



SAAMTREK

*You are cordially invited to attend a
Cocktail Party
in celebration of the appearance of
Saamtrek*

THE WORKERS' PAPER.

*to be held at the City Hall, Johannesburg,
on Thursday, 4th September, 1952, from 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.*

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(PLEASE PRESENT THIS CARD AT THE DOOR)



SAAMTREK

*U word vriendelik uitgenooi om 'n
Skemerkelk-partytjie
by te woon met die eerste verskyning van*

Saamtrek

DIE WERKERS SE KOERANT.

*in die Stadsaal, Johannesburg,
Donderdag, 4 September, 1952, vanaf 5.30 nm. tot 7.30 nm.*

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SAAMTREK

WORKERS!

YOUR OWN NEWSPAPER

SAAMTREK

will be born on

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5,

and will appear weekly in Afrikaans and English

TO FIGHT FOR YOUR RIGHTS!

THIS IS WHAT IT WILL CONTAIN:

NEWS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

SPORTING FEATURES.

CARTOONS.

PHOTO-STORIES.

TRADE UNION EVENTS.

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE PROBLEMS WHICH CONCERN YOU MOST CLOSELY.

HOW YOU CAN HELP "SAAMTREK":

- Become a subscriber and read "SAAMTREK."
 - Get your friends to buy and subscribe to "SAAMTREK."
 - See that "SAAMTREK" is sold at your place of work and at meetings of your trade union branch.
 - Put up "SAAMTREK" posters (which will appear weekly).
 - Send us news and photographs concerning your fellow-workers, your conditions of work, and yourself.
 - Collect money for "SAAMTREK."
 - Get your trade union to invest money in "SAAMTREK."
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GET SUBSCRIPTION BOOKS AND INFORMATION ABOUT
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WERKERS!

JULLE EIE KOERANT

SAAMTREK

SAL VRYDAG, 5 SEPTEMBER,

die lig sien en weekliks in Afrikaans en Engels verskyn

OM VIR JULLE REGTE TE STRY!

WAT DAARIN SAL VERSKYN:

NUUS VAN SPESIALE BELANG VIR U EN U GESIN.
SPORT.

SPOTPRENTE.

FOTO-VERHALE.

VAKBONDNUUS.

DIE WAARHEID OOR VRAAGSTUKKE WAT U DIE NOUSTE RAAK.

HOE U „SAAMTREK” KAN HELP:

- Teken in en lees „SAAMTREK.”
- Oorreed u vriende om „SAAMTREK” te koop en daarop in te teken.
- Sorg dat „SAAMTREK” op u werksplekke en vakbondvergaderings verkoop word.
- Vertoon „SAAMTREK”-plakkate by u werksplek.
- Stuur ons nuus en foto's oor u medewerkers, u werkstoestande en uself.
- Kollekteer geld vir „SAAMTREK.”
- Oorreed u vakbond om geld in „SAAMTREK” te belê.

KRY INTEKENBOEKE EN INLIGTING OOR „SAAMTREK”
DEUR TE SKRYF AAN:

SAAMTREK, POSBUS 4719, JOHANNESBURG.

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Saantrek ¹⁹⁵² —

Background

- State of T.U.
 - State of Nat conf
+ opposition
 - State of LP
 - My own
situation
 - Nat. laws
against T.U.
leaders —
esp. Sachs.
 - ~~Saantrek~~
 - T.U. Backing
for Saantrek
(their paper)
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Schaelman wanted end of "foreign British" etc replaced
by SA own, etc.

charitable, welfare, org. dominated by DRC
forgetting that SA labours had its own
industrial history. (1908, 1913, 14, 19, 22)

Whites

Extract (1/18/9
(2nd issue)

1. Attendance at
✓ Cocktail party
2. Policy (politics,
etc.)
3. My toast +
my article
4. Appeal to
unions
5. Dawie Bougen
editor

Saamtrek

HISTORY

First issue 5 Sept. 1952 "Workers Own Weekly Newspaper"

price 3d. (Charing)
Directors: A. Nepple, Carl Lehms, A. Scheepers, P. J. Huyser
R. Chanani (Nat Union of Comm Travellers)
Unity Publications (City) Ltd ^{Chairman} Dawie Bouzgn - editor
Cocktail party Jhb. City Hall 4 Sept. to celebrate appearance of paper.

6th Nov. 1952 Ed. Sachs (Business Manager) reports working loss for first two months of £1904.16.8

Controversy between Ben Sachs vs Piet Huyser (BWIU) & Dawie Hartwell (Gen. Secy T+LC)

6th March 1953 - Nepple gives printers of Saamtrek Barker's guarantee for £1000

8 May 1953 Dawie submits review of paper's progress thus far.

1 May Editor writes asking me to continue Parliamentary Parade

8 June 1953 Ed. Board + T+LC reps meet to consider state of finances, etc

Jan 1954 conflict between Huyser & Bouzgn

March 1954

17 Nov. 1954 editor resigns etc

Last issue Saamtrek February 1957

Background: (GWU)

8 May 1952 Min. of Justice serves notice under S. C Act. No. 44 of 1950 on G.S. (Solly) Sachs, gen. sec. of the GWU of SA. prohibiting him from attending any gathering whatever for a period of 2 yrs. (excluding recreational, religious or social gatherings)

24 May 1952 GWU holds public meeting on Job City Hall Steps with permission of City Cncl. to protest against ban. Sachs addressed meeting at Job Trade Hall, Kent St. & then led procession of banner-bearing workers, mainly women, to Job City Hall Sd. Steps, favourite forum for radical meetings & demon.

Among speakers were H. Davidoff, Labour MP & Saml Tighy ULP - MP. Sachs then began to address the gathering when a force of armed police emerged from City Hall, mounted the platforms & arrested Sachs. Took him forcibly into City Hall. Large crowd followed, loudly protesting. The police baton-charged them, forcing them on to the street, & then retired, apparently satisfied with their achievement. Then suddenly they returned, in greater force, & began fiercely hitting all & sundry with their batons.

A report to the train. of ^{by} the deputy Comm. of Police of the WW Rand, stated: (see pp. 61-2) The P.M. stated in parl. (p. 46)

Minister refuses to appoint Comm. of Inquiry. T & L.C., jointly with the Civil Rights League then ~~appointed~~ Adv. NE Coaker QC, Adv. H.C. Julia & Adv. WS. McEwan sponsored its own C. of Inq. comprising - - - This Comm. reported: (p. 57-8)

Sachs ban remained

[go through]

Saamtrik

- Cocktail party 5th Sept
- 1200 guests - workers, businessmen, politicians, lawyers, journalists, etc
- I proposed toast to Saamtrik as a director of Unity Publication (Pty) Ltd
- Jan Venter Ch. of TOLC. welcomed guests
- I wrote a weekly column "Parade Parade"

2nd Issue (12 Sept)

"Saamtrik ~~is~~ was found necessary to put forward the economic problems of the workers & give publicity to aspects which have not been properly brought to the notice of the public in other papers --- Saamtrik will not be afraid to become political where the interests of the workers are affected but its approach to politics will not be along party lines. The one aim will always be the interests of the workers ---"

"A number of unions have invested in Saamtrik. Make it your task to bring your own union into the Saamtrik organisation, and canvass subscriptions for the paper, or sell copies in your factory"



* ~~At our last party I proposed to read to Stuck~~
Sachs Article in 2nd issue: - p 11

→ "Unless the European workers of SA wake up
 & act with energy & determination, they will
 be driven back to post-warism, slums &
 mealeaf standards ---"

But the unions, our jobs, our standards, our
 liberties, our future & the future of our
 children are threatened with destruction by
 the Nat govt. The threat extends to all workers
 European & Non-E. --- "

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