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When man wants to catch a lion, bird or any other living creature he often sets a trap to get capture them. ~~They~~ ~~sets~~ the trap is by putting some tempting morsel to fool the creature. The animal being hungry does not see the trap set for its destruction.

The government knows that we are starving. That our wages are low and our working conditions are very bad. They know that the boss throws us on the street whenever it suits him and if we don't get work soon we are sent to slave under the shamjok on the farms. Our wives and children do not know what has happened to us.

Because of these hardships we organise to improve our conditions. We go to the boss and tell him about our grievances and try to put them right sometimes we strike.

Because the government wants to keep us down they have made no laws giving us rights to fight for higher wages and improvements in our conditions of work. But in spite of this there are many of us who organised and managed to get some improvement.

The government does not want us to organise. They know that if most of us are organised strongly the age of low wages and bad working conditions are over. They are afraid of our strength.

THE TRAP

Because they are afraid of our strength they have made a law which they call "The Native Labour Settlement of Disputes Act". The Act however is a slave labour act. This law is designed to give the government power to fix our wages at what the government thinks we should earn. We have no right in putting our case forward for what we think we should get. The Act does not allow us to demand our £10 per week but gives the government power to fix our wages at £1.10.0. per week or even less if the government wishes it to be so.

They pretend that this law will make our lives easier.

THE LAW HAS FAILED

Up to now the government has not been able to make this law work because the people will have nothing to do with it. Whenever workers in a factory have gone to the boss and demanded more wages the Government Inspectors have rushed to the spot and tried to get a committee elected under government supervision, to sit in conference with the boss. This committee is not empowered to insist on higher wages, shorter hours, overalls and so on. The main job of the committee is to stop the fight for these things.

Government inspectors have gone around to various workshops & factories and tried to get committees working. Practically everywhere they have failed. We have turned them down.

It has now been reported that persons are going to factories and workshops in cars with number plates other than G.G. When we see a G.G. car we know straight away that it is the Government and we have nothing to do with them. These people say that they are from Trade Unions and we must take our complaints to the magistrates court. Whether these people are government officials we don't know but they are certainly not from proper Trade Unions.

We have not fallen into the trap but the Government will try even harder to get us there. We will be told that this law can bring us higher wages, to bluff us they might even give one or two workers increases, this is their bait. But because we are hungry we must not rush blindly to the bait put there to tempt us.

WHAT MUST WE DO

First of all we must have nothing to do with anyone who tries to get us to work with our boss and government inspectors under the Native Labour Settlements of Disputes Act.

We must organise into Trade Unions. We must organise meetings during lunch hours at the place where we work. We must elect a

committee to represent us. This committee must contact workers in other factories ~~which do the same work as our own~~ who do the same work. These workers must also hold meetings and elect committees. Then there must be meetings between the various committees. At these meetings the problems of the workers in the whole industry must be discussed.

The committees must get in touch with their Trade Unions or if there is no Trade Union for a particular industry then get in touch with the S.A. Congress of Trade Unions at.....

..... Ask your Union or the S.A Congress of Trade Unions to send a speaker to your ~~fact~~ place of work and other places of work as well. In this way we will be able to act together as one unit with our fellow workers in an industry to bring about improvements.

The days of workers in factory X trying to get increases for themselves are over. As soon as attempts are made the government officials are there and the attempt is crushed. The workers in factory X must form a committee, get other factories to form committees, go to their trade unions and then fight for improvements for the whole industry. The days for Mr B wanting overalls ~~for~~ ~~himself~~ for himself are over. If Mr B. shouts too much he will find that the government has sent him to a farm. We must fight together for overalls for all.

The only hope for higher wages, better working conditions, unemployment benefits, adequate compensation for accidents is to organise in the way which this leaflet tells us. If you need advice on various problems make use of the offices of the S.A Congress of Trade Unions.

When we start to organise we must not expect improvements today or tomorrow. We must get on with the job. The harder we work and the harder we fight the more we will learn of the causes of our sufferings and the sooner we will get improvements.

Let us get our committees going without delay, let us get other places to get their committees without delay. Let us go regularly to our Trade Unions to talk about our problems. Once we start doing this we will be on the road to a better life. We will be on the road to a better living standard, peace and happiness.

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