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SAAWU AND BORDER REGION SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE

UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT

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Dear Friends

The following twelve organisations have come together in an ad hoc committee to condemn Sebe's 'government' for banning Saawu and attacking the people of the Border region:

UDF (United Democratic Front)
Saawu (South African Allied Workers Union)
Cusa (Council of Unions of South Africa)
Mawu (Metal and Allied Workers Union)
Ccawusa (Commercial Catering and Allied Workers Union)
AFCWU (African Food and Canning Workers Union)
Sacwu (SA Chemical Workers Union)
Gawu (General and Allied Workers Union)
Saldwu (SA Laundry and Drycleaning Workers Union)
Sasdu (SA Scooter Drivers Union)
OVGWU (Orange Vaal General Workers Union)
Descom (Detainees Support Committee)

So far the committee has had two meetings at which it was decided there were three main areas of solidarity work:
Publicity and Education
Solidarity Action by workers
Fundraising

The UDF hosted a press conference which was attended by journalists who were informed of the situation in the Border region.

Later in the week the UDF called a public lunch hour meeting at Khotso House in Johannesburg to express solidarity with Saawu and the Border region. The meeting was attended by

two hundred people and were addressed by speakers from Saawu in the Eastern Cape, UDF , and Ccawusa.

Education and Solidarity action

All unions present at the initial meeting agreed to return to their members and discuss ways in which they could educate their members about what is happening in the region and plan solidarity action.

Fundraising

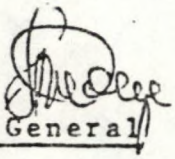
All unions present committed themselves to consulting their membership about raising funds for relief for the families of detainees and also for detainees in need of medical or legal assistance.

If your members have made donations, these could be posted to the above address, or delivered personally to the UDF offices, 4th Floor, Khotso House, de Villiers Street, Johannesburg. The meeting decided that all contributions will be channeled through Descom in Johannesburg to Descom in East London. Cheques to Descom.

The next meeting of the committee will be at 3:00oclock at the UDF offices, fourth Floor, Khotso House , Johannesburg on the 5 October 1983.

Yours in Solidarity

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UDF Secretary General

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