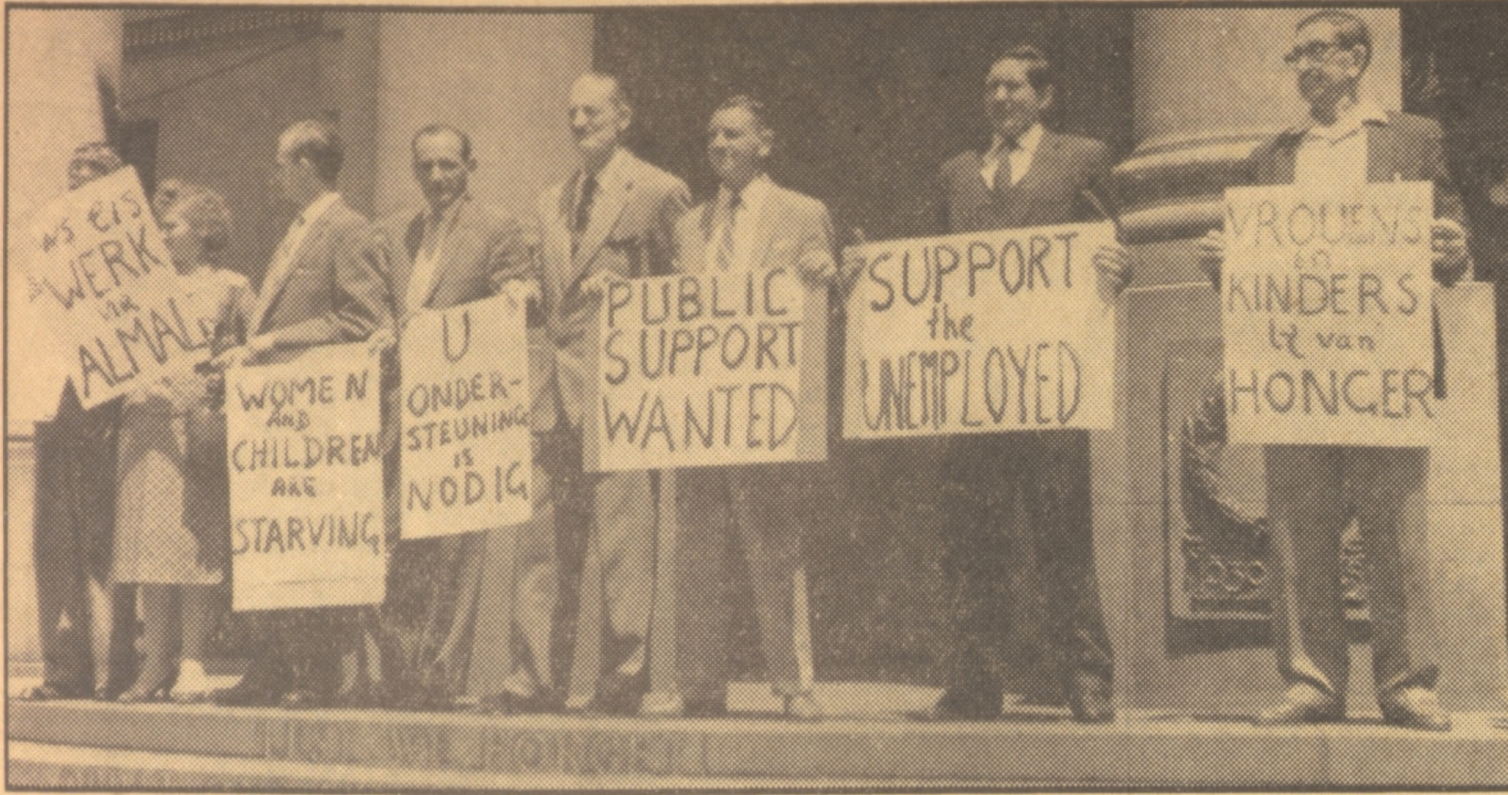


WHITE WORKERS FEEL THE PINCH



These are some of the unemployed White workers who gave Department of Labour officials a rough time in Johannesburg recently.

African Unemployed Hit Hardest

SACTU Memo To P.E. Council

PORT ELIZABETH.

A SACTU deputation was informed that the Deputy Mayor of Port Elizabeth was busy playing host to the American Navy, when they presented a memorandum on unemployment to the municipality last Monday.

The Mayor of Port Elizabeth was recovering from an operation and was also unable to meet the delegation.

The SACTU memorandum said:

- That it was alarming that the municipality was stepping up prosecutions for rent at a time when many people were out of work;

- That the police were also stepping up arrests of "idlers" and filling the jails with people who had committed no crimes;

- That the Labour Bureaux were serving primarily the employers and not the workers, and was the central point of the pass system restricting the movement of workers from job to job and from town to town and therefore creating a surplus of labour, the unemployed, in many areas;

- That unemployment hit the low wage group the hardest as the greatest number of African unemployed were not entitled to Unemployment Benefits as they earned below £5.3.3d.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

SACTU demanded that all workers irrespective of wage or salary earned, should be entitled to Unemployment Benefits, and stated that an increase in wages would accelerate the economy generally and raise the living standard of the workers.

All rent prosecutions should stop, the memorandum stated. The pass system and police raids should cease, and in order to secure a healthy economy and security for workers, a minimum wage of R3 a day should be paid.

TIC Exposes Group Areas Plan

JOHANNESBURG

THE Benoni branch of the Transvaal Indian Congress has issued a hard hitting pamphlet exposing a crude plan by the Benoni Town Council and the Group Areas authorities to isolate the Indian people of Benoni.

Proposals by the authorities were made to the effect that the Coloureds of Actonville and the Africans of the old Benoni Location be moved out, leaving only the Indians.

"The Indian people condemn this sinister and provocative plan", the pamphlet reads, "We are part and parcel of the oppressed people and this can only promote race hostility and drive a wedge into the unity of the people. We condemn the handful of self-seeking individuals who profess to speak on our behalf...they have no right to speak in our name." The Transvaal Indian Congress reiterates its total opposition to Group Areas and apartheid.

UP MY ALLEY

LAST Saturday night was Jazz Festival night at Pampoen-nder-die-bos. This of course was quite a new innovation, but it all came about as a result of Baasie Blesbok's trip to Alabama, USA, as a delegate to the annual convention of the KWW (Keep the World White).

The idea of a Jazz Festival certainly got the cool cats of Pampoen-nder-die-bos latching on to that rhythm. Especially Oom Mielieblaar who has been aching to render his own composition "Concerto for Piano—White Keys Only."

This of course presented some difficulty as Oom Mielieblaar insisted upon finding a piano which had no black keys, and since it was impossible to find such an instrument in Pampoen-nder-die-bos, let alone anywhere else, it was decided to ask the audience to shut their eyes when the Concerto number was presented.

Young Dirkie Agterplaas' Jew's harp solo was turned down as un-Pampoen-nder-die-bos, and more consternation was caused when Mevrouw Borstrok threatened to walk out if anybody so much as dared to suggest including the Indian Love Call in the programme. She felt the same about Red Sails In The Sunset.

However, the situation was saved when Gertjie Sonderswart suggested that gaps in the programme could be filled in with extracts from his own musical production, KING KOOS. So it was decided that these and the piano Concerto (White Keys Only), plus a good wallop of boere-musiek should complete the programme.

But some of the gang from the Pampoen-nder-die-bos Jeugbond threatened to come around and wreck the joint if they were to be debarred from doing some rock-and-roll.

The Festival Committee, in a panic, agreed, provided that they wore corduroy trousers and Voortrekker kappies instead of zoot-suits and duck-tails.

So the Pampoen-nder-die-bos Jazz Festival went off with a bang to say nothing of the explosion which some saboteurs caused right in the middle of a white-hot rendition of Jail House Rock by the quartet provided by the local Special Branch.

The only character who was disappointed was Colonel Paperbotham (Kaffir Wars, Rtd.) who stalked out in the middle of the programme muttering that the Committee could have at least included White Till The Sun Shines, Nelly.

ALEX LA GUMA.

T.U.C. MAY DROP COLOUR BAR

Hammering at I.L.O. Takes Effect

DURBAN.

AS a result of the rebuff received by South Africa at the International Labour Organisation conference this year, when apartheid was strongly criticised and the threat of expulsion made, the colour-bar Trades Union Congress may open its ranks to trade unions of all races.

The TUC, which was formed in 1954 by the more reactionary White unions when the Trades and Labour Council succumbed to Nationalist pressure and finally dissolved itself, has as at present a 90 per cent White membership and a few Coloured unions.

When their official delegate to the ILO Conference, Mr. Haldane of the Bank Officials' Union, reported on the hostile reception that he and the South African Government officials had had in Geneva, the National Executive Committee immediately began discussing the possibility of changing their structure.

It is now general knowledge in trade union circles that even if the NEC does not bring a motion to this effect to the next annual conference, the National Union of Distributive Workers or the Garment Workers' Union will do it instead.

S.A.C.T.U. INTEREST

The South African Congress of Trade Unions, which is the biggest trade union co-ordinating centre for Non-Whites in South Africa, and which has made tremendous pro-

gress despite Government persecution, is watching this new development with interest. A spokesman told New Age:

"Although this would be a step in the right direction the mere dropping of the colour-bar from the constitution without a declared policy for the African unions would still leave the whole thing open to question.

"THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT MUST REALISE THAT THE AFRICAN WORKERS' STRUGGLE FOR TRADE UNION RECOGNITION, FOR THE MOST SIMPLE RIGHT TO ORGANISE, BRINGS DOWN THE WHOLE MIGHT OF THE STATE ON THEM. FOR THIS REASON THE WORKERS' STRUGGLE IS ALWAYS A POLITICAL ONE—ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL RIGHTS ARE TIGHTLY LINKED."

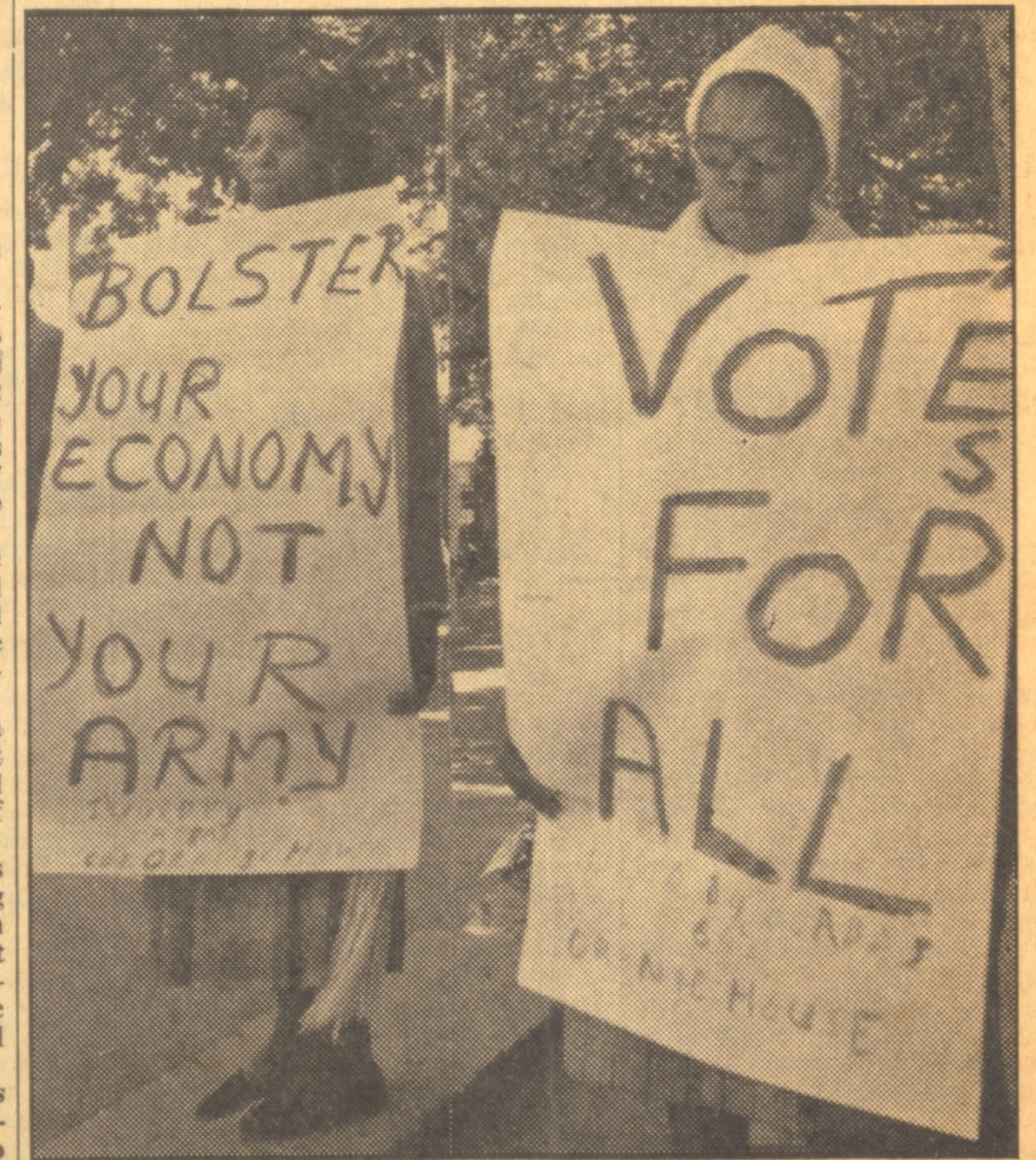
The South African Congress of Trade Unions, which has among its members the vast majority of African trade unions in South Africa, feels that the TUC would be well advised to consult it now so that its motives if it takes this step are not misinterpreted.

African Detective Stabbed

PORT ELIZABETH.

Five people have been arrested in connection with the alleged murder of Anderson Ncapai, described in police reports as a "very good detective," who died at Livingstone Hospital on Saturday last week. He had been stabbed the previous night at Zakele while on his way home from work.

If Only They Could Vote!



While Cape Town's White electorate went to the polls last Wednesday Non-White demonstrators lined up in Adderley Street to voice their demand for equal democratic rights for all. Soon after the demonstrators took their places, the Special Branch did their bit for White South Africa by seizing all the placards and taking names and addresses.

Nkomo Invited To India

SALISBURY.

Mr. Joshua Nkomo, the President of the National Democratic Party, has been invited by the Indian Government to attend a conference convened by the London Council of African Affairs. The Conference will be held in New Delhi at the end of this month.

Also expected at the Conference are Mr. Kenneth Kaunda, President of the United National Independence Party of Northern Rhodesia, and Dr. Hastings Banda, Nyasaland's Minister of Local Government and Natural Resources.

The Nationalists leaders will be the guests of Mr. Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, and the Council of African Affairs.

Arnold's Xmas Hampers

The following agents have each won a free hamper for bringing in the greatest number of customers in August-September:

Mr. Petrus P. Maqurube—Sharpeville, Vereeniging

Mrs. Beatrice Radebe—Senaoane, Johannesburg

Mrs. Esther Khumalo—Wattville, Benoni.

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