

Dear Comrade. As early as 1945,

The then Smuts Government ~~intend~~ intended to recognise African Trade Unions (African Trade Unions means = workers who are not white and as they are not white they are not workers <sup>within</sup> the meaning of ~~South African~~ African white civilisation)

The recognition was then held back for reasons not to be known to us.

We can disclose the reasons which lead to none recognition of the Black workers.

Employers, not only employers but all the white are ~~to~~ much afraid, too much that if an African can have the right to speak for his rights ~~to~~ if he fails to get what he wants he will sit down and no work can go on. He being the only person who is doing the most heavy job. Therefore he can not be given the right to speak for his demands.



or example: the whites do not  
want African to go and speak  
for themselves in the Parliament  
where laws are made.  
Africans are not allowed to  
make a part in making  
these laws.

These are full reasons that if  
Africans are to make laws  
for themselves they cannot elect  
a person like Mr. Mentz  
Chairman of Native Affairs Board  
to represent the interests  
of workers as Mr. Mentz  
represents the interests of  
Industrialists of this country.

Let us challenge Mr. Mentz  
under certain clause of his  
laws so that he must  
show cause without reservation  
that he has the interests of  
workers at heart.



Mr. Mertz is a <sup>3</sup> ~~an~~ ~~partial~~ one sided  
man who looks after the interests  
of big employers have nothing to  
do with workers? he says  
employers must have nothing to do  
with the physical workers which  
want to negotiate with their  
employers for better conditions of  
work, and higher wages.

Now first of all who are  
the African Trade Unions?

The workers' representatives  
who are elected by workers  
to represent their grievances  
before their employers. Mr. Mertz  
says employers must never  
speak to them because he Mr. Mertz  
shall speak for workers.

Who elected Mr. Mertz?  
where are, and what are  
the demands of the workers?  
But Mertz rush to employers  
having not heard from  
workers what they want.



Mr. Ments detests the workers having to speak for themselves because he says the Africans are too childish they cannot speak for themselves.

Is there any democracy in speaking for a man more advanced than your self, because Africans are more qualified than Ments. Mr. Ments can bring his qualification in the public bar and Africans theirs. to see and compare who is more advanced.

Mr. Ments hates workers and is much afraid of them.

Everywhere, where there is an acquaintance of Mr. Ments phone a Special Branch of the political detectives to go to a factory to intimidate the workers.

Mr. Ments then send each every worker a summons to appear in court at a particular time.

The detectives takes the names and addresses of the workers.



to prosecute the workers.  
The case always runs a coverlet  
system off workers are not defended.  
in court only to appear for  
less than three minutes. This

Charge - Contravened Native Labour  
Settlement of dispute act 1953.  
Fine £10 or 14 days hard  
compulsory labour.

Now you can see that out of  
300 workers Mr Menty makes  
£3000 at once within 03 minutes.

Let us ask ourselves questions.  
what is really Mr. Menty?  
what does he stand for?  
what does he represent?

The answer speaks itself.

Mr Menty is a chief commissioner  
of the police, in disguise he  
appear like a chairman of the  
Labour Board.

He is there to arrest and convict  
any workers who ask for an  
improvement to his working conditions



Once a worker ask an employer  
to consider his (the workers) rise.

The workers is named a Communist  
and must be suppressed, reported  
he is a danger to the industry

workers you can not be lured  
by an aparthoid mad person  
like Meutz who stand for  
European Only and then you  
say: he will ask an increase  
for you.

Let us challenge him:

Can Mr Meutz demands from  
the employer a 40 hour week  
5 Day week

Basic  
minimum wages of £1 per day

3 weeks paid Leave.

Sick Benefit Scheme

unemployment benefit for all workers

Pension for all workers

Equal pay for equal work.

One and one half over time rate

Double pay for Sundays work.  
and Public Holiday



We want to speak and negotiate with our employers

We ~~do not~~ want Government.

interference, we do not <sup>want</sup> special

Branch Detective to come and interfere with our demands.

We want to settle our demands peacefully

no intimidation

no victimisation

Injury to one is an injury to all.

No compromise.



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