HARSHLY ON YOUR BACK.

ORGANISE NOW !

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BASEBENZI AMADODA NAMAKHOSI-

KAZI MANTYANI NINQUMAMISE

LOMTHETHO WOBUKHOBOKA

OKUTHIWA YI I.C. BILL

6. Akuyikubakho manyano elizibandakanya nombutho omele izizwe  
Lomthetho wobukhoboka bazimisela ukuba bawuqinge noka u  
chasiwe ngabasebenzi kunye nabagashi, uchasiwe zii manyano za-  
basebenzi kunye namagumtu abagashi. U Rulumente akangeyiphiki  
lenda wo i S.A.C.T.U. i T.U.C. i Chamber of Commerce nda bamle  
ites ziwuchasile lomthetho ngaphandle kwe gcuntswana labo bamle  
u Calcutta, Ngokoke u Rulumente unyanzela abantu entweni  
abangayithandiyo.

5. Umphati kwishe labasebenzi woba ne gunya lokuthi naluphina  
ishishini lishishini eliyanzelekileyo "essential service" kwelo shishini  
abasebenzi abanalingo lakw traigya. Ukuba kukho isiphithiphithi  
kunikelewe kumlanhli "arbitrator" lonto ikhusela abagashi babenok-  
weza izizwe enkulu, babe abasebenzi besila yi ndala benganyusel-  
wa.

4. Inkulu mbuso inawo amagunya wokuxela nawuphina umsebenzi  
ukuba kufuneka enze waphina umsebenzi, ngamanye amazwi igunya  
lokuba abasebenzi be Bala nama Ndiya nama Afrika awanalingelo  
lakwenza umsebenzi othile olodidi lomsebenzi lelaba mhlophe.

3. U Manyano olukuxubileyo liyakuthi lahluwe ngesicelo sehlanga eli-  
thile. Imali nezinto zomanyano olo ziyakuhlulwa ngemvumelwano  
phakathi kwezi Komiti zimbini, ukuba akukho mviswano iyakwen-  
ziwa yi Industrial Registrar.

2. Zonke imanyano ezinamalungu axubileyo kufuneka zibe namasebe  
awabamhlophe nabangemhlophe. Komiti yee manyano zomxube ibe  
ngabamhlophe kuphela.

1. Ukucalula abasebenzi nge manyano zobuhlanga. Ayivumele-Kanga  
into yokuba kubekhonaa ii manyano zabe Bala nama Ndiya ezidi-  
benc nabamhlophe ngegoko bekusoloko kunjalo. Lenjongo yevo-  
kuba abasebenzi bangabi nakudibana ngenjongo ethile bacalulwe  
njengoko kunjalo kuma Afrika namhlanje.

Bewysstuk No. LLM.140 LLM.140.  
Gekry by Leslie Munnica.  
Deur 7th WORKING MEN  
Te 508 1st St. Village  
Datum 5th STAND 6 WOMEN!!  
Verwysings No. UNITE TO STOP THE SLAVE  
LABOUR BILL-INDUSTRIAL  
CONCILIATION BILL!

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3. Pass resolutions of protest and send it to the newspapers and the Minister of Labour.
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Lana Baku ocalucalulo anxaniwe anxanelwe igazi labantu. Awan-  
langa kukubhitha amalungelo ama Afrika bava lwalise inzima kunye  
ne ntshapho zawo, ngoku asukela abe Bala. Iminyaka imakhalu matha-  
thu abebala bezincutshe zokwakha, zokwenza impahla zokunxiba, izi-  
hlangu nemaphila zezindlu, kuyo yonke loo minyaka ababantu base-  
benza kakuhle ukuzange kubekho sikhatho, kwimi nyaka emashumi  
asixenxe anesihlanu ababantu benza ii manyano zabo nkomitii zabo  
zawenza unsebenzi wazo kungeko sikhatho kubantu bec manyano ezo.  
Ngoku bazakuxelwa ukuba ukwaka, ukwenza imp-ahla, nezihlangu  
abakwazi kufanelwe ukuba wenziwe ngamagcisa abamhlophe kuphela.  
Bazakuxelwa ukuba ii Komiti zabo azilunganga noxa bona bengayi-  
boni lonto, kulunge ezabamhlophe. Izi zimpenbelelo zo bukhoboka,  
abantu abasebenza panisi kwe meko ezinje abahlukanga kumakhoboka,  
lontshetho naswiliwe ngendlela zonke ningakhohliswa zi ex-...ption  
asize nizifumane, akukho nto ingunyazisa ibhi ukuba kuthi kucelwa  
i exemption yofumaneka.

## UCALUCALULO

Masingenzi impazamo, asingabasebenzi abangemhlophe kuphela  
abafunwa ukurhathyaliswa ngama Nasinalli, kodwa ama Nasinalli azi-  
misele ukudliza nu manyano nemeko zokuphila zabasebenzi u De  
Klerk uyiqondile into yokuba kwi khulu elinesixenxe zemanyano eza-  
ziwayo ngokwasemhlophe ngamashumi amane anesine zimanyano  
ezimhlophe ishumi abangemhlophe i Khulu elinamashumi amabini  
anesihlanu ee manyano ngumxube. Abasebenzi bazakela ii manyano  
zomxube kuba bakuba be manyane bokhuselwa bonke, bakuba beh-  
lukene bathi labaqeshi.

## UKUQALWA NOKUTHENGWA

Abasebenzi abamhlophe bahendwe ukuba basmkete isitembiso so-  
buxo ko ngokuba bona bakhuselwa kukuphiswano lwabangemhlophe,  
ukuba ucalulo luthi langena abasebenzi abamhlophe abasayi kuba naso  
imvuzo yabo. Iqela ngalinye labasebenzi liyakufasela ngalinye panu  
kwalomhlophe wokuba vahluha ukuze uhlale.

## EYONANTO EKUFENKA I WENZWE YONA

1. Funda eliphapha kunye nabanye abasebenzi yibanti nendlangamiso  
e factory nase zithabeni mivoxo lomhlophe. Ukuba nifuna izithethi  
sicieni sokunifuna izithethi ezinokucacisa lomhlophe.
2. Zama ukuba unyano lwakho libe nendlangamiso ngoku ungalin-  
deli ingoniso ukuze umxoxe lomhlophe kunye nezinye ii manyano  
ukuze unqumamswa lomhlophe. Abasebenzi bamanye amazwe ngo-  
kumanyana kwabo babenakho ukumnyanzela ii Kulumente ukuba ayen-  
ze imingwano yabasebenzi, bathi smakho ukuyenza lonto apha.
3. Yenzani izindululo zochaso nizithumele kumaphapha ndaba nakwi  
Nkalumbuso yabasebenzi.
4. Nyulali izihanywa naba bukeh kwingxikela ye ngqongquthela eyo-  
ba ngomthi wokugala ka March ukuya kumthi we sine ka March  
e Salt River Institute apho kuya kuxoxwa indlela nenzame ongaliwa  
ngayo lomhlophe.

# ENGINEERING WORKERS TO BE TASK OF S.A.C.T.U. TO ORGANISE

## Engineering Workers Petition their Bosses

The Transvaal Non-European Iron and Steel workers Union is at present engaged in fighting for higher wages for the engineering workers. Throughout the Witwatersrand organisers of the union have been visiting factories, forming factory committees and requesting workers to sign a petition which is attached to demands for an agreement.

It is estimated that approximately 100,000 African workers are employed in the industry throughout the country. These workers are receiving extremely meagre wages and work excessive hours.

The response to the petition is most encouraging and has considerably assisted in recruiting more members for the Union.

## MEETING IN EVATON

Engineering, Transport & Milling workers met at a public meeting in Evaton on April 17th to form a committee to assist their Unions in organising the workers in the Vanderbyl Park and Vereeniging areas.

Officials of these unions outlined the importance of forming factory committees, distributing leaflets and spreading the trade union gospel among the workers.

Representing the South African Congress of Trade Unions, a speaker appealed to the meeting to ensure that the Congress was made known to all the workers of South Africa as a truly democratic Trade Union co-ordinating centre which would be capable of uniting the workers in the fight against exploitation and oppression.

A resolution welcoming the establishment of S.A.C.T.U. and pledging all those present at the meeting to actively assist in its work was unanimously adopted.

A further resolution in support of the Boycott of Bantu Education was agreed to with applause.

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ATTENTION ALL WORKERS!  
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Ten years ago, (In October 1945) representatives of workers from all countries of the world met to form an organisation which would unite the working people of the world into ONE POWERFUL ORGANISATION. As a result of this great meeting THE WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS WAS BORN!

During the ten years of the Life of the W.F.T.U. Millions of Workers have received support and encouragement from it.

During these ten years, We, the working people of South Africa have also been assisted by the W.F.T.U. in our heroic struggle for freedom.

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== M A S S == M E E T I N G . ==

TO CELEBRATE THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE W.F.T.U., THE SOUTH AFRICAN CONGRESS OF TRADE UNIONS APPEALS TO ALL WORKERS TO ATTEND A MEETING AT:

THE TRADES HALL, on  
SATURDAY OCTOBER 15th, 1955.  
AT 2 P.M.

WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE - YOU  
HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BUT YOUR CHAINS.

Issued by the Witwatersrand Local Committee of the S.A.A.C.T.U.  
30, Progress Buildings, 156 Commissioner Street, Johannesburg.

*Handwritten signature and date:*  
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(e) COMRADES STAND TOGETHER!!!

Let's  
Keep  
the  
fight

ATTENTION ALL WORKERS

The Crosse & Blackwell Conciliation Board has dissolved.

The bosses of Crosse & Blackwell refused to reach an Agreement unless other factories were Organised too.

COMRADES WE MUST STAND FIRM. WE MUST UNITE FOR. —

3 WEEKS ANNUAL LEAVE

HIGHER WAGES — SHORTER HOURS

The bosses are Organised — Let US be Organised too

WE ARE NOT DEFEATED =

We WARN our Bosses that we are impatient — We want higher PAY

WE ARE DETERMINED TO ORGANISE THE WHOLE INDUSTRY  
WE CALL UPON THE WORKERS OF BROOKES LEMOS  
CARTWRIGHTS, JOHN MOIR, ROYAL BAKING POWDER  
and UNION VINEGAR & OTHERS TO JOIN HANDS

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the WORKERS

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# THE FOOD & CANNING WORKERS UNION HOLDS ITS 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE *by Leon Levy*

Under the inspiring leadership of Ray Alexander and Frank Marquard, the now banned leaders of the Food & Canning Workers' Union, the Union, in its 14th year, has taken its place beside the most militant and outstanding trade unions in the world - and to-day - stands out as a leading trade union in South Africa.

The 14th Annual Conference of the Union was somewhat different to previous conferences. With the banning of Comrade Ray and seven other leading officials, the task of conducting and organizing the conference fell to the workers. Not even the acting General Secretary, Becky Lan, was able to attend, due to her being banned from gatherings.

66 delegates, representing 17 branches of the Food & Canning Workers' Union met in Cape Town on August 27th and 28th, 1955, to hold the 14th Annual Conference.

The delegates assembled together clearly demonstrated to South Africa and the world - that despite the blows dealt by the Government in the removal of its leaders; despite the costly court cases in which it had been involved, the Union had increased in strength; the Union was a living, dynamic force, moving forward to greater heights.

With a pride so ingrained that no force could crush it, delegates listened to the written report of the Acting General Secretary being read. The report elaborated on the large number of wage agreements concluded since the previous conference, on the progress of the branches, on the I.C. Act, and the effects of the Native Settlement of Disputes Act.

The Conference turned its attention to the housing shortages, to Bantu Education, the lot system, and the slave conditions of the farm labourers, the Suppression of Communism Act, and a host of other issues affecting workers in all industries.

## Adoption of Freedom Charter

The Freedom Charter was read to the Conference, its message firing the imagination of all. Its freshness seemed to seep into the very marrow of delegates and rip the dark clouds away from the future. The spirit of the Charter captured the Conference and refused to leave it. Every delegate pledged himself to spread its gospel!

## Police Interrupt

In a shameful attempt to intimidate the delegates, three Special Branch detectives, under the pretext of looking for the banned leaders, interrupted the Conference.

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ONDERGANG?

OF

SEKURITEIT

VIR U?

WETSGNTWERP

NYWERHEIDSVERSOENINGS-

WAT BETEKEN DIE

MEDE-VARBONDID!

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FELLOW TRADE UNIONIST

WHAT DOES THE

INDUSTRIAL CONCILIATION BILL

MEAN TO YOU?

SECURITY

OR

CATASTROPHE?

*See Overleaf*

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# GEVAAR VIR VAKBONDE EN LONE!

## Waarom het Werkers Vakbonde?

om hulle krag te gee as teenwig teen die krag van die werkgewers,  
om die belange van werkers te beskerm en te bevorder  
om gesamentlik te onderhandel vir lone en werkstoestande.

## Wat het ons Vakbonde Uitgerig?

Hoër lone! Minder werksure! Jaarlikse Betaalde Vakansies!  
Teepouses en behoorlike etensure!  
Siekte-, Werkloosheids-, Pensioen- en Voorzieningsfondse!

en  
Beter Werkstoestande oor die algemeen.

Hierdie dinge het ons verkry deur gesamentlike onderhandelings  
en soms deur middel van stakingsaksie en deur ons  
EENDRAGTIGE KRAG.

## NOU MOET ONS VAKBONDE OPGEBREEK WORD!

HOE? — Deur middel van artikel 4 van die Nywerheidsver-  
soeningswetsontwerp.

## Verdeel en Heers!

Ons vakbonde kan opgebreek word in klein nuttelose groepies,  
wat sal uitloop op 'n verlagting van lone en ander peile.  
Sommige vakbonde kan tot in 50 of meer klein groepies  
opgebreek word.

TERWYL DIE VAKBONDE SO VERDEEL EN VERSWAK  
WORD, SAL DIE BASE SE ORGANISASIES VERENIGD  
EN STERK BLY, AANGESIEN HULLE VAN HIERDIE  
BEPALINGS VAN DIE WET UITGESLUIT IS.

## MET WATTER VAKBOND OF GROEP SAL DIE WERKGEWERS ONDERHANDEL?

Julie base —

Onder sulke toestande is dit waarskynlik dat werkgewers  
sal soeter om vir dieselfde soort toestande met betsonde agname  
te onderhandel en sal dit aan die Regering oorlaat om hulle  
lone te beheer. Dit sal die einde van die streef van gesament-  
like onderhandelings beteken, en dit sal aan die Loonraad oor-  
gelat word om werksooreenkomste te stel.

IS U BEREID OM U REG FRYE TE GEE OM DEUR U  
VAKBONDE VIR U EIE WERKSTOESTANDE TE ONDER-  
HANDEL, EN MAAR DIE VERSTELLINGS VAN DIE LOON-  
RAAD AAN TE NEEM?

HIERDIE WETSONTWERP SAL LAER LONE EN SLEOTER  
TOESTANDE VIR U EN U GESIN BETEKEN. IS DIT WAT  
U BEGEER?

SPAN SAAM IN U VAKBONDE! WOON VAKBONDVER-  
GADERINGS BY! BEVEG HIERDIE WETSONTWERP!  
VEG OM U VAKBONDE EN U LONE TE HAND-  
HAAF!

# EENDRAG MAAK MAG

Hou dop vir pamflette 2, 3 en 4 wat oor ander gesamentlike bepalinge van  
hierdie Wetsontwerp gaan.

# UNITY IS STRENGTH

AND YOUR WAGES!  
FIGHT THIS BIL! FIGHT TO MAINTAIN YOUR UNION!  
HATE TO YOUR ENIONS! ATTEND ENION MEETINGS!  
WHAT YOU WANT!  
CONDITIONS FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IS THAT  
THIS BIL WILL MEAN REDDED WAGES AND WORSE  
DETERMINATIONS!  
NEGOTIATE YOUR OWN WORKING CONDITIONS  
ARE YOU PREPARED TO FORGO YOUR RIGHT TO  
NEGOTIATE YOUR ENIONS AND ACCEPT WAGE BOARD  
DETERMINATIONS?  
conditions of employment  
system and it will be left to the Wage Board to determine  
negotiate with conficting bodies for the same type of  
conditions and you leave it to the Government to control their  
Your Donose say:  
For such conditions employers are likely to refuse  
to negotiate with conficting bodies for the same type of

## WITH WHICH UNION OR GROUP WILL THE EMPLOYERS NEGOTIATE?

EXCLUDED FROM THESE PROVISIONS OF THE BIL.  
REMAIN UNITED AND STRONG, AS THEY ARE  
WEAK. THE EMPLOYERS ORGANISATIONS WILL  
WHILE THE UNIONS WILL THUS BE DIVIDED AND  
Groups  
standards. Some unions can be split into 50 and more little  
Groups, which must result in a reduction in wage and other  
Our trade unions can be broken up into small ineffective

## Divide and Rule!

HOW? — by Section 4 of the new Industrial Condition BIL

## NOW OUR UNIONS ARE TO BE BROKEN UP!

strike action through our UNITED STRENGTH!  
These we obtained by collective bargaining and sometimes by  
Better Working Conditions generally.  
and  
Stock, Employment, Pension and Provident Funds!  
Tea Breaks and Proper Lunch Intervals!  
Higher Wages, Shorter Hours, Annual Paid Leave!

## What have our Unions Achieved?

to bargain collectively for wages and other conditions of work;  
to protect and further the interests of workers;  
employees;  
to balance their power in relation to the power of the

## Why do Workers have Trade Unions?

## DANGER TO TRADE UNIONS AND WAGES!

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The Nationalist Government has attempted through Bantu Education to enslave the African people forever.

The Nationalist Government has banned workers' leaders and passed the Native Settlement of Disputes Act in an attempt to cripple the African Trade Unions.

It has attempted to destroy the lives of the Coloured people and reduced them to fear and discontent.

It intends to impose passes on African women,

But not satisfied with their attacks, not content with the hardship and misery that they have forced on the working people, they NOW aim to CRUSH THE ENTIRE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT THROUGH THE I.C. AMENDMENT BILL!

WHAT DOES THIS NEW ANTI-TRADE UNION LAW MEAN?

The I.C. Amendment Bill aims to stifle all workers' opposition, in order that:-

BOSSSES MAY GROW RICHER AND REAP FATTER PROFITS:

FARMERS OBTAIN CHEAPER LABOUR:

AFRICAN WORKERS KEPT ON THE RESERVES TO STARVE:

AFRICAN WORKERS CAN FEED NEW FACTORIES NEAR THE RESERVES:

FARM JAILS MAY BE KEPT FULL AND PRISONERS SOLD AT STARVATION WAGES:

THE I.C. AMENDMENT BILL MEANS THAT WORKERS WILL LIVE AT THE PIG LEVEL OF EXISTENCE.

IT MEANS THAT WORKERS OF ALL RACES WILL BE PREVENTED FROM UNITING AND SMASHING EMPLOYERS' OPPOSITION TO HIGHER WAGES AND BETTER CONDITIONS.

W E   S H A L L   N E V E R   A G R E E   T O   S T A R V E !

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The Nationalist Government will not easily silence us, not while our children, wives and mothers must be cared for.

Our determination to smash the I.C. Amendment Bill will grow stronger and stronger.

We want the right to withdraw our labour, which the I.C. Bill forbids.

WE WANT TO KEEP THE TRADE UNIONS INDEPENDENT OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHICH IS THE AIM OF THE I.C. BILL.

WORKERS UNITE!

NOW IS THE TIME FOR US TO UNITE!.....IF YOU HAVE A TRADE UNION SEE THAT IT FIGHTS THE I.C. BILL.....IF YOU HAVE NOT GOT A TRADE UNION THEN COME TO THE OFFICES OF THE S.A. CONGRESS OF TRADE UNIONS AT 30, PROGRESS BUILDINGS, HOMMISSIONER STREET, JOHANNESBURG, WHICH FIGHTS FOR THE RIGHTS OF ALL WORKERS OF ALL RACES FOR HIGHER PAY, SHORTER HOURS, BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS AND A HAPPIER LIFE!..LONG LIVE THE UNITY OF THE WORKERS.....DOWN WITH THE I.C. BILL.

COME TO A PROTEST MEETING ON SUNDAY 5th FEBRUARY, 1956, AT 10 A.M. AT THE TRADES HALL, NO. 3, 30, KERK STREET, JOHANNESBURG.

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MAY DAY IS WORKERS FREEDOM DAY.

May day is the working people's holiday. In those parts of the world where the exploitation of the workers is a thing of the past, May Day is a day of joyous celebration; and in those countries, like our own, where the workers are underpaid and overworked and a strike for better conditions is a criminal offence, May Day is a day of optimistic determination dedicated to the winning of freedom.

On May 1st 1886, 350,000 American workers- whose conditions were then as bad as those of ourselves today - came out on strike for the 8- hour day.

"We want to feel the sunshine; we want  
to smell the flowers;  
We're sure that God has willed it,  
and we mean to have eight hours.  
We're summoning our forces from  
shipyard, shop and mill;  
Eight hours for work, eight hours for rest,  
Eight hours for what we will!"  
they sang.

The workers were met with brutal violence. Eight of their leaders were arrested, four were hanged.

But their action forced the bosses to agree to improvements in their working conditions.

And three years later, when representatives of the workers of the whole world met for the first time in the conference of the International Working Men's Association, it was decided to commemorate the heroic struggle of the American workers by making May Day the workers holiday throughout the world.

One of the American working class martyrs murdered for leading the strike had declared from the scaffold: " THERE WILL COME A TIME WHEN OUR SILENCE WILL BE MORE POWERFUL THEN THE VOICES YOU ARE STRANGLING TO-DAY."

His words have been proved true. Every year since 1889 the workers throughout the world have celebrated May Day as their day. From the very beginning it has been linked with the struggle for socialism, for peace, for freedom.

EVERY YEAR THE MASSIVE MEMORY OF THE SILENT MARTYRS HAS THUNDERED MORE LOUDLY THE MESSAGE TO THE CLASS WHICH MURDERED THEM:  
"- SOCIALISM. PEACE. FREEDOM!"

In the Soviet Union, China and the People's Democracies, May Day is a public holiday. Great, joyful celebrations are held in every city and village. And in many other countries where the working class, their trade unions and people's organisations are strong, May Day has also been won as a holiday.

Like the workers of all other lands, South Africans have each year honoured and celebrated this holiday.

MAY 1st, IS A DAY IN WHICH SOUTH AFRICAN HISTORY, TOO, HAS BEEN WRITTEN IN THE BLOOD OF THE WORKING PEOPLE. MAY DAY, 1951, WILL BE RECORDED IN OUR WORKING CLASS HISTORY AS ONE OF THE GREATEST AND MOST HEROIC BATTLES OF THE PEOPLE AGAINST OPPRESSION.

IN SPITE OF UNPRECEDENTED PRESSURE AND TERROR, WITH ALL THEIR MEETINGS BANNED, WITH MOUNTED POLICE PATROLLING THE STREETS, THE RAND'S INDUSTRIES CAME TO A STANDSTILL AS AFRICAN, INDIAN AND COLOURED WORKERS, OBSERVING THEIR DAY AS FREEDOM DAY REFUSED TO GO TO WORK.

And on the evening of that day, in Benoni, in Alexandra, in Sophiatown, twenty people lost their lives, killed by police sten gun bullets.

THE SILENCE OF SOUTH AFRICA'S MAY DAY MARTYRS FREEDOM WILL ALSO BE PROVED TO BE MORE POWERFUL THAN THE BULLETS WHICH KILLED THEM. LET US, THIS MAY DAY, HONOUR AND REMEMBER THE WORKING PEOPLE OF ALL LANDS, UNITED IN THE COURAGE AND SPIRIT, WHO HAVE FOUGHT, DIED FOR - AND WON, FREEDOM.

LET US DEDICATE OURSELVES TO THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM IN SOUTH AFRICA.

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"We Africans are being robbed of our money when we get sick from a disease called mine phthisis; we get much less than the European miner."

This is known to every African miner. But how many know that the robbery is even greater under a new law made only this year?

#### Old Benefits.

Under the old law, an African miner who suffered from Silicosis, or from tuberculosis (after 8 years) was paid:

Either £180 or 36 times his monthly wages (including food and lodging) whichever was the GREATER.

This meant that no one got less than £180 and some got as much as £500, or even £700 compensation.

For instance, an African earning £10 a month, piece work and wages, would get  $36 \times £10 = £360$ .

#### New Benefits

Under the new Pneumoconiosis Act of 1956, only one amount is fixed as compensation: £240

This will mean more for some, less for others.

#### AFRICANS, AS A WHOLE, WILL GAIN NOTHING

WE AFRICANS WHO GET THIS SICKNESS ARE SACKED AT ONCE; WE GO BACK TO OUR HOMES WITH THIS LITTLE MONEY, AND DIE.

That is not how the white miner is treated. His sickness is graded into four stages, according to how sick he is.

In the first stage he gets £480 cash: (twice as much as the African can ever hope to get) and goes on working for his ordinary wage.

In the second stage he also goes on working, but gets a PENSION of £12 per month for himself, £3 for his wife and £1.10.0 for his child.

In the third stage, he may not work underground; usually he gets a nice, easy job on the mines, and in addition to his wage is paid £18 per month for himself, £6 for his wife, and £3 for each child.

In the fourth stage, the PENSION for a man with a wife and child is £36 a month. He is paid this even though he sits at home and does nothing.

A white miner's pension is paid to him as long as he lives; when he dies his wife and children get their pensions until she dies and the children reach the age of 18 years.

THE AFRICAN MINER, HOWEVER, GETS NOTHING FOR HIS WIFE OR CHILD. ONCE HE HAS DRAWN THE £240 HE IS ENTITLED TO NOTHING ELSE.

African miners can't claim this whole sum of £240 and use it as they like.

This money is taken by the Native Affairs Department and paid to the African worker in whatever way it likes. If he dies, his wife and children can't claim it of right. They can only get it if the Native Affairs Department says they are dependants.



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Unclaimed compensation held by the Native Affairs Department on the 31st March, 1955 amounted to £767,905.

DEMAND PENSIONS FOR AFRICANS CERTIFIED TO HAVE SILICOSIS AND T.B.

PROTECT YOUR LIVES AND YOUR WIVES AND CHILDREN. DEMAND THE SAME TREATMENT AS THE WHITE MINERS.

YOUR BENEFITS BELONG TO YOU ! SEE THAT YOU GET THE BENEFITS, AND NOT THE NATIVE AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT !

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