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Trade unions notch a first

In an unusual joint agreement, two unregistered trade unions have been recognised by a Tiger Oats subsidiary in East London.

The KSM Milling Company has formally recognised the South African Allied Workers Union (SAAWU) at its wheat mill and the African Food and Canning Workers Union (AFCWU) at its neighbouring animal feed plant.

The agreement is an important breakthrough for SAAWU, which has hit concerted opposition from both the authorities and employers in East London and has reached only two other formal records in the area.

For the AFCWU, the agreement is the first breakthrough in the giant Tiger Oats group.

NEGOTIATIONS

In terms of the agreement, signed by management yesterday, the unions receive joint rights, including wage negotiating rights.

However, according to AFCWU general secretary, Mr Jan Theron, several rounds of wage negotiations have already taken place. The minimum wage for KSM's total 350-strong workforce had nearly doubled to R57 a week in these negotiations, he said.

Mr Theron also revealed that the AFCWU was recognised by the East London plant of Epol—a Premier Milling subsidiary—in December last year.
Manpower chief: Ciskeians UIF issue getting priority

By PHILIP VAN NIEKERK
Industrial Reporter

EAST LONDON — The Director General of Manpower, Dr P J van der Merwe, said yesterday that the problem of Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF) contributions by Ciskei residents was receiving attention at the "highest level."

He was commenting on the continuing uncertainty and tension over the issue. Dr Van der Merwe and he was aware of criticisms by worker organisations in East London of the fact that they will lose their right to UIF benefits three years after Ciskei independence unless the Ciskei government institutes its own fund.

"We are giving this our urgent attention as a matter of priority," he said.

A circular has been sent out to employers by the Border Chamber of Industries (BCI) in an attempt to clarify the complicated issues involved.

Mr David Saunders, the president of the BCI said the problem was that, like the controversial Preservation of Pensions Bill, employers were being caught between trade unions and legislation again.

In early December at a meeting held by local trade unions the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) and the African Food and Canning Workers Union (AFCWU) about 1 500 workers elected to call for a refund of their UIF contributions from their employers.

According to a proclamation in the Government Gazette, Ciskei independence on December 4 last year significantly altered the position of workers in the Border region paying in to the UIF fund. These workers are, however, divided into several classes.

Those workers living in Ciskei and working in Ciskei. For instance the workforce at Dumbaza, ceased to contribute to the fund from December 4. However, their benefits, if they become unemployed are to be preserved for three years after the date of independence.

Commuter workers, such as those living in Mntamamane and working in East London, are regarded as contract workers. They are to continue paying UIF contributions until the anniversary date of their date of engagement at the factory.

Like the first class of workers, their UIF benefits will be preserved until three years after independence. This class forms the bulk of workers in East London.

Workers resident in South Africa, such as those at Duncan Village, will continue to contribute and receive benefits as before even if they are Ciskeian citizens.

To add to this, many employers who employ Transkei workers have been deducting UIF payments from their employees for the past five years even though these payments were due to cease when Transkei became independent in 1976.

The Assistant UIF Commissioner in Pretoria, Mr C J Vermeulen, said recently that South African employers were continuing to deduct UIF money from Transkei workers in spite of the fact that this was illegal.

And a local employer said yesterday that his company had continued to deduct UIF payments from Transkei contract workers after 1976 because it would have meant reprogramming their computer for just a few workers.

There has been no indication yet as to whether the Ciskei intends to set up its own UIF fund.

Of the other independent states only Bophuthatswana has set up its own fund — there is no unemployment insurance for Transkei or Venda contract workers.

A spokesman for the Manpower Department said yesterday that all homeland governments, on receiving independence were offered the option of a lump sum from the South African UIF to start their own fund or preserved benefits for workers three years after independence.

Ciskei had chosen to transfer the fund in the same way as Transkei and Venda and if they wish to start their own fund it would have to be without the initial help of a lump sum from the South African UIF.

Dr Van der Merwe said he was not aware yet whether the Ciskei had decided to set up their own fund or not. "There is nothing to prevent them, but that is their decision.

Employers have indicated that they would be prepared to continue contributing to Ciskei UIF even though, as South African employers they are not bound to contribute to the fund of a foreign country.

Even if Ciskei decides to institute its own fund, some employers are confident that they will difficulties still remain, according to the trade unions. At the inter-union meeting in December employers said their experience was that social security payments by Home land governments were critical and they did not trust a fund run by Ciskei.

In addition they raised the difficulty of workers who had been contributing to the South African UIF for long periods, some times up to 30 years or more. "If they start paying into a Ciskei UIF," the question was asked, "do they start paying from the beginning or is their South African UIF record transferred?"

Mr Saunders said that, the Federated Chamber of Industries had been in contact with the Department of Manpower and there had been given the assurance that there would be flexibility in the implementation of the proclamation.

"The real challenge," he said, "is to ensure that there is proper communication between employers and employees, so that this whole matter can be sorted out equitably." — DDR
British unions enter SA dispute

Labour Reporter

The South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) has welcomed news that British trade unions are putting pressure on the giant Rowntree - Marsintosh sweet firm to have its South African subsidiary change its attitude towards striking workers.

Early last year the Wilson-Rowntree plant in East London faced more than 500 workers after a dispute over dismissals.

Saawu, which represented many of the workers, initiated a countrywide boycott of Wilson Rowntree products and called on overseas trade unions for their support.

The Star's London Bureau reports this week that British trade unions have threatened the parent firm with industrial action unless Wilson Rowntree changes its attitude to striking workers.

The powerful Distributive and Allied Workers' Union and the Transport and General Workers' Union have demanded that the dismissed workers be reinstated and that a mutu agreement of its condition
Sawau man stabbed dead court told

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The Sawau man who was stabbed to death in court has been identified as Mr. David A. Sawau. The victim was reportedly ambushed by a group of men in the Sawau market area. The police are currently investigating the incident.

The Sawau market is known for its bustling atmosphere and vibrant commerce. It is located in the heart of the city and is a popular destination for both locals and tourists. The market is renowned for its fresh produce, handicrafts, and local delicacies.

In recent years, there have been reports of increasing crime and violence in the area. The local police department has been working closely with the community to address these issues and ensure the safety and security of its citizens.

A member of the Sawau community said, "We are shocked and devastated by this tragic event. Our hearts go out to Mr. Sawau's family and loved ones. We will continue to support the police in their investigation and hope for justice to be served."
The Argus, Tuesday

'Riot': Triallist stabbed to death

Argus Bureau

EAST LONDON. — One of the 42 members of the South African Allied Workers' Union who are appearing in court in Zwelitsha near King William's Town has been stabbed to death. Mr. Martin Brassey SC, defending, said yesterday.

The unionists, who are facing charges under the Riotous Assemblies Act, incitement to public violence, holding an unlawful gathering and two alternative charges, appeared in the Regional Court yesterday.

In an interview after the hearing Mr. Brassey said he understood the man had died in a township fight on November 27.

The first of the accused to testify, Mr. Thozamile Maneli, told the court that on September 6 last year he had attended a SAAWU meeting in East London. Afterwards he had boarded a bus to Mdantsane. At the Mdantsane bus terminus Ciskei police had prevented passengers from alighting and had instructed the bus driver to take them to the charge office.

At the charge office the passengers were searched and a list of names taken.

NO SLOGANS

Under cross-examination Mr. Maneli denied he had taken part in the meeting's proceedings. There had been singing and shouting of 'Mandela' at the meeting. He also denied singing or shouting slogans on the bus while travelling to Mdantsane.

The bus driver, Mr. Pemani, said the unionists had sung on the bus but he could not remember hearing songs mentioning Mandela, a leopard, gun shots or that blood would flow.

He had also not seen any disturbances.

Mr. Themelani Konogo, said in evidence that the only song sung he could remember said 'SAAWU is difficult, it will confuse Charles Sebe.'

He had heard no slogans shouted such as 'Charles Sebe be killed,' 'Mandela is our leader,' 'Informers belong to them,' 'Up Mandela, down Ciskei Government.'

(The trial continues today.)
Saawu trial: judgment on February 15

Mrs. M. Brasse, for the unionists, said the state had failed to prove its case beyond reasonable doubt. It had not proved which members of Saawu had participated in the offences. The defence said six of the unionists were not in the first bus but the state was adamant and said they were in the first bus. He said only Mr. Mandela Thobenekane was identified by Sergeant Ngwanyana as one of the people who came out of the first bus.

Mr. Brasse said there was no evidence as to who shouted the slogans: 'Up Mandela down Custer,' 'Charles Sebe be killed,' "Blood will flow" and "There will be explosion and gun shots." The state had not proved who the principal offenders were. He said the fact that the unionists happened to be in a bus did not establish a common purpose.

Mr. Brasse said the trial was of a highly political nature, a trial of strength between Saawu and the government. He applied for the acquittal of all the defendants, all the charges. — DDR
The South African Transport and General Workers' Union has welcomed the attitude towards strike action by members of the Workers' Compensation Board in the union's recent strike.

The union's general secretary, Mr. John Smith, said the workers' attitude was that of a united front in the face of the strike. He said the workers would not be stopped by management's intransigence.

The trade unions, represented by the Labour Relations Board, have agreed to a 10% increase in wages for all workers. The unions are happy with this agreement, and the workers are pleased with the management's position.

The South African Transport and General Workers' Union will now investigate the possibility of a strike in the future, as they believe it is necessary to protect the workers' rights.

The union will continue to negotiate with management, as they are confident of a positive outcome.
The above-mentioned article is not legible due to the quality of the image. It appears to be a page from a document discussing a labor dispute or protest, possibly related to the transportation sector.

The text on the page seems to mention a strike or protest, mentioning phrases like "crush us" and "members of the workers." The text is difficult to interpret due to the quality of the image.
WARDEN MARCH FOR FIRED WORKERS
Move to destroy us, claims Saawu

Labour Reporter

The Government and management were trying to destroy the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), a rally of more than 1000 workers was told in East London at the weekend.

Saawu officials spoke of attempts to destroy the union through detentions and worker dismissals.

Three senior Saawu officials were detained late last year, the meeting was told. They are Mr. Thozamile Gqwele, president, Mr. Sisa Njikela, national organiser, and Mr. Sam Kilane, general secretary.

Saawu had recently been forced out of its downtown offices in East London, apparently in terms of the Group Areas Act, and had earlier been forced from other premises, workers were told.

Managements were accused of victimising union members in factories and resorting to mass dismissals in times of industrial unrest.
DURBAN. — Mr Isaac Ngecho, branch treasurer of the South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU) in Durban, was detained by Security Police here this week and another union organiser is being held for questioning. Mr Ngecho brings the total of number of known detainees in Durban to 21. The Act provides for a detention period of two months. He would not say what The union's general secretary is being questioned about. Mr R van den Hoven, head of the Police, said that the Brigadier was being questioned about the detention of Mr Ngecho. Mr Kader, a former union leader, last year in a nation-wide security branch in Pretoria, that Mr Ngecho had been being held at C R Swart released as soon as the officials, students and others.
Deadlock over worker demands

Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — The work stoppage by about 1,200 workers, comprising the entire black workforce at Dety's plant, entered its third day today, as demands over pension contribution refunds remained unresolved.

The plant is at standstill and production was halted by the disruption.

A director of the firm, Mr R B Collie, said a further round of talks aimed at resolving the deadlock would be held today.

However, prospects of an early breakthrough receded as officials of the South African Allied Workers' Union (SAWU), were locked in two hours of negotiations with the senior directors yesterday, continued to assess worker grievances and the employers' response to their demands.
Defy workers strike again over pension fund payments

Mercury Reporter

Almost the entire black workforce at the Defy factory in Jacobs have stopped work in an effort to have their pension contributions repaid.

The Group Metal Industries Pension Fund, to which the Defy workers have to belong, was the centre of a strike at the Defy plant in November, and in spite of meetings between representatives of the fund and various trade unions, the issue of pension contribution withdrawals has not been settled.

A Defy worker said yesterday that Monday's evening shift had refused to work. More than 2,000 workers were involved in the stoppage yesterday and production at the plant had come to a standstill, he said.

An official for the South African Allied Workers' Union, who represent most of the Defy workers, said yesterday that a meeting was being held between representatives from the union, Defy and the Group Metal Industries Pension Fund.

The outcome of the meeting is not yet known.

Grievances

In a statement released to workers yesterday, two of Defy's directors, Mr. R. B. Collie and Mr. W. Ferguson, said they were aware of the workers' grievances and that the Defy Corporation had made an urgent application to the National Industrial Council to withdraw from the Group Metal Industries Pension Fund and start a private pension fund for Defy employees.

The statement also said that the directors of Defy would continue to work for the establishment of a private pension fund to ensure that workers could receive their pension fund contributions as soon as it was legally possible.
Defy plant hit by pensions strike

By Tony Dave
Labour Reporter

The large Defy plant in Durban has again been hit by a pensions strike.

The workforce of about 1200 went on strike on Tuesday after demands that management pay out their pension contributions were still out this morning while more talks were held.

The factory had a pension strike last October.

Talks with the South African Allied Workers' Union (Sawu) seem to have been inconclusive. Workers object to the preservation clauses in the metal industry's pension fund which freeze contributions until retirement.

SCHEME

The industry's umbrella body — the Steel and Engineering Industries Federation of SA (Seifds) — recently announced a scheme entitling former workers to their contributions if not re-engaged within six months of termination of service.

Talks were held between Defy management and Sawu officials over the pension issue.

A management spokesman said Defy was willing to seek exemption from the metal industry's pension fund and allow workers to receive their contributions when they left.

Defy had already discussed the dispute with Seifds, the spokesman said.

In Johannesburg, Seifds' director, Mr. Sam van Calker, said the pension fund's board of management had analysed submissions from industry unions and other sources dealing with the fund and was ready for face-to-face discussions.
Defence bonds

Mr. Horwood said the decision meant that all eligible mortgage bonds would have to be sold to institutions in the form of special arrangements to obtain foreign exchange. He also announced that the Reserve Bank had made arrangements to utilize a part of its gold reserves to obtain foreign exchange for this purpose.

In his statement, Mr. Horwood also thanked the government for the decision to sell foreign exchange at the International Monetary Fund's rate of R152.5 million and the price of 8.75 percent to 9.5 percent. He also praised the government for its decision to sell foreign exchange at the International Monetary Fund's rate of R152.5 million and the price of 8.75 percent to 9.5 percent.
Union claims harassment

EAST LONDON — Security Police have raided the East London offices of the South African Allied Workers Union (SAAWU) three times in the past two days, says a statement issued by the union’s branch executive last night.

The statement said that a contingent of black security policemen visited the offices on Thursday and said the union had no right to operate in South Africa because the officials were “foreigners” from Ciskei.

"Today a group of four black security policemen from Cambridge ransacked our offices and took away documents."

"Two SAAWU officials, Miss Nomvozo Tshetu and Mr Rani, were taken to Cambridge by the Security Police. They were released two hours later after being questioned."

"The Security Police later returned to our offices and handed in a list of four officials they wanted to report to the Cambridge police station."

the statement said — Sapa
Saawu claims raids on offices

Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON — The security police raided the local offices of the South African-Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) three times last week, according to a statement by the branch executive of the union on Monday.

The statement says this follows a visit by two officials of the East Cape Administration Board to the Saawu offices in Duncan Village on Wednesday, asking to see the union's permit to use the building — an old church hall.

Evicted

The union was evicted from its offices in central East London at the end of December and moved into its new offices recently.

The union claimed that board officials also inquired about Saawu's activities and why they did not register (Saawu is an unregistered trade union).

"They went away claiming they would be back, but they never turned up," the statement said.

It said a contingent of black security policemen had visited the offices on Thursday and had said the union had no right to operate in South Africa since the officials were "foreigners" from the Ciskei.

"They said we were liable to a fine of R150 per person, questioned us about our activities, mentioned the two gentlemen from the Scab offices and boasted about the fact that we were evicted from our offices in East London.

"Offices ransacked"

"Yesterday a group of four black security policemen from Cambridge ransacked our office and took away documents, among which were Wilson-Rown tree boycott pamphlets, copies of our newsletter, files and forms for a petition which we intended sending to the Minister of Police requesting the release of our detained leaders.

"Two Saawu officials, Miss Nomvuyo Tshetu and Mr Niani, were taken to Cambridge by the security police. They were released two hours later after being subjected to questioning.

"The security police later returned to our offices and handed over a list of four officials they wanted to report to the Cambridge police station."

The statement said such campaigns of harassment severely damaged the government's so-called labour reforms and clearly indicated that the State was involving itself in labour matters.

"We view with great concern and indignation the arbitrary actions of the security police, a sign of naked hostility against the independent trade union movement."

EL service for Aggett

EAST LONDON — A memorial service for Dr Neil Aggett, the trade unionist who died in detention last week, will be held in the city hall here tomorrow at 5.30 pm.

This was announced yesterday by Miss Debra Komose, the local branch secretary of the African Food and Canning Workers' Union (AFCWU) Dr Aggett was Transvaal branch secretary of the union.

Meanwhile two other unions with strong East London membership, the General Workers' Union and the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), have endorsed the call by the AFCWU to employers and workers to observe a half-hour work stoppage on Thursday in memory of Dr Aggett.

Mr Herbert Barnabas, the national organiser of Saawu, said Dr Aggett had been largely responsible for helping Saawu get off the ground in the Transvaal. He said all Saawu members all Saawu members all Saawu members all Saawu members. All Saawu members mourned his death.

The Detainees' Parents Support Committee held its weekly placard demonstration outside John Vorster Square in Johannesburg, where Dr Aggett died yesterday morning — but this week each member held two placards instead of one and wore black armbands of mourning.

"We feel helpless against Section 6 of the General Laws Amendment Act because there is so little we can do in terms of legal action," parents of detainees said after a meeting on possible action against detention without trial.

"We nevertheless would like to see that independent doctors be allowed to visit all detainees," a spokesman for the parents' committee said.

A police spokesman said yesterday that the decision to perform an autopsy on Dr Aggett almost immediately had been taken by the state pathologist and had not been requested by the police.

The state pathologist, who started the post-mortem only hours after Dr Aggett's body was found hanging at John Vorster Square, immediately halted the autopsy when told the Aggett family wanted their own pathologist present — DDR-DDC.
Union backs day of mourning call for Dr Aggett

By JIMMY MATYU

The South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) has called on its members to regard tomorrow as a national day of mourning, stop work for 30 minutes and to wear black armbands until after the funeral of Dr Neil Aggett on Saturday.

Dr Aggett, Transvaal secretary of the African Food and Canning Workers' Union, died in detention last week.

Speaking from Durban, Mr Godfrey Shiba, vice-president of Saawu's East London branch, said today that many firms, particularly in Durban, had responded well to the call and promised to let their employees observe the 30-minute mourning period.

A memorial service would also be held in East London today, he said.

His organisation, which is represented in 67 companies, had received cooperation from some of the managements and the workers would observe the 30-minute work stoppage.

Mr Shiba said:

- A joint meeting of all members of Macwasa and the General Workers' Union of South Africa (Gwusa) will be held in the Centenary Great Hall in New Brighton today at 6pm.

The meeting will discuss forms of procedures to be observed during the half-hour work stoppage tomorrow.

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Service told of unionist's sacrifices

EAST LONDON — Dr Neil Aggett, the trade unionist who died in detention last week, was a white man who forewent his privileges to seek a better life for blacks, a speaker said at a memorial service in his honour here last night.

The service, held in the city hall, was attended by about 1,500 people and was addressed by representatives of the African Food and Canning Workers Union (AFCWU), the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu), the General Workers Union (Gwu), the United Women's Organisation (Uwo) and the Congress of South African Students (Cosas).

Mr. Ernest Qweha, the branch chairman of the AFCWU, the union of which Dr. Aggett was the Transvaal secretary said that despite being born into privilege, Dr. Aggett had seen himself as a human being first and foremost.

"He was one of the very few white people who really understood what was needed for the future of South Africa, " he said.

The service was under the guidance of Dr. Aggett's wife, Mrs. Aggett, who paid tribute to her husband's courage and dedication.

Aggett death: Sash protest

EAST LONDON — Members of the Border region of the Black Sash sat in one woman's stand at the City Hall yesterday with a black-edged placard reading "Another death in detention."

"They were protesting against the death in detention of Dr. Neil Aggett, " says a member of the Black Sash.

The Border Black Sash organiser Mrs. Nora Squires said later it was less than two weeks since she had held the first such protest.

"Our message is that Parliament must open its doors to debate, " she said.

"It is tragic that we had to stand today to mourn a death in detention, " DDR.
Aggett: Thousands stop

The face of grief — Mrs Penelope Mayson, wife of detainee and former Methodist minister Mr Cedric Mayson, was overwhelmed with emotion at the mass meeting at Wits University today.

Top horse trainer quit TV

Champion racehorse trainer Barnard is to leave the Rand. The old former English riding instrum to move to Cape Town at the beginning of the new season.

Mrs Barnard said the Star exclusively that the main reason for her planned move was the health of the Rand's principal Royal Air Force pilot who had heart trouble for several years.

"I think the climate in the Cape will suit him better," said Mrs Barnard.

The Vaal trainer has not always got on well with other Rand trainers but, she said, did not influence her decision to move. But she did admit there had been some unpleasant incidents with other trainers.

The Jean Barnard stable currently the most successful in the Vaal, with 48 winners, has a stable of about 60 horses.

Mrs Barnard said the top horse trainer quit TV.

Count aid:

Commuter syndrome

The book's foreword, by Andrew Davidson, promises a look at the effects of commuting on the human psyche and the role of public transport in shaping city life.

The Australian Council of Trade Unions is to call on its member unions to improve work conditions in the sugar industry, particularly in Queensland and South Australia, where sugar workers are facing harsh living conditions in the sugar mills.
POLICE CALLED AS 59 BLIND WORKERS DIG IN THEIR HEELS

CHARGED!

By SHAMI MARICHUNDER

FIfty-nine blind workers dismissed this week from the Natal African Blind Society’s factory in Umzini were yesterday charged with trespassing after they refused to leave the hostel at the factory.

John Randles, director of the society, confirmed yesterday he had called the police with trespassing and pointed out it was up to the Umzini police to decide whether to move them off the premises.

But the workers, who were fired after striking in protest against increased accommodation and food deductions, were adamant yesterday they would not leave the Endrubyndu hostel, which they regard as their home.

A worker spokesman, Michael Sangweni, said: “We want them to take it to court. The court must decide whether we should leave our homes or not.”

The workers were given until 10am yesterday to quit the hostel. But by late yesterday afternoon they had not been moved off the premises by the police. Earlier police had visited the hostel to tell them they were breaking the law.

Matters came to a head at the factory this week when the 59 workers employed by the Natal African Blind Society to make cane products and weave were fired after an almost week-long strike.

They were told to answer the charge of “wandering about the factory”, but the blind society claimed they were fired for refusing to move to another location, and the workers were charged with trespassing.

John Randles . . . called the police

They were not interested in our suggestions although they had asked for them. We went on strike as a last resort to try to make them realise we are opposed to different rates. All we want is a uniform deduction which we all will be able to meet. After all, we are not earning fat salaries.

According to the Blind Allied Workers’ Union, wages at the factory ranges from R3 a week to R22 a week.

When Mr Randles was asked at the factory yesterday morning he confirmed he had made a complaint to the police that the workers were trespassing and said he had warned them on Thursday that they were illegally on the premises.

He also said the dismissed workers were given an opportunity to reapply for their jobs. But a short while after the interview Mr Randles and three policemen approached photographer Morris Reddy and me and asked us to leave the premises.

Mr Randles complained that we were trespassing.

The police gave us a few minutes to leave. They said we would be arrested if we entered the township without a permit.

Barry Johnstone, president of the society, refused to comment on the police involvement and other developments saying he would first have to talk to Mr Randles.
Progressive social party.

Allied Union workers' trial put off again

Own Correspondent
ZWINISHA Judgment in the trial of 41 members of the South African Aliens Workers' Union (Sawu) was suppressed to have been given on Friday, has been postponed to Monday.

The unionists, charged with incitement to public violence under the Assemblies Acts, unlawful gathering and two other charges, have been allowed out on warning.

Second time
Thus is the second time the trial has been postponed.

On January 19, after the state and defence had closed their cases, Mr. J. Kote, the Regional Court magistrate, stated that before giving judgment on the evidence, he wanted to go through the recorded evidence and write his notes. Therefore, he adjourned the trial for judgment till yesterday.

Mr. J. Kote was succeeded yesterday one of the unionists, Mr. Nkuli Kolisa, was not in court.

No explanation
Mr. J. Clark, instructing attorney for the defense, told the court he had been given no explanation for the absence of Mr. Kolisa. He suggested that a warrant of arrest be authorized, but temporarily. Mr. Kolisa

Mr. J. W. Jugumbe, foreman of the State, agreed with Mr. Clark that the issuance of the warrant should be delayed till Friday.

Mr. Kote then adjourned the trial to Friday.

Lost bail cheques cancelled

Own Correspondent
JOHNESBURG The lost bail cheques for four alleged Sotho treasurers were cancelled by a bank on Tuesday.

This was stated yesterday by the manager of the freight company, which handled the cheques and confirmed by a police spokesman investigating the case.

Mr. J. Austin, managing director of the freight company, said that he had been informed that the Reserve Bank had cancelled the four cheques made out to L. Baxter.

The money was to pay bail for Colours, Mr. Petroff, of the Reserve Bank, who was arrested on Thursday.

Dr. Bok, was killed instantly when a piece of rock weighing 20 tons crashed down on him.

The story of Mr. Bok's rescue was recalled at the gathering in Ndhabhe last night when the President of the Chamber of Mines, Mr. L. P. van den Berg, made the Chamber of Mines' Bravery Award to Mr. L. P. van den Berg and several mine officials.

After the rockfall, about

13.25 percent on bonds of less than R1,500 x 10,000 13.25 percent on those above 10,000. It was hoped that the new issue would be the last this year, said Mr. Hart, "but we can never know." The 10,000 was released on Friday.

The announcement of the rates yesterday it is said that the bureaucratic delays failed to obtain an increase in the fully tax-free rate at a meeting at Cape Town last week with the Minister of Finance, Mr.

Awards ceremony

JOHNESBURG Working under falling rocks in a tiny, slave hundreds of meters underground, a doctor and a group of miners carried out an intimate operation to amputate the leg of a trapped miner and save his life.

Last night, a ceremony in Naheheb, Northern Cape, for Mr. and Mrs. J. V. van der Meer, received a warm welcome for his operation.

The drama occurred on October 15 last year, a dark night, a 13.25 percent on mines.

A. M., and was unable to move.

Dr. Bok, who was at the meeting, said the operation was successful and the patient is now at home.

Dr. L. P. van den Berg

The operation was performed last night.

On the other hand, Mr. P. van den Berg, at the chamber's annual dinner, said that the operation was successful and the patient is now at home.
Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus

9.2 Oral Analysis

Read the following to the end of each.

9.2.1 Rod Tilley

Zwelitsha – Judgment postponed in Saawu members' trial

In a trial in which 41 members of the South African Allied Workers Union (SAWU) are charged with incitement to public violence under the Public Order Act, unlawful gathering and two alternatives, was postponed again yesterday.

Mr. J. Kotze, a regional Magistrate, said it was unfortunate that the taped record of evidence had arrived only on Friday. It would be to the advantage of everybody that he went through the evidence on January 19, after the state and defense closed their case. Mr. Kotze said before giving judgment he would like to go through the evidence recorded on tapes and not rely only on notes taken during the trial. He postponed judgment until yesterday.

Judgment will now be given on Friday. The Saawu members were warned to appear. When the trial resumed yesterday one of the union members, Mr. Nuku Kolisi, was not in court.

Mr. J. Clark, attorney for the defense, told the court that he had not been given an explanation about the absence of Mr. Kolisi. He asked that a warrant of arrest be authorized but it was stayed.

Mr. J. W. Jurgensen, for the State, agreed and Mr. Kotze said that if an arrest warrant for Mr. Kolisi would be stayed until Friday.

During the past ten years, Tilley worked for smaller companies where all employees felt they were part of one big family. The XYZ Corporation was a larger organization, employing a total of 150 persons involved in electronics. Rod felt a sense of apprehension because he had heard rumors to the effect that the organization was autocratic and paid little attention to the needs of people.

This impersonal atmosphere was substantiated when he arrived at XYZ that Tuesday morning because there was no one to welcome him. Rod headed for the office space allocated to the Financial Division, and remembered the room number 202 which was to be his work area. On his way he walked to the Director. Roy Little. He was told that the Director was attending a meeting.

As he waited impatiently to speak with his boss, Rod found his office in a state of confusion and disorder. He found the desk littered with financial papers, the glass in the bookcase was broken, the reading lamp was without a bulb, and the ashtray full of old pipe tobacco.

Two hours having elapsed, Director Little finally greeted his new accountant, with a warm handshake. "We're most pleased to have you join XYZ, Rod. You've noticed several financial manuals in the bookcase. I hope you'll help to explain the new financial procedures we discussed during our recent interview. After lunch, my secretary, Fern Brodie, will provide you with considerable information relating to our data processing installation. Miss Brodie will introduce you to Rick Graves, our recently-appointed E.P.D. Engineer. Feel free to drop in or to telephone me as the need arises, but I must run now to the executive luncheon scheduled sharp at noon."

As the financial director was preparing to leave Rod's office, Tilley conveyed his appreciation to Mr. Little and said: "Could you arrange for me to meet my colleagues in charge of sales, production, administration and personnel, as well as the four members of my support staff?"
Police guard on sick union leader

Internationally known South African trade unionist, Mr Thosamile Gweta, who was detained by the South African Security Police late last year, has been hospitalised.

Mr Gweta is president of the South African Allied Workers Union (SAAWU) and is being held in Johannesburg under Section 6 of the Terrorism Act.

His legal representatives confirmed today that he had been admitted to the Johannesburg Hospital psychiatric ward and was receiving treatment.

They have arranged for his brother, Robert, to fly from East London to visit him.

Mr Gweta has been detained a number of times by the Police Security Police and has been released without being charged of SAWMU, including the national organiser, Mr Sisa Nkhetiana, who died in detention on February 5.

This brings the number of known detainees in hospitals to four in addition to Dr Floyd, the right of the Nkhetiana, and Miss Jane Matsho, both held under Section 6 of the Terrorism Act, are in hospital.
A spokesman said the president had never done anything for the betterment of his people and that he lived in luxury, 'preaching the Afrikaners' apartheid.'

The spokesman was reacting to a statement by the president's representative who had accused Sebe of being a 'foreman' for the South African Government and of living in luxury while his people suffered.

"What has he done for his community?"

The president's remarks were made at the first press conference in the territory since independence. Sebe's attitude is that he is not a government agent for the Republic of South Africa — a foreman, 'the spokesman said.

The long-standing tension between Siika and trade unionists came to a head when the territory became independent in December. Unionists called on members to boycott the celebrations.
Detention: Statement by Union

Johannesburg — The internationally known president of the SA Allied Workers' Union, Mr. Thozamile Gweta, has been detained for nothing more than his involvement in a non-racial trade union," the union said in a statement yesterday.

Those detained under Section 6 are known in South Africa as terror suspects. The statement said that the 80,000 members of the union had not believed he was terrorising anyone.

It was disclosed on Tuesday that Mr. Gweta had been admitted to the psychiatric ward of a hospital in Johannesburg. The hospital said it was not able to comment.

Mr. Gweta's brother, Mr. Robert, said after visiting him in hospital that "he had never seen him in such a state of mind." He said that Mr. Gweta was well known to the hospital staff.

Among the symptoms Thozamile appeared to be suffering from, he said, were a headache at the back of the head, severe depression, anxiety, difficulty in speaking, a dramatic loss of weight and loss of memory.

Robert said that during the visit his brother sat on the floor, looking down at the floor all the time and complaining when he spoke that his voice was excessively loud.

"His eyes were bloodshot and at one stage tears came rolling down his cheeks."

Among the amenities available are canteens, toilets, bars, and games rooms and any area containing互联网 incomplete or similar.

9. Periodic checks to be made by a designated person.
The following organisation chart explains how you fit into the total structure:

Master Engineering - Cape Town Plant

David Smith
(Plant Superintendent)

James/Lane Donovan, Manager of Administrative Services

Joyce Lynne Mason, Supervisor of Typists

Maintenance Crew

Line Workers

Supervisors

Night Shift

Bert Smith

Production Manager

Brian Anderson

Day Shift

Peter Day

As James/Lane Donovan, you have to deal with a wide variety of correspondence in your in-basket each day. The following items are now in your basket. Deal with them according to the instructions given with each one.

10.1.2 'In Basket Exercise'

Your name is James/Lane Donovan. You work for Master Engineering, a modernized manufacturing and sales organisation with plants in all the larger centres in South Africa. You are Manager of Administrative Services for the Cape Town Plant, and one of three managers reporting to David Smith, the Plant Superintendent.
Abolish Section Six of Terrorism Act, says UN

(Reuters 1/12/18)
Saawu calls for Gwewa's release

KRAST LONDON — The South African Allied Workers' Union (SAWU) has called for the immediate release from detention of the union's national president Mr Tharamile Gwewa, who has been admitted to a psychiatric ward in a Johannesburg hospital.

And the General Workers Union (GWU) has reacted with shock and outrage to the news of Mr Gwewa's illness, saying the union feared for the safety of all detainees in the present circumstances.

Mr Herbert Barnabas, the national organiser of Saawu, said he was deeply disturbed over the news of Mr Gwewa's admission to hospital. "Tharamile has outstanding issues, and we want him to focus on his health"," he said.

Mr Gwewa led before he was detained. "It is a dangerous time for him, and it is a matter of concern to us as a trade union."

The GWU said it had called for Gwewa's release immediately, saying "we know of no offence Tharamile has committed. Our only concern is his health and well-being."" We are not prepared to continue to operate as an underground movement."

"Despite the South African Government's assurance that everyone is free to form a trade union of their choice, we are still subject to human rights violations," the union said.

"We call on them to hand him over to us immediately so he can be treated by a professional doctor of our own choice." "We want him to focus on his health and well-being," the union said.

"We are calling for the release of Mr Gwewa and the numerous other detainees," the union added.

She said the trade union movement had suffered the most severe harassment and unprecedented attacks over the past few months.

"Tharamile Gwewa as an outstanding leader of a powerful union has come under particular attack. We can only imagine what he must have been subjected to induce his present state of health," the union said.

Mr Gwewa is reported to be in hospital. His conditions are said to be in "good health."

Our correspondent reports that Mr Gwewa's brother, Mr Robert Gwewa, said yesterday that his brother's condition had improved.

"He is talking now, and was able to do some physical exercise," he said.

The doctor who is looking after him says he is making good progress compared with what his condition was," he added. — DDSR.
Fund-raising
Saawu men freed

EAST LONDON — Two members of the South African Allied Workers’ Union were found not guilty in the magistrate’s court here on a charge of collecting contributions, while they were not authorized to do so.

Mr. Robert Gxwela, of Zone 11, and Mr. Mvela Mampumulo, 30, of Zone 6, both from Mdantsane, pleaded not guilty before Mr. N. Ratshane.

In a joint statement handed in to court by their defence counsel Advocate M. Mosane, the two men said they had not been registered as a fund-raising organization and that at no stage did they make applications for such registration.

In his finding, Mr. Ratshane said the facts of the case were not in dispute. However, the State had failed to prove the two men had the necessary intention to commit an offence or that they were aware they had committed an offence.

DDH
DETAINED LEADER DIDN'T TERRORISE US - SAAWU

By Drew Forrest

The president of the SA Allied Workers' Union, Mr Thozama Gweta, had been detained 'for nothing more than his involvement in a non-racial trade union,' the union said in a statement yesterday.

"Those detained under Section 6 are known in South Africa as terrorists," the statement said. "But the 80,000 members that Mr Gweta led do not believe he was terrorising them."

It was revealed on Tuesday that Mr Gweta had been admitted to the psychiatric ward of a Johannesburg hospital - the sixth detainee to be taken to hospital in recent weeks.

His brother, Robert, said after visiting him in hospital that "he head never seen him in such a state." His symptoms included headaches, severe depression and anxiety, difficulty in speaking, loss of weight and loss of memory.

Robert said that during the visit his brother sat with his head resting on the table, found it an effort to speak, looked down at the floor all the time and complained that his (Robert's) voice was excessively loud.

The SAAWU statement said Mr Gweta had "previously outnumbered detention four times" and had come out healthy and uncharged.

Union criticises Sebe

Labour Staff

The South African Allied Workers' Union has criticised Ciskei President Lennox Sebe for a statement this week that independent trade unions would not be tolerated in the homeland.

President Sebe voiced his opposition this week to independent trade unions during a Press conference being held in King William's Town. He said these unions did not generate anything except "revolutionary stuff" and that they merely multiplied social problems.

SAAWU and other unions had called on the public and union members to boycott the Ciskei Independence celebrations last December, reports The Star's East London correspondent.

SAAWU accused President Sebe of acting as a "front" for the South African Government and of living in luxury.
35 Saawu members guilty of incitement

ZWELITSHA - Thirty-five members of the South African Native Workers' Union (Saawu) were found guilty in the regional court here yesterday on a charge of incitement to public violence.

Five members were found not guilty and discharged, and a warrant of arrest was issued for one member who was in court yesterday.

The members were each fined R100 and sentenced to nine months' imprisonment conditionally suspended for five years.

They are: Mr. Benjamin Thabali, 30, of Port Elizabeth, Mr. Antonio Silva, 26, of Port Shepstone, Mr. J. Malan, 28, of Durban, Mr. P. Thoza, 25, of Port Elizabeth, Mr. T. Thabali, 23, of Port Elizabeth, Mr. D. Thoza, 22, of Port Elizabeth, Mr. M. Thoza, 21, of Port Elizabeth, Mr. T. Malan, 20, of Port Elizabeth, Mr. T. Thoza, 19, of Port Elizabeth, Mr. T. Thoza, 18, of Port Elizabeth, Mr. T. Thoza, 17, of Port Elizabeth.

On the charge of public violence, the state claimed that the incident occurred last year at the Madantsane Hospital, where members of the Saawu were being treated. The hospital's management claimed that the members were inciting the patients and visitors to riot.

The court found that the members had indeed incited the patients and visitors to riot, and sentenced them accordingly.

Mr. Kotte said that the members had acted in the interest of their fellow workers and that they would appeal the decision.

Mr. Kotte also said that he had evidence to support his claims and that he would seek assistance from the provincial authorities.

The court ruled that the members would be subject to further hearings regarding their sentence.
Saawu: Ciskei to decide

ZWEILITSHA - The Ciskei Government would have to decide whether or not to ban the South African Allied Workers' Union, Major General Charles Sebe said yesterday.

General Sebe was commenting after the trial of 41 Saawu members in which 35 of them were found guilty of incitement to public violence.

He said the leaders of Saawu, Mr Thosamile Gweta and Mr Sisa Njikelana, had been detained by the "central government".

When a short adjournment took place to allow members of the union to consult with their attorney on mitigation after being found guilty, General Sebe ordered police inside the courtroom to stop them.

He said these members had been found guilty and were now the police's responsibility.

Mr J. Clark, defending attorney, had to appeal to the state advocate, Mr J W Jurgens, to be given an opportunity to meet with the members for a briefing on mitigation.

Consultation had to be conducted inside the courtroom.

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P.O. Box 8391, Cape Town 8000

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5.3.2 Chemical Engineering

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(2) whether his family was notified of his being admitted to hospital, if not, why not, if so, when.

(3) what is his present state of health?

The MINISTER OF POLICE (for the Minister of Justice)

(1) Yes

(a) Johannesburg General Hospital

(b) and (d) Psychiatric observation and treatment

(c) 10 February 1982

(2) No. When the South African Police located Mr Gqweta's family in Cape Town on 15 February 1982, it transpired that the family had already been informed of his hospitalization through another unknown source. Mr Gqweta's brother and daughter visited him on 17 and 18 February 1982.

(3) His physical condition is described as good by the doctors. His mental condition is improving and he is undergoing treatment.

Dr A L BORAIN: Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon. Member's question—despite the fact that the hon. Minister of Justice is not present, I hope the hon. Member will be able to reply because he knows a great deal about these matters—can he tell us whether he is aware of the report in a newspaper which describes the condition of Mr Gqweta as almost unrecognizable by his own brother? Could he tell me how it is possible for a man who is in very good health after a short time in detention to be in a psychiatric ward in hospital?

Mr Thozamile Gqweta

26/2/82

Dr A L BORAIN: asked the Minister of Justice

(1) Whether Mr Thozamile Gqweta has been admitted to a Johannesburg hospital, if so, (a) to which hospital, (b) for what type of treatment, (c) when and (d) for what reason.
Although Sebe's intolerance of labour unrest was reflected in the detention of 200 Ciskei trade unionists during 1981, the first open threat to ban a trade union came last week from Major-General Charles Sebe, head of the Ciskei National Intelligence Service.

At a press conference held immediately after the conviction, on charges of incitement to violence, of 36 Ciskeians, the officer said it was far too early for the government to make a decision on whether or not to ban the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu). He considered that the court's decision had proved his long-standing allegation that Saawu should not be considered a workers' movement but a "front for a subversive organisation," which he did not specify.

He said the trial had disproved accusations levelled at the government, and in particular him, of "harassing" Saawu members. "I am glad we have proved our case to the world. Today we have brought them to court — they were legally represented by an able attorney but we got a conviction."

The Ciskei's attitude to unionism had been made plain at an earlier press conference — the first held by the new state — when President Sebe labelled labour unrest an "intolerable disease."

A cornerstone of the Sebe government's economic development policy is the presentation of Ciskei's labour force as stable, efficient, and definitely controllable. Published comments by Sebe (in a Ciskei Department of Foreign Affairs pamphlet) acknowledge an employer's right to expect that "a new employee will fit into his organisation and cause a minimum of disruption through inexperience or insubordination."

Sebe goes on, "We feel that if we can contribute materially to increasing the efficiency of Ciskeians in industry and other undertakings, it is reasonable to expect that the resultant profits will at least be redistributed partly in increased wages, and the Ciskeians will be sought after as desirable employees."

Ian Duncan-Brown, chairman of the Dundumbi Chamber of Industries, endorses the Sebe government's labour policy. "It has been a major part of attracting industrialists to invest in the Ciskei," he says.

However, Saawu general secretary Dave Lewis says he thinks the policy is "the major threat to industrial peace in the eastern Cape area."

There are strong indications that the Ciskei government, under President Lennox Sebe, will soon ban trade unions in the independent homeland.
Unions slam Siwani call

EAST LONDON — The General Workers Union and the African Food and Canning Workers Union have condemned a call by the Ciskei Minister of Justice, Chief Z. Swamani, for people to keep away from organisations such as the South African United Workers Union (SAUW).

Speaking at a meeting of chiefs, headmen and members of the National Assembly in Zwide on Tuesday, Chief Swamani warned those present not to identify themselves with such organisations, which he accused of aiming to disturb peace and order at places of employment.

In a joint statement, the branch secretary of the General Workers Union, Mr. N. Mhlaba, and the branch secretary of the African Food and Canning Workers Union, Miss D. Dladla, however, said the reason why there had been problems at places of employment was the intransigence of management.

"The honourable Chief Swamani must know as a matter of fact that there are large factories where SAUW has been recognised and where sound employer-employee relations prevail as a result of negotiations between the unions and management.

"Chief Swamani said the sons of the chiefs and headmen should not identify with organisations such as SAUW. Firstly, he should know that many of these people he was referring to are members of a trade union already.

"Secondly, the Minister stands to mislead the unorganised workers and thereby he seems to be advocating the perpetuation of ill-treatment of the workers while the union is fighting for the betterment of their situation at their places of work." — DDR
Charges against unionists dropped

EAST LONDON — Charges of incitement to public violence against 139 trade unionists would be withdrawn at Mdu Mabuza's court today, a spokesman for the Ciskei attorney-general's office said yesterday.

The spokesman said the unionists did not have to appear and confirmed the attorney representing them had been informed of the decision.

He declined to elaborate, saying "We don't furnish reasons for our decisions."

The attorney representing the unionists, Mr. Jonathan Clark, of King Williams's Town, said he had received a letter from the attorney general's office informing him of the decision.

He said he had conveyed the message to officials of the union and told them it was not necessary for the unionists to appear in court today.

Thirty-five of 49 unionists arrested with the 139 on September 6 last year were found guilty in the Ciskei regional court in Zwide of incitement to public violence and were each fined R100 and sentenced to nine months' imprisonment, suspended for five years.

Five others were found not guilty and discharged.

Jan 2

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Income Statement

Jan 2

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Income from life policy

Jan 2

24 000

Beating excess of proceeds receivable

Jan 2

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Doctor (Insurance Company)

Jan 2

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Expense

Dec 31

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Income Statement

Dec 31

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Expense

Dec 31

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Premium paid as business expense

Dec 31

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Solution to C5
The unprecedented invitation to unregistered trade unions to attend the annual wage talks in the metal industries has been rejected.

Unregistered unions, 1,000 registered unions outside the industrial council, have been offered observer status at the industrial council talks on March 9. Established unions party to the council had also agreed to bring them into the union caucus during the talks.

But two key unregistered unions in the metal industries — the SA Allied Workers' Union and the General Workers Union — said they would not attend.

A GWU spokesman said it would have reservations about the industrial council's structure and would not join the same caucus as Trade Union Council of SA affiliates.

"Toula has been consistently hostile to the independent unions," she said.

"We are particularly concerned about its stance on Neil Aggett's death."

Two major Fosatu affiliates — the Metal and Allied Workers' Union and the National Automobile and Allied Workers' Union — have also refused.

In a letter to the industrial council, the unions say they will not attend as "observers." Since talks on the industrial council's future structure are planned with the metal industries' employer body, Nesta, their attendance would serve no purpose.

They also "cannot allow the union caucus to speak for them, as "serious allegations" against certain caucus members are pending at the International Metalworkers' Federation.

The only union to accept the invitation is the unregistered Black Allied Workers' Union — but its spokesman said it wants more than observer status.

"If we can't take part as full members, we could decide to go home," he said.
Unionists: charges dropped

By Barbara Hart
Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON — Ciskei's Attorney General has withdrawn charges of incitement to public violence against 139 members of the South African Allied Workers' Union.

The unionists, part of a contingent of 205 who were arrested by Ciskei police on September 6 last year, would have appeared in the Mamatome Magistrate's Court last week charged with incitement to public violence.

Mr. T. Clerk, for the defence, said the Attorney-General had withdrawn the charges earlier in the week.

Last week 35 Swazi members were fined R100 or 100 days' imprisonment and given a nine-month sentence, suspended for five years after being found guilty of incitement to public violence. The 35 were the first to be charged in a group of 205.

Meanwhile, the Ciskei government has hinted that it will ban trade unions in the territory. In a Press conference recently Presi
dent Lomax Sihlali said, "The government of Ciskei is not happy with the activities of the trade unions and will take steps to halt them."

"The unions must understand that the government cannot tolerate such activities in Ciskei."

He was replying to a question of what Ciskei's attitude to trade unions should be after independence.

And the Minister of Justice, Chief Z. S. Mthethwa, has told the meeting that the government must keep away from organisations like the NUWU.

"We want to identify with these organisations as they disturbed peace and order in workplaces."
Kikine (1954)
in 'good' condition

Mercury Reporter

The condition of Mr Sam Kikine, general secretary of the 85,000-strong South African Allied Workers' Union who was admitted to St Augustine's Hospital on Wednesday is 'good', an authoritative source said yesterday.

The same source said that no restrictions had been placed on treatment, though Mr Kikine was under police guard.

A legal representative for the Kikine family, who did not want to be named, said Mr Kikine was undergoing psychiatric treatment. While he was not allowed visitors, immediate family had been permitted to see him.

When asked why Mr Kikine was in hospital, Brig J B van der Hoven, head of the Security Branch at CR Swart Square, said it was 'for the doctors and myself to discuss'.
SEBE WARNS UNIONS

MOVE which must be reassuring to the grow
list of prospective investors in Ciskei, General
Lees Sebe - head of security - says the Ciskeian
government is prepared to ban all trade union ac-
tivity.

His warning follows the February 19 court convocation of 35
"agitators" - members of the influential SA Allied Workers
Union which claims a "mixed" membership of 95 000 and
featured in recent major strikes in the Eastern Cape.

Stability in labour is a major incentive to
invoers and the warning
by General Sebe, brother of
President Sebe, coincides with the fresh
announcement by the
President that more than the
30 industrial "giants" and
other concerns are se-
iously considering set-
tting up business
interests in Ciskei.

"The Government may
have to ban the SA Allied Workers Unions,"
General Sebe says.

Godfrey Shiba, acting
general secretary of the
SAAWU, says there are
about 5 000 union mem-
bers at King Williams
Town and 800 at Ciskei's
Dimbaza industrial town-
ship. The remaining mem-
ers are made up of
Black, Coloureds, In-
dians and about 50
Whites throughout South
Africa and the
Homelands.

"We are expecting
General Sebe to ban us
He's afraid of us and any
group and intends to ban
all organisations with
more than 1 000
members, including
burial societies," says
Shiba.

In addition to appli-
cations being inves-
tigated by the Ciskei Na-
tional Development Cor-
poration from industria-
lis in South Africa, United
States, Israel, Taiwan, France, Ger-
many, Hong Kong, Italy
and Australia, almost all of the 47 industries
established in Ciskei (35

By Lynn Carlisle
at Dimbaza) are embark-
ing on expansion pro-
grames totalling more
than R10-million.

"The announcement
of improvement incen-
tives to attract in-
dustrialists has acce-
sorated interest in Ciskei.
Some industrial giants
from South Africa and
abroad are now coming
forward to invest here,"
says President Sebe.

It is believed that the
interest could lead to
investments exceeding
R100-million over the
next few years, sources
say.

Climate

Dimbaza Chamber of
Industries chairman, Ian
Duncan-Brown, says
there is a need to pro-
mote secondary and ser-
dices industries there.
Any industrial unrest
would put off investors
coming to Ciskei.

"We must create a
climate for more in-
dustrialists who have a
greater responsibility for
providing the unem-
ployed with jobs
than just improving con-
ditions for those already
working," says Duncan-
Brown.

He has had no deal-
ings with the SAAWU,
and no worker unrest has
taken place at Dimbaza.
Duncan-Brown sees the
type and amount of
unrest which took place
at East London and Port
Elizabeth as having been
"out of all proportion."

"We have industries
affected - Mercedes Benz
Assemblers CDA, John-
son & Johnson, Wilson
Powntree and others are
model employers and
industrial leaders paying
well above the average
salaries in industry," he
says.

It is pertinent that
good labour relations
should be promoted in the
area, especially as
Prime Minister P.W.
Botha considers Ciskei
and the Eastern Cape as
the prime area for
concentrated development,
adds Duncan-Brown.

After refusing to in-
clude Berlin into an in-
dependent Ciskei, the
South African Govern-
ment has undertaken to
develop an industrial es-
tate adjacent to Berlin
and to provide for the
development of its in-
frastucture while offer-
ing more attractive
decentralized incentives
in prospective industria-
lists.

The Ciskeian Govern-
ment has now completed
a scientific resources
survey and multi-
disciplinary planning
and has identified about
36 viable agricultural
projects. A development
fund in the order of
R332-million over 10
years will be intended to
exploit these agricultural
possibilities.
THE EXISTENCE OF LIFE IN THE WORLD

IT IS THE DUTY OF EVERYONE CONCERNED WITH THE PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY TO ENSURE THAT THE PRESENT SITUATION IS NOT ALLOWED TO CONTINUE.

The situation described on page 101 is alarming. The government must take immediate action to prevent further deterioration.

In addition, the community must be educated on the importance of safety and preparedness.

The health and safety of all citizens should be a top priority.

The government should also consider implementing stricter regulations and enforcement to ensure compliance.

Together, we can work towards a safer future.

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The government issued a statement on page 101, acknowledging the critical situation and promising immediate action.

"We are deeply concerned about the situation described on page 101. The government is taking immediate action to address the issue and prevent further deterioration. We urge all citizens to remain vigilant and support our efforts."
EAST LONDON — Mr Thozamile Gqweta, the president of the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu), has been released after 86 days in security police detention.

But on his first day of freedom yesterday after his fifth spell of detention without trial in two years, Mr Gqweta was arrested by his Mdantsane home by Ciskei security police.

Mr Gqweta said he was taken to the Zwelitsha offices of the Ciskei Central Intelligence Service, where he was told by Major-General Charles Sebe, the Director General of Ciskei State Security, that he would have to report to the Mdantsane police station three times a day.

Mr Gqweta said he had been taken from his home at 6:30 am, driven to Zwelitsha 40 km away and released again at 9 am. He said he had been told to report to the police station at 6 am, 6 pm and 10 pm everyday.

Approached yesterday, General Sebe said he was “not prepared to comment.”

Mr Gqweta was released in East London on Wednesday afternoon. On February 8, while in detention, he was admitted to a psychiatric ward at a Johannesburg hospital.

After a visit to him at the time his brother Robert said he was suffering from a headache and loss of memory and had difficulty in speaking.

"The doctors recommend that in order for me to recover 100 percent I must be in contact with my family, close friends and the community.”

Another two East London-based officials of Saawu, Mr Sisa Nykela and Mr Eric Mntonga, the branch chairman, are both still being held under Section Six of the Terrorism Act. They were also detained in early December.

Another Saawu official, Mr Sam Rikine, the general secretary, has been in detention since November and was recently admitted to a Durban psychiatric hospital.

Mr Gqweta expressed his greatest appreciation yesterday to all those who had sympathised with him during his stay in hospital — DDR.

Mo, released. Page 5

Sugar goes up 15 cents

JOHANNESBURG — The price of sugar would be increased today by 12 cents per pound, the South African Sugar Association announced in Durban yesterday.

This would mean an increase of 15 cents on each 2,5 lb packet of white sugar to the consumer — SNPA.
Boraine hits at Gqweta detentions

Mr Gqweta, the general secretary of the South African Allied Workers' Union, was released this week after three months detention.

Dr Boraine said "The constant harassment and persecution of Thozamile Gqweta by the security police and by the state is nothing short of scandalous. With his legal right not been respected, the state is in violation of his constitutional rights."

"Five times Mr Gqweta has been detained and released and never once has he been charged. The Minister of Police must not be surprised if the public believe that a vendetta is being waged against a young man who has suffered physical and mental distress and is innocent of any crime," Dr Boraine said.

A spokesman for the minister said that in accordance with the provisions of the Terrorism Act, no reason would be given for Mr Gqweta's release — PC.
Gqweta must report 3 times a day.

By KEITH ROSS

EAST LONDON — Mr. Thozamile Gqweta, president of the South African Allied Workers' Union, who was released from detention this week, has been told to report to the Ciskei police three times a day.

A spokesman for the union deplored the instruction and expressed fears that Mr. Gqweta, an "unwell man," would be harassed by the Ciskei police.

Last month Mr. Gqweta received treatment in the psychiatric ward of the Johannesburg Hospital.

Mr. Gqweta was released on Wednesday after 86 days. It was his fifth spell in detention.

On his first day of freedom, he was arrested in his Mdantsane home by the Ciskei police. He was taken to Zwelitsha, 40 kilometres away, and released after 2½ hours.

Mr. Gqweta was told to report to the police station at 6 am, 6 pm and 10 pm each day.

"This will cause great hardship to Mr. Gqweta, who is still not well," said the SAAWU spokesman.

The spokesman said his union was, however, grateful for the release of Mr. Gqweta. "We appreciate the concern the authorities have shown for Mr. Gqweta's welfare," he said.

Mr. Gqweta said: "The doctors recommend that in order for me to recover completely I must be in contact with my family, close friends, and the community."
Cape Town - The constant harassment and persecution of Thozama Gweta, the Bantu Women's Union leader, was nothing short of scandalous, the Progressive Federal Party MP for Pinelands, Dr Alex Boraine, said yesterday.

Mr Gweta, the general secretary of the South African Afro-Workers Union, was released this week after three months detention.

Dr Boraine said, "The constant harassment and persecution of Thozama Gweta by the security police and by the state is nothing short of scandalous."

Fifty times Mr Gweta has been detained and released and never once has he been charged. The Minister of Police must not be surprised if the public believes that a vendetta is being waged against a young man who has suffered physical and mental distress and is innocent of any crime. Dr Boraine said.

A spokesman for the minister said that in accordance with the provisions of the Terrorism Act, no reason would be given for Mr Gweta's release. - PA

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Solution to Q5 (ComD)
THE National President of the South African Allied Workers' Union, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, who has been released from detention, is likely to be called to give evidence for the State in a terrorism trial in Ciskei.

Mr Gqweta, who was being held under Section Six of the Terrorism Act, was released and returned to Mdantsane on Wednesday. He was detained, along with the national Vice President, Mr Sisa Nqkelana, on December 8 last year.

In February Mr Gqweta was admitted to the psychiatric ward of a Johannes burg hospital.

The Attorney General of Ciskei, Advocate Juris Jurgen, yesterday confirmed that Mr Gqweta had been released so that he could be a State witness in a terrorism trial in Zwelitsha. The four accused are members of the Saaw.

On further questioning, however, Advocate Jurgen said he had not decided finally whether to call Mr Gqweta to give evidence for the State.

"There is a possibility that I will call him as a witness," Advocate Jurgen said, adding that "I'm calling him as a witness because he was being released for health reasons."

They (the Security Police) said nothing about being a State witness. I was released because the doctors who were treating me refused to continue if I was to go back into detention. The treatment was for me to go back into society.

Mr Gqweta said the Chief of the Security Police on the Witwatersrand, Colonel H. Muller, had approached the Minister of Justice, who had agreed that he should be released.

Mr Gqweta said that he had been instructed by Ciskei police to report to the Mdantsane police station three times a day until the amounts being held in South Africa were brought to trial either at the end of March or early in April.

The Minister of Police announced last month that the amounts presently being held under Section Six would be brought to trial later this year.

The Ciskei police had also told him not to do any work for Saawu or to address any meetings. Mr Gqweta said he was later released.

Mr Gqweta said he was feeling a lot better but would continue having psychiatric treatment in East London.
Union man may testify

Own Correspondent
EAST LONDON — The national president of the South African Allied Workers' Union, Mr Thosamile Gqwela, who was released from detention earlier this week, is likely to be called to give evidence for the State in a terrorism trial in Uitenhage.

Mr Gqwela, who had been held since December 8 last year under Section 8 of the Terrorism Act, was released and returned to Mdantsane on Wednesday.
SAP detained Gweta twice in one year

Political Staff
THE South African Police detained the president of the SA Allied Workers Union, Mr Thombi Gweta, twice within a year, without living charges against him, the minister of Police, Mr Louis le Grange, revealed yesterday.

Between June 26 last year and March 3 this year, Mr Gweta spent nearly four months in detention.

Mr Le Grange was replying to questions tabled in Parliament by Mr Harry Fitton (FFP, Pretoria).

Asked if Mr Gweta had been charged with any offence, Mr Le Grange replied: "No." When asked if Mr Gweta had been detained, Mr Le Grange replied: "Yes.

Mr Le Grange was asked: "Why has Mr Gweta been detained?" Mr Le Grange replied: "He has been detained for a number of reasons.

Mr Le Grange was asked: "Will Mr Gweta be charged with any crime?" Mr Le Grange replied: "No.

In reply to another question by Mr Fitton, the Minister of Justice, Mr le Grange was asked: "What is the status of Mr Gweta's case?" Mr Le Grange replied: "We are not prepared to comment on this matter at this time."
DURBAN — The detainee Mr. Sam Kikane, general secretary of the 85,000-strong South African Allied Workers' Union, was discharged today from St. Augustine's Hospital where he had been receiving psychiatric treatment since February 26th.

Mr. Lionel Goldman, administrator of St. Augustine's, said Mr. Kikane left the hospital premises under police guard.

Mr. Kikane was detained on November 26th.
Kikine not to be isolated?

DURBAN — Detained trade unionist Mr Sam Kikine had been discharged from hospital on condition he would no longer be held in isolation cells, his lawyer said yesterday.

Mr Kikine had been receiving psychiatric treatment.

Mr Kikine’s lawyer said the psychiatrist who had treated Mr Kikine since he was admitted to hospital about two weeks ago had recommended the condition of discharge which had been accepted by the police.

The psychiatrist declined to comment yesterday but said he was satisfied with the conditions of the discharge.

Mr Kikine the general secretary of the South African Allied Workers Union is being held under Section six of the Terrorism Act and had spent about 90 days in solitary confinement before he was admitted to hospital.

The head of security police here Brigadier J van den Hoven would not comment. — SAPA
Work stoppage from misunderstanding

African Affairs Reporter
THERE was a work stoppage at Turnmill Ltd in Jacobs yesterday because of a misunderstanding between the management and the workers who demanded to be recognised as members of SAWU.

They claimed they did not go on strike but were locked out by the management who called the police to disperse them.

Last Wednesday the management agreed to meet organisers from SAWU yesterday who were to present the ledger cards to the manager.

But before their union spokesman could come the workers were locked out and were told to collect their pay at noon. They refused to accept it on the grounds that they had not strike.

Mr G H Hamphire, works director, said the stoppage started on Wednesday involving some 480 employees. From then until Thursday night all production was at a standstill.

Management had addressed the employees on several occasions on Wednesday.

On Thursday employees arrived at work and many of them indicated their desire to work but production did not commence.

Employees were advised that they should leave the factory.

Mr D J Ngoeba, Branch Chairman of SAWU, said he regretted that Mr Hamphire had fired the workers although they had agreed with him to discuss the matter.

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Work stoppages hit five Natal companies

Mercury Reporter

WORK stoppages were experienced by five companies in Natal yesterday as more than 1200 workers downed tools in support of their demands.

The stoppages follow a wave of strikes on the East Rand which have affected 15 companies over the past two weeks.

At Tongaat Milling in Estcourt more than 150 workers continued to refuse to return to work until their demands had been met.

An official of the Fosatu-affiliated Sweet Food and Allied Workers' Union said the workers downed tools on March 3 following claims of victimisation by a supervisor. They returned to work when management agreed to investigate their complaints.

According to the official, the workers were given till midday on Thursday to return to work, failing this they were dismissed.

Due to meet

The managing director of the company, Mr W O R Gibson, could not be contacted late yesterday.

The labour officer of the KwaZulu Department of the Interior, Mr Z A Khanyile, yesterday was due to meet both KwaZulu Shoe Company management and the 700 women workers who downed tools last week in support of their demand for reinstatement of a fired shop steward and recognition of their union.

The results of the meeting were not known late yesterday. The company manager, Mr Peter Bodovines, was unavailable for comment.

Workers from the Henkel chemical plant at Prospecton near Durban gave Chemical Workers' Industrial Union officials permission to negotiate with management at a meeting early yesterday.

The workers, about half the workforce of the plant, demanded firstly that they all be reinstated and then that management agree on their return to work to discuss wage, shift and pension grievances.

An official of this Fosatu-affiliated union said late yesterday they had managed to get management to agree for the time being not to re-employ new workers while negotiations continued.

Mr M Rouxouw, Henkel's personnel officer, said they did not want to put any undue pressure on the present situation while talks continued with the union.

Although a number of workers from Turnall Ltd in Jacobs had returned to work by yesterday, a large group of workers met yesterday at the South African Allied Workers' Union offices and claimed they had been 'locked out'.

About 480 workers had downed tools on Wednesday last week after a misunderstanding between the management and workers who had demanded the recognition of their union.

Mr G H Hampshire, works director, said the employees had been invited to return to work on Friday and most of them had accepted, the offer. None of them had been dismissed, he said.
Wilson-Rowntree action spreads to Lesotho

By MIKE PITSO
Mail Africa Bureau

MASERU — The Lesotho branch of the Wilson-Rowntree boycott committee, formed two months ago, held its first press conference in Maseru on Thursday.

The committee was formed by representatives of various Lesotho trade unions and other organisations, to express solidarity with the 500 workers dismissed by Wilson-Rowntree last February in East London, following a strike.

The committee, which is raising funds for the workers, discourages businessmen from purchasing Wilson-Rowntree products.

The committee has also appealed to expatriates in Lesotho to contact their home trade union to express solidarity with workers dismissed from their jobs in South Africa.

Mr Adrian Clarke, a Briton living in Lesotho, is the secretary of the committee.

He strongly attacked the British Wilson-Rowntree company for working within South Africa's apartheid policies.

He said there was an unholy alliance between the South African Government and Ciskei, whereby workers would be repressed indefinitely.

He added that it was now clear that the South African homelands had been created to become cheap labour reservoirs.

Dr Peter Jackson, a former Labour MP in Britain who is now on the staff of the National University of Lesotho, said workers in South Africa were being denied the right to join unions of their own choice.

Workers throughout the world had to exert pressure to bring about change in SA.

He said pressure in Britain had forced Barclays Bank, for example, to improve conditions for its workers.

Various trade unions in Lesotho expressed solidarity with the South African workers.

One of the students from the National University of Lesotho said: "Lesotho is one of the main exporters of workers to South Africa. There is no doubt they will also be victims."
Union accuses KwaZulu of stalling

Mercury Reporter

THE South African Allied Workers' Union yesterday accused KwaZulu's Department of Works of stalling meetings for nearly two months.

This charge was made following attempts to raise long-standing grievances held by temporary and casual labourers at KwaZulu's Department of Works.

The chairman of the workers' committee, who asked not to be named, said about 500 temporary and casual workers had complained of low wages -- some he claimed were being paid as little as R3.29 a day.

Letters

He also said a number of the workers had complained that they had been employed as temporary workers for more than five years.

They should have been transferred to permanent staff after three months' probation, he claimed.

'Sawu's branch chairman and national treasurer, Mr Isaac Ngcobo, said yesterday he had sent a number of letters to the KwaZulu Minister of Works requesting a meeting to discuss the workers' grievances.

He said after several weeks of negotiating he was referred to the Secretary of the Department of Works, Mr Tony Johns, who agreed to meet him last Wednesday.

When workers' committee members and Sawu officials arrived at Ulundi they were told the meeting would have to be cancelled unless Mr Ngcobo agreed to meet alone Mr Johns without the presence of the delegation.

Cancelled

'We had no choice but to forget the meeting,' said Mr Ngcobo. 'What had to be said concerned the whole of the delegation and not only me.'

'I simply cannot understand the motive behind Mr Johns's request especially after Chief Buthelezi has recently made several statements in favour of trade unions.'

KwaZulu Department of Work's secretary, Mr Johns, said yesterday that he had cancelled the meeting last week because the appointment had been made with Mr Ngcobo and 'nobody else'.

He said the workers' representatives at the meeting had not been from the official works committee so he had told them to raise their grievances through the accredited channels.
Three union leaders appear in court

Staff Reporters

Three executive members of the 70,000-strong South African Allied Workers' Union appeared briefly before a Johannesburg regional magistrate today in connection with a charge under the Terrorism Act.

The president of the union, Mr Thozamile Richard Gezwe, the general secretary, Mr Sam Bekhuyse Kikane, and the national organiser, Mr Sisa James Njikelana, were not asked to plead.

On May 4 the Attorney-General authorised the prosecution.

Their names were added to a charge sheet and they will appear with Miss Barbara Anne Hogan (30) of Hunter Street, Yeoville; Mr Cedric Radcliffe Mayson (54) of George's Street, Bellevue, and Mr Alan Morris Fine (26) of Sharpe Street, Bellevue.

In terms of a certificate handed to the magistrate, Mr J.J. van Eeden, their advocate, Miss Priscilla Jans, did not apply for bail. The men were remanded until May 28 for further investigation.

After more than five months in detention two leading trade unionists were released yesterday with no charges brought against them.

Mrs Emma Mashumi, general secretary of the Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers' Union, and Mrs Rita Ndzanga, organising secretary of the General and Allied Workers' Union, were detained on November 27 last year and were held under section 6 of the Terrorism Act.

Mrs Mashumi was one of many trade unionists detained in the crackdown by the Security Police last November.

"I don't know in the first place why I was held I should have been charged if I had committed any crime," said Mrs Mashumi.

Her husband, Mr Tom Mashumi, said: "I'm really bitter that I was deprived of a wife for so long and yet no charges are brought against her."

Mrs Mashumi said the Security Police had warned her not to talk about her detention.

In Kimberley an Anglican priest, Father Ivor Shapiro, editor of the church's publication Seek, was detained yesterday.

A 31-year-old legal clerk, Mr Kwenzakhe Mlaba, was detained yesterday in Durban.
Top Cape unionist held for the seventh time

By ANNE SACKS
MR TEOZAMILE Gweta, president of the 70 000-strong SA Allied Workers Union, has been detained for the seventh time, SAAWU officials said yesterday.

Two other prominent trade unionists, Mrs Emma Mashima, general-secretary of the Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers' Union, and Mrs Rita Ndzanga, organizing secretary of the General and Allied Workers' Union, were released yesterday after being held for nearly six months by Security Police.

Lawyers said two other SAAWU unionists, Mr Sam Rikane and Mr Sisa Mijekela, will appear in the Johannesburg Regional Court this morning. It is believed they face charges under the Terrorism Act.

Four University of the Witwatersrand students were detained yesterday while visiting the University of Fort Hare University sources said.

They are believed to be T Serito, N Ntombela, S Majozi, and M Boloke.

Police were unable to confirm these detentions last night.

Mr Gweta was detained by Security Police on Saturday last year, and released a week later from the psychiatric unit of the Johannesburg Hospital.

Mr Theo Heffer, group manpower consultant for Grander Holdings, said he was shocked to learn of Mr Gweta's detention saying the East London-based union had been repeatedly detained without ever being charged.

Mr Heffer, who had direct dealings with Mr Gweta for more than two years as personnel director of Chloride, described him as a responsible leader and said he had long hoped to improve the lot of the many workers he represents.

Antics from Amsterdam

Mail Correspondent
AMSTERDAM — It was a confusing morning for the postal system in one Amsterdam suburb yesterday. Dozens of familiar streets seemed to have disappeared overnight, so to be replaced by others he'd never heard of.

There was no post for some weeks yesterday, but piles of the untraceable Transvaal Avenue Kruger Square had become Robben Island and Spitskop became Boer-go-to Hell Street.

Anti-apartheid activists had replaced hundreds of street names in Amsterdam's old Transvaal quarter with liberation-style names.

Detention's role to obtain information

Mail Reporter
THE Security Police detained certain South Africans in order to obtain "confession" from them and not necessarily to bring them before a court of law, the Chief of the SP, Lieutenant-General Johann Coetzee, said yesterday.

Addressing about 70 Rand Afrikaans University students at lunchtime, Lt-Gen Coetzee admitted "our intention is not to try criminals, but to obtain information that can be used for highly confidential operational, diplomatic and other activities".

He said the 48-hour detention clause applicable in criminal cases was inadequate. The SP "needed more time".

He believed different methods were required to extract information from "highly-motivated, highly-trained, and sometimes intellectual" criminals.

He did not elaborate on SP methods of extracting information, but said detentions were "correctly and thoroughly" carried out.

"We have no desire to be the sadistic, arbitrary detainers of people," he said.

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'Apeman' discovered in Kenya

"He was taken to the hospital where he had been held pending positive identification of his species.

"Dr Maundu said John cannot speak any known language and uses one word "utterance similar to the Homo Erectus.""

"He was found in the bush near a river, and he has been asleep for two days.""}

Dr Maundu said it was unlikely but not impossible that he is a human who was raised by monkeys — UPJ

The veld fire season looms

THE approach of winter heralds severe headaches for Johannesburg's fire chiefs.

"With the veld fires season approaching, the public is being urged to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity or information on fire prevention. Contact your local fire department." -- UPJ

Violence is out, says Le Grange

Political Staff
CAPE TOWN — Police have been instructed to avoid violence at all times when interrogating detainees, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, said yesterday.

Replying to a question in Parliament from Mr Ray Swart (PF Tboes), the Minister said instructions for interrogating detainees "amount to the application of sensibles and conclusive methods in order to gain the information required."

"No question or forbidden methods may be employed with the object of obtaining evidence or statements from persons under suspicion."

"Detainees are visited at least once in 14 days by a magistrate and at random by inspectors of detainees."

"Any complaint of violent conduct is properly investigated and referred to the Attorney-General for his decision."
Trade unionists in court

THREE executive members of the South African Allied Workers' Union made an appearance in the Johannesburg Regional Court yesterday.

They are Mr Thomas Mpho, president, and Mr Richard Gqweni, general secretary. The men were detained for the seventh time on Wednesday afternoon at East London by the police.

Mr Samuel Mkhize, general secretary, and Mr Nozulu Njikela, national organiser, were also present.

During their appearance before Mr J J van Eeden, no charges were read against them. The prosecution said police are still continuing with investigations and indicated that the men are to face charges under the Terrorism Act.

They were remanded in custody to May 28, a provisional date for the State to furnish the defence with charge sheets.

Ms Priscilla Jana, their legal representative, told the court she had no objection to this arrangement.
UK trusts may help in Rowntree strike

LONDON — The two largest shareholders in the Rowntree Mackintosh confectionery group — the philanthropic Rowntree Trusts — may join the growing protest against the company's bitter and controversial stand over trade unions in South Africa.

The Joseph Rowntree Memorial Trust and Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust are considering placing their considerable weight behind a motion at today's annual meeting of Rowntree-Mackintosh shareholders here, condemning the company's South African subsidiary Wilson Rowntree.

The row, which has lasted for almost 18 months, is centred on Wilson Rowntree's refusal to recognise the black trade union Saawu and reinstate workers sacked during the dispute.

The trusts, which help finance social, educational and pacifist causes, own almost 11 percent of Rowntree Mackintosh shares worth nearly £54-million.

Support for the highly critical shareholders' motion would bring the charitable trusts into their most serious open conflict with the company. The company and the trusts share the same origins and their relationship is unique in British commercial life.

The debate will come a month before the Anti-Apartheid Movement begins a week of protest to increase pressure on Rowntree Mackintosh.

The protest is timed for June 16-23 to coincide with the anniversary of the Soweto uprisings and will involve pickets outside Rowntree-Mackintosh factories and lobbying for support among MPs, trade unions and student groups.

The shareholders' motion urges Rowntree Mackintosh to change its policy and recognise Saawu as a trade union and reinstate employees dismissed last year.

Mr Trevor Jepson, secretary of the Rowntree Charitable Trust, said at the weekend: "We certainly have sympathy with the concern underlying the theme of the motion."

The trust was particularly concerned about the fundamental question of freedom of association and the rights of workers under The Surplus Slaves Agreement.

From the National Union of Metal Workers, the National Union of Building Trade Workers, the Amalgamated Engineering Union of South Africa and the Cape Building Trade Workers.

The national certification officers' association and the General Workers Union.

From the Transport and General Workers' Union and the National Union of Building Trade Workers.

General workers unions have not been established.

Unions operating in 1981 grouped according to industrial classification:

Agriculture, forestry, and fishing

General and Allied Workers Union

National Federation of Organised Workers

Metal and Furnaces Workers Union

Transport and General Workers Union

National Certification Officers Association

Food and Drink Workers Union

Black Allied Workers Union

General workers unions have not been established.

Unions operating in 1981 grouped according to industrial classification.
### Unionists on Terror Charges

**JOHANNESBURG**

Three leading trade unionists appeared briefly in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with charges under the Terrorism Act.

Mr Thozamile Gweta, president of the 25,000-strong South African Allied Workers' Union (Sawwu), Mr Sisa Nyxela, Sawwu vice-president, and Mr Sam Kikume, Sawwu's Natal-based general-secretary, all appeared before M J van Eeden.

They were remanded to May 28.

According to the charge sheet, the trial of the three has been added to that of Miss Barbara Hogan, 30, of Hunter Street, Yeoville, Mr Cedric Mason, 54, of St George St, Bellevue and Mr Allen Fine, of Sharp Street, Bellevue.

Miss Hogan and the others are appearing for alleged contravention of the Terrorism Act. Their hearing has also been set for May 28.

All three men were neatly dressed and looked well. Mr Gweta greeted friends and fellow unionists sitting in the visitors' gallery with a clenched fist salute as he left the dock after the brief hearing.

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SP raided our office — union

Labour Correspondent

A SPOKESMAN for the SA Allied Workers’ Union and Security Police yesterday raided the union’s Kempton Park office.

The union’s national organiser, Mr Herbert Barnabas, said the SP men had confiscated documents and T-shirts, ripped posters off the walls and threatened union members.

Mr Barnabas said the police had raided twice, saying they were looking for him. He was not in the office on either occasion.

A spokesman for the Police Directorate of Public Relations said yesterday the police would not comment on the allegations. “We do not comment on routine investigations,” he said.

SAAWU’s president, Mr Themba Gweta, its vice-president Mr Suda Nkeli and general secretary Mr Sam Kikunje are awaiting trial prisoners, having been held in Security Police detention for several months.
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Catering and Accommodation

Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers Union
East London Liquor & Catering Trades Employees Union
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Police still hold trade unionist

By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK

IT IS six months today since trade unionist Mr Eric Mlontola was arrested at his union office in central East London and held under South African security legislation.

Mr Mlontola, the East London branch chairman of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Sawu), was first detained under Section 22 of the General Laws Amendment Act on December 10 last year, but has now been held for more than five months at John Vorster Square, Johannesburg, under Section Six of the Terrorism Act.

Hospital

During February he was admitted to the Johannesburg General Hospital for treatment for five days before being returned to detention.

A spokesman for the South African Police Public Relations Division, who confirmed Mr Mlontola's hospitalization, said yesterday he could not disclose the reason for it because it was "privileged information".

He said, however, that Mr Mlontola had not been admitted for psychiatric treatment.

Boycott

Mr Mlontola, who turned 30 in detention earlier this year, was the chairman of the workers' committee at Wilson Rowntree. He was at the forefront of a national consumer boycott of Wilson Rowntree products following a strike by workers at that factory early last year.

Shortly after the strike, he was detained by Ciskei security police and held under emergency Proclamation R252 for three months before being released, along with 54 other detained Wilson Rowntree workers. He was charged with incitement to violence, a charge which was later withdrawn.

"In the dark"

"Mr Mlontola's elderly father, Mr Norman Mlontola, who has not visited his son since April, said yesterday he was "in the dark" as to why his son was being held. "I am very worried and very angry. How long are they going to keep him there?"

Apart from his trade union activities, Eric Mlontola is well known in the Border region as a lock forward for the Tembu United Rugby team.
Warning on effects if union is ignored

BY SANDRA SMITH

THE Midland Chamber of Industries and an industrial relations expert have warned of possible serious economic consequences if the South African Transport Services continues to refuse to recognise the General Workers' Union (GWU).

The GWU has attempted unsuccessfully to arrange a meeting with SATS management, which has moved from a position of refusing to deal with an unregistered union to saying the GWU is not sufficiently representative.

GWU general secretary Mr Dave Lewa said the union had more than 1,000 members on the Port Elizabeth and East London docks.

He said the GWU was not asking for the right to negotiate national conditions for dock workers but to negotiate in respect of local matters in the Port Elizabeth and East London docks.

The executive director of the Midland Chamber of Industries, Mr Brian Matthew, said today the chamber was seriously concerned, as any disruption of "our supply lines" would affect industry in the area.

"We are hopeful the matter will be amicably resolved to the benefit of all concerned," he said.

Ford's director of industrial relations, Mr Fred Ferreira, said it would be a pity if the SATS management were "to continue to underestimate the seriousness of the situation developing in this area - particularly in the light of potential international ramifications."

"It seems totally senseless for an impasse to develop when the issues involved appear to be essentially questions of principle which are totally consistent with current perspectives on labour relations in South Africa," he said.

"One hopes that this is not another case of different Government departments each going off in their own direction."

The country could not afford to have its harbour activities crippled through potential strike action and the SATS ought therefore, at least, to show a willingness to discuss the issues involved, he said.

In an open letter to the SATS general manager, Dr Kobus Louwser, this month, the GWU said its members had met with "an extraordinarily brutal response" from the SATS and Railway Police in their activities.

The union warned of the possibility of bloodshed if the dispute led to open conflict. Overseas transport unions have shown an interest in the dispute, and the International Transport Workers' Federation has promised its support.
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Sawu's survival

More than any other trade union, the SA Allied Workers' Union (Sawu) has faced the wrath of the South African and homeland governments in recent years. Yet the union continues to survive—despite claims that it is growing strongly in some regions.

A breakaway from the black consciousness-linked Black Allied Workers' Union (Bawu), Sawu was established in 1979 although it aims to be a non-racial union, almost all its members are black. It has grown rapidly in Natal and the Eastern Cape and by last year boasted a membership of 70,000.

The union's membership claims have been treated with a great deal of scepticism by many labour observers. They have argued that while the union may have signed up vast numbers of workers, there are doubts about how well motivated many of these workers are and how well the union is servicing their needs. However, the union has made a strong showing in a variety of strikes and has been particularly well-organised in the East London area.

Sawu has antagonised both the SA and Ciskei governments. The SA authorities have been concerned about the union's militancy and its willingness to become involved in what are deemed to be political issues.

For example, the union has called for the release of Robben Island prisoners last year a security branch officer circulated a document to employers in East London which proposed strategies to hamper the union. The Minister of Police, Louis Le Grange, said in response to questions in Parliament that the distribution of the document did not fall within the duties of the security police. However, the officer had been acting in good faith, said Le Grange, and no steps would be taken against him.

The Ciskei government has been perturbed by the union's opposition to homeland independence and perceives the union to be a threat to its authority.

Scores of Sawu members were detained by the Ciskei police last year and the union's leaders have been frequently held by both the Ciskei and SA governments.

Two senior union members have been treated in hospital after long periods of detention. Finally, late last month, charges of contravening the Terrorism Act were brought against the union's president Thozamile Gweta, its general secretary Sam Kikilame, and national organiser Sisa Nyikelana.

There have been predictions that Sawu would suffer the same fate as black unions operating in the decades up to the Sixties. In some respects these were mass movements rather than proper trade unions, and they tried to gain as large a membership as possible in the shortest space of time. By not entrenching themselves properly in factories they failed to secure an enduring national base and were vulnerable to a sudden collapse.

Sawu, however, appears to be surviving and its leaders say it is unfair to compare the union to those which ceased to be effective due to poor organisation. They admit that membership in the East London area has dropped from about 25,000 to about 15,000 in the past year due to the detention of members and leaders. However, they claim continued growth in Natal, where they say three recognition agreements have been signed this year and several others are being negotiated.

Sawu organiser Herbert Barnabas says the union's membership in the Transvaal has grown from 139 a year ago to about 2,050 now. He says two recognition agreements have been signed in the past year and claims that another three are in the pipeline. He attributes Sawu's survival to the union's efforts to create a secure organisation at plant level and the accent that is placed on workers' participation in the union's affairs.

Some companies which have recognised the union report that they have managed to achieve a good relationship with it. The personnel manager of one of the first companies to negotiate with Sawu says the union has a good record of adhering to an agreement it has signed with the company. He says the Sawu shop stewards are playing an important role in dealing with day-to-day labour problems. Johnson & Johnson has also signed an agreement with Sawu and a company spokesman describes relations with the union as "fairly reasonable."

"There are no major problems," he adds.

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A sticky week for
the sweet makers

London Bureau

LONDON — An attempt to sabotage the sale of Rowntree-Mackintosh products is to be made by the British Anti-Apartheid Movement, which claims it has the backing of the leaders of the Labour Party, the Liberal Party and the Trades Union Congress.

"The company is to be the target for a week of action," said the movement. Shoppers will be handed leaflets urging them to "think before you eat" Rowntree-Mackintosh products.

"We are taking this unprecedented action because of the persistent refusal of Rowntree-Mackintosh to reinstate 470 black workers sacked by their 100% owned South African subsidiary or to recognise their union.

"We have tried every reasonable course of action, now we are going to the consumers. We have chosen to launch this campaign on June 16 — the sixth anniversary of the Soweto massacre — to remind people of what apartheid means in practice."

Demos are planned outside Rowntree-Mackintosh factories in York, Leicester, Norwich and Glasgow.

A broadsheet to be distributed includes a message from the TUC leader, Mr Len Murray, claiming that Rowntree-Mackintosh is "running away from its obligations" and saying British unions will put pressure on the firm.

A message from Mr Michael Foot, says the Labour Party is taking up the matter with the company Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, is quoted as saying "I wish you every success in bringing additional international pressure to bear on Rowntree-Mackintosh."
Sweets boycott 'gesture of solidarity'

Argus Bureau
LONDON — An anti-apartheid boycott of Rowntree Mackintosh sweets has started in Britain as a gesture of solidarity with black workers in South Africa who are seeking recognition for the South African Allied Workers' Union.

The BBC devoted a television programme last night to the issues involved in the British boycott.

The irony that it should be the company founded by Joseph Rowntree was dwelt on at some length. Rowntree, a Quaker, was concerned about the welfare of his workers and sponsored housing projects, better feeding schemes and recreation facilities at the company's headquarters in York.

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The Rowntree Mackintosh chairman, Mr Kenneth Dixon, told viewers, "The essential attitudes of Joseph Rowntree still persist in this business. Rowntree would not have liked the apartheid system and nor do I."

But, he emphasised, Rowntree Mackintosh workers in South Africa were not exploited.

Professor Laurence Taylor of York University said the boycott was symbolic. "You can't talk about apartheid in global terms," he said. "You have to bring to people's attention the relationship between apartheid and a bar of Kit Kat."
Parker Pen writes of 35 jobs

EAST LONDON — Parker Pen retrenched 35 semi-skilled and unskilled workers yesterday.

Mr D C Breestke, managing director, said the retrenched workers had been compensated. They had been paid a week's wages for each year of service.

Although the company had no formal agreement with the Allied Workers' Union, management had held discussions with the union regarding the retrenchments, Mr Breestke said.
### Downed tools

The workers at Non-Ferrous Metals demand back at work by 9am today.

#### A cato ridge strikers

According to a statement released by the union, the company has dismissed 20 workers from the plant and then reinstated them.

#### Mercury Reporter

The union's call for reinstatement was made during a dispute over work levels.

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550 strikers back at work — but 200 others stay out

Mail Correspondent

DURBAN — About 550 striking workers from Uniply’s Cato Ridge plant returned to work yesterday after a dispute over the dismissal of a colleague.

But the strike at Non-Ferrous Metals involving about 200 workers continued.

The Uniply workers downed tools on Tuesday when the company dismissed an employee who had refused to work overtime — which is apparently not compulsory — a spokesman for the Paper Wood and Allied Workers’ Union said yesterday. The workers had demanded his reinstatement.

According to a statement released by Uniply, the entire workforce, including the dismissed worker, had returned to work after discussions between representatives of management and workers.

The workers at Non-Ferrous Metals, who downed tools on Monday over pensions and work hours, had not returned to work yesterday.

Non-Ferrous Metals’ managing director, Mr. Bernhard Lazarus, said he would adhere to its decision on Tuesday to dismiss the workers. The wage packets were available at the metal industries’ industrial council local offices.

He said although he would be hiring new workers from next week, he would be willing to re-employ workers selectively.

The branch secretary of the South African Allied Workers’ Union, Mr. Isaac Nkomo, which claims to represent the Non-Ferrous Metals workers, said he had been in touch with the company for Monday. This was confirmed by Mr. Lazarus.
Saawu men to be tried soon

EAST LONDON — The Grahamstown trial of two executive members of the South African Allied Workers' Union should start 'any day now', the Attorney-General of the Eastern Cape, Mr E C Heller said yesterday.

The two union leaders appeared on charges under the Terrorism Act in the Johannesburg regional court earlier this week and were told their case was being transferred to Grahamstown magistrate's court.

The general secretary of the union, Mr Sam Rikinje, had his case transferred to Durban magistrate's court — DDR.
Rowntree men

‘desperate but determined’

Labour Reporter

The plight of 470 Wilson-Rowntree workers in East London, dismissed after striking more than a year ago, is growing more desperate.

However, the workers are determined to press for reinstatement, and recognition of the South African Allied Workers’ Union (SAAWU), according to a worker representative, Mr Sam Bani.

Mr Bani said workers had been harassed by the South African and Coskean authorities and "blacklisted" by other managements in East London.

In February last year, three workers were dismissed for refusing to fix a machine without written permission.

The three workers said a worker had been reprimanded before for fixing machines when he was unqualified to do so. They were reluctant to do the repairs without written permission and a skilled rate of pay.

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Later, about 470 workers struck in support of the dismissed workers and in May last year they called a boycott of Rowntree products.

Management has refused to negotiate with the workers or SAAWU, saying they will negotiate only with the Sweet Workers’ Union, which they say represents most of the workers in their factory.

The workers and SAAWU deny this African workers were not allowed to belong to the SWU, until 1980.

Workers claim membership of the Sweet Workers’ Union is a condition of employment at Wilson-Rowntree.

SAAWU branch secretary Mr M Mdyogo said one dismissed worker had been sent to SWU offices after inquiring about his job.

He was told the SWU would recommend him "after his case had been carefully considered."

With the plight of the unemployed workers becoming increasingly severe, the workers have renewed their call for a boycott of Wilson-Rowntree products in an attempt to bring management to the negotiating table.

The Argus Africa News Service reports that a support committee in Lesotho claims to have raised "several thousand rands" for the workers.

Dr Peter Jackson, a former Labour MP in Britain, said the committee had been surprised at the support shown.

Another committee member, Mr Adrian Clarke, said although the strike was 15 months old, he felt it was important to persevere as "very few of the 500 workers have got new jobs because they’ve been blacklisted."
Unionist held after terror case dropped

Mr Xitike, a top SA Allied Workers Union official, appeared in the Johannesburg Regional Court on Tuesday about 8am. He was told he would be transferred to Durban for trial.

He appeared with two other top SAWU officials, Mr Theozamile Gweta and Mr Sisa Nyakali, who were told they would be transferred to Grahamstown for trial.

About 30 minutes later Mr Xitike reappeared in court, the spokesman said. He was told the charges against him had been withdrawn.

Immediately after the hearing, he was taken into police custody and we do not know where he is.

The spokesman confirmed that Mr Gweta and Mr Nyakali, who live in East London, had appeared in a Grahamstown court yesterday. The Grahamstown court said it had no jurisdiction over the unionists and transferred the case to East London.

The spokesman said no charges had been laid against the two men who will appear today.

Police yesterday confirmed that a Soweto student who disappeared last week from the University of the North campus was being held in terms of security laws.

A police public relations spokesman said in a telex to the Rand Daily Mail that Mr Moeketsi Ali Mphaki 21, of Dube, was being detained under Section 22 of the General Laws Amendment Act.

His father, Mr Chales Mphaki, said that police had not informed them. He said he did not know where his son was being held.

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Mystery attacks of 'dizziness'

Staff Reporter

FOUR Mitchell's Plain adults, a six-year-old girl and a two-year-old, were taken to hospital early yesterday morning after being overcome in their home by what may have been a leaking gas bottle.

Mrs Cynthia Pope of Nile Street said the girl had gone to make a cooking pot of jam off a gas cooker soon after midnight when the sudden faintness came.

She left the kitchen but her domestic servant, Miss Dina Syste, entered the room and collapsed unconscious in the lounge.

Mrs Debrah Bobbert, another occupant, went to the kitchen to fetch ice with which she hoped to revive Miss Syste, was also overcome by dizziness and collapsed in the lounge.

Mrs Pope said two girls, Desiree Bobbert and a friend Felicity Hendricks, woke up by the commotion. They ran outside where they collapsed in front of the door, gasping for breath.

This in turn woke Mr Jeffrey Erasmus, who felt light-headed when the girl stepped into the passage.

He ran back into the bedroom picked up his seven-month-old baby Antonio and climbed out the window.

Three other children - Elvina, 12 months; Alphonso August 3 and Natasha Pope, 6, were taken outside by Mrs Elsa August.

Mrs Pope said her home has very damp and spots of fungus kept reappearing on her walls after cleaning.

She felt the only other cause of the dizziness may have been the damp. A spokesman for Groote Schuur Hospital yesterday said no traces of gas had been found in the blood tests.

The people had been affected by lack of oxygen and nothing was wrong with them, she said.

The Johannesburg regional court heard that members of the Inkatha movement had been warned to stay away from the court.

Throughout the day, members of the Inkatha movement sat on the court lawns awaiting the outcome after arriving in a column during the morning.

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Our courts, controlled the issuing of business licences, agricultural matters and other business without control from the South African Government, he said.

Inkatha members of civil and other issues, too.

"We were not concerned," Foreign said. "Talks in South Africa, and so.

"We were not concerned," Associate said. "Talksably in
Unionist cleared, then seized

Mail Reporter

A DURBAN trade unionist, Mr Sam Kikine was taken into police custody on Tuesday immediately after Terrorism Act charges against him were withdrawn by a Johannesburg magistrate.

A spokesman for Priscilla Jana and Associates, a legal firm, said yesterday they did not know who had arrested Mr Kikine or under what law he was being held.

"We guess he is in Durban, but we are still trying to find out," he said.

Mr Kikine, a senior SA Allied Workers Union (Sawu) official, appeared in the Johannesburg Regional Court on Tuesday about 8am. He was told he would be transferred to Durban for trial.

He appeared with two other top Sawu officials, Mr Themzele Gweta, and Mr Sisa Nkholana. They were told their cases were being transferred to Grahamstown.

Mr Kikine had reappeared in court about 30 minutes later and was told by the magistrate that charges against him had been withdrawn, the spokesman said.

"Immediately afterwards he was taken into police custody and we do not know where he is," the spokesman said.

The spokesman said Mr Gweta and Mr Nkholana, who live in East London, had appeared in a Grahamstown court yesterday. The case had been transferred to East London.

No charges had been laid against the two men, who were expected to appear in court today.
POLICE said yesterday that top Durban trade unionist Mr. Sam Khine was being held in terms of Section 12(a) of the Internal Security Act. Section 12(a) is the refusal of bail clause, lawyers said yesterday.

Mr. Khine, a vice-president of the SA Allied Workers' Union, appeared in a Durban court on Tuesday. His case was adjourned to July 7.

He appeared in the Johannesburg Regional Court on Monday and was told he was being transferred to a Durban court for trial.

A spokesman for Priscilla Juma and Associates said he reappeared 30 minutes later and was told by a Johannesburg magistrate that Terrorism Act charges against him had been withdrawn.
No union accord on federation

Labour Reporter

INDEPENDENT trade unions have decided that there is “no basis” for the formation of a federation representing all of them “at this stage”.

A meeting was held in Port Elizabeth at the weekend at which trade unions and union groupings debated the question of a federation. The matter had arisen at a meeting held in Johannesburg in April.

Mr Jan Toerien, the chairman of the meeting said in a statement it had been decided there was no basis for the formation of a federation “at this stage.” No further meeting was planned.

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The unions represented at the meeting were the Federation of South African Trade Unions, the General Workers’ Union, the Council of Unions of South Africa, the Food and Canning Workers’ Union, the African Food and Canning Workers’ Union, the Cape Town Municipal Workers’ Association, the Orange Free State General Workers’ Union, the Motor Assembly Components Workers’ Union, the General Workers’ Union of South Africa, the South African Allied Workers’ Union, the Blaaskop Municipal Workers’ Union, the South African Transport and Allied Workers’ Union, the General and Allied Workers’ Union and the Media Workers’ Association of South Africa.

Immunisation

Argus Africa News

NAIROBI—Kenya has launched a large-scale immunisation campaign against polio. The target is to immunise 100,000 children against the crippling disease.

Ghana’s judges ‘go on strike’

ACCRA—Ghanian judges decided today to withdraw their services in protest at the callous and coldblooded murder of three colleagues. The Ghana News Agency said a statement issued after an emergency meeting chaired by Chief Justice Fred Apaado said the judges had failed to find any discoverable cause for the murders and that the victims had performed their duties in accordance with their judicial oaths and in the manner expected by right-thinking Ghanaians.

“IMPOSSIBLE”

The statement added that Ghana’s Head of State, Flight Lieutenant Jerry Rawlings, who has ordered a special inquiry into the murders, had advised the judges to continue to discharge their duties undaunted.

Last Saturday, the bullet-riddled and partially burnt bodies of three High Court judges were found on the Accra Plains, along with that of the personnel director of the Ghana Industrial Holding Corporation.

Sapa-Reuters
DURBAN — The general secretary of the South African Allied Workers' Union, Mr Samuel Kilime, no age given, appeared briefly before Mr J J Brits in the Durban Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with an allegation of contravening the Terrorism Act. No charge was put to Mr Kilime and no details of the allegation were given. The hearing was adjourned to August 6 and Mr Kilime was released on bail of R500. He has to report twice a week to the police.
By STEVEN FRIEDMAN
Labour Correspondent

THE general secretary of the SA Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU), Mr Sam Kikane, who has been in police custody since last November, was released on R600 bail on Tuesday after appearing briefly in the Durban Magistrate's Court in connection with alleged Terrorism Act offences.

Mr Kikane's appearance was the latest in a series by three SAAWU office bearers who have been arrested and detained before being released on bail in four cities. One of his appearances, in Johannesburg, was marked by a magistrate's order that Mr Kikane charges against him be withdrawn.

A fourth SAAWU office bearer, Mr Eric Matonga, has been in detention under security laws since late last year.

Our Durban correspondent reports that Mr Kikane appeared in connection with a charge under the Terrorism Act, but that he was not charged during his appearance and that no details of charges against him were given.

Legal sources said yesterday it was "unusual" for an accused due to face a Terrorism Act charge to be released on bail.

Mr Kikane, SAAWU president Mr Thembaile Gweta and vice-president Mr Sisa Nkakana, appeared in court in Johannesburg earlier this year charged under the Terrorism Act.

But at a later hearing, the magistrate told the three men Mr Gweta and Mr Nkakana were being transferred to Grahamstown and Mr Kikane to Durban.

Later, the magistrate informed Mr Kikane charges against him had been dropped, but that he was being transferred to Durban in police custody.

He was held in Durban under Section 12 of the Internal Security Act, which deals with potential State witnesses, until his appearance on Tuesday. A spokesman for the law firm representing Mr Kikane said that, before Tuesday's hearing, the Attorney-General for Natal had withdrawn his certificate stipulating that no bail be allowed Mr Kikane.

Meanwhile, Mr Gweta and Mr Nkakana appeared in a Grahamstown court but were told by the magistrate that he had no jurisdiction over their case and that they were being transferred to East London.

They are now due to appear again in an East London court next month.
Cosmetic factory workers arrested for trespassing

Mercury Reporter

SEVENTY-SEVEN workers from a Rossburgh cosmetic factory, Chemco Laboratories, were arrested by police yesterday following a stoppage over wages.

A police spokesman said the workers had been arrested for trespassing at 9 a.m. when they refused to leave the factory premises.

The workers later appeared in a Durban magistrate’s court where charges were withdrawn.

According to a spokesman for the South African Allied Workers’ Union (Saawu), about 150 workers at the company had downed tools on Friday after the company refused to agree to their demand for 'a better increase'.

He said the workers had been dissatisfied with the company’s offer of a weekly increase of between 60c and R1.

They had tried to raise the issue with management but had been told their services were no longer required because the company was closing down, he claimed.

The following day workers met and decided as a number of workers had continued to work in the factory the company could not be closing down. The workers then decided to return to work, he added.

The workers arrived at work yesterday, clocked in and had even begun to work when a supervisor asked what they were doing and said he would fetch the management, a union source said.

They had been waiting for the management when the police arrived, he said.

Police were told that the company had paid off the workers on Friday. But the union source denied this saying they had not yet 'signed off'.

The police spokesman said workers had been warned to disperse as they were trespassing. 'When they refused to move, they were arrested,' he said.

Chemco Laboratories managing director, Mr B. Wolffowitz, said he was not prepared to comment.
THE detention for eight months of Mr Sam Kikine, general secretary of the S.A. Allied Workers Union (SAAWU), who faces charges of terrorism in Durban next month, has been marked by a series of legal wrangles.

And the lengthy detentions of his two colleagues, the SAAWU president, Mr Thozamile Gwewu — detained at least five times before and SAAWU vice-president, Mr Sasa Nykelane, have also been unusual.

Mr Kikine, who was allowed out on bail, will appear in the Durban Magistrate’s Court on August 6.

He was detained in Durban on November 27 last year and held in terms of Section 22 of the General Laws Amendment Act. Two weeks later, he was held in terms of Section Six of the Terrorism Act, which provides for detention to be held in solitary confinement with no access to the outside world.

In March this year, he was admitted to the psychiatric unit of the St Augustine Hospital in Durban, where he was under police guard.

Mr Gwewu was also admitted to a psychiatric unit, but in Johannesburg when his brother Robert saw him, he described him as “unrecognisable”.

Sometimes after Mr Kikine’s discharge from hospital, he was transferred to Johannesburg. His lawyers do not know exactly when.

On June 12, he appeared in the Johannesburg Regional Court together with Mr Gwewu and Mr Nykelane in connection with charges under the Terrorism Act. Details of their charges were not disclosed.

Mr Gwewu and Mr Nykelane were told they would be transferred to Grahamstown for trial, and Mr Kikine was told he was being transferred to Durban for trial.

The three men left the court. Thirty minutes later, Mr Kikine was returned to court, where he was told the charges against him had been withdrawn.

He was immediately re-detained and transferred to Durban in police custody. His lawyers do not know under which law he was detained, but presume it was Section Six of the Terrorism Act.

The next day, June 28, he appeared in the Durban Magistrate’s Court, where he was told his case had been remanded until July 13. He appeared in connection with a charge under the Terrorism Act, but no details of charges against him were given.

Mr Kikine was returned to police custody, and police said he was being held in terms of Section 12 (a) of the Internal Security Act, the refusal of bail clause.

Meanwhile, his lawyers applied to have the trade union leader released on bail. When he appeared in court on July 13, he was told his bail application had been successful, and that he was being released on R500 bail.

He was told to appear in court again on August 6.

Legal sources said it was unusual for an accused due to face a Terrorism Act charge to be released on bail.

When Mr Gwewu and Mr Nykelane appeared in a Grahamstown court, the magistrate told them he had no jurisdiction over their case, and that they were being transferred to East London.

They are due to appear again in an East London court next month.

Another SAAWU office-bearer, Mr Eric Mntonga, has been in detention under security laws since late last year.
Unionist freed after 2 weeks

EAST LONDON — The branch secretary of the General Workers' Union, Mr David Thandani, said yesterday he was released on Thursday after two weeks' detention in Ciskei.

He said he had been held at the Mdantsane police station.

Mr Thandani said he would continue working as the GWU branch secretary.

He said the only time he was questioned during his detention was on Tuesday morning, between 8 am and 11:30 am, when he was taken to the Ciskei Central Intelligence Service offices in Zone 6.

"They wanted to know if GWU and African Food and Canning Workers' Union were both under the control of the South African National Congress (ANC)," he said.

He added that if the GWU had its own executive, its own headquarters and its own organisation and was independent of Saawu, it would not have been involved in any subversive activities.

"I told them GWU had its own executive, its own headquarters and its own organisation and was completely independent of Saawu," he said.

Asked to comment, the Commander General of State Security, Major-General Charles Sebe, said last night Mr Thandani had been in possession of certain documents.

"He was questioned about these documents and matters concerning subversive organisations," he said.

He said regarding Saawu, he knew very well that the GWU was under the wing of Saawu.

"As a matter of fact, he said, all such trade unions were working under the wing of Saawu.

"We are very conversant with the subject of trade union relationships," the General Sebe said — DDR.
Natal firm asks Court to test 'closed shop'

Mercury Reporter

A NATAL furniture company has asked the Industrial Court to test the controversial 'closed shop' provision, which forces workers to belong to a trade union.

The case is being brought by Grafton Everest against the furniture industries' Natal Industrial Council and National Union of Furniture and Allied Workers (NUFAW), an affiliate of the Trade Union Council.

It concerns a council agreement which forces all Indian, black and coloured furniture workers to belong to NUFAW.

The closed shop has been extended only recently to blacks.

The closed shop is firmly supported by most established unions but has been attacked by emerging unions and employers, who see it as a violation of workers' freedom of association.

It is understood that Grafton Everest brought the case after three of their workers—one who has worked for the company for 25 years—refused to join NUFAW because they supported the unregistered South African Allied Workers' Union. The council told the company they must dismiss the three workers.

The company has now taken the case to the Court, arguing that to fire workers because they refuse to join a union is an unfair labour practice and runs counter to the principle of freedom of association.

Tested

NUFAW's secretary, Mr Mohan Lalaram, yesterday confirmed that the case had been brought by the company but said it was the right of any employer to ask the Minister of Manpower for an exemption from the closed shop agreement.

It is understood that the company has not asked for an exemption because this would mean that the closed shop principle would not be tested in court.
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"Probably nowhere in the world would so many
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positive attitudes that exist between government
and industry."

Zimbabwe was not alone in its economic
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in other countries.

Firms that had been cut off from the world
during the UDI era needed to reassess their position
in terms of competitiveness of their products and
their effectiveness in the international markets —
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Sawu says no to land transfer

Mail Correspondent

THE South African Allied
Workers’ Union (Sawu),
which claims a membership
of 50 000 in Natal, has come
out against moves to incorpo-
rate Ingwavuma into Swazi-
land and has urged workers
to attend King Goodwill’s
meeting at Nongoma on
Saturday.

Sawu’s general secretary,
Mr Sam Kikwe, said workers
should attend the meeting be-
cause if the Ingwavuma issue
went unchallenged, it would
mean many workers could
lose their jobs in South
Africa.

“The incorporation of
Ingwavuma into Swaziland
would mean that workers
from the area would be re-
classified as foreign mi-
grants and therefore could
lose their right to work locally,”
he explained.

Mr Kikwe urged Natal em-
ployers to allow members of
the Zulu royal family to leave
work early today to assist
preparations for Saturday’s
meeting and to allow work-
ers to leave work early on
Friday to give them enough
time to get to Nongoma.

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JOHANNESBURG — Police have confirmed that a security detainee, Mr Eric Mntonga, is in hospital here, where they said he was being treated for "a slight ailment."

However, Mr Sam Kikunzi, SAAWU's Durban-based general secretary, said Mr Mntonga was suffering from sleeplessness.

Mr Mntonga, East London branch chairman of the SA Allied Workers' Union, is being held in terms of Section 29 of the Internal Security Act, formerly Section Six of the Terrorism Act. He was detained last November — DDC
Trade unions are a target of Ciskei government

By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK, Labour Reporter

"AS OUR country has relatively few export commodities our labour force can rightly be regarded as black gold," Ciskei's Manpower Minister, Chief Lento Maqoma, told the National Assembly on June 3. But "black gold unlike the real thing makes demands on trade unions and sometimes even goes on strike.

Since 1976 the Ciskei government has been fighting against opposition politicians, students, sports administrators and anybody else who has trodden on its toes, but the independent trade unions, based in East London, have drawn special attention. Hundreds of union officials and members have been detained or held hostage.

As representatives of workers as well as the community, Saawu found itself in conflict with nearly all the vested interests in the region -- the Ciskei state, the South African state and many companies who were prepared to hit back.

Saawu's leaders have been in jail since December last year. National President Mr. Chozamile Govweda, who was released after a few months of suffering a psychiatric breakdown, while in detention, and Vice-President Sisa Njkelana are in custody awaiting trial.

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The local branch chairman, Eric Mntonga, has been in detention under Section six of the Terrorism Act for more than seven months.

Thousands of workers have lost their jobs in strikes at companies such as Watson-Rowntree and Dunlop Flooring and this has had an adverse effect on morale. The union has claimed that these multinationals have acted in concert with the authorities to break the union and warned workers not to strike for fear of mass dismissals.

Security police raids are a regular event and the union is no longer able to hold a meeting in East London.

Mr. Maree says: "It looks as if in the short run, the Ciskei in collaboration with the South African security police and most companies has succeeded in setting back Saawu. However this has not been a solid response and some companies -- such as Chloride and Johnson and Johnson -- have seen the wisdom of talking to representatives unions as the only basis to build a sound industrial relations structure.

The FBCDU has recently opened offices in Queenstown and negotiated a recognition agreement with KSM Milling. But the unions have steered away from organizing, instead of Ciskei, where the major industrial area is Dimbaza, the resettlement camp which gained international notoriety with the document "Last Grave at Dimbaza" and where one of the major factories is the Longmo-owned Dimbaza Foundries. Dimbaza wages are reputedly very low but trade union organizers stay out of fear of action by the Ciskei authorities.

Ciskei's opposition to trade unions is likely to intensify with the new National Security Bill which will grant considerable powers to the unions-arch-enemy Major-General Charles Sebe, Director-General of the State Security. The bill provides for the vetting of newspaper registrations and the banning of songs, dances, organizations and union meetings.

The new bill has been taken from the Ciskei's Border area, where there has been little evidence of such reforms.

Political threat

Cape Town University sociologist and labour expert, Dr. John Maree believes the Ciskei's opposition to independent trade unions is based on a desire for cheap and docile labour force. "It also sees the unions, particularly the SA Allied Workers Union (Saawu), as a political threat."

During the run-up to independence last year, Saawu actively campaigned against Ciskei and it was clear then, in Mdantsane anyway, they had a lot of popular support. This drew the allegation that Saawu was a "political" union, but the union replied that it could not keep quite when its members were being stripped of their South African citizenship and their benefits at the workplace and while the Ciskei insisted on attacking the unions.

Commuters

The vast majority of East London's workers commute daily from Mdantsane, which is on the outskirts of East London but within the boundaries of Ciskei. Twenty years ago it was virgin farmland, but through resettlement, mainly from Duncan Village in East London and from the Western Cape and the influx of people from rural areas, Mdantsane has become southern Africa's second largest black city. But Ciskei and the Border region are not well developed industrially and there is massive unemployment, a problem exacerbated by the exporting of unemployment from other areas through resettlement and influx control.

Vested interests

Two years ago Saawu's phenomenal growth in this region earned East London the title "labour's siege city." As representatives of workers as well as the community, Saawu found itself in conflict with nearly all the vested interests in the region -- the Ciskei state, the South African state and many companies who were prepared to hit back.

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THE Midland Chamber of Industries has called for a delegation comprising a City Council representative and labour relations experts to find a solution to the dispute between the South African Transport Services and Port Elizabeth dock workers.

The chamber's call comes after about 600 dockers signed a letter calling on the Port Manager to open discussions with the workers' committee by next Monday at the latest.

The letter said the efforts of the General Workers Union (GWU) over 10 months to negotiate with SATS had failed.

"If the SATS administration does not agree to the workers' request, they will be forced to conclude that there is no point in further efforts to mitigate discussions," the letter said.

While the workers were not seeking a confrontation with SATS, such a confrontation would undoubtedly draw in GWU stevedore members in all four South African ports, and would gain supportive action from members of the International Transport Workers Federation (ITF).

"A conflict of this scale will inevitably spill into the already tense black townships of Port Elizabeth," the workers' letter added.

"We call upon the leadership of the city and all those concerned with Port Elizabeth's economic and political well-being to intervene urgently in this conflict to try to persuade the SATS administration to negotiate a solution to this potentially dangerous conflict."

The chamber's executive director, Mr Brian Matthew, said today "The chamber is concerned that the entire labour situation seems to be deteriorating in order to protect industrialists in this area a delegation, perhaps consisting of someone like the Mayor, assisted by experts like Professor Roux van der Merwe, head of the department of industrial relations at UPE, and the former chairman of the chamber, Mr A de Rock, should meet with SATS and the union concerned to attempt to find a solution to the problem," he said.

However, Port Elizabeth's Mayor, Mr H van Zyl Cilless, said he felt the dispute was an internal SATS matter.

"I would not consider interfering in their affairs," he said.

Commenting on the chamber's letter, the head of the department of industrial psychology at UPE, Professor L Kamfer, said that if a body had the potential to take a labour force out on strike one should talk to it.

He said the issue was something SATS should consider very carefully because of possible international ramifications.

"It could lead to South African goods rotting in world ports," he said.

The PFP MP for Walmer, Mr Andrew Savage, today called the GWU's request for discussion on workplace issues "a moderate and conciliatory approach" as the union was not, in fact, demanding recognition.

"Not to talk is a dangerous attitude to take in a sphere where the stakes are very high and there is a danger of South Africa becoming isolated," he said.

SATS had to regard South Africa's harbours differently from the rest of its operations. The docks were vulnerable contact points with world trade.

"Clear thinking, enlightened policy-making and diplomacy are called for — or we're going to bump our noses," Mr Savage said.

SATS confirmed receipt of the workers' letter and reiterated that approaches to its management had to be conducted "through the correct channels."
‘Militant’ union wins recognition in Natal

Labour Correspondent

THE unregistered SA Allied Workers Union (Sawu) has won its first formal recognition agreement in Natal.

The union has been recognised by a British-owned ink firm Coates Brothers at its Iapenga plant. The company was hit by a strike two years ago and talks between the two sides have been going on for some time.

A joint statement by Sawu and the company says that both sides have affirmed their belief in "industrial relations and industrial peace".

The agreement is believed to be a precursor to further written accords between the company and Sawu.

Sawu's general secretary, Mr Sam Kikwe, this week hailed the agreement as "a victory for both the company and the workers". He said Sawu regarded Coates Brothers as a "progressive company".

Mr Kikwe has appeared in court to face charges under the Terrorism Act after being detained without trial for some months. He was then released on bail. He was hospitalised during his detention.

The company's managing director, Mr G P Jordan, said yesterday the agreement was "nothing momentous — it simply reflects the direction in which most employers are now moving".

He declined to elaborate further, saying the two sides had agreed not to enlarge on the statement.

Sawu's strongest branch is in East London, where it is known to have won three recognition agreements.

The union has been the subject of repeated official action, particularly in East London, and many employers in that area refuse to deal with it, claiming it is "too militant".

Sawu's president and vice-president, Mr Thozamile Gqweza and Mr Sasa Mykela, are awaiting trial on charges under security laws and its East London chairman, Mr Eric Monlonga, has been in detention for eight months.
Unionist freed after 8 months' detention

Labour Correspondent

THE East London branch chairman of the South African Allied Workers' Union, Mr Eric Mintonga, has been freed after more than eight months in detention under security laws, the union announced yesterday.

And Shaw general secretary, Mr Sam Kikane said that the union expected its president, Mr Thozamile Ngweta, and vice-president, Mr Sisa Nyikalana, to be released on bail soon. The two are awaiting trial under the Terrorism Act.

Mr Kikane said the union had raised bail for the two men and sent this to East London, where they were being held, yesterday.

"We have been assured that they will be released on bail as soon as the money reaches East London," he said.

Mr Kikane himself is currently free on R500 bail after appearing in a Durban court charged under the Terrorism Act.

The charges against the three have not been specified. Lawyers say it is "highly unusual" for prisoners awaiting trial under Terrorism Act charges to be granted bail.

Mr Mintonga was a worker leader at Wilson Rowntree in East London before being fired in a dispute which led to a consumer boycott against the company.
Union leaders to be released on bail

Labour Correspondent
SA ALLIED Workers Union leaders Mr. Thozamile Gweta and Mr. Sam Nyekelana are expected to be released on bail on Monday, the union's general secretary, Mr. Sam Kikane, said yesterday.

He said he had contacted a member of Mr. Nyekelana's family in East London and learned that the men were due to be released yesterday, but that this was not possible because Mr. Nyekelana's reference book had been misplaced.

Mr. Gweta had refused to be released on bail without Mr. Nyekelana and the two men were now expected to spend this weekend in prison.

Mr. Kikane said Mr. Gweta is SAAWU's president and Mr. Nyekelana its vice-president.

Mr. Kikane said SAAWU's East London branch chairman, Mr. Eric Mntonga, who was released this week from detention after being held for eight months, was "well."
Sats: minister won't talk to outsiders

PORT ELIZABETH — SA Transport Services (Sats) yesterday issued a statement saying that the Minister of Transport Affairs, Mr H Schoeman, was prepared to negotiate only with his own personnel and their recognised representatives, the SAR Staff Association, and not with any "outsiders". These reports are definitely incorrect.

The Sats statement read in part: "Over the last few days there have been several newspaper reports alleging that the Minister of Transport Affairs had stated that he was prepared to negotiate with the General Workers' Union, namely the SAR Staff Association and not with any outsiders."

The Sats statement comes after a report on Tuesday which quoted Mr Schoeman as saying in an interview that he would be prepared to investigate the dispute between Sats and the General Workers' Union (GWU) if the union contacted him.

The report did not state that Mr Schoeman indicated he would be willing to negotiate with the GWU. The Minister made no mention of negotiation with any party and nor did the report.

In the interview Mr Schoeman said: "I have discussed (the dispute) with officials of the Railways and it seems they are going to solve it themselves."

Mr Schoeman was not available for comment yesterday — DDC
Johnson plant in EL cuts workers

By Barbara Hart
Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON — Johnson and Johnson in East London is retrenching employees and introducing short-time and work-sharing programmes because of the economic downturn.

Mr Wayne Munro, the personnel director, said he could not say how many workers had been or would be retrenched, because “it is a moving target.”

The managing director, Mr Richard Cook, said in a statement that the cuts were being made because of the downturn in the economy, the increase in interest rates, and the weakening of the rand against the United States dollar.

“We have introduced alternatives such as short-time and work-sharing, where possible, to avoid redundancies.

“We are obviously anxious to ensure job security wherever possible, and are keeping our employees informed on the action the company will be taking to secure its long-term growth and profitability,” Mr Cook said.

The South African Allied Workers’ Union, which is recognised by the company, will discuss the issue today.
Call for stronger Rowntree boycott

THE Johannesburg-based Worker's Support Committee has called for the intensification of the Wilsons Rowntree sweets boycott which started in East London more than a year ago after about 500 workers were fired for having gone on strike.

According to pamphlets distributed throughout the country calling for the support of the boycott, the fired workers cannot find work anywhere in East London, "because of actions by both the bosses and the City of Johannesburg authorities."

The pamphlets read "Being fired from work is no fun. It is a threat to every worker as he has to face at some stage As most of our parents families, neighbours and friends are workers, we can understand and share the hardships and humiliations suffered by workers who have been kicked out of their jobs."

"Presently there are approximately 450 Wilson Rowntree workers who were fired 15 months ago. Most of us know that these workers were unfairly dismissed and subsequently called for the boycott of all Wilson Rowntree sweets and chocolates."

"This boycott is to force management to bow down to the workers demands which are the recognition of their union, the SA Allied Workers Union (SAAWU) and the unconditional reinstatement of all dismissed workers."

A spokesman for the Workers Support Committee said "This is one boycott we are not going to stop until the workers' demands have been met."

For the period that the boycott has been going on, although they won't say so, we know that management has felt the pinch."

"For every person who abstains from buying all products of Wilson Rowntree, a meaningful contribution has been made in the workers' struggle for their rights and fair treatment on the factory floor."

"And if we all co-operate in this effort nothing will beat us. We will realise our aspirations as citizens of this country and shall all be happy to make a contribution for the betterment of our country," said the spokesman.
R750 bail granted to Saawu executives

EAST LONDON — The president and vice-president of the South African Allied workers' Union (Saawu) were released on bail of R750 each after a brief appearance in the magistrate's court here.

Mr Thozamile Richard Gqweta, 29, and Mr Sisa Njikelana, 27, were not asked to plead when they appeared before Mr N R Oosthuysen on a charge of high treason, alternatively charges under the Terrorism Act. No evidence was led.

The Deputy Attorney General, Mr Petrus Jacobs, assisted by Mr Deon Els, said although the Attorney General, Mr Edward Charles Heller, previously objected to bail being granted to the two men, the matter had since been reconsidered and that an agreement with Mr Gqweta and Mr Njikelana's attorney, Mr H K V Siwisa, had been reached regarding certain conditions of the bail.

The conditions were that Mr Gqweta and Mr Njikelana hand in to the court their passports and travel documents and report daily to the Cambridge police station between 7 am and 9 am and to the police at Duncan Village between 6 pm and 7 pm.

In addition, once the identities of state witnesses had been disclosed in any way, the two must not have any contact with or interfere with such a person and that they should not involve themselves in any way whatsoever with unlawful trade union activities.

A further condition is that they must not leave the magisterial district of East London unless, in the case of Mr Gqweta who had indicated he wanted to visit relations in King William's Town, they do so with written permission of the local branch of the Security Police.

It is alleged in the charges under the Terrorism Act that the two men furthered the aims of a banned organisation and that they furthered the aims of communism over a period.

The hearing was postponed to September 30 by which date, Mr Strauss said, the indictment specifying the charges would have been drawn up — DDR.
Unionists on Terror Act
charges released on bail

Labour Correspondent

The president and vice-president of the SA Allied Workers Union, Mr Thomas Geqeta and Mr Sasa Nyikelane, were released on bail in East London yesterday after spending several months in police custody.

Both men have been detained six times without trial by Cape Town and South African authorities and neither has yet been convicted.

Their release was announced by Sasawu's general secretary Mr Sam Kikane, who is himself free on bail after appearing in a Durban court charged under the Terrorism Act.

Mr Gqwela and Mr Nyikelane have been released on R750 bail each after appearing in court in Johannesburg and Grahamstown, also charged under the Terrorism Act. Mr Kikane's bail was set at R500.

Details of the charges have not yet been made available to the three men's legal representatives and lawyers say it is "unusual" for accused people in Terrorism Act cases to be released on bail.

According to lawyers for the two men, several bail conditions have been imposed. They must report twice a week to the police, they must surrender their passports and they must not engage in "illegal trade union activities."
Charges against unionist dropped

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN
Labour Correspondent

CHARGES against the former Steenbras Workers' Union, the Steenbras Workers' Union, were dropped yesterday when he appeared before the Magistrate in the Court on Magistrate's.

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White union behind workers' aid move

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN
Labour Correspondent

The Government's controversial R2-million plan to compensate "loyal" motor workers who don't want to join strikes was introduced at the express request of the country's biggest all-white union.

The union, the SA Iron, Steel and Allied Workers' Union, is a power in the Rightwing Confederation of Labour.

But neither employers nor the National Automobile and Allied Workers' Union, which represents about 11,000 black and coloured motor assembly workers, were consulted.

In other developments yesterday

- A spokesman for the Unemployment Insurance Fund said the authorities had not yet worked out how the scheme would be implemented, and

- Mr Roelof Brecher, the national president of the National Automobile and Allied Workers' Union, said yesterday employers had not been consulted.

"We had an inkling through the grapevine that something like this was coming, but that is all," Mr Brecher said.

He said employers were waiting to see how the fund was to be administered before taking the matter further.

"It is crucial. However worthwhile the principle may be, there is no way we can decide which of our workers want to work and which don't," he said.

It was established yesterday, however, that details of how the fund is to be run have not been worked out.

"All we have done is set aside the money. We are waiting for suggestions from the Department of Manpower on how the fund is to be administered," a UIF spokesman said yesterday.

Dr Berane yesterday urged the Government to reconsider the move.

He said it was "understandable" but would "seriously affect relations between management and worker and between worker and worker."

If workers affected by lock-outs did not also benefit from the scheme, it would seem to be "one-sided," he said.

And Saawu said that, instead of the aid, the Government should ensure that black workers who had difficulty drawing unemployment benefits because they were homeland citizens were helped to do so.
THE NIGHTMARE IN DETENTION
IS OVER FOR UNIONIST KIKINE

By Barney Mthombathi

SAM Kikine spent the past week punching himself trying to prove to himself the bad dream was over.

Some strange things have happened to the 34-year-old secretary-general of the South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU) in the past 10 months.

Mr Kikine was detained by the Security Police in November last year, one of the first batch to be detained in a nation-wide sweep, which included Transvaal secretary of the African Food and Canning Workers' Union, who later died in detention.

During his detention Kikine was admitted to a psychiatric ward. This later led to an international controversy when the former South African ambassador in Washington, Mr Donald Sole, claimed in a letter to American legislators who were concerned about the treatment of detainees that Kikine was one of those faking illness for publicity purposes.

Durban magistrate R. is unusual for an accused under the Terrorism Act to be released on bail.

Also unusual was the case of his two SAAWU colleagues, president Thozamile Gqwetha, and vice-president Elsa Nykelane, who were released on bail in East London two weeks ago.

He said his detention and that of the other SAAWU officials was part of a Government strategy to "crush the union federation, which has 22 affiliates.

"But it won't succeed. This whole thing has worked in our favour. The authorities thought that by detaining the leadership the membership would be intimidated. On the contrary this has been a boost to us."

Mr Kikine and more than 10,000 members have joined since the crackdown on the SAAWU leadership.

He said the swoops were part of a two-pronged strategy to deal with "maverick unions like SAAWU" who did not want to register in terms of labour legislation.

The harassment tied up with a document circulated by the Security Police among employers in East London on how to deal with labour unrest in the area.

The document, which became a subject of heated debate in Parliament last year, sketched a joint Government-employer strategy to smash unregistered unions, especially SAAWU, in the area.

The document said two strategies, the short-term and the long-term, should be devised. The short-term strategy involved paying a living wage to workers and organising all unemployed blacks so that strikers could be fired and replaced immediately by the unemployed.

The long-term solution suggested making union registration obligatory and legally preventing unions from organising in more than one industry.

Mr Kikine described Ambassador Sole's letter to American congressmen, claiming he was faking illness, as "rubbish."
Visiting U.S. unionists running into local black union flak

Labour Reporter

MOUNTING controversy over the present visit to South Africa by representatives of the giant American trade union federation, the AFL-CIO, has led to a number of mainly black trade unions refusing to meet the delegation.

The high-ranking labour delegation arrived in the country last week on a 10-day fact-finding mission. Their visit could lead to stepped-up American labour aid to local unions.

But, alleged links between the director of the AFL-CIO's international affairs department, Mr Irving Brown, and the CIA, has caused disquiet among the emerging trade unions.

The CIA links have been denied by Mr Brown, but in spite of this unionists expressed misgivings about the role the American government plays in AFL-CIO's African American Labour Centre.

The four-man delegation during the past week has met representatives from the moderate Trade Union Council of S.A. from the all-white Confederation of Labour and from the emerging mainly black unions.

The delegation is due to arrive in Durban today for further meetings.

Boycott

The general secretary of the S A Allied Workers Union, Mr Sam Kikine, said although the union had been invited to meet the American delegation, it would not be going.

Mr Kikine said 'We do not need international imperialist organisations here in South Africa. They have come here to tame the unions.'

The Natal-based National Federation of Workers has also decided to boycott meetings arranged by the labour delegation.

The union's general secretary, Mr Magwaza Maphalala, said the emerging trade unions were being harassed by American multinational companies but they have received no support from American trade unions.

In a statement released yesterday, the Motor Assembly and Component Workers' Union of S.A said it refused to meet the delegation because they offered assistance both to unions operating within 'the system' and those operating outside.

Their object is to create confusion and chaos among ourselves,' it added.
Saawu, Macwusa no to talks

Unions snub US labour delegation

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN
Labour Correspondent

Two local unregistered unions have refused to meet a high-ranking delegation from the American trade union federation, the AFL-CIO, which is in the Republic on a fact-finding mission.

The SA Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) and the Port Elizabeth-based Motor Assembly and Components Workers' Union (Macwusa) did not give reasons.

Saawu's refusal was conveyed yesterday morning.

And, in a statement released in Port Elizabeth, Macwusa said it would not meet the AFL-CIO because of "Reagan Administration's constructive engagement" policy which, Macwusa said, the AFL-CIO supported.

The statement said the AFL-CIO was offering assistance to those working both sides and outside the system - an apparent reference to the delegation meeting registered unions.

Macwusa refuses to join any union federation which accepts registered unions.

Macwusa charged that the AFL-CIO's decision to give George Meany Human Rights Award jointly to Chief Tikka Buthulwane and the late Neil Aggett was "an insult" to Dr Aggett by "implying that they are in the same class."

SAAWU's general secretary, Mr Sam Kikome said the AFL-CIO delegation had not been invited by local unions, but had come on its own initiative.

The delegation, which is nearing the end of a 10-day fact-finding tour, has met most of the country's major unions.

Union bodies which agreed to meet it include the Arthur Lyttleton Confederation of Labour, the Trade Union Council of SA and the Federation of South African Trade Unions (Fosatu), the Council of Unions of South Africa (Cusa), and the General Workers' Union.

It is understood that local unions have reacted "coolly" to the idea of an AFL-CIO-sponsored union training programme opening in South Africa.

Although none of the unions which met the delegation have taken a formal decision on cooperation, most unions have agreed to education and training programmes.

When the delegation arrived, spokesmen said it could decide to aid local unions by setting up an "in-country" programme in South Africa. A training programme was one idea mooted.

Official comment from the delegation could not be obtained yesterday, but it is understood that the AFL-CIO is not wedded to the idea of a training centre or any other specific form of aid.

But it appears that some sort of "in-country" programme is still being mooted by AFL-CIO men.
Urgent talks on Barclays Bank ban

-Own Correspondent

DURBAN — An urgent meeting has been called by Barclays Bank's top management to discuss the blanket ban preventing employees from taking part in political activities.

A senior bank spokesman confirmed that a statement was expected to be released after the meeting.

He was unable to provide any more information.

But sources close to Barclays said they expected the political ruling to be reversed.

The bank's decision has provoked an outcry from several organisations and unions, including a new threat by the general secretary of the South African Allied Workers' Union to call for a boycott of the bank if the ruling is not reversed.

Mr. Sam Khupe said: "We would not hesitate to call for a boycott of the bank if it does not reverse the decision."

"This is an unfair labour practice and the bank runs the risk of alienating many of its black clients."

Dr. Frank Mdlalose, Minister of the Interior of the kwaZulu Government, said no citizen should be robbed of the right to express his political approach, affiliation and activity in a way that benefits him and his society.

Mr. Mdlalose said he could understand the approach of Barclays, but the bank could not deprive anyone of the right to express their political affiliations.

A bank spokesman yesterday qualified the ruling saying it was not aimed at banning the politically conscious.

"The warning is an apparent sequel to the recent dismissal of a black consciousness leader convicted of displaying a banned T-shirt."

In London, the leader of Britain's biggest bank employees' union has described the ban as "monstrous". Mr. Lof Mills, general secretary of the Bankers' Insurance and Finance Union, says he will take the matter up with Barclays.
Union shuns visiting US body

Labour Correspondent

The unregistered SA Allied Workers Union has decided to have no contact with the American trade union federation, the AFL-CIO, or any of its affiliated unions, the union's general secretary Mr Sam Kikane said yesterday.

Mr Kikane said the decision was taken at a meeting of the union's national council in Estcourt yesterday.

He said allegations in a Sunday newspaper that members of an AFL-CIO delegation which visited South Africa this month were linked to the American Central Intelligence Agency led to the move.

Members of the delegation have denied these allegations, describing them as a "canard" and have claimed they first surfaced in a Soviet publication.

They say the AFL-CIO would not allow any of its officials to work for the CIA.

SAAWU refused to meet the AFL-CIO delegation, apparently as a result of the allegations.

However, most major emerging union federations did meet it, as did the Trade Union Council of SA and the SA Confederation of Labour.
Saawu: buses stopped

The mourners were said to have been held up until 5 pm.

"This outrageous and completely unjustified action by Ciskei police is the most serious challenge to the democratic union movement" the spokesman said.

He added that the union viewed the action as an act of intimidation and harassment.

"This action indicates clearly the animosity of the Ciskei police towards the independent trade union movement."

The Commander General for State Security in Ciskei, Major General Charles Sebe, could not be contacted for comment last night.

DDR
Prisoner alleges torture by police

By Alex Ball

The vice-president of the South African Allied Workers’ Union, Mr Sisa Njikalana, told the moment on Dr Neil Aggett today that he was given electric shocks while being interrogated on the 10th floor of John Vorster Square.

He said that, after his arrest in East London in December last year, he was transferred to Johannesburg.

In the last week of December he was writing a statement on his trade union activities and was questioned by a Lieutenant Booyens and a Lieutenant Steyn.

Mr Njikalana said that Major Arthur Cronwright, head of investigation personnel, occasionally looked into the office where he was sitting.

"Major Cronwright looked at my statement and said I could write more. He put me against the wall and slapped and punched me." Mr Njikalana said this happened three or four times.

At the beginning of January he was told his statement was rubbish and he would have to rewrite it. Lieutenant Booyens and Lieutenant Steyn handcuffed him and put him in leg irons.

The chain of the leg irons was put over the handcuffs so he could not move and a black bag was then pulled over his head, Mr Njikalana said.

Wires were fastened around his forearms and he was given electric shocks for about 10 minutes.

The only injury caused was cuts on his forearms which healed after three weeks, he said.

Mr Njikalana told the magistrate, Mr P A J Kotte, that he had seen Dr Aggett several times on the second floor of John Vorster Square.

Dr Aggett seemed normal until the end of January when he appeared to be very depressed and morose, he said.

Yesterday a convicted member of the anti-

South African Indian Council told the inquest that security policemen assaulted him and made him stand for long periods with his right hand shackled to his right ankle.

Pramathanai Naidoo, who is serving a one-year sentence for harbouling an escaped prisoner, said he was arrested on November 27 last year in a 10th floor office at John Vorster Square.

A Major Abris punched him and hanged his head on a table when he denied being a member of the African National Congress or the South African Communist Party.

Two days later he was taken to an interrogation room. His left hand was shackled to his right ankle and a bag pulled over his head.

He was repeatedly asked if he was a member of the ANC or SACP.

Naidoo said a Warrant Officer Prince kicked him while he was in this position.

Later a Warrant Officer Smith made him do exercises including push-ups, squats and sit-ups.

Next day he was made to strip and again handcuffed in the same position, Naidoo said.

Questions by Warrant Officer Smith and a ginger-haired policeman were interspersed with jabs and kicks.

After lunch he was ordered to exercise at a fast pace.

Naidoo said that Warrant Officer Smith told him, "We want to get your body warm because in a post-mortem when the body is warm marks do not show."

He was also beaten on the soles of his feet and made to hold his head in the air while kneeling.

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PRIDE OF THE CAPE WINES

Activist comment

on unions draws

hard-hitting reply

Labour Reporter

MRS Helen Sumran FPP
Opposition spokesman on
Community Development
said the Deputy Minister
of Information, Mr Barwend
du Plessis, must be living
in a 'dream world' if he
thought it was possible to
single out workers that
were only political activists.

'They are all political
activists,' she said.

Mrs Sumran was re-
spending reports that at
a conference at Yale Uni-
versity in the United
States, Mr du Plessis
urged American companies
operating in South
Africa to get rid of politi-
cal activists in black
unions.

She said 'His speech
more nonsense of the so-
called concessions wrung
out of the Government as
a result of the Wiehahn
Commission'.

By removing so-called
political activists, Ameri-
can companies would be-
come collaborators with
the Security Branch, Mrs
Sumran said.

The general secretary of
the Fedala, Mr Joe Foster
said 'How can you separate
political issues from other
trade union issues?'

'The workers all lived in
locations suffered under
the pass laws and people
were uprooted. The union
cannot ignore these issues
because they are politi-
cal,' he said.

The general secretary of
the Council of Unions of
South Africa, Mr Phiroshaw Camay, said
Mr du Plessis had 'just
made a fool of himself'.

The Government had
opened up industrial
rights for black people
but it had not opened up
economic and social
rights and obviously trade
unions are the only chan-
nels through which the
black people can argue
for change,' he said.

The SA Allied Workers' Union's general secretary,
Mr Sam Kitene, and the
national organiser for the
National Federation of
Workers, Mr Magwaza
Maphalala, said there was
no such thing as political
agitators' manipulating
unions. Unions were in-
structed by their mem-
bers, they said.
Sweets boycott stand: 2 plead not guilty

MDANTSANE — A Mongalethu High School pupil who was detained for four months claimed he had been assaulted by the Ciskei police to force him to make a statement if he wanted to be released.

This was alleged at the Mdantsane magistrate's court during the trial of two men charged with contravention of Proclamation R252 of 1977, before Mr G M Zanxaka.

Mr Neebe Mahlangeni 26, and Mr Malungisa Joka 35, pleaded not guilty to the charge.

The State led evidence that the men had organised a boycott with the object of causing loss disadvantage or inconvenience to Wilson Rowntree by displaying stickers to encourage people not to buy certain brands of sweets in Mdantsane on July 28, last year.

Advocate B E N Tshabalala instructed by Mr Ben Ntonga said the basis of the defence would be that the accused would admit having stickers on their clothing which read, "We don't eat Wilson Rowntree," but that the stickers referred to them, and did not intend to encourage others.

A 17-year-old youth told the court that on the day in question he met the accused in front of the post office at about 8.50 am. He said he was from school when the men came to him and they stuck stickers on his chest and hat.

The youth said after the men did this they told him he should beware of arrest by the police.

Cross-examined by Advocate Tshabalala the youth said after his arrest he was detained for four months. While in detention he was assaulted by the police to make a statement if he wanted to be released.

He said because he was keen to go to school, he had told the police that the statement he had made was true.

Detective Sergeant Zolile Goodman Velebanyi told the court he was patrolling the Highway bus rank with Constable Mdingi. Constable Mdsza and Warren Officer Fant when they saw the accused standing in front of the post office.

Detective Sergeant Velebanyi said their attention was attracted by the stickers which were on their clothing.

He said they searched the accused and found other stickers in their pockets.

Sgt Velebanyi said he had asked the accused where they had got the stickers. He was told by them that they had written then as they had worked at Wilson Rowntree and that they had been dismissed and wanted to go back. They believed this would happen if people did not eat the sweets.

Sgt Velebanyi said he knew there was trouble between the management of Wilson Rowntree and the employees who had been dismissed.

Sgt Velebanyi said he had not seen them sticking the stickers to other people. The stickers were on their backs and fronts.

Sgt Tukela Welcome Mnawana said he had imprisoned the accused at the police station on the afternoon of the day in question.

He said there was nothing wrong with their cell where another man had been imprisoned. When he visited the cell later with the station commander, Major N Mlandu, at about 4 pm, he found papers and posters stuck to the wall.

Sgt Mnawana said the man who had been detained with the accused had denied sticking the papers to the wall. He said the accused had also denied knowledge of the posters.

The hearing was postponed to October 18. Bail of R50 each was granted — DDR
EAST LONDON — People should not be arrested and transported across borders between South Africa and Ciskei unless legal requirements are observed and approaches made through diplomatic channels.

The emergence of inquiries by the Daily Dispatch following two incidents said to have involved Ciskei police actions in South Africa.

In one reported incident Mr Godfrey Shiba, a member of the Wilson-Rowntree Boycott Support Committee, said that on September 22 he and his companions were ordered by an armed man to drive from King William’s Town to the offices of the Ciskei Central Intelligence Services (CCIS) in Zweltshita for questioning.

In the other, a Daily Dispatch employee, Mr Themba Kente, said he was arrested in East London by a uniformed Ciskei policeman with a warrant of arrest issued in Mdantsane.

Mr Shiba said that he and his companions had parked in Bank Streeet, King William’s Town, on their way to attend a meeting of the Dependents’ Conference near Port Elizabeth.

He heard a boot from a vehicle behind him and opened it, pointed a rifle at him.

Mr Shiba said the man ordered him to drive to Zweltshita The man with the rifle followed them in his vehicle.

He said they were questioned about their trip by Lieutenant Colonel L Nhohonho, Captain Vuyani Gcanda and others.

Mr Shiba said they were then questioned briefly by General Sebe.

One and a half hours later they were questioned by two men from the South African security police in Cambridge.

Mr Shiba said they were released three hours after they had been picked up.

Mr Shiba said others involved in the 10 to 15-man group were Mr Samson Nube, Mr Johnson Ndhawwa, Mr Boyce Makutsa, Miss Thami Madi and two former Fort Hare students Mr Eric Nhlonga, who was travelling with them, was not in the vehicle when they were picked up.

Mr Kente said he had been asked by three men in plain-clothed to accompany them into Ciskei from the entrance of the Daily Dispatch.

A uniformed man showed him a warrant for his arrest issued by the Mdantsane magistrate’s court and he was taken to Mdantsane in a Ciskei police van.

The Daily Dispatch was not notified that one of its employees had been arrested and established this fact only after extensive inquiries.

Mr Kente was imprisoned at Mdantsane before being released on bail arranged by the Daily Dispatch.

Ciskei’s Commander- General of State Security, Major-General Charles Sebe, has refused to comment on claims that Ciskei police were involved in the two incidents.

General Sebe said he had no knowledge of the incident involving Mr Kente.

He said of Mr Shiba’s allegations “If they feel the matter is illegal, then they must go to court.”

General Sebe confirmed that Ciskei police could not make arrests in South Africa and that all the “red tape” had to be followed.

Asked if Ciskei police were permitted to enter South Africa in uniform and driving police vans, General Sebe said he often went to Pretoria in uniform on official duties.

“Just because you see a Ciskei police van driving around East London does not mean they are going to arrest someone.”

He said co-operation between South African and Ciskei police was “good.”

Asked about the claim that men from the South African Security Police had interrogated Mr Shiba and his companions in CCIS offices, the head of the security police here, Colonel A. P. van der Merwe, said “It’s possible, I don’t know.”

A spokesman for the Department of Justice in Pretoria said he was not aware of any legislation which permitted the police force of any foreign country to operate within the Republic of South Africa.

He said foreign police forces were not empowered to make arrests in South Africa and transport any arrested person to a South African border.

The spokesman said the only way in which a foreign country could have a person arrested in South Africa and transported across the border would be in accordance with the Extradition Act of 1962 and any extradition agreement made in terms of that law.

An extradition agreement between South Africa and Ciskei came into force at Ciskei independence.

The spokesman said that in terms of the agreement and the Act, a request for the arrest and extradition of any person in South Africa by Ciskei had to be made through the diplomatic channel to the Minister of Justice.

After being considered by the Minister, the request would have to be considered by a magistrate who could issue a warrant of arrest.

The arrest would then have to be made by the South African Police in terms of the warrant.

The arrested person could contest the extradition request in the magistrate’s court with the right of appeal to higher courts.

The spokesman said only after an extradition request had been granted legally could a person be taken by the South African Police and surrendered to the government which had requested the extradition.

A spokesman for the magistrate’s court here said that as far as he was aware, no extradition requests had been received by the court from Ciskei — DDR.

Energy talks: US withdraws

WASHINGTON — The United States withdrew from the general conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna yesterday denouncing a vote to expel Israel as “unjustifiable and illegal.” State Department officials said.

The officials said the US was reassessing its participation in the key nuclear energy agency and said the action “could have ramifications for the whole United Nations system.” — SAPA-AP
DURBAN community organisations and trade unions have launched a petition against the bread price rise due to come into operation tomorrow.

The increases, which will raise the price of brown bread from 28c to 35c and white bread from 43c to 53c, are condemned as "totally unjust".

The launching of the petition follows the formation of an ad hoc committee this week representing the Durban Housing Action Committee, the Democratic Lawyers Association, the Natal Indian Congress, the National Federation of Workers, the African Workers Association, the S A Allied Workers Union, Diakonia and Black Sash.

The petition also criticises the Government for slashing the bread subsidy at the same time as it introduced a GST increase.
Workers at a Durban fumigating firm downed tools yesterday in protest against the retrenchment of several of their colleagues.

About a dozen workers were dismissed as a result of their protest, according to the management of South African Health Protecting Services.

A management spokesman said the firm was trimming staff because of economic problems and the workers had protested.

The general secretary of the South African Allied Workers Union (SAAWU), Mr Sam Ximikane, said management had refused to accept the demands of the union's members to reinstate the retrenched workers.
Two officials of the South African Allied Workers Union (SAAWU) were held by the police at John Vorster Square yesterday but released later without being charged.

Mr. Derrick Noko and Mr. Athol Kile are SAAWU officials from East London who were attending a union meeting in Johannesburg.

The union's national organiser, Mr. Herbert Barnabas, has criticised the police action. He said the holding of union members and then releasing them without laying charges was becoming more frequent.

The police would not comment.
JOHANNESBURG — Two officials of the South African Allied Workers Union were held by the police at John Vorster Square here and later released without being charged.

The men, Mr. Derrick Soko and Mr. Arthur Khili, SAWU officials from East London were attending a union meeting in Johannesburg.

SAWU's national organizer, Mr. Herold Barnabas, criticized the police action and said the holding of union meetings and their release without any charges being laid was becoming more and more frequent.

The police would not comment on the matter.

— SAPA
SAAWU MEN RELEASED

TWO officials of the South African Allied Workers' Union were held by the police at John Vorster Square on Tuesday and later released without being charged.

The men, Mr. Derrick Semo and Mr. Ashton Kali, are both SAAWU officials from East London who were attending a union meeting in Johannesburg. SAAWU's national organiser, Mr. Herbert Barnabas, critcised the police action and said the holding of union members and the subsequent release without any charges was becoming more and more frequent.

The police would not comment on the matter.
Terror charges against union men withdrawn

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN
Labour Correspondent

THE State has decided to withdraw Terrorism Act charges against two leading East London unionists, SA Allied Workers Union president Mr Thozamile Gqweta and vice-president Mr Sini Njikela, lawyers for the two men were told yesterday.

Following the acquittal of unionist Mr Alan Fine in Johannesburg on Tuesday, this means that none of the group of some 12 unionists detained without trial in a police sweep late last year have been convicted of an offence. Mr Gqweta and Mr Njikela were the last of this group of union detainees to still face charges.

One of this group of unionists, Mr Neil Agee, died in police custody.

The Government has said that unionists who have been subject to detention and other police action were not held for their union work but for "other activities." Lawyers for Mr Gqweta and Mr Njikela said yesterday the office of the Attorney-General for the Cape had told them that charges against the two men were to be dropped.

The charges will be formally withdrawn at a court hearing in East London tomorrow, they said.

The withdrawal of charges follows the sixth detention without trial of the two men by South African or Ciskean police. Neither has been convicted of a security law offence.

After being held for some five months, the two men appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court on Terrorism charges, were transferred to Grahamstown for trial.

In Grahamstown they were transferred to East London for trial and have appeared in court there several times. No details of the charges against them were specified.

In an unusual move, the two men were granted bail of R750 each while awaiting trial under the Terrorism Act.
Charges dropped against 2 union men

A spokesman for the office confirmed that the charges under the Terrorism Act against Mr Thozamile Gqweta, president of the 25,000 strong South African Allied Workers Union, and Mr Sisa Ngkela, vice-president, will be withdrawn when they appear before the magistrate in East London tomorrow.

Withdrawal of charges follows the recent acquittal of Mr Allen Fine in Johannesburg of charges under the Terrorism Act.

The State attempted to prove that because of his links with the South African Congress of Trade Unions he was part of a revolutionary alliance against South Africa.

The dropping of charges means that of the 16 trade union figures seized in a major police clampdown at the end of last year only one (Barbara Hogan) has been convicted.

All the others have been released, acquitted or died (in the case of Dr...
Terror charges dropped

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The State would withdraw Terrorism Act charges against two East London trade unionists, the president of the SA Allied Workers Union, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, and the vice-president of the union, Mr Sasa Nykelana, lawyers for the two men were told yesterday.

They were among a group of about 12 trade unionists detained in a police swoop last year. None of them has been convicted of an offence. One of the group, Dr Neil Aggett, died in police custody.

"Other activities"

Government spokesmen have said unionists who have been detained were not held for their union work but for "other activities".

Lawyers for Mr Gqweta and Mr Nykelana said yesterday the Attorney-General of the Cape had informed them charges against the two men were to be dropped.

The charges will be formally withdrawn at a court hearing in East Lon-...
Charges against Saawu men to be dropped

EAST LONDON — The Deputy Attorney General of the Eastern Cape, Mr P J Strauss, confirmed yesterday that a charge of high treason, alternatively charges under the Terrorism Act, will be withdrawn when two trade union leaders, Mr Thozamile Richard Gweta, 29, and Mr Sima Njikelana, 27, appear in the magistrate’s court here today.

Mr Gweta and Mr Njikelana, president and vice president respectively of the South African Allied Workers’ Union (Saawu), have been on bail of R750 each. Initially, they appeared in court in Johannesburg on May 6 with the union’s national secretary, Mr Sam Kikune. Bail was refused then.

After another appearance in Johannesburg with several other trade unionists previously detained with them, Mr Gweta and Mr Njikelana appeared in East London on August 27 when bail was granted under certain conditions.

When the men appeared on September 30, the state sought postponement to January, 1983, but this was refused by the presiding magistrate, Mr N R Goshneyen, who ordered a postponement to today.

The men were not asked to plead at their appearances — DDR.
End of Gqweta's charges

CHARGES against the national president and vice president of the South African Allied Workers' Union would be withdrawn today, a spokesman for the Attorney General's office in Grahamstown said yesterday. Grahamstown.

The spokesman said the charges against Mr Thozamile Gqweta, president, and Mr Sisa Njikelana, vice president, would be withdrawn when the men appeared in the Magistrate's Court.

Mr Gqweta and Mr Njikelana, who were detained on December 8 last year, have appeared in court eight times since May.
Court packed as charges are dropped

EAST LONDON — Trade union leaders Mr Thamsile Richard Gqweta, 28 and Mr Sise Njikelana, 27 were told by a magistrate here that charges of treason, alternatively charges under the Terrorism Act against them had been withdrawn.

The court was packed to capacity when the leaders of the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) appeared before Mr N R Oosthuysen.

The Deputy Attorney General of the Eastern Cape, Mr P J Strauss, asked for the withdrawal of the charges. He said investigation of the matter had been very complex.

He said police had had to do further investigations which had been completed recently and, despite the close attention given to the matter, much time had been taken to finalise it.

Mr Strauss said the Attorney General had decided not to proceed against the two men and had decided to withdraw all the charges.

A worker shouted "Amanda" after Mr Oosthuysen had told them the charges were withdrawn.

Mr Oosthuysen had earlier called upon a court orderly to stop people entering the court when another trial was in progress.

"This is not a circus," Mr Oosthuysen said.

"Those who have seats can stay and those who have not must leave."

Mr Gqweta and Mr Njikelana arrived in court 30 minutes before the matter was heard.

Mr Gqweta wore a dark green striped suit, dark shirt and a grey tie while Mr Njikelana wore a light grey suit, light green floral shirt and a black striped tie — DDR.
Unionists: terror charges dropped

Labour Reporter

Terrorism Act charges against two leading members of the South African Allied Workers' Union were formally withdrawn yesterday.

However, another senior SAAWU member, Mr Eric Mthonga, is still in the custody of Cape authorities after his arrest last month.

Mr Thandile Gqweta, president of SAawu, and Mr Sisa Nkeleni, vice-president, were both out on bail since their detention last December.

The charges, which were withdrawn in an East London court yesterday, had been condemned by overseas trade unions and organisations such as Amnesty International.

Mr Gqweta had briefly been out of custody between March and May this year before bail was eventually granted.

Most of SAawu's leadership has been in detention over the past year. The union's general secretary, Mr Sasa Kikino, was also detained late last year and released on bail before charges were dropped after several court appearances.

Mr Gqweta's and Mr Nkeleni's initial detentions had led them from appearances at the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court to Grahamstown and East London. Both operate from SAawu offices in the port-city.
Freedom for two unionists

Mail Correspondent
CAPE TOWN — Nearly a year of detention and restrictions ended yesterday for Mr Thozamile Gqweta, the president of the South African Allied Workers Union (Sawwu), and Mr Sun Njikelana, the vice-president of Sawwu.

The charge of treason, alternatively charges under the Terrorism Act, against them was dropped.

For the two East London men it was the latest development in a two-and-a-half-year saga during which they spent more than a year in jail. Mr Njikelana, 26, has been detained five times in little more than two years.

Mr Gqweta, 29, has been detained six times in that period without being found guilty of an offence.

His first spell in detention began in April 1989 when he was arrested at a rugby match by Ciskei police after a strike in Mdantsane. He was held for a month before being charged with inciting a strike.

Seven months later the case was struck off the roll.

He was detained by the Security Police after a strike at Raylite Batteries in August 1989 and charged with inciting workers. After seven months the case was withdrawn.

At the end of 1989 he was detained for a month along with 14 other trade unionists by Ciskei police. He and Mr Njikelana went on a hunger strike for several weeks before being released without charge.

In June last year Mr Gqweta was detained by SA Security Police and held until August under Section Six of the Terrorism Act.

On December 8 he was detained again, along with Mr Njikelana and Sawwu's East London branch chairman, Mr Eric Mntonga.

Released on March 3, he was arrested again by the Ciskei police on his first day of freedom, but was released on the same day.

He was detained again in May. He and Mr Njikelana—who was detained throughout this period—were moved awaiting trial prisoners before being released on R750 bail each in September.
Union breaks State harassment

THE withdrawal of charges against two top South African Allied Workers Union officials in East London this week was the final blow to a Government-sponsored campaign to crush the union, say SAAWU officials.

The entire executive of the union — which claims a membership of nearly 50,000 — was in detention at one stage this year.

Two of the executives spent time during their detention in the psychiatric wards of hospitals.

Sam Kikine, the union's general secretary, who spent more than six months in detention, appeared in court nine times during and after his incarceration before charges under the Terrorism Act were withdrawn against him.

This week president Thozamile Gweta and vice-president Sisa Nyikelana, whose trial has been postponed eight times since May — after they had spent several months in detention — were told the Attorney-General of the Cape has decided to drop charges of treason against them.

Among his findings were that Mr Fine's participation in consumer boycotts did not mean he was working for the ANC and that he has not received any information that he is still in hiding.

Mr Kikine also said the State had never had a case against the two SAAWU officials.

"SAAWU has never done nor will we ever do anything that is illegal," he said.

The indictment against Mr Gweta and Mr Nyikelana was read in court where they appeared.

Mr Kikine said his detention and that of his two colleagues was part of a Government strategy to crush the union.

But they have failed, he said.

We've stopped the campaign to crush us, says SAAWU as charges are dropped

For this reason SAAWU stands on the same platform as those organisations fighting for improved housing and better transport for the poor and improved educational facilities.

The union was actively campaigning in the Eastern Cape against South African independence.

SAAWU is also gaining support overseas. Organisations like Amnesty International and the Anti-Apartheid movement in London as well as the British Labour Party campaigned for the release of the unionists.

"When you put all this together, you can see why the Government finds us a threat and feels it necessary to harass us," he said.

Both the police and the Department of Manpower have persistently denied harassment of any trade unions.

"We believe the problems of the workers go beyond the factory gate," he says.

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Magistrate who found the State had failed to prove that by secretly sending information to an official of the banned South African Congress of Trade Unions (SACTU) he intended to assist the banned National Congress.

"Our detention is proof to the workers that we are fighting for them and the union has carried on regardless."

Back up his claim of Government harassment of the union, Mr Kikine points to a document circulated by the Security Police in East London — where SAAWU is particularly powerful.

The document outlined a joint Government-employer strategy to smash unregistered unions, especially SAAWU in the area and became the subject of a heated debate in Parliament last year.

Mr Kikine says the Government is concerned about SAAWU not only because it refuses to register but also because it is committed to a policy of non-racialism and does not confine its activities to factory-floor issues only.

"We believe the problems of the workers go beyond the factory gate," he says.

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"SAAWU has never done, nor will we ever do, anything that is illegal. On the many occasions that I appeared in court there was never even a charge sheet," he said.

Mr. Kikine said their detentions were part of a government plan to crush the union. "But they have failed," he said.

Mr. Gqweta was detained seven times since 1980 and Mr. Nyekelana five times.

Mr. Sam Kikine, the union's general-secretary, said the withdrawal of charges against his two colleagues was not unexpected following the acquittal in Johannesburg on Wednesday of another trade unionist, Mr. Alan Fine, who faced terrorism and internal security Act charges.

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Dropping of charges is welcomed

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THE dropping of charges under the Terrorism Act against East London trade unionists Mr Thozamile Gqwetha and Mr Sisa Njikelana has been welcomed by trade unionists in Cape Town.

In a statement, the Western Cape solidarity committee of trade unions said members of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Sawu) had "clearly indicated" their confidence in national president Mr Gqwetha and vice-president Mr Njikelana.

The unions on the solidarity committee include the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association, the General Workers' Union, the Food and Canning Workers' Union and the Federation of South African Trade Unions.

Will continue

"If the 'offence' of these two men has been to fight for the workers whom they truly represent, where does one place justice?"

"The progressive trade union movement will continue to fight for workers' rights, notwithstanding the State's onslaught," said the unionists.

A spokesman from the Detainees' Parents Support Committee said the dropping of charges against the two men ended yet another period of State harassment.

"After a wave of detentions last year, with talk by the Minister of Law and Order of a 'countrywide conspiracy', not one trade unionist has been found guilty in court.

"It confirms what we have always known That detention and security laws are a blatant form of harassment and intimidation aimed only at suppressing legitimate grievances," the spokesman said.

Mr Gqwetha and Mr Njikelana were detained on December 8 last year and charged six months later.

Mr Gqwetha was treated in a psychiatric hospital in February this year and released soon afterwards. He was re-detained in May and later released, with Mr Njikelana, on R750 bail.

Mr Gqwetha has been detained seven times since 1980 by both the South African and the Ciskei authorities Mr Njikelana has been detained five times in the same period."
Textile firm's huge layoff follows slump in demand

By KEITH ROSS

EAST LONDON — A "sudden and severe" downturn in demand has caused Da Gama Textiles to lay off 1,388 workers in King William's Town and East London.

Most of the retrenchments — 1,100 weekly paid workers and 68 salaried staff — are at the King William's Town factory.

The managing director of the company, Mr. Casey Jooste, said today his company had been unaware of the speed and severity of the downturn in demand.

Mr. Jooste said the plant at King William's Town had been more seriously affected because it specialised in industrial fabrics.

"It makes everything from backings for abrasive papers to fabrics that go into pipes," he said.

"The downturn in demand for these products reflects the general industrial recession."

Our East London plant, which produces fashion fabrics such as sheathing and curtaining, has not been as badly affected."

Mr. Jooste laid part of the blame for the downturn on cheap fabrics imported from the Far East.

"External trade is all very well, but why should we help to give a textile worker in Taiwan or Hong Kong wages to take home when our own people are being thrown out of work altogether?" he asked.

The Mayor of King William's Town, Mr. Eric Weyer, expressed his concern about the retrenchments at Da Gama — the largest employer in the area.

The workers at Da Gama Textiles appear to be largely unorganised, although the SA Allied Workers Union (Sawu) does have a small group of members at the plants.

Because of its size membership and the fact that it is not recognised by management, the union did not wish to comment on the retrenchments today.

Four Eastern Province textile companies said today they did not intend to retrench in the foreseeable future, despite predictions of widespread lay-offs in the area.

Spokesmen for Gabb and Inggs, which processes raw wool, and Union Cotton Mills in Uitenhage said there was no indication at present that they would need to cut down on their combined workforce of more than 19,000 people.

A spokesman for Industex, which employs 1,500 people, also said retrenchments were not foreseen, although the company is working short-time.

A spokesman for Valley Textiles in Middelburg, which employs about 470 people, also does not expect to retrench in the near future, although staff who have left or been fired have not been replaced.
EAST LONDON

The Frame Group textile factory here has no formal retrenchment programme, the group's joint managing director Mr Selwyn Lurie, said yesterday.

On Wednesday, Da Gama textiles announced that 1,358 employees in its King William's Town and East London factories would be laid off from December 10.

Mr Lurie said the Frame Group was cutting back on staff through a redundancy programme.

"We are not replacing staff who leave," he said.

"We are also cutting down on working hours."

Mr Lurie said the textile industry being a labour-intensive industry was particularly hard hit by the economic recession.

He said he was not surprised at a Textile Manufacturers Federation (Textile) warning that 10,500 jobs in the industry would be lost between now and the new year.

The region's director of the Textile Industry Workers Union, Mr Gladstone Stone, said he did not think Frame Group would retrench large numbers of workers.

Although the TWU represents workers at Frame Group, it had no members at Da Gama textiles, Mr Stone said.

A spokesman for the South African Steel Workers Union (Sawusu) said that although the union had members at Da Gama factories, membership was low.
Fifty workers walk out on Durban excavation site

By Sibonelo Mhembathi

FIFTY machine operators walked out on their jobs this week, bringing work to a standstill, after their boss allegedly told them to look for two men who had not reported for work.

The workers, employed by Gregoire Enterprises, which is involved in excavation and bulk handling at Glen Anil, Durban, also claimed that R10 was deducted from their pay packets every week, supposedly as a pension fund contribution. It was not refunded when they left, they alleged.

Their packets had no pay slips and money was often deducted without explanation, they said.

Mr Ken Morrison, a company director, denied the allegations.

He claimed the workers simply walked out after six men were fired for "various misdemeanours" which included taking joyrides on equipment without permission.

"I still don't know why they walked out. I can only assume there's a lot of intimidation going on," he said.

Workers told the Sunday Times that Mr Morrison called them together Monday and said two of his workers were missing and they (the workers) know where they were. "We are stuck on this controversy, you are asking us a question you are answering."

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He demanded that we should go and look for them and must never come back if we didn't find them. He closed the gates and even suggested we may have killed them," one of the men said.

Mr Morrison denied the allegations.

The men also complained that they did not get enough protective clothing for handling dusty and dangerous substances with the payloader they operated.

A week ago six workers who were leading the picket - a substantial in making anons - at Richards Bay harbour were badly affected by the substance. One man was carried from his payloader because he could not see.

The man said he was told by Mr Morrison to report to the office on Monday to be taken to the doctor. When he reported, he claimed Mr Morrison said he should work as there was nothing wrong with him.

The man's skin has been corroded and he said his eyesight had been affected. He became dizzy when it was very hot.

Mr Morrison said he could not get a doctor's appointment on Monday and when he did get it on Tuesday his workforce had gone on strike. He agreed the substance was "terribly unpleasant."

He said he wanted all the men back but if they did not report for work, he would hire new labour this week.

"The men are very highly trained and very highly thought of in the industry. I'm extremely hopeful they will come back. We haven't made any effort to take on new staff."

He said he did not put signs into the workers' packets to protect them from muggings. They requested it, he said.

Mr Morrison said he had talked to the South African Allied Workers Union in a bid to break the impasse.

"We are more than anything on their (the union) side," Mr Morrison said.

But a SAAWU spokesman said Mr Morrison had been very difficult to talk to.

The Department of Manpower is investigating the men's grievances.
WEST Germany faces strikes by the powerful Transport Workers' Union if a German bank grants credit to a South African company.

Mr Siegfried Merten, deputy chairman of the union, said the company concerned supported apartheid and had fired 600 workers because they planned to join a trade union.

Warning

On a report in a Johannesburg magazine that South African Transport Services planned to ask the bank for a R47-million loan, Mr Merten said it was "beneath our political morals to grant money to a South African company which strictly adheres to a hard and relentless apartheid policy."

He warned that relations between the two countries could worsen and reach a stage where "goods from and to South Africa will no longer be handled in German ports."
SAAWU policy outlined

EAST LONDON — The South African Allied Workers' Union believed in mass participatory democracy, active mass participation, and active mass support, the Saawu vice-president, Mr Sisa Njikelana, said here.

Mr Njikelana was addressing a meeting in Braselyn Heights yesterday.

Outlining Saawu policy, Mr Njikelana said the union had ten commandments, which included selfless devotion and self-criticism, self-sacrifice devoid of self-interest, non-racialism, collective leadership, and freedom of association. — DDR
Union officials freed

Mr Gqweta, president of the SA Allied Workers' Union, and Mr Nqkelana, vice-president, were held by security police in East London in December last year. This was soon after Skawu general secretary Sam Kikine had been detained.

Held first under Section 22 of the General Laws Amendment Act, and then Section 6 of the old Terrorism Act, the three office-bearers, together with a Skawu member, Mr Eric Matonga, spent six months in detention before any charges were laid.

In February, Sam Kikine and Thozamile Gqweta were transferred to the Johannesburg Hospital for psychiatric observation after long periods in isolation.

In May Mr Gqweta was released for a week and then detained. On May 6, Mr Kikine, Mr Gqweta and Mr Nqkelana all appeared in the Johannesburg magistrate's court under "charges relating to the Terrorism Act".

In the five months that followed, and in the course of multiple court appearances, the charges were not once made known.

After four court appearances and postponements in Johannesburg, Sam Kikine's case was referred to Durban where it was dropped after two sessions in court.

Mr Gqweta and Mr Nqkelana were transferred from Johannesburg to Grahamstown, to East London on the terrorism charges which were never revealed. They were finally withdrawn and the men released on November 12.

Mr Matonga was released on August 27 — only to be re-detained by the Ciskei Security Police.
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Saawu gains ground in Natal

Labour Correspondent

THS unregistered SA Allied Workers Union has been recognised by a Natal chemical company as what is believed to be only its third recognition agreement in the province.

Management at Umbogntini company Resanke has confirmed this week that it had signed a recognition agreement with Saawu giving the right to negotiate on working conditions at the plant.

The company and union have been dealing informally with each other for the past year.

Saawu's general secretary, Mr Sam Kitane, described Resanke as a "progressive company." Although Saawu's East London branch has been recognised by three companies for over a year, the Natal branch only won its first agreement this year.

The agreement comes at a time when Saawu, which grew rapidly in the East London area in 1980 and early 1981, has been in the news as a result of employer hostility and repeated official action against its leadership. The union's president and vice-president, Mr Themba Gweta and Mr Sizhilema Nkabazane, recently had Terrorism Act charges against them withdrawn after being detained for the sixth time by South African or Cuban authorities.

Mr Kitane was detained for several months under security legislation.

Saawu's East London Chairman, Mr Eric Matonge, was released from detention some months ago—only to be re-detained by Cuban authorities.

Róm Africa Bank loans

Mail Africa Bureau

LUSAKA — The African Development Bank (ADB) has set aside about $500,000 to help airlift African economies for the 1992-96 period.

The ADB's vice president, Mr Samuel Ogunleye, said in Lusaka yesterday at the close of a four-day visit to Zambia that a large part of the money would be used for agricultural projects.

Zambia has already drawn about R61 million in loans from the bank.

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Even though the exchange value of a country may be low, it does not necessarily mean that the country's goods are not of good quality. It may just mean that the country's currency is not widely accepted. On the other hand, if the exchange value of a country is high, it does not necessarily mean that the country's goods are of good quality, it may just mean that the country's currency is widely accepted.
Claims made of worker ‘repression’

By GARTH KING

THE Ciskei security chief, Lieutenant-General Charles Stebe, told waves of detained Wilson-Rowntree workers that he had detained them at the time of their strike “on the basis of a list he had received from Wilson-Rowntree management.”

These and other startling claims were made in a document on “The Wilson-Rowntree Campaign” by the Diocese of Cape Town’s Board of Social Responsibility — made available to Anglican Synod delegates this week.

The document, which traces the history of “the unfair dismissal” of 300 workers at the start of this year, claims:

- Jobless workers have suddenly been threatened with eviction for arrear rentals.
- Companies had “suddenly” demanded full payment for goods bought on hire purchase.
- There has been continual harassment of workers and their union (SAAWU) by the Ciskei authorities and Wilson-Rowntree management.

The document said “Wilson-Rowntree, together with other employers, benefit from the repression of independent trade unions and the cheap labour provided by the Ciskei — a service that has been refined by the creation of the Manpower Development Centre in the Ciskei. This is a computerised screening process which weeds out workers who have been active in trade unions, to ensure a submissive labour force for employers.”

The synod is due to discuss a motion today which calls on the Anglican Church to “actively boycott all Wilson-Rowntree products until the SAAWU is satisfied that the workers have been reinstated.”
Stevedores slam sackings

THL Stevedores' Union, an affiliate of the South African Allied Workers Union, bitterly condemned the South African Stevedores for dismissing 10 of its members in resolutions passed at the congress of its shop stewards at the YMCA, Beatrix street, Durban, yesterday.

The congress demanded the men's immediate reinstatement. The 10 workers were dismissed early this year for allegedly stealing SA Railways property. The men were arrested and then released on bail.

The congress noted that the men had used the overalls belonging to the Railways because SAS was not providing them with any protective clothing.

The union says the dismissal of the men was an unfair labour practice.
Union to discuss lay-off policy

EAST LONDON — The South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) will formulate its policy towards retrenchments at a mass meeting here tomorrow morning.

Saawu's vice-president, Mr Sisa Nkuelana, said yesterday that retrenchments had become the "burning issue" among workers.

"We are hoping to formulate a policy on this, but we cannot do it without consulting with the workers," he said.

"We will also discuss quite a number of important things dealing with various factories."—DDR
WR BOYCOTT
TUC takes action

SA's longest-running consumer boycott — of Wilson Rowntree (WR) sweets — continues. The company is adamant it is having no effect. Ian Stubbing, WR's marketing director, states "We can identify no effect on our sales in SA from any consumer boycott."

However, there are indications that the boycott is becoming increasingly internationalised and that British parent Rowntree Mackintosh (RM) is catching some of the flak.

SA Allied Workers Union's (Sawu) general secretary Sam Kikne claims "British trade unions are putting pressure on RM to have its SA subsidiary change its attitude toward striking workers. Support for Sawu's stance has already come from the British Labour party, the Trades Union Congress (TUC) of Britain, the Anti-Apartheid movement and Amnesty International."

A British (TUC) spokesman confirms that "we are trying to influence the parent company to reach a negotiated settlement in SA which will involve Sawu recognition. We will be having a high-level meeting with RM management early in the new year in an attempt to find a solution. We will be pressing them very hard."

"Thereafter, the TUC will decide what further steps are necessary. Boycotts are an option which we have not ruled out. There is a good deal of support in Britain for Sawu, especially as a number of British unions have membership in RM."

Closer to home, the Lesotho branch of the WR Boycott Committee, representing various Lesotho trade unions, is actively discouraging businessmen from purchasing WR products. 1 206 schools around the country have been barraged with publicity about the campaign.

The boycott grew out of the suspension of three workers from WR's East London factory in February 1981, which led to the dismissal of 500 others, most of whom are still unemployed. But the dispute then became one of union recognition. Sawu is an unregistered union.

Kikne claims that, "WR have recently adopted a much more aggressive marketing campaign to counter the effects of the boycott. This is particularly noticeable on buses in Natal."

Counters Stubbing: "We are merely continuing our normal advertising campaign with continuous promotion of our products. We choose different media from time to time."

Pressure on Printing Industry

An agreement was reached in April this year, ending the bitter struggle between the National Labor Relations Board, the printing industry, and the unions. The agreement provides for a 7% increase in wages for employees in the printing industry. This is the first major wage increase in the industry in several years.

The agreement was reached after several months of negotiations, during which both sides made concessions. The unions were able to secure a 7% wage increase, while the industry was able to maintain its profitability.

The agreement is expected to be beneficial for both the industry and the workers. For the workers, it means higher wages and better working conditions. For the industry, it means a more stable workforce and increased productivity.

The agreement was ratified by both the industry and the unions, and is expected to be in effect for the next two years. The unions have already started negotiating for a similar agreement in other industries.
Member of SAAWU detained in raid

EAST LONDON — Ciskei security forces raided the homes of a number of trade union leaders and arrested at least one union member; unionists here said yesterday.

Mr Yure Mdyogolo, branch secretary of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), said his 24-year-old brother, Mr Sebenzile Mdyogolo, had been arrested in a dawn raid on his home.

"Members of the Ciskei Combined Forces came to the house early on Thursday morning and woke everyone up," he said.

"They said they were looking for documents and asked some questions about the ANC and then took Sebenzile away."

He said his brother was an ordinary member of Saawu and worked for the Da Gama textile company, and was not a senior member of the union.

Mr Bonsile Noruzhe, branch secretary of the African Food and Canning Workers' Union, said his home was also raided and searched for "books and documents."

They said the homes of the branch secretary of the General Workers' Union (GWU), Mr David Thandam, the President of Saawu, Mr Thozamile Gweta, and a former branch chairman of Saawu, Mr Ernie Mntonga, were also raided.

The Commander-in-Chief of Ciskei State Security, Lieutenant-General Charles Sebe, said on Thursday that the Ciskei Central Intelligence Service (CCIS) together with the Sword of the Nation squad had searched the homes of several "activists" in Mdantsane since the beginning of the week.

General Sebe could not be contacted yesterday to confirm if Mr Sebenzile Mdyogolo had been arrested in the raids — DDR.
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Ciskei hits at unionists

Armed members of the Ciskei police, army and intelligence service raided the homes of trade unionists in Mdantsane township last Thursday.

Trade unions have condemned the raids as provocative and said they were intended to intimidate unionists living in Ciskei.

Ciskei's intelligence service head, Lieutenant-General Sebe, confirmed that raids were carried out on Thursday.

He said only homes belonging to members of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Seawu) were raided. "We will raid more Seawu people because Seawu is not a union, it is the ANC," Lieutenant-General Sebe said.

However, unionists said Ciskei forces also raided the homes of union officials of the African Food and Canning Workers' Union and the General Workers' Union.

The general secretary of the AFWC, Mr Jan Theron, said heavily-armed police had seized documents from one home.

"We view this action by the Ciskei authorities as terrorism," Mr Theron said.
Dismissals lead to legal action

Labour Reporter

THE S A Allied Workers' Union has started legal proceedings against the Eskort Bacon Co-operative at Estcourt based on a claim that the company's dismissal of three workers in October was an unfair labour practice.

The union's national organizer, Mr Herbert Barnabas, yesterday said the company had alleges the workers were stealing meat, but an investigation by the union found this to be unfounded.

Earlier this month a letter had been sent to the company regarding the dismissals.

Mr Barnabas said the union had not received a reply and the matter was handed over to the union's attorneys.

Eskort Bacon Co-operative's general manager, Mr V I Fincken, said he was not prepared to comment but added that the company had also instructed its attorneys to investigate the matter.
PORTFOLIO COMPETITION

Bad year for brokers

The past year must surely go down as particularly frustrating one for the investing community frustrating because of an erratic market which plummeted during the early part of the year but which later recovered to new highs in the face of a deepening economic recession. It was nevertheless rewarding for some, just because of this volatility.

The market has been a fickle creature in 1982 and there is plenty of evidence of this in the results of this year’s brokers’ portfolio competition. It must have been a nerve-racking ride bearing in mind that the half-dozen brokers who selected a portfolio of 10 shares at the beginning of the year, based on fundamentals at that time, were not able to change their portfolios, as they surely would have done during 1982.

Certainly, any broker who did not advise his clients to take advantage of the record fixed-interest offerings available in the money and institutional markets, or who did not himself trade the gilt market, will not have been doing his duty.

And there must have been few brokers around at the half-way stage this year who would have predicted the current levels of the gold and industrial share markets, economic indicators being what they were.
power lies at plant level, it is also not surprising that they have opposed industry-level bargaining through industrial councils.

Rod Ironside, president of the Federated Chamber of Industries (FCI), emphasises that “understanding the other party’s perceptions” is vital. Management shifts that have had the sensitivity to appreciate the issues at stake to black workers have been remarkably successful in structuring productive relationships with even the most tough-minded emerging unions.

The South African Allied Workers’ Union (Sawwu), for instance, regarded by many employers and government officials as beyond the pale, and its leaders have been detained for lengthy periods. But Theo Heffer, one of SA’s most respected industrial relations practitioners, achieved extraordinary success in helping to create a healthy relationship between it and Chloride SA. In retrospect, he says that virtually everything that the company was told three years ago about the union’s approach, techniques, strategies and officials has proven to be untrue.

One of the most visible effects of a change in management attitudes is revealed by the radical revisions that some employer organisations have made to their labour policy guidelines in the past two years. Just this month, for example, the Chamber of Mines announced that mining employers will recognise unregistered unions if they are representative.

Remarkable too was the FCI’s sympathetic attitude to the brief work stoppage by about 100 000 workers in protest against the death in detention of unionist Neil Aggett. But it is not just employers who have had to make fundamental readjustments to their attitudes and policies. Government has been compelled to heed the power being exercised by emerging unions. It may be regrettable that widespread strikes forced the withdrawal of legislation to preserve pensions. But by South African standards it is extraordinary that government should actually scrap a proposed law in the face of pressure from black workers.

Perhaps more significant is government’s proposed amendment to the Labour Relations Act aimed at making official dispute-settling machinery available to unregistered unions. The effect of this is to downgrade registration (which is seen by emerging unions as a form of unnecessary government interference in their affairs) as an issue in industrial relations.

But there is a rich irony to government’s proposed amendment. Only a few years ago National Party spokesmen on labour were emphasising to nervous white workers that registration was the crucial mechanism through which emerging black unions would be controlled. However, during the past year the Department of Manpower has shown an increasing willingness to move away from direct control of events in labour.

Manpower Minister Fanie Botha told the Institute of Personnel Management conference earlier this year that “as long as employers and employees, or their respective organisations, do not negotiate wages and conditions of work in a peaceable manner—then we will not legislate to control the relationship between themselves. This is what self-government in labour relations means, and this principle applies from the factory floor to industry level.”

A singular feature of many new unions has been their ability to successfully use structures and systems created by government to achieve their goals. In doing this they have been able, unlike some black political organisations, to recognise that strategic considerations can sometimes have a higher priority than other issues which they might be tempted to regard as matters of principle.

Many emerging unions object to principle to registration, but they have realised that from a strategic point of view registration can aid recruitment and recognition. Similarly, some are finding that participation in the officially-sanctioned system of collective bargaining through industrial councils can, in certain circumstances, provide tangible benefits.

It would naturally be unwise to underestimate the value of the advice these unions have received from young black intellectuals and activists. However, because of the democratic nature of most new unions, growth and membership have been closely involved in all potentially risky decisions.

Anyone trying to assess future trends in SA labour cannot ignore the fact that while black workers have been granted a vote in the workplace, they are still denied fundamental political rights. The obvious danger is that unions will be used to redress grievances which do not lie within the normal scope of the employer/employee relationship. New developments are already being confronted with such issues and are learning that the industrial relations function cannot be separated from the factory gate.

However, it is remarkable that emerging unions have, by and large, so far been able to avoid the temptation to play an overt political role or to forge links with black political movements. Attempts by the State in recent years to prosecute unionists for security-related crimes have failed.

Given all the perils that lie ahead, it is remarkable that many of SA’s most experienced industrial relations practitioners are still able to display a cautious optimism about the future.

“The South African labour situation today certainly has the potential for revolution,” says Fred Ferreira, Ford’s director of industrial relations. “But if the protagonists—labour employers and government—recognise at least some of the inequities and remove these, we will upset the scales in the direction of evolutionary change.”

The South African black worker is on the move. And the early indications are, hopefully, that he is on the move towards participation and greater prosperity.

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**BRICKBATS AND BOUQUETS**

**Not a very good year**

Most South Africans will not look back on 1982 with happy memories, for many, it was far from being a vintage year. For white politicians, it was the year of the big split in the National Party, and of by-elections which yielded ambiguous results. For businessmen, who had enjoyed three years of growth in the fast lane, shifting back into the lower gear required for negotiating the steep downturn was painful for most—with the notable exception of Pik Botha—leader of the Afrikaner Freedom Party.

Pik Botha—should help the Foreign Minister to read the signs of local, national and international opinion before he approaches to Koochnof giving away parts of SA to Swaziland.

It hasn’t been a good year for “Piet Promises,” aka “Piet Pinnock,” aka many even less savoury titles. What with the Orderly Movement and Settlement of Black Persons Bill and the debacle over Ingwavuma and KaNgwane, he must be reeling in countries like the UK and the US, ministerial heads roll for getting it wrong. Fortunately for Piet, the tradition here in SA is...
TERRORISM

Tough action justified

Last weekend's attack on the Koeburg Nuclear Power Station, preceded by the strike at Escom's conventional plant at Innerdale near Vereeniging, adds weight to SA's determination to hit the ANC wherever it is harboured in the region.

Clearly we must exert maximum diplomatic pressure to persuade our neighbours to curb the ANC. This seems to have worked in Swaziland. The recent talks at the Mozambique border are evidence that we are pursuing this path and we must continue to do so.

But only the naive will assert that a speeding up of internal reform will bring an end to ANC terrorism against people and installations in SA. Let there be no mistake about it. What the ANC seeks is a one-party Marxist SA. This means that SA must fight unrelentingly with all the force at its command to wipe out the ANC.

At the same time, we must proceed as rapidly as possible with internal reform. In particular, urban blacks must somehow be drawn into the process. And we speak here not of militant all-or-nothing radicals. They seek ends akin to those of the ANC. Let us look seriously, for example, at the proposals of the Buthelezi Commission.

Among the mass of black urban South Africans, there is a large middle group with a growing stake in stability and peaceful evolution. They've got something to lose: if, as Moscow seeks, and the ANC propagates, this country falls under the iron grip of collectivism, what is ironic is that the same abominable form of people control practised under apartheid is taken to extremes under communism, where makes apartheid seem like a kindergarten beginner.

Let us not forget, for example, Mao's forced removal of middle class Chinese out of the cities. In his new book "China: Alive in the Bitter Sea", Fox Butterfield of the New York Times describes it as the "greatest forced movement of population in history." Almost 20m people alone were torn from their families and schools and sent to labour in the remote and poverty stricken countryside.

Apartheid is an abomination. We must move away from it. But what the ANC seeks is something that would be far worse for black South Africans than is the present system. Let them look to the North for evidence of economic disaster and the destruction of personal liberties.

With the ANC it must be, in the interests of all who live in the region, a matter of no quarter given. They must be hunted down and eliminated and our neighbours can never say they have not been warned. What our security forces must provide is a shield behind which our society can evolve in reasonable prosperity and peace.

This is not Zimbabwe and parallels drawn with that particular model display more wishful thinking by leftwing intellectuals than a firm grasp of the realpolitik of the SA situation.

ZIMBABWE

Devaluation not enough

Zimbabwe's national pride has apparently been wounded by this month's 20% devaluation of its currency. If that be so, it is soon going to be faced with more humiliation.

The devaluation was not enough. It was too late, and it will not work unless there is other far-reaching change.

All that it will do is boost a rate of inflation that is already above 16%. Certainly the freeze on wages is not going to counteract its inflationary consequences, although it might deflect them for a while.

When a country is living beyond its means, as Zimbabwe is doing, it can bring about economic growth and price stability only by devaluing and deflating. It is possible to deflate and thus avoid or minimise devaluation.

It is not possible, however, to devalue and avoid deflation. For devaluation gives only a breathing space until excess domestic demand is curbed.

In Zimbabwe, excessive demand is a consequence of government spending and policies—such as a doubling of minimum wages—that push up costs. The country is caught in a vicious circle: Minimum wages are increased, demand is inflated, the consequent rise in prices erodes the value of the increases and wages have to be hiked again. In addition, resources are misallocated.

Sure, there is now a rents and wages freeze and the latest increases in minimum wages have been delayed. But that is not deflation. It is no more than postponing the inevitable. Without market determined rents and wages, there will be little investment and ultimately limited output.

More than six months ago the FM pointed out that the Zimbabwe dollar was overvalued. It forecast then an eventual food crisis and a housing shortage. Despite the 20% devaluation, that view is just as valid now.

The Mugabe administration is going to have to learn the hard way that feeding and housing its people are much more important than imposing what Zuma is pleased to call "political and ideological substance" on economic strategy.

Unfortunately, while the lessons of economic reality slowly sink into the bush generals now in cabinet office, the ordinary folk in Zimbabwe are the ones that are going to have to queue for food and scramble for shelter.
South Africa's black workers

There are those who regard South Africa as seething with violence and discontent. Indeed it is sobering to reflect that the prosperity and stability of the country depends on so many people who face severe social and political disadvantages.

Millions of black people struggle daily to cope with an appalling shortage of adequate housing and public amenities. Their lives are governed by increasingly stringent, inflator controls which break up families and make blacks aliens in the land of their birth.

Statutory and non-statutory measures are still formidable barriers to their advancement in the workplace. Their often meagre incomes are eroded by inflation, while the increasing scale of retrenchments testify to their lack of job security.

Yet, despite these handicaps, they are actively involved in an evolutionary process which will surely change the face of the society they live in.

The battle for recognition of black unions has not been an easy one. Gains made in recent years have, in the main, not been achieved by political activists, but by ordinary men and women who perceived the power which lay in group action. In view of the impact they have made in the three years since statutory collective bargaining rights were granted to blacks, the FM believes it appropriate to name the black worker as our Man of the Year.

Few people would have dared to predict, only five years ago, that the early 1980s unions representing large numbers of black workers would be posing a serious challenge to labour policies pursued by government and employers.

However, events on the labour front this year have served to confirm what was already becoming apparent a year ago. Black workers of all races are here to stay. Never before in this country's history has there been such an urgent need for mutual trust to be established between black workers and all the other parties participating in this country's turbulent labour arena.

Although, by some estimates, fewer than 350,000 of a total of 6.3m economically active blacks are unionised, it is especially members of the new emerging unions who are restructuring the relationship between capital and labour in SA. The most immediate effects of their new sense of assertiveness is revealed in the rising number of strikes. There are estimates that about 400 took place this year, virtually all by black workers. This is four times the annual number of strikes in the years immediately preceding the Wiehahn reforms.

The present wave of black unionism is, of course, not the first in South African labour history. Several major unions and union groupings have grown spectacularly during the past 60 years. But they were largely ignored or fiercely opposed by employers, and many collapsed or were forced into exile due to government pressures.

It was the large-scale labour unrest in 1975 which finally prompted government to begin to re-examine its labour policies. An almost spontaneous display of anger by black workers over low pay, these strikes were the prelude to the formation of a new breed of emerging black unions.

Where previous black unions concentrated on mass mobilisation, but failed to secure an enduring power base in the factories, most of the new emerging unions have placed great emphasis on building up and consolidating support, factory by factory. Unlike black unionists in the past, their leaders have not been trained to become charismatic orators. Instead, they have concentrated on developing the union skills of grass-roots representatives in factories, adopting the traditional British shop-steward system as an integral part of their strategy. Although these unions have committed themselves to representing workers of all races, the vast majority of their members are blacks.

It cannot be denied that many have made grievous and costly errors. Unrealistic wage demands, strikes to retrieve pension contributions and too rapid growth which has impaired the ability of some to service the needs of members adequately, are some of the mistakes that have been made.

But it is worth noting that, at least so far, most of the gloomy predictions made in recent years by opponents of government labour reforms have not been fulfilled.

The more than 250 recognition agreements negotiated between management and emerging unions during the past three years are possibly the most tangible evidence that black unions have arrived. These agreements vary considerably in form and content, but they have a common feature. Although many aspects of the authority previously wielded arbitrarily by management are being modified, the agreements actually reinforce management's right to manage. The basic right to manage is not challenged — but it is significant that unions are not objecting to this being formally enshrined in agreements.

It is natural, however, that unions should seek to modify some of management's powers. It is also logical that unions representing unskilled black workers should raise issues which have not been on traditional negotiating agendas between employers and white unions. For example, because they represent unskilled people who are easily replaced if dismissed, they are especially concerned about job protection. For migrant workers, loss of a job also means a loss of residence rights in an urban area, while it can also be argued that in the society we live in, a black man's job is his only real form of property. It is not surprising, therefore, that these unions are demanding a say in issues such as the formulation of disciplinary, grievance and retrenchment procedures.

Because emerging unions realise that at this early stage of their development their
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1983
An out-of-court settlement was reached yesterday between a Durban asbestos firm and workers' union over a dispute dating back to last March.

A joint statement from the firm and the Allied Workers' Union over the dispute was reportedly reached.

The settlement was reached with neither side conceding validity over demands for union recognition.

About 30 workers allegedly were dismissed after lengthy negotiations in the Industrial Court.
Settlement reached in asbestos dispute

Labour Report

A dispute between the asbestos company Turnall Ltd and members of the South African Allied Workers' Union dating back to March last year was settled yesterday.

A joint statement released by the union and the company said an out-of-court settlement had been reached.

This was between the management of Turnall and certain workers formerly employed by the company following lengthy negotiations.

'Ve have reached a settlement with neither party conceding the validity of the case of the other,' the statement said.

The dispute arose last March after a work stoppage when 33 workers formerly employed by Turnall Ltd alleged the company had refused to negotiate with them and was guilty of selective re-employment.

The company denied these charges, and the workers made a request to the Industrial Court to be reinstated.
Wembezi votes against new KDC bus company

African Affairs Reporter

WEMBEZI Town Council and the South African Allied Workers' Union in Esquimay have jointly opposed the introduction of a new KwaZulu Development Corporation bus company to serve the township.

At a weekend meeting the council and union indicated that they wanted to retain an Indian-owned bus company in the area.

In 1981 Wembezi residents boycotted the privately-owned Khulanji bus company for almost six months after they had increased their fares.

The company was eventually forced to leave the Wembezi area and the Indian-owned Bhaiya's Bus Service took over and has been in operation since then.

S A A W U and the Wembezi Town Council have written to the Local Transportation Board stating that Bhaiya's Bus Service ran an efficient service at reduced fares and that the owners had shown interest in the welfare of the community.

The meeting at the weekend was told that the Transportation Board had not replied but workers insisted they would like to retain Bhaiya's.

Workers said the Indian-owned bus service was efficient enabling commuters to arrive at work on time and they were not prepared to allow a new company to take over.

Meanwhile, at a meeting of residents in Kwa Makutha the Putco Bus Company was given an ultimatum to reduce their bus fares within a month, failing which the local town council would invite the KwaZulu Transport Company to operate in the area.

Businessman

Putco buses have been boycotted since their 13 percent fare increase two months ago. The town council reported that its negotiations with Putco to reduce fares had. failed.

A local businessman, Mr F S Ndlovu, told the meeting that he could introduce 20 buses to the area.

The local Taxi Association was asked to reduce fares and was requested to operate in remote areas and carry school children at cheaper rates while the council negotiated with Putco.

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Made in South Africa
Sawau talks raise hopes of new deal

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN  
Labour Correspondent

THE unionised South African Workers' Union has taken part unofficially in industrial council negotiations in the explosives industry — a move which has prompted intense interest among labour observers.

And it appears that Sawau's participation in the talks may herald the beginning of a new national bargaining deal between AECI, the only employer on the council, and two emerging unions — Sawau and the SA Chemical Workers' Union.

This may see an unregistered union negotiating national wage wages with the company without joining the council. Sawau is against councils and is seen by many employers as "mutinous".

But last year saw two unregistered committees, a SAWU committee and one at the company's Niederstein Umbogwini and Somerset West plants.

Many of the unions on the giant metal industrial council also belong to the SAWU council.

As an unregistered union, Sawau may not join a council or take part officially in its negotiations. But those unions can set minimum pay and conditions at the company's Niederstein Umbogwini and Somerset West plants.

Sawau was represented at the negotiations by general secretary Mr Sam Khune and national organiser Mr Herbert Barnabas.

Mr Khune yesterday confirmed this, but added that the union had "made it clear" that they were not taking part in the council system — our role in the negotiations took place outside the council".

But some unionists had resigned the council agreement as it refused to be a party to councils. But he said it had been responsible for moving minimum wages from the R31.50 a month accepted by "the other parties" to R58 a month.

He said Sawau expected recognition from AECI's Umbogwini plan, but added that it would not take part in council negotiations in future.

"The council wants to negotiate wages nationally and we are prepared to do this," he said. "We won't be involved in this because people say we are and are prepared to compromise.

"But we will not negotiate through a third party like an industrial council. We are a democratic union and will negotiate where we can listen to our members."

Mr Ben Nicholson, past chairman of the council and a leading metal unionist, said established unions on the council had played a role in persuading Sawau to take part.

"They did not take part fully, but agreed to invite the council to negotiate the procedure if the talks were not deadlocked. And there were some rough moments, but we are pleased they took part."

It is understood that AECI now plans to negotiate with both Sawau and the registered Sawau on a permanent national wage negotiating structure.

Talks will take some time and will be aimed at enabling emerging unions to take part in national pay negotiations without necessarily joining the council.

Woman tells of ordeal in car boot

STELLENBOSCH — A young Stellenbosch woman told the magistrate yesterday that her husband had beaten her and forced her to work in the boot of a car for more than 12 hours out of fear of her husband.

She gave evidence against her husband, a Frenchman, Patrice Maurice, 30, who was sentenced to 30 days' imprisonment suspended for three years and warned not to violate the Cape Supreme Court order prohibiting him from contacting her ex-wife.

Miss Marlene Marais said her ex-husband told her earlier that he would kill her if she should find her alone.

Every day after that, he would wait outside her place of work before hopping into the car. On one occasion, it seemed Marais had slept in the car.

She fled from Marais to Switzerland in August last year as he repeatedly assaulted and terrified her.

On arrival in South Africa, Mrs Marais wrote a letter to her husband saying he would have to trace her. He met her at her place of work where he walked up and down corridors screaming and shouting.

"I had to travel down to the basement to fetch every day and be smuggled out in the back of a car.

Dairy products shortage will hit SA, say farmers

Protea Bureau

SOUTH Africa is hearing for a long-time shortage of dairy products unless the industry is made more rewarding for farmers.

That is the warning that will probably be given to the Government after a meeting of the dairy committee of the SA Agricultural Union in Pretoria earlier this week.

The committee has made price increase recommendations to the Dairy Board.

A senior delegate at the meeting said yesterday dairy farmers were still operating on a loss of 20% of the industry in distilling numbers, because their production cost increases were not being adequately compensated for by price advances.

During the past 12 months, production costs had risen between 15% and 20%. There were other types of farmers with greater rewards and less risks than the milk production operation, it was said.

The prices of dairy products were last increased in July, 1985, by 12.2% but by 16.4% and cheese by 15%.

However, according to sources in Pretoria, the Government is making changes in the Cabinet is unwise to approve any increase greater than 10%.

Cut airfares and fly our way, commerce tells SAA

DURBAN — Airfares should be cut and flights marketed aggressively, South African commerce was told at a recent meeting of the Durban Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting called for new customs procedures to cut delays for overseas passengers in transit at Jan Smuts Airport.

A late night Airbus-combi flight with "greatly reduced fares" from Durban to Johannesburg was being considered, Mr P C du Plessis, SAA director of planning and finance, told the meeting. It would carry 70 tons of luggage and 200,000 passengers.

A Critics and flight were seen by the cancellation of the nightly air cargo service.

Painting a picture of declining passenger numbers, Mr du Plessis said that of the 200 available seats on flights leaving Durban daily, just over half were filled. Only early morning and late afternoon flights were heavily patronised.

He said Tuesday's direct Boeing 737 flight to Cape Town averaged 50 passengers with 60 to 70 on the northbound flight and the Air France carried only a fraction of its load.

The link between Kimberley, Bloemfontein and Durban was "poorly used", he said.

Mr du Plessis said flight-frequency reduction was not being considered, although a close watch was being kept on the Cape flights.

He said reduced fares were available on late night and weekend flights and family fares. Fares were set on off-peak day flights were being considered.

The chamber asked SAA to avoid problems with customs clearance at Jan Smuts Airport, which meant that passengers missed connecting flights.

Mr du Plessis and SAA was discussing the issue with the Department of Customs and Excise.

Long-term prisoner is on the run

Court acquires father in car case

BY JOHAN BUYS

A WELL-KNOWN East Polgota farmer and farm administrator, Capt Amos Spies, was yesterday charged with defrauding the State of R50 000 in an accident in which his son-and-son's-ex-wife were involved.

According to police sources in Benoni, Regional Court, Capt Spies' son, Det. Sgt. Andre Spies, was one of the Van Ryn Police 6l-1vaged in an accident in a police car on the N2 in Voskerstraat, Benoni last year.

Spies was not charged in court and police have been in contact with the man in recent weeks.

The State claimed that Capt Spies, who was said to be immediately superior at the time of the accident, was aware of this but did not report it as required by 40

articles of the police regulations.

Capt Spies, 47, of the De Klerk Road, Casseldale, and his son, Capt Andre Spies, 25, of the Helderburg Road, Benoni, were arrested on Wednesday on a charge of fraud, attempting to defeat justice and perjury.

The pair were arrested after a police accident, Capt Spies pleaded not guilty to fraud, but Capt Andre Spies was found guilty of perjury.

Capt Spies was fined R500 and Capt Andre Spies was fined R250 and had his driver's license suspended for five years.

Mr. Du Plessis was tried recently yesterday.

DURBAN — Noodke Vlok, the Brakpan Murder and Robbery, told the magistrate, Mr Kotze, "A police car was booked out to me, and April 24 was handed the car.

The following morning, phones were not involved in an accident, told him to report it and meet me at the office, according to him, to Umlouw Park, where a man's body was found.

The suspect was arrested and accused of the man's death. Mr du Plessis was acquitted of murder, and that his son, who was driving the vehicle, had injured the man and had his warrant cancelled.

Cross-examined by Mr T. Grobbelaar, for the defence, Sgt Vlok agreed that he was present but said he had not been present at the time of the accident. The magistrate, Mr E., said the State had to prove a case on the evidence presented, and he had no case.
Labour Week

Union act 'man bites dog' story

THE news that the SA Allied Workers' Union (SAWU) has taken part in industrial council negotiations must have seemed like a labour "man bites dog" story.

Not only is SAWU regarded by many employers — and the Security Police — as "radical", but it is one of the unions which refused to enter unity talks with rival who joined industrial councils.

But it did take part, albeit unofficially, in the explosives council's annual pay talks, and SAWU's insistence that it was not there as a party to the council does not alter that.

Whether it will do so again is another matter. It says it won't.

The AECI (African Explosives and Chemical Industries), the only employer on the council, hopes to negotiate a national bargaining deal with SAWU and the SA Chemical Workers' Union, the other emerging union with which it dealt.

It wants pay bargaining to take place at a national level, but wants the council on the council as a vehicle.

But AECI also obviously plans to continue bargaining with the established unions on its council. They include major metal unions who are committed to the council system.

So, a formula reconciling these factors will have to be found.

Here are some interesting facets to the AECI developments:

Firstly, SAWU's participation is further evidence of the willingness of unions to images to unions — a practice much beloved by some employers and trendy university labour watchers.

Whether a union is "radical" only becomes clear in negotiations and is at any rate fairly trivial compared to the overriding question of whether it represents its members.

The last four years have seen several cases in which "militant" bargained like "moderates" and vice-versa.

The AECI developments come as the National Union of Textile Workers (NUTF) has been working out an arrangement with knitting employers which may see employers changing to the knitting council and a decision by the NUTW to join it.

Some labour watchers see the beginning of a trend. They suggest a growing number of employers accept that industry-wide bargaining with emerging unions can only come about through major changes to councils or arrangements to accommodate unions which refuse to join them.

This might produce a changed union stance and open the way for industry-level deals between employers and union opponents of councils, so settling conflict on how bargaining will take place.

It's far too early to predict that the vital metal industries, such an accommodation seems as far off as ever, despite some planned changes to the council.

But there is a whiff of change about, however slight.

THIS month the industrial council handed down two landmark rulings.

In both cases, its reasons for the decisions are perhaps more important than the rulings themselves, which are expected to be released late this week or soon thereafter.

But the rulings themselves have far-reaching implications.

In the first decision, the court ordered three newspaper employers to reverse their decision to cut an unofficial copyright board where they bargain with the Southern African Society of Journalists.

Lawyers say it could not have done so without finding, at least in part, that it is an "unfair labour practice" for employers to refuse to bargain with majority unions.

This is a watershed in labor law, with a direct bearing on recognition disputes involving emerging unions.

But much will depend on the court's reasons, which should spell out the circumstances in which it will intervene in these cases.

The second was the granting of the first-ever "status quo" order compelling an employer to recognize a new union pending the settlement of a dispute. It ordered Stobart Reinforcing to recognize 50 members of the Metal and Allied Workers Union.

As influx control laws compel many black workers to leave the cities when they lose their jobs, the granting of such orders would be a key impetus to settling disputes.

Employers' ability to fire migrants in the face of knowledge that they must leave the cities would be restricted and unions would have an incentive to use the court, rather than boycotts and campaigns.

The Stobart dispute has already been settled.

But, as with the SASJ, there were unusual features in the case and the reasons will indicate the circumstances in which these orders will be granted.

The outcome of that annual slugfest, the Mine Workers' Union general council meeting should be revealed early this week.

Other established mine unions are watching carefully. They hope the all-white NWU has abandoned its longstanding refusal to bargain at the same table as unions representing black workers.

They want to get all mine unions, from the MWU to the black National Union of Mineworkers, into one caucus.

There was a difference of opinion within the MWU on this before the meeting.

But the NWU stance may be less important than the NUM's. An industrial council or some other forum is not without its agreement, which seems unlikely.

Meanwhile, the NUM is about to enter into negotiations on its first recognition agreements — on two Anglo American plants.

Recognition is unlikely, but will the NUM win agreements from houses which have taken a tougher line than Anglo?

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INDUSTRIAL COUNCILS

Saawu's stand

The SA Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) is regarded by many employers and government officials as an uncompromising, radical body. However, it has been revealed that late last year Saawu leaders took part in industry-level bargaining in the explosives industry.

Saawu general secretary Sam Kikne strenuously denies that these talks amount to an endorsement by him of industrial councils. However, labour observers are pointing out that the talks, in which established unions took part, amounted to unofficial industrial council negotiations.

Unregistered unions cannot take part in council negotiations, but there is a trend in some industries towards allowing these unions to be present at unofficial council talks. Minimum pay and working conditions at AECI plants were set at the negotiations in which Kikne participated.

Kikne is now emphasizing that he remains strongly opposed to industrial councils. He says he was at the negotiations at the invitation of a Saawu affiliate, the Chemical and Allied Workers' Union, and claims that he will not participate again.

However, while Kikne says he rejects industrial councils, he says he does favour industry-level or national-level bargaining with a single company, or group of companies. He emphasizes that participation in such bargaining depends on the wishes of Saawu members, and on workers on the shopfloor being closely involved in negotiations.

Managements who are willing to consider changes to industrial councils to accommodate the needs of emerging unions will obviously be watching Kikne's future actions with great interest.
Letter says lawyer slain for ‘betrayal’

DURBAN — A suggestion that a Durban lawyer, Mr Griffiths Mxenge, was killed for betraying the banned African National Congress was contained in a death-threat letter produced in the Durban Regional Court this week.

The letter was produced in the trial of Temba Wilmot Zwane, 32, who was sentenced by Mr H W Weitz to two years’ imprisonment for contravening the Intimidation Act. The whole sentence was suspended for five years.

Zwane, a shop steward for the South African Allied Workers’ Union, admitted sending a letter containing threats against the life of Mr Thamsanga Luthuli, a supervisor at O T H Beer and Company, where they were both employed, during September last year.

In the letter Mr Luthuli was told there were people who wanted to kill him. Zwane wrote that he had heard people talking about Mr Luthuli. He said everything had been arranged and the assassin selected, but the date for Mr Luthuli to be killed had not been set.

The reason for the killing was that Mr Luthuli did not “behave” at work and was an informer for the whites.

Zwane wrote that it was said Mr Luthuli betrayed his community and the workers to the whites.

He was warned that he would die and leave behind the money he received as an informer.

The letter read: “All crooks like you are dead. Where is Mr Mxenge. The famous lawyer isn’t he dead? Who killed him? Why did he die? Where did he die? Please stop betraying people, its end is death.”

Mr Luthuli was warned not to use buses and not to have pride at work. He was told to apologise to the ANC as soon as possible.

The letter ended “Stay in peace, brother. I am from the ANC” — Sapa.

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Unions set to oppose Labour Party

AN ALLIANCE of emerging unions against the Labour Party's decision to take part in the Government's constitutional plan sees the cards.

The Federation of South African Trade Unions (Fosatu) has decided to campaign against the LP move. So have the Food and Canning and General Workers' unions. There have been clashes at meetings between LP supporters and union members.

Unions such as the SA Allied Workers' Union and General and Allied Workers' Union have also backed action against the proposals.

This is a significant development.

Fosatu, particularly, has not involved itself in a political campaign before - though it has always rejected claims that it is "non-political" and has been more prepared to make political statements for the past year or so.

The reason has been largely tactical - the belief that unions should build factory-floor strength before taking up political issues.

But what makes this week's union move doubly significant is that there are, unionists say, a reaction to a groundswell of worker anger at the LP move.

Thus unionists report many requests from workers to discuss the proposals and the union's stand on them.

Fosatu's general secretary Mr Joe Foster says that, at Fosatu's recent executive meeting, all regions reported "anger" at the LP move, with black delegates - particularly from the Inkatha stronghold of Northern Natal - charging that they had been "sold" and asking where coloured delegates stood.

There are many reasons why unorganised workers might oppose the plan. But one factor may help explain why they see this as such a pressing issue.

A key aim of many emerging unions is to build co-operation between black and coloured workers. In some areas, they have succeeded.

They argue that the plan seeks to split irrevocably coloured and black people and so flies in the face of what they are trying to achieve in the factories. Its effect on them as unions is thus far more concrete than many other political issues.

LAST week saw the launching of the country's first labour mediation service.

The new service plans to set up a panel of mediators which will be available to help settle labour disputes.

Mediation is a normal part of factory life in many Western countries, with governments often assisting it.

A mediator's job is to help bargaining parties only intervenes when both sides ask him to and seeks ways to get them bargaining again.

Here, worker suspicion of the Government has led to the belief that mediation must be totally independent of ministers, which is the service is.

But planned legislation enabling the authorities to appoint mediators to settle disputes if both sides ask for them means mediation clearly has Government support.

Many unions are suspicious of it, seeing it as a threat to their independence.

And some labour experts argue that mediation to work both sides must recognize the value of bargaining with each other - at least in principle. Where that exists you don't need a mediator, they say. Where it doesn't, mediation will be resisted.

Supporters of the new service replies that once it establishes itself it will show it is an aid, not an obstacle, to independent bargaining.

They also believe there are many unions in which both sides have agreed to bargain, but where this is placed under stress by a dispute.

They believe they have a key role there and that, once they prove they can play a useful role, the demand for mediation will grow.

In this way, they say, the service can play a key role in promoting bargaining and reducing factory conflict.

FORMAL efforts to cement unity between emerging unions are under way again.

Last year efforts to get the unions to bury their differences and get together in a working alliance failed.

But talks led to a realignment in which two groups emerged - one the one hand Fosatu, the GWU, and two food and canning unions, on the other a group of "community" unions led by the Motor Assemblers' and Components Workers' Union and the SA Allied Workers' Union.

The Council of Unions of SA has remained neutral.

With plans afoot to call a new meeting of unions to form a federation, the trends which emerged last year have hardened Co-operation between Fosatu and its allies has increased - as has hostility between them and the Marikana group.

There is thus little chance the latest move will produce an alliance of all the unions. But it may well cement the alliance between Food and Cann

Fosatu's Sweet, Food and Allied Workers' Union is predictably delighted about an out-of-court settlement which means most employers Vlussenaal will reimburse 30 work

As they have the vast bulk of unused workers and factory muscle, this would be a big boost to unions.

\[\text{FOSATU's Sweet, Food and Allied Workers' Union is predictably delighted about an out-of-court settlement which means most employers Vlussenaal will reimburse 30 workers fired after a dispute last year.} \]

One reason for the union's joy is that Vlussenaal is a tough employer which took an uncompromising stance for much of the dispute.

But the deal was also made an order of court is the first such order reinstating workers, rather than compensating them for their sacking.

Because it did not come to court, the case does not set a legal precedent.

But in this and similar recent cases, employers seem willing to settle rather than face court action.

One reason may be the judgment in a Traasvala case last year which gave much greater legal muscle to dismissed workers.

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A 32-YEAR-OLD-black man who sent a 'death threat letter' to a black supervisor of the firm where they were both employed was sentenced to two years' imprisonment by Mr H W Wett in the Durban Regional Court yesterday for contravening the Intimidation Act.

The entire sentence on Themba Willmot Zwane was suspended for five years.

Zwane, a shop steward with the SA Allied Workers' Union, admitted he had sent a letter containing a threat against the life of Mr Thamsana Luthuli.

The Court was told that Mr Luthuli was a supervisor at De Beers and Co in September last year.

**Betrayed**

The letter claimed that Mr Luthuli did not 'behave' at work and was a white man's informer.

It also said that Mr Luthuli betrayed his community and his fellow workers to the white people.

It also said, 'All crooks like you are dead. Where is Mr Griffiths Mxenge, a famous lawyer? Is he not dead? Why did he die? And who killed him?'

The letter warned Mr Luthuli to stop betraying his people.

The letter also said that Mr Luthuli should stop using buses to go to work and that he should apologise to the African National Congress.

The letter ended 'Slay in peace, brother, I am from the ANC.'
The South African Allied Workers' Union has denied reports that a man who sent a threatening letter to a fellow worker suggesting that Durban lawyer Griffiths Mxenge may have been killed for cheating or betraying the ANC, was a member of the union.

Mr Mxenge, who was found murdered and mutilated in November 1981, was the union's attorney.

Themba Wilmot Zwane, 32, was found guilty by Mr H W Weitz in the Durban Regional Court this week and sentenced to two years for contravening the Intimidation Act.

The sentence was suspended for five years.

Zwane admitted sending a letter in September last year containing threats against the life of Mr Thamsanqa Luthuli, a supervisor at O T H Beer and Company, where they were both employed.

In the letter Mr Luthuli was told there were people who wanted to kill him. Everything had been arranged and the assassin selected — only the date remained to be set.

Mr Luthuli had to be killed because he did not "behave" and was an infamer for the whites.

Zwane, who was described as a "Marxist Workers' Union shop steward, wrote: "All crooks like you are dead. Where is Mr Mxenge, the famous lawyer? Isn't he dead? Who killed him? Why did he die? Please stop betraying people, its end is death."

Mr Luthuli was told to apologise to the ANC. "Stay in peace, brother, I am from the ANC," the letter concluded.

In a statement released in Durban yesterday, Allied Workers', Union general secretary Sam Kikine said Zwane was not, and had never been, his union's shop steward. The union had no knowledge of the letter read in court and wished "to dissociate itself completely from the unsavoury statements and sentiments expressed therein.

"SAAWU, as a federation of unions, wishes it to be placed on record that it had the utmost and unequivocal confidence and faith in the person of G M Mxenge and condemns in no uncertain terms this and every other attempt to besmirch the character of the late Mr Mxenge, whose memory we, as a nonracial federation, hold in the highest esteem," the statement said.

Mr Kikine said he did not know how Mr Zwane came to be associated with SAAWU in the first place.

"We know all our shop stewards and if he was our member he could have brought the matter to our attention," he said.

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EAST LONDON — The South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) has "completely dissociated" itself from a death threat letter produced in the Durban regional court last week from a man claiming to be a Saawu shop steward.

The letter was produced in the court during the trial of Mr Temba Wilmot Zwane, 32, who was imprisoned for contravening the Intimidation Act. The sentence was suspended for five years.

In a statement, Saawu's general secretary, Mr Sam Kikun, said that Mr Zwane had never been a Saawu shop steward as had been claimed.

The letter, which suggested that a lawyer, Mr Griffiths Mxenge was killed for cheating or betraying the banned African National Congress, was sent to a work supervisor Mr Thamsanqa Luthuli.

In his statement Mr Kikun said that Saawu had no knowledge of the letter written by Mr Zwane but "dissociates itself completely from the unsavoury statements and sentiments expressed therein."

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— DDR
Union denounces Durban pamphlet

The South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) has denounced a pamphlet, purportedly issued by them in Durban recently which attacks the General Workers' Union (GWU).

The pamphlet is seen by Saawu officials as another attempt to split the ranks of the emergent trade union movement in Durban.

The GWU is accused of having lost workers' jobs because of unsuccessful strikes as well as being involved in the embezzlement of funds.

NOT SIGNED

The pamphlet largely appeals to the black worker.

It is not signed and bears no publication details.

Saawu's general secretary, Mr. Sam Kikunle, said that the pamphlet was a fraud and his federation had never adopted a racial stance. He is going to get in touch with the GWU's general secretary, Mr. Dave Lewis, over the matter.

There have been several pamphlets distributed in Durban and East London over the past few years seeking to discredit Saawu.
Home searched by CCIS says trade unionist

EAST LONDON — A member of the South African Allied Workers Union, Mr Godfrey Shiba said yesterday that Ciskei Central Intelligence Services staff searched his home and removed some books.

The acting head of Ciskei Department of State Security Brigadier N H Tamsanga would neither confirm nor deny the report.

Mr Shiba said three men from the CCIS arrived at his home on Wednesday and questioned him about a T-shirt he was wearing.

"They asked me about a map of Africa on the T-shirt and asked if I should not wear a foreign shirt in another country," Mr Shiba said.

The men searched his home for about 45 minutes and left with 12 books on trade unionism and other related matters and two T-shirts.

Mr Shiba said the men who did not give their names asked him if he wanted to continue living in Ciskei. They also questioned him about the ownership of the house he lived in.

He said they told him the books and the T-shirt, for which they did not issue a receipt, were not acceptable in Ciskei.

Mr Shiba said the men returned the T-shirt yesterday and searched his car, removing some addresses from it.

DDR
Stoppage could affect union

By L. A. Labour Correspondent

A WORK stoppage has hit one of only three plants in the Eastern Cape to recognize the unregistered SA Allied Workers Union (SAAWU).

According to informed sources the stoppage began on Thursday at a smelter at Berlin, near East London, which is owned by the Wadeville-based company Fry's Metals.

The smelter was originally owned by battery manufacturers Chloride (SA), the first company ever to recognize SAAWU - first at its East London plant and then later at Berlin.

When the smelter was sold to Fry's, the new owners agreed to honour recognition agreements on Chloride's advice. It is understood, however, that Fry's has been intending to renegotiate the agreement with SAAWU.

The dispute could, therefore, have a bearing on SAAWU recognition at the company. It comes at a time when police action, unemployment, and tough employer action have taken their toll on SAAWU in its East London stronghold.

Yesterday a union spokesman refused to comment on the dispute at the smelter. "We are engaged in talks with the company and cannot release information until the dispute is resolved," he said.

But a company spokesman confirmed there had been a stoppage.

"The issue is delicate and we are attempting to find a way to sort out the problem," he said.

"Because of the delicacy of the situation, we would prefer to say as little as possible," he added.
MORE than 200 Durban nightwatchmen decided this week to break off in-house negotiations with their management and form their own trade union.

Mr Isaac Ngcobo, Natal branch-chairman of the South African Allied Workers Union, said that the nightwatchmen were despondent about promised wage increases that had not materialised.

They had dissolved their liaison committee to form the new union — to be named the Watchmen and Allied Workers' Union.

He said the new union would be affiliated to SAAWU.

But Mr Tom Connolly, guards director of Fidelity Gaards (Pty) Ltd, which has taken over Durban Nightwatchmen (Pty) Ltd, said there was no truth in the workers' complaints, and he could produce minutes of meetings held with the liaison committee to prove it.

Mr Connolly, who is also the Natal divisional chairman of the newly registered South African National Security Employers Association, said wage legislation laid down in July 1981 had provided for a minimum wage for workers, and that was effective until July 27 this year.
Nightwatchmen get R25-a-month increase

Labour Reporter

A R25-a-month increase given to employees of Fidelity Guards (Pty) Ltd-Durban Guards, formerly known as Durban Nightwatchmen, will be built into the new wage determination due to be gazetted later this year.

This is according to Mr Tom Connolly, the company’s director of guards and chairman of the Natal division of the South African National Security Employers Association, who said the recent increase was due to demands by our men in the form of a threatened work stoppage on February 28.

The company has agreed to an interim increase of R25 per month with immediate effect. This will constitute part of the increase when promulgated by the new gazetted wages due later this year,’ Mr Connolly said.

Durban nightwatchmen formed a trade union at the end of last month after alleged dissatisfaction over wage increase negotiations.

The new union, called the Watchmen and Allied Workers’ Union has already recruited over 250 members, according to Mr Isaac Ngcobo of the South African Allied Workers’ Union. The new union is affiliated to SAWW.
Unions dissociate themselves from smear letter

By JIMMY MATYU

THE Motor Assemblers and Component Workers Union of South Africa (Macwusa) and its sister organisation, the General Workers Union of South Africa (Gwusa), have vehemently dissociated themselves from a bogus smear letter.

The letter stated that another union — the General Workers' Union — was "a bunch of whites manipulating black workers for its own obscure ends."

It was dated January 5, 1983, signed in the name of Mr. S. Duze (one of the Macwusa officials) and received in Cape Town by Mr. David Lewis, secretary-general of the General Workers Union (GWU).

It was written after Macwusa, Gwusa and 13 other trade unions had met in Cape Town and Port Elizabeth during the past two years for trade union unity talks.

Today Mr. Government Zani, organising secretary of Macwusa and Gwusa, said "We deplore this mischievous letter and we dissociate ourselves from it. Mr. Duze has denied knowledge of it."

"It is understandable why it is written on our letterheads, because in the past our offices had been burgled several times. We have our suspicions about who wrote it, trying to create mistrust between the progressive trade unions."

He said a similar letter with the same insulting wording had been circulated among civic and trade unions and its authors claimed it came from the South African Allied Workers Union of South Africa (Saawu). Saawu also denied writing that letter, he said.
ZWELITSHA — The offices of an independent news agency here were searched by members of the Ciskei Central Intelligence Services (CCIS) and some documents taken away, the editorial co-ordinator of the agency, Mr Charles Ngakula, said yesterday.

The four CCIS members who conducted the search also took two members of the three-man staff of the agency, Mr Ngakula and Mr Elliot Maziko, to the CCIS offices for questioning by Lieutenant General X C Sebe, Commander-in-Chief of State Security.

Mr Maziko, the agency's administrative co-ordinator, was out on an assignment and arrived after the search.

Mr Ngakula said the CCIS men were at the tail-end of their search when he arrived at his office.

"Mr Maziko was present when they started the search which lasted for more than hour," he said.

Mr Maziko said the men did not say why they were searching the office "except to tell me they had been sent to search it but did not say who had sent them."

Mr Ngakula said he did not know what had prompted the search "but it seemed from General Sebe's questions that he believed we have strong ties with Saawu which he said is leftist."

Mr Ngakula said "General Sebe was at pains to drive home the point that he was not interfering with our work as a news agency, saying that if he clamps down on us we must know it is not because we are a news agency."

"I do not know what he was talking about because ours is a legitimate business,"

Mr Ngakula said documents taken from the news agency were Mwasa reports, the congress special copy of Kwasawu, the Mwasa newsletter, the 1982 annual report of Masakhane Open School, a speech on human rights, a list of detainees compiled by the East London branch of the Detainees Support Committee, a circular on the black press compiled by the black communications fund and a pamphlet calling for a boycott of the West Indies cricket tour.

Mr Ngakula said the documents were termed subversive by the CCIS men "and are now in the hands of General Sebe, who is scrutinising them."

General Sebe, when asked about the search and the questioning of the news agency staff, said they were never detained but just questioned at the CCIS offices.

He said the search was prompted by intelligence reports received. He confirmed that certain reports were taken away.

"We were surprised because we had taken them to be newspaper people who are not supposed to take sides," the General said.

"If there is a story about Saawu they would definitely take sides with the union because they are more sympathetic to Saawu," he said.
Saawu leaders detained by CISKEI security police have detained six trade unionists, including the South African Allied Workers' Union's national president, Mr Thozamile Geqweza, and its vice-president, Mr Sisa Nkeleni, according to a Saawu statement released yesterday.

The statement, released by Mr Yure Mnyogolo, Saawu's East London branch secretary, said the others held were Mr Sidney Mufamadi, general secretary of the General and Allied Workers' Union (Gawu), Mr Humphrey Maxogwana and Mr Jeff Wubena, both Saawu organizers, and Mr Bangumzi Sifingo, vice-chairman of the workers' committee of a battery company.

Seven times

Mr Geqweza has been detained seven times in the past three years, both by Ciskei and South African authorities, and Mr Nkeleni has been detained five times Neither have been convicted of any offence.

Lieutenant-General Charles Sebe, director-general of Ciskei State Security, was not available for comment yesterday both on these detentions and on the reported detention of five other people in the past two weeks.
Sebe: union is a front for ANC

Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON — The South African Allied Workers' Union was a front organization for the African National Congress, the President of Ciskei, Mr Lennox Sebe, said last night.

Nine of the East London-based union's members had been detained in Mdantsane this week and would be tried soon.

At a function in Zwelitsha yesterday, Mr Sebe stated that an ANC cell was uncovered by Ciskei police in Mdantsane.

Asked to enlarge on the statement, Mr Sebe said in an interview last night that nine people had been detained.

"They are streets ahead in their planning," he said.

The local secretary of Saawu, Mr Hure Mdoyogo, said yesterday that five union members, including the national president, Mr Thozamile Gwetha, and the national vice-president, Mr Sasa Nkholana, had been detained.

The general secretary of the General and Allied Workers Union, Mr Sydney Mufamadi, who has travelled from Johannesburg to East London for the weekend, had also been detained, he said.

"Something must be done to improve the quality of life. This is not the voice of an alarmist."

"This view was expressed at an international conference on terrorism in Tel Aviv recently after a study of data and activities throughout the world."

"Unless something revolutionary is done the communists will overcome," Mr Sebe said.

"They are streets ahead in their planning," he said.
EAST LONDON — Six leading trade union members, including Mr Thozamile Gweta, the national president of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), have been detained by Ciskei's Central Intelligence Service, a Saawu spokesman said yesterday.

Mr Yure Mdyogolo, the East London branch secretary of Saawu, said the detention of the five Saawu officials and the general secretary of the General and Allied Workers' Union (Gawu), Mr Sidney Mufamadi, had been confirmed by members of their respective families.

Those reported to be detained are Mr Gweta, Mr Sisa Njikelana, the Saawu national vice-president, Mr Jeff Wubena and Mr Humphrey Malegwana, two Saawu organisers Mr Bangum zi Sifingo, vice-chairman of the Chlordne workers' committee, and Mr Mufamadi.

Mr Mdyogolo said that Mr Njikelana was picked up at the house in which he was staying at Mdantsane. According to other people in the house, security police raided the house at 1 am on Wednesday after breaking in through a window, Mr Mdyogolo said.

After searching the house, police dug up the garden and then left with Mr Njikelana, he added.

The other five were taken to the Mdantsane police station after they were stopped on a road in the city during the early hours on Wednesday morning, Mr Mdyogolo said.

The Commander-in-Chief of State Security in Ciskei, Lt-General Charles Sebe, could not be reached for comment yesterday and late last night.

The head of the CCIS, Colonel Louis Nohohonho, was not available — DDR.
8th detention for union boss in Ciskei crackdown

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN
Labour Correspondent

IN THEIR biggest crackdown on unionists this year, Ciskei security forces have detained six union leaders, including the president of the SA Allied Workers Union, Mr Thozamile Gweta, and its vice-president, Mr Sisa Nkuelana.

This is the eighth time Mr Gweta has been detained by South African or Ciskei security forces, and the sixth time Mr Nkuelana has been detained. Neither has been convicted of an offence after any of the detentions.

The detentions, five SAAWU officials and the general secretary of the General and Allied Workers Union, Mr Sidney Mafamudi, follow intense activity by Ciskei Security Police, which has also seen several raids.

They also come as SAAWU is involved in delicate talks at two plants in the area.

And it is not clear what authority Ciskei police had to arrest Mr Nkuelana. He was detained at the home of relatives, but he has been living in Duncan Village township which is not part of Ciskei.

Ciskei security officials referred all attempts to obtain comment to the head of the Ciskei security forces, Lieutenant-General Charles Sabe. Repeated attempts to contact him failed.

A statement by SAAWU yesterday said Ciskei Security Police also arrested Mr Banumzi Sifingo, vice-chairman of the SAAWU committee at battery manufacturers Chloride, and two union organizers, Mr Jeff Wabena and Mr Humphrey Maxwane.

It said Mr Nkuelana had been detained early on Wednesday morning at his home. The others had been detained while travelling in a bus, which was held by police for more than a day.

SAAWU said it "vehemently deplores this barbaric action". It was a "clear indication of an intention to destroy SAAWU.

It called on "all progressive bodies" to condemn the detentions.

This week alone, Ciskei authorities have detained four people unconnected with the union movement and have raided a news agency run by Mr Charles Ngakula, president of the Media Workers Association of SA.

SA Police also raided "East London offices of the SA Institute of Race Relations."
Unionists held for ANC links, says Gen Sebe

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN
Labour Correspondent

The six trade unionists held this week by Ciskei security forces would appear in court next week with three other detainees and would be charged with "ANC activities", the head of Ciskei security, Lieutenant-General Charles Sebe, said yesterday.

"By Sunday I will know whether I am about to try them. On Sunday I will tell the world what will happen." he said.

He said all nine detainees had been held in connection with "subversive activities". "Together we have been charged with subversion and have been held."

Five office-bearers of the SA Allied Workers' Union and the general-secretary of the General Allied Workers' Union, Mr Sidney Malamud, were held by Ciskei security forces this week.

The SAAWU men included union president Mr Thosamile Gqweta, who has been detained by Ciskei or South African police eight times, and its vice-president Mr Sosa Nkolela, who has been held six times.

Neither has been convicted of an offence arising from the detentions.

Four other people unconnected with union activities were also detained by Ciskei authorities this week.

Gen Sebe said yesterday that all the detainees had been held "in connection with activities of the banned African National Congress".

He was only agreeing to discuss the detentions because his brother, Ciskei President Lennox Sebe, had made a public statement about them.

"If the President had not made his statement, I would have kept quiet about the whole thing," he said.

He said he would complete investigations on Sunday.

The dockets would be handed to the Attorney-General on Monday "and I am sure he will tell me on Tuesday whether he decides to prosecute".

"I will bring these people to court next week," Gen Sebe added.

Asked about charges that Ciskei police had arrested Mr Ngelilela at his home in Duncan Village township, which is not in Ciskei, Gen Sebe said: "That is a lie. We arrested him in a komba in Mdantsane."

When told he had been arrested at a house, not in a bus, Gen Sebe said: "We arrested him in Mdantsane. If his house is in Duncan Village, he was not at his house."

"There are people who are lynching. This is a bunch of lies. Not a bunch of carrots, a bunch of lies." he added.

Ciskei comes under fire for detentions

Mail Correspondent
CAPE TOWN — The detention of trade union leaders Dr Thosamile Gqweta and five other unionists in Ciskei has been fiercely condemned by emerging unions.

It is the eighth time Mr Gqweta, the president of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), has been detained without trial, and the sixth time Mr Sosa Nkolela, Saawu's vice-president, has been held.

Mr Jan Theron, the general-secretary of the African Food and Clothing Workers' Union, condemned the continued and unending repression of trade unions in the Ciskei.

Mr Yvne Mphogolo, the East London branch secretary of Saawu, said his union "vehemently deplores the callous actions of the Ciskei security police" which showed "their intention to destroy Saawu."

Mr Davids Lewis, the general-secretary of the General Workers' Union, said it was a clear indication that the unions enjoyed more popular support than the Ciskei government. He said Ciskei was an "illegitimate government acting against legitimate trade unions."
Probe into body in toilet

Staff Reporter

BOLAND police are investigating the death of a 22-year-old Worcester man who collapsed in his home on Saturday night after being stabbed in the chest.

A police spokesman said yesterday that the body of Mr Daniel Jacobs Fourie, of Oak Avenue, had been found by his wife in the toilet of their home about 9:30pm. A bloodstained pocket knife was found in the garden near the toilet.

Police have not opened a murder docket but the spokesman said the incident was being investigated and that further particulars could not be made available "at this stage".

Mr Fourie, an apprentice fitter and turner, had been married for 10 months.

A member of his wife's family said yesterday that she was "too shocked" to speak about the incident, but that Mr Fourie had been "too depressed".

Hassan Howa denied passport for 8th time

Staff Reporter

MR HASSAN HOWA, the chairman of the Western Province Cricket Board and former president of the South African Cricket Association, was yesterday refused a passport for the eighth time.

Mr Howa was due to leave for England on Monday to attend a number of meetings and conferences in Britain and Ireland.

Police said the deed was carried out in connection with the pending cricket dispute with the English cricket board.

Mr Howa said he had received a letter from the Department of Internal Affairs yesterday afternoon informing him that his passport application had been turned down. He was told the minister had turned down his application.

Last year Mr Howa missed a six-week study tour of the United States because his passport was refused.

Unionists face ANC charges

Lt-Gen Charles Sebe, head of the Union's security department, said the unionists detained next week would be charged with "ANC activities".

Unionists have detained the detainees

Among the detainees are Mr Thozamile Gweta, national president of the South African Allied Workers Union (Sawu), who has been detained eight times by South African and Ciskean security police, and Sawu's vice-president, Mr Sisa Nkhlana, who has been held six times. Neither has been convicted of any offence arising from their detentions.

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Sebe confirms detention of unionists

EAST LONDON — The detention of six leading trade unionists by Ciskei's Central Intelligence Service earlier this week was confirmed last night by Lt-General Charles Sebe, Commander-in-Chief of State Security in Ciskei.

The men are being held in terms of Section 25 of Ciskei's security legislation at the Mdantsane police station.

Those who had been detained, General Sebe said were Mr Thozamile Gqweta, the national president of the South African Allied Workers' Union; Mr Sisa Njikelana, the SAWU national vice-president; Mr Jeff Wubena and Mr Humphrey Maxegwana, two SAWU organisers; Mr Bangumzi Sifingo, vice-chairman of the Chloride workers' committee; and Mr Sidwell Mufamadi, general secretary of the General and Allied Workers' Union.

Mr Njikelana was arrested at 1 am on Wednesday at the house in which he was staying. The other five were taken to the Mdantsane police station after they were stopped on a road in the city during the early hours of Wednesday morning.

"The six men are being held subject to an investigation we are busy with, but which should be completed by Sunday," General Sebe said.

"We will refer the matter to the attorney-general next week and pending his decision, the six men will either be kept in custody or released.

"If there is a case against them, they will be brought before a court as soon as possible," General Sebe added.

He declined to comment on the nature of the investigations — DDR.
TWO Durban industrial companies this week signed recognition agreements with a trade union representing more than 1500 black workers.

This is seen as a breakthrough for the workers, who battled for 18 months to get Defy Corporation and Wireohm (Pty) to recognise their representatives, the Metal Iron and Steel Workers' Union.

Sam Kikine, general secretary of the South African Allied Workers Union (SAAWU), said yesterday this was the first time in South Africa two companies simultaneously signed a recognition agreement.

“This is a breakthrough for the South African labour force, especially in the metal industry, and means the industry is progressing,” said Mr Kikine.
Defy and Saawu sign deal in Durban

Labour Reporter

The South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) signed a recognition agreement with the Defy Corporation in Durban on Friday which covers workers at two factories in the industrial suburb of Jacobs.

Mr Ron Colle, for Defy, confirmed that the agreement formalised a previously informal relationship between the company and Saawu.

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The agreement also provides that the union must sign up more than half the workforce among hourly paid workers to receive recognition at Defy, Mr Colle added.

Defy and Saawu earlier this year signed another agreement which provides for alternative measures to be taken in the event of any pending retrenchments.

Saawu's general secretary, Mr Sam Kikuye, said the union was also seeking recognition at Defy's operations in Newcastle.
Dockets on unionists go to Attorney-General

EAST LONDON — The dockets on investigations into the activities of six trade unionists, all office bearers would be handed to the Ciskei Attorney-General this afternoon.

This was said yesterday by the Commander-in-Chief of Ciskei State Security, Lieutenant-General Charles Sebe.

Last week five South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) executives and the general secretary of the General Workers' Union (GWU), Mr Sidney Mapamudzi, were detained by Ciskei security police.

The Saawu men include the union president, Mr Thokamile Gqweta, and vice-president, Mr Sisa Njikelana.

Mr Gqweta has been detained eight times before by Ciskei police while Mr Njikelana has been detained six times before.

Neither has been convicted of any offence arising from the detentions.

General Sebe said he had nothing to add to statements he made concerning the detentions last week.

"Things stand as I said on Friday."

Last week he said the unionists were detained "in connection with activities of the banned African National Congress."
Labour Correspondent

THE unregistered SA Allied Workers Union has won its biggest recognition agreement yet — bargaining rights at the Durban plant of household appliance firm Defy.

The agreement was signed on Friday and follows a year of informal dealing between Defy and SAAWU, general manager Mr Ron Colley said yesterday.

It comes at a time when the union's East London based president and vice-president, Mr Thozamile Gqweta and Mr Sisa Nyekelana, have been detained by Ciskeian security authorities.

Although SAAWU has won recognition agreements in the Durban area and is recognised at three Eastern Cape plants, Defy's site at Jacobs outside Durban is the largest at which the union has won representation rights.

Some 1300 workers are employed at the Jacobs site, which houses Defy's appliance and wiring plants.

The agreement signed on Friday is similar to one between Defy and Fosatu's Metal and Allied Workers Union at the company's East Rand plant.

Defy and SAAWU have been negotiating informally since the company was hit by a strike over workers demanding to withdraw their pension contributions from the metal industries pension fund.

Mr Colley said yesterday the agreement signed on Friday was largely procedural and dealt with election of shop stewards and other general recognition issues.

But Defy and SAAWU already have a retrenchment agreement at the plant and have signed other agreements on factory issues.

The agreement does not provide specifically for wage bargaining between Defy and SAAWU but it is expected this will take place if the union requests it.
Detained Eight Times

By STEVEN FREEMAN

but never convicted
A short work stoppage took place at the S A Wire plant in Glen Anil yesterday morning when workers downed tools in support of their demands to withdraw their pension fund contributions and for the company to recognise their union.

A South African Allied Workers' Union official said more than 400 people were involved in the stoppage, although a spokesman for the company set the figure at 250.

He confirmed that the stoppage was over pensions and union recognition. Employees had resumed work when the management told them that a delegation from the Metal Industries Pension Fund would visit the plant to discuss pensions.

The conditions of the Metal Industries Pension Fund are that money cannot be withdrawn until an employee resigns or reaches retiring age.
Detentions are aimed at leaving movements headless

Ciskei moves to crush unions

By Tony Davis, Labour Reporter

The appearance in a Zwelitsha court this week of officials of independent trade unions who were detained a week ago by members of the Ciskei security forces highlights the continuing crisis between the union and the territory's authorities.

The detention of six trade unionists by the Ciskean authorities last week marks the latest move by the territory's government to crush the independent union movement.

Both Ciskei President Lennox Sebe and his mercurial brother, Lieutenant-General Charles Sebe, have been unashamedly ruthless in their opposition to independent trade unions since they came to power.

Three unions have been hardest hit by a stance of the South African Allied Workers' Union, the African Food and Canning Workers' Union and the General Workers' Union.

Last week's detentions saw Saawu president, Mr Thozama Mqweta, vice-president, Mr Sisa Nykelana, and others being detained by Ciskei. Mr Mqweta has been detained on at least eight occasions by either Ciskean or South African police and Mr Nykelana has been detained six times.

Lieutenant-General Sebe said the men would appear in court in the Ciskei this week for what he described as "ANC activities."

The first notable action by the Ciskei authorities against the members of newly emergent unions took place early in 1981 after labour unrest at the Wilson-Rowntree sweet factory in East London.

Twenty-one members of Saawu were arrested. They were held under the territory's infamous Proclamation R252, which provides for detention without trial.

The anti-Republic Day campaign during 1981 was the occasion for further action against Saawu as members were arrested for distributing pamphlets. Many of the unionists were released without being charged.

In East London Saawu found itself in the position of being evicted from its offices several times and being raided by the South African Security Police.

The union faced the difficulty of conducting its union business in South Africa while its membership lived in Ciskei and complained of alleged harassment by members of Security Police on both sides of the border.

In September 1981 matters came to a head with the detention of 205 unionists under Proclamation R252.

The unionists, members of Saawu, the GWU and AFCLWU, were arrested and were returning to Mdantsane in Ciskei from a meeting in East London.

They were accused of having sung freedom songs and condemned Ciskean independence.

The arrests sparked critical reaction as far afield as Australia.

There were reports on several occasions that unions had conducted hunger protest strikes while in jail.

In November 1981 Ciskean security services also involved themselves in a recruitment scheme for an East London factory. Workers responded to a call by Ciskei's agricultural department for job-seekers only to find the security services were interested in screening the people first. Various trade unions condemned this action.

The funeral of Mr Mqweta's mother that month sparked further unrest Ciskei police fired on mourners after they had reportedly refused to disperse.

Saawu GWU and AFCLWU issued a statement saying "if the South African authorities do not intervene and discourage the Ciskei authorities, the consequences will be disastrous."

Early in 1982 President Sebe spoke of publicly against the independent trade unions, apparently in response to an anti-Ciskei publicity campaign by some unions.

President Sebe indicated that independent trade unions would not be tolerated and any organisations that made "revolutionary stuff" would not be allowed to operate in Ciskei.

Lieutenant-General Sebe had also stated that he felt Saawu was not a trade union. "It is not for the Ciskei Government to bow to Saawu — they must obey law and order."

During 1982 the homes of several trade unionists in Mdantsane were raided by Ciskei security forces on several occasions and documents and pamphlets were seized.

Reports of detentions of several trade unionists earlier this month could not be confirmed with the Ciskei authorities. Last week's detentions added to union fears that Ciskei was once again "getting tough" on trade unions.

Labour experts feel Ciskei is only one step from banning outright some trade unions and has shown it is capable of crushing the unions through repeated police action and detentions.
Union leader tells of torture in detention

 Own Correspondent

 ZWELITSHA – The president of the South African Allied Workers Union, Mr Thozamile Gqweta told the Supreme Court here yesterday that he received electric shocks, was assaulted and was suspended on window bars with handcuffs while in detention in 1981.

 Mr Gqweta, who is currently detained under Ciskei's security laws with five other trade unionists, was called by the defence to give evidence in a trial within a trial to determine the admissibility of statements made by accused people in a Terrorism Act trial.

 Willam Duna, Dumisani Mandinye, Bayi Keye and Luyanda Mayekiso, all of Mdantsane, have been charged with participating in terrorist activities, recruiting people for military training, being members of the ANC and possessing and distributing banned publications.

 They have pleaded not guilty before Chief Justice De Wet.

 Mr Gqweta claimed that he was assaulted by six members of the East London security police. He named them as Messrs Eldon, Esl (senior), Esl (junior), Robey Keith, Fourie and Schooling.

 On the first day of interrogation at the Cambridge police offices, he said, he was slapped on the face by all of them. When he was taken to prison he complained to the district surgeon about the assaults.

 The next day, Mr Fourie told him that they had heard about his complaint. Mr Fourie said that he was going to be assaulted every day till he complained no more. The police would make sure no marks were left on his body.

 Mr Gqweta said he was ordered to strip naked and was suspended on windows with outstretched arms. He screamed with pain as the handcuffs went deep into his skin.

 Then he was hooded with a wet canvas bag that was tightened around his neck, making it difficult to breathe. He fainted.

 Electric shocks were then applied to his toes.

 He claimed that cold water was poured on his naked body, and then he was ordered to dry himself in front of a fan. He shivered with cold and when he became dry, cold water was again poured over him. He was then ordered to do press-ups while naked.

 He said under cross-examination that he was questioned about visits of the accused to the SAAWU offices, his visits to Swaziland and Lesotho and alleged contacts with certain operatives in the two kingdoms and the ANC.

 Cross-examination continues today.
I was beaten

says Gqweta

A SECURITY detainee told the Ciskei Supreme Court yesterday that Security Police interrogated him extensively about his visits to Lesotho and Swaziland and his links with the South African Congress of Trade Unions.

Mr Thozanele Gqweta, national president of the South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU), currently detained under Ciskei security laws, gave evidence as a defence witness in a terrorism trial of four men.

Mr William Duna (31), Mr Gumfani Mmanjwa (52), Mr Bayi Keye (23) and Mr Luyanda Mayekiso, pleaded not guilty to partaking in terrorist activities, being members of the banned ANC, recruiting people for military training in Lesotho and possession of banned publications.

Mr Gqweta said his written statement to Security Police affirmed that Mr Mmanjwa, Mr Duna and Mr Mayekiso visited his office. He said the police were dissatisfied, as they wanted him to include "ANC" in his statement.

Mr Gqweta said that on the first day of his detention he was assaulted with clenched fists. He said he complained to the district surgeon about his right ear.

The next day he lodged another complaint.

The police told him "We want to tell you that as from now we are going to assault you until you complain no more to the prison warders and doctors."

The court heard that he was stripped and suspended from a window bar with handcuffs. When he told the police that he knew nothing, a canvas bag was pulled over his head and was twisted until he collapsed.

He did not deny his visits to Swaziland and Lesotho, but denied dealing with the ANC.

The Attorney-General, Mr W F Jurgens, said Mr Gqweta was not interrogated by the police in connection with the current case, but for his alleged visits to the neighbouring states and his ANC connections.

— Sapa
No trial yet for 6 union leaders

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN

Ciskei's Attorney-General does not expect a docket containing charges against unionists detained by Ciskei Security Police until Friday. This means they will not appear in court until next week at the earliest. Ciskei security chief Lieutenant General Charles Sebe said after the detentions that the Attorney-General would receive the docket on Monday, and that the men would appear in court this week.

The six unionists were detained by Ciskei Security Police early last Wednesday morning.

Five of the detainees are officials of the SA Allied Workers Union including SAAWU's president Mr Thomas Ntuli and the vice-president Mr Sisa Nyikelana. Another is SAAWU's general secretary Mr Sidney Mafamthu. Mr Sebe told the Rand Daily Mail on Friday that the men would appear in court this week charged with taking part in "African National Congress activities".

The Ciskei authorities have repeatedly accused SAAWU of being a "front" for the ANC but have not successfully prosecuted any of the union's senior officials for ANC activities.

Mr Sebe said he was "hurriedly investigating" their case and said he expected the Attorney-General to decide by yesterday whether to prosecute.

But inquiries at the Attorney-General's office by the Mail's East London correspondent have revealed that no docket has been received and a spokesman for the office said that it was not expected before Friday.

He hinted that it could be received only next week.

The earliest the detainees could appear in court is therefore, towards the middle of next week.

SAAWU is to meet tomorrow to discuss the detention of its senior office bearers, according to its Durban-based general secretary, Mr Sam Kikune.
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Attorney-General of Ciskei confirms receipt of dockets

ZWELITSHA — The Ciskei Attorney-General, Mr W F Jurgens, has confirmed that dockets on the investigation into the activities of six leading trade unionists who are in deputation have been handed to him by police.

He said he was studying the documents and hoped to make a decision within the next few days.

Last week the Commander-in-Chief of State Security in Ciskei, Lt-Gen Charles Sebe, said the unionists, who included the national president of the South African Allied Workers’ Union, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, were being held in terms of Section 26 of the Ciskei security legislation in connection with activities of the banned African National Congress.

Mr Gqweta and his vice-president, Mr Sisa Njikala, have been detained for the eighth time. Both the Ciskei and South African security police have detained them in the past.

Neither has been convicted of any offence.

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JOHANNESBURG — 

A recent court decision has brought increased pressure on trade unions across the country. The National Union of Metalworkers (NUM) has been at the forefront of this struggle, facing significant challenges in organizing and maintaining member support.

We call on all workers to stand united in this moment of crisis. The NUM has always fought for the rights and dignity of its members, and we must continue to support this work.

We remind all workers of the need to remain vigilant and to never give up in the face of adversity.
Mino Badera

Workers' strike reaches the top of the government

The strike continued for the second day as efforts to negotiate with the government failed. The workers of the national 1,000 Elizabeth Electric Plant have been on strike since Monday. The government, however, has refused to negotiate with the union, citing the need for a national strike to be declared.

The strike has been ongoing for several days, with workers refusing to return to work until their demands are met. The workers are demanding better wages, improved working conditions, and an end to the government's policies on the electricity sector.

The government has given the workers until tomorrow to return to work, or they will be fired. The workers, however, have said that they will not return to work until their demands are met.

The strike has caused significant disruptions to the electricity sector, with many parts of the country experiencing power outages. The government has called on the public to be patient and to not rely on the electricity network during this time.

The workers have been supported by thousands of citizens, who have taken to the streets to show their solidarity with the workers. The government, however, has warned that any further protests will be met with force.

The strike has been met with mixed reactions from the public, with some supporting the workers and others critical of their actions.

The government has called for a peaceful resolution to the strike, but the workers have said that they will continue their strike until their demands are met.

The strike has caused significant losses to the government, with many businesses and industries affected by the power outages.

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The national organiser of Saawu, Mr Herbert Barnabas, told The SOWETAN: "Detainees' claims our leaders will not result in Saawu tumbling down. The worker organisation which today has more than 100 000 members is powerful enough to withstand the new wave of attacks. Lennox Sebe is a power monger and quite clearly sees Saawu as the biggest threat to the very existence of his pseudo government. With him operating in the border region of South Africa, we strongly feel the chances of the freedom of association existing there is minimal."

His comments were echoed by a labour expert operating in the Eastern Cape, who firmly believes that Saawu will weather the storm of recent attacks on its leadership. In an interview he said: ever since Saawu was founded in 1979, the South African and Ciskeian authorities had attempted to crush the organisation. He said the recent detentions of its leaders was the latest of many similar attempts to silence and intimidate, both its leadership and the general membership into submission.

"While leaders have been repeatedly detained, workers in the organisation have been victimised in the factories with few exceptions," he said. "Despite the onslaught, Saawu has not moved from its intention to satisfy the daily needs of its members. On the contrary the union has doubled its efforts to legally fashion a trade union under very difficult circumstances."

He said even under the present conditions Saawu had managed to obtain at least five recognition agreements with companies in East London. "In the past Saawu has managed to weather the storm of attacks against it. There appears to be no reason why it will not survive the most recent."

The reason he gave people in East London and Mdantsane." To substantiate his claim, Mr Barnabas said the structure of Saawu differs from that of other unions: "We believe in worker democracy and mass participation. Our structure is such that workers themselves are in a position to perform the duties of senior officials. Our branch organiser from the factory floor level are the people who are negotiating with management. So it does not mean that their job is only to organise more members," he said.

He said Saawu intended to organise even in King Williams' Town and Queenstown to give the Ciskei Government more overtime work. "We intend sending more organisers to the area, not from Saawu but from our other branches in South Africa."

"The Sebe Government must do more work because the offices from which we operate are not in the Ciskei but in South Africa. Our task therefore is to train more manpower in South Africa. We feel Sebe must ask for permission from the central government to have all the workers in East London factories organised by Saawu detained."

Co-operation between South African and Ciskeian security police against Saawu has been openly stated by General Charles Sebe. A few days after the detention of 205 trade unionists in September 1981, he was reported to have boasted that a team of six specially selected men from both the South African Security Branch and the Ciskei Police were working hand in hand on investigations into the cases. Regional employers also co-operated with the police in repressing Saawu, it was claimed.

In addition to police baton-charges, the frequent detention of members and officials of the union, charges under the Riotous As-
Workers fired, then re-employed

Labour Reporter

MORE than 400 workers at Union Flour Mills, Durban, were dismissed yesterday morning — only to be re-employed a few hours later.

The dismissals stemmed from a work stoppage which began on Friday, when workers downed tools over complaints about the behaviour of two personnel officers.

Workers outside the factory told the Mercury yesterday morning they had been told of their dismissal when they reported for work. Several hundred workers had gathered outside the mill in Feennis Cowles Road to collect their pay.

However, Mr Mike Kammerman, general manager of Union Flour Mills, said later that all workers had been re-employed.

He confirmed the stoppage was over allegations concerning the behaviour of two personnel officers, but said he had investigated the men's complaints and discovered them to be unfounded.

Mr Sam Kikine, Natal secretary of the South African Allied Workers' Union, said yesterday he had contacted the Premier Group, Union Flour Mills' holding company in Johannesburg, and had arranged to meet company representatives in Durban next month.

Ciskei detentions slammed

MORE than 100 trade unionists and black organisations met in Johannesburg yesterday where they demanded the unconditional release of six unionists detained by the Ciskei government recently.

They condemned the detention without trial legislation and drew the Ciskei and South African government's attention to the fact that the unionists have so far not been charged despite promises to do so.

The meeting was called to protest against the detention of trade unionists including Mr Thozamile Gqweta, president of the South African Allied Workers Union and the union's vice president Mr Sisa Npikelana.

The organisations involved include Azaso, Cosas, the Soweto Civic Association, Black Sash, Workers' Support Committee, Black Students' Society and several unions affiliated to Fosatu and Cusa.

A statement released after the meeting that Ciskei Government's failure to prosecute the men is proof that the accusations under which they are detained are a pretext to attack the democratic trade union movement.

Similar other meetings are to be held in the country.
No Ciskei hunger strike

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ZWELITSHA — The Commander-in-Chief of State Security in Ciskei, Lieutenant-General Charles Sebe, said yesterday he knew nothing about a hunger strike allegedly staged by detainees this week.

He would have been told of such an event, he said.

He had been told that Mr Mhlela Xofa, an Mdantsane schoolteacher, had threatened to go on a hunger strike but had not done so.

Information received by a newspaper yesterday suggested Mr Xofa and Mr Sidney Mufamadi, general secretary of the General and Allied Workers' Union, had gone on a hunger strike earlier this week.

Mr Mufamadi is one of six leading unionists due to have been released from detention yesterday following the decision of the Attorney-General, Mr W F Jurgens, not to prosecute them.

Gen Sebe said two other unionists, Mr Monwabisi Mnkuna and Mr Thembinkosi Matutu, appeared in court yesterday. He refused to identify another seven unionists who were to be charged.

— Sapa
**Union men freed and no charges**

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN

Labour Correspondent

The president of the SA Allied Workers Union, Mr Thozamile Gweta, and five other unionists were released from Cape Town Police detention yesterday after the Attorney-General declined to prosecute them.

Mr Gweta had been detained eight times by the Cape Town police, and his vice-president, Mr Suza Nyakana, also among those released yesterday, had been detained six times.

None of the detentions has led to a conviction of either man.

They were detained two weeks ago, in the early hours of the morning, with Mr Gweta's brother, Miaan, general secretary of the General and Allied Workers Union, and two other SAAWU men, Mr Nkumbi Sitingo, Mr Jeff Wabana and Mr Humphrey Manqwana.

They were detained in Mlangateti township, which is about two miles from the Cape Town police station, at about 11pm on Tuesday night.

Mr Nyakana said that all the freed men were "still and well".

He declined to comment on their detention or on their treatment in prison, saying that the six men would meet to draw a formal statement.

"We have several points we want to make about our detention and the statement will be released as soon as possible," Mr Nyakana said.

**R13m theft case man may travel**

Mail Reporter

AN AUSTRALIAN charged with stealing R13-million in platinum had his passport returned yesterday after his bail condition was lifted by a Johannesburg Regional Court magistrate.

Mr Peter Steven Copko 30, of Ponte Berea, was charged with stealing platinum from the Wadewille Refinery in Germiston possession of unknown gold and failing to declare his foreign assets.

He was previously allowed R30,000 bail after a friend, Mrs Gillis, bought him a home, he was allowed to fly home.

The magistrate Mr J J F Balton lifted the restriction confining him to the Witwatersrand and magisterial district.

He postponed the case to April 28 for further investigation.

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No deal at Star

NEGOTIATIONS between The Star management and the official of the Media Workers Association of South Africa over the dismissal of 207 Mwasa workers last week failed to reach any conclusion yesterday.

In a statement, The Star management said talks would be resumed on April 5.

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MDANTSANE Two men appeared briefly in the magistrate's court here yesterday on a charge of terrorism — contravening the Ciskei National Security Act and an alternative charge under the same Act.

Mr Monwabisi Mnikana and Mr Thembinkosi Matutu were not asked to plead and no evidence was led.

Attached to the charge sheet was a certificate from the attorney general ordering that they be not released on bail.

They were remanded to appear in court on May 16 — DDR.
Detained union men released

EAST LONDON — The six trade unionists whom the Cape Attorney General Mr W F Jurgens declined to prosecute had all been released, the vice-president of the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu), Mr Sisa Njikelana confirmed yesterday.

The six were the president of Saawu Mr Thomas Gweta, the general secretary of the General and Allied Workers Union Mr Sidney Mafamudzi, three other Saawu men — Mr Jeff Wabena, Mr Benjamin Sifongo and Mr Humphrey Maxegwana — and Mr Njikelana.

Mr Njikelana said that in the light of the many serious allegations made about them when they were in detention, they would issue a statement — DDR.
Call for end to harassment of trade union officials

Weekend Post Reporter

The Port Elizabeth branch of the Detainees Parents Support Committee today called on the authorities to refrain from further harassment of trade union officials.

The call follows the recent release of six trade union officials after the refusal of the Ciskeian Attorney General, Mr. W. F. Jurgens, to proceed against them.

The man, held for a fortnight, include the president of the South African Allied Workers Union, Mr. Thozamile Gqweta, and Mr. Sasa Nykelana, the trade union’s vice-president.

Mr. Gqweta has now been detained eight times, either by Ciskeian or South African police, and Mr. Nykelana six times. None of these detentions led to a conviction.

The DPSC said in a statement the refusal by the Ciskeian Attorney General to prosecute was a further clear indication that the arrests had been unwarranted intrusions by State security apparatus into the legitimate affairs of trade unions.

The DPSC condemned the repeated arrests of trade union officials and reiterated their belief that detention without trial was wrong.

It noted in its statement that the industrial sector, which consistently paid lip service to the ideals of trade unions operating in a free market system remained quiet when unionists were detained without protection or access to legal representation or the courts, a basic right accorded all other persons arrested.
They can't make it stick, so unionist freed again

GQWETA POLICE

CP Correspondent

ZWELITSHA. — Ciskei's Attorney-General yesterday dropped charges against Thozamile Gqweta and five detained trade unionists, and ordered them released.

This is the eighth time that Mr Gqweta, president of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Sawau), has been detained and released without facing charges, and the ninth for Sawau vice-president Sasa Njikelana.

The Attorney-General, F W Jurgens, said he would convey his decision to the police, and "in terms of the law they must be released".

At the same time he said that two detainees, Michael Mthimukum and Tembinkosi Matatufu, would appear in court today charged under the National Security Act.

Slammed

Reacting to the news, leading union spokesmen slammed the Ciskei government for its "cowardly harassment" of trade unionists.

Cowardly

"This cowardly action by the Sebe brothers is proof that they can't stand the tide of progressive trade unionism."

The general secretary of the Council of Unions of South Africa (Cusa), Proshaw Camay, said: "Justice has been done because there were strong intimations from the Sebe regime that SAAWU was connected with the outlawed ANC."
Saawu: we function within scope of law

EAST LONDON — The South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) said yesterday it was functioning constitutionally within the scope of the law.

A statement was issued following the Ciskei Attorney-General's decision not to prosecute six trade union leaders detained for two weeks by the Ciskei Central Intelligence Services.

Activities outside the scope of trade union work had no sanction from the union, the statement added.

"It was alleged that they (the six) were detained in connection with ANC activities," the statement said.

"Since this has been done several times before we hope the public will understand the motive behind such public statements especially when none of those detained has been brought to a court of law and charged for ANC activities."

The union expressed its concern at the increasing practice of impinging on the activities outside the scope of trade unionism by banning activities of banned organisations like the ANC.

It pointed out that as the union's activities increased in the East London industrial area there was more harassment from the Ciskei Government.

The union added that it realised that harassment in the form of arbitrary detention had become the daily bread of its members and that this dovetailed with sophisticated propaganda aimed at tarnishing the image of the union.

As reported in The Times, a spokesman for the union said the only one of the six involved in that was the general secretary of the General and Allied Workers' Union, Mr. Sidney Mufamadi, of Johannesburg.

Efforts to contact Mufamadi by telephone in his Johannesburg office yesterday were unsuccessful — DDR

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Unions head for key unity summit

Labour Correspondent

All the country’s emerging union groups are expected to attend a key meeting on union unity in Cape Town this weekend to explore the formation of a closer working alliance between them.

While the meeting is certain not to lead to an alliance of all emerging union groups, it could see three major groups — the Federation of SA Trade Unions, the General Workers Union and the food and canning workers unions — decide to cement a closer alliance, although even this is not certain.

The meeting was called by the General Workers Union, which told unions in its invitation that the meeting would explore forming a new union federation.

Fosatu, the food and canning unions and several other unions quickly accepted the invitation, but it appeared at first that unregistered unions which have adopted a tough stance against registration with the Government and joining official Industrial Councils, might boycott the meeting.

These unions, led by the SA Allied Workers Union and Motor Assemblers and Components Workers Union (MACWUSA), have now indicated that they will attend.

But observers believe the meeting may see a confrontation between them and groups like Fosatu, the General Workers Union and the food and canning unions.

The SAAWU/MACWUSA group is likely to accuse Fosatu of not honouring resolutions at earlier union summits to boycott industrial conciliators and registration while the Fosatu/GWU group is likely to accuse its opponents of giving little practical support to grassroots union unity efforts.
Saawu denies ANC links

Labour Reporter

THE South African Allied Worker's Union (Saawu) has criticized allegations by Lieutenant-General Charles Sebe, head of Ciskei state security, that Saawu officials have been engaged in activities of the banned African National Congress (ANC).

Five Saawu officials and an official of the General and Allied Workers' Union (Gawu) were detained in the Ciskei last month.

At the time of their detention, General Sebe alleged the unionists were being held in connection with "ANC activities". They were later released without charge.

In a press release yesterday, Saawu said the involvement of union members in activities outside the scope of unionism had "no sanction" from the union, which was "known to be functioning constitutionally".

The statement said allegations of ANC involvement had been made several times, though Saawu detainees had never been brought to court and charged.

Saawu was increasing its activities in the East London area and harassment by the Ciskei Government was continuing.

"However, we are of the opinion that worse is still to come."
Saawu goes to court

EAST LONDON — For the first time, the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) has gone before an Industrial Court to resolve a dispute.

The unregistered trade union brought an injunction for a restitution order against Fry's Metals at Berlin as the first step in getting dismissed workers re-employed.

Judgment on the order is expected to be made by the chairman of the court, Dr D B Ehlers, within the next week.

The vice-president of Saawu, Mr Sisa Njikelana, confirmed it was the first time the union had applied for an Industrial Court hearing.

Neither Mr Njikelana nor the branch manager of Fry's Metals here, Mr R F Currie, would comment on the case, saying they would have to wait until judgment was passed.

The assistant registrar of the Industrial Court, Mr P M Joynt, said from Pretoria that the next step in resolving the dispute would be the convening of an Industrial Council. — DDR
ANC LINK IS NOT TRUE, SAYS SAAWU

By MONO BADILA

The non-racial South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) this week came out strongly against "arbitrary detention" and described as nonsense allegations by the Ciskeian government that the union has connections with the outlawed African National Congress.

In a statement Saawu said the Ciskei government had launched a "sophisticated propaganda exercise" to tarnish the union's image, in an effort to justify "arbitrary detention which has become our daily bread."

Six Saawu leaders were recently detained in terms of the Ciskei security laws. Also detained were president Mr Thozamile Gqweta and vice president Mr Siza Nyikelana.

The men have since been released. The Ciskei government accused the unionists of furthering the aims of the ANC. Major-General Charles Sebe, of the Ciskei Central Intelligence Service had said the unionists were detained in connection with ANC activities. The statement charged that it was not the first time this type of allegation had been leveled against the unionists but none of those detained were ever brought before court charged with furthering the aims of the ANC.

The statement alleges that the motive was to publicly discredit Saawu by giving it the tag of a political organisation so as to scare members, and would-be members.

"We want to appeal to the members and the public to understand fully that Saawu does not sanction activities which are outside the scope of trade unionism."

"We wish the public to note that whilst Saawu activities are increasing in the East London industrial area, harassment is being protracted by the Ciskeian government. However we are of the opinion that the worst is still to come," it stated.
Moving to unity?

Past attempts to forge unity between SA's emerging unions have faltered, but there are signs that the latest effort has a good chance of succeeding. Leaders of unions representing about 200,000 workers agreed last weekend to form a feasibility committee which will investigate the possibility of establishing a major new trade union federation.

Unions and groupings which have committed themselves to the investigation are the Federation of SA Trade Unions (Fosatu), the General Workers' Union, the Food and Canning Workers' Union and the African Food and Canning Workers' Union, the SA Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), the Commercial Catering and Allied Workers' Union (Ccawusa), the General and Allied Workers' Union, and the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association.

Most union leaders involved in the latest unity effort are reluctant to comment publicly about what exact form they would like the new federation to take. But there is considerable optimism that it will be possible to find a formula acceptable to all who have agreed to serve on the feasibility com-
mitee. One union leader tells the FM it would be more accurate to describe the committee as a "steering committee," thus implying that the body will have more on its agenda than a mere examination of the desirability of a new federation.

There is little doubt, however, that much hard bargaining has still to take place. Some unions are, for example, opposed to past suggestions from Fosatu members that there should be tight, centralised control within a new union federation.

Unions and groupings which did not vote in favour of the federation were the Council of Unions of SA (Cusa), the Motor Assembly and Components Workers' Union of SA (Macwusa), the Orange Vaal General Workers' Union, and the Municipal and General Workers' Union. Cusa has displayed a lukewarm attitude towards past unity efforts, while Macwusa has refused to ally itself with unions which register with government or take part in the industrial council system.

Employers are obviously watching these developments with great interest. They are certain of much anxiety if the new federation is formed, it will be the largest, and probably the most effective, co-ordinating body to represent black workers in SA's labour history. Inevitably this could strengthen the position of black workers on the factory floor.

But there could be some benefits for employers as well. Relations between some of the unions which are moving in the direction of the new federation have been extremely poor in the past. The fact that they are now willing to enter a strong alliance suggests that inter-union rivalry, which has presented severe problems to employers, may be reduced.
Saawu rejects Sebe claims

EAST LONDON — Allegations by the President of Ciskei Chief Lennox Sebe that the aims of the South African Allied Workers Union were of a subversive nature were unfounded, the union said yesterday.

In a statement Saawu said the claims made by President Sebe at the opening of the National Assembly followed previous statements in which he had claimed the union was a front organisation for the ANC.

The union said that it had on numerous occasions declared itself a trade union.

"Subversion and violence are nowhere to be found in our activities, and our constitution bears testament to this fact," the union said.

The fact that someone is found with a Saawu membership card does not mean that Saawu has anything to do with subversive activities that particular individual might have been engaged in," — DDC.
EAST LONDON — The South African Allied Workers Union (Sawu) yesterday denied it had taken a Berlin company, Fry’s Metal, either to an industrial court or the industrial council.

In a statement confirmed by the union’s president Mr. Thozamile Gweta, Sawu said that four workers were dismissed and that later the management fired the entire workforce, following a work stoppage.

Sawu said that in accordance with principle it could not participate in industrial councils but was prepared to negotiate with Fry’s Metal only on a shop floor basis.

The four workers had filed the case in their individual capacities, the statement said — DDR.
The South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) and the General and Allied Workers' Union (Gawu) have accused the press of "adjusting public opinion" and "subverting the workers' struggle" by its reporting on the moves towards trade union unity.

In a joint statement issued on Friday, the unions said reports that seven trade unions had walked out of the unity talks last year were lies.

The statement said that between the Port Elizabeth talks and the recent talks in Athlone, a lot of "prejudiced and divisive statements" had appeared.

"It is unbecoming for the press to adjust public opinion into its own wishful thinking by stating that there are unions hostile to the formation of the envisaged trade union federation and others for the federation."

"That is not our experience. All unions which participated in the unity talks were committed to the formation of a federation though they may, understandably, differ on how to work towards it."

TALKS may Lead to S.A.'s Biggest Movement

STEVEN FREIDMAN

LABOUR WEEK

(15th)
Pay body elected

Members of the South African Allied Workers' Union were last week elected to a workers' committee at an Elandsfontein subsidiary of LTA. The committee will negotiate with management over wages and working conditions.

The union's national organiser, Mr. Herbert Barnabas, said more than 100 workers at the Conforcé building firm had voted for the committee.
Saawu elections

FIVE members of the South African Allied Workers' Union were unanimously elected to the Workers' Committee of the Elandsfontein factory of Conforce, Mr Herbert Barnabas, national organiser of Saawu said yesterday.

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A DURBAN psychiatrist has written to the South African Medical and Dental Council complaining that a detainee he was treating was removed from his care by the Security Police, who did not inform him, consult him or ensure his patient continued to take the psychiatric drugs prescribed.

The SAMDC, at its meeting in Pretoria yesterday agreed to refer the matter to the Director-General of the Department of Health and Welfare and ask him to bring the incident to the attention of the relevant authorities.

The SAMDC found this behaviour by the Security Police unacceptable.

Dr Colin Levisohn, a Durban psychiatrist, wrote to the Medical Officer of Health in Durban, Dr P Buchan, on April 7 last year.

In the letter he said "I learnt officially today that my patient Mr Sam Kikane, detained under Section 6 of the Terrorism Act, has been removed from my care."

"This action was taken without consulting me or giving me an opportunity to discuss the continuation of psychiatric treatment. Mr Kikane was suffering from a reactive psychosis," the letter said.

"It is my opinion he may suffer a relapse."

Mr Kikane was later released on bail — Sapa
Reinstate workers says court order

EAST LONDON — The industrial court has ordered Fry's Metals to reinstate four members of the SA Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) fired from its smelter at Berlin in February.

The court issued the order on Thursday, under legislation which allows it to order the reinstatement of workers until a dispute before the court has been settled.

The firings in February prompted a work stoppage which placed Saawu's recognition agreement at the smelter in doubt and led to the firing of a further 73 Saawu members there.

An industrial court action for the reinstatement of the 73 workers is also pending, but no date for it has been set.

The managing director of Fry's Metals, Mr. George Griffiths, said yesterday that the four workers ordered reinstated by the court would not be physically reinstated, but would be paid for the period of the order.

He said the company intended to oppose the action asking for their reinstatement, and the second action asking for the reinstatement of the 73 other workers.

Fry's recognition agreement with Saawu was "in limbo" pending the outcome of the two actions — DDR- DDR
Court rules on sacked Saawu four

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN
Labour Correspondent

A DISPUTE between the SA Allied Workers' Union and an Eastern Cape metal smelting firm has taken a new turn - the Industrial Court has ordered the smelter to reinstate four Saawu members whom it fired in February.

This is believed to be the first time Saawu, which is against taking part in "Government institutions" has made use of the court.

The firings prompted a work stoppage which placed Saawu's recognition agreement at the smelter in the balance and led to the firing of 73 members of the union at the plant.

An Industrial Court action for the reinstatement of the 73 workers is also pending.

The smelter - at Berlin - is owned by Fry's Metals, a Wadeville-based company which bought it recently from battery manufacturer Chloride.

Chloride was the first company to recognise Saawu and the recognition agreement at the smelter remained in force when Fry's took over.

But in February the firing of the four workers led to a dispute during which, the union alleges, Fry's said it was not bound by the agreement.

Workers allegedly struck as a result and the 73 were fired.

The union then undertook two separate actions - one for the reinstatement of the four and another on behalf of the 73.

Last Thursday the court issued an order instructing Fry's to reinstate the four temporarily pending the outcome of the case. The order was issued in terms of Section 43 of the Labour Relations Act which allows the court to order reinstatement of workers until a dispute is settled.

Fry's managing director, Mr. George Griffiths, said yesterday the four would not be physically reinstated, but would be paid for the period of the order.

He said the company intended to oppose the action asking for the reinstatement of all the workers.
Homes search in Mdantsane

MDANTSANE — Several homes were searched and many documents removed in what the Commander-in-Chief of Ciskei State Security Lt-General Charles Sebe called "a normal law-enforcement raid by the combined forces here on Friday night and early Saturday morning.

General Sebe said one man from Zone 9 was held for theft and would appear in court today.

He confirmed that many homes were searched during the raid.

Mr D Sisango and Miss G X Botha both of Zone 8, confirmed visits by Ciskei security men. Both said homes were surrounded by soldiers during the raid in which some documents were taken.

In Zone 3 searches were confirmed to have been conducted in the homes of Mr M Mazwai and Mr M Gajule.

Other homes searched belong to Mr J Ciskeko of Zone 4, Mr Sisa Nghakela, national vice-president of the South African Allied Workers Union and Mr Vuyisile Matl of Zone 9.

An employee of the Dependants Conference, a branch of the South African Council of Churches, Mr Stage Thando Cuntu said Ciskei security forces raided his house at the weekend.

Mr Cuntu said a truck-load of soldiers and members of the police in two cars came to his house in Zone 9 at 2 a.m. on Saturday.

Six policemen searched his house.

He said nothing was removed.

He said this was the second raid in five months. Police searched his house on December 15 and nothing was removed.

Four students — Mr Zandisile Sobandla, 20, Mr Vusumzi Sobandla, 16; Mr Linda Majikje, 21, and Mr Sindile Tabata, 18 — also confirmed the searches and removal of documents.

They said they were taken from their homes and released at a police tent set up near Fort Jackson at the entrance to Mdantsane.

They had to walk home to Zones 2 and 3 they said.

General Sebe said that although he was in charge of the operation, he had not arrived at the checkpoint when the students were released but he doubted the truth of their story — DDR
Unions use court to settle disputes

A WHILE ago, a chief employer labour priority was avoiding strikes. Now it's staying out of the industrial court.

Since the recession began, Posts and Telecommunications, to a lesser extent, the Union of South African Communications Workers have been using the court to seek redress against employers in cases where unions believe they have been victimized.

But now there are signs that other struggling unions plan to use the court more. Members of the SA Allied Workers Union and the Media Workers' Association of South Africa have filed papers before the court, asking to restore workers fired during work stoppages.

SAWU's case concerns a stoppage at a Berinu sneller — sold by battery firm Chloride to Fry's Metals — which led to the sacking of 75 workers and threatened one of the union's oldest recognition agreements.

The court has already granted an order temporarily reinstating four SAWU members whose sacking sparked off the stoppage.

The Mwasa case concerns the sacking of workers at The Star newspaper for striking.

Both are key cases, because they may test for the first time the circumstances in which employers can fire strikers, a practice which is common here but less so in other Western countries.

But the cases are also significant because both unions have opposed using Government labour machinery.

The court is a key element in the official labour set-up, and in some cases — such as SAWU's — disputes which come before it have to be processed by an official industrial council first.

Both SAWU and Mwasa say their members, rather than the union itself, are using the court, but the distinction is a fine one.

The two cases show the court is winning a credibility among black unions which once seemed unlikely and which even seems to override suspicions about taking part in "the system".

Courts are only used in cases where unions feel they have no other avenue, so its workload will reduce when the economy picks up and unions feel better able to settle disputes in other ways.

While some employers are disinclined about the court's new role in settling disputes, it is worth noting that this year has seen few of the boycotts and campaigns which might have been expected during the recession.
By MARTINE BARKER

Representatives of five trade unions today met East London employers to discuss the recent implementation of the transfer of Unemployment Insurance Funds (UIF) from South Africa to Ciskei, Venda and Transkei.

At the beginning of May, contract and commuter workers who were cut off from the UIF as each homeland took "independence" began having contributions to the South African UIF deducted from their wages again.

The change from their previous participation in the UIF is that they will now have to return to their respective homelands if they want to claim benefits.

A statement released yesterday by the General Workers Union, the South African Allied Workers Union, the Media Workers Association of South Africa, the African Food and Canning Workers Union and the National Automobile and Allied Workers Union said the transfer of funds had caused considerable reaction among workers.

The resolutions taken by workers at a mass meeting last weekend would be conveyed to East London employers through the representatives of the local chambers of industries and commerce at the meeting.

A telex to the Minister of Manpower, Mr. Fanie Botha, proposing a meeting with a delegation of workers on the UIF issue is being prepared.
Botha to consider UIF talks

EAST LONDON — The Minister of Manpower, Mr Fanie Botha, may consider a request from five unregistered unions for a meeting on unemployment insurance funds (UIFs), according to Mr Botha’s private secretary.

The private secretary, Mr J Niemand, told the unions in a telex that Mr Botha was unable to consider their request yesterday but would do so on Monday.

The unions — the South African Allied Workers’ Union, the General Workers’ Union, the African Food and Canning Workers’ Union, the Media Workers’ Association of South Africa and the National Automobile and Allied Workers’ Union — had earlier sent a telex to Mr Botha asking for the meeting.

The unions said there was “worker unhappiness” with the transfer of contributions from South Africa’s UIF to funds established in Ciskei, Transkei and Venda.

Representatives from the five unions met with representatives from the East London chambers of commerce and industry yesterday morning to discuss the issue.

In a statement issued after the meeting by the vice-president of Saawu, Mr Sisa Njikelana, the unions said they had presented “several demands” to the business heads.

The statement said workers represented by the unions rejected the transfer of their UIF contributions to funds run in the national states.

It said the workers wanted this transferral suspended until the union leaders had spoken to Mr Botha about it. They also called for their previous contributions to UIFs to be refunded.

The statement said yesterday’s talks were “frank and open” and that the business heads had expressed concern at the situation.

The business heads had stressed, however, that they were obliged to contribute to the UIFs, the statement said.

Mr Njikelana said later that there was “great hope” among the union representatives that the workers would be given a hearing by the Manpower Minister.

Neither the chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr George Orsmond, nor the chairman of the Chamber of Industry, Mr David Saunders, could be contacted for comment.

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Ciskei police detain unionists

IN another crack down on trade unionists, the Ciskei Security Forces have detained two top leaders, including the secretary general of the General and Allied Workers' Union, Mr Sidney Mafamadi of Johannesburg.

The other man detained in the Ciskei is the union's national organiser, Mr Moshe Mditshwa, formerly of Port Elizabeth.

A statement by Gawu said the two were detained in East London on Friday at 10pm. This is not the first time the two trade unionists have been detained.

By MONO BADELA

Mr Sidney Mafamadi was last detained with five other trade union leaders, including the South African and Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) president, Mr Thozamile Gqwetha, and his deputy, Mr Sisa Nykelana in March this year. They were all later released without being brought before a court of law.

Mr Mditshwa was last detained in 1980 during a crack down on student leaders during school boycotts in 1980.

In a statement the president of the union, Mr Samson Ndou, strongly said "Gawu vehemently deplores the barbaric action". He called on progressive bodies to condemn the detentions.

The secretary general of the Council of Unions of South Africa (Cua), Mr Phrashay Camay, said he was shocked that this kind of harassment was still being perpetrated in the Ciskei. It is high time that this kind of harassment should come to an end," he said.

Earlier this month the Ciskei Security Forces also detained another trade unionist, Mr Dlakani Vani, the Queenstown organiser of the African Food and Canning Workers' Union (AFCWU).

Mr Vani was arrested in Queenstown by the South African Security Police and was handed over to the Ciskei authorities.

Later the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, admitted to Parliament that Mr Vani had been handed over to Ciskei where he is now being held in terms of Ciskei's Proclamation R252.
MYSTERY surrounds the whereabouts of the two top Johannesburg
trade unionists who were detained and later reported to have been re-
leased by the Ciskei Security Forces in Mdantsane, near East London
during the weekend.

The men are the general secretary and national organiser of the
General and Allied Workers' Union, Mr Sidney Mafumadi and
Mr Monde Matsibwa. The Chief of the Ciskei Security Forces, Lt Gen
Charles Sebe, confirmed on Tuesday the detention of the two men. He
said they were held for questioning.

"They had gone home by Monday," Gen Sebe said. He however
declined to state exactly when the men had been released.

The two unionists were detained on Friday night and their car was
kept at the Mdantsane Police Station.

A puzzled Mr Samson Ndou, president of Saawu told The SOWE-
TAN yesterday he was unaware that the two men had been released.

"They would surely have contacted our head office as they were re-
leased from detention," he said.

He said the men knew that they had some important work to do in
Johannseburg. "I fail to believe that the men have been released," he
said.

He has contacted the offices of the South African Allied Workers' Union in East London but nothing was forth-
coming. The Press Officer of Saawu, Mr Yure Mdyogolo told The SO-
WETAN yesterday afternoon they have not seen the two men. "We

believe the men are still in detention. The only thing we got from the
Mdantsane Police was that we should fetch their car.

Late yesterday Mr Ndou said the Saawu officials in East London
could not find the car key. Mr Mafumadi and five members of Saawu
including the president, Mr Thozamile Gqwe-
tha were held in detention for two weeks in March this year. They
were released when the Attorney-General of the Ciskei, Mr Jurie Jur-
gens, declined to prosecute them.

The detention of the two men was strongly condemned by other
trade union leaders who called for their immediate release.
All unions to open books

Unregistered trade unions are now required by the Department of Manpower to provide information on membership and finances. Previously only registered unions were bound by such regulations under the Labour Relations Act, but recent amendments to the Act put the onus on unregistered unions to provide information.

Unions are to submit details of income, auditors' reports, balance sheets, appointments and elections among other things.

Failure to comply can mean a fine or jail sentence.

The department has sent letters requiring information to several unregistered unions.

The general secretary of the South African Allied Workers' Union, Mr Sam Kikane, said his offices were visited by department officials last week.

He had also received a written request to submit details of his union's finances.

The Deputy Director-General of the Department of Manpower, Dr C F Scheepers, said unregistered unions were being asked to comply with "minimum requirements" of the Act.

The requests were in no way a clampdown on unregistered trade unions, he added.
Third agreement in Tvl for SAAWU

Labour Correspondent

THE unregistered SA Allied Workers Union has won its first recognition agreement in the Transvaal this year—the third agreement since it began operating in the province a SAAWU statement said yesterday.

SAAWU said its Baking and Allied Workers Union had signed a recognition agreement with Labor Bakery at Isando earlier this month. The company, a subsidiary of Fedbakie Pty, employs about 570 workers at the plant.

According to the statement, the union represents more than 60% of the workers at the plant.

"In terms of the signed agreement, the union is regarded by the company as the collective bargaining representative of workers for conditions of employment and all matters affecting workers in the company," the statement said.

It hailed the agreement, saying its contents "are regarded by the union as progressive and constitute a step towards creating good industrial relations between the parties.

SAAWU says it has signed two other recognition agreements in the Transvaal—one in 1981 with Oerlikon Electrodes and the other in 1982 with a plant in the Spartan industrial township."
Migrant workers fear Rikimoto Judgment reversal
The stream of riders

minutes. Scores of people had to be turned away because the shed could not cope with the influx of riders.

Securing space over the Philia's jadx site given Section 10 (b) rights to bring in the News for the Hour.

The National Union of Seamen, an ally of the National Union of Railwaymen, failed to secure any space. A fight broke out.

Mr. Fitcher, who was a steward of the union, declared: "If we win the case, we'll win.

An editorial writer of The Guardian (London) wrote of the struggle:

"A fight for our rights has been waged, not to secure a patrol for the sheds but to secure the right of those who work for the sheds, to have a place to work.

Separate areas for the sheds are allocated in the shed. We've been told that the sheds will only be used for the shed.

The News was not to be budged, and the sheds are not to be budged, even if the news is budged."

Yesterday's economy

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Rikhotso warning

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"There can be no going back, and should migrant workers be deliberately blocked from asserting their rights, I foresee a terrible reaction."

Azapo's publicity secretary, Mr Ishmael Mbakela, warned.

The Government should take rumblings in the labour movement very seriously.

"If the Appeal Court ruling is disregarded there could be serious consequences."

Meanwhile, the Black Sash says it is offering advice to all those who face problems in applying for their rights and will assist those seeking legal action.

One for the road

LONDON - Peter Woodward has amazed doctors by surviving the biggest drinking spree recorded by police in northern England. He was found naked and unconscious outside a hospital with an alcohol content equivalent to 67 whiskies.

Rastas jailed for 4 years

By TEBELLO RADEBE

JO'BURG - Rastafarians Jose Charles, 24, and Rufus Radebe 19, were yesterday sentenced to four years' jail each for singing pro-ANC songs at a pop festival. They were found guilty in the Regional Court of contravening the Internal Security Act by singing the songs at the Kloofendal, Roodepoort music festival organised by the University of Witwatersrand students on February 12.

The magistrate, Mr A W Aucamp said he accepted the evidence of all state witnesses. He said both accused were untruthful.

"Getting answers from them was like extracting wisdom teeth," he said.

Judgment in South Africa terror trial will be delivered on Monday. In the year-old Oscar Mphetha, others, charged in connection with unrest in 1980 in which Jansen (right) and Beeton died.

Ciskei Labs:

CP Correspondent

CAPE TOWN - The Ciskei government says it still has to decide whether to establish military-style punishment camps for migrant workers who break their contracts.

While the Ciskei government maintains it must do something about workers who break their contracts with employers, it is not clear what the government will do.
Saawu member reported detained

EAST LONDON — A member of the South African Allied Workers’ Union, Mr Nkululeko Wasa has been detained by the Ciskei Central Intelligence Service, according to friends. He was detained by seven CCIS members after they visited his home last week and ordered him to dig up his garden, the friends said.

The Commander-in-Chief of State Security in Ciskei, Lieutenant-General Charles Sebe, said he could not confirm or deny Mr Wasa’s detention. “I have been away from my office for a few days and will only be able to comment tomorrow (Monday),” he said when contacted at home yesterday — DDR.
HUNDREDS of black workers at Nampak Products Ltd, in Mobeni, downed tools yesterday, demanding a refund of their pension contributions.

A spokesman for the workers told the Mercury yesterday that they were also demanding the right of their union to be recognised at the factory.

He said they had been contributing towards the pension fund since 1978 and while most other factory workers had been paid out, Nampak workers still had not received their money.

Mr R Campbell, the company’s industrial relations manager, yesterday confirmed that the workers stopped work at 6.30 am.

Not available

He said they had refused to speak to the management and had insisted that the management contact the representative of the South African Allied Workers’ Union.

“This union is not yet recognised — the management attempted to make contact but were told that the official was not available.

“It now appears that the workers want a refund of their pension contribution. This is still being considered,” he said.

Mr Issaak Ngobo, national treasurer of the union, said union officials had met the workers’ committee late yesterday and the union would be holding talks with the Nampak management today.
Saawu man is released

EAST LONDON: A member of the South African Allied Workers' Union, Mr. Nkululeko Wasa, was released yesterday after being detained for a week by the Oakes Central Intelligence Service.

This was confirmed by the Commander-in-Chief of State Security in Oakes, Lieutenant-General Charles Sebe.

General Sebe said Mr. Wasa had "tried to stage a hunger strike" while he was imprisoned. He was eventually released without being charged.

Mr. Wasa, who works for a marine engineering firm in East London, was detained last Tuesday when seven CCIS members arrested him at his Mantzane home.

Mr. Wasa could not be contacted yesterday.
Firm to talk on stoppage

Mail Correspondent
DURBAN — The management of a Mobeni paper products factory is to hold further talks today with its black workers who downed tools on Monday.

Hundreds of workers at Nampak Products Ltd stopped work on Monday morning in support of their demands for a refund of their pension contributions and the right of their union, the South African Allied Workers' Union, to be recognised by management.

Mr Roderick Campbell, the company's industrial relations manager, said yesterday, "I hope to get the full details of the workers' complaints about the pension fund. I will then go back to the trustees and a further meeting on the issue will be held next week.

He said the representatives of the workers left a meeting on Monday with the hope of persuading the workers to return to work today.

"If they do not return to work today we will consider what steps to take. We've been tolerant all this time," he added.
Union denies ‘poaching’

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN
Labour Correspondent

A ROW over alleged “poaching” of members has broken out between two emerging unions in the food industry, one affiliated to the Council of Unions of SA, the other to the Federation of SA Trade Unions.

Yesterday, Cusa’s Food, Beverage and Allied Workers Union issued a statement attacking rival unions for “poaching” members at the Irvine and Johnson plant in Springs and a meat plant in Pretoria.

But the Fosatu union’s general secretary, Mrs Maggie Magubane, yesterday said her union only allowed workers at the plants to join after “persistent requests” by them over a two year period.

In the FBAWU statement its general secretary, Mr Shakes Sikhakho, said the union “views the recent action of other food unions in a serious light.”

It said in several plants where it had majority support, had been recognised and had “negotiated the best possible wages”, rival unions were now attempting to organise already organised workers.

In a supporting statement, Cusa said all its unions had “consistently followed a policy of non-interference in the affairs of other unions” and had not organised workers “where other unions are attempting to organise.”

“We would like to inform our members that we will resist the attempts of unions who seek to mislead them,” Cusa added.

FBAWU official Mr Glenn Mokoena charged yesterday that the union faced “poaching” from both Fosatu’s SFAWU and the SA Allied Workers Union, but he said its dispute with SAAWU was being settled.

“We feel strongly that this sort of thing damages union unity,” he said.

Mrs Magubane said yesterday SFAWU had been approached two years ago by HJ workers who were unhappy with the Cusa union and wanted to join its Fosatu rival.

“We ignored these requests because we did not want to interfere and even went to the extent of discussing the matter with the Food Workers’ International (to which local food unions belong).”

The requests had persisted and workers had begun claiming that Sweet Food was not interested in recruiting them.

“The final straw came when they sought a meeting with the Cusa union this week and its officials did not turn up,” she said.
Workers, churches get together

WHAT do the Durban Housing Action Committee, the SA Allied Workers Union and the Islamic Council of SA have in common? The answer is straightforward: they all oppose the Government's constitutional proposals and are members of the United Democratic Front.

The dozens of groups that belong to the UDF across the country represent a wide range of workers, students, churches and community organisations. In the Transvaal alone, more than 30 organisations have joined the UDF.

Workers are represented by the Council of Unions of SA, the SA Allied Workers' Union and the Food and Canning Workers' Union, amongst others. Communities are represented by the Soweto and Vryburg civic associations and the Soweto Committee of 19 Nusasa. Azanian Students' Organisation, the Black Students Society and Young Christian Students represented the youth.

The Church was represented by the Witwatersrand Council of Churches and the Catholic Bishops' Conference, women by the Federation of SA Women teachers by the National Educational Union of SA, the Indian community by the Transvaal Indian Congress, the Detainees' Aid Movement and the Transvaal Anti-PC Committee are also taking part.

The first UDF was formed in the Eastern Cape in January, when a local co-ordinating committee was formed. Eastern Cape members organisations include the Fort Elizabeth Black Civic Organisation, the RE Council of Sport, the Eastern Cape Council of Churches, the Motor Assembly and Component Workers' Union, the General Workers Union of SA and the Congress of SA Students.

On May 14, a Durban branch was formed under the chairmanship of Mr Archie Gumede, of the Release Mandela Committee. It includes the Natal Indian Congress, the Democratic Lawyers' Association, the Islamic Council of SA and the Durban Housing Action Committee.
EAST LONDON — A member of the African Allied Workers' Union, Mr Cunningham Ngukana, was held for questioning while he was travelling on a train from Johannesburg to East London this week.

This was confirmed by Major J. F. van Wyk of the South African Railways Police, who said Mr Ngukana had been released yesterday morning.

He would not comment on claims by Mr Ngukana that he had been assaulted while he was moved from one compartment to another for questioning.

"All I know is that he was questioned because we thought he had illegal publications with him," Major Van Wyk said yesterday "I don't know anything about assaults."

Mr Ngukana said he intends laying charges of assault against the persons involved.

Mr Ngukana said the documents he had been carrying included a supplement to Muslim News entitled Message to the Oppressed and the Oppressor, and a publication by the International Union of Food Workers — DBR.
WHICH unions are most active on the factory floor?

Part of the answer may be in a detailed strike study by labour consultancy Andrew Levy and Associates.

Its main finding — that there is an increasing strike trend which will grow after the recession ends — may be controversial.

But its breakdown on which unions members are most often involved in strikes will be more generally accepted because it is easier to verify.

The study points out that its findings do not necessarily mean the unions caused the strikes.

Most black worker strikes tend to be caused by grass-roots militancy, rather than union leaders, and the study finds that 80% of strikes are sparked by issues which he directly under management's control.

But the figures do give an insight into the unions' shop-floor presence.

The study finds that Fosatu unions, often attacked for their lack of "militancy," were involved in 65% of strikes where there was a union presence.

Members of its MAWU were involved in most strikes, followed a long way behind by its motor union, NAAWU.

SAAWU is third, the National Union of Textile Workers fourth and the Food and Canning Workers Union fifth.

But when statistics take account of man days lost in strikes, NAAWU comes out top by far.

As the study points out, this seems to show again that unions' rhetoric is not a good guide to their "militancy."

A further key finding is that the metal industries are by far the most strike-prone followed by food and motor.

The study finds that metal has only occupied this position for the past 18 months, food having been most strike-prone for years.

Metal employers would no doubt deny that this reflects the success or failure of their refusal to bargain with unions at plant level.

SOME weeks, you just can't avoid talking about the metal industries.

A further development this week was MAWU's decision to seek further negotiation on the 5%-7% wage rise agreed on the metal council recently.

While angry statements from the union condemning the increase were inevitable, word is that it doesn't intend to leave the matter there.

Action to attempt to win a re-opening of talks seems to be on the cards.
THE ADOPTION of the manifesto by a conference convened by the National Forum Committee (NFC) in Hammanskraal recently, took a dramatic turn yesterday when two leading trade union and two student organisations said they disassociated themselves from it.

In a joint statement released to The SOWETAN the South African Allied Workers' Union (Sawu), General and Allied Workers' Union (Gawu), Cosas and Azaso, said they could not be party to the adoption of the manifesto because they were still committed to the Freedom Charter.

"We reiterate our uncompromising commitment to the historic Freedom Charter as the only democratic document drafted in the history of the liberation struggle.

"The Charter stands out from all other alternatives for change in South Africa, not only because of the manner in which it came into being, but also because of the demands reflected in it.

"It cannot, therefore, ever be substituted without the will of the majority. Any attempt by an individual or group to discredit or undermine it can only be seen as an act of betrayal to the aspirations of all the people of South Africa," the statement ended.
Sats pays out unionists

EAST LONDON — South African Transport Services (Sats) has agreed to pay two trade unionists R2,000 each for unlawful arrest and malicious prosecution.

The company said that Sats had agreed in an out-of-court settlement to pay the damages, as well as legal costs.

A Sats spokesman, Mr. Leon Els, said Miss Nomonde Mgumane and Mr. David Thandani — both organisers for the General Workers' Union (GWU) — had been arrested for touting and fund raising while collecting subscriptions from stevedores with their employers' permission.

Mr. Lewis said Sats' decision to settle out of court bore out the union's allegations of "police harassment and intimidation of union members and officials".

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UNIONS

Office problems

Property owners seldom view trade unions as desirable tenants. After all, union offices tend to attract vast numbers of visitors who crowd the corridors and lifts. In addition, union leaders who provoke the wrath of the authorities can be detained for lengthy periods during which rents are sometimes not paid.

Having said that, it is also probably fair to say that the SA Alfred Workers’ Union (Saawu) can be excused for believing that there are other reasons why it struggles to get office accommodation. The union can offer no proof that anyone is deliberately trying to dissuade landlords from renting it office space.

However, in recent years Saawu has been forced to quit its offices on a number of occasions after expiry of its leases. In East London, in particular, it has battled to get offices and, for some time, was forced to operate from a church hall. This is labour history repeating itself in early British unions were forced to gather in churches due to the hostility they faced. Some still refer to their branches as “chapels.”

Saawu is now fighting a rearguard action against eviction from its head office premises in Durban. The union was supposed to have vacated the office by the end of last month, but has managed to negotiate a delay of a further month. Meanwhile, Saawu leaders claim they are finding it extremely difficult to find other accommodation in Durban and say there are signs that they may also have to vacate their office in the Transvaal.

Saawu’s officials vow that the problem of getting offices will not hamper the union’s growth. But they point out that in at least one respect this will create difficulties for many union members. A growing number of unemployed workers are using the union office in Durban as an address to which their unemployment fund cheques can be sent. “If we are forced to move and cannot get an office elsewhere, these people will suffer,” says a union official. He also points out that employers with labour problems could find it difficult to get in touch with union leaders.
QUEENSTOWN — Two organisers of the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) were detained yesterday, an official of Saawu, Mr Geof Wabala said.

Mr Wabala said Security Policemen arrived at the office and after searching it detained Mr Derrick Smoko and Mr Shephard Mayekiso.

He said he and the president of Saawu, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, were asked to leave the office while the police conducted their search. Several documents were removed and the police said they were detaining the men for distributing banned literature, Mr Wabala said.

Colonel A P van der Merwe, head of Security Police in the Border, could not be contacted for comment last night.

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160 workers fired

About 160 workers at a mosaic glass tile manufacturing plant at Estcourt have been dismissed after a work stoppage this week.

Mr Simon Kapa, branch secretary of the South African Allied Workers' Union in Estcourt, said yesterday that the workers at Mosaic Producers refused to accept their notice of dismissal and had not collected their pay.

They said they will return to their jobs on condition that their wages are increased. At present some earn less than R20 a week. They want the minimum wage increased to R50.

He said the workers went on strike on Monday after management refused to act on a complaint by the workers' committee against another worker.

Mr Robert Craig, a director of Mosaic Producers, told the Mercury yesterday that the workers, mainly women, were dismissed after they ignored an ultimatum to return to work.
Workers want their jobs back.

Mercury Reporter 15/7/83

The 169 workers who were dismissed from an Estcourt factory this week still refused to collect their pay yesterday and were assembled outside the factory gates demanding their jobs back.

But Mr Robert Craig, a director of Mosaic Producers and the workers had dismissed themselves by disregarding an ultimatum following a work stoppage on Monday.

He said the workers had been given 'substantial' pay increases two months ago.

Mr Simon Kanap, branch secretary of the South African Allied Workers' Union in Estcourt, said yesterday that he had met the company representatives again yesterday and pleaded with them to take back the workers.

"But they refused, saying that the matter was out of their hands," he said.
DISMISSED workers at the Estcourt glass tile factory, Glamosa Producers, will return to work on Monday morning as a result of negotiations which took place yesterday.

A joint statement issued by the factory management and the South African Building and Allied Workers Union said discussions had ended with an offer to all workers to return to work at their old wages, with unchanged terms and conditions of employment.

Wages were to be frozen until April next year, when they would be reviewed.

The Glamosa management were considering formal recognition of the union.

Appreciation was expressed towards the union officials who helped to reach a friendly agreement.

Workers at the factory went on strike on Monday and were dismissed after ignoring an ultimatum to return to work. They refused to accept their dismissal, did not collect their pay, and gathered at the factory gates every morning.

According to the factory director, Mr Robert Craig, the workers received a pay increase two months ago.

The dispute had taken so long to settle because the managing director had been away, only arriving back in Estcourt on Thursday evening.

On his arrival, union officials had been invited to negotiate. After what Mr Craig called a 'very friendly discussion' the union men met with the workers, who accepted the terms, collected their pay for the previous week and went home.

'We are very grateful to the union. They handled the dispute like gentlemen,' Mr Craig said.
Ignore bus boycott call — Sebe

ZWELITHI - A strong plea was made at the weekend to Mdantsane bus commuters not to boycott buses today.

The plea, which was supported by President Lennox Sebe, was made by Members of Parliament representing the Mdantsane constituency — the Minister of Public Works, Chief D.M Jongilanga, Mr. Q. Kewutsa and Mr. L.M. Yako.

A rally attended by thousands at the sports stadium here was told that the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) had called on people to boycott buses from today following a bus fare hike.

Chief Jongilanga said the union did not have the interests of the people of Ciskei at heart and their call for a boycott should not be heeded.

President Sebe said that if the residents heeded the strike call, the ruling party in Mdantsane would be disbanded and the factories that were being erected there would be moved elsewhere to help other starving people.

He said Saawu did not exist in Ciskei and Mdantsane residents should not allow Saawu "boys" from Duncan village to come and dictate to them.

He said police would be in full force to protect the people who wanted to board buses.

President Sebe said the last bus boycott was instigated by the government because it wanted the removal of the bus company that was operating then — DDR.
Saawu officials reported detained

EAST LONDON — The vice president of the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu), Mr Sisa Ngkela, and a fellow union official were detained yesterday after being stopped by Ciskeian police at a roadblock in Mdantsane, a Saawu spokesman said.

"A woman passenger travelling with the two officials was questioned by Ciskeian police, and released.

Efforts to contact the head of the Ciskei Security police, Colonel Z Makhuzeni, last night were unsuccessful. — DDR
2 union officials held in Ciskei

Own Correspondent
EAST LONDON — The vice-president of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), Mr. Sisa Nijkelela, and a fellow union official were detained yesterday after being stopped by Ciskei police at a roadblock in Mntamata.

A statement by a Saawu spokesman read: "About 8:30am, the Saawu van in which Mr. Nijkelela and Saawu organizer Mr. Bonile Tuluma were travelling, was stopped on the Qunza highway. "Ciskei policemen, among them a Ciskei intelligence officer, searched the van thoroughly but nothing was found. After the search, they were detained."

A woman passenger travelling with the two officials was questioned by Ciskei police and later released, the spokesman said.

The head of the Ciskei security police, Colonel Z. Makhuzum, could not be contacted last night.

Earlier, the Commissioner of the Ciskei Police, Brigadier L. Madolo, had said the roadblocks were part of an exercise.
Saawu denies boycott decision

EAST LONDON — The decision to boycott buses was taken by the community as a whole and was not organised by the South African Allied Workers’ Union (Saawu), the union’s president Thozamile Gqweta, said yesterday.

He said that, although a delegation which met the Ciskei Transport Company to discuss the increased fares including two Saawu members, they had been democratically elected at a public meeting as community members and not as union officials.

“As an organisation, our policy is non-violence,” he said.

Mr Gqweta expressed Saawu’s “greatest sympathy” for the victims of the bus explosion.

Referring to the Ciskei Government’s accusations that Saawu did not have the interests of the people at heart, Mr Gqweta said “We find it rather strange that the Ciskei Government used the community of Mdantsane in 1974 to boycott buses, when it was in their interests, but when it is in the interests of the people, the government is against it,” he said.

The Ciskei government taught the people how to boycott buses, Mr Gqweta said.

“In this particular instance, the people only have to compare the stand taken by Saawu against the stand taken by the government to see whether we have their interests at heart.” Mr Gqweta said — DDR
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Ex-CCIS men held

KING WILLIAM II

Ciskei Central Intelligence Services men, Warrant Officer M. Ukuma and Sergeant N. Matenjwa, have been detained in Ciskei, the head of the security police, Colonel Z. Makuzeni, confirmed last night.

Col Makuzeni also confirmed the detention of the vice-president of the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu), Mr Sasa Njikelana, and two other Mdantsane men, Mr Mzwandile Mampunye and Mr Newell Faku — DDR.
SAAWU members detained at party

PRETORIA — Two members of the unregistered SA Allied Workers Union (SAAWU) here have been detained by police, a union spokesman said yesterday.

He said the two men, both of whom live in Atteridgeville township near Pretoria, had been detained at a party in the township at around 10 pm on Sunday.

They were still in detention and police had subsequently raided their homes and confiscated union membership forms, he added.

By late yesterday afternoon, confirmation of the detentions had not yet been received from the SA Police Public Relations Division.

SAAWU's spokesman said the two detainees are Mr Khomotso Gabriel Mokoka and Mr Gerald Ramano Dau, both ordinary members of the union.

"We strongly condemn this harassment of our members," the spokesman said.

"By detaining them while they were attending a normal social function, the police have seriously encroached on their personal freedom."

— DDC
Detained unionists were due in court

Labour Correspondent
TWO members of the SA Al-
lied Workers Union who were
detained in Atteridgeville
township, near Pretoria, on
Sunday night, were due to ap-
pear in the Pretoria Magis-
trate's Court yesterday, ac-
cording to a police
spokesman.
He said they would be
charged under the Criminal
Procedure Act.
The two men, Mr Kho-
moso Gabriel Makoka and
Mr Gerald Ramaano Dau,
were arrested at a party in
Atteridgeville on Sunday
night.
According to SAAWU, Mr
Makoka, 26, is an ordinary
union member who works at
Olympia International in
Pretoria, and Mr Dau, 28, is a
member of the electrical
multinational Siemens.
The union alleges that,
since the detentions, police
have raided the two men's
homes and confiscated union
membership forms. It con-
demned the police action as
"harassment."
In response to a telex re-
questing confirmation of the
detentions Major V Haynes,
of the South African Police
public relations division, said
the men would appear in the
Pretoria Magistrate's Court
yesterday "on a charge of
charges under the Criminal
Procedure Act."
ZWELITSHA — A security detainee was admitted to hospital after being held for two weeks, his wife said.

Mrs Mabel Twede said Mr Moses Twede, a former Robben Island prisoner, was in Mount Coke Hospital.

The chief of the Ciskei security police, Colonel Zebulo Makuzeni, today confirmed that Mr Twede had been admitted to Mount Coke Hospital.

Mr Twede was detained at his home in Dimbaza township near King William's Town two weeks ago.

Mrs Twede said her husband had been seen yesterday in the surgery of the district surgeon of King William's Town, Dr G M Peer.

Colonel Makuzeni yesterday confirmed the detention of the vice-president of the South African Allied Workers Union, Mr Sasa Nyikele, and another union member, Mr Bonfile Tuluma, last week, at a roadblock at Mdantsane.

He could not confirm the detention of another unionist, Mr Shepherd Dumozweni.

— Sapa
KING WILLIAM'S TOWN — The detention of an Mdantsane man was confirmed by Ciskei police yesterday and relatives reported that a second man had been detained.

Colonel Z Makuzeni, head of Ciskei security police, confirmed the detention of Mr Bonisile Tulumi, who was picked up last week with the vice-president of the South African Allied Workers Union (SAAWU) Mr Slaa Njikeleza.

Miss Faniswa Dumezweni of Zone 5 Mdantsane, said her cousin, Mr Shepherd Dumezweni, had been arrested at the Mdantsane bus terminal last Wednesday. The family believed he was detained in Duma-
za and Mr Dumezweni's mother had gone there to see him yesterday but had not returned by early evening.

Col Makuzeni said he was not in a position to confirm the detention of Mr Dumezweni because he did not have the full list of detainees with him. He said he would check today — DDR.
Three holdups committed by same two gunmen?

Crime Reporter

Two gunmen hit a dairy, a bakery and building society in Johannesburg yesterday — escaping with a haul of R10,000 — and police are investigating whether the holdups were committed by the same two men.

Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad detectives said that in the first holdup two gunmen walked into the Knitting Centre on the corner of Mint and Main Roads, Fordsburg, at 7:15 am and held up Mr. H. Hassen, 55, and his wife Mrs. Khaliye Hassen, 35.

They snatched a briefcase containing R6,000.

Two gunmen struck again at 8:15 am and held up an employee of the Clover Dairy in Mayfair, Mr. Ben Nyemb, 36. Mr. Nyemb was forced to hand over R1,500.

In the third holdup two gunmen robbed a teller of the United Building Society in Glenengles Road, Wethersden Park. The teller, Mrs. L. Kuitzschuter, told police that the men handed her a plastic bag and demanded money. She gave them R2,500 and they fled.

Strikers are back at work

CAPE TOWN — About 100 workers at a concrete factorY in Pinelands returned to work yesterday morning after a week-long stoppage because of a dispute over recognition of their union, the SACB reported.

The workers were issued with an ultimatum on Friday to return to work. The general secretary of the General Workers Union, Mr. David Lewis, said the workers had returned on condition that management re-opened negotiations management agreed and talks were held for about four hours yesterday, but the dispute still remained unresolved.

Mr. Lewis said the workers would hold a meeting later this week.

Rape suspect gets bail

Mail Reporter

A MAN appeared in the Hillbrow Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with an allegation of raping a Hillbrow woman on Sunday night.

Mr. Kurt Palauber, 24 of Metropolitan Heights, Berea, was not asked to plead and was granted bail of R2,000 — after he had said he had left Germiston eight months ago and had been in South Africa ever since.

The magistrate, Mr. A. H. Barlow, postponed the hearing until September 27.

Weather Mail

THE Weather Bureau's forecast for today —

TRANSVAAL — Fine and mild to warm but cold in the morning with frost from the west-south-west and the highveld.

FREE STATE and CAPE north of the Orange — Fine and mild to warm but cold in the morning with frost in places.

CAPE south of the Orange — Cloudy and cool over the west and south-west with light showers otherwise it will be fine and mild to warm but cold over the interior in the morning with frost in places.

NATAL — Fine and mild to warm but cold over the interior in the morning with frost in places.

SOUTH WEST AFRICA — Fine and mild to warm but cool along the coast and fog possible.

BOTSWANA — Fine and mild to warm.

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POLITICAL comment on this dispute by R.A. Gibson. Benchers and lawyers of the Bar, including Sir Robert Gardiner, Mr. Harold Abrahams and Mr. Peter de Villiers, submitted a formal complaint to the United Bar Council.

The Bar Council, in its report, said the Bar's general public was not aware of the Bar's position on this issue and asked that the Bar Council's decision be published in the national media.

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Poor turn out at meeting

EAST LONDON A meeting called by trade unions here yesterday and attended by officials of the local chamber of commerce, did not get off the ground because most trade union officials failed to turn up, the secretary of the East London Chamber of Commerce, Mr R Allison, said.

And one of the men who called the meeting, Mr B F Norushe, secretary of the African Food and Canning Workers' Union, confirmed that he and the general secretary of the General Workers' Union, Mr D Tandani, were the only unionists who attended.

"We will get together with the others and see if we can find another suitable time for the meeting," said Mr Norushe, who added he believed other trade union leaders may have had problems with transport.

The president of the Border Chamber of Industries, Mr Dave Saunders, said the first time he had heard about the meeting was when he read about it in the Daily Dispatch yesterday.

He had not been invited and thought the unionists might have tried to contact the local director of the chamber of industries, Miss Sheila Hamilton, who was away in Johannesburg on business.

The meeting had been called to sound out employers on problems faced by workers from Mdantsane during the bus boycott and subsequent action against people walking to stations by Ciskei National Independence Party men and police — DDR.
Ciskei detains Saawu men

MANTSANE — The homes of officials and members of the South African Allied Workers' Union were raided by the combined armed forces of the Ciskei in army trucks and police vans last night, according to a union spokesman.

Among many people detained were Mr. Humphrey Maxhewana, the Saawu local organiser, Mr. Godfrey Siba, former vice-chairman of the Wilson-Rowntree Workers' Committee, and Mr. Gardner Mambuza, former chairman of the Buffalo Timber Workers' Committee. Mr. Eric Mtonge, former chairman of the Wilson-Rowntree Workers' Committee, is also believed detained.

A statement issued by Saawu last night said: "We want to make it clear and in no uncertain terms that our members and officials command the highest degree of discipline."

"We call upon the Ciskei Government to release all those detained and to stop the shooting. The solution to the boycott lies with the Gompo Transport Corporation and the East London community sitting down and negotiating." — DDB
By STEVEN FRIEDMAN
Labour Correspondent

CISKEIAN security forces have launched a massive crackdown against
the unregistered South African Allied
Workers' Union, using the current bus
boycott in Mdantsane township as a pre-
text, SAAWU's president, Mr Thozamile
Gqweta, said yesterday.

He said SAAWU had the names of at
least 28 union members who had been
detained by Ciskeian authorities in the
past two days and knew of other union
members whose homes had been raided.

The list included six SAAWU officials
or worker leaders in East London
factories.

In addition, the union's vice-president,
Mr Sisa Nyekela, and an organiser, Mr
Bonile Tshuma, have been in detention
in Ciskei for more than a week.

"We believe the list we have is by no
means complete and that scores of our
members may have been detained," Mr
Gqweta said.

He added that union officials Mr
Humphrey Mxengwana, Mr Eric
Motonga and Mr Geoffrey Shoba were-
mong the detainees, as well as chairmen
of SAAWU committees at a number of
factories.

"We call for their immediate release
because the authorities have absolutely
nothing to charge them with. This is
clearly yet another crackdown on
SAAWU," Mr Gqweta said.

He denied claims that the bus boycott
had been organised by SAAWU.

"The decision to boycott buses was
taken by a cross-section of the commu-
nity and we have never discussed the
issue at our meetings — officially or
unofficially," he said.

"Obviously, members of SAAWU sup-
port the boycott and have taken part in
it, but so have members of other unions
in the area as well as students and other
groups in the community. To call this a
SAAWU boycott is to distort the truth,"

He said it was "obvious" that SAAWU
members were being detained because
of their membership of the union and not
because of their involvement in the
boycott.

"They have been no more involved
than anyone else so why is it that the
police immediately head for the SAAWU
members?" he asked.

Mr Gqweta labelled the Ciskeian se-
curity authorities the "real intima-
dators" in the present unrest.

"People have been peacefully boy-
cotting buses, which is their right, and
Ciskei police have come along and
locked them up as well as forcing them
to use the buses. That is intimidation," he said.
MDANTSANE — Twenty-one people have been detained by the Ciskei police, Colonel Z Makuzeni the head of state security, confirmed yesterday.

They have been detained under section 28 of the Ciskei National Security Act. Colonel Makuzeni said.

Among those detained were Mr Nomsibelo Nkosu, Mr Fumene Tom, Mr Andile Siyalana, Mr Thembenkos Nthlontlo, Mr Boloni Dyani, Mr Michael Dyani, Mr Vuyisile Dyani, Mr Mzwandile Dyani, Mr Ndlele Mloti, Mr Vuyani Ntsana, Mr Daniel Ntsana, Mr Mzingisi Sithole, Mr Nkululeko Mthiyane, Mr Mandla Tshangela, Mr Charles Maswana, Mr Mqeqe Mdashe.

Colonel Makuzeni also confirmed the detentions of four members of the South African Allied Workers' Union. They are Mr Humphrey Maphegwana, Mr Godfrey Siba, Mr Gardner Mmbushe, Mr Eric Nongena.

Ciskei security forces have launched a crackdown against the unregistered South African Allied Workers' Union, using the current bus boycott in Mdantsane township as a 'pretext', according to Sawu's president Mr Thozamile Qweta.

Mr Qweta said Sawu had the names of at least 20 union members who had been detained by Ciskeian authorities in the past two days and knew of other union members whose homes had been raided.

"We call for their immediate release because the authorities have absolutely nothing to charge them with. This is clearly yet another crackdown on Sawu," he said.

Mr Qweta denied claims that the bus boycott had been organised by Sawu.

The decision to boycott buses was taken by a cross-section of the community and we have never discussed the issue at our meetings — officially or unofficially.

"Obviously" members of Sawu support the boycott and have taken part in it, but so have members of other unions in the area as well as students and other groups in the community. To call this a Sawu boycott is to distort the truth," Mr Qweta said. — DDB-DDC.
A MEMBER of the Natal Leather and Allied Workers' Union, an affiliate of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Sawwu), Miss Ntombi Mpheka (21), was detained by police at her home yesterday.

Another woman, known only as Pumla, who is a member of the Congress of the South African Students, was detained and later released by the police according to a spokesman for a Durban firm of lawyers yesterday.

According to Sawwu's Natal branch chairman, Mr. Isaac Ngobobo, the police came to Miss Mpheka's home at 4.30 pm and detained her. They did not explain the reason for her detention.

She is an active member of the union and also a member of the Lemonville Rent Action Committee.

Pumla was also detained but later released. It is understood that she was questioned about her activities in the student movement according to the spokesman for the lawyers who said that they were investigating reasons for her detention as well as trying to establish under which laws Miss Mpheka was being held.

Chief of the Durban Security Police Brigade, Van der Hooft, denied any knowledge about the detention and referred the SOWETAN to the Police Directorate in Pretoria.

The South African Police could not confirm the detention of Miss Mpheka in terms of security legislation, according to the Police Directorate in Pretoria.

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**Power failure**

ATTERDGEVILLE/Saulsville residents are up in arms against the daily electricity power cuts which they say has led to them losing thousands of rands through the amount of food they are forced to throw away.

Residents interviewed by The SOWETAN yesterday said there was a total electricity blackout everyday after 5pm. They blamed the authorities for not giving immediate attention to the problem.

Mrs S Mokoene said for the past four months she had been throwing away food in large quantities. She said authorities did not seem to be concerned about the welfare of the com-

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Workers strike over dismissals

By PHIL MTIMKULU

WORKERS at Mega-Plastics in Olfantsfontein went on strike on Tuesday morning after two of their colleagues were summarily dismissed from work.

The exact number of workers who downed tools is a matter of dispute between the company and the union representing the workers, the South African Allied Workers Union (SAWU). The company claims 55 workers went on strike while the union claims over 200 workers were affected.

According to an official of SAWU, which claims to have a majority of members at the company, the workers went on strike after two quality controllers, Bambile Mepa and Delfer Mnisi, were sacked on Monday.

The union spokesman said the grievance arose when the two men were summarily dismissed after a client returned a poor quality product. The striking workers claim management did not follow the correct procedure and no verbal warning was issued before the men were dismissed.

Mr H Barnabas, the national organiser of SAWU, said the dismissal of the two workers was nothing else but sheer victimisation. Mr Barnabas said he spoke to Mr T V Hodge, the personnel manager of Omega, and made him aware of the contents of Section 18 of the Employment Act. He said Mr Hodge denied that the workers were dismissed and said they were suspended.

The managing director of Sentrachem, Mr D J Marlow, confirmed that the suspension of the two workers led to the strike.
Plastics strike enters third day 11/8/83

MORE than 200 workers at the Omega-Barfel plastics products plant in Pretoria went on strike for the second day yesterday over the dismissal of two colleagues.

The workers, most of whom are members of the independent South African Allied Workers Union refuse to return until their colleagues are reinstated.

According to a union spokesman, the grievance arose when the two men who are quality controllers in the plastics plant, were summarily dismissed after a client returned a poor quality product. The striking workers claim management did not follow the correct reprimand procedure.

The management of Omega was unavailable for comment yesterday — Sapa
Company responds to Saawu

By PHIL MTIMKULU

THE MANAGING DIRECTOR of Sentrachem, whose subsidiary company Mega Plastics has been hit by a strike, says that if a union can demonstrate that it enjoys majority support they will be happy to talk to it.

Mr D J Marlow was reacting to an accusation made by the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) to the effect that Mega Plastics of Olfantsfontein had frustrated their efforts to hold recognition talks with the company.

Mr Marlow said they had last heard from Saawu when they asked the union to produce proof of the majority support they claimed they enjoyed among workers of the company.

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But the national organiser of the union, Mr H Barnabas, contradicted what Mr Marlow told The SOWETAN. "When we wrote to them asking to talk about recognition as we represented a majority of workers at their plant, they wrote back asking for our receipt book. We use a ledger book for our records. We referred their request to the workers.

"The workers said we should not comply with this request but said we should ask the company to allow the union to hold a meeting with the workers so as to show proof that Saawu had a majority there. The company wrote back to us on September 14 last year, saying they saw no reason why they should comply with our request," Mr Barnabas said.

Mr Barnabas said the workers were still on strike and they had refused to go and fetch their money until Mega Plastics spoke to the union. He said they were going to talk with the management of the company on Monday.
The President: Sent Me...
Police ordered to stop assaults

Rumors of more bodies in bush

There is no body of people who had been killed.

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Union slams company

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

MORE THAN 800 members of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawa) at the weekend deplored the action by Omega Plastics management in dismissing workers at the plant.

In a statement to The SOWETAN after a meeting in Tembisa, the union said it demanded the immediate reinstatement of the workers, otherwise "a programme of action" shall be taken against the company by the entire Saawa membership.

About 250 workers at the factory went on strike last week after two of their colleagues were dismissed. The workers were sacked after a client had returned a poor quality product.

In the statement the union said that the management did not follow the correct procedure and no verbal warning was given to the workers before dismissal.
Saawu 2 on ANC charges

TWO MEMBERS of the South African Teachers Union (Saawu) made a brief appearance on charges of furthering the aims of the banned National African Congress and being in possession of banned literature in the Pretoria Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Mr Gabriel Kgomo (27) of 3 Motau Street and Mr Gerald Ramamo (28) of 3 Motau Street, both of Atteridgeville, appeared before Mr H F Bosman. They were not asked to plead and their case was postponed to September 9.

Both men were granted bail of R500 each on condition they report to the Atteridgeville police station on Mondays and Fridays between 8 am and 8 pm.

The two men were arrested by three black and white security policemen in Atteridgeville on July 24 and appeared in court for the first time on July 27.

They were represented by Mr Eric Dane, instructed by the newly formed Pretoria firm of attorneys, Motile, Matlala, Mahlangu and Moabi.

Meanwhile a intensive search has been launched by police for three armed men who allegedly held a liquor store cashier at gunpoint and robbed him of R4 000 in cash in Atteridgeville at the weekend.

Brigadier H A du Plessis, chief CID officer for the northern Transvaal, yesterday said Mr Peter Kekane (27), was robbed of R4 000 at the local administration board's Shbakabakeng Bottle Store in Mashaba Street, Saulsville, on Friday at about 7.15 pm.

A toy gun was later found by police inside the garbage bin a few metres away from the scene of the crime.
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President accuses SAWU
October trial for Mrs Sisulu

HANNESBURG - Mrs Albertina Sisulu will trial from October 17 in the Krugersdorp magistrates court for allegedly taking part in African National Congress activities. appearing in a crowded Johannesburg regional court yesterday, 66-year-old Mrs Sisulu — wife of the ANC leader Walter Sisulu — and 25-year-old Thami Mali of Soweto were told the trial would continue on October 17 and continue uninterruptedly.

They have been charged under the old Suppression of Communism Act of 1950 which means the eged offences were committed while Mrs Sisulu was still banned.

A Sisulu, who was arrested on August 5, has been elected Transvaal president of the United Democratic Front.

Sisulu and Mr Mali have been in custody since their arrest following an order from the army-General of the Transvaal not to grant bail.

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School exams brought forward

Education Reporter

THIRD-TERM examinations in coloured schools — due to begin in September — have in most cases been brought forward to this week.

The press liaison officer for the Directorate of Coloured Education, Mr N Eales, yesterday denied teachers and pupils had been informed of the move this week, saying a decision to bring the early exams had been taken last term.

Parents, pupils and teachers have suggested that the move may in some way be connected with the boycott of classes at the Mount.

Pupils plan to boost boycott in "action day"

BY MARTINE BARKER
Education Reporter

MOST coloured high schools in Cape Town are expected to hold a "day of action" today in a demonstration of sympathy with the boycotting pupils of Moutseview Senior Secondary School in Hanover Park.

Students at the University of Western Cape and the Peninsula Technical College have also indicated that they would support the "day of action.

SRC representatives from 25 coloured high schools in the Peninsula decided on the action at a meeting on Monday and confirmed this decision at another meeting.

Support

The Congress of South African Students (Cosas) has expressed its support of the Mount view pupils and their demands.

A statement issued by a spokesman for the Western Cape regional
BAN ON TRADE UNION MEETING

EAST LONDON — The chief magistrate of East London has banned a meeting of representatives of four of the main trade unions in the city.

It was due to have been held in Braelyn this morning.

The order was issued yesterday, banning a scheduled meeting of members of the SA Allied Workers Union, General Workers Union, African Food and Canning Workers Union and Congress of SA Students.

The four bodies represent an estimated 100,000 members.

The secretary of the SA Food and Canning Workers Union, Mr P. Norushe, said the meeting was scheduled for 10 am today "but we were issued with an order yesterday which banned all gatherings by the four unions from 7 am today until 7 am on Monday."

Mr Norushe declined to say what the meeting was to have been about and would only say that it had been called by the "community."

The banning order was signed by the chief magistrate of East London, Mr J M van Rooyen.

It stated that it had been issued in terms of the Internal Security Act — DDR.
Boraine warns on detentions

Political Staff

THE arbitrary detention of four leading East London trade unionists by the South African Police was tantamount to "putting a match to a powder keg," the FPF's labour spokesman, Dr Alex Boraine, said yesterday.

In a statement from Cape Town he called on the Minister of Manpower, Mr Fanie Botha, and the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, to visit the East London area "without delay".

"Provocative"

The detention of the four unionists was a "highly provocative act in a very sensitive situation" and the ministers should visit the area and attempt to bring calm and peace to the tense atmosphere there.

"It is inevitable that thousands of black workers, without whom industry and commerce in East London will come to a standstill, will be directly affected by this harassment."

"Dangerous mood"

Dr Boraine said it was clear from recent developments that the situation in Ciskei continued to deteriorate, and could rightly be described as a "powder keg."

"The deaths and violence and arson continues in Mdantsane and the township is in a dangerous mood."

"The utmost sensitivity and understanding are called for from all sides and the SAP have not helped the situation at all."

"Govt 'creation"

If calm and peace were to return to the area, the immediate release of all those in detention was essential. It was also necessary to ensure that workers were not intimidated and were given the chance to choose which form of transport they wished to use to get to work.

"The Ciskei is a creation of the South African Government and there is every indication that it has turned very sour indeed."

"Normality"

"But the urgent requirement is to restore normality, and this cannot be achieved by victimization and detention of trade union leaders."

The unionists detained by the police on Wednesday are the organizer and branch secretary of the South African Allied Workers' Union, Mr Boyce Meltafa and Mr Yusel Mdygolo, and the branch secretary and general secretary of the African Food and Canning Workers' Union, Mr B Norushe and Mr David Tandani.
SA hands over unionists to Ciskei

Argus Bureau

EAST LONDON — Four leading trade unionists detained here on Wednesday have been handed over to Ciskei police.

Mr Bonsile Norushe, secretary of the African Food and Canning Workers' Union, Mr David Thandani, secretary of the General Workers' Union, Mr Boyce Melo-
tafa, organiser of the South African Allied Workers' Union and Mr Yure Mdoyogolo, secretary of SAAWU, were detained by South African Security Police.

Head of Ciskei's security, Colonel Z Makuzeni, confirmed yesterday that the four unionists were now being held in Ciskei under Section 25 of the National Security Act.

He refused to say whether Ciskei had requested the South African Security Police to hold the unionists.

At a Press conference on Tuesday, President Lennox Sebe charged SAAWU with organising a bus boycott.

The boycott is now in its fifth week.

As from today, bus fares have been reduced by 50 percent of the increase implemented over a month ago.

Indications are, however, that workers will continue to boycott the bus service in spite of the reduction in fares which Chief Sebe said had been made possible by imminent fuel price reduction.
EAST LONDON — Five local trade unionists detained by the South African security police last week were now being held by the Ciskei security police, Col Z Makuzeni, confirmed yesterday.

But he would not comment on how the men came to be detained in Ciskei after being picked up by South African Police.

The general secretary of the African Food and Canning Workers' Union, Mr Bonisile Norushe, the branch secretary of the General Workers' Union Mr David Tandani, the secretary of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), Mr Mxuzwana "Yure" Mdoygolo, a Saawu organiser, Mr Boyce Melatafa, and the chairman of Saawu at a battery factory on the West Bank, Mr Bangumzi Sifingo, were all held by South African Police last week.

In a statement the president of Saawu, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, said the men had been transferred to Ciskei.

This, he said was proof of the workers' claim that there was collaboration between Ciskeian and South African Police.

Mr Gqweta alleged further that Saawu offices were under surveillance and that the police were looking for him and Saawu's local organiser, Mr Jeff Wabena.

The head of the South African security police here, Col A P van der Merwe, refused to comment on whether the men had been transferred to Ciskei.

Col Makuzeni said the men were detained under Section 25 of the National Security Act — DDR.
"Official demanded weekly payments"

PROTECTION
RACKET AT
COAL MINE

WORKERS at Kilbarchal Coal Mine in Newcastle have claimed that a white mine official demanded R5 a week from each worker after boasting he was going to “eat the kaffirs’ money.”

This was told to The SOWETAN by Mr Sam Kikane, secretary of the South African Allied Workers’ Union (Saawu) which represents the workers.

According to Mr Kikane some of the 1,000 workers paid the money over a period of four weeks because they feared being dismissed.

WORKERS
The workers, who are members of the Mine and General Workers’ Union, an affiliate of Saawu, also complained that since the official took over their wage increments had followed no pattern and there were wide differences between what the supervisors and the ordinary workers received.

They said they blamed it on the drought which is gripping Natal.

The workers also claim that when they requested a meeting with the directors of the company, the official brought them his friends who work in the neighbouring mines. When it was pointed out that those were bogus officials, he then promised to organise a meeting with the “real” directors.

But when they reported for work last Friday they found the official waiting at the gates. They allege that he allowed 450 to enter the premises and locked out the rest, and threatened to repatriate them to their homelands.

Mr Kikane said on hearing about the alleged malpractices at Kilbarchal Coal Mine he telephoned the company and warned it to stop the official taking money from the workers, and that the rest of the workers should be reinstated.

Mr Kikane said Saawu had given the company until yesterday to reinstate all the workers.

MONEY
Mr G G Horn, Manpower Manager of the mine told The SOWETAN that there was no truth in the allegations and denied that the official had taken any money.

He admitted however, that the mine had had a dispute with the workers over salaries. “We explained to them how our salary structure is implemented, but they did not accept our explanation and demanded more money. They then asked to meet the head office,” he said.

Mr Horn said they had got together the senior manager of operations, the area manager and the manpower manager of the coal division to talk to the workers. The workers had then decided to go on strike.

Mr Horn said the workers were then told that by striking they had dismissed themselves.

He said that after further discussions the workers had agreed to return and were now being rehired.
Gqweta calls for talks on bus issue

EAST LONDON — The president of the South African Allied Workers Union, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, yesterday repeated his offer of negotiations on the Ciskei bus boycott.

Mr Gqweta said: "How many hours, not even days, has President Lethebe spent with the people in trying to find a solution to the bus boycott?" Mr Gqweta asked.

He said when capitalist exploitation of workers reached its highest level, trade unions, apart from political organisations, were bound to emerge in large numbers to strive for the economic interests of workers.

History had proved no governing political party in any capitalist society in the world could ever fulful the economic interests of workers, he added.

He said President Stebe's suppression of trade unions in Ciskei had led to the situation he found himself in today.

He accused President Sende of boycott-breaking tactics.

He said President Stebe had applied them in 1974 and this time had intensified them with gunpowder.

Mr Gqweta said similar tactics had been applied by the South African Government against peaceful demonstrators at Sharpeville in 1960 and repeated in 1976 when many students were shot dead during the riots in Soweto and other urban areas.

"But these tactics have not deterred our people in their battle against racist capitalist exploitation and oppression," he said.

How could they be expected to submit to President Stebe, he asked.

"We still declare that in the face of brutal repression, between the jaws of a lion, the South African and Ciskei Governments, our people are still not riding buses.

"It is not ourselves but our principles that provide us with the determination we are displaying today.

Mr Gqweta said President Stebe would never get co-operation, collaboration and sacrifice of principles by trade unions.

He said the Sebes had been out and out exponents of non-violence and sworn enemies of violence as a means of achieving consensus on any issue involving conflicting ideas.

They had remained true to this belief and it had taken them to Ciskei independence in 1981 — achieved through "negotiations."

"It is now interesting to read in newspapers that General Charles Sende is alleged to have plotted violence against the presidency of his brother."

He said Sasekhu, which had been accused of subversion and other incriminating allegations by President Stebe, was still ready to negotiate in pursuit of its policy — DDr.
Ciskei trade unionist Thozamile Gqwetha yesterday offered terms to the Ciskei Government to end the bus boycott.

Mr Gqwetha, who is president of the South African Allied Union (Sawu), made this offer as the bus boycott continued in its sixth week.

In a statement issued from a hideout in East London, Mr Gqwetha said the terms for such negotiations were subject to the unconditional release of eight detained members of the Community Committee of Ten which had organised the boycott. "We still say our pens are ready for negotiations and machine guns and detentions are not a solution to the bus boycott," Mr Gqwetha said.

He asked how many hours the president of Ciskei, Chief Lennox Sebe had spent with the people in trying to find a solution to the bus boycott. When capitalist exploitation of workers reached its highest level, trade unions - apart from political organisations - were bound to emerge at a rapid rate to strive for the economic interests of workers.

JUNGLE TIGER

He likened President Sebe to "an enraged, wounded and directionless jungle tiger which, by some unknown miracle, found itself in a soccer stadium full of spectators with whom it had never had any natural affinity."

"One can imagine what kind of damage can be done to the people in that situation."

Such behaviour had manifested itself on the "Black Thursday" shooting at dawn of more than 60 workers by Ciskei police and army on August 4.

He said President Sebe's boycott-breaking tactics were not new to the people. He had applied them in the 1974 bus boycott and had this time intensified them with a smell of death and gunpowder.

In spite of all this the people were still not using the buses and Mr Gqwetha warned that if the matter would be solved by violence, more people were still to be shot.
CISKEI vigilantes are kidnapping Mdantsane residents hours before the 10pm curfew, holding them prisoner overnight in the Sisa Dukashe stadium and beating them up.

Residents have told City Press that the vigilantes separate the men and women at the stadium and then beat them up before locking them up for the night.

A number of teachers who did not want to be named for fear of reprisals said many of the women arrested were forced to strip - because the vigilantes claimed they wanted to see if they were wearing SAAWU T-shirts.

Although they are taken to the police station the following morning, no charges are laid, say residents.

Meanwhile, charges against 51 people who were arrested at the weekend funeral of Mr Michael Mula, killed during the bus boycott on August 8, have been dropped.
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Fifty Nine people charged with murdering police
THE intervention of the South African Allied Workers Union (SAAWU) settled a dispute between workers at a Masterbuilt company in Olfantsfontein and their management after a work stoppage.

According to Mr. H. Barnabas, the organiser of the union, about 100 workers downed their tools and they were subsequently locked-out by management. The workers had downed their tools following the sacking of one of their colleagues, Albert Ngoepe.
IN AN unprecedented move, the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) has invited all mineworkers who had R5 extracted from their wages by a mine official to a meeting with the management of Kilsby Coal Mine on Saturday in Newcastle.

Mr Sam Kikane, general secretary of Saawu, said it was necessary for them to take this unusual step because "if they (management) get it from the horse's mouth it may be more effective." He said many employers think unions are instigating the workers and unfairly accusing management.

Mr Kikane said they would have loved to have at the meeting all the workers who had R5 extracted from them by the official, but this was going to prove difficult as about 250 of them had been repatriated to the homelands.

"Senior executive members of the coal mine were very concerned when they saw the stories about the maltreatment," he said.

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EAST LONDON — The South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) has been banned with immediate effect in the Ciskei, according to a radio Ciskei announcement.

The radio station said a directive banning the union had been received from the Minister of Justice, Mr David Takane.

"Any supporter of Saawu will be liable for prosecution. Persons taking active part in its activities and sympathisers will be liable to face a penalty of up to 10 years' imprisonment," the radio said.

Several Saawu leaders have been detained by the South African security police and handed over to the Ciskei National Security in recent weeks.

Their detentions and handing over were confirmed by the head of Ciskei security, Colonel Z. Makuzeni.

Saawu has been accused by Ciskei leaders of being involved in the five-week-old bus boycott in East London and Mdantsane.

Saawu's president, Mr Thozamile Ggweta, has vehemently denied this and has pointed out that his union had tried to negotiate between the CTC and bus boycotters when fares were increased.

Attempts to contact Mr Takane at the weekend were in vain.

Saawu leaders could not be contacted yesterday — DDR.
Warning on consequences of banning trade unions

Post Reporters

THE head of the Industrial Relations Unit at the University of Port Elizabeth, Professor Roux van der Merwe, warned today that if trade unions could be banned by "so-called independent states" it would have very serious consequences for labour relations in South Africa.

Prof Van der Merwe was commenting on the banning of the South African Ailed Workers' Union (Sawu) in Ciskei by the Minister of Justice, Mr David Takane, yesterday.

Prof Van der Merwe said he viewed the banning with grave concern. It appeared it would make it very difficult for SAAWU to operate in South Africa.

He said the banning order, which meant that any supporter of Sawu would be liable for prosecution, would seriously damage the possibility of developing progressive labour relations in the East London area.

"We must not lose sight of the fact that trade unions are a part of a free enterprise society and if we persist in harassing them we expose ourselves to the greater danger of losing that society in the longer term," he said.

The only alternative to a free society, with the inevitable existence of trade unions, was a totalitarian centrally managed society, he said.

Mr Fred Perreira, the director of industrial relations at Ford, said the banning of Sawu was highly undesirable from a labour relations point of view.

"It could have a detrimental effect on labour relations in the entire area," he said.

He said he was uncertain of the position of Ciskei members in the South African work situation, but thought the union would still be able to operate in South Africa.

"But I disapprove of actions restricting the ability of trade unions to operate under the concept of freedom of association," he said.

In East London, however, uncertainty exists today over the position of Ciskeian members who are involved in Sawu activities in South African territory.

The official statement released yesterday said Sawu sympathisers and those taking part in the union's activities were liable to face a penalty of up to 10 years' imprisonment.

But the statement was not clear on whether a person taking part in Sawu activities in South Africa was automatically branded a sympathiser and liable for arrest on his return to Ciskei.

Attempts to gain clarification on this point today were fruitless.

Ciskei's head of state security, Colonel Z. Makuzana, was not available for comment.

The police Press liaison officer, Major G. Ngaki, said he was waiting for clarification on the Sawu ban and referred inquiries to the Minister of Justice, Mr Takane.

Mr Takane was not available for comment and a member of his department said he did not know if Ciskei would tolerate its citizens taking part in Sawu activities in South Africa.

Meanwhile, Sawu has not yet issued a statement on the ban.

A spokesman for Sawu said only executive members were allowed to issue Press statements and none was available today.

However, the Motor Assemblers and Components Workers Union of South Africa (Macwusa), its sister organisation, the General Workers Union of South Africa (Gwusa) and the Port Elizabeth branch of the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) today condemned the ban.

In a statement, Macwusa and Gwusa called on the Ciskeian Government to review the banning.

"It is the right of the workers to belong to a trade union of their choice and we wonder if the workers who are members of Sawu have been consulted," the statement said.

"We are, therefore, calling on all progressive trade unions to voice their feelings on this banning of Sawu."

In its statement, Azapo said today that in the past few weeks it had witnessed "a naked disregard and abuse of human life by the Sebe regime in Ciskei."

"The banning of Sawu is deliberately calculated to destroy its members, not only in Ciskei - a human dumping ground from which the majority of the membership of Sawu is drawn - but also outside the Ciskei," it said.

Azapo further pointed out that the black people would continue to struggle until they were free from being exploited and oppressed.
PORT ELIZABETH — The head of the Industrial Relations Unit at the University of Port Elizabeth, Professor Roux van der Merwe, warned yesterday that if trade unions were banned by independent black states it would have very serious consequences for labour relations in South Africa.

Professor van der Merwe was commenting on the banning of the South African Allied Workers' Union in Ciskei by the Minister of Justice, Mr. David Tlale.

He said it appeared the banning would make it very difficult for Saawu to operate in South Africa.

The banning order, which means any supporter of Saawu would be liable for prosecution, would seriously damage the possibility of developing progressive labour relations in the East London area.

"Trade unions are a part of a free-enterprise society and if we persist in harassing them we expose ourselves to the growing danger of losing that society in the longer term," Professor Van der Merwe said.

The only alternative to a free society with the existence of trade unions was a totalitarian centrally-managed society, he said.

An official Ciskei statement said Saawu sympathisers and those taking part in the Union's activities were liable to face a penalty of up to 10 years' imprisonment.

The Motor Assemblers and Component Workers' Union of South Africa, its sister organisation, the General Workers' Union of South Africa and the Azanian People's Organisation also condemned the ban.

SAPA
The Minister of Justice, Mr. Mbuli, said he was satisfied that the original order of 1844, which provided that the Governor General in Council could impose a death penalty in cases of treason, remained in force.

He also informed the court that the Government was considering the advisability of amending the law to make it more precise and to meet the needs of the country.

Mr. Mbuli added that the Government was also concerned about the question of capital punishment and was studying the possibility of abolishing it altogether.

The court was informed that the Governor General in Council had already decided to recommend the death penalty in the case of treason, and that the matter was now before the House of Assembly for ratification.

Mr. Mbuli said that the Government was also considering the possibility of extending the provisions of the law to include a number of other serious crimes, such as murder, rape, and robbery.

He added that the Government was also concerned about the question of the rights of the accused and was studying the possibility of introducing a new code of criminal procedure, which would provide for a full and fair trial for all accused persons.

Mr. Mbuli concluded by saying that the Government was committed to the principle of respect for the rights of the individual, and that it would not hesitate to take any steps necessary to ensure that these rights were safeguarded.

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**Warning on banning of trade union**

**PORT ELIZABETH** — Dr. van der Merwe said he viewed the banning of trade unions by ‘so-called’ independent states in South Africa, the head of the Industrial Relations Unit at the University of Port Elizabeth, Professor Roux van der Merwe, warned.

Professor van der Merwe was commenting on the banning of the South African Abahlali BeMjondela Workers’ Union (Sawu) in Ciskei by Munster of Justice Mr David Takane.

He said the banning order, which meant any supporter of Sawu would be liable for prosecution, would seriously damage the possibility of developing progressive labour relations in the East London area.

"We must not lose sight of the fact that trade unions are a part of a free-enterprise society and if we persist in harassing them we expose ourselves to the growing danger of losing that society in the longer term.”

The only alternative to a free society with the inevitable existence of trade unions was a totalitarian, centrally-managed society, he said.

Mr Fred Ferreira, the director of industrial relations at Ford, said the banning of Sawu was highly undesirable from a labour-relations point of view.
Own Correspondent

ZWELENTSHA — The banning of the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) in Ciskei has been published in the latest Government Gazette.

The banning has been issued by the acting Commander-General of State Security, Brigadier L B Madolo, in terms of the National Security Act of 1982.

In the gazette, Brigadier Madolo said he was "satisfied that the organization known as South African Allied Workers Union engages in activities in the Republic of Ciskei which endanger or are calculated to endanger national security or public safety."

The Director-General for Finance and Economic Development, Mr Ian Melville, has been appointed liquidator of the assets of Saawu within the Republic of Ciskei.

The Minister of Justice, Mr D M Takane, has announced that from last Friday nobody was allowed to be a member of Saawu, be an officer, office-bearer or supporter or be in possession of the union's documents, Saawu T-shirt or hat or be associated with it in any manner.

Mr Takane said the Ciskei Government had been forced to take these steps because Saawu's activities were calculated to endanger national security.

He said severe penalties would be imposed on people who were still members of the union.
THE CISKEI government has banned the fast growing South African Allied Workers’ Union (Saawu).

The ban, which was broadcast on Saturday, has caused confusion since no Saawu officers were informed about it. It also does anybody know where and when it was gazetted.

By yesterday very few unionists had heard about the ban. And efforts to get more information about it from the government officials were not successful.

Already a number of unions have condemned the banning of Saawu which has been at loggerheads with the Ciskei government and was persecuted by the now-detained General Charles Sebe.

The East London branch of Saawu, which only got to know about the ban from Press reports, was scheduled to hold an executive meeting last night.

The Council of Unions of South Africa (Cusa) in a statement released yesterday morning said it condemned in the strongest possible manner the banning of Saawu in the Ciskei.

"An attack of this nature constitutes an attack on the trade union movement as a whole. The Ciskei government is continuing relentlessly with its inhuman actions to stifle trade unionism. We deplore the security legislation in the Ciskei. We will continue to resist and reject all attempts to stifle or destroy trade unionism in the Ciskei," Cusa said.

The Motor Assemblies and Components Union of South Africa together with the General Workers’ Union of South Africa issued a joint statement calling upon the Ciskei government to review the ban.

"It is the right of the workers to belong to a trade union of their choice," they said.

By PHIL MTIMKULU

The Ciskei government has been intolerant of Saawu from the onset of its operations in that homeland. Saawu members and officers have been operating under constant intimidation, harassment and detention. The Ciskei government has on various occasions detained the leaders of Saawu and accused them of furthering the aims of the banned African National Congress. But so far none of the leaders have been convicted of any of the charges and have always been released.

Saawu has also been accused by the Ciskei government of complicity in the current bus boycott in the Ciskei. The president of Saawu, Mr Thozamile Gweta, who is the only official of the organisation in the Ciskei not in detention, issued a statement from hiding a week ago wherein he offered to negotiate an end to the bus boycott. But he said it would be on condition that the detained unionists were released unconditionally.

Mr Sam Kikane, the general secretary of Saawu said his organisation did not recognise a "Bantu" movement. He said Saawu was above the level of "Bantu" politics. "We are the South African Government and did not ban the Industrial and Commercial Workers Union of the late Combato."

"Mr Kikane said as far as he knew nearly all black workers in the Eastern Cape were Saawu members, which meant that their membership extended beyond the factories and firms.

Trial told of baton death

ONE of the dead in the Barberton Prison ordeal died after being repeatedly assaulted with rubber batons after he could not continue pushing his wheelbarrow up a hill, the "Barberton heat exhaustion" trial was told yesterday.

Mr Hendrik Prinsloo, a convicted prisoner in the trial told the court.

"Sunny" Ndina Sibiya, one of the 34 convicts to testify in the case, said the four warders were asked by four white warders to help them beat the prisoners as they worked on a prison farm site on December 29 last year.

The eight warders — Mr Gerhard Stoltz (18), Mr Burger van Dyk (20), Mr William Kobyane (47), Mr Jonas Zephania Madonsela (32), Mr Lefasa Charles Makhola (40), Mr Fanyana Elmon Mahumane (32) — have pleaded not guilty before Mr Justice Vermeulen to 34 counts of assault with intent to do bodily harm and three counts of murder.

Mr Horn and Mr Stoltz hit and kicked him as he lay on the ground.

He said he saw the white warders beating many of the prisoners as they pushed loaded wheelbarrows up an embankment.

"One of the dead men, Robert Mayor Khumalo, could not push his barrow up the hill," Mr Horn and Mr
Ban on Saawu: Fear of unrest

By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK
Labour Reporter

THE BANNING of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) by the Ciskei Government was yesterday condemned by black trade unions and employers amid fear that it could spark widespread industrial unrest. Almost all Saawu members are in detention in Ciskei — two of them after being handed over by South African security police — and Ciskei has warned that "severe penalties" face people who remain members of the union.

All the major independent black unions were conferring yesterday over the banning, which they said they viewed in a "serious light" and a statement representing the entire independent union movement is due to be released today.

Communists

Employers in the East London area, several of whom recognize the union, said Saawu had substantial support among local workers who commute to work daily from Mdantsane in Ciskei — and one personnel manager said that banning the organization in Ciskei would lead to an "untenable situation".

Mr Theo Hefer, Group Manpower consultant to the Grinacker group, said South Africa would not be able to remain uninvolved as "the world will see this for what it is — an effective denial of the rights of workers born in South Africa and working in South Africa".

"Free and independent trade unionism is essential in any country which subscribes to democratic principles," he said. "Only totalitarian regimes fail to recognize the right of workers to associate and organize themselves into unions."

"Independent"

The South African Director-General of Manpower, Dr Piet van der Merwe, said Ciskei was in "completely independent" state and that South Africa had no say over its actions. He said, however, that the banning must have an "inevitable" effect on industrial relations.

Meanwhile, the United Democratic Front (UDF), to which Saawu is affiliated, has extended an invitation to all trade unions to a joint meeting to weigh up the possibility of protest action against the banning.

A statement released by Mr M Lekhota, publicity secretary for the UDF, yesterday, said the banning of Saawu was the "climax to the persecution of that union and its leadership both by the South African security police and their Ciskeian surrogates."

Saawu banning will burden employers.

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Prove claims in court says Gqweta

EAST LONDON — The blatant obliteration of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Sawu) by the Ciskei Government in Mdantsane would never take away the union's principles, the president of Sawu, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, said in a written statement issued from the Sawu office here yesterday.

Mr Gqweta was reacting to an announcement at the weekend that the union, which claims the largest following among workers in Mdantsane, had been banned.

In his statement, Mr Gqweta called on the union's members to be careful talking about the union or being found in possession of material and documents. What action the union would take would be announced after a decision by the national executive following legal advice.

Mr Gqweta said statements by the Ciskei Minister of Justice, Mr D M Takane, and the Commissioner of Police, Brigadier Luwama Madolo, that Sawu's activities were calculated to endanger national security and public safety were 'deceptive and libellous.'

Their accusations will never find any corroborative place in the hearts and minds of multitudes of our members, he said.

"Unless and until the Ciskei Government justifies its action through public prosecution of officials in a court of law it cannot hope its claims will be believed by fair-minded people."

Mr Gqweta said if people in Mdantsane needed any protection it was from the Ciskei police, army and vigilantes working on instructions from the government.

Sawu had never detained, hit or killed anyone, he said.

"What is the government protecting the public from insofar as Sawu's activities are concerned?" he asked.

DDR
Twelve black unions hit at Saawu banning

Labour Reporter

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"There can be no talk of reform in the labour laws and the constitution while worker organisations are suppressed," the statement said. "We reject utterly the explanation by the Ciskei Government that Saawu engages in activities which endanger national or public safety."

The statement was issued on behalf of the African Food and Canning Workers Union, the Black and Allied Workers Union, the Commercial Catering and Allied Workers Union of SA, the Cape Town Municipal Workers Association, Cusa, Fosatu, Gwu, the Motor Assemblers and Component Workers Union of SA, the Media Workers Association of SA and the Orange Vaal General Workers Union. — DDC

Botha cabled over banning

LONDON — The Swiss-based International Confederation of Free Trade Unions has cabled Premier P W Botha, accusing South Africa of responsibility for the banning of the South African Allied Workers' Union in Ciskei.

The message said South Africa "cannot evade responsibility" for the action by the Ciskei Government and the detention of Saawu leaders.

ICFTU Secretary-General Mr John van der Wegen said the confederation was "shocked and appalled" and accused South Africa of "delegating its police powers" to Ciskei to assist them in the detention of five Saawu leaders.

He said South Africa was using the national states to "camouflage" Pretoria's violations of its own labour legislation. — DDC
Move to halt Ciskei ban on union

By ANTON HARBER

ELEVEN independent trade unions and union federations representing well over 250 000 workers will discuss what action they can take to prevent Ciskei's banning of the SA Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU) from taking effect.

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“The facts are that the people of Mdantsane are boycotting buses because the bus company, partly owned by the Ciskei Government, is profiteering at their expense.”

The “people are more determined than ever to continue the boycott,” the statement said.
THE CISKEI

The bad news gets worse

There are signs that the Ciskei will soon have to pay the price of its "independence." It is beginning to display all the autocratic excesses of an unpopular government that seeks to entrench itself against the popular will. So, on the one hand, there is growing social instability, and on the other, a reluctance on the part of businessmen to consider it as a worthwhile investment area.

It is yet another creation of Pretoria busily fulfilling the worst predictions of those opposed to the Balkanization policy of ceding "national states" to an uncertain future.

Its latest move has been to ban the SA Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) — one of the largest black trade unions. Union anger is understandable. But as alarming for the Ciskei — if it bothers to take stock of such matters — are signs of growing unease among the region's businessmen, who draw on the homeland for their labour needs.

Many are reluctant to voice their concern publicly. But a spokesman for one affected company told the FM this week "If asked to consider increasing our investment in the area, our response would be a definite negative."

And it is worth noting the remarkably forthright criticism of Saawu's banning by Theo Heffer, the Grinaker Holdings Group's manpower consultant. He says "Free and independent trade unionism is an essential institution in any country that subscribes to democratic principles."

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Pretoria cannot afford to stand aloof. SA, after all, bears the responsibility for the fundamental flaws on which Ciskei "independence" is based.

Not only is the territory ruled by a government which quite evidently lacks popular support — witness the attempted "coup" against President Lennox Sebe recently. Its government presides over a region which is one of the most impoverished in the sub-continent. Independence has brought handsome rewards to those who wield power, but precious little to vast numbers of Ciskei citizens.

In such circumstances, it is inevitable that those in authority should be fearful of even the slightest challenge to their legitimacy. But that can hardly inspire confidence in a region with a dangerously high rate of unemployment.

SA should curb the Ciskei's excesses. There are signs that recent talks between Foreign Minister Pik Botha and Ciskei government officials resulted in a degree of restraint by Ciskei police.

Perhaps the Minister should make another visit. Reports that the Ciskei is developing an air force, with Israeli assistance, are alarming in the extreme. Just what use does President Sebe plan to make of this arm of modern warfare — so inappropriate to the real needs of his people?
implications of the ban. As a union, we don't operate in the Ciskei — we only sleep there.

"But when an organisation is banned, membership becomes a criminal offence, and so does 'furthering the aims' of a banned organisation. This gives the Ciskei government scope for further persecution of our members, whose membership of the union in their workplaces outside the Ciskei is perfectly legal."

'Reign of terror'

A Ciskei government spokesman, Fikile Gatya, said that descriptions of Ciskei police action in Mdantsane as a "reign of terror" were inaccurate. He said the reasons for the banning "are included in the National Security Act." This is modelled on the SA Internal Security Act. "Police are conducting routine checks," Gatya told the FM. "I expect that things are going to normal now."

The response of employers is diverse. David Saunders, chairman of the Border Chamber of Industries (BCI), told the FM, "There has been disruption from the boycott and the conflict in Mdantsane, with factories hit with varying severity. We see no sense in banning unions — unionisation is a fact of life. The Ciskei government has given no reasons for the banning that we can react to."

"The bus boycott appears to have been cooling off since the more heavy-handed approach — forcing people to use certain types of transport — has stopped. But we have had recent unconfirmed reports that police are currently stopping and checking workers coming from Mdantsane to see if they are union members. There seems to be a higher absenteeism rate now than in the last couple of weeks. The degree of disruption in the medium and long term is difficult to predict, but if the banning is going to be used against union members it can be expected."

Most employers are concerned not to get caught in the middle of a confrontation between the Ciskei government and the unions. Saunders says the BCI can only make representations to the SA Foreign Affairs Department and its Ciskei counterpart, as well as to the Department of Manpower in Pretoria, in the hope of action there.

Grave concern

Richard Savage, spokesman for Chloride SA, said "We have good relations with our workers in East London. We've tried to be as helpful as possible to them but decided against sending buses to collect workers, which would involve us directly in the conflict. But the disturbance and unrest in the area are a grave source of concern — if asked to consider increasing investment in the area, our response would be a definite 'no'."

Grinafer Holdings' group manpower consultant, Theo Heffer, spoke out sharply against the banning of Saawu. "Free and independent trade unionism is an essential institution in any country that subscribes to democratic principles. You can deny workers human rights and civil liberties, but you cannot legislate away fundamental freedoms like freedom of association, religion and freedom of speech. SA will not be able to remain unmoved as the world will see this for what it is an effective denial of the rights of workers who were born in SA and work in SA."

THE CISKEI

Banning the Workers

The Ciskei government's long-standing feud with the SA Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) has entered a dangerous new phase. A ban on the fast-growing union was gazetted this week.

This followed on the heels of an offer by Saawu president Thozamile Gweta to negotiate an end to the bus boycott in East London's dormitory township of Mdantsane. According to employers in the area, the boycott seems to have been winding down during the last fortnight, judging by decreased worker lateness and absentee rates.

Gweta, the only detained national-level Saawu official left in the area, is in hiding. Ciskei Life-President Lennox Sebe has publicly laid responsibility for the bus boycott at Saawu's door. By far the greatest part of Mdantsane falls within the Ciskei and the homeland government has a half-share in the bus company whose fare increases triggered the boycott in mid-July.

A spokesman for the union told the FM, "The boycott goes on, and so does the use of samboks, beatings and violence by the Ciskei police. Gweta saw that this coercion is merely strengthening resistance to the Ciskei government, which will escalate the violence in turn. That's why he felt it was time to talk."

Saawu officials have been detained regularly by Ciskei authorities and any activity on the union's part in the Ciskei has been prohibited. A Saawu spokesman told the FM, "Our branches have still to discuss the..."
Johannesburg — The South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) said yesterday that the decision last week to ban it from the Ciskei would not stop opposition, but would force it to go underground.

And, in a statement issued jointly here with six other independent unions, it called on foreign investors to meet with the South African and Ciskei authorities to discuss the banning and to prevent Saawu from being forced underground.

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The unions which issued the statement with Saawu were the General and Allied Workers' Union, the Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers' Union, the Johannesburg Scooter Drivers' Association and the Municipal and General Workers' Union of South Africa.

The South African Institute of Race Relations has also slammed the ban. According to a statement issued by the institute yesterday, the banning undermined the current process of reform in South African industrial relations.

Following the report of the Wiehahn Commission, the right of workers to organise themselves into trade unions had been officially recognised in South African law.

But the Ciskei authorities had undermined this right by repeatedly detaining a number of trade unionists without trial, it said.

DDC-SAPA
Detainee released

EAST LONDON — One of five trade unionists arrested by South African security police and handed over to Ciskei last month has been released from detention following the death of his father.

Mr Bangumzi Sifingo, who was chairman of the Chloride branch of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) — now banned in Ciskei — was released on Wednesday, a relative confirmed yesterday.

He said this followed the death of his father, Mr Deutschmann Sifingo, on Monday.

Mr Sifingo's release followed representations made by his family to the Ciskei security police.

The relative said that as far as he was aware no conditions had been attached to Mr Sifingo's release. He said he had just been told his father was seriously ill.

Mr Sifingo's two sisters and a brother — Miss Sindiswa Sifingo, Miss Yaleka Sifingo and Mr Mthembu Sifingo — are still detained under Section 26 of the Ciskei National Security Act.

Mr Sifingo is the second detainee in two months to be released after the death of a relative.

In July Col M F Tele, who was detained with several other top security and army officers in Ciskei, was released after his wife's death.

Mr Sifingo will be buried on September 18.

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Banning won't stop us, Saawu

ANTON HARBOR
Political Reporter

THE South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) said yesterday that the decision last week to ban it from the Ciskei would not stop opposition, but would force it to go underground.

And, in a statement issued jointly in Johannesburg with four other independent unions, it called on foreign investors to meet with the South African and Ciskei authorities to discuss the banning and to prevent Saawu from being forced underground.

The unions described the Ciskei authorities as a "bunch of hooligans" and "bureaucratic functionaries nurtured to rule the bantustans in the interests of racist South Africa and foreign business."

A four-year-old child "could see Pretoria's connivance in this dirty trick," they said.

"In a sustained, malicious and hostile anti-union campaign, Saawu has always been accused of all sorts of things ranging from creating and promoting unrest in the Ciskei to furthering the aims of the African National Congress."

"These accusations are obviously not in keeping with reality," the statement said.

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If this was not to be repeated, foreign investors should meet with the local authorities to prevent it, the statement said.

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The special trains were packed with

people last Friday.

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decide to organize the

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ban on 147A (Sawun) has taken over.

The South African Union

led by the Workers' Union.

Paul Badela

Chairman
slapped on it last week.

Saawu national organiser Herbert Barnabas said the union's executive had decided at a special meeting this week to fight the "unlawful" ban published in a Ciskei government gazette last Friday.

Saawu president Thozamile Gqweta, who has gone into hiding because of repeated police harassment, issued a hard-hitting statement that the Ciskei government was wrong to impose the ban.

He vowed that the ban would "never take away Saawu's principles" and challenged the Ciskei government to prove its allegations against Saawu in court.

The ban on the union was published last Friday in terms of Ciskei's National Security Act. The homeland's acting head of state security, Brigadier Lulama Madolo, said it was imposed because Saawu "endangered national security and public safety".

The ban prohibits membership of Saawu, possession of union documents, or the wearing of Saawu T-shirts or emblems.

Its implications are due to be discussed at a special Saawu meeting in Durban tomorrow.

However, labour expert Dr Marianne Roux has already predicted that it will have "enormous effects" on the union's 100,000 members, a large number of whom live and work in the East London area.

She was certain Saawu members would not resign from the union - a factor which she said could result in more conflict in the area, particularly in the light of the detention of most of Saawu's other East London officials.

She also predicted solidarity between workers and employers who had signed recognition agreements with the union.

Saawu has, in the meantime, approached the International Labour Organisation (ILO) about its situation and invited a representative to address next week's national Saawu rally in Durban.

At the same time, South Africa's independent trade union movement - representing nearly 400,000 workers - has condemned the Ciskei ban as "the most serious attack on the trade union movement since 1976".

A message expressing solidarity with the banned union was issued on behalf of 11 unions, including the African Food and Canning Workers' Union, the General Workers' Union, the Media workers' Association, the Council of Unions of South Africa and Fosatu.

In Mdantsane, meanwhile, Ciskei police have resumed their campaign against commuters involved in the boycott of Ciskei buses.

Roadblocks have been set up throughout the township and people without identity documents are arrested.

The boycott started eight weeks ago when fares went up by 11 per cent.

Pic: RANJITH KALLY

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Tour of centres in Europe, was found in a Cape squatting camp in possession of three parcels of dagga.

Adams pleaded guilty to possession but the prosecutor refused to accept this plea and asked that the charge be changed to one of dealing.
Union defended

THE Cape authorities' banning of the South African Allied Workers Union undermined the current process of reform in South African industrial relations the South African Institute of Race Relations said at the weekend.

Following the report of the Wiehahn Commission, the right of workers to organise themselves into trade unions had been officially recognised in South African law.

"But the Cape authorities had undermined this right by repeatedly detaining a number of trade unionists without trial. This latest action which does no credit to South Africa undermines it further.

It said the action risked introducing a new destabilising factor into labour relations.
Union to fight ban in court

EAST LONDON—The national organiser of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), Mr. Herbert Barnabas, yesterday confirmed the union would contest the Ciskei ban on the union in court.

Speaking by telephone from the Pretoria office of the union, Mr. Barnabas said the decision to take court action was taken at a national executive council meeting of the union in Esicourt, Natal.

"We feel we cannot allow this action by the Ciskei Government to go unchallenged," he said.

"The information we have is that our members are being detained in Ciskei for taking part in a bus boycott in Mdantsane and that the decision to ban the union there also arises from the bus boycott.

"But we know they did not boycott buses because they are members of Saawu but because they are residents of Mdantsane," Mr. Barnabas said.

He added the union was aware such action might in future be taken in other "homelands."

"For example we have many workers living in areas run by the KwaZulu Government in Natal and we may have to face similar action there," Mr. Barnabas said.

Officials at the Saawu offices in East London, were not aware of the decision to take the ban to court yesterday.

"We have not heard about it and we are still trying to get information on it," a spokesman said.

—DDR
Witness: freeing SA is not main aim

BISHO — Total political liberation of South Africa is not the main item on the agenda of the South African Congress of Trade Unions, the Ciskei Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Mr Tom Lodge, a lecturer in political science at the University of the Witwatersrand, was giving evidence for the defence in a marathon terrorism trial. Mr Lodge differed with the state authority, Mr C de Vries, in his analysis of the African National Congress and other organisations.

He said that Saetu had political as well as economic preoccupations. "For this reason, from its inception, it worked closely with the ANC and was represented on the National Co-ordinating Committee of Congress Alliance."

Mr Lodge said that because of the "cross-membership" existing between Saetu, the ANC, and other members of Congress Alliance, Saetu was seriously weakened when its ANC-affiliated members were convicted.

Appearing before Mr Justice De Wet and two assessors were Mr William Dune, 31, Mr Dumisani Manjenwa, 31, Mr Bayi Keye, 52, and Mr Luyanda Mayekiso, 23.

The four Mdantsane men have pleaded not guilty to charges of participating in terrorist activities, being members of the banned ANC, recruiting people to undergo military training in Lesotho, and being in possession of banned literature.

Under cross-examination by Mr W F Jurgens, for the state, Mr Lodge differed with Mr De Vries' opinion that the ANC's sole purpose was to overthrow the South African Government by violent means.

Mr Lodge said the ANC disagreed with the present political situation in the country and the ANC military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, recruited people to undergo military training.

However, he said that the language use by the ANC in its publications was very "broad," and that the organisation subscribed to the Freedom Charter. "Academic" criticism of the ANC had no place in the court room, he said.

Mr De Vries said that Saetu members belonged to the revolutionary groups and that Saetu accepted the ANC's leadership. He cited Mr Moses Mabhida as being a member of Sactu, the ANC, and the South African Communist Party.

Asked by the defence counsel, Mr M T K Moerane, to comment about the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), Mr Lodge said it was a general workers' union, similar to Saetu, and that it used the same slogan as Saetu, "An Injury to One is an Injury to All."

In reply to a question, Mr Lodge said Saetu was not banned in South Africa because of its international connections.

Also giving evidence for the state was a magistrate, Mr E Marais, who had taken confession statements from Mr Dune and Mr Manjenwa.

Mr Marais said the detainees were warned that they were not obliged to make confessions. He admitted that when he took down the confessions, the detainees were handcuffed. He could not account for this action.

The magistrate said he was not aware under which security legislation the detainees were being held.

The trial continues today — SAPA
SAAWU stays resolute despite Govt hounding

The South African Allied Workers’ Union (SAAWU) should theoretically be reeling from a multitude of body blows.

The national president, Mr. Thobazile Gqwelha, is in hiding in East London, the vice-president, Mr. Sisa Nkelen, is in detention for the seventh time, and the Ciskei last week banned the union outright.

Union members living in Mdantsane are being held by Ciskei police “almost daily now”, and the entire union leadership in the Eastern Cape is behind bars.

“But we are gaining momentum, signing up new members,” claim the general secretary, Mr. Sami Kikane, and national organiser, Mr. Herbert Barnabus, two of the few remaining union officials not in detention.

Signed-up membership now stands at around 180,000, while paid-up membership is about half of that, which makes SAAWU one of the fastest-growing unions in the country with branches in the Eastern Cape, Transvaal, Natal Midlands and the Free State.

But it is more than just the union’s size which has elicited the close attentions of the South African and Ciskei security forces and the Minister of Manpower in recent years.

TENACITY

What has probably perturbed Pretoria is the union’s tenacity, solidarity and marked successes, even in the face of enormous odds.

SAAWU had its origins in the Black Allied Workers’ Union when a split developed at the 1979 national conference over the issue of non-racism.

Mr. Gqwelha, then a national organiser in East London, explained why the breakaway body — renamed SAAWU — adopted non-racism as a founding principle.

“We believe the country has a non-racial future and we must therefore be totally non-racial,” he said.

Other basic tenets include the union’s staunch opposition to registration, a commitment to mass participatory democracy and a belief that the interests of the worker in the workplace cannot be separated from his interests in the community — hence the union’s overt support for community struggles.

In its strategies for organising, explaining “comrade” Barnabus, the union lets the workers do most of the persuading.

“We believe in worker control. Therefore it is important that the workers fully understand what the union is, what a recognition agreement is and what unionism means before we rush into agreements with management.

“It also gives management a chance to see who they are dealing with.”

For this reason, says Mr. Kikane, SAAWU does not actively “organise” but acts as a magnet for workers. Once the union has made contact with a group of workers in a particular factory “we wait for them to be drawn to the magnet which is SAAWU.”

It is a strategy which appears to have worked — at least in the East London area.

In two years membership rocketed from 5,000 to 15,000, and the union succeeded in securing a number of informal and formal recognition agreements with major employers.

The recession has not hindered the union’s growth either, claims Mr. Barnabus, and even those members who are made redundant, retrenched or dismissed, are used by the union as organisers until they secure other jobs.

Because SAAWU regards itself as essentially a federation, encompassing a loose grouping of some 26 industry-based unions, its influence ranges from the metal industries to the chemical, manufacturing, textile and building industries.

And the union’s rapid expansion can to some extent be explained by this broad base of appeal.

The rise of SAAWU as a potentially powerful and politicised worker organisation worried the Minister of Manpower, Mr. Fanie Botha, sufficiently for him to appeal to employers in the East London area as early as October 1980 to hold out against the union and not to recognise it.

SECURITY POLICY

The South African Security Police also did their bit behind the scenes to cow the union.

In concert with Ciskei security officials, the South African Security Police have literally hounded SAAWU leadership.

Mr. Gqwelha has now been detained eight times by one or the other authority and on each occasion has been released without conviction.

Mr. Kikane has been detained five times and released without conviction, Mr. Nkelen six times and he is still in detention.

The Ciskei has been more open in its condemnation of the union as “an ANC front and a communist organisation”, and have made no secret of a desire to “stamp out this evil.”
Mpetha due at union's congress

Labour Reporter

The South African Allied Workers' Union is to hold its fourth annual national congress in Durban at the weekend.

Representatives from the International Labour Office and international media were invit-
ed to attend the congress, "which will be the most important yet, in view of the banning of SAAWU," said the union's general secretary, Mr Sam Kikane.

The union hopes to present its case through the ILO to international labour bodies and the United Nations. The ban imposed on the union by Ciskei this month was said to be the worst attack on the trade union movement since the banning of union leaders in 1976.

Speakers invited to address the congress include Mr Oscar Mpetha, veteran trade unionist and Cape president of the United Democratic Front; Mr Archie Gumede, president of the United Democratic Front; and Mr Mewa Ramgoban.

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THE TRADE union rights of thousands of workers — predominantly black — will be threatened if a resolution proposed by the white Mine Surface Officers' Association calling for the ban of unregistered unions is tabled and approved at the Tucsa congress which will be held in Port Elizabeth from September 26-29.

The resolution, which also intends to make it illegal for an employer to have dealings with an unregistered union, has been sharply criticised by black unions, both registered and unregistered.

The Black Allied Mining and Construction Workers' Union (BAMCWU) said the resolution was destructive and would never serve the purpose of bringing about industrial peace and mutual relationships between management and black trade unions.

According to the Labour Relations Act, neither trade unions nor employers' organisations are required by law to become registered, and unregistered trade unions are therefore not illegal.

Mr Herbert Barbaru-bas, the national organiser of Saawu, said that in terms of Section 78 (1) of the Labour Relations Act any worker was free to join a trade union of his choice for the purpose of being represented. Mr Barbaru-bas said Saawu feels that under the circumstances it does not need any registration because they can represent workers anywhere they wish.

The general-secretary of Fosatu said it was premature to comment on the issue at the moment. He however said if accepted by the unions this motion should be condemned. He added that it was not Fosatu's policy to condemn other organisations.

Mr F Mohlala of the Building Construction and Allied Workers' Union (BCAWU) said the union which intended tabling such a motion did not have the interests of the workers at heart. "Workers should be allowed to join a union of their choice and employers should bargain with any union irrespective of whether it was registered or not," he said.
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THOZAMILE GOWETA
Out of Hiding

BY MONEO BaDELA

SOUTH African Workers' Union President

HIDING OUT OF GOWETA
HIDING

SOUTH African Allied Workers' Union president Thozamile Gqweta, who has been in hiding for more than a month following the mass detention of his colleagues in the Ciskei, is expected to attend the union's two-day annual congress in Durban tomorrow.

The union's national organiser, Herbert Barnabas, told City Press that Gqweta's presence was vital and that it was expected he would come out of hiding to attend the congress.

Among other items the congress will discuss the ban slapped on it by the Ciskei Government. Mr Barnabas said the congress was sure to come out with a programme of action to be adopted against the homeland government.

Mr Barnabas said employers in the East London area had not yet reacted to the ban on Saawu. The United Democratic Front, meanwhile, has held a meeting with other unions to discuss action against the homeland government in response to the ban.

UDF president Archie Gumedze will open tomorrow's congress, which will be open to the public throughout except for the elections.

Another UDF personality expected to speak is Curtis Nkondo, the Transvaal regional vice-president. A representative of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) is also expected to attend.

Others to address the congress include Magwaza Maphala, a national organiser of the National Federation of Workers, and Keith Philp, president of the National Union of South African Students (Nusas).

All Saawu regions and branches including Mdantsane and Zwelethana are expected to attend. Five buses will transport delegates from Pretoria, Johannesburg and Kempton Park.

By MONO BADELA

2 detainees in hospital

TWO CISKEIAN detainees have been admitted to hospital.

Border Council of Sport chairman Dr Lawrence Masuli and Mdantsane boxing promoter Hubert Jekwa were both said to be in satisfactory condition yesterday. It is not known what their ailments are.

Dr Masuli is being treated at Mdantsane's Cecilia Makiwane Hospital under police guard. Mr Jekwa, a garage owner, is at Mount Coke Hospital, according to Ciskeian Security Police chief Colonel Z Makuzeni.

Both men were detained two weeks ago under Ciskei's National Security Act.
Police seize film on union

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Freelance cameramen returning to Johannesburg after covering the first day of the South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU) congress in Durban yesterday had about 45 minutes of film footage confiscated by police.

One cameraman, who asked not to be named, said he and his friends had gone down to the congress in Beatrice Street to get footage for use at a later stage.

Among speakers had been Mr Archie Gumede of the United Democratic Front.

"As we were returning to Johannesburg, we were pulled over by five policemen in three cars," the cameraman said.

"One of them was Indian and the rest white. We asked for their identities and were shown SAP identity cards.

"They wanted to know how we had come to know about the meeting and we told them it had been reported in the Johannesburg press.

"The Indian policeman must have been at the congress because the policemen asked him questions when they wanted to know about the congress.

"Our car and bags were thoroughly searched and film material in canisters — about 45 minutes' footage — confiscated.

"We asked under what law they were acting and were told they were acting under the Internal Security Act.

"We also asked for a receipt and received one, signed by someone called De Beer.

"We asked when our film would be returned and were told they had no idea because it might be used as an exhibit in a court case."

The cameraman said he intended pressing for the return of the film as soon as possible and that he would be consulting an attorney today on the matter.
Organisations plan joint action on Saawu banning

By Jo-Anne Collinge

A joint action committee of the United Democratic Front, major workers' organisations and the Detainees' Parents' Support Committee will attempt to bring international pressure to bear on the South African and Ciskei Governments in response to the mass detentions and banning of members of the South African 'Allied Workers' Union in the Ciskei.

Describing developments in the Ciskei in a statement issued yesterday, the organisations said a stadium in Mdantsane has been converted into a concentration camp.

The bid for international intervention is one of several initiatives planned jointly by the UDF, Descom and worker groupings, which include two major federations — the Federation of South African Trade Unions (Fosatu) and the Council of Unions of South Africa (Cusa).

Other plans are:

- To contribute direct material aid, especially clothing, to detainees who are said to be kept in the Mdantsane stadium, day and night, lightly dressed.

- To publicise and "expose atrocities in the Ciskei" by use of the media, public meetings and "manoeuvres."

- To consult with individual unions about direct action, which might include intervention through companies established in the Ciskei.

A spokesman for the joint UDF-unions committee, Mr Terror Lekota, stressed "We will not make threats without a basis. Possible action will have to be seriously considered by unions and must flow from them."

The organisations regard the banning of Saawu as an indication "that the Bantustan structures will increasingly be used to suppress any resistance to their apartheid policies."

They noted that detentions had virtually closed down the Saawu area and predicted that unions which took a stand on community issues would "allow Saawu into banning."

"There can be no compromise on the right of unions to take up issues beyond the factory floor."

"To permit the Ciskei Government to suppress union involvement in community struggles is to give away a fundamental element of unionism," they stated.

The list of participants is: UDF, Fosatu, Saawu, Cusa, Descom, Cusa, FCWA, General and Allied Workers' Union, Commercial Catering and Allied Workers' Union, Johannesburg Scooter Drivers' Association, Orange-Vaal General Workers' Union, Municipal and General Workers' Union.
Saawu lists work rights

A CHARTER spelling out the rights of workers was among several messages by trade unionsists, churchmen, politicians and community leaders at the annual congress of Saawu held in Durban last weekend.

Mr. Paddy Kearney, director of Diakonia in Durban said all workers were entitled to the right to a family life, freedom of association and collective bargaining without interference by the police.

In addition he said workers were entitled to adequate housing, the right to form free trade unions and also to exercise their option to withdraw their labour through strikes.

- A call for a moratorium on squatter removals,
- A call for the scrapping of the pass laws and the abolition of the work seekers' permit as applied to Africans;
- Urging the government not to use pension contributions for partial financing of the defence budget.
Opposition to Ciskei ban on Saawu grows

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN
Labour Correspondent

ALMOST the entire emerging union movement in the Transvaal, the recently-formed United Democratic Front and the Detainees Support Committee joined together yesterday in issuing a hard-hitting statement condemning the banning of the SA Allied Workers Union (Saawu) by Ciskei authorities.

And, at a Press conference in Johannesburg, UDF spokesman Mr "Terror" Lekota, said the unions, who represent tens of thousands of workers, and include major federations Fosatu and Cassa, had agreed to discuss with their members taking further action on the issue.

One possibility, he said, was action against companies which operated in Ciskei, but had not taken a stand opposing the banning.

He stressed "We are not making threats of action, unless these have a firm base. It will be up to union members to decide if action is needed."

A five-member working committee had been appointed to plan action and, in the interim, a public meeting would be held in Johannesburg on Thursday to protest against the banning, a "media campaign" would be organised and efforts would be made to get food and clothing to detainees in Ciskei.

Attempts would also be made to mobilise overseas opinion.

Mr Lekota said these decisions had been taken at a meeting between UDF and the unions. It had been called, he said, "because we do not want to take action in this area without the full support and co-operation of the unions."

In the statement, union groups including Fosatu, Cassa, the Food and Canning Workers Union, Saawu, the General and Allied Workers Union and the Orange-Vaal General Workers Union, as well as the UDF and the Detainees Support Committee, sharply condemned the ban.

They also reacted sharply to repeated reports that residents of Mdantsane are being held prisoner in a stadium in the township by "vigilantes" loyal to President Lekota Sebe and physically assaulted there.

They say the stadium has been turned into a "concentration camp", in which "defenceless people" are being "herded."

The statement also charges that offices of other unions in East London, such as the Food and Cassa, General Workers and Transport and Allied Workers unions, have been "virtually closed down as a result of detentions and attacks.

Mr Lekota yesterday also attacked SA Security Police co-operation with the Ciskei authorities, citing incidents in which unionists had been detained by Security Police and then handed over to Ciskei authorities.

On the decision to collect food and clothing for detainees, he charged that people who had brought food to detainees in Ciskei in recent weeks had themselves been detained.

The statement said the Ciskei banning indicated that "bantustan structures" would increasingly be used to "suppress any resistance to apartheid."

Ciskei action against unions was designed "to strip the large workforce in Mdantsane of any leadership in its struggle against exploitation."

"Henceforth, any union which comes out in full support of worker resistance against bus fare hikes, rent hikes and so on will follow Saawu into banning."

It said the ban was a "varied threat" against unions involved in community issues, but that to suppress this involvement was to "give away a fundamental element of unionism."
THE NATIONAL organiser of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), Mr Herman Barnabas has denied that a resolution on Sactu was adopted at their congress in Durban last weekend.

Mr Barnabas said because of the pressure of time the only resolution they discussed was the ban by the Ciskei...
Call for action on Ciskei move

A STRONG call for positive action instead of slogans and speeches was made yesterday at a meeting held at Residence House to pledge solidarity with the South African Allied Workers' Union (Sawu) which was banned by the Ciskei government.

Mr Herbert Barnabas, the national organiser of Sawu, said they had decided at their congress in Durban last week to investigate the possibility of boycotting products of companies operating in the Ciskei.

The meeting was later told that both the Eastern Cape Chamber of Commerce and Industries have been quiet about the situation in the Ciskei and were thus not available to come to the aid of the union. Mr Barnabas, who has been the general secretary of the union, told the meeting that the situation there was not as bad as it had been.

The union has been trying to organize a national strike but has been met with resistance from the government.

South Africa, a banned Nbusa publication

She was arrested on March 4 after Security Police raided the newsstand at her home and searched her rooms and other rooms at about 6am.

State witness, Constable H P Aucamp said she found the publications in the drawer of a radio in a communal room used by several of the girls.

Const Aucamp said he confiscated several political pamphlets and books which she denied were "absolutely certain that any of these were banned". It was only later discovered that the publications were, in fact, banned.

Defence advocate, Mr D Kuny SC, handed in a statement signed by Sister Bernard in which she admitted possessing the publications but said she did not know they were illegal.

She said the excuse from Sechaba had been sent to her from an anonymous overseas source and she did not know what it was.

The other banned publication, Total War in South Africa, she received at a conference she attended, she said.

The case has been postponed until December pending further investigations.

An appearance of Mr WRC Pinnoo appealed for the defence and Mr G Thart for the State. Mr J J Luther was on the bench — Sara.
The UDF has been a significant force in the Philippines, particularly in the context of labor and social justice. The UDF is an abbreviation for the United Democratic Front, which was formed in the late 1960s to promote the interests of workers and their families. The UDF has been involved in numerous protests and strikes, often against government policies and corporate power. The UDF's activities have been characterized by a strong commitment to solidarity and unity among workers, regardless of their specific industries or locations. The UDF has also been a leader in the fight against social and economic injustices, advocating for workers' rights and the establishment of a more just society. Its legacy continues to inspire activists and workers today.
Assailants said they were police — victim

MDANTSANE — A factory worker who lives in Zone 7 here told yesterday how he could hardly move his jaws for two days after being attacked by men who claimed to be police.

Mr Simphiwe Garishe, who is employed in the stores department of a Dawn factory, said that at about 9 pm on September 14 he was visiting a neighbour when he was stopped by men travelling in a yellow car.

"They asked for my reference book and before I could produce it they went through my pockets, took it out and also found a citizenship card and an identification card," Mr Garishe said.

"When they saw that I was employed at Johnson and Johnson they said my head was full of Saawu" (South African Alien Workers Union banned in Ciskei).

He said the men pulled him into their car where they throttled him.

"In the car they pushed my head underneath one of the back seats while my feet dangled in the air."

Mr Garishe said he shouted to a neighbour who was passing and the men drove off. After throttling him further and beating him up, they released him some distance from his home.

He said he suffered pains in his neck and throat and could hardly move his jaws for two days.

"I did not report the attack to the police because although the men were in plain clothes they claimed they were police," he said — DDR.
Boot for Ciskei

By Barney Mthombothi

THE CISKEI consulate has been kicked out of its plush offices in downtown Johannesburg only a month after the offices were blasted by African National Congress bombers. 

A spokesman for Anglo American Property, owners of the 56-storey Carlton Centre office block, confirmed to the Sunday Tribune that the homeland's Consul-General and his staff had been given until Friday, September 30 to leave the building.

An explosion ripped through the sixth level of the block completely destroying the Ciskei Consul-General's offices. Only one man, a passerby, was injured.

Head of the Security Police, Frans Steenkamp said the explosion was caused by a Russian limpet mine hidden in a wallpaper basket. The ANC claimed responsibility for the blast and immediately made known their intention to wage war against the homeland.

Two weeks after the explosion, another Ciskei consulate, this time in Pretoria, was also hit.

Anglo American Property spokesman Graham Lindhoff told the Monitor this week that in terms of a clause in the agreement they had with tenants, the landlord had a right to cancel if the offices were in any way destroyed.

Mr Lindhoff said the Ciskeans were being accommodated on the fifth floor until they left on Friday.

"It will take some time to renovate the offices because they were completely gutted in the explosion," he said.

He could not say when the Ciskeans would move to.

The Consul-General, Mr E I September, is away in the Ciskei and could not be reached yesterday but a source said his staff would be moving offices to a rundown building near the Faraday Railway station.

Ciskei's Foreign Minister, Mr B M Pityi, could not be contacted for comment. The homeland's ambassador to South Africa, Mr S T Wyne, announced recently that security measures would be stepped following the attacks.

It is understood tenants have complained about the security risks posed by the presence of the Ciskeans in their offices, and the second explosion in Pretoria confirmed people's fears that the ANC's threat was not an empty one.

Guards with dogs were posted outside the Ciskei offices after the explosion and thus had left-tenants edgy.

Meanwhile, a boycott of products manufactured by factories in the Ciskei was suggested at a meeting held in Johannesburg this week to protest the banning of the SA Allied Workers Union (SAAWU) in the Ciskei.

The meeting, organised by the United Democratic Front (UDF), 12 unions and the Detainees Support Committee, reflected growing anger and frustration among workers over recent events in the Ciskei.

At the meeting it was alleged that Ciskei's jails are so full that people were being detained in the Mdantsane sports stadium where they were tortured and assaulted.

"Our brothers are being killed in the Ciskei," Rev Frank Chukane, vice-president of the UDF, told an audience of more than 100. The meeting sang protest songs - including a derogatory one about Charles Sebe - and took a collection for the families of detainees.

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A HUSBAND who forced his wife to have sex with him "one last time" before their marriage ended in divorce has been jailed for three years for rape.

This offence is normally impossible under British law, but the husband, a 32-year-old rail worker, was under a court order forbidding him from molesting his wife.

Brighton Crown Court was told the man had been ordered out of the family home in January, but he returned to March and told his wife he wanted sex "one more time."

He assaulted her, tore her clothes off and raped her.

Judge John Gower told him "You knew you were forbidden to molest her and that she did not welcome what happened. You used violence, and prison is the only appropriate way to deal with you."

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UNIONS CALL FOR BOYCOTT OF CISKEI PRODUCE

A BOYCOTT of products made in Ciskei is being considered by the Committee of Five set up in response to the homeland government's banning of the South African Allied Workers' Union.

Repeated calls for such a boycott were made by speakers at a solidarity rally organised by ten unions and the United Democratic Front at Khotso House in Johannesburg this week.

Sasawu national organiser Herbert Barnabas said the union had raised the possibility of a boycott at its congress in Durban last weekend, and resolved to investigate whether it was possible.

Other speakers also condemned the ban, and called for "strong action, not just slogans."

The East London Chamber of Commerce and the Border Chamber of Industries also came under fire for not taking action in response to the ban — despite some of its member factories having recognition agreements with Sasawu.

Speakers said the ban "struck at the core of the freedom of workers to associate themselves with organisations of their choice."

Secretary general of the Council of Unions of South Africa, Piroshaw Camay, said the Sasawu ban "went against every tenet of accepted labour law and practice."

"It is also a smack in the face for Pretoria from their homeland lackeys — it goes against the smokescreen of so-called labour reform that Pretoria wants to sell to the Western world," he said.

Camay told the meeting — attended by more than 400 people — the ban was "a deliberately orchestrated move against the growing awareness of workers of their collective power."

Other speakers were Transvaal UDF vice-president the Rev Frank Chikane, UDF national secretary Popo Molefe and Sasawu organiser Joe Mokoena.

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THE (SAD) THOUGHTS OF (EX-) CHAIRMAN KNOX

IT WAS a bad week for former Vaal Community Council Chair
man, Joe Knox Matjila.

No sooner was it announced that the Supreme Court had rejected his application to unseat council chairman Esau Mahlala than the council resolved not to listen to Mr Matjila's contributions during meetings and told him to leave the council chamber.

Mr Mahlala told City Press later that the former chairman had been ruled out of order for raising a "very contentious issue" — an allegation that the council had deprived some traders of business sites.

"His allegations are untrue," Mr Mahlala said.
CISKEI'S contentious new security Bill has been softened — and could mean an early release for unionists and others held without trial by the homeland's security forces.

In terms of an amendment introduced in the homeland parliament this week, detainees may not be held for more than 30 days without a warrant from the Justice Minister.

If introduced, the amendment will force the Commissioner of Police to produce reasons why someone should be held for more than a month.

The previous Bill allowed for detention for up to six months without review.

If it is introduced soon, the Bill could mean the early release of the large number of people being held in connection with Ciskei's bus boycott and the alleged coup.

However, that is presuming Justice Minister David Takane would reject whatever reasons the police gave for their continued detention.

When the amendment was introduced in parliament this week, Mr Takane said the aim was to centralise control of security — with most of the power in his hands and those of the Police Commissioner.

This effectively means a reversal of the powers conferred on Gen Sebe shortly before his detention.
EAST LONDON — The South African Allied Workers' Union said it would meet officials of the Corporation for Economic Development (CED) in Durban today to discuss the Mdantsane bus boycott.

The national treasurer of Saawu, Mr I Ngcobo, said from the union's Durban office yesterday that the meeting had been arranged at the insistence of the CED, which directs bus operations in Ciskei.

"We told them Saawu did not start the bus boycott," he said.

"We also explained it had been started by several community organisations in East London and Mdantsane and that it could be stopped only after discussions with those organisations but they insisted on meeting us."

He added that the union's leadership had asked for some officials from East London to attend the meeting.

"We see it as briefing and guiding these men on who they should see if they want to start negotiations on the bus boycott," Mr Ngcobo said.

Details of the agenda and names of who would be coming from the CED were with Saawu's secretary, Mr Sam Kikine, who was travelling between KwaZulu and Durban yesterday afternoon, he said.

"We hope he will be back for the meeting at 10 am tomorrow," Mr Ngcobo said.

Efforts to get confirmation from the CED were unsuccessful yesterday.

The chairman of the Ciskei Transport Corporation, Mr Paul Hoogendyk, referred inquiries to Mr Dave Hart of the Ciskei People's Development Bank in King William's Town.

Mr Hart said he had no information on the matter and referred inquiries to the managing director of the CTC bus company in Ciskei, Mr Hans Kaiser, who was out for the afternoon.

Efforts to get comment from the head of the bus division of the CED, Mr D Viljoen, were also unsuccessful. He was reported to be out and expected back tomorrow.

His deputy, Mr J Armstrong, was said to be overseas and the CED transport division's public relations officer, Mr Harry Strydom, said he had no knowledge of the meeting but promised to investigate and report back.

He had not reported back by late last night — DDR
Ban on union under fire

Labour Correspondent

THE South African council of the International Metalworkers' Federation/South African council — whose member unions include unions affiliated to Fosatu, Cusa and Tucsa — has slammed the banning of the SA Allied Workers Union by Cuske authorities.

The IMF council is one of the few bodies to bring together workers from all these groups and the statement also means that some unions affiliated to Tucsa have condemned the ban for the first time.

It is composed of local unions who belong to the powerful Geneva-based IMF, which represents metal unions throughout the West.

In a statement yesterday, the IMF council, which says it represents 145,000 workers, condemned the banning "with contempt."

"It is not surprising that the 'Ciskei Government' should look for a scapegoat to cover their own inadequacy in overcoming the problems of the bus boycott," the statement said.

But it added that "there can be no excuse for these actions by the so-called Ciskei Government."

The IMF council said it was clear that "the problems being experienced in Cuske in respect of the bus boycott are a result of government intransigence in dealing with workers."

By attempting "to put the blame on SAAWU" the Cuske authorities "have indicated clearly their lack of support among the workers of Mdantsane."

The IMF council saw the ban as "an attack on all oppressed, exploited workers in South Africa."

Unions which belong to the council include Fosatu's National Automobile and Allied Workers' Union and Metal and Allied Workers Union and Cusa's Steel, Engineering and Allied Workers Union.

Tucsa unions include the SA Boilermakers Society, Radio Television and the Electronic and Allied Workers' Union and Engineering Industrial Workers Union.
Call to unions to unite

THE South African Amalgamated Workers Union (Sawu) has called on all independent trade unions to unite under the exiled South African Congress of Trade Unions (Sacdu).

The call, made at the Sawu annual congress in Durban last weekend, is bound to have a dramatic effect on current moves to unite the independent trade unions.

A resolution on Sacdu described the organisation as the only hope for a progressive, non-racial and truly democratic workers movement in South Africa.

The more than 1,000 delegates to the congress enthusiastically adopted the resolution.

The congress was told that all present moves towards trade union unity should be done with the aim of uniting the unions under the Sacdu banner.

A number of trade union unity summits have been held but in June last year at a meeting in Port Elizabeth, the unions concluded that there was no basis for unity at that stage.
FREE OUR LEADERS — THEN WE’LL TALK

By MONO BADELA

RELEASE all detainees in Ciskei jails first before any solution can be found to the Ciskei bus boycott.

This was the message from Sam Kikine, secretary of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), to officials of the Ciskei's Corporation for Economic Development at talks yesterday held to solve the three-month-old bus boycott.

In a major breakthrough, Saawu banned by the Ciskei — warned officials to talks in Durban with Dr Jack A. Adendorf, chairman of the Ciskei's CED, half-owner of the Ciskei Transport Corporation.

And after the meeting, Mr Kikine said Dr Adendorf emphasised he was not representing either the Ciskei government, the CTC or the South African Government.

"We explained to Dr Adendorf that although we have nothing to do with the bus boycott, we were prepared to assist in finding the solution. But we pointed out to him that before any solution could be found the Ciskei government must release Sasa Nyekela, our vice-president, George Shiba, an organiser, and all others who are in detention."

"We also told him that compensation must be paid to all the families of those who were killed in the Ciskei during the recent action by the Ciskei police."

"The two officials agreed to see what they can do and will get in touch with us again."

"A second meeting may be held in East London."

"We made it clear to them that we don't want confrontation but consultation," said Mr Kikine.
THE UNION THAT WON'T LIE DOWN

Sawu also maintains an overt and explicit political position. It believes in a unitary, non-racial democratic South Africa based on the will of all South Africans.

It has demanded that black workers be granted political rights.

And at its annual congress in Durban in 1981 it demanded among other things, universal suffrage in South Africa as well as the abolition of the pass laws and migrant labour system.

Earlier it had called for the abolition of the Group Areas Act and the unconditional release of Nelson Mandela.

More recently Sawu became one of the trade unions that helped establish the UDF.

Sawu totally rejects the concept of the homeland system as well as the community councils.

Two months ago the Ciskei Transport Corporation raised bus fares by 11 percent in Mthatha. But many of the residents of Ciskei are without jobs, and could not pay for the increased fares. They began boycotting the buses.

This strong political stance—probably the most hardline in the entire SA trade union movement—has cost it a heavy price.

Eight times detained president Gweta is now in hiding because of the Ciskei situation.

And vice-president Guila Mabuza is currently enduring his sixth spell in detention with 15 other Saawu officials in the Ciskei. But Sawu is not ready to die yet.

As Kikune says: "Their plans to bleed Sawu to death have failed in the past and will fail in future..."
UDF call for boycott of buses, money to Ciskei

Staff Reporter

THE Western Cape branch of the United Democratic Front (UDF) has called for a boycott of Ciskeian Government bus companies operating from Cape Town to Ciskei and a ban on money sent to the Ciskeian Government from the Western Cape.

About 1200 people attended a meeting at Hanover Park Civic Centre yesterday to discuss alleged atrocities being committed by Ciskeian police and army and government vigilantes against residents of Mdantsane.

A large banner in the hall proclaimed "No to Ciskei terror!"

STRUGGLE

The UDF committed itself to supporting the struggle of the people of Ciskei against a "puppet government" and to expose the "brutal methods of the Sebe regime and its masters in Pretoria."

Speakers at the meeting included one from the Border region of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), recently banned in Ciskei, other trade unionists, members of community organisations and representatives from Crossroads.

Speaker after speaker condemned the involvement of the South African Government in the repression of people in Ciskei and called on the Government to remove "its puppet Sebe."

The meeting was told that virtually all trade union leaders in the Border region were in detention and there were allegations of torture and murder being committed by the Sebe Government.

The UDF resolved to extend its solidarity to all people of Mdantsane to encourage those people in Cape Town who give money to the Ciskei Government to stop doing so immediately.

It was also decided to discourage people from using Ciskei Government buses which travel weekly from Cape Town to Ciskei in support of the people of Mdantsane who are boycotting the buses.

Mr Joe Adams, a guest speaker, said "Sebe and his heartless gang have declared war on residents of Mdantsane."

Hundreds of people had been detained, he said.

"Workers, residents, students and trade unionists are in the hands of Sebe. Who knows how safe they are," he said.

SEARCH

Mr Adams said President Sebe had been using his power for a door-to-door search of nearly every house in Mdantsane.

He said that the only people who had benefited from Ciskeian independence were President Sebe and his supporters.

"For the people of Ciskei, independence has meant poverty and hunger so serious that there is starvation all over," he said.

The resettlement plans of the South African Government had meant that people were dumped all over Ciskei in places where there was no work or food, he added.

(News by B Gordon, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town)
2 000 attend anti-Ciskei weekend rally

Labour Reporter

GUNS and brutality would not kill the spirit of the people who had been boycotting buses in Mdantsane for almost three months, Mr Robert Gqweta of the SA Allied Workers' Union (Sawu), told an anti-Ciskei rally in Hanover Park yesterday.

'About 2 000 people packed the hall to hear speakers condemn the ongoing atrocities in the Ciskei, where a number of people have been detained and allegedly tortured and killed by the Ciskei Government in the wake of the bus boycott.

Cheering.

The rally was organized jointly by the United Democratic Front, the General Workers' Union (GWU) and the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association.

A plea by Mr Moses Mobotwa, an executive member of the GWU, for the "brutality to stop immediately" was greeted by loud clapping and cheering.

Mr Gqweta — the brother of Mr Thozamile Gqweta, Sawu's president, who has been in hiding for several months — outlined the course of events since the boycott began.

He said there would be negotiation with the bus company only when the Ciskei Government released the elected leaders of the people being held in detention.

Mr Gqweta said:

- Mdantsane residents had decided to boycott the buses as they could not afford the fare increase of 25 percent. However, trouble began only when a number of people involved in the boycott were detained.
- People had been chased off trains, beaten, shot and arrested by Ciskei police, army and vigilantes brought in from the rural areas.
- Many people had been held for days at the Sisa Dukushe sports stadium, where they had been tortured and women had been raped. Some men had been tied up with ropes and hung by their hands for days.
- Schoolchildren had been taken away in army trucks and forced to sing "We like Sebe. We no longer want to burn our schools.

Dog food.

- Apart from the banning of Sawu in the Ciskei, six trade unions had been arrested by the South African security police and handed over to the Ciskei police.
- There were door-to-door raids in Mdantsane every day and Sawu members were being beaten.
- It was impossible to estimate how many people had been killed or were still in detention. People who had been released said they had been forced to eat dog-food pellets while in detention.
- 400 people had been detained at unit eight in Mdantsane in one swoop last week after petrol bombs had been thrown at the homes of Ciskei officials.

Police denial.

- On Friday the Ciskei Government denied reports of police brutality at Sisa Dukushe Stadium and said "criminal elements have been acting under the camouflage of vigilantes who had been assisting the police".
- Major G.A. Ngaki, police liaison officer for the Ciskei police, said, "I know these allegations have been flying around, and I deny them."
Torture continues, says union leader

Staff Reporter

The violence in the Ciskei, where in recent weeks many people are alleged to have been killed, tortured, beaten and raped, is still continuing, the chairman of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) in the Border region, Mr Robert Gqwela, has said.

Speaking to about 1,200 people at a meeting in Hanover Park yesterday, organised by the United Democratic Front, Mr Gqwela said that although people were no longer being taken to the Dukashe Stadium where atrocities were allegedly committed, they were now being taken to an old training school called Hlanya, where beatings and torture were continuing.

DETAINES EAT DOGFOOD

He said about 400 people were in detention in Ciskei last week and people were being fed dogfood in jails.

Mr Gqwela said men and women had been tied to a wall with ropes and beaten at the stadium and pupils had been arrested on the way to school and made to sing praises to President Lennox Sebe.

The atrocities were being committed by the Ciskei police, army and vigilantes.

(News by B Gordon, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town)
SAAWU wins battle

Labour Correspondent

The unregistered SA-allied Workers Union yesterday won its first recognition agreement in Newcastle when it signed an agreement with Defy Corporation's foundry and pressings division in the town.

The agreement is significant because the Black Al- lied Workers Union has been seen for some years as the dominant union recruiting black workers in Newcastle.

It is known that BAWU attempted to organise at the Defy plant, and the agreement is believed to indicate that SAAWU is establishing itself in the Newcastle area.

SAAWU, most of whose leadership have been detained by the government of Ciskei President Chief, Lennox Sebe, was formed as a result of a split in BAWU some years ago.

It says it is committed to nonracial unionism, whereas BAWU is open to black workers only. Because SAAWU was formed by ex-BAWU officials, there is considerable tension between the two unions.

The signing was announced yesterday in a joint statement by Defy's divisional personnel director, Mr Atie Kolver, and SAAWU's general secretary, Mr Sam Khane.
Ciskei, atrocities, highlighted.
Crackdown on unions forecast

Staff Reporter

THE banning of the Movement of South African Workers (MWSA) in Ciskei and the recommendation by the government to have it deregistered are actions that are becoming more frequent and are likely to continue. The president of the Media Workers Association of South Africa (MWSA), Mr. Zwelakhe Sisulu, said at the weekend addressing the MWSA congress in Cape Town that the government has been targeting trade unions as a way to suppress dissent.

Mr. Sisulu said that the government's actions are uncoordinated and that they are aimed at neutralizing the political influence of the trade unions. He said that these actions are part of a broader strategy to silence opposition voices.

UK Gov

From Ian Hobbs

LONDON — Mrs. Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government was shaken yesterday by a report that the party had been infiltrated by extreme right-wing, racist anti-Semitic groups.

The Young Conservative Party, established by the party's youth wing, has spent more than a year investigating the infiltration of the party.

Their report expresses concern that a number of Conservative MPs are closely linked to racist groups, particularly the pro-apartheid and neo-Nazi National Front.

The investigation continues, and there is no suggestion of a link to South African organizations.

Children hurt by falling post

Staff Reporter

THREE Manenberg children were injured yesterday afternoon when a post of bricks and concrete fell on them while they were playing at the construction site of a new supermarket.

The children, Denzil Jacobs, 10, Jenya Anderson, 13, and Charles Morris, 10, were all taken to Groote Schuur Hospital with slight injuries.

Denzil's mother, Mrs. Sandra Jacobs, said there had been similar cases in the past at construction sites around Manenberg.

She said the children had nowhere else to play and were forced to play in the buildings.

Mugabe threat to seize farms

Our Correspondent

HARARE — Zimbabwe's Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Mugabe, has threatened to seize white-owned farms if Britain cuts aid to Zimbabwe.

In his first public outburst against Britain in a fortnight, he told rural peasants at a political rally north-east of here that "we will just take the farms of those who do not pay for it," if Britain stopped giving money to buy land for resettlement.

Koevoet: C of fighters'

RUNDU — Field operatives of the special police counter-insurgency unit were extremely loyal to one another and to the regime.

We fit the Best Silencer systems money can buy.
THREE hundred striking workers at a Pretoria factory have been fired after a wage dispute with management.

Donsi Khumalo, National General Workers Union secretary, said management at Poole Industries Ltd told workers they had lost their jobs.

The workers would be allowed to re-apply for their jobs.

The workers, dissatisfied with pay increases and pension deductions, went on strike on Tuesday.

Mr Khumalo said the workers were not prepared to go back to work until their grievances had been resolved.

Their dismissal comes soon after another Pretoria firm, York Timbers, fired 200 workers also striking since Friday.

The workers continued to strike despite a management warning that they would be fired.

Deacon Mathe, organiser for the South African Allied Workers' Union, said the company's employees would not return until they received a wage increase.
EMERGING trade unions have lodged an official complaint with Pretoria about the recent Ciskei ban on the South African Allied Workers Union.

The unions sent the protest memorandum to Manpower Minister Fanie Botha after unity talks at Khotso House, Johannesburg at the weekend.

The move is the progressive labour movement's first official attempt to take up the issue with Pretoria.

Last month ten unions formed an AD HOC committee with the United Democratic Front (UDF) and Detainees Support Committee (Desscom). The committee condemned the Ciskei ban and the "regime of terror" in Ciskei, and pledged solidarity with the people of Ciskei.

The unions involved are: Cusa, Fosatu, Cawwa, Saawu, Gwau, GWU, MGWU and AFCWU.

Saawu has already declared that it intends fighting the Ciskei ban in court.

Another round of talks will be held in Johannesburg on November 13, where two delegates from each union will form a co-ordinating committee to speed up the establishment of a federation for all trade unions.

Meanwhile Saawu secretary-general Sam Kikine told City Press that the union's affiliate, the Metal Iron and Steel Workers Union, concluded historic recognition agreements with Gant Defy Corporation in Newcastle for more than 1,500 workers. The agreement is the first to be signed by a progressive union in Newcastle.

Mr Kikine said another Saawu affiliate, the Baking and Allied Workers Union, would conclude another agreement involving more than 1,500 workers with Union Flower Mills in Durban. His organisation has also made deep inroads into the giant Iscor Corporation.

IN ONE of the zarre cases before the Soweto facing charges of murdering her husband for medical plurality.

Mrs Shirley Ndlovu of Mofolo made a brief appearance in the Magistrate's Court this week with the murder of band 3.

Mr Ncube is in Baragwanath hospital in connection with the murder. He is charged with being in prison.

Mngoma: Mr Mathupi, Meadowdale, 30. The accused asked to the charge of murder.

The magistrate, Muller, the case is to be heard at R300 each.

Mr Mataboge able to appear at the court. His face was led down while his hands were made a from
GWU unlikely to join UDF

Labour Reporter

THE General Workers' Union (GWU) is prepared to campaign alongside but unlikely to ever join up with the United Democratic Front (UDF), according to a policy statement by the GWU's general secretary, Mr David Lewis.

The statement, contained in an interview in the latest issue of the publication Work In Progress, is the first detailed public explanation of why many emerging unions have opted not to affiliate with the new anti-apartheid and anti-the new constitution organizations such as the UDF.

Apart from the GWU, union groupings such as the Federation of South African Trade Unions (Posatu) and the Food and Canning Workers Union have not affiliated, while others such as the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) and the Council of Unions of SA (Cusa) have done so.

The relationship of unions to the UDF and the National Forum has become a key political issue.

Mr Lewis said that while the GWU supported any opposition to the constitution and the Koornhof Bills, it was difficult for unions to slot into a national front with organizations which had a completely different structure.

He said the second difficulty was that unions represented only workers, whereas the other organizations represented a broad range of classes.

He queried whether the style, tone, language spoken and sophisticated structures of the UDF made it easy for workers to play a role.

"In 10 years of existence as a union we've never found the need to set up a single sub-committee, let alone a highly sophisticated and complex structure."

Working class organization in South Africa had developed to the stage where workers insisted on the right to participate fully in the structures of any organization of which they were part.

Mr Lewis foresaw the possibility of a future relationship between a national trade union movement, which was still in the making, and a national political movement.

(Report by Frans van Niekerk, 71 Burg St, Cape Town)
ANOTHER group of dismissed workers who went on strike after one of their colleagues was allegedly assaulted by their white boss, has threatened to take court action if they are not reinstated.

A total of 51 workers at the Fenaar and Grabe Wood Factory in Roslyn, who went on strike over pay demands last week, also claimed yesterday that they were subjected to daily assaults by the authorities including their manager.

A spokesman for the workers said the strike was sparked off when their colleague, Mr Antipas Leso, one of the three members of a committee which negotiated for a 30 cents an hour increase, was allegedly punched and kicked by two managers and a certain foreman.

A total of 50 workers went on strike in solidarity with Mr Leso after he was told by management that he had been fired. The workers, who have since joined the union, also lashed out at the company's bad treatment and condemned management for the daily assaults they are subjected to.

An official of SAAWU Mr Deacon Malhe, yesterday, said his union was going to negotiate with management for the reinstatement of the workers failing which court action would be considered.

About 300 workers fired at Pool Industries in Roslyn last week have also threatened to take court action against the company for their “unfair dismissal” over pay demands.
MORE than any other trade union in the country, the South African Alled Workers' Union (SAWU) has probably suffered more than from both the South African Government and Cosset.

Despite the police harassment, detention of its leaders and the recent ban on the union by the Cosset Government, the union's strength has grown unabated.

A break-away from the Black Alled Workers' Union, SAWU was formed in 1970 on non-racial lines, although its entire membership is black.

It has grown rapidly in the Eastern Cape, Natal and Transvaal and can boast of a membership of over 20,000 this year, as compared to 10,000 membership last year.
Thozamile Gqweta comes out of hiding

By SAM MABE

MR. THOZAMILE Gqweta, president of the South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU) made a surprise appearance in Johannesburg yesterday after being in hiding for close to two months.

He was at a Press conference held jointly by SAAWU and the United Democratic Front (UDF) at Khotso House, where he told journalists that there was no hope of an immediate return to normality in Ciskei, where hundreds of people have been detained since the beginning of a bus boycott last month.

He said atrocities were going on and that people suspected to have been killed by Chief Lennox Sebe's forces were between 60 and 90, as opposed to the seven reported by the Ciskeian Government.

Responding to a warning by the US Government to its citizens not to travel in Ciskei because of the dangerous situation there, Mr. Gqweta said the US Government should put pressure on the South African Government to intervene in the chaos in Ciskei.

The UDF's publicity secretary, Mr. Mosuon "Terror" Lekota, said that during the coming weekend, starting from today, it would have to be demonstrated fully to the world that the new constitution did not enjoy popular support.

There would be the tolling of bells every hour in Durban on Saturday night and tonight vigils will be held in Alexandra and Boe- mond. 

*Story by Sam Mabe, 36, Commando Road, Industria West*
The Pimprennel of the labour struggle

FIVE years ago Thozamile Gqwetha was an East London furniture salesman. Today he is a fugitive on the run from the Ciskei military and police who have orders to shoot him on sight.

Gqwetha is now living “underground” in South Africa.

He briefly came out of hiding last week to appeal at a Press conference in Johannesburg for the world to pressure the South African Government — whom he holds responsible for the violence and anarchy in Ciskei — to force an end to the tragic events in the state.

The Pimprennel of the trade union movement believes that if the Ciskeians want him detained the South African authorities will assist them.

In the five year span since he worked as a furniture salesman Thozamile Gqwetha has been detained nine times (but never charged).

He says he has been interrogated at his home and office on more than 15 occasions. His uncle Mr Thozamile Gqwetha, and aunt died in a fire at their home in 1981.

His fiancée, Dihswa Ruzza, was shot dead at the subsequent funeral.

What has prompted such a drastic change in the lifestyle of an otherwise apparently ordinary man?

Bills

In late 1979, Thozamile Gqwetha, concerned first about the inability of many of his store’s customers to pay their bills, formed the South African Allied Workers Union.

Within two years, General Xhanti Charles Sebe, the former head of Ciskei State Security and Justice who is now languishing in jail after allegedly plotting a coup against his brother, President for life of the Ciskei Lennox Sebe, complained that SAAWU was “spreading like a bush fire through the Eastern Cape.”

“Thozii, as he is known to his friends and fellow unionists, said membership of SAAWU was nationwide and topped almost 85 000 black workers);

SAAWU quickly became not only the most rapidly growing trade union in the country but the most controversial, mainly because it firmly maintained that a black worker’s life — poor housing, pass laws and inferior education — was indivisible from his working conditions and his status and productivity as a worker.

Gqwetha’s right-hand man, Sisa Nyekelane, is now in detention in Ciskei.

It is Nyekelane’s seventh period in detention. He has also never been charged. He was detained the day after the continuing and bloody Ciskeian bus boycott began in July this year.

Both Gqwetha and Nyekelane became special targets of Major-General Sebe.

Tapped

They claim their phones were tapped, their mail intercepted, landlords intimidated for housing the union offices, and their union members intimidated by the CCIS. And they were all frequently arrested.

All of this Gen Sebe freely admitted.

In 1981, the CCIS detained 205 SAAWU unionists — allegedly because they were making black power signs in their buses. It was the biggest single swoop on trade unionists.

The Ciskei achieved “independence” less than two years ago, and since then the situation has deteriorated.

In August, SAAWU was banned by the Ciskei. The majority of its leadership live in Mdantsane a township within Ciskei.

Gqwetha fled to Duncan Village, a township near East London, on September 12.

It was just before then, he was informed, the word had been given in the Ciskei to shoot him on sight.

This is the background to his press conference this week.

He believes 60 to 90 people have died at the hands of the Ciskean security forces since the bus boycott began in July, and he fears the death toll may not be complete.

What has alarmed him, he says, has been “the silence from democratic people of this country who have not raised their voices in protest at the tragic events in Ciskei.”

Own Correspondence
Union hits at action taken by Ciskei

Post Reporter

MR HERMAN REBAN, general-secretary of the 14 million-strong International Metalworkers' Federation (IMF) has condemned the anti-union action taken by authorities in Ciskei.

Mr Rebhan said he fully endorsed the statement issued by the IMF's South Africa Co-ordinating Council, condemning the banning of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Sawu), as being "directed against all democratic unions inside and outside South Africa." 

Mr Rebhan renewed the commitment of his federation to do "everything in its power to bring about equal rights for all in South Africa" and attacked the "vicious collusion" between the South African and Ciskeian Governments in oppressing Saawu.

The IMF, which has affiliates in several Caribbean countries, has also condemned the United States' invasion of Grenada.

In a statement from Geneva headquarters, Mr Rebhan said "The US invasion is a flagrant violation of the Charter of the Organisation of American States and an affront to international law and order.

"The territorial integrity of independent sovereign states must be respected and military invasions must be condemned."

"We cannot condemn the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and accept the American invasion of Grenada. A very dangerous precedent has been set.

"The invasion shows that the Reagan Administration has lost all sense of proportion and judgment."

"The sooner it is replaced by an Administration that can restore America's name as a champion of peace, national sovereignty and freedom from military adventurism the better."
Police disperse 200 strikers

MORE than 200 workers who downed tools on Tuesday at the St John's Knitwear Company in Hammanskraal, near Pretoria, were dispersed by Bophuthatswana police yesterday.

According to a spokesman for the South African Allied Workers' Union, most of the workers earned R22 a week. The workers went on strike after wage demands were rejected by the company.

A spokesman for the workers said negotiations for wage hikes, increased night shift allowances and sick leave pay, began two weeks ago.

He said Mr Frans Lehabe, one of the firm's personnel managers, speaking on behalf of Mr G Lucker, general manager, told the workers that all their demands had been rejected.

When the workers demanded to see Mr Lucker, they were told either to return to work, or go home. They decided not to go back to work until their demands had been met.

Yesterday, Mr Lucker is reported to have repeated the ultimatum to the workers in the presence of a large contingent of Bophuthatswana Police. However, the workers stood firm on their demands.

After about 20 minutes, the workers ran off, pursued by the police.

The spokesman for the workers said nobody was injured in the incident.

Sapa
The Kisiel Govt Says FREE TO DO WHAT
ANC trial postponed

The case of two members of the South African Allied Workers' Union, who are charged with furthering the aims of the banned African National Congress and possessing banned literature, was postponed by Mr E Wilkins in the Pretoria Regional Court yesterday.

They were not asked to plead.

Mr Gerald Ram Dau, 23, of Motau St, Atteridgeville, and Mr Gabriel Cowboy Mokoka, 37, of Nqola St, Atteridgeville, were detained in August and appeared before Mr E Wilkins in the Pretoria Regional Court. They were released on R500 bail each.

Their bail was extended.

They will appear again on January 30 – Sapa
Unions join boycott call

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

MAJOR trade union movements have joined the anti-community council campaign by asking workers to boycott the forthcoming elections which they maintain support apartheid.

The movements are the Council of Unions of South Africa (CUSA), the South African Allied Workers’ Union (SAAWU) and the Independent Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers’ Union of SA (CCAWUSA).

In pamphlets distributed in the city, CUSA says it wishes to call on its members to boycott the forthcoming community council elections because they are “not in the interests of workers”.

The union says it endorses the call of the Soweto Anti-Community Council Committee to boycott the elections.

SAAWU’s national organiser, Mr Herbert Barnabas, said they supported the anti-community council campaign by various committees in the country.

The union will in future mobilise this idea through shop stewards in various industries and distribute pamphlets, Mr Barnabas said.

CCAWUSA’s general secretary, Mrs Emma Mushumi, said that they supported those who were against the council elections.
SAAWU FILES PAPERS CHALLENGING CISKEI BAN

THE SA Allied Worker’s Union (Saawu) has filed papers with the Ciskei Supreme Court demanding an end to its three-month-old ban in the homelands.

Johannesburg lawyer Ms Priscilla Jana, acting on behalf of the union, said the co-respondents in the litigation were Ciskei Justice Minister David Takane, homeland Security Chief Brigadier Lulama Madolo, and Mr Ian McVille, a liquidator. Saawu and its president, Thozamile Gqweta, were cited as applicants.

In the applications Saawu calls on the Ciskei Supreme Court to set aside the order outlawing the union in the Ciskei from September 1.

The ban was published in the Ciskei Government Gazette in terms of Ciskei’s National Security Act, and the homeland’s acting head of state security, Brigadier Lulama Madolo, said at the time the ban was imposed because Saawu “endangered national security and public peace.”

The ban prohibits membership of Saawu, possession of union documents — including membership cards — or wearing Saawu t-shirts or uniforms.

Saawu has more than 100 000 members, a large number of whom live in Mdantsane and work in the East London area.

The ban came soon after the start of the boycott of buses owned by the Ciskei Transport Corporation and the subsequent arrest of many union officials.

Many of the officials — including vice-president Sisa Njikelana — spent as long as three months in detention.

Banning: Saawu in court

BY MONO BADELA

• The decision to challenge the ban in court was taken at Saawu’s annual congress in Durban on September 18.

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COUNCILLORS QUIT

THE DRAKENSBERG Administration Board (DAB) has had to take over Subantu near Pietersonburg, because of the resignation of the last remaining members of the one month old local Community Council.

Last week Israel Mongezi resigned — leaving the Council with the problem of no quorum.

‘Kei snubs ‘Kei

THE Ciskei Government has invited all the homelands to its third independence anniversary celebrations except the Transkei.

This follows a recent clash between the two governments during the referendum for whites in South Africa.

Transkei President K D Malema cast the referendum while Ciskei Foreign Affairs Minister B N Pnyu responded by accusing him of having “old” ideas.
BISHO — Mr Thozamile Gqwele and the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) are challenging the union’s ban in Ciskei.

Papers were filed with the Ciskei Supreme Court yesterday calling for the setting aside of the government notice that banned the union and also the setting aside of the appointment of Mr Ian Melville as liquidator of Saawu’s assets.

The registrar of the Supreme Court, Mr G. M. Mnundisi, confirmed that the papers had been filed.

A Zwelitsha attorney, Mr Vusumzi Mankahla, who is the instructing attorney for the applicants, said yesterday the papers had also been served on the respondents. The respondents are the Minister of Justice, Brigadier Lulama Madolo and Mr Melville.

Saawu was declared unlawful in a Government Gazette issued on September 2 in terms of the National Security Act by the Commissioner of Police, Bng Madolo, in his capacity then as acting Commander-General of the Department of State Security.

—— DDR
Saawu 1983 case set for March

BISHO - The application by the South African Allied Workers' Union and Mr Thozamaile Gweta, for the setting aside of the union's ban in Ciskei has been set for a hearing on March 9 in the Supreme Court.

The union is challenging its ban by the Ciskei Government.

The respondents are the Minister of Justice, Brigadier Lulama Madlo- lo and Mr Jan Melville.

Mr Melville was appointed as the liquidator of the union's assets.

The union was banned in Ciskei on September 2. - DDR
THE KwaZulu Government has opened an office for industrial relations in its Department of Interior and has openly declared its '100 percent' support for the formation of trade unions within its region.

It will also itself administer the KwaZulu Industrial Conciliation Amendment Act of 1951, introduced to replace the South African Labour Relations Act of 1956.

A spokesman for the industrial relations division said its aim was to administer the Act, a task previously entrusted to the Department of Manpower in Pretoria but which KwaZulu now found necessary to take over.

"Employers, employees and trade union officials should not find industrial relations a problem any more," he said.

The main aim of the office is to encourage and promote sound relationship between employers and employees and thus maintain industrial peace, he said.

The KwaZulu Government looked upon trade unions as the only correct channel through which workers should express their feelings to their employers to maintain industrial peace.

Commenting on the establishment of the new division yesterday, Mr. Sam Kirk, general secretary of the South African Allied Workers' Union, said he wondered whether the 'progressive and independent' trade unions would be accepted by KwaZulu.
EAST LONDON—About 220 workers had been fired at the Buffalo Timber and Hardware factory at Wilsonia after following a work stoppage, the South African Allied Workers' Union said yesterday.

The trouble was claimed by the union to have started on December 6 after a fight between a worker and a supervisor. A Saawu spokesman, whose name was not revealed, said that during the fight the supervisor's brother, also employed at the factory, had tried to join in and other workers had stopped the fight.

The workers downed tools on December 8. When they returned on December 9, they said, they were told they had dismissed themselves and that they should return on January 10 when they would be re-employed.

The managing director of the company, Mr. John Keil, said yesterday he had been on leave and would reserve comment.

— DDR
TWENTY-SIX workers were fired by an Estcourt businessman after they had struck for three days when their demands for more pay were not met.

Later, he reinstated 21 of them.

The chairman of the South African Allied Workers Union chairman, Mr Mandlenkosini Gumbi, said the confrontation began last Friday when workers demanded Christmas bonuses and a R2 an hour pay increase from Mr Reg Teale, who runs a farm produce depot in the town.

On Monday, Mr Teale told the workers their demands were unacceptable. They stopped working and police were called in to clear them from the depot. On Wednesday they were told they had been fired.

Mr Gumbi said Mr Teale had refused to discuss the matter with him or Mr A Barnabus, Sasa-wu's national manager, saying they did not work for him.

The workers had been told to fetch their money from the local commissioners' office.

Mr Teale said he did not recognise the union but had been prepared to negotiate with his workers since the beginning of their discontent about three months ago.

Only four or five of the ring leaders, who were 'union agitators,' had not been reinstated, he said.

The others had been prepared to continue working for the same wage and without a bonus.
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS—WORKERS' ORGANISATION
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JANUARY — DEC.
The 200 workers who went on strike last week over a wage breach have returned to work in Durban yesterday. The workers had voted to go on strike after they were informed that they had lost the new income tax, which was due to be implemented. However, the new tax was rolled back to the original. The strike was called by the South African Workers' Union. About 400 of the workers staged a walkout at the factory.
300 return to work at Isipingo

DURBAN — The workforce of about 300 who downed tools on Monday at Wayne Rubber Company at Isipingo were back at work today.

The personnel manager, Mr Roger Cary-Smith, said the workers had had a rethink on the position after a three-hour meeting he held with them yesterday.

Workers downed tools on Monday because management did not meet their 12 percent wage increase demand; management had offered them six percent.

Workers' representatives were not available for comment.
Homeland slams the door on SA unions

By Carolyn Dempster, Labour Reporter

In terms of labour legislation to be promulgated later this month the Bophutatswana Government has warned South African trade unions to keep out of the homeland.

The warning, which was contained in letters addressed to the unions now organising in the homeland, amounts to an effective ban.

The new Industrial Conciliation Act, due to go before the Bophutatswana Parliament at the end of this month, provides that South African trade unions

- May not hold meetings of workers who live in Bophutatswana but work in South Africa.
- May not operate in Bophutatswana.

The letter from the Bophutatswana secretary of labour, Mr P G M Maleke, to the South African Allied Workers Union reads: "This is to inform you that neither SAAWU nor any other trade union or employers organisation of another country is permitted to operate in Bophutatswana.

"The Government of Bophutatswana appreciates the need for workers to enjoy the benefits of collective bargaining with employers to negotiate wages and conditions of service and the new Industrial Conciliation Act will legalise, for the first time, trade unions and employers associations in Bophutatswana.

"Closed shop agreements will not be permitted and workers will have freedom to join a trade union of their choice — or not to join a trade union at all."

Other requirements of the legislation are that trade unions must have their governing bodies in Bophutatswana and that no person may be appointed a union official unless he is normally employed in Bophutatswana.
WHOSE NEXT?

Councillors ask

PETROLEUM BOMBS: SHELL - SHOCKED

ACCORDING TO A FRIENDLY BOMBER DRIVER, THE UNIONS, INCLUDING THE STEELWORKERS, HAVE NOT BEEN INFORMED OF THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO REPLACE THE PETROL BOMB WITH A GASOLINE BOMB. THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN TOLD THAT THE NEW REGULATION WILL GO INTO EFFECT ON APRIL 1ST.

LABOUR DISPUTES AND THE GOVERNMENT are at loggerheads, with the latter insisting on the former's compliance with the new regulations. The situation is tense, and the workers are ready to strike if the demands of the government are not met.

THE CONFLICT IS NOT LIMITED TO THE PETROL BOMB. OTHER ISSUES, INCLUDING WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS, ARE ALSO BEING DISCUSSED. THE GOVERNMENT HASomboiled the situation to an extent where a general strike seems inevitable.

CP REPORTERS

AND ALL TRADE UNIONS FACE THE SAME FATE

Sawm Banned in Bop

January 22, 1984
Urgent union call

In a significant move, trade unions representing 300,000 workers have banded together to call on government to delay the implementation of the new equal taxation system for blacks and whites. The "harmonisation" of tax is due to come into effect on March 1.

The unions and union federations behind the call are the Federation of SA Trade Unions, the Council of Unions of SA, the Orange-Vaal General Workers' Union, the General Workers' Union of SA, the SA Allied Workers' Union, the Motor Assembly Component Workers' Union of SA and the General and Allied Workers Union.

"We have seriously considered the implications of the new tax system," their joint statement says. "We urgently call on the State, in the short term, to delay the implementation of the system and in the medium term to seriously withdraw the implementation until a just and equitable method is found which will not have the devastating effect as the present system on working incomes."

The unions say they reject the new system for the following reasons:

- It perpetuates the inequities of the apartheid system of taxation without representation,
- It discriminates against married women,
- It places further burdens on migrant workers who may have to pay taxes in SA and also in their own countries, and
- It places intolerable burdens on workers originating from the homelands who have to pay additional levies in such areas.

Addressing themselves to employers, the unions say: "We call on employers to lend their protest and delay implementation of this system. We know that the State is not geared to respond to the tremendous administration which will be required to handle implementation."

The unions say they agree that an integrated tax system which benefits all workers should be looked into on condition that it is a just and equitable system.
Four convicted for ANC links

BISHO — Four Mdantsane men were yesterday found guilty in the Ciskei Supreme Court of being members of and of furthering the aims of the banned African National Congress (ANC).

Appearing before Mr Justice D S De Wet and two assessors on terrorist charges were William Duna, 31, Dumisa Duma, 31, Dayo Kaye, 52, and Loyanda Mayekufo, 33.

Mr Justice de Wet found Duna guilty on the charge of participating in terrorist activities, being a member of the ANC, taking part in meetings and distributing propaganda material of the organisation and going to Lesotho.

Manenywa was found guilty of participating in terrorist activities, gathering information about the South African Allied Workhouse Union for the ANC, being a member of the organisation, possessing prohibited material and going to Lesotho.

Kaye was found guilty of being a member of and taking part in the activities of the ANC.

Mayekufo was found guilty of being a member of and distributing propaganda material for the ANC.

Sentence has still to be passed — Sapa
EL company recognises Saawu

By ANDRE JORDAAN
News Editor

EAST LONDON — The South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) announced yesterday that it had signed a recognition agreement with E C Smith and Company, a local firm of manufacturers' agents and food distributors.

The company confirmed yesterday that a recognition and procedural agreement had been signed. Saawu's branch secretary, Mr Yure Mdyongolo, said the signing of the agreement on February 3 followed negotiations which started in 1981. In the interim, he said, Saawu had had "de facto" recognition in that the company had recognised a workers' committee functioning under the auspices of Saawu.

Mr Mdyongolo said the agreement followed ones signed with Chieftain, KSM, Johnson and Johnson and Wecco Distributors in East London and with Stop and Stop in Queensdown.

He said a number of companies had given de facto recognition to Saawu and it was hoped recognition agreements would be signed before the end of this year.

"This clearly indicates that local managements have realised the importance of dealing with trade unions of the workers' choice and have yielded to the principle of freedom of association instead of adopting an intransigent stance towards independent trade unions," Mr Mdyongolo said.
92 workers down tools at EL plant

EAST LONDON — A strike by workers at the Trace Industries plant here has brought operations to a complete standstill, the manager of the company, Mr N Martin, said yesterday.

Mr Martin said that the strike started on Monday morning and that his whole black workforce, some 92 employees, had downed tools.

"I have no idea what the nature of the strike is although I believe it is an attempt to get recognition for the South African Allied Workers Union (Sawwu)," Mr Martin said.

He said he had not been approached by any member of the workers committee, with whom he had previously had good relations, but that he was willing to talk to them.

"By striking, the workers have automatically dismissed themselves and I shall be recruiting a whole new workforce as from today," Mr Martin said.

He said that employees now on strike could reapply for their jobs if they so wished and added that some of his employees had telephoned him to say they wanted no part of the industrial action and asked that their jobs be kept open for them.

"I am sure that the majority of my workers have been intimidated in this matter."

"As regards the recognition of Sawwu, we are already members of the Iron and Steel Industrial Council and it would be impractical to have two unions operating on the premises," Mr Martin said.

Comment from the East London office of Sawwu could not be obtained yesterday — DDR.
EAST LONDON — Two men were reported to have been taken to Frere Hospital with head injuries yesterday after being attacked outside Trace Industries where there has been an industrial dispute this week.

According to Mr N Martin, the manager of the plant, the two men were outside the company premises early yesterday morning waiting to apply for jobs when they were attacked by a man carrying a stick.

Mr Martin said that some members of the factory staff too the injured men to hospital.

Senior police officials said that they had not received any reports of the incident.

The work stoppage at Trace Industries, which manufactures domestic light fittings, began on Monday morning when the whole labour force walked out.

Manager: job seekers beaten

Mr Martin said he believed the dispute was over the fact that he had declined to allow the SA Allied Workers' Union to be the major union operating at the factory.

Mr Martin said that by striking, the workforce had automatically dismissed themselves and he had stated his intention to hire new workers to replace them. He said that he had hired about 50 workers yesterday and the plant was back in operation.

Mr Martin said he had had telephone calls from several of his former employees asking for private meetings to enable them to be reinstated. He said it was his belief that a "tremendous amount of intimidation was involved in this stoppage."

A statement released yesterday by the Saawu office in East London said that repeated attempts by the workers at Trace Industries to have management recognise their wish to belong to Saawu had failed.

The statement alleged that management had approached individual workers in an attempt to dissuade them from Saawu membership. At the same time it said that no worker was subscribing to a union inside the plant despite Mr Martin's contention that workers were members of the Iron and Steel Industrial Council.

The statement said that the workers did not want their jobs back unless the management was prepared to talk to the union of their choice. It also denied that Saawu members had been involved in intimidation.

Mr Martin said that when Saawu had first started operating he had gone along with the idea of Saawu membership for a trial period.

"But for a multitude of reasons it didn't work. Also, by the nature of our operations here we have no choice but to belong to the Iron and Steel Industrial Council and it is impractical to have two unions operating on the premises."

"If workers want to belong to Saawu on an individual basis they may do so, but it is not the union which operates on my factory floor." Mr Martin said — DDB
NEARLY 1 000 striking workers at the Bata shoe factory in Pinetown have been given an ultimatum to return to work today or face dismissal, according to workers.

The work stoppage entered its sixth day yesterday, following a refusal by the management to meet a demand by about 90 workers in the rubber department for a pay rise of 25 percent.

Workers from other departments downed tools in support of their colleagues' demand and now the issue has spread to union recognition.

According to a spokesman for the workers, the management refuses to recognise the black-dominated South African Allied Workers' Union at the factory.

'They are only prepared to talk to the Tucsa-affiliated National Union of Leather Workers, which represents about 25 percent of the workforce,' he added.

Stoning

On Wednesday evening, a black woman was shot and wounded after security guards at the factory opened fire when a riot broke out as home-going workers were attacked by a knobkerrie-wielding mob. Two others were also injured.

In a statement to the Mercury yesterday, Mr S Finlayson, the company's managing director, said the company had been in an illegal strike situation since Thursday of last week.

'In spite of numerous attempts by many employees to return to work they have been prevented from doing so by a group of militant strikers,' he said.

He said the situation worsened on Wednesday afternoon when a group began stoning vehicles leaving the company's premises after work.

At 4.45 p.m. a group of 15 to 20 people attacked and assaulted two casual workers who were leaving the premises using sticks, stones and large rocks.

Threats

'Two of our security officers went to investigate the fracas and were themselves stoned by the unruly mob. One of these officers drew a pistol and fired five warning shots into the air,' he said.

'It is also known that an unidentified person not employed by the company fired two shots in an attempt to protect his property. Police are investigating.'
Violence at shoe factory

Labour Correspondent

VIOLANCE has erupted at the Canadian-owned Bata shoe company's Pinetown plant, which has a workforce of over 1,500 and where workers have been on strike for the past week.

According to police and the company, strikers used sticks and stones late on Tuesday afternoon to attack temporary workers at the plant. Three people were injured and passing workers were also attacked, they said.

Worker sources said a woman worker had been shot on Tuesday by a company security guard and was now in hospital. The SA Allied Workers Union also claims that police attacked workers.

A company statement confirmed that a security guard had fired shots at a "murderous mob" which, it alleged, had thrown stones at him, but said he only shot into the air.

The strike at Bata began last Thursday when workers in a department organized by the SA Allied Workers Union downed tools. According to worker sources, other depart-

ments stopped work the next day.

SAAWU's general secretary, Mr. Sam Kikune, said workers were striking to support demands for wage talks and were also demanding that they be allowed to resign from the Trade union. They were also protesting against the dismissal of two colleagues, he said.

Bata's Mr. Kikune charged, had rebuffed all attempts by SAAWU and a worker committee at the plant to negotiate with it and workers had been told they would be fired if they were not back at work by Monday.

Bata said workers had been on an "illegal strike" and alleged they wanted to work but were being prevented by a "group of militi

On Tuesday afternoon, it said, 15 to 25 people attacked two casual workers who were leaving the premises. Two security officers went to investigate but were stoned by the crowd. One fired five warning shots into the air.
Bata men to end strike

Mercury Reporter.

STRIKING Bata shoe factory workers decided at a meeting yesterday to end their week-long strike and return to work on Monday.

This decision was taken after an undertaking by the management to meet representatives of the workers soon after all the workers had returned to their jobs, Mr Welcome Nthangase, a spokesman for the workers, said after the meeting in a Clermont church hall yesterday.

He said the company had requested that all workers return yesterday, but the deadline was extended to Monday as most of the workers could not get the message in time.

Dealings

In a letter to workers, Mr D.A. Bell, the company's personnel and industrial relations manager, said: 'The management has been advised by a group of seven workers, who claim to represent the wishes of the majority, that dealings with the present representative trade union are satisfactory.'

'The company urges all employees who are on strike to return to work immediately and having done so, the company will talk to the spokesmen of workers with a view to ascertaining the wishes of the majority of employees regarding their future representation.'

Mr Nthangase, who is also organising secretary of the Leather and Allied Workers' Union - an affiliate of the South African Allied Workers' Union - said the majority of the workers no longer wanted the Tusea-affiliated National Union of Leather Workers to represent them.

In fact this was one of the grievances which led to the strike. The majority want the Saawu affiliate to represent them at the factory, but the management refused to recognise this union.'
Peace talks follow strike violence

Bata changed its tune after we phoned Canada, union claims

By Barney Mthombotha
A TRANS-ATLANTIC telephone call to Bata Shoe Company in Canada this week brought to an end a week-long strike by more than 1000 workers at the company's plant in Pinetown.

They had been on strike since last Thursday because of a dispute over a pay increase and union recognition. The strike took an ugly turn this week when three workers were injured during an eruption of violence.

One, Miss Nosina Mdandane of St. Wendolins, is in hospital with a bullet wound in the chest after she was allegedly shot by a security guard.

The workers decided on Friday they would report for work tomorrow after management assured them they were prepared to talk to the workers' spokesmen "with a view to ascertaining the wishes of the majority of employees regarding their future representation."

Workers saw this as a turn-about by management from the hard line it had taken since the strike began and decided to go back to work while talks on union recognition continued.

They are demanding a 30 percent wage increase and that management sign a recognition agreement with the Leather and Allied Workers' Union, and not the TUCSA-affiliated National Union of Leather Workers, which they say they were forced to join.

A spokesman for the workers, Mr. Welcome Ntshangase, said there had been a perceptible change of attitude by management after he had contacted Bata's headquarters in Ontario, Canada, on Wednesday. "We contacted Bata's head office because we wanted them to get the workers' side of the story as well," Mr. Ntshangase said.

He said Mr. Thomas Bata, head of the company, had not been available, but he had been able to speak to his secretary-general, Mr. Cheasarie.

"Mr. Cheasarie said they were very concerned about what was happening here but could not help because Bata here was autonomous. He however assured me they would contact Bata."

Mr. Ntshangase said a letter to workers from Bata's industrial manager, Mr. D. A. Bell, showed they had changed their initial attitude.

Mr. Sisa Nyikeleni, vice-president of the SA Allied Workers Union to which the Leather and Allied Workers Union is affiliated, said the union would have no problem proving majority membership at Bata.

But Mr. Terrance Davan of the NULW said all workers at Bata belonged to his union. He denied his union had a closed shop agreement with Bata.

Mr. Davan said workers who joined the new union had been intimidated into doing so. "The dispute at Bata is a management-worker dispute. It is not union-worker dispute."

Bata management has refused to discuss the strike with the media except to release a short statement acknowledging the existence of the strike and dissociating themselves from the shooting which took place on their premises.
Woman (19) shot as 1000 strike

THE Pinetown police are investigating charges of assault following the shooting of a 19-year-old worker during a week-long strike by over 1000 workers at Bata Shoe Company near Durban.

Miss Nomza Mdandane of St Wendelins Pinetown was allegedly shot in the arm by a company security guard. She was admitted to the King Edward Hospital XIII and later discharged.

Three other workers, Mr P Mkhize, Mr Z Ndlovu and an unidentified staffer, were injured when violence erupted near the plant last week.

The incident has been confirmed by the police, who say they are investigating.

The workers, members of the Leather and Allied Workers' Union, an affiliate of SA Allied Workers' Union, went back to work this week after management had promised to continue discussions with them. They demanded 30 percent pay increases and union recognition.
Union branch meeting

THE Johannesburg branch of the South African Allied Workers' Union (SAWU) holds its first general meeting at Khotso House in Braamfontein, Johannesburg, on Saturday.

Among the issues to be discussed are the new tax system that comes into operation today, preparation for the union's annual congress, and a review of progress in recruiting new members.

The union's national organiser, Mr Herbert Barnabas, told The SOWETAN that since the branch was formed last October, over 1,400 members have joined.
Meeting on black tax issue

The change in taxation of black workers will be discussed at a mass meeting of the Johannesburg branch of the South African Allied Workers' Union on Sunday.

The new provisions would be explained to members and it was expected that the branch would then adopt a stand on the issue, a Saawu spokesman said yesterday.

He said the meeting would be an opportunity for the branch, which is only five months old, to assess its progress in recruiting and organising workers.

The venue will be Khoisa House, 42 De Villiers Street, Johannesburg and the meeting will start at 2 pm.
Saawu delays strike action

A DECISION on a strike by 18 000 workers affiliated to four branches of the South African Workers' Union (Saawu) has been postponed until the annual conference of Saawu at the end of the month.

The Johannesburg branch of Saawu met this week and agreed with decisions that have been taken by the Escort, Heidelberg and Kempton Park regions that they want until the conference before deciding whether to strike over the new tax system.

Mr Barnabas said Saawu had held a string of meetings from February 10 to March 3 in the Heidelberg, Escort, Kempton Park and Johannesburg regions about the new taxation system, which has caused a lot of resentment amongst Saawu members.

"Our members in Escort, Heidelberg, Kempton Park and the Johannesburg regions spoke in one voice and wanted to go on strike if employers dared cut their salaries in terms of the new tax system.

"The taxation will hit the migrant workers and married females," said Mr Barnabas.
two weeks

"Mary had just come from Australia the Monday before and wanted to see her son and daughter and her grandchildren in Matikeng. I was supposed to go with but, at the last moment, someone else decided to go along and I had to stay home because the car was full."

Mr Ross said that the family had had another narrow escape soon after the accident.

"Mary’s daughter and her husband drove down to Matikeng when they heard the news and they drove into some animal. Two of the passengers ended up in hospital with serious injuries."

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Father claims five cops assaulted him

A 29-year-old Mitchells Plain father, Mr Andrew Daniels of Kerrem Street, Beacon Valley claims that he was assaulted by five policemen at the Mitchells Plain police station last Wednesday when he went there to lodge a complaint.

"Last Wednesday at 10:45 pm my wife Anny woke up when she heard a commotion in the dining room and found a window broken. By the time I got out of bed I saw one of our neighbours in the driveway begging me to get the police because she was being chased," he said.

According to Mr Daniels, he went to the Mitchells Plain police station but instead of having his problem solved he ran into trouble.

"I explained my case to a policeman but another policeman cut him off and said that I did not have a case."

Mr Daniels said he was the police station to report her husband missing when she witnessed the alleged attack on Mr Daniels.

Captain Ross of the Mitchells Plain police station said that if Mr Daniels did not lay a charge against the police, they would have no record of such an allegation.

Details of the alleged assault were given to Captain Jan Calitz, a police liaison officer, who said an affidavit would be taken from Mr Daniels as part of their investigations.

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DETAINENES’ DAY

NATIONAL Detainees’ Day will be observed throughout the country on Saturday.

Seminars, meetings and vigils are being held at 10 centres, and various religious denominations have been invited to offer prayers for the ever-increasing number of those who have died in detention, and for those who are presently detained or banned.
BISHO — A notice of opposition has been filed against the application by the South African Allied Workers Union (Sawwu) for an interdict against its banning in Ciskei, the registrar, Mr Gatselile Mfundisi, said yesterday.

He said the respondents, the Minister of Justice, the Commissioner of Police, Major General Lulama Mtholo, and the liquidator, Mr Ian Melvin, have filed the notice to oppose the application.

The union and Mr Thozamile Gweta have applied to the Supreme Court to declare the Sawwu ban null and void.

Mr Mfundisi said the respondents have applied for security costs of R10,000 because they regarded the applicants as foreigners Sawwu and Mr Gweta have filed a notice to oppose the application for the security costs.

Mr Mfundisi said the application for security costs would have to be heard first.

No dates had been fixed for the hearing of the applications.

The union was banned in Ciskei in September last year in a government gazette signed by General Mtholo, Mr Melvin, Director-General for Finance, was appointed liquidator of the union's assets — DDC.
A notice opposing application was filed in the Ciskei Supreme Court by respondents in an application by the South African Allied Workers’ Union to have its banning order declared null and void.

This was confirmed today by the Supreme Court Registrar, Mr G Mfundisi.

He said the respondents were the Ciskei Minister of Justice and the then Acting Commander-General in Ciskei, Major-General Lulama Madolo, and the liquidator, Mr Ian Melville.

The applicants are SAAWU and its president, Mr Thazamile Gqweta.

Mr Mfundisi said the respondents filed an application in terms of Rule 47 for security costs of R10 000. The security costs were incurred because SAAWU and Mr Gqweta were regarded as foreigners in Ciskei.

The applicants filed a notice to oppose an application for the security costs. Mr Mfundisi said the court would dispose of an application for security costs theft, and no date had been fixed for argument — Sapa
First black tax strike hits Durban

BY STEVEN FRIEDMAN
Labour Correspondent

WORKERS at a Durban plant, Union Flour Mills, have staged the first strike by black workers over their inclusion in the same tax system as whites.

Yesterday the strikers were told to return to work this morning or be fired.

The strike was sparked when a Government official told workers that the tax money they paid under the new system would be paid to the KwaZulu Government.

Our Durban correspondent reports that management at Union Flour Mills — where the 700 workers have been on strike since Friday over the new tax system — confirmed that workers were told to return or be fired.

And a tax official in Durban also confirmed yesterday that he had told workers their tax money would be paid to KwaZulu.

Workers, many of whom belong to the SA Allied Workers Union, say they already pay various taxes to the KwaZulu authorities and now want to meet KwaZulu's Chief Minister Chief Gatsha Buthelezi on the issue.

The National Union of Clothing Workers (NUCW), which represents black workers, has added its voice to calls by emerging unions for the new tax system to be withdrawn temporarily.
Chamber of industries says it is hoping that the UFM strike will be a "one-off" which will be contained and speedily resolved.

A company spokesman tells the F/M that the stoppage occurred after personnel officials from head office travelled to Durban to explain the new Act to employees. Workers refused to sign IRP2 tax forms, saying they had already paid enough tax. As a result, the company was forced to tax them all at the rate for single people. When the workers saw the size of the deductions in last week's pay packets, they came out on strike. A deadline was set for them to return to work, and those who failed to do so were dismissed.

The chronology of the strike certainly suggests there was a failure of communication somewhere along the line. Nonetheless, some employers claim black politicians and inter-union strife are keeping tension high in Natal labour circles. Moreover, as the substance of the disputes often does not concern employers directly (as in the case of the Tax Act), they feel powerless to offer meaningful mediation. "Why else would we have a problem here?" asks a UFM official. "We've had no problems at any of our other plants."

One explanation could be the plant's troubled labour history. Some time ago, it signed a recognition agreement with the South African Allied Workers' Union, but the relationship has not been a happy one. There have been four work stoppages at the factory in the past eight months.

The theory that black militancy and inter-union rivalries are making themselves felt on the shop floor at the expense of industry is gaining ground. The strike by Durban bus drivers is certainly rooted in union discord. The Transport and General Workers' Union is seeking to replace an anti-union works committee.

Current speculation has it that, as SA reaches accords with its neighbours, "other forces are bound to internalise the struggle" — meaning that internal political forces will come into play, including strike activity for political ends. The stand-off between unions which actively support the United Democratic Front and those linked to the Federation of SA Trade Unions (Fosatru) — which Natal employers see as avoiding political involvement — is also suspected of playing a part.

With Natal at the interface of black politics, and with issues like the Black Tax Act and the recession providing large scope for the build-up of grievances, employers are preparing for further unrest.
We want to be in union unity plan

By PHILIP VAN NIEKERK

THREE trade unions expelled from talks being held to plan a new super-federation of emerging unions still want to be included in the unity moves.

Representatives of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Sawu), the Municipal and General Workers' Union of South Africa (Mgusa) and the General and Allied Workers' Union (Gawu) told a Press conference yesterday that they questioned the motives for their expulsion.

The unions were excluded from a unity meeting in Johannesburg earlier this month which broke a deadlock which has held back unity moves for almost a year.

Mr Sisa Nkelnana, vice-president of Sawu, told yesterday's conference that they had been offered observer status at the unity meeting after "certain individuals" had maintained they were blocking progress because of the way they were structured.

"We declined to accept this offer because it was not in keeping with our mandate, which was that we should be at the meeting as full participants. They then moved our expulsion from the talks."

Representatives of the three unions said they had not been given a hearing at the talks to explain what steps they had taken in moving towards an industrially-based union structure.

Mr Nkelnana said they were reluctant to set deadlines to the process of reaching unity. "We can only suspect that those individuals who are setting deadlines are deliberately trying to leave certain unions out of the unity talks."

He said they had not gone to the extent of thinking of forming their own federation and still saw themselves as part of the unity talks, which had been going on since 1981.

He said they still had to report back to their members and receive a fresh mandate. They were waiting to see whether the other unions would insist that they have observer status rather than full participation in the talks.
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EAST LONDON — The banning of the South African Allied Workers’ Union (Sawu) by the Ciskei Government would be discussed on Sunday, the local branch secretary, Mr Y. Mdyого-
lo said yesterday.

Mr Mdyогоlo said the meeting in Baelyn was in preparation for a national congress later this month — DDR

Detainee released

EAST LONDON — A member of the South African Allied Workers’ Union, Mr Moffat Nosana Manen-
tse, 41, has been released from detention in Ciskei.

He said he had been in detention since November 28 last year.

The Ciskei police liaison officer, Colonel Avers Nyakti, could not comment. He referred inquiries to Col F. Zozi, the head of the Ciskei security police who could not be contacted — DDR
Saawu leader refused passport

SA ALLIED Workers' Union secretary-general Sam Kikane has been refused a passport to attend an International Labour Organisation seminar in Geneva.

Kikane - who applied for the passport after two other Saawu officials were refused travel documents - told City Press:

"They refused to give me a passport because I'm not a CIA spy or a surrogate of the African-American Labour Organisation which is trying to talk to tame union leaders."
SECURITY police stopped the South African Allied Worker Union from holding a meeting in the Methodist Church Hall in East London’s Braelyn Heights at the weekend.

SAWU members had called the meeting to discuss this weekend’s Soweto congress when the Security Police walked in on them.

A SAWU spokesman later claimed the Security Police declared their meeting illegal without serving any papers on them.
HUNDREDS of delegates and observers are expected at this weekend’s South African Allied Workers’ Union national congress in Soweto at which the militant trade union body will have to take several critical decisions.

Pressure on Saawu has increased markedly over the past year following its banning in the Cape and Bophuthatswana and its temporary exclusion from full participation in current trade union unity moves.

Saawu leaders will ask members for a new mandate on how to re-enter the unity talks, now centred around Fosatu, the General Workers’ Union (GWU), the Food and Canning Workers’ Unions, the Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers’ Union (Ccapewusa) and the Council of Unions of South Africa (Cusa).

A new national federation is expected to be formed later this year.

A key issue will be how Saawu can transform itself from a general workers’ union into a group of industrially based unions in order to comply with the majority demand that unity be built on the basis of industrial unions.

Saawu vice-president Sasa Nyikande said at a recent Press conference in Johannesburg they were still committed to worker unity within one national progressive federation, and were not thinking of forming a separate federation.

They also said the union accepted that unity be built on the basis of industrial unions.

The congress takes place at the Ipelegeng Community Centre in Soweto from Friday to Monday.
Council workers may join ‘any trade union’

By Joshua Raboroko

Employees of the various administration boards and the new black councils throughout the country are free to join trade unions of their choice.

This was confirmed to The Sowetan by officials of the Department of Co-operation and Development and the West Rand Administration Board who said their employees were not civil servants.

The announcement comes in the middle of protests from trade unions and council employees that they have been barred from bargaining and belonging to trade unions of their own choice in terms of the Labour Relations Act.

The trade unions— the South African Black Municipalities and Allied Workers’ Union (Sambawu), the Municipality and General Workers’ Union (Mgwusa) and the Black Allied Workers’ Union (Bawu)—have complained of harassment, intimidation and rejection by city and community councils, including the Soweto Council.

The unions welcomed the news that thousands of their members who earlier, suffered harassment and intimidation from the authorities could now belong to trade unions.

Sambawu’s national organiser, Mr Themba Nontlantane, said that the Johannesburg City Council had refused to negotiate with them.

Most of their members reported grievances which include low wages, alleged assaults, intimidation and ‘unfair dismissals’.

He also accused the Soweto Council of refusing to talk to them when they wanted to represent an employee who was apparently suspended for refusing to guard the house of a councillor after the recent spate of bombings.

“We took the matter up with an official who told us that the council does not recognise trade unions. But now that we have been given this undertaking, we are going to spread our wings everywhere,” he said.

Sambawu has had contact with Wrab officials, but have not negotiated recognition yet. Wrab has welcomed the union and promised to consult with them from time to time.

The unions contended that city councils refused to negotiate with them because they claimed that they were unregistered.

“The Johannesburg City Council apparently recognises the Johannesburg Municipal Workers’ Union which is registered. They told us they have nothing to do with us,” the union leaders said.

Soweto Council’s chief executive officer, Mr Nico Malan, accepted that during the community council days, workers were barred from belonging to trade unions.

Wrab’s chairman Mr John Knoetze said that all the board employees may belong to any union of their choice. He had had contact with trade union officials and discussed several issues.

He would not say which unions approached him.

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Labour Reporter
THREE leading officials of the South African Allied Workers' Union — including its general secretary, Mr Sam Kikane — were expelled from the organization during its annual national conference at the weekend.

The move was announced at a press conference held in Johannesburg yesterday. Other officials expelled are Mr Herbert Barnabas, former national organizer, and Mr Isaac Ngcobo, former national treasurer.

Mr Thozamile Gqweta has been re-elected as national president, and Mr Sisa Nkkelana, another prominent union figure and formerly national vice-president, has replaced Mr Kikane as general secretary.

In further signs of a general shake-up, the conference voted to move its head office to Johannesburg, that a programme should be worked out to establish industrial unions, that a special conference should be held to deal with constitutional amendments and other policy issues.

The expulsions mark a major upheaval in the ranks of the union.

SAPA yesterday quoted Mr Barnabas as saying the Soweto conference was "unconstitutional" and had been held by a "new splinter group within Saawu".

He claimed several major branches had not been invited to the meeting, and said the union's national executive and all branches would meet in Durban later this month.

Saawu was also among three unions which were effectively expelled from unity talks among emergent unions two weeks ago.
Gqwetha denies Saawu is split

THE PRESIDENT of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), Mr Thozamile Gqwetha, yesterday denied that his union had split, and said the three members reported suspended had in fact been expelled.

Responding to reports about the split, Mr Gqwetha said that it was the expelled former officials — Mr Sam Kikine, former general secretary, Mr Herbert Barnabas, former national organiser and Mr Isaac Ngcobo, former national treasurer — who were trying to create a division among workers.

Meanwhile Mr Kikine, one of the expelled executives, has denied being expelled from the union and said, "I will do everything to support the workers' struggle."

Mr Kikine accused Mr Gqwetha and his group of

- Imposing themselves on workers,
- Causing a split in worker ranks,
- Attempting to register the union,
- Creating confusion in the leadership by walking out of executive meetings, and
- Acting unconstitutionally.

Responding to the accusations, Mr Gqwetha said that the national conference at the weekend resolved to expel the members who were suspended in February. He denied that the workers were divided as could be indicated by the attendance at the weekend congress.

Appeal

The expelled members were given a chance to appeal in terms of the constitution, but they failed to do so. They could re-apply for membership in 1985.
Changes will have a dramatic effect on Saawu

Following a purge within its ranks, the South African Allied Workers’ Union is poised to embark on a phase of expansion after its 1984 annual conference in Soweto this week. CAROLYN DEMPSTER reports.

The union is accepted back into the union unity fold as a commitment to a programme geared towards the establishment of industrial unions.

"We are not doing this for the purpose of getting re-entrance to the unity talks. We have long recognised the need for industrial unions, and believe we can form these out of our membership," added Mr Gqweta.

Saawu currently consists of 18 branches with an estimated membership of 100,000 workers. The new executive comprises Mr Gqweta, Mr Welcome Ntshangase and Mr Zolile Mshelwane as first and second vice-presidents, general secretary Mr Sisa Nyikelana, assistant general secretary Mr Robertsoh Malhe and national treasurer Mr Stanley Peter.

The question of expulsion from the union unity talks also did not mean Saawu had been "expelled" from the working class struggle in South Africa.

"Saawu is not considering rejoining the unity talks at this time, but we will be embarking on an intensive development campaign to co-ordinate resources."

Among the resolutions adopted at the conference which are likely to have a direct bearing on whether

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THE situation within the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) continued to simmer yesterday as the two factions in the organisation vied for control.

The triumvirate of Mr Sam Kikine, Mr Herbert Barnabas and Mr Isaac Ngcobo yesterday announced that a national meeting involving all branches is scheduled for April 20.

But, according to Mr Sisa Njikelana, the organisation has rejected the meeting.

Although Mr Thozamile Gqweta, president, has dismissed the claims that there is a split within the organisation, two clear camps do exist within the organisation and each is making its own decisions.

Mr Barnabas yesterday said the April 20 meeting would be in Durban — the stronghold of the Barnabas-Kikine-Ngcobo triumvirate. He said Natal branches were still supportive of the three officials expelled by the weekend congress, which Mr Barnabas and fellow expelled officials describe as "unconstitutional".

The April 20 meeting has now also been described as "unconstitutional" by the Gqweta executive.

Mr Njikelana, new general secretary, said the invitation to the meeting was discussed at the weekend congress and rejected. By virtue of that resolution the new executive would not attend that meeting.

Mr Barnabas further said that they were unhappy about the confusion reigning in the union’s ranks. As a result they have resolved to meet with Mr Gqweta, Mr Njikelana and branch executives to solve their problems.

He described the situation within Saawu at the present time as "fluid" following reports that they have been suspended and subsequently expelled by the national conference in Soweto at the weekend.

"The Soweto conference was unconstitutional and those elected form a splinter group within Saawu," he said.

The trio would not vacate their offices following the reported expulsion. He warned of "a major row brewing in the union."
UNIONS

Behind Saawu’s split

SA Allied Workers’ Union (Saawu) president Thozamile Gqweta’s announcement this week that three top officials have been expelled from the union raises questions about who will in future control Saawu — one of the country’s biggest emerging unions.

Gqweta announced the expulsion of Saawu general secretary Sam Kikine, national organiser Herbert Barnabus and national treasurer Isaac Ngoobo at a press conference in Johannesburg. The expulsions were in terms of a resolution passed at the union’s annual national conference in Soweto last weekend.

Gqweta refused to give reasons for the action but said the trio had been sent letters in February informing them they had been suspended. The letters, he added, told them that if they intended appealing against the decision they should attend the Soweto conference.

Gqweta also said a new national executive had been elected. He retains his position of national president while the key post of general secretary goes to former vice-president Sisa Nyikelana. Welcome Nkishangase is first vice-president, Zolile Mtshelelane is second vice-president, Roberson Mathe is assistant general secretary, and Stanley Peter is national treasurer.

The expulsion of Kikine, Barnabus and Ngoobo and the election of the new executive amounts to a coup d’etat in the union. The parting of the ways was not unexpected.

Labour observers say personality tensions between the East London-based Gqweta and Nyikelana, on the one hand, and Kikine and Barnabus, on the other, have long been apparent. It has also been pointed out that Saawu has been growing so rapidly, that a split was inevitable.

Predictably, Gqweta’s announcement has provoked an angry response from Kikine. He denies ever receiving the letter of suspension and says he and numerous Saawu Natal and Transvaal branches were not invited to the Soweto conference.

Kikine accuses Gqweta and Nyikelana of having tried to divide the union over the last 30 months and labels them as “big chance takers” who have formed a splinter group with no right to call itself Saawu.

Meeting

He also claims that the Soweto meeting was not an annual conference but “a mass meeting which they have called an annual conference” and that it did not have the authority to expel anyone.

Whatever the merits of the dispute the factions will no doubt throw accusations and counter-accusations at each other for weeks to come. However, despite the confusion it is clear that each side commands some support.

Just who will end up in control of the union, or with the use of the union’s name, is another matter. Employers who have to deal with Saawu could end up being confronted by opposing factions — each claiming to be “sole authentic representative” of the union.

Gqweta . . . moving to oust the opposition

Financial Mail April 13 1984
But Swazi sources said about eight ANC men were believed to have got away and about seven were held by police.

Unconfirmed reports said one man was wounded in the fierce exchange of fire, but his identity was not known.

According to another unconfirmed report circulation in Mbabane, about 30 refugees were being held in Swazi police custody.

Why does Pretoria love Savimbi?

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A 24-year-old King Williams' Town man made history this week -- he is the first person ever to be charged in the country with being a member of a trade union.

Mr Albert Whittles, 24, a factory worker, made a brief appearance in the Zwelitsha Magistrate's court this week charged with being a member of the SA Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU).

Mr Whittles, who neither lives or works in Ciskei, was detained by Ciskei Security Police in Dimbaza two weeks ago.

Last year SAAWU was outlawed by the Sebe government soon after the launch of the Mdantsane bus boycott.

Ciskei claimed the union was a danger to national security and public peace.

Mr Whittles is the first court victim of the Ciskei ban which prohibits membership of the union, possession of documents or membership cards -- and even SAAWU T-shirts.

He was remanded in custody until April 17.

Labour experts yesterday warned that the trial could have far-reaching consequences in the area as the East Cape is a SAAWU stronghold.

Thousands of SAAWU members live in Ciskei but work in SA, where the union is not outlawed, and a clampdown on union members by Ciskei authorities could have serious industrial relations effects.

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THOZAAMILE Gqwenile, who has endured immense hardships as general secretary of the SA Aluminium Workers Union, experienced what was probably his greatest triumph in leading the union membership.

It was a decision which deeply affected the dynamics of the union, for Sun Calixte, Herbert Bambo and Louis Ngobe, Captains, were not in a position to express a view on behalf of the union. The conference at the end of the conference was to form the union's official position on the matter.

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Union expels three top officials

By STEVE FRIENDMAN

Three top union officials were expelled from the union by the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, the union announced.

The three officials were expelled following a vote by the union's national executive council, which met in Washington, D.C., last week.

The expulsion came after the union's executive council voted to suspend the officials, who were accused of violating the union's constitution and bylaws.

The officials were accused of failing to follow the union's policies and procedures, as well as of engaging in conduct that was harmful to the union.

The union said it had received complaints from members about the officials and that the executive council had conducted an investigation.

The union said it had found evidence of the officials' misconduct and had voted to expel them.

The expelled officials were not available for comment.

The union has a total of 500,000 members and is one of the largest unions in the country.

The union represents workers in the aerospace, transportation, and manufacturing industries.

The union's national headquarters are located in Washington, D.C.

The union's president is Teresa擾r, and its executive director is Paul Konigsberg.

The union has been involved in a number of lawsuits and legal battles in recent years, including a successful challenge to a federal law that would have required it to disclose its finances to the government.
Mother's killers sentenced to die

Court Reporter
TWO men who murdered a mother after breaking into her room, were sentenced to death yesterday.

The killing took place in the same room where the woman's three children had been sleeping.

The men, Lesi Nkosi Zimu, 23, and Vongo Bonginkosi Kewela, 24, both of the Sunduzwayo Location, Umbumbulu, were tried at the Supreme Court in Durban.

They were found guilty by Mr Justice Wilson and two assessors of having murdered Mrs Verra Letshu, another location resident.

The Judge said there had been no evidence to prove they had been affected by liquor they drank while attending a soccer club meeting that night.

They went to Mrs Letshu's kraal, intending to get money to continue drinking.

Man in court for being in trade union

Mercury Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG—A King William's Town factory worker has become the first man in the country's labour history to appear in court charged with belonging to a trade union.

Mr Albert Whittles, a factory worker, appeared in a Ciskei court earlier this month charged with belonging to the unregistered SA Allied Workers' Union. He is due to appear again tomorrow.

According to Ciskei judicial sources, he is to face a charge which carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison.

The trial is the result of an announcement by the Ciskei authorities last year that they had declared the union a banned organisation in the territory.

In spite of the fact that the announcement was made several months ago, it is understood that Mr Whittles is the first person to be charged with being a member of the union.

Situation

Ciskei's announcement precipitated widespread criticism at the time as no other trade union has ever been banned by the South African Government or by independent homeland administrations.

The union is still a legal organisation outside Ciskei, and most of its members work in East London but live in townships inside Ciskei's borders.

Critics therefore argued that the ban created a situation in which members of the union belonged to a legal organisation when they arrived at work, but an illegal one when they returned home.

Although he is appearing in a Ciskei court charged with breaking one of that territory's laws, Mr Whittles does not live in Ciskei, according to his lawyer, but in Shornville, a King William's Town township outside Ciskei.

The lawyer added that it was not certain that Mr Whittles was arrested inside Ciskei.

While Ciskei sources say Mr Whittles faces a maximum 10-year sentence, his lawyer said yesterday that the nature of the charges against him — and therefore the sentence if he is convicted — were still unclear as the defence had not yet received a charge sheet from the prosecution.

Ciskei's Attorney-General, Mr N F Jurgens, yesterday confirmed that Mr Whittles had appeared in court charged with belonging to the union and was due to appear again tomorrow.

Church minister fined R200 for drunken driving

Court Reporter

A 44-YEAR-OLD Bothaville minister of religion, who drove his car while under the influence of alcohol, was fined R200 (or 50 days) with a further three months' imprisonment suspended for four years when he appeared before Mr D M Horak in the Durban Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Before the Court was Adriaan Petrus van der Colff of Van der Lingen Street, Bothaville. He initially pleaded guilty but a plea of not guilty was entered by the Warden after Van der Colff holiday with his family on March 23.

On the way to Amanzimtoti he had developed severe toothache and had suffered with it all weekend. On Monday, March 26 he had gone to a dentist and had had treatment for the aching tooth.

When the effect of the injection wore off, he was in pain and he had drunk several whiskies to ease the pain.

Wandering

Mr David Garrod told the Court he had passed Van der Colff's car and seen it wandering all over Evidence was that Van der Colff was taken to the Amanzimtoti police station where he had to hold on to the counter in the charge office for support.

The Court heard that he had bloodshot eyes and smelt strongly of alcohol.

In mitigation Van der Colff said he had lost sleep over the incident and that he had driven for 25 years and never had an accident.

Passing sentence, Mr Horak said Van der Colff had committed a serious offence.

He took into account the length of the
Saawu in-fighting intensifies

By Carolyn Dempster,
Labour Reporter

In-fighting between the two leadership factions within the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) has intensified with both sides claiming to be the true representative of the union's 100,000 members.

Reports of a split after the union's annual conference in Johannesburg last week were quashed by Saawu's new executive led by national president Mr Thozamaie Gqweta and general secretary Mr Sisa Njikelana who are seen as representing the East London power base of the union.

Mr Sam Kikane, former general secretary of Saawu, and Mr Herbert Barnabus, former national organiser, both reported to have been expelled from the union at the conference, are now claiming that the combination of Mr Njikelana and Mr Gqweta comprises nothing more than a splinter group.

The Johannesburg branch committee, under the guidance of Mr Barnabus, announced that a general meeting of Saawu membership would be held in Durban on April 28.
Call to stop meetings as facilities lacking

Mr Williams was commenting on an IMC resolution to alert municipal officials to the fact that public meetings were still continuing at the centre.

Meetings at the hall are held by the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) and the Committee of Ten, which is concerned with the boycott of CTC buses.

Mr Williams said he was not concerned at the fact that meetings were held at the hall, but at the fact that no toilet facilities existed for those who attended.

"If 300 or 400 people attend meetings and have no toilet facilities, this will cause problems for those who live near the hall," he said.

"I have requested that those who hold the meetings find a different venue."

Mr Williams said residents in the area had complained that they were disturbed by those who attended the meetings.

The secretary of the Committee of Ten, Mr Newell Faku, said if the hall was closed to them, it would be "very difficult to find another venue."

He said that as far as he was concerned the toilet facilities were sufficient.

"I would suggest that if Mr Williams wants to discuss the issue, he and his committee can meet with us to try to solve the problem."

The priest-in-charge of the Catholic Community Centre, Father Rodney Abdo, of the St Francis Xavier church in North End, said he had asked Saawu and the Committee of Ten not to hold mass meetings at the hall because of the lack of toilet facilities.

"But I turned a blind eye to it because they have no other place to go, and I felt I had to offer them refuge."

Father Abdo said he did not charge Saawu or the Committee of Ten any rental for the use of the hall because the organisations had no choice on where to hold their meetings — DDR
Saawu man in court for being union member

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN
Labour Correspondent

A FACTORY worker from King Williams' Town has become the first man in the history of the South African labour movement to appear in court charged with belonging to a trade union.

Mr Albert Whittle appeared in a Cape Town court earlier this month charged with belonging to the unregistered SA Allied Workers' Union (Saawu). He is due to appear again tomorrow.

According to Cape Town judicial sources, he is to face a charge which carries a maximum penalty of 10 years' jail.

The case is the result of an announcement by the Ciskei authorities last year that they had declared Saawu a banned organisation.

It is understood Mr Whittle is the first person to be charged with belonging to a Saawu member.

Ciskei's announcement prompted widespread criticism at the time as no other trade union has ever been banned by the South African Government or by "independent homeland" administrations.

Saawu is a legal organisation outside Ciskei, and most of its members work in East London but live in townships inside Ciskei's borders.

Critics therefore argued that the ban created a situation in which Saawu members belonged to a legal organisation while the ANC was banned.

Although he is appearing in a Cape Town court charged with breaking one of that territory's laws, Mr Whittle does not live in Ciskei, according to his lawyer, but in Shornewville, a King William's Town township outside Ciskei.

The lawyer added that it was not certain Mr Whittle had been arrested inside Ciskei.

"This is one of the issues on which the court will have to decide — there is a dispute of fact over where Mr Whittle was arrested," he said.

While Cape Town sources say Mr Whittle faces a maximum 10-year sentence, his lawyer said yesterday that the nature of the charges against him — and therefore the sentence if he is convicted — were still not clear as the defence had not yet received a charge sheet from the prosecution.

The Attorney-General of the Ciskei, Mr N P Jurgens, confirmed yesterday that Mr Whittle had appeared in court charged with belonging to Saawu and was due to appear again tomorrow.
Saawu sues Ciskei

By JOSHDBA RABONKO

AN application by the fast growing South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) for the Ciskei government to set aside the ban on the union will be heard in the Zwellishia Supreme Court next month.

This was confirmed to the SOWETAN yesterday by a spokesman for the Johannesburg firm of attorneys who said that the union has filed papers contesting the ban.

The ban on the union was published in the Ciskei Government Gazette in terms of the territory's National Security Act and was issued by the acting head of State Security, Brigadier Lulama Madomo last year.

Meanwhile a factory worker, Mr. Albert Whittles, is due to appear in a Ciskei court today, charged with belonging to the unregistered Saawu — thus becoming the first man in SA to appear in court for belonging to a trade union.

The ban on the union sparked off world-wide criticism at the time it was announced as no trade union has ever been banned by the South African Government.
Saawu fear loss of city venue

EAST LONDON — The South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) claims it is in danger of having no meeting venue in East London.

Saawu's national president, Mr Thozamile Gqwleta, said here that the South African government was trying to drive the union out of the city.

Mr Gqwleta said the Department of Community Development (DCD) had refused to grant permits under the Group Areas Act to allow the union to hold meetings at the City Hall and at the Catholic Community Hall in Brakelann.

He claimed that the security police had broken up Saawu meetings because the union did not have the permits.

"We have nowhere to go in East London. The government is trying to drive us out."

The local representative of the DCD here, Mr Malcolm Boucher, confirmed yesterday that two applications submitted by Saawu for permits to hold meetings in East London had been rejected.

He said there was no obligation on the Minister of Community Development to give reasons why the applications had been refused.

Mr Boucher said Saawu could appeal against the decision if the union felt it was unfair. But if an appeal was lodged within two years of an application having been refused, Saawu would have to pay a R20 cash deposit.

The chief of the security police in the Border, Brigadier A P van der Merwe, also confirmed that security police had ordered Saawu to break up a meeting at the Catholic Community Hall in Brakelann.

Brig Van der Merwe said the meeting had been convened by blacks in an Indian Group Area without a permit from the DCD and as such was an illegal meeting.

"They were lucky we did not take action against them," he said.

"The Town Clerk, Mr Les Kumm, said the municipality had a blanket permit to allow multiracial gatherings at the City Hall — but only for entertainment purposes."

He said trade union meetings fell outside the provisions covered by the blanket permit, which was why Saawu had to obtain a permit from the DCD to hold a meeting in the City Hall.
THE talks between South African Allied Workers' Union (Sawu) leaders scheduled to take place in Durban at the weekend have been postponed to April 28.

The meeting, convened by the Sam Kikane faction of the union, has been called in an attempt to solve the present situation in the union leadership following the expulsion of three senior officials.

A spokesman said the meeting was postponed because of the long weekend and to enable delegates to prepare themselves. All branches have been invited...
Worker refused bail

Labour Correspondent

MR ALBERT Whittle, the first man ever charged with being a member of a South African trade union, appeared in a Cape Town court yesterday and was refused bail, his lawyer said.

Mr Whittle, a King Williams Town factory worker and an ordinary member of the SA Allied Workers Union, has been in custody since appearing in court on April 4.

His arrest followed an announcement by the Cape authorities last year that SAAWU had been banned in the territory.

According to his lawyer, Mr Whittle was formally charged yesterday with being a member of a banned organization.

His case was remanded to a regional court. It is possible that Mr Whittle will appear in court.

Ciskei legal sources say that the charge carries a maximum prison sentence of 10 years.

Mr Whittle does not live or work in Ciskei — he lives in a township outside King Williams Town which does not fall within Ciskei — and the issue in his trial is expected to be a dispute over whether he was arrested in the territory.
A sense of tactics

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Sam Kikine is a hard man to know behind his screen of words. He is well-known for his oratory, and seldom drops his dramatic declamatory style, forceful gesticulation and invariably optimistic assessments.

Undaunted by his expulsion from the SA Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) general-secretaryship, 34-year-old Kikine claims it is the outcome of a personal vendetta. He is ready with aggressive counterclaims, and seems confident of his ability to hang on to his Natal power base. "I've entrenched myself in Natal and Transvaal — they have no chance here."

He has scheduled a mass meeting for late April in Durban to test "the will of the workers," he says. He adds that he will abide by that decision. "I'm prepared to step down if they so decide, and get other people to lead, preferably workers from the shop floor. But then Gqweta and Njikelana must also withdraw."

Kikine claims his expulsion (at a recent Saawu conference after a period of suspension, of which he says he was not notified) was unconstitutional. He claims he and others were not notified of the conference — though that is something the union denies.

He has been a unionist since the late Sixties. Kikine says "I'm an old man in this field, I've survived four splits. I'm an anti-split person and I'll survive this one."

Kikine was a moving force in Saawu's predecessor, the Black Allied Workers' Union (Bawu). But Bawu's black consciousness line outlived its usefulness. Kikine believes with his present opponents, he opted for a non-racial union, Saawu.

Since his election, Kikine has adopted an aggressive, bellicose attitude to other unions, particularly on the factory floor. Hints of financial mismanagement aside, (Kikine returns the compliment and says he is taking legal advice), it was his combative, perceived as an obstacle to cordial relations with other emerging unions, that was probably an important element in his expulsion.

Current unity talks among emerging unions would heighten such conflict. Other unionists indicate scepticism about Kikine's gung-ho optimism, particularly about Saawu membership figures.

He has been detained a number of times by both SA and Ciskei authorities. After one six-month stint in 1981-82, he was admitted to a psychiatric hospital, then charged under the Terrorism Act (ironically with Gqweta and Sisa Njikelana, now Saawu general secretary). Charges were dropped and he was re-detained before release. Not a man who gives up easily.
BLOODY CLASH ROCKS SAWU

Rival unionists blamed for attack on officials

TWO new executives of the union were
allegedly watching the national office when they were
attacked by members of another union.
Saawu tables are turned

By Phillip Van Niekerk

STRIKE in the ranks of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) took a new turn at the weekend when the faction which was ousted at the union's annual conference two weeks ago held a counter-meeting and dismissed the newly-elected national executive.

In mid-April three top officials — including the general secretary Mr Sam Kikize, the national organiser Mr Herbert Barnabas, and Mr I Nqoko — were kicked out of the union at its conference in Soweto.

There has since been bitter conflict between the two groups, leading in some cases to allegations of violence as officials have disputed who has the right to occupy union offices.

Union members at Saturday's meeting in Durban voted not only for the dismissal of the new executive, but that Mr Kikize and Mr Nqoko be provided with bodyguards.

A statement issued by Mr Barnabas yesterday claimed that hundreds of workers had filled the YMCA hall to declare the new national executive null and void and to restore the old executive pending a repeat of the annual conference later this year.

The statement said representatives from 10 Saawu branches — seven of them in Natal, which is believed to be Mr Kikize's stronghold — attended the meeting.

Only three branches, East London, Pretoria and Pietermaritzburg, did not attend.

The meeting also dissolved the Durban branch executive because of its "failure to act against the unconstitutional removal of Messrs Kikize and Nqoko from office".

The Johannesburg branch was praised for "protecting the national organiser Mr Barnabas against attempts by those who had been trying to physically remove him from his office."

Mr Kikize, who was at Saawu's Durban office yesterday despite his expulsion, appealed to managements who had received letters saying he had been removed from office to disregard the letters.
Saawu split by leadership dispute

By Carolyn Dempster, Labour Reporter

In-fighting within the South African Alled Workers' Union leadership has finally split the union membership.

At a weekend meeting in Durban 5,000 Saawu members rejected the "new executive" elected at a congress in Johannesburg last month and voted to expel union president Mr Thozamile Gqweta and new general secretary Mr Sisa Npzelana.

The members attending the meeting represented the Johannesburg, Newcastle, Maritzburg, Durban, Stanger, Heidelberg and Ladysmith branches of Saawu.

The meeting was called by ex-general-secretary Mr Sam Kikane, the union's former national organiser Mr Herbert Barnabus and national treasurer Mr Isaac Ngcobo.

PREMISES WARNING

"The two leaders who have been expelled are now free to form their own union, and leave the name Saawu behind," said a statement released after the meeting.

Mr Gqweta said that if the three former officials did not vacate union offices in Johannesburg and Durban they would be evicted.

However, this is where they have maximum support. So far, the issue of office space has still not been resolved.

Mr Kikane has stated: "Saawu will never split, but renegades will be expelled". Until it is determined which side has majority membership support, it is difficult to determine who the renegades are.
SA man acquitted in Ciskei

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Mr Whittles told the court he was arrested by the South African security police who searched his home and found his membership card.

The next day, SAP personnel took him to the factory, where Ciskei police were waiting and arrested him.

He said he thought the ban had no effect on him as he was a South African citizen.

Mr D. Nel, for the state, urged the accused to make a statement before a magistrate in which he admitted to being a member of the union.

"The accused had a guilty state of mind because he knew that Saawu was banned and could do nothing for him in Ciskei," Mr Nel said.

Mr Bizos said the accused was trapped in a situation where he found himself in the hands of both the South African police and the Ciskei authorities.

"The state has to prove that the accused performed any offence in Ciskei," he said.

The defence argued that the ban did not apply in Mr Whittle's case because he was a member of Saawu in South Africa.

Mr Kotze found that the state failed to prove its case and the court was satisfied the accused did not take his membership card freely and voluntarily into Ciskei.

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Police called to evict rebel Saawu officials

By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK
Mail Reporter

POLICE were called this week to evict two former officials of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) from the union's Durban offices after Saawu was granted an urgent interdict in the Natal Supreme Court ordering the officials to get out.

However, late yesterday the offices were still being manned by supporters of Mr Sam Kikane and Mr Ivan Ngcobo, the former general secretary and assistant general secretary of Saawu, who were ousted at the union's annual congress last month.

The interdict — ordering Mr Kikane and Mr Ngcobo to hand over the office keys and union property, not to act as union officials and not to instigate violence — was granted by Mr Justice D L Shearer.

The case will be heard in full on May 29.

The granting of the interdict came against the background of mounting tension between the two groups which has involved allegations of violence and squabbles over who has the right to occupy union premises.

The two expelled officials as well as the former national organiser, Mr Herbert Barnabas, held a counter-meeting in Durban last week in which they expelled the newly-elected executive and reinstated themselves.

Saawu's vice-president, Mr Welcome Nishangasa, told Sapa that after the orders had been served on Mr Ngcobo and Mr Kikane on Wednesday, he and a friend had gone to the offices but he had been physically evicted by a group of workers.

"However, I managed to escape, ran to the nearest cafe, and telephoned the police."

"I was worried about my friend who was trapped inside."

"Fortunately the police came in time to save him," Mr Nishangasa said.

A police spokesman confirmed the incident.

Mr Barnabas alleged yesterday that the "security police" had raided the offices accompanied by Mr Nishangasa, the vice-president of the "splinter group."

A worker who answered the phone at the union's Durban office yesterday said Mr Kikane was still operating from the office.

"This office is controlled by the workers, not by the officials or the police," he said.
Saawu goes to court...

Judge orders Kikine out of office

THE rift between the two factions of the SA Allied Workers' Union widened this week with the main body taking legal action against supporters of the three expelled officials.

Two of the officials, been ordered to leave Saawu's Durban offices, hand over the keys and any union property, and stop acting as Saawu members.

They are also forbidden to "instigate violence" against any Saawu members, after an urgent interdict was granted by Judge D L Shearer.

Mr Kikine told City Press he would contest the matter on May 29. "But I won't use a lawyer — this is the kind of thing we can do on our own.

"On the date of the case, all the factories will stop and all the workers will go to the court to act as respondents with Mr Ngeobo and I," he claimed. "They will not be able to touch me. Up till now I have survived, and I will go on doing so."

According to the interdict, both Mr Kikine and Mr Ngeobo are forbidden from calling or attending Saawu meetings.

This week's order follows a month of growing tension between the two groupings following the expulsion of Mr Kikine, Mr Ngeobo and Mr Herbert Barnabas on April 8.

SAN KIKINE: "All the factories will stop when I go to court."

The three refused to accept the decision and Mr Kikine and Mr Ngeobo went back to the offices after a "rebek" meeting at which a resolution was passed expelling re-elected Saawu president Thozanie Gqweta and secretary-general Sisa Njikelana.

During the week there have been claims and counter-claims by each group of violence or threats made by one faction against the other.
Saawu man not 'illegal' member

THE FIRST ever South African charged with being a member of a trade union was acquitted by the Ciskei Regional Court this week.

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A DURBAN court was told this week how a 34-year-old woman was kidnapped from her house by a policeman, taken to a shack and brutally sexually assaulted with an iron rod — five days later her body was found floating in a river.

Sergeant Zanelela Francis Mangindi, 32, is charged with two counts of kidnapping and culpable homicide after the death of Miss Nokuthula Alice Ngcemeleni on September 18 last year.

He is charged together with Sikonile Mavundjana, 45, and his sister Mavis, 30.

Sergeant Mangindi told the court that Miss Ngcemeleni had broken into his house and stolen bedsheets and R1 000 which was underneath the bedsheets.

Miss Nomaza Majola, 22, said she was woken up that night by cries while sleeping in one of the nearby shacks. When she investigated, she said she saw Miss Mavundjana beating Miss Ngcemeleni with a sjambok.

She said she also saw Miss Mavundjana insert and twist an iron rod into Miss Ngcemeleni's vagina.

"Miss Ngcemeleni asked me for water," said Miss Majola. "I could see she was running short of breath and her jaws seemed to be locked together."

Miss Majola said Miss Mavundjana ordered them to go into a room where a gang of more than five were rolling dagga into small parcels. When she came out of the room, said Miss Majola, she found Miss Ngcemeleni dead.

Mr Jabulani Nxaasana, 19, who was one of the men rolling dagga in parcels, said...
EMPLOYERS who realise the SA Allied Workers Union will be shocked to know that there are now two SAAWU's — both of which claim to be the only SAAWU.

First the SAAWU headed by Mr Thonamile Gqweta and Mr Sisa Njikelana expelled Mr Sam Kikine and two other officials. Now Mr Kikine and his supporters have expelled Mr Gqweta and Mr Njikelana.

At some point, one of the factions will have to cease being SAAWU and become something else — if only to end the confusion.
Unionist freed of ANC charge

By SAM MASEKO
Pretoria Bureau

AN ATTERIDGEVILLE trade unionist was acquitted in the Pretoria Regional Court yesterday of being a member of the African National Congress.

Mr Gabriel Mokoka, 27, a member of the SA Allied Workers Union (Saawu), was also found not guilty of being in possession of banned publications and furthering the aims of the ANC.

Mr Mokoka had pleaded not guilty before Mr J H Bekker.

The State alleged that he was a member of the ANC and that he was found in possession of the ANC publications "Sishaba, Mayibuye, Dawn" and "The Freedom Charter" on July 25 last year.

He was also charged with furthering the aims of the ANC.

Mr Mokoka's defence counsel, Mr Eric Dane, successfully applied for his client's acquittal.
Union leaders in court

By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK

THREE expelled former officials of the South African Allied Workers’ Union (Sawu) have launched a petition among union members throughout the country in anticipation of a Natal Supreme Court case, starting today, which has important implications for the fate of the union.

The petition is an attempt to display support for Mr Sam Kikane, the former general secretary, Mr Herbert Barnabas, the former national organiser, and Mr Isaac Ngcobo, the former treasurer, who were expelled at the April national conference.

At the end of April Mr Kikane held a counter-conference, expelled the newly-elected executive led by Mr Thozamile Gqweta, the union’s president, and Mr Susa Nkokoane, the general secretary, and refused to vacate the union offices.

The new executive was granted an urgent interdict at the beginning of May calling on Mr Kikane and the two expelled officials to vacate their offices and relinquish claim to the union leadership.
Court to decide on union’s future

By Carolyn Dempster, Labour Reporter

The future of the split South African Allied Workers' Union is likely to be decided by a Durban Supreme Court today.

The court will decide which of the two union leadership factions has the support of the 100,000 membership.

The hearing arises out of an interdict brought by the new SAWU executive against three former SAWU leaders who were expelled from the union last month.

Those expelled are former national treasurer Mr. Isaac Ngcobo and former national organiser Mr. Herbert Barnabas.

The three officials have refused to accept their expulsion on the grounds that it was unconstitutional.

Consequently, they have refused to vacate union offices in Johannesburg and Durban and have rallied the support of the union members in these regions by holding mass meetings of workers.

Employers who are negotiating agreements with SAWU have been caught between the two factions.

In the Transvaal particularly, companies have been faced with union representatives who do not have the support of the members.

The new executive, with President Mr. Thozama Qweti and new general secretary Mr. Sasa Nyikelana at the head, has been attempting to oust the three former officials from their strongholds.

In preparation for the court case, Mr. Barnabas, Mr. Kikina and Mr. Ngcobo have been circulating a petition, calling for the signatures of all the union affiliates and members who support them.
Sam's still banned

AN interdict preventing two former SA Allied Workers' Union officials from entering the union's Durban offices has been extended to June 12.

This decision was passed down in the Durban Supreme Court this week, where Sam Kikine and Isaac Ngcobo voiced their opposition to the original interdict passed down on May 2.

Mr. Kikine and Mr. Ngcobo were backed by about 70 supporters from Johannesburg and Newcastle.

According to the interdict, Mr. Kikine and Mr. Ngcobo may not enter the Durban offices nor may they act as members of the union.

The two were expelled from Saawu at a conference in Soweto in April. They refused to accept the expulsion, however, and continued to act as officials of the union until the original order was granted on May 2.

The two former officials filed papers on Tuesday claiming members of Saawu are its affiliated union, not individuals. They therefore say the people who brought the application — including new vice-president Welcome Ntshangase — are not "members" as they described themselves in their application.

They also claimed the chairmen of the executive committees of each of the 26 affiliated unions have given their signatures to indicate support for them.

Mr. Kikine's lawyers agreed to a suggestion that the matter be postponed. They said that in the meantime, the interdict forbidding the two officials from going to the Durban offices or attending Saawu meetings should be lifted — but the judge refused to do this.
Leadership row in Saawu goes on

By PHILIP VAN NIEKERK

Two court cases brought against three expelled officials of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) who are refusing to vacate the union's offices, and are still operating as Saawu officials, have failed to resolve the leadership war in the union.

Since the expulsion in April of Mr Sam Kikane, former general secretary, Mr Herbert Barnabas, former national organiser, and Mr Isaac Ngcebo, former treasurer, there has been conflict between two leadership groups, each claiming to represent Saawu.

Many employers — particularly in the Transvaal and Natal — are in doubt as to whom they should be dealing with.

On Tuesday the Natal Supreme Court postponed to June 12 the hearing in which the union is seeking to confirm an interim order calling on Mr Kikane and Mr Ngcebo to vacate Saawu's Durban offices and to relinquish their claim to the union leadership.

The interim order — which was applied for by eight officials of the "new" Saawu, including Mr Thosamie Gweta, president, Mr Sesa Nkhalana, general secretary, and Mr Welcome Nkhamase, vice-president — was granted at the beginning of May.

In Johannesburg on Wednesday an application for a similar order calling on Mr Barnabas to vacate the union offices was postponed indefinitely, with the applicants ordered to pay costs.

Meanwhile, Saawu's offices in Johannesburg and Durban are being manned by Mr Kikane and Mr Barnabas and their supporters, who issued a press statement at the weekend calling themselves the "real Saawu" and claiming the support of the vast majority of Saawu members.

The three officials were expelled at the union's national conference in Soweto in April, but have since disputed that the expulsions were constitutional.

At the end of April they held a counter-conference in Natal, where they suspended the new executive and reinstated themselves.
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Peace in the Saawu ranks

AFTER months of internal squabbling, the SA Allied Workers' Union could be getting back on the road -- in one piece again.

The union's two rival groups -- headed by Sam Kikine, and  Welcome Nshangase -- agreed in the Durban Supreme Court yesterday that an order, forbidding Kikine and Isaac Nguobo from entering Saawu offices or acting as Saawu members, should be scrapped.

All other court action against Kikine -- who was thrown out of office earlier this year -- is also to be withdrawn. This includes action pending in the Johannesburg Supreme Court.

Instead, the two parties are to hold a meeting within 90 days to elect "true representatives". This election will be presided over by former Robben Island prisoners Billy Nair and Curnick Ndlovu, both of whom were prominent in the worker movement before their imprisonments. Both also have the confidence of the two sides in the Saawu split.

In the meantime, all Saawu members who have some claim to represent the union may continue in office until the elections are held.

National vice-president Nshangase said after the court case that he was happy about the decision as it could help rebuild worker unity. He hoped it would lead to the split being patched up.

Kikine said he was "more than happy".

The split might not be easy to mend. At an improvised meeting after the court case it was clear that Kikine's group is still highly suspicious of the Nshangase group. They called for him to be removed to leave the meeting before they would continue.

What I'd give for sunny side up!

Swapo 37 in court in July

THE 37 Swapo office bearers and supporters arrested last Saturday outside Windhoek will reappear in court next month. Namibian Police Chief Dolf Gouws said in Windhoek this week.

Swapo 37 were brought before a specially convened court session on Wednesday night. They were released on their own recognizance and warned to appear again next month.

They will be charged under the Notification and Prohibition of Meetings Act on July 13. General Gouws said.

Fake cash lands
Sugar firm fires 400 in union row

Labour Reporter

ABOUT 400 striking sugar workers — some with up to 40 years' service — have been fired in a row over union recognition. Some are now worried about losing their homes as well.

Workers at Stewart's Estate, in New Guelderland, near Stanger, downed tools yesterday.

Mr Richard Gumede, the South African Allied Workers' Union representative in Stanger, said they had several grievances they wanted the union to sort out.

But attempts by the union to meet the management for talks failed.

Mr Gumede claimed the company threatened to prosecute union officials who entered the estate, and that it sacked some workers.

The union said that the compound manager had recently imposed some new rules. Included in them was a restriction on the wives of employees staying in the company compound.

Mr Gumede said: "All the employees were told that their wives would not be permitted to stay on the premises for more than two weeks."

"We regard this as most unfair. Some of the workers are from Transkei."

Homes

He said the workers also objected to a deduction of R10 a month from each worker's wages towards electricity charges.

A spokesman for Indian workers on the estate said they had been forced to join the strike.

Some of them had 'almost a lifetime' of service with the company, and were worried they would have to quit company homes which some had occupied for nearly 40 years.

Mr Roger Stewart, the firm's managing director, said: "We are regarded as one of the best employers in the sugar industry. We have contingency plans, but I'm not prepared to comment on them at this stage."
THE banning of the South African Allied Workers Union (SAAWU) will be contested in the Bisho Supreme Court within the next few weeks.

SAAWU was banned in the Ciskei in September last year in terms of the National Security Act. The application contesting the banning is being brought by the union and its president, Mr Thozamile Gqweta. They are seeking an order to set aside the banning and the appointment of Ciskei's director-general of Finances, Mr Ian Melville, as liquidator of the union's assets.

Earlier this week, the two groups feuding over who are the union's true leaders finally reached a settlement. They agreed to ask for an earlier Supreme Court order, prohibiting three ousted SAAWU members, to be lifted.

They also agreed that any person who believed that he had been elected to leadership in the union would be restored to that position pending re-elections.

The two sides are now to hold another conference at which elections will be held to decide on a new leadership.

The new meeting will be presided over by Mr Cumnick Ndlouv and Mr Billy Nair.

It will be their job to scrutinise the credentials of the factory representatives to make sure that the election is fair.

The settlement, friendly as it looks on paper, doesn't reflect the true feelings of the two groups.

For example, general secretary of SAAWU, Mr Sam Kikune, who was "restored" to his position in terms of the agreement, sees the election as "a mere formality" which will undermine his support among members.

Mr Kikune, who clearly sees the settlement as a personal victory and vindication of his group, said he thought the original application by his group, led by national vice-president Mr Wecome Nshangase, was "futile and has achieved nothing else by the re-endorsement of my colleagues" and my support in the totality of SAAWU across the nation.

National organiser, Mr Herbert Barnabas, another of the three formerly ousted officials, had a similar response, saying that the applicants had been without foundation, and "shamefully enough, based on hearsay and passing remarks."

He described the settlement as a "success" for his group which resulted in even more support for himself, Mr Kikune and Mr Isaac Ngcobo.

"It does seem strange that the applicants had to launch a court order only to learn how unfavourable and how unwanted they are."
Union to take firm to industrial court

The union's branch organiser, Mr Glen Mokoena, told The SOWETO TAN yesterday that the issues will be settled by the Industrial Court next month.

The union has applied to the court to reinstate workers sacked by Dairy Maid following a strike over the sacking of a colleague in February.

The colleague was dismissed after a quarrel arising out of a fight between a union organiser and a white supervisor.

The supervisor had apparently used abusive language and assaulted workers.

The union has also charged that Saccac Co has retrenched its organiser and refused to recognise him. "We have since discovered that the member was actually not retrenched, but was dismissed for organising other workers to join the union," he said.

The company's secretary, Mr S J van Heerden, said that they will defend the case in court.

The company was in the process of discussing a recognition agreement with the union.

At Gravara Products near Silverton, management has intimidated and threatened to sack workers if they belonged to a trade union.

The company has also challenged workers to go on strike because they will close the company and leave them jobless.

The Gravara management was not available for comment.

A spokesman for a Johannesburg firm of attorneys has confirmed that they will represent the union in the cases.

Mr Mokoena has added that they were taking the matter to the court for the protection of their members.
Sacked strikers appeal to consul

Some of the sacked North Coast sugar workers in Durban yesterday

Labour Reporter

THE 40 Transkeian nationals who were sacked from a North Coast sugar estate following a strike, yesterday appealed to the Transkei Consulate in Durban to help them get back their jobs.

Mr Richard Gumede, the South African Allied Workers' Union representative in Stanger, led a deputation of the sacked workers to the Transkei Consulate.

He said they thought it was unfair that their employers, New Guelderland Sugar Estates near Stanger, had reinstated other workers who had been on strike, but had refused to give them back their jobs.

Pension money

"The 40 who were refused re-employment were among more than 400 workers who downed tools following a row with the management," Mr Gumede said.

"They felt that the company had been unfair by refusing to reinstate some of the workers," he said.

He also claimed that sacked workers had not been paid their pension money and had to spend Tuesday night in the open after they had been evicted from company houses.

Among the sacked workers was Mr Mnde-lokwe Mjikwa who had been with the company for 28 years.

Ringleaders

"Two other workers, Mr Sangozi and Mr N Mkhonto, had more than 10 years' service each and had received wrist watches to mark 10 years' service with the company," Mr Gumede said.

The company's personnel manager, Mr G Wood, said he was not prepared to comment on the workers' allegations until he had received a statement from each of them.

"I do not know whether these people were in fact employed by us in the first place," he said.

He declined to comment when he was told that the company's name appeared in the passports of each of the 40 sacked workers.
Saawu: firm refuses to recognise us

EAST LONDON — The East London branch of the South African Allied Workers' Union says a local engineering supplies company, D. J. Field, is refusing to recognise it as the union chosen by its black workforce of 18 employees.

A statement issued by the union said the workforce voluntarily joined the union late last year and requested it to approach D. J. Field management to recognise the application.

The union said a series of letters to the management drew no response and attempts to meet personally with management met with "hostile arrogance." A petition sent to the management by the workers was snubbed, some workers were dismissed and other harassed, the union said.

"We firmly believe in propagating sound labour relations between employer and employees and the creation of a cordial spirit of harmony between management and the union," the union said. It said the management should reconsider its stance on trade unions.

The managing director of the company, Mr. D. J. Field, said yesterday that their 18 employees were "well looked after." He said the longest-serving employee had been with the company for 25 years and the average length of service was seven years. He did not wish to make any further comments. — DDR
Da Gama, Saawu to negotiate

EAST LONDON — The Da Gama textile company and the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) are to open negotiations "very soon" on a recognition agreement.

In a joint statement, Da Gama and Saawu announced that a referendum among the workers of Da Gama's East London factory had indicated that 76.5 per cent of the workers wished to be represented by Saawu.

"In line with Da Gama Textiles policy to negotiate with any party that truly represents the majority of workers, Da Gama will now proceed to negotiate a recognition agreement that will lead to formalising relations with Saawu," the statement said.

Yesterday the general manager (personnel) of Da Gama, Mr Frank Judd, said the negotiations would begin "in the very near future".

Mr Judd said the recognition agreement would cover Da Gama's East London factory only and would not apply to the company's factory near Zwelitsha in Ciskei.

Saawu has been banned in Ciskei.

He said the agreement would affect some 1,500 employees of the company.

Saawu's branch secretary, Mr Yuru Mdoygo, confirmed that the union would not be pressing for recognition at Da Gama's Ciskei factory.

"We are not organised there," he said.

Da Gama, which is a joint venture between the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) and Tootal, is one of the Border's biggest industries — DDR.
Strikers at Frame removed by police

EAST LONDON — Police removed a small number of workers who had stopped work and refused to leave the premises of the Frame Group in Chiselhurst yesterday, the police press liaison officer, Lieutenant Dot van der Vyver, said.

The joint managing director of the Frame Group of companies, Mr Selwyn Lurie, said in a statement from Durban yesterday: "A small number of employees unlawfully stopped working this morning in part of our East London complex and coerced several others into joining them."

"As a result the workers concerned were notified that unless they resumed working immediately they would be summarily dismissed for breaching their terms and conditions of service and that the company would commence re-engaging new employees to fill any vacancies," Mr Lurie said.——DDR
800 down tools in factory dispute

Argus Bureau

EAST LONDON — About 800 workers at Consolidated Textile Mills downed tools here and were removed from the factory grounds by police.

The workers said they were protesting against having to subscribe to the Tusca-affiliated Textile Industrial Workers' Union.

A South African Allied Workers' Union spokesman said that the workers downed tools about noon yesterday. Workers on the 2pm shift joined the strike when they came to work.

WITH BATONS

They were later removed from the factory grounds by police armed with batons and using dogs, the spokesman said.

Sawu claims to represent 80 percent of the nearly 4,000 employees at the factory.

The workers continued the strike today and met officials of Sawu to discuss the issue.

Lieutenant D. van der Vyver, police liaison officer, said police had not used force to remove the workers. No teargas or dogs were used, he said.
By KEITH ROSS

EAST LONDON — The police allegedly used batons to disperse nearly 1 000 workers who went on strike at the Frame Group works in East London yesterday.

The workers were demanding that the company's management recognise the South African National Workers Union (Sanwu).

They objected to paying 50c a month in subscriptions to the Textile Industrial Workers Union.

Sanwu's chief organiser, Mr Boyce Mlantza, said today more than 400 workers on the morning shift downed tools over the issue of recognition.

He said they were joined on strike by the afternoon shift when it came on duty at 2pm.

"About 80% of the Frame Group workers are Sanwu members," he said. "But the management refuses even to speak to us."

"So the workers went on strike and, about 4pm, the police arrived and drove them from the premises."

Mlantza claimed the police used dogs and batons to move the workers who then dispersed.

He said the workers had reported to the factory this morning, but had then immediately downed tools.

"We still hope to get the chance to speak to the company's management," he said.

A company spokesman was unwilling to comment on the strike.

The police Press liaison officer for Border, Lieutenant Dot van der Vyver, said she knew little of the strike.

She was unable to confirm or deny that dogs and batons had been used to disperse the workers.
EAST LONDON — Allegations that security police had assaulted people in the South African Workers’ Union (Sawu) offices were treated “with contempt,” the head of the security police in the Border, Brigadier A F van der Merwe, said yesterday. He was reacting to a statement issued by Sawu’s branch organiser, Mr R. Price, that security police raided the Sawu offices on Friday morning, and assaulted people with “gun butts.”

Brigadier van der Merwe said the statement only proved “the mentality of the person who said it.”

“I challenge Sawu to go to a charge office and lay charges of assault and produce those who were injured in the assault.”

“No such thing happened at all! I treat the allegations with the contempt they deserve,” he said.

In his statement, Mr Melisela said that about 8:00 am on Friday, a group of workers from the Frame Group had come to the Sawu offices to report what had transpired in the company on Thursday.

“While they were in the office, seven security policemen from Cambridge entered the offices.”

“When I inquired what they were looking for, they said they were arresting me. They then started beating workers with gun butts inside the offices saying they should go out. A lot of the workers then fled.”

“Two workers sustained some injuries. They have deep cuts on their heads.”

Mr Melisela said there were also armed police in the premises inside the Sawu offices, and a lot of people were scattered in all directions — the Factory was on fire. Blown out.

Rain expected to move inland soon

EAST LONDON — The heavy rains over the Border coastal area at the weekend are expected to start clearing up tomorrow and to move inland.

The weather office at the airport here reported that the rain had reached inland only as far as Stutterheim where six mm was measured.

East London had 23 mm of rain and, in adjoining areas such as Kidd’s Beach, 16 to 30 mm was measured. The temperature in East London was 27.2°C on Thursday, fell gradually as the cold front started moving in on Friday. The maximum temperature yesterday was 12.4°C and the minimum 11.5°C.

The rain was due to a large high pressure cell pushing in cold moist air behind the cold front.

Aliwal North and Jamestown had fairly warm weather over the weekend, with cloudy weather setting in yesterday afternoon.

In Barkly East the sun was shining until yesterday afternoon before it became overcast and cooler.

Queenstown also had no rain but it was cold with a maximum temperature of 8°C and a minimum of 7°C yesterday.

King William’s Town had six mm of rain.

Meanwhile, more than 100 mm of rain fell in parts of Durban and along the Natal coast yesterday causing widespread flooding.

Houses, shops and factories were flooded and damage to many of them is believed to run into thousands of rands. Even the circus ring under Boswell Walker’s big top was flooded.

Mr De Elyse, of Port St John’s, said heavy rain started falling early on Saturday night.

Whale washed up

KIDD’S BEACH — A small whale died after being washed up at the weekend on the beach at Monkey Bay between Kidd’s Beach and Gulu Mouth.

Mr Jack Payn of Kidd’s Beach Conservancy, contacted Dr H Bigalke, curator of the East London Museum, who tentatively identified it as a Cuvier’s beaked whale.

The carcass will be more carefully examined.

Woman escapes being buried alive

DU RBAN — A young epileptic woman narrowly escaped being smothered by a deluge of mud which smashed into an Umfolozi holiday home bathroom and rose just below her chin during yesterday’s heavy rains.

Elise Janjch, 22, a member of a group from Randfontein, was trapped in the bathroom while two matrons and members of the party tried to break down the door to free her.

Sooj, which was washed down from an excavation site higher than the holiday home built up behind the building until it reached the roof.

The red mud and silt burst through the windows of the dormitories filling them almost to the ceiling.

“Luckily when the level of the mud reached her neck, one of the boys managed to kick the door in,” a member of the group, Sister Lotte Vorster, said — DDC.
EAST LONDON — Allegations that security police had assaulted people in the offices of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) in East London were denied today by the head of the Border security police, Brigadier A P van der Merwe.

Brigadier van der Merwe was reacting to a statement issued at the weekend by Saawu's branch organiser, Mr Boyce Melitafo, alleging that security police had raided the Saawu offices on Friday morning and assaulted textile workers from the Frame Group in East London with "gun butts".

Brigadier Van der Merwe challenged Saawu to lay charges of assault against the police and to produce those who were injured in the alleged assaults.

"No such thing happened at all I treat the allegations with the contempt they deserve," he said.

In his statement, Mr Melitafo said seven security men had entered the Saawu offices early on Friday morning, saying they had come to arrest him.

"They then started beating workers with gun butts. A lot of the workers then fled. Two workers sustained deep cuts to their head," he said.

Mr Melitafo said that when he inquired from the security police what they were looking for, they said they were going to arrest him.

"There were four black and three white policemen. They started beating the workers inside the office saying they should go outside," he said.

"This clearly indicates the security police are not interested in civilised ways of handling matters," he said.

A separate statement prepared by Saawu workers at the factory said they had petitioned management to stop deducting subscriptions from their pay packet for the Textile Workers Industrial Union (TWIU) — a Tumasa affiliate.

A condition of employment at Frame Group was membership of TWIU.

On Wednesday, a delegation was sent to management with a view to discussing the issue but Mr W Coetzee, a labour officer, said he had "no time to attend to the issue".

When Mr Coetzee appeared the next day, according to the workers' statement, he was accompanied by two policemen.

"Mr Coetzee said he would discuss the matter and the decision arrived at will be filtered through the liaison committee which is not representative of the workers," he said.

"This is clear enough that he was not prepared to discuss anything with us. After we returned to work, Mr Coetzee and Mr Sabbagh came back to us carrying pamphlets which read 'anybody who is not working during working hours will be summarily dismissed and new people will be engaged in their places.'"

Workers who came to work nightshift at 6pm on Thursday found the company's gates locked and they were told by police to go home.
Teacher had ANC booklet

A QUALIFIED Atteridgeville schoolteacher and member of the S A Allied Workers Union, was found guilty of being in possession of prohibited African National Congress publication and jailed for 12 months in the Pretoria Regional Court yesterday.

But the magistrate ruled that the sentence be conditionally suspended for five years.

Ramaano Gerald Dau, 28, had pleaded not guilty before Mr J H Bekker to being found in possession of ANC diary entitled “ANC South Africa 1982” in Atteridgeville last year.

Evidence was that Dau was arrested at a shebeen in Atteridgeville and taken home where the publication was found. He had denied admitting to the police that the publication was his.

The magistrate said there was sufficient evidence to prove that he had been found in possession of undesirable literature.
600 hired at Frame

EAST LONDON — Over 600 new workers have been engaged at the Frame Group textile factory here following a stayaway by employees at the factory last week.

The joint managing director of the Frame Group, Mr Selwyn Lurre, said from Durban yesterday that the new employees had been hired to fill vacancies caused by the summary dismissal of employees at the factory who had breached their terms and conditions of service by not returning to work.

"Consequently, work is slowly returning to normal and from the many inquiries which have been received, it is expected that production will soon return to previous levels."

Representatives for the two unions involved in the dispute, the Textile Workers' Industrial Union and the South African Allied Workers' Union, could not be reached for comment.
Cops deny assaults

ALLEGATIONS that Security Police had assaulted people in the offices of the South African Allied Workers’ Union in East London were denied yesterday by the head of the Border Security Police, Brigadier A P van der Merwe.

Brig van der Merwe was reacting to a statement issued at the weekend by SAAWU’s branch organiser, Mr Boyce Mehta, alleging that Security Police had raided the SAAWU offices on Friday morning and assaulted people with gun butts. Mr Mehta also claimed that he had sustained some injuries.

In his statement, Mr Mehta said seven security men had entered the SAAWU offices early on Friday morning, saying they had come to arrest him. "They then started beating workers with gun butts. A lot of the workers then fled. Two workers sustained some injuries." — Sapa

charges of assault against the police and to produce those who were injured in the alleged assaults. "No such thing happened at all. I treat the allegations with the contempt they deserve," he said.
Union's plea on mass rally

Staff Reporter

THE General Workers' Union has appealed for unity among "all progressive organisations" to ensure the success of tonight's mass anti-election rally in Athlone.

The national Gwu president, Mr Johnson Mpumka, yesterday urged all those opposed to the coming elections to "bury their differences and take a uniform stand in the struggle."

"We must not let our differences override our common interests," he said.

He welcomed the participation of middle-class whites in the election boycott, but emphasized that whites would be impotent to change the system without the co-operation of organized black labour.

He said he hoped the rally would enable groups with "different structures and policies" like the UDF and the Cape Action League, to co-ordinate their opposition to the elections.

The rally, at 8pm in Fun City, off Hines Road, Athlone, is expected to be supported by all independent trade unions active in the Cape.

(Report by H Venables, 77 Burg Street, Cape Town.)
600 go on strike

About 600 workers at a Pretoria West glass manufacturer downed tools on Tuesday when wage negotiations reached a deadlock.

The work stoppage began when an independent mediator failed to resolve the wage dispute.

The branch secretary of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), Mr. Jackie Mapemela, said he would meet strikers to discuss a compromise.

He said the management of Consol Limited had refused to change its offer of an across-the-board increase of 36c an hour. Saawu originally demanded R1 an hour, but lowered their demands to R1c. — Sapa
EAST LONDON — The magistrate at Middledrift, Mr M. Mtebele, has confirmed that a group of 106 people appeared in court on Tuesday charged with failure to pay the Ciskei development tax.

No evidence was led and they were released on R20 bail, each he said.

The case had been postponed to September 18, Mr Mtebele said.

The 106 were mourners and members of various trade unions, the president of South African Workers Union, Mr Thozamile Gweta, said yesterday.

Mr Gweta said the mourners were on their way to the funeral of a union member, Mr Zongezile Xosa, in Middledrift on Sunday. They were arrested together with two railway bus drivers who were driving them to the funeral service.

The bus drivers were later released on Sunday night, he said.

The deputy commanding officer of the SAPS Railway Police in East London, Major J.F. van Wyk, said the two bus drivers had been "prosecuted because of a misunderstanding by junior officials."

"The case has been withdrawn. These drivers had clearances not to carry their permits, which are kept at their office base and produced on request if necessary."

"The Ciskeian police were not conversant with these regulations. But the two drivers were treated well, there were no incidents and everything has been cleared."

The police liaison officer in Ciskei, Col Avery Ngaki, said he could not comment on the case as the matter was in the hands of the Department of Justice. — DDR
Strike over pay-cut threat
Labour Reporter

A BUILDING hardware firm at Mbeni was hit by a work stoppage yesterday when its entire black workforce of more than 400 downed tools in protest against a threatened pay cut.

Mr Isaac Ngcobo, national treasurer of the South African Allied Workers' Union, said yesterday the workers at Blaikie-Johnstone, who went on strike on Monday after a union recognition dispute with the company, had been told they would not be paid for the hours they had not worked during the strike.

The workers returned to their jobs almost immediately after the union held talks with the management on Monday, but on Tuesday a foreman issued a threat to the workers saying that they would not be paid for striking.

This angered the workers and they came out on strike yesterday to protest against the threatened pay cut, he said.

Stoppage

Mr Hoffmann, a director of the company, said in a statement yesterday that the management was taking steps to encourage workers to return to work and to present their grievances clearly through representatives of their own choice.

The reason for the strikes was unclear.

'It is the policy of Blaikie-Johnstone to recognise representative trade unions and discussions were opened with Saawu when the company was first approached in April this year.

This week's strikes follow a two-day stoppage in April.

Meetings have been held with worker representatives, including officials of Saawu, and some of the items discussed included wages and recognition of the trade union,' the company statement added.
Detention confirmed by Ciskel Police

The Ciskel confirmed that a second de-
partmental public relations officer, Lt-Col G. A Nga-
to, had been admitted to the Cecilia Maki-
wa Hospital in Mzantsane det-
tention. He is Mr Godrey Mze,
Mr Mzane, a former East London branch chair-
man of the South African
Allied Workers' Union.

He said he had been detained under the
National Security Act.

Mr Mzane was picked up on August 30, accord-
ing to his family.

Col Ngaki said he could not say when the
detainees would be brought to trial.

Col Ngaki also con-
Saawu split worsens

THE SPLIT within the SA Allied Workers' Union's women's section is worsening.

A "national annual conference" was called in Durban at the weekend by former secretary Sam Kikane's group - and is probably going to be challenged by president Thozamile Gqweta's group.

The conference was called after a series of legal wrangles and bloody physical conflict earlier this year, which ended when a Supreme Court order was agreed to by both groups.

The fight between the two groups - each calling themselves the genuine Saawu - was over leadership of the union and the validity of a conference electing a new executive.

Both groups agreed in court that a new conference would be called in a bid to bring about reconciliation, and that the new meeting would be presided over by veteran trade unionists Billy Nair and Curnuck Ndlovu.

Mr. Gqweta's group - which includes Njekelana and Welcome Ntheunghane - want to challenge last weekend's meeting on the grounds that it was not convened by Mr. Nair and Mr. Ndlovu.
200 lose jobs after trouble at three Natal plants

Labour Reporter

ABOUT 200 strikers were dismissed from three Natal companies yesterday after a wave of industrial unrest at the plants.

And today's talks between the management of Allied Publishing and representatives of the Commercial Catering and Allied Workers' Union of South Africa have been postponed to next week.

Speaking from Johannesburg yesterday, Mr C W Eyles, Allied Publishing's Natal manager, said the meeting had been 'unavoidably deferred' and it was hoped that 'this very important meeting will take place early next week'.

The proposed talks follow a warning of pending industrial unrest among Allied Publishing workers demanding a R30-a-week wage increase, says Mr Important Mkhize, the union's Natal organiser.

Ignoring

About 50 employees of a construction company, Basil Read (Pty) Ltd, were fired yesterday after they downed tools in a demand for more pay.

Mr Brian Maynard, the company's director of manpower, said they had been dismissed for refusing to return to work.

They were demanding a wage increase in excess of the statutory increase, he said, adding that the company would begin hiring replacement staff today.

At Silvertown Engineering in Isipingo about 60 striking workers were fired after ignoring a return-to-work ultimatum yesterday.

Mr Barry Land, marketing director of the Pretoria-based company, said yesterday that the workers had gone on strike on Tuesday. They had been unhappy about the introduction of a four-day working week.

He said the operations had gone on short-time because of the general economic downturn and the fact that a new-technology radiator for a local motor assembly plant was being produced at the company's Pretoria plant until it was possible to transfer the new production system to Durban.

Mr Land said that although it seemed that a number of workers wanted to return to work, there had been intimidation and the plant had been unable to start production yesterday morning.

'The company therefore had no alternative but to dismiss the workers and advise that there will be no employment this week,' he said.

At the Sykko Paper company in Durban, about 100 workers who downed tools in protest against the dismissal of one of their colleagues were fired after ignoring repeated pleas by the management to return to work, said Mr H A Williams, the company's managing director.

Theft

The worker was fired after being convicted of theft from the company in the Wentworth Magistrate's Court this week.

Mr Isaac Ngcobo, national treasurer of the South African Allied Workers' Union, which has members at the three companies affected by the unrest, said the union would challenge the dismissals through the 'appropriate channels'.
Police detain Saawu member

QUEENSTOWN — A member of the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu), Mr Andile Xhintolo, has been detained by the South African security police.

He was fetched from his place of work, Mr Derrick Smoko, Saawu organising secretary, said yesterday.

Mr Smoko said two police officers arrived at Mr Xhintolo's place of work and went to the manager's office.

They took Mr Xhintolo away after searching the change room.

Major P P Olivier, acting divisional police liaison officer, confirmed the detention.

He said Mr Xhintolo had been detained in terms of Section 29 of the Internal Security Act — DDR.
THE 105 men arrested by Ciskei police on their way to the funeral of an SA All-Round Workers' Union member appeared briefly in the Middledrift Magistrate's Court this week for failing to produce proof of payment of Ciskei development tax.

The men were not asked to plead and no evidence was led.

Sawu is banned in Ciskei in terms of the National Security Act.

The State applied to the court that a warrant of arrest be issued against Mr. Andile Shoba, 19, who failed to attend Monday's court proceedings.
Workers 'locked out after going on strike'

Labour Reporter

ABOUT 300 employees of a transport company in Umkomaas yesterday claimed they had been locked out by the management because they had gone on strike on Tuesday.

Attempts by the Mercury to contact Mr. T.R. Mezher, managing director of Storm and Co., on Tuesday and again yesterday proved fruitless. His secretary said he was not available to speak to the Press. She also said the company had no comment on the strike.

The strike followed claims by workers that the management was refusing to meet the union to discuss their grievances.

A spokesman for the South African Allied Workers' Union said the workers had asked the company for recognition of the union but the management had apparently refused.

He said the strikers—about 300 drivers and labourers—had been locked out of the premises yesterday. The police were on the premises but no incidents were reported.

The workers decided not to return to work until the company agreed to meet the union to discuss their grievances.

Meanwhile, Mr. Richard Gumedze, president of the South African Allied Workers' Union, said that the union lawyers were being briefed to fight the dismissal of 40 black workers from the Salt Rock Hotel. He said they had been fired after striking in support of their demand for more pay.

Mr. Weir Smith, manager of the hotel, could not be reached for comment last night, but a spokesman for his office said they were 'sick and tired' of Mr. Gumedze and the union.
President Ronald Reagan spoke to a large celebration in Milwaukee this week.

200 back after stoppage

BY PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK

ABOUT 200 workers at Mathey Bottling Refiners in Wadeville, Germiston, who stopped work on Wednesday in protest against a supervisor who allegedly called their colleagues "Kaffirs" were back at work yesterday.

They returned after management agreed to investigate "allegations of bad language and unfair treatment".

A South African Chemical Workers' Union spokesman said the entire workforce downed tools after the suspension of 14 workers who stopped work on Monday in protest against the supervisor, who shouted and swore at them and called them "Kaffirs".

The workers are demanding the immediate dismissal of the supervisor.

"Sexist" judge drops ruling

INDIANA - Judge James Clement wants the men to wear the pants in his courtroom, but he will not push it.

The Superior Court judge drew a refusal this week from the county prosecutor, Jack Crawford, who said he would not require women prosecutors to wear skirts.

The judge backed off, saying the memo was only expressing his preference.

Mr Crawford, who employs the women deputy prosecutors, said, "I have told Judge Clement I will not require my female attorneys to wear dresses and skirts."

"In fact the reaction was pretty much that it was sexist." - UPI

Chicken load disappears

Mail Reporter

THE TRUCKLOAD of live chickens that stood in central Hillbrow, Johannesburg, since Sunday vanished without trace yesterday.

The chickens' keeper, Mr. Shadrack Manyau, told the Rand Daily Mail this week that he and his employer, Mr. Louis Changwana, had arrived from Amersfoort and had not managed to sell the chickens they brought with them.

Presumably the two have sold the chickens or found an alternative venue for their sale.
Men sent to city firm after unrest

Labour Reporter

WORKERS from Pretoria have been sent to Durban to maintain production of radiators for new cars after labour unrest at one of Natal's largest radiator factories, Silverton Engineering, at Isipingo.

The plant has been shut down temporarily while negotiations take place between the management and representatives of the South African Allied Workers' Union, according to Mr Barry Land, the company's marketing director.

The 60 workers downed tools on September 18 protesting at the introduction of a four-day working week and were later dismissed after ignoring a return to work ultimatum.

Mr Land told the Mercury the company was forced to introduce a short time because of the 'general economic downturn' as well as the fact that a new-technology radiator was being produced at the company's Pretoria plant until it was possible to transfer the new production system to Durban.

The company's Pretoria factory was also helping in the production to ensure there were no disruptions in the supplies to the assembly plants of Toyota South Africa.

Recovering

A DURBAN man Mr G Glazer, 23, who was knocked unconscious in a car smash on Wednesday night, has regained consciousness in Addington Hospital. His car roof was crushed when it went under a truck trailer and came out the other side in Edwin Swales Drive. He suffered head and neck injuries.

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Workers locked out

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Mr Werner Smith, manager of the hotel, could not be reached for comment on Wednesday night, but a spokesman for his office said they were "sick and tired" of Mr Gumede and the union — Sapa.
Talks on carpet company dispute

Labour Reporter

FURTHER talks between representatives of the South African Allied Workers' Union and the management of Crossley Carpets are planned for today in a bid to end a dispute over the sacking of three workers.

About 600 workers at the factory in Reunion, near Luyengo, downed tools yesterday morning and demanded the reinstatement of the three.

Company spokesman Sexton Thompson said the three had been fired for refusing to work after the introduction of staggered meal breaks for some workers. There had been no question of them having to do additional work, he said.

"We are doing everything possible to get the workers back to their jobs and we undertook to consider their demand for the reinstatement of the three on condition that all the workers returned."

Today's meeting was due to take place at 8 a.m., he added.

"Stormed out"

Local organiser of the union Elphas Luthuli said the strikers would not return to work until management undertook to hold talks with the union to negotiate the reinstatement of the three. He claimed that a meeting yesterday between with the company had ended abruptly when the management delegation stormed out.

But this was strongly denied by Mr. Thompson. He said an agreement had been reached that the company would consider the reinstatement of the three on condition that all the strikers returned. Midway through the meeting it had been discovered that none had returned. The meeting had ended at that point and further talks would be held this morning.
Two firms still affected by strike action

Labour Reporter

WHILE strikers at one Durban factory returned to work yesterday, two other companies were still affected by labour problems.

Cleaners employed by Supervision Services, who went on strike on Tuesday demanding more pay, were yesterday given an ultimatum to return to work today or face dismissal.

Mr T W Davis, the company's general manager, said that 'only a handful' of people were involved in the work stoppage. 'Most of our staff are at work,' he said.

But Mr Bongani Khaula, a local organiser of the Cleaning and Allied Workers' Union, said about 200 cleaners stopped work in support of their demand for more pay.

They were still deciding whether to return to work, he said, adding that they were unhappy with their wages which averaged R172 a month.

Silverton Engineering at Ispingo, where about 60 striking workers were dismissed last week following a protest over the introduction of a four-day working week, was still closed yesterday. Mr Barry Land, a company spokesman, said a decision was expected early next week.

At Crossley Carpets at Reunion near Ispingo, about 500 workers, protesting at the dismissal of three colleagues, ended their one-day strike at 10 a.m. yesterday after talks between management and officials of the South African Allied Workers' Union.

Company spokesman Mr Seaton Thompson said all had returned to work and the three dismissed workers had been reinstated.

The company was assured by representatives of the union that the workers will observe the staggered meal breaks,' he added.

He said there would be discussions between management and representatives of the workers regarding union recognition.
Victory for 3 Workers

MORE than 500 workers who had been on strike at Durban carpet factory to protest against the dismissal of three co-workers this week returned to work after management agreed to re-instate the three.

The workers returned to work at Crosley Carpets after negotiations with SAWWU representatives.
Company signs union agreement

Labour Reporter

THE South African Allied Workers' Union announced yesterday that one of its affiliates, the Industrial Commercial and Distribution Trade Workers' Union, had signed a preliminary recognition agreement with Freight Services Forwarding.

Mr Isaac Ngcobo, SAAWU's national treasurer, said the agreement covered recognition of shop stewards, negotiation and the settlement of disputes, and covered 300 employees in the company's nine operating depots.

He said the agreement had been concluded after three months of negotiations which had been disrupted by the detention of Mr Sam Kikane, SAAWU's general secretary, who had gone into hiding to evade Redetention under the Internal Security Act.

Mr J Z Troskolanski, the company's human resources manager, yesterday confirmed the signing of the agreement.
Building

strike into
its fifth day

Labour Reporter
BUILDING work on new
flats and shopping com-
plexes at Ballito had
come to a halt as the work
stoppage by more than
300 employees of Thomas
Construction entered its
fifth day yesterday.
The company's manage-
director, Mr Gerald
Griesen, yesterday con-
firmed that a stalemate
had been reached after
the workers had refused
to accept a 12 percent pay
rise offered earlier this
week.
He said no return-to-
work ultimatum had been
given to the strikers and
the company had not re-
cieved any formal de-
mands over pay.

But Mr Richard
Gumede, national presi-
dent of the South African
Allied Workers' Union,
said yesterday that the
workers had communica-
ted their pay demands to
the management in no un-
certain terms.

"The management re-
fused to meet union re-
presentatives, saying that
the company had no rec-
ognition agreement with
the union," he said.

The workers had asked
for their minimum wages
to be increased from 75c
ever to R1 per hour, he
said, adding that they
were earning an average
of R135 a month at
present.

Mr Griesen said his
employees would not be
paid for the duration of
the work stoppage which
started on Monday.
He said: "We have of-
fered the dissenting
labourers a 12 percent
pay increase and expect
them to return to work if
they have grievances oth-
er than pay - and none
has been made known to
us - they will be dealt
with on resumption of
normal duties. No one
has been dismissed at
this stage."
2-day work stayaway planned in Transvaal

A two-day work stayaway has been planned for all major industrial areas of the Transvaal next week. Leading trade union groupings — representing about 300,000 workers — have thrown their weight behind the call in protest against Government response to student, civic and worker grievances.

It will be the first time since the nationwide stoppage over the death of trade unionist Neil Aggett that a wide range of unions and civic organisations have combined forces in protest action.

The intention of the stay-home will be to make an impact on the Government and shake it into answering student and worker demands, says the Transvaal Regional Stayaway Committee.

The Federation of South African Trade Unions, the Council of Unions of South Africa, the South African Allied Workers' Union, township civic associations, youth groups and student bodies are involved.

The Release Mandela Committee, Federation of South African Women and United Democratic Front Soweto Committee are also key participants.
Workers return today

Mail Reporter

ALL 600 workers of the Continental China company in Roslyn, Pretoria, went on strike last week in protest against an increase in their working hours and a decrease in their hourly wages.

But at a meeting last Thursday between management and the South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU), it was agreed that the workers would return to work today at the reduced hourly wage of R1.76, but that SAAWU would continue negotiations for the re-implementation of the R2 hourly rate.

The workers claim their daily working hours were unilaterally extended from 6.30am-4pm to 7am-5pm, an increase of 2½ hours a week, while their hourly wages were reduced from R2 to R1.76.

A company spokesman confirmed the changes in hours and reduction of wages, as well as the return of workers today, but he could not comment further.

The workers allege they were informed of the new pay and hour arrangement on a Friday and told it would take immediate effect from the following Monday.

They responded by joining SAAWU, which introduced itself to management after obtaining a mandate from the workers.

A meeting to discuss a recognition agreement between SAAWU and management is scheduled for November 29, according to a worker spokesman. But neither management nor the union could be reached for confirmation.

The workers were told last Monday, through a liaison committee that has since been replaced by SAAWU shop stewards, that management did not have money for increases and if they found the new hours and pay unacceptable, they should leave.

They arrived at work the following day, Tuesday, but refused to go on to the factory floor. Union representatives were then received by management for a meeting.

The workers were told they could be dismissed and would only be reinstated at an hourly wage of R1.30.
Workforce downs tools

THE ENTIRE black workforce of Continental China in Rosslyn near Pretoria downed tools on Monday after some 300 fellow workers were locked out of the factory, their union spokesman said yesterday.

A spokesman for the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) said the 650-strong workforce went on strike after the dismissal of nearly 300 workers who had refused to work overtime the day before.

Their refusal followed a recent agreement with management that workers would accept a pay cut provided they did not work overtime, the spokesman said.

When Saawu officials yesterday went to negotiate with Continental China, they were told the company had closed down and workers would be paid off today.

— Sapa
UNIONS AND POLITICS

Behind the stayaway

Nothing that has happened in this highly traumatic year did as much to jolt white South Africa as last week's stayaway by the Transvaal's urban black community. And so it should have come.

According to labour analysts, between 300,000 and 800,000 workers participated in the mass protest—making it the biggest in SA history.

It was not the violence which accompanied it that shocked. Sadly, most people have become accustomed to almost daily reports of death, mayhem and destruction. Nor was it the effective re-statement of how dependent this country is on the contribution of black workers—and how vulnerable commerce and industry are to the withdrawal of their labour. That is keenly recognised. The impact came from the realisation of exactly how deep the level of black discontent has become.

It was this factor which led union groupings like the Federation of SA Trade Unions (Fosatu) and the Council of Unions of SA (Cusa), as well as the independent Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers' Union (Ccawusa) to support the call for an 'industrial walkout' ('we don't ride'). As the Labour Monitoring Group (see box) has pointed out, the stayaway marks a new phase in the history of protest against apartheid—the beginning of united and concerted action by organised labour, students and community groups. And the unions are playing a key role.

The prospect of a stayaway arose when the Congress of SA Students (Cosas), an affiliate of the United Democratic Front (UDF) which has been in the thick of the education protests, called on student, community and worker organisations to get together to discuss the education crisis and civic and labour problems.

Unrealistic demands

When it became apparent that a stayaway was on the cards it became certain that other UDF-affiliated trade unions and organisations would support it. Hence the participation of the SA Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) and the General and Allied Workers' Union (Gawu), both of which have long been associated with black community political issues, the Vaal Sivc Association, the Federation of SA Women, the East Rand People's Organisation, the Release Mandela Committee—and other UDF organisations, although the UDF itself as a collective body was not involved. The United Mining, Metal and Allied Workers of SA (Ummawosa), which split from Fosatu's Metal and Allied Workers' Union in mid-

The effectiveness of last week's stayaway was largely attributable to the involvement of the black unions. This was the first large-scale involvement of organised labour in politics since the Wiebahn reforms and presages new directions in black politics as a whole.

Year (and was widely expected to join the UDF), also joined in.

The umbrella Transvaal Regional Stayaway Committee—which organised the protest—made demands which included the withdrawal of the army and police from the townships, and a halt to rent increases. In addition, all detainees and political prisoners were to be released, and all dismissed workers reinstated. "Unfair" tax and taxation were to be withdrawn, and there were some educational demands, too—

that student representative councils be democratically elected in black schools, and the age restrictions on black pupils be abolished, along with corporal punishment.

It was obviously unrealistic to expect that all these demands would be met. Yet, given the disparate aims of the organisations involved, it is natural that they should have been articulated.

There is no doubt that without the contribution of Cusa, which is a UDF affiliate, Ccawusa and particularly of Fosatu, the stayaway would not have been as effective as it was. It has given rise to a perception that unions have crossed the Rubicon which divides purely union interests from political issues.

Why did Fosatu—which most exclusive concentration on shop-floor issues has accounted for its strength and success—become embroiled in the stayaway? Since its formation in 1979 the federation has avoided direct political action. The two notable exceptions were the one-hour nation-

WHERE IT HIT

Stayaway Participation Rates by Sector

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Source: Labour Monitoring Group

Fosatu's Erwin ... articulating a need for 'clear protest action'

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wide work stoppage after the death in detention of trade unionist Neil Aggett in 1982, and the campaign this year against the coloured and Indian elections Therein lies the answer.

Says Fosatu's education secretary Alec Erwin “Our attitude is clear. If something affects our organisation and our members we will respond. This action was undertaken because the Transvaal is very serious - in our view close to civil war - and needed clear protest action

Last Monday's and Tuesday's stayaway elicited an average 60% response in the PWV area - with anything up to 800,000, and not less than 300,000 people participating. It was most successful where strong trade union organisation and community and student organisation coincided. The numbers involved in the stayaway are considerably higher if the approximately 400,000 students who boycotted school on those two days are included.

These are the findings of the Labour Monitoring Group (LMG), an academic body which has produced a preliminary analysis of the stayaway. The group undertook the Town and Development Research Unit's directory of trade unions as its data base and attempted to contact all firms in the PWV area which have a recognition agreement with an independent union. Responses were received from 71 firms, six firms refused to divulge information.

Other findings of the group are:
- Unions factored gave overwhelming support to the stayaway with some 70% of the companies in their sample reporting a stayaway rate of over 60%.
- The unions factored were concentrated in the East Rand and the Vaal - the areas where the stayaway rates were highest.

The LMG points out that even though it could not canvass the Pretoria area, because of the limitations of its sample group, it is known that the stayaway in all aspects was almost total. However, commuters from Bophuthatswana went to work as usual. The pattern was similar in Brits with township dwellers supporting the stayaway and commuters working normally.

In the area where the stayaway was most intense - the Vaal, East Rand and Atteridgeville - school attendance was also negligible. It seems, the LMG says, that workers readily identified the demands of the students for democratically elected student representative councils with their own struggle for independent representation in the factories.
- All sectors where unions were present were equally affected. Mining was an exception, with lack of participation being attributed to isolation from the townships and the aftermath of the recent strikes.
- The stayaway did not weaken on the second day: 56% of establishments maintained the same level of stayaway on both days, 26% weakened, and 24% actually intensified on Tuesday. This is seen as significant, as in the past extended stayaways have failed - such as the call for a five-day stayaway in November 1976 which simply petered out.
- There was no significant difference in the response, according to employers, to the stayaway: The LMG says that migrants formed a significant proportion of the workforce in nine of the 71 establishments surveyed. In five of these there was more than 90% participation. The high level of migrant worker involvement, they say, suggests a critical weakening of the influence of Inkatha on the Rand.
- Forced to choose between loyalty to Inkatha and to their unions, many supported the stayaway Inkatha chief Gatsha Buthelezi's vocal opposition to the stayaway and are even further from the mainstream of opposition in SA, the LMG claims.
- None of the employers interviewed envisaged disciplinary action. The most common response was to deduct wages for the two days' absence. Some employers treated it as paid leave, others, more sympathetic, accepted employees' accounts of intimidation and paid wages in full.

The LMG states that Sasol's hardline approach revealed the vulnerability of workers during a stayaway. Most employers were taken by surprise by the success of the stayaway and, unsympathetic to what they saw as a political strike, unrelated to the workplace. Any future stayaways are likely to be met by a harsher management response. Already some employers are calling for a trimming down of the workforce, and could well use stayaways as a pretext for retrenchment.

The LMG concludes that the decision to resort to a stayaway reflects the absence of political rights for blacks, and that as long as blacks are refused access to political power, the stayaway will emerge as a weapon. In the past, the State has responded to such demonstrations of power in a repressive manner, with the result that legitimate protest has been forced underground or into exile. A similar response in the present situation would have far-reaching international repercussions and further deepen the internal crisis.

Cosas came up with the initial student demands. We chose to back them and added other issues like getting the army out of the townships. However, we only understood the Transvaal is very serious - in our view close to civil war - and needed clear protest action.

Some labour observers have drawn attention to other factors. They point out that one of the issues underlying the Umnwovos/Metal and Allied Workers' Union (Mauw) split was a deep-rooted dissatisfaction with Fosatu's reticence about political involvement. This is hotly denied by Erwin, who told the FM “There was division in the Mauw leadership, and corruption. But we are perfectly happy that the Umnwovos split did not relate to political issues. That was a rationalisation in hindsight on their part.” Nonetheless, Erwin does acknowledge that there are tensions within Fosatu, although he says the federation does not regard these as being unhealthy.

What of the response of employers? Unions report that, barring Sasol, which is one of the biggest mass dismissals sacked 6,500 workers - decimating Fosatu's Chemical Workers' Industrial Union in the Transvaal - very few employers took action against their employees for participating in the stayaway.

According to Tony Ewer, chairman of the Transvaal Chamber of Industr-
PIETIE DU PLESSIS
The view from Pretoria

Pietie du Plessis is the Minister of Manpower. He spoke to the FM about the stayaway.

FM: What is government's view of the role of unions in politics?
Du Plessis: The legislator's intentions are clearly outlined. In this regard, the Act stipulates that no trade union shall affiliate with any political party or shall it grant financial or other assistance or endeavour to influence its members with the object of assisting any political party. From the aforesaid, it is clear that the obligation rests with trade unions to further the interests of their members as far as conditions of employment, safety at work and related matters are concerned.

Given that blacks have no representation in central government, is it not inevitable that unions will become involved in politics and that stayaways become a legitimate form of protest?

As you are aware, the political dispensation of urban blacks is presently the subject of an investigation by a special Cabinet committee which is giving priority attention to the matter and which is bearing evidence from black leaders and other interested parties. In these circumstances, it is desirable to allow the committee full opportunity to consider the matter with due regard to all relevant factors.

For the present, blacks have the opportunity, through the governments of national states and black local authorities, to participate in the decision-making process in so far as it relates to matters affecting their interests. I should like to emphasise that, apart from the legal position as already outlined, I do not regard it desirable for trade unions to involve themselves in political matters. To encourage and participate in stayaways could in the long run only serve to destabilise labour relations with all its concomitant effects for the workers and the community at large.

Does the Department of Manpower approve of the restraint most employers have displayed in not taking action against workers who failed to report for duty during the stayaway?

The department has always maintained the principle of non-interference in the private relationships of employers and employees. This attitude is emphasised by the impartial role the department is often called upon to play in cases where the utilisation of the dispute-settling machinery of our labour legislation becomes an issue. In this regard, for example, I may mention that the department has already had more than 200 applications for the establishment of conciliation boards for the settlement of labour disputes this year, where, in almost all instances, officials of the department preside as impartial chairmen.

If unions continue to involve themselves in political affairs, would government consider taking action against them, such as bans or other measures? If so, please specify. The FM notes that several people involved in organising the stayaway have been detained by the security police. Could you comment?

The government is responsible for the maintenance of law and order, and although trade union personalities are not singled out in terms of the security legislation of our country, this should be no doubt that trade union personalities who become involved in actions where the security of the State is threatened would equally be dealt with in terms of the relevant legislation.

There should be no illusion in this regard, as the government has made it clear on a number of occasions that it would not tolerate destabilising activity in any sphere, including that of labour relations.

ing what it means, to question why the black masses indulged in an action obviously against their economic interests at a time of high unemployment. And there was alarm at revolutionary statements and threats of a general strike from the Transvaal Regional Stayaway Committee's Thami Mahi (see page 56).

There was intimidation. But to focus on only that is to miss the point. Industrial sociologist Professor Eddie Webster of Wits has defined a stayaway as "a general withdrawal of labour which does not (usually) arise out of a specific work-place dispute but articulates broader political and sometimes economic demands."

Erwin states "This was action against certain government policies rather than against employers. It means that unions will not pay some costs. To have stood back and done nothing would have created serious problems between our members and their children."

In such a situation the fact that blacks cannot exercise their political rights in the central Parliament means that unions with black members inevitably come to articulate their grievances. This is a reality...
of dismissal is considerably greater in periods of high unemployment. Finally, lacking co-ordinated organisation and the financial resources for a long strike, workers cannot stay out for long."

Casa general secretary Pieter Botha says: "Right now another stayaway would just weaken our position. We would just lose effect if we did that." Employer attitudes would be much tougher. We cannot pursue all our demands in a stayaway. We can only use it in some instances. One uses stayaways for issues of principle and core issues. Workers have been battered for a whole year. Retrenchments, unemployment, bad pay, gst, township rents increases - it's all cumulative. There are irretrievable forces acting in our community and we need to react to them."

Unfortunately, while there has to be law enforcement, the police do not seem to have helped matters - and the presence of the army in townships is regarded as provocative. Law and Order Minister Louis le Grange would do well to reconsider the handling of the unrest. For example, the detention of the stayaway organisers and especially of Fosatu president Chris Baniem has only added to an inflammatory situation.

"The stayaway was a very clear show of mass discontent with specific government policies. It was the clearest and most substantial message that has got across for many decades," says Erwin.

If government ignores what happened last week it threatens the future of all South Africans. It is clearly folly to believe that homeland leaders and community councillors are the real black leaders. Like it or not, it is organisations like the African National Congress and black trade unions that really count. It is to them that government should be talking.

FOSCHINI
First-names and efficiency

That Foschini deserves its blue-chip status is undeniable. After all, how does one argue with a compounded earnings growth of 22% over five years? Edgars managed only 6% growth in the same period, and blue-chip Wertheim's 18%. In addition, over the past two years, while the retailing recession was at its worst, Foschini has had the edge on both of these larger competitors.

As always, the reasons for the group's success are many. But among the most important must be its rare corporate culture, that combines the involvement of family ownership with the efficiency of professional, decentralised leadership in a diversified group. That chairman Stanley Lewis has been able to merge these seemingly incompatible styles is undoubtedly to his credit.

If there is one managerial quality that the clothing industry has always respected, it's "gut-feel." The term describes an ability to predict - months in advance of a new season - what the fickle female public is likely to buy. But with the industry becoming more competitive, and the consumer more sophisticated, gut-feel alone cannot no longer ensure a successful season. The recessionary years have concentrated management's attention on other skills.

Good marketing techniques, tight asset management and strict control over productivity have become essential adjuncts to the gut-feel quality - that, nevertheless, remains important. For companies like Foschini the computer has become an indispensable ally. The fashion world is risky, but by providing retailers with a constant flow of data, the computer has reduced some of the margin for error.

The hundreds of cashiers that staff the group's stores are, in effect, also computer operators. Each time they enter a sale, details of the garment's size, colour and style are recorded on a computer disc locked inside the cash register. At the end of each day, Foschini's central computer in Cape Town dials into the hundreds of cash registers located throughout the country, and transfers their recorded information into its own memory bank. The data is then collated, and a printed summary of the day's sales is produced, in time to be presented the next day to Lewis, with his morning coffee, so to speak.

"We have tried to remove some of the
guesswork from fashion retailing, and to replace it with effective market information," he says.

For Lewis and his executives, the daily report is an essential barometer of market taste. A style which is popular in the chain's Rosebank store may be a loser in Messina, and management must react quickly to this information. The unpopular styles in Messina may be removed or allocated elsewhere, while stocks of popular styles in Messina may be increased.

As the season advances, the merchandise mix in each store changes in response to local demand, and every store assumes its own identity. The system also enables each store to run at minimum stock levels, since styles which are about to run out can be
650 workers dismissed from company in Rosslyn

By Andrew Beattie, Pretoria Bureau

The entire workforce of 650 at the Continental China company in Rosslyn, Pretoria, was reported to have been dismissed yesterday after some workers had refused to work overtime and the rest downed tools.

The report came from the South African Allied Workers Union.

There had been an earlier stoppage by the workers when their wages were reduced from R2 an hour to R1.78 an hour while their daily working hours were also changed, resulting in an extra 2½ hours of work a week.

A SAAWU spokesman said that workers in three departments last week received instructions to work overtime on Saturday but refused.

On Monday an instruction to work overtime was repeated, and the workers again refused.

When the workers arrived yesterday they were told they had all been dismissed and the other workers downed tools in support of their reinstatement, the spokesman said.

The company's management stated it had been operating at a substantial loss during the past 18 months due to increased employment costs without an increase in productivity.

The working hours had been reduced from 46 to 40 hours a week "without any reduction in the weekly take-home pay".

Staff were then asked to work a 45-hour week.

Since then, production has frequently been disrupted due to stoppages and the company has been forced to cease operations until further notice, said a management spokesman.
Saawu signs major agreement

By JOSHUA RABOROKO
THE SOUTH AFRICAN Allied Workers' Union (Sawu) has signed a recognition agreement with Coca-Cola — a major victory for the union, according to Mr. Sisa Njelelela, the union's general secretary.

Mr. Njelelela told The SOWETAN yesterday that the agreement — the sixth this year so far — has added strength to the union. They were hoping to conclude other agreements with management late this year or early next year.

In terms of the agreement with the Wadeville plant, the union can negotiate wages, retrenchments, health and safety matters, dispute procedures, grievances and disciplinary measures.

"We have also agreed to discuss maternity leave for our members. We are hoping that the finer points of this leave will be concluded in the future as well as health and safety measures," he said.

Maternity leave and health and safety measures have been contentious aspects in signing of recognition agreements this year, especially in the retail and mining industries.

The Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers' Union (Cawusa) has concluded a maternity leave with OK Bazaar and the National Union of Mineworkers has urged its members working underground not to work at places which they regard as unsafe, according to union sources.

Saawu said that it saw the agreement as a step towards developing progressive industrial relations in the South African industrial community.
Defy workers fear closure of Durban factory

Labour Reporter

WORKERS at the Durban plant of the giant Defy corporation are worried that a possible takeover of the company might result in the closure of the factory.

A spokesman said more than 500 workers would be involved if the factory at Jacobs was affected.

Defy's group managing director, Mr R G Newby, confirmed yesterday that takeover negotiations were in progress.

He declined to say if any of Defy's factories would be affected, but he added that a statement would be released before the end of the year.

Defy, which is one of the country's oldest and best-known appliance manufacturers, also has factories in Newcastle, with about 500 employees, and several factories in the Transvaal. At this stage it is not clear whether the Defy factory in Durban or those in the Transvaal would be affected.

Worried

The giant Federale Group's Tek Corporation has been involved in the takeover talks with Defy.

Mr Isaac Ngcobo, national treasurer of the South African Allied Workers' Union, said yesterday the union had been informed of developments at Defy, but it had been assured that only some of the workers would be affected.

"Our members at the factory are very worried. Some have worked for Defy for more than 20 years."

He said the union had been told the company...
Paper company hit by strike

Labour Reporter
ABOUT 200 workers at Sylko Paper Company in Jacobs went on strike yesterday, on the eve of the company's closure for the year-end holidays, and demanded a refund of money deducted from their pay for union dues.

According to Mr Isaac Ngcobo, a spokesman for the workers, the entire black workforce had resigned from the South African Typographical Union and joined another union but deductions were still being made in favour of the SATU.

They claimed that they were no longer members of SATU and had since joined the Printing and Allied Workers’ Union, an affiliate of the South African Allied Workers’ Union.

Refunded

Mr Ngcobo, who is national treasurer of SAAWU, said the workers downed tools yesterday and requested that their money be refunded before 3 p.m. today when the factory shuts down for the December holidays.

He said the SATU had a stop order with the company for deductions from its members' wages.

The workers petitioned both the union and the company to cancel the stop order, but to this day there has been no response from either the company or the union, he said, adding that workers were angry and went on strike.

Officials of the SATU were not available for comment yesterday.

A spokesman for the company confirmed that the workers had downed tools and added that the management were at a meeting trying to resolve the problem.
Union dues dispute goes on

Labour Reporter

THE strike by about 200 Sylko Paper company workers entered its second day yesterday with no agreement being reached over the workers' demand for a refund of their union contributions.

Mr. David Cox, a spokesman for the Jacobs company, said yesterday that the strike involved a majority of the black workers, formerly members of the South African Typographical Union, by virtue of a closed shop agreement.

"Over the past month they have expressed unhappiness at having to belong to this union and Sylko has now successfully negotiated an exemption from union membership for these employees.

Calm

"We therefore no longer deduct union dues. However, the strikers have demanded that all dues ever paid by them into the union must be refunded. This is clearly not possible as Sylko merely collects dues according to gazetted laws on behalf of the union.

"At the present moment, no agreement has been reached but the situation is calm," he added.

Mr. Isaac Ngcobo, national treasurer of the South African Allied Workers' Union, said the workers had resigned from SATU and had since joined the SAAWU affiliate, Printing and Allied Workers' Union.

He claimed that the workers had informed both the company and SATU of their decision many months ago.
I wasn't hiding, says unionist

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN
Labour Correspondent

A TRADE unionist who was detained with the "Durban Six" and was thought to be in hiding re-emerged yesterday to claim he had never been a fugitive.

He is Mr Sam Kikane, who contacted the Rand Daily Mail from his Durban office to say he had returned to work on Thursday and would attend a meeting of workers this morning.

He denied he had been in hiding and said he had been "on long leave" in the Transvaal.

Mr Kikane was one of a group of Government opponents who were detained under security legislation on August 21 and released a week later after the Natal Supreme Court ruled that their detention order was invalid.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, then served new detention orders on them and the six took refuge in the British Consulate.

Mr Kikane disappeared with another detainee, who later gave himself up, and had remained out of sight until yesterday.

The order for Mr Kikane's detention was withdrawn earlier this week together with orders on the consulate fugitives.

Mr Kikane, who was general secretary of the SA Allied Workers' Union until a split in the union earlier this year, also claimed he had been reappointed to his union job in his absence and that the purpose of today's meeting was to enable him to "officially accept his reappointment".

He claimed he was reappointed by a workers' meeting "This is worker democracy in action and I am happy to accept the workers' decision," he said.

It appears, however, that the split has not been resolved and Mr Kikane has been elected by his Natal supporters only.
2 fired in workers may be rehired

BY STEVEN FRIEDMAN
Labour Correspondent

Two workers fired by Iscor at its Newcastle works may be reinstated soon after an Industrial Court action by their union, the SA Alied Workers' Union.

The action was the latest move in SAWU's attempt to win recognition at the Newcastle works, where it claims to represent 4,000 workers — most of the workforce. It claims the two were fired because they are its members and that Iscor is resisting SAWU.

But Iscor yesterday denied it was against recognizing unions. It said SAWU had so far not submitted proof of its membership at the works and said it could not discuss recognition with it until it did so.

There is also a conflict between the two sides over whether the two workers have been granted full reinstatement.

A SAWU spokesman said the two, Mr Philip Ngwenya — a union shop steward — and Mr Goodman Nkosi, were granted temporary reinstatement by the court.

He said they would be given jobs for which the pay and conditions would be no less favourable than those they enjoyed before they were fired. They would also receive back pay for the period since they were sacked.

Mr Nkosi was fired in August and Mr Ngwenya in November.

He said the two had been fired "unfairly" because Iscor was resisting SAWU's fight for recognition at the plant. They were made scapegoats because they belonged to the union," he said.

But an Iscor spokesman said the company merely agreed in an out-of-court settlement to reinstate the workers when vacancies arose. They would not be rehired immediately as there were no jobs available during the festive season.

"There is also no question of them receiving back pay," he added.

According to Iscor, SAWU brought six cases against it, alleging that workers had been unfairly dismissed.

Four of these cases had been withdrawn and those of Mr Ngwenya and Mr Nkosi have been settled, he said.
PARTIES


Trade Unions: National Motor Industry Combined Workers' Union, Cape Transport Workers' Union (excluding the Cape Explosives Works Ltd, Somerset West).

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Footnotes:

1. Office, stores, sales and clerical employees;
2. Vehicle Body Building Establishments;
3. Manufacturing Establishments;
4. Automotive Repairing and Refitting Establishments;
5. Reconditioning Establishments;
6. All other Establishments.

The Industrial Agreement is divided into 6 sections, which are listed here with the sub-divisions used in this volume.
Man who wore Saawu T-shirt not guilty

ZWELITSHA — Mr Mbonisi Eric Sandi, 23, of Grahamstown was found not guilty in the regional court here yesterday of carrying or being in possession of or displaying a T-shirt indicating he was a member of the banned South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu).

He told the court he was arrested at Hamburg while wearing the T-shirt.

Asked by the magistrate, Mr J Kotze, if he knew what the Saawu initials stood for and if he was a member of Saawu, Mr Sandi said he knew what they stood for, but he was not a member. He bought the T-shirt in the Grahamstown offices of Saawu because he liked it. He did not intend becoming a member.

He claimed he did not know that Saawu was banned in Ciskei, nor had he been told when he bought the shirt that the union had been banned in Ciskei. Had he known it was banned he would have left the shirt at home in Grahamstown.

Mr Kotze said that in terms of the section under which he had been charged it was necessary to show that there was intention to commit the crime and accordingly he found Mr Sandi not guilty.

Mr Sandi pleaded not guilty to an alternative charge of taking part in the activity of an unlawful organisation (Saawu).

He said he had not participated in Saawu activities.

Giving the basis of his defence, he said he had the T-shirt on when he went to a beach. He was arrested and told the police station that Saawu was banned in Ciskei.

The prosecutor, Mr Barry Nel, told the court he intended calling a witness who was not present in court yesterday and asked that the case be postponed until today.

Mr Sandi, who was not represented, was remanded in custody to today.

— DDR
2 more unions allowed to recruit

By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK

The Chamber of Mines has reached agreement with two more emerging unions, granting them the right to recruit workers on the properties of chamber mines.

The unions are the South African Mineworkers' Union (Samwu), which is affiliated to the South African Allied Workers' Union, and the African Miners' and Allied Workers' Union (Amawu).

In terms of the agreements, announced by the chamber on Thursday, accredited representatives of the two unions may recruit on mine property "subject to conditions that may be determined by individual mine managers."

Samwu — which is based in Johannesburg — was formed in 1983; while Amawu — which operates in the Carletonville/Westonaria area — was formed last year by Mr. Vuyani Madolo, a former organiser of the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM).

This brings to seven the number of emerging unions that now have access to recruit on chamber mines.

The Federated Mining Union (FMU) is recognised at several De Beers diamond mines in the Kimberley area, at two gold mines and was recognised at Rustenburg Platinum Mines this week.

The other three unions with access rights are the Black Allied Mining and Tunnel Workers' Union, which is linked to the Black Allied Workers' Union, the Black Allied Mining and Construction Workers' Union, and the Black Mineworkers' Union.
Saawu plans big boycott

THE SOUTH African Allied Workers' Union is to launch a nationwide boycott of Continental China products in solidarity with the 650 workers dismissed from the Roslyn Plant late last year.

According to Mr Nhloniphe Mdlonga, a branch organiser for Saawu, talks are to be held with several trade unions to strengthen the campaign. A decision will soon be taken at a meeting in Pretoria.

Saawu has also requested members of the public not to seek employment at Continental China as a means of pledging support with the dismissed workers. This request comes in the form of pamphlets which have been distributed around the black township and in Rosslyn.

A meeting of workers was called after attempts to get management to negotiate were unsuccessful.

"They felt that officials could take their plight more seriously if other people also boycotted the company because they got fired while involved in a battle for the betterment of the working conditions," said Mr Mulondo.
Intimidation alleged: four in court

EAST LONDON — Four Mdantsane men made a brief appearance in the regional court here yesterday in connection with incidents last year in which Frame Textile Group employees were allegedly intimidated.

Mr Sandile Stomp, 26, Mr Sibusiso Gwalis, 22, Mr Tomza Hanyana, 24 and Mr Buyisile Tyali, 34, were not asked to plead and no evidence was led.

The state alleges that the four threatened to destroy assault and injure Frame Group employees in a bid to prevent them from attending work.

The state has also charged the group with seven alternative counts of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

The case was postponed until March 6 to allow the state to supply defence counsel with more specific particulars.

Bail was extended until that date.

The magistrate was Mr N R Mathysen and Mr T Nkane was the prosecutor. Mr H R Naidoo represented the four instructed by H R V Simunye.

DDR
Treason trial: another union leader arrested

By ANTON HARBER
Political Reporter

POLICE added Mr Sisa Nyikelana, general secretary of the SA Allied Workers Union, to their list of treason trialists yesterday, taking to 15 the number who will appear in court in Durban.

Seven of those — all arrested and charged on Tuesday — will appear in the Durban Magistrate's Court this morning.

There were strong rumours yesterday that Mr Thozama Gqweta, president of SAAWU, would also be charged. UDF officials confirmed this, but police and his lawyers were unable to confirm or deny it.

This will be South Africa's biggest and highest-profile treason trial for nearly 25 years. The charges relate to activities between 1981 and 1984.

Strong reaction continued yesterday to Tuesday's massive raids and arrests.

Dr Oscar Dlkomo, secretary-general of Inkatha, said the Government's actions would in the long run authenticate the views of those who maintained violence was the only option open to the oppressed.

The opposition Solidarity Party in the House of Delegates condemned the detentions and raids.

The Federation of Transvaal Women (Fedraw) said Mrs Albertina Sisulu, the only woman among the accused, was "a mother figure of South African freedom-loving people".

The seven accused who will definitely appear today are Mrs Albertina Sisulu, a president of the UDF, Mr Cas Salojee, UDF treasurer, Mr Frank Chikane, UDF Transvaal vice-president, Professor Ismael Mohammed, chairman of the Transvaal Anti-PC Committee, and Mr Sam Kikane, Mr Isaac Ngcobo and Mr Nyikelana, all of SAAWU.

The eight already charged are Mr Archie Gumedze, Dr Essop Jassat, Mr George Sewpersad, Mr Mewu Ramgobin, Mr Curtis Nkondo, Mr Aubrey Mojeni, Mr Paul David and Mr M J Naidoo.

Police yesterday confirmed that Mr Tom Manthata of the SACC was being held under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.
Trade union leader detained

Police today detained a trade unionist and said he was the eighth person arrested this week who is to appear in a high treason trial in March.

He is Mr. Thobazile Gweta, a leader of the South African Allied Workers' Union.

Three other members of the same union and four United Democratic Front leaders were arrested during dawn raids by police earlier this week.

Police said they would appear in a Durban court on March 28 with eight other UDF and Natal Indian Congress leaders, who were arrested late last year and are at present in jail. — Sapa
Unionist tells of handover to SAP

By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK

The national president of the South African Allied Workers Union (SAAWU), Mr Thozamile Gweta, has been arrested on a charge of high treason and is to stand trial with 15 other opposition leaders, seven of whom were arrested this week.

A police spokesman said Mr Gweta would appear in court on Monday and that his case would be combined with the other 15 leaders of the United Democratic Front and its affiliate organisations.

His arrest brings to four the number of SAAWU officials in the UDF trial.

A spokesman for SAAWU said yesterday that Mr Gweta was arrested while driving with two colleagues, Mr Melvin Mapunye and Mr Jeff Wabena, through Mdantsane, Ciskei, at 7.30pm on Thursday.

About midnight the Ciskei police took them out of Mdantsane on to the King William's Town road, where they were flagged down by a minibus that had followed them at high speed.

Mr Mapunye and Mr Wabena said there were seven white and one black security policemen in the minibus, who said they had a warrant for the arrest of Mr Gweta.

He at first refused to be arrested and was allegedly threatened with force. Mr Wabena and Mr Mapunye said they were then taken home to Mdantsane about 3.30am.
JOHANNESBURG — South African Allied Workers' Union organiser, Mr Bonile Lawrence Tuluma, was refused bail when he appeared in the magistrate's court here yesterday in connection with allegations that he took part in activities directly or indirectly in the interests of the banned African National Congress (ANC).

Mr Tuluma, 33, of Mdantsane, who was arrested on February 19, said "I am a trade unionist, not a politician."

The state alleged Mr Tuluma would leave the country and not stand trial.

A security policeman, Warrant Officer Christian van Wyk, said it was easy to get political asylum in other countries, because this is a political case in South Africa, and because South Africa's political policy is not very popular in the outside world.

Mr Tuluma, who has not been asked to plead to allegations framed in terms of Section 13 of the Internal Security Act, which prohibits taking part in activities of, or acting in the interests of, an unlawful organisation, was remanded in custody until March 11 by the magistrate. Mr P Miller — SAPA
TWELITSHA — A Grahamstown man, Mr Mboni Sandi, 23, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment, conditionally suspended for three years, in the regional court here yesterday after being found guilty of wearing a Saawu T-shirt.

Mr Sandi was arrested on New Year's Day wearing the T-shirt at Hamburg near Peddie.

He told the court he did not know Saawu was banned in Ciskei — DDR.
Ciskei court orders Saawu to pay costs

BISHO — The South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) was ordered yesterday by Mr Justice Erasmus in the Supreme Court here to furnish security for costs, the amount of the security to be determined by the Registrar of the court.

Saawu was also ordered to pay the costs of an application.

The union, which was banned in Ciskei in 1963, had sought an order that the notice purporting to declare it an unlawful organisation in terms of the National Security Act be of no force and effect and to set aside the notice.

The applicants are Saawu and Mr Thozamile Gweta.

The respondents are the Minister of Justice, the Commissioner of Police, Major General L B Madolo, and Mr Ian Melville, who was appointed the liquidator following the banning of Saawu in Ciskei.

The respondents gave notice in January last year to the applicants that they required the applicants to furnish security for R10 000 for the cost of the case because the applicants were peregrini (foreigners).

The applicants replied that they would oppose the demand.

Mr Justice Erasmus said that from the papers it appeared that Saawu had no offices in Ciskei and that its principal offices were in Johannesburg. The management and control was also in South Africa.

He said the fact that a South African-based trade union had members living in the Ciskei, but working in South Africa, was to his mind no grounds for exercising a discretion in favour of Saawu because Saawu was a peregrinus — DDR.
Intimidation: 4 in court

EAST LONDON — A case in which four Mnatsane men are charged with the intimidation of Frame Group textile workers was postponed until May 20.

The four men, Mr Sandile Stompi, 26, Mr Sibusiso Gwala, 25, Mr Tlazangqa Hanjana, 24, and Mr Buysile Tsili, 24, were not asked to plead when they appeared briefly in the regional court here yesterday before Mr N R Oosthuysen.

The state alleges that the four threatened to destroy, assault and injure Frame Group employees in a bid to prevent them from attending work.

The state has also charged the group with seven alternative counts of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Bail was extended until May 20.

The prosecutor was Mr T Nhonde and Mr R K Naidu represented the four, instructed by H K V Swiss — DDR.
Strike shuts down Blackheath china plant

Staff Reporter
A CHINA factory has closed its Blackheath plant because its entire workforce is on strike.

About 470 workers downed tools on Tuesday when talks on workers' demands between Continental China's management and the SA Allied Workers Union, of which about 80 percent of the workers are members, ended in deadlock.

SAAWU organiser Mr Albert Whittles said today workers were demanding:

- A minimum wage of R2 an hour.
- That workers dismissed from Continental China's Rosslyn plant near Pretoria for 'refusing to work overtime' be reinstated.
- That a worker transferred from the Blackheath plant to Rosslyn to train new workers be withdrawn immediately, and
- That management scrap its worker-haison committee in favour of a workers' committee.

Willingness
Mr Whittles said that during talks, management had indicated a willingness to negotiate a minimum wage, the withdrawal of the transferred worker and abolition of the liaison committee, but was not prepared to negotiate the reinstatement of the dismissed Rosslyn employees.

Continental China's managing director, Mr Bill Paverd, said negotiations ended in deadlock when management "could not meet the workers' demand for a minimum wage of R2 an hour."

He said management was willing to negotiate on wage increases, however, and had already promised workers an April increase.

Although management had "consistently offered" to re-employ as many of the sacked Rosslyn plant workers as possible under current economic conditions, this offer had been "consistently rejected".

He confirmed management's willingness to scrap the liaison committee and replace it with a SAAWU workers' committee.

"In view of the fact the Blackheath workforce has refused to work until union demands have been met and the union's refusal to negotiate the wage demand, I have no further option but to regretfully close the plant until further notice," he said.
450 strike at china factory

THE Continental China plant in Blackheath was closed down yesterday following a deadlock over a wage demand between the management and the South African Allied Workers Union.

According to a statement issued by the managing director of Continental China, Mr Bill Paverd, the plant was closed after the entire workforce of 450 employees had refused to work until the union demands were met.

A spokesman for SAAWU could not be reached last night.

Mr Paverd said the deadlock was reached at a meeting on Wednesday when management could not meet SAAWU's demand for a minimum wage of R2 an hour.

Management was willing to negotiate on wage increases and had already promised employees an increase with effect from April 1985.

The union had also demanded that employees dismissed last year at the Rosslyn, Pretoria, plant be reinstated.
JOHANNESBURG - White employee bodies should recognise the inevitable demise of the legislated "scheduled persons" restriction applicable to the mines, Mr Clive Hobbs, chairman of East Rand Proprietary Mines (ERPM) and Durban Roodepoort Deep, says.

In his chairman's statement in the annual reports of the two companies for the year to December 1984, he refers to the talks being held by the Chamber of Mines with the white unions on the controversial issue of replacing the existing "scheduled person" restriction with a non-racial "competent person" definition in the Mines and Works Act.

"Efforts should be directed towards devising new work and employee practices, with consideration being given to allaying fears by white employees of mass retrenchments by including security of employment provisions in the agreements."

"However, these agreements must contain the fundamental concept of selection and promotion on merit, regardless of race," he says.

The country has an acute shortage of skilled workers and this is for this reason that the majority of skilled workers need not fear their future.

"However, unless opportunities are provided for suitably trained and qualified black workers to progress, the future for all could be very bleak."

Another industrial relations problem which would require particular attention this year was the day to day relationship between white and black employees which needed to be developed "more positively."

Mr Hobbs accuses the black National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) in supporting "wildcat" illegal strikes by their members before making use of local grievance procedures.

"The agreed dispute settlement arrangements entered into between NUM and certain employers are flagrantly violated and flouted," he says.

"It is to be hoped that this behaviour is merely a temporary phenomenon and that a more mature and responsible approach will soon emerge to give credence to the basic requirements of a 'good faith' relationship."
Factory dispute still deadlock

WORKERS at the Continental China factory were paid off on Friday afternoon as police members of the South African Allied (Sawmu) had tried to stop people collecting any money from the management because, in doing so, they would be losing their jobs.

The union would like to return the solidarity shown by non-union members, who also came out on strike," he said.

When it became apparent that workers were going to receive two pay-slips, they reported by saying "We want one pay-slip, not two. One is enough."

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About 90 workers then...
WORKERS at the Continental China factory in Blackheath were paid off on Friday afternoon as police looked on, after members of the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawwu) had tried to stop people collecting their wages.

The factory has been closed until further notice since union and worker representatives could not reach agreement on a minimum hourly wage of R2.

The 450-strong workforce came out on strike on Tuesday afternoon.

Managing director Mr Bill Paverd said the company had lost R12m in the last two years and could not afford to pay the workforce a minimum of R2 an hour. He said that an increase had been due in April, but could not say what it would have been.

INCREASE

Mr Absalom Balekile, chairman of the worker's committee, said that in 1984 the workers had gladly done without a 'Government increase' and another company increase, which were due to them, but were now demanding a minimum starting hourly wage of R2.

Mr Paverd said he did not know what the 'Government increase' was.

About 80 percent of the workers are members of Saawwu.

At present the starting wage is R1.44.

Last Thursday afternoon employees of the factory were given letters stating that they would be paid off the following day at 3 pm.

PERSUADE

On Friday as the time neared, workers gathered round the entrance gate, where payments were to be made.

Mr Zuzile Hancwane, a Saawwu representative on the scene, said union members were trying to persuade even non-union members from taking any money from the management because in so doing, they would be losing their jobs.

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About 50 workers forward to collect their pay packets, and when quizzed by Cape Herald, at least six revealed that they had received two pay slips.

PREPARED TO

Also contained in the pay packet was a self-addressed envelope and a letter from the management. The letter was to be returned by those employees who were prepared to work under the prevailing (pay) conditions, if the factory reopened.

In a statement released on Saturday, Saawwu criticised the role of the police and called on the management not to involve them since this was a dispute between the workers and management.

Management were scheduled to have had a meeting with Saawwu and the workers' committee on Monday morning.
A coordinator of worker education with the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) yesterday received a suspended sentence for possessing a copy of a message by the leader of the banned African National Congress, Mr Oliver Tambo.

Bonile Lawrence Tulumi (33) of Mdantsane, East London, Ciskei, pleaded guilty to contravening the Internal Security Act and was sentenced to one year's imprisonment, suspended for five years by a Johannesburg Regional magistrate.

According to a statement, Tulumi had been in Lesotho in January to attend a seminar on migrant labour. He had asked a lecturer for a copy of the speech to see if it contained a reply to Mr PW Botha's negotiation offer to the ANC.
450 workers to be re-hired as factory dispute is settled

Staff Reporter

AN industrial dispute which closed Continental China's Blackheath plant and resulted in hundreds of workers being dismissed has been settled.

The 450 workers sacked will be re-employed from next Monday with no loss of pension and service benefits, in terms of an agreement concluded yesterday by company management and the SA Allied Workers Union, which represents about 80 percent of the workers.

A minimum wage increase of 15 percent has also been agreed to, raising the minimum hourly rate of R1.44 to R1.80, according to a statement issued by Continental China, Saawu and mediators in the dispute, the Western Cape Traders' Association (WCTA). Workers had demanded R2 an hour.

NO OVERTIME

Management also agreed to discuss the issue concerning workers dismissed from the company's Rosslyn ( Pretoria) plant for refusing to work overtime.

The workers demanded that they be re-instated and that a worker transferred from Blackheath to train new recruits be withdrawn.

Management has already agreed to a fourth demand, that the worker-liaison committee be scrapped in favour of a workers' committee.

The workers went on strike when negotiations for these demands foundered.

Saawu and Continental China expressed their appreciation of the role played by Mr K Aline and Mr H Esek of the WCTA in ending the dispute.

Mr Bill Paverd, managing director of Continental China, said he had not yet counted the cost of the plant's closure since the strike began on March 5. He estimated it would take between seven and 10 days for the factory to resume full production.
ONE OF the 16 Durban treason trialists, Sasa Njikelana, has been hospitalised this week after an outbreak of typhoid at the Durban Central Prison where he is being held.

It is not clear whether the Sasa unionist is in hospital with typhoid but Prisons Department officials in Pretoria yesterday refused even to confirm that Mr Njikelana is in hospital.

All they were prepared to say was that "an a-waiting trial prisoner" with symptoms such as vomiting had been taken to hospital for "certain tests".

The results will only be known next week.

Vomiting is a typical symptom of typhoid.

Mr Njikelana's admission to hospital came only days after the Government admitted that Durban Central is South Africa's most overpopulated prison - it's 224 percent overcrowded.

So far there have been three confirmed cases of typhoid in the prison.

Prisons Department officials said the outbreak was under control and that the district surgeon and trained hospital staff were closely monitoring the situation.

 Allegations about Mr Njikelana's suspected conditions follow claims made by another trialist, Professor Ismael Mohamed, that at least up to March 4 he had not been receiving the diet and medical care he needs for a heart complaint.
More than 200 former employees of the Continental China factory in Rosslyn, Pretoria, were arrested this morning while picketing the factory.

According to a spokesman at police headquarters in Pretoria, 241 people were arrested, including 211 women. They will face charges of intimidation and are expected to appear in court before the weekend.

The South African Workers' Union announced last week that it was intensifying a campaign to get about 500 Continental China workers, who were dismissed after a strike last year, reinstated.
SAAWU THREATENS
CONTINENTAL WITH
A BOYCOTT

A BOYCOTT campaign of crockery manufactured by a Pretoria company is on the cards unless the company improves its offer of reinstatement to the South African Allied Workers' Union announced yesterday.

Mrs Tshuni Mlondo, branch organiser for Saawu, said the campaign against Continental China was postponed early this year after management had indicated willingness to negotiate for the reinstatement of the 650 workers who were dismissed by the Rosslyn plant five months ago. He added that a dispute has also been declared with the company.

A spokesman for the company, Mr Bill Paverd, said they were aware of boycott plans but there was little they could do to stop the move. "The only alternative we have is to talk to our customers, which is also not likely to work if Saawu's campaign is successful. But I must warn that their refusal to believe that we are having financial problems could mean the end of jobs for about 2,000 people," he said.

"We decided to take steps when management announced at a meeting that only 12 of the 650 workers would be reinstated. The offer was totally unacceptable and as a result workers said it was as good as nothing and called for the reinstatement for all," said Mr Mlondo.

He stressed that it is now up to the company to reopen negotiations as Saawu was only concerned about its programme to launch the boycott.
241 held in protest over dismissals

Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA Police arrested 241 people today as they picketed a crockery factory.

The arrests came at 6.30am when about 500 members of the South African Allied Workers' Union and former employees of Continental China picketed the company's premises in Rosslyn.

A police spokesman said the 241 would appear in court to face charges of intimidation.

A Sanwu spokesman said the former company workers were protesting about a labour dispute which left more than 500 employees jobless.

The dispute started late last year when 650 workers walked out over wage cuts. They were later dismissed.
Battle for jobs sparks arrest of 200 pickets

Workers' Union, to which the workers belong, said its members had rejected management's offer, demanding instead that all the dismissed employees be re-instated.

Last week Continental China announced it had started to employ new staff at the Pretoria factory and that it would be willing to consider future re-applications by former employees.

The union responded by threatening to take industrial action against the company and to launch a consumer boycott of its products.

Last month 450 workers from Continental China's Blackheath plant, in the Cape, were dismissed for taking part in a solidarity strike with their former colleagues in Pretoria, but were later re-instated.
Demonstrators get a hearing

About a dozen former employees of Continental China travelled from Pretoria yesterday to demonstrate at the Johannesburg head office of Federale Volksbeleggings, in a campaign to regain their jobs. Federale is Continental China's holding group.

The workers, carrying placards, were demanding that Federale intervene to restore their jobs. They are among 650 South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU) members sacked by Continental China last November after a wage dispute.

After a brief demonstration in Federale's 27th floor reception area, the workers' leaders were invited to a meeting with Mr A K Roodt, the group manpower manager. The meeting lasted about 20 minutes.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

Mr Roodt told reporters afterwards that Federale as a group was concerned with industrial relations and set certain standards to which its companies were expected to adhere. However, Federale itself was not involved in the day-to-day industrial relations of subsidiaries.

"We will go into consultation with the company at Roslyn today and try to resolve the problem," he said.

SAAWU spokesman Mr Jackie Masemola said it had been agreed during the meeting with Mr Roodt that a meeting would be called between the union and Continental China to resolve the dispute.
Labour Reporter

UNION Flour Mills, hit by two strikes at its Durban plant in two weeks, yesterday cancelled a recognition agreement with the Baking and Allied Workers' Union, an affiliate of the South African Allied Workers' Union.

Mr N J Crankshaw, branch manager of the company, said yesterday the company decided to cancel the agreement after a 'long history of conflict'.

'Workers participated in illegal strikes last week and again this week,' management have repeatedly and consistently endeavoured to build a healthy relationship with the union but without success.

'The union was informed of management's decision this week after the company had made clear its concern to shop stewards and union officials last week,' he said.

'About 400 workers downed tools last week, returned to work on Friday but again went on strike on Tuesday this week. The reasons for the strike are still not clear.'

Union officials could not be contacted for comment yesterday.
Two Saawu men detained in Ciskei

EAST LONDON — Two members of the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) had been detained in Ciskei. Major Fikile Gatya, Ciskei police, said the two had been detained under section 28 of the Ciskei Security Act which provided for indefinite detention. — DDR
Saawu members to be charged

The 241 members of the South African Allied Workers Union who were last week arrested after they allegedly picketed a Rosslyn factory will appear in the Pretoria North Magistrate's Court on May 6.

According to Mr. Jack Masemola, a branch secretary, Saawu members were released after being warned and charges of illegal gathering and intimidation would be brought against them when they go to court. He added that they were also given the alternative to pay R50 each as admission of guilt fine.

Fired

Their case will be a sequel to a picketing incident outside a crockery manufacturing factory, Continental China, by about 300 placard-carrying members of Saawu and former employees of the company last Thursday.

Demanding their immediate and unconditional reinstatement, they carried placards reading "Please give our jobs back" and "We the workers demand our unconditional reinstatement." This was after the trade union and management failed to reach a decision in connection with the 650 people who were fired late last year."
Saawu picket over arrests

By ZB MOLEFE

SEVERAL SA Allied Workers' Union members held an hour-long picket at Federale Bellegings in Johannesburg yesterday after the arrest of 241 of their colleagues in Pretoria on Wednesday.

The Saawu members carried placards at Federale Bellegings, a holding company of Continental China, which has been at loggerheads with the union since last year when 650 workers were dismissed by the Pretoria plant.

Led by Saawu branch secretary Jackie Mosemola, the protesters delivered a memorandum calling for the release of those arrested.

"Our picket is to publicise our plight. Continental is prepared to employ only 12 of those dismissed last year," said a spokesperson of the dismissed Continental workers.

"Federale's manager of group manpower, AK Rooft, told the Press the company would meet Continental's management today in a bid to resolve the Rosslyn plant's problems.

The 241 people arrested this week while allegedly picketing at Continental China factory in Rosslyn will appear in court today.

A Pretoria police spokesman said they will be charged under Section 50 of the Criminal Procedure Act in the Pretoria North Magistrate's Court.

They are part of the 650 workers dismissed last year by Continental China after a strike over a wage-cut and unpaid overtime.
UNION Flour Mills, a Durban subsidiary of the Premier Group, has cancelled its agreement with the South African Allied Workers Union, an agreement which has been in existence since October, 1983.

Approached for comment yesterday a spokesman for the Premier Group said that after a long history of conflict the management of the Union Flour Mills took a decision to cancel the agreement with the Baking and Allied Workers Union, an affiliate of Saawu.

"Workers participated in illegal strikes last week for one and a half days and again this week for a day and a half. Management have repeatedly and consistently endeavoured to build a healthy relationship with the union without success," the spokesman said.

"The union was informed of management's decision to cancel the agreement this week after the company had made its concern clear to shop stewards and officials last week."

The trouble at the mill began when workers with grievances against a manager, marched him from the plant. Management regarded the incident as a serious infringement of the procedure for the redress of grievances and invoked the agreed disciplinary procedure regarding eight workers.

The union declined to participate in the disciplinary hearing and also declined to invoke the agreed upon procedure to redress grievances against the manager concerned.

Eight workers were dismissed and about 400 of the 500-strong workforce at the mill went on strike.

Management agreed to look into the workers' grievances but not before the strike was ended.

This week, further problems arose and a second strike took the plant out for another day and a half. Management then decided to revoke the agreement.

Workers are now back at work. Union Flour Mills has indicated that it will talk to any representatives of the workers.

Efforts to contact union spokesman in Johannesburg and Durban were unsuccessful.
Workers' union backs UDF

THE newly-formed National Federation of South African Workers (NFSAW) supports the principles of the United Democratic Front, but will not immediately affiliate, a spokesman said at the weekend.

NFSAWU's president Mr. Herbert Barnabas, who resigned from the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) last year, said the meeting resolved to align itself with other "progressive-minded" organisations.

Mr. Barnabas resigned from Saawu following an internal wrangle in the union which led to the formation of the two factions of the organisation — one active in the Transvaal led by Sua Nkdelane and the other in Natal under Sam Kikane.

He disclosed that following a misunderstanding he was forced to resign and join the newly-formed NFSAWU whose membership was "growing rapidly," especially in the Transvaal.

Mr. Barnabas announced that they intended calling on a national council meeting before the end of the year to formulate new structures and to decide whether or not to affiliate with the UDF.

"We cannot immediately affiliate because we have to first get a mandate from the members. However, we believe in the principles of the UDF and support them in whatever they are doing," he said.

Office bearers include: Barnabas (national president), Mr. Philemon Tau (vice-president), Mr. Joseph Machaba (general secretary), Mr. Joe Tau (national organiser) and Mr. David Magwegwe (national treasurer).
150 EL abattoir workers lose jobs after strike

EAST LONDON — A total of 150 slaughtermen and unskilled workers at the abattoir here were sacked yesterday following a strike over pay increases.

The South African Abattoir Corporation's development manager who deals with labour relations at the country's abattoirs, Mr R. Fourie, confirmed the sackings from his Pretoria office.

He appealed to consumers not to panic buy as everything was under control at the abattoir.

Mr Fourie, who flies here for talks this morning with the officials of the Meat Board, livestock agents and meat traders, warned "Anyone who panic buys will burn his fingers.

He said the strike had been expected and contingency plans had been laid on to keep the situation normal at the abattoir, which was officially opened last week following the R8 million renovations.

"We have a stockpile of meat and are hiring unskilled labour locally. Any other skilled staff required would be brought in from one of our 10 major abattoirs around the country," he said.

Mr Fourie said the workers had broken their service contracts and the abattoir had been forced to terminate their services.

Workers are unhappy about their pay increases, which are reviewed every six months.

"We explained to them the problems with the harsh economic situation throughout the country and the fact that we were not slaughtering the normal quotas. They were working from 6am to 11am.

"We explained to them the effects of the drought and the fact that we did not want to retrench workers or put them on short time. "But despite all this, they were not happy and broke their service contracts," he said.

Mr Fourie said none of the fired workers would be rehired because they did not want to be accused of selective reemployment.

"We've already started hiring locally," he said.

The manager of the abattoir, Mr Graham Gibbon, refused to divulge what increases the workers had rejected and it could not be established yesterday whether they belonged to any trade union.

The chairman of the East London Meat Traders' Association, Mr Dennis Meyer, said it was too early to say whether butchers would be affected. He referred inquiries to the abattoir — DDR.
Sawawu says abattoir workers joined union

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Trade unionism in the abattoir here started in 1983 when workers organised themselves under the banner of the South African Allied Workers Union (Sawawu) Mr Sceelo Ndevu, the Sawawu branch organiser said yesterday.

He said workers at the abattoir had formed a committee and contacted Sawawu which introduced the union to the management of the abattoir.

Meetings were held between the abattoir management and Sawawu aimed at familiarising the management with the policy of Sawawu and to formalise the relationship with the management.

Mr Ndevu rejected the claim by the abattoir management that it had not been established whether abattoir workers belonged to any trade union.

Several attempts to obtain SA Abattoir Corporation comment were unsuccessful. A telex message sent to the company was not answered.

Recently, the abattoir management fired about 150 slaughtermen who had gone on strike over pay demands.

The management had said the workers did not belong to a trade union.
SOUTH AFRICAN Allied Workers' Union member Humphrey Maxhaya has been bouncing in and out of Ciskei jail like a yo-yo—and he's back inside again just two weeks after being released.
Boycott red meat - sacked workers

By RENITO PHILLIPS

EAST LONDON abattoir workers this week called for a red meat boycott after 150 workers were dismissed following a dispute over wage increases.

The Red Meat Boycott Committee, formed after the dismissals, said Abattoir Corporation's management refused to settle the dispute in "an amicable manner" and refused to enter into any negotiations with the SA Allied Workers' Union or the workers' committee.

Workers are demanding their unconditional reinstatement R3.50 an hour, recognition of SAWU and cold storage protective clothing.
THE South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) has signed a recognition agreement with Caterpillar Africa (Pty) Ltd, a subsidiary of a United States company.

The agreement, which entails procedures on dealing with the workers' day-to-day problems and other issues affecting their lives at work, was confirmed to The SOWETAN this week by representatives of both parties.

Saawu views this agreement as a step towards progressive direction and development in industrial community and hope that other companies will see this development in the same light, according to Mr J Mnisi, Saawu's organiser.

Caterpillar's general manager Mr Ian Leach said that the company has always promoted the interest of its black workers in terms of its own affirmative action programme and looks forward towards constructive dialogue between the two parties.

The South African Motor Corporation and the National Automobile and Allied Workers' Union have also concluded a new wage and service agreement for hourly paid workers at the company's plant at Silverton, Pretoria.

Samcor and Naawu said negotiations were conducted in a "constructive atmosphere" and that full cognisance was taken of the depressed state of the economy and the requirements of the workers.

In a joint statement released in Johannesburg, they said:

"Against this background, we believe that the agreement reached provides in the fairest possible way for the requirements of the company and the members of the union.

"The agreement, which takes effect from May 11 for a period of one year, caters for across-the-board increases ranging from 15 to 18 cents per hour, depending upon the labour grade."

"This brings the minimum basic wage for the lowest labour grade to R2.45 per hour."

"In addition, workers at the Samcor plant in Silverton participate in a productivity scheme which adds another 10 cents per hour to their wages, on reaching 91 percent productivity and can go up to 26 cents per hour on the achievement of 110 percent productivity."

SIGNING a recognition agreement are Mr J Mnisi of Saawu and Mr I. Leach, manager of Caterpillar company.
Man claims he jumped off train to escape attackers

EAST LONDON — A Frame Group textile worker told the regional court yesterday he had jumped off a train in an attempt to escape a group of assailants on his way home from work.

Mr Sandile Stomp, 26, Mr Sibusiso Gwala, 25, Mr Tomsho Hanjana, 24, and Mr Buyisile Tyali, 34, all of Mdantsane, pleaded not guilty to intimidating workers to try to stop them from attending work by assaulting them in August last year.

A Frame Group employee, Mr K. Nase, told the court that a group armed with sticks, pieces of iron and a hammer had boarded a train at the Highgate Station on August 8 and assaulted him because he had gone to work that day during a strike.

"I tried to get off the train at the next stop and the group grabbed me from behind and assaulted me. One of them, Mr Stomp, shouted that they would prevent me from getting off so that they could throw me out while the train was in motion," Mr Nase said.

He said he had managed to escape and phoned the police from Dawn after getting off the train.

While being cross-examined by defence counsel, Mr K. Naidu, Mr Nase said he had identified Mr Stomp at an identification parade held by police at the Gasson Centre.

He said he had identified Mr Stomp at the parade after the four men had made an appearance in the Magistrates' Court.

He said police had fetched him on previous occasions to participate with other workers in identification parades at Fort Jackson and Cambridge.

Mr Nase denied he had seen Mr Gwala at an identification parade at Fort Jackson, after Mr Naidu told him that Mr Gwala had in fact been one of the men police had held there for identification.

He said another worker, Mr S. Nwili, had identified Mr Gwala, also at the Gasson Centre.

Mr Nase told the court that he had seen Mr Stomp at the Southerton Station in the custody of police while he was making a statement in connection with the incident.

He denied seeing Mr Stomp being escorted by police on the platform of the station.

The court heard that a policeman had escorted Mr Stomp on the station and asked other workers there if he was one of the men who had been involved in the attack.

Mr Nase said Mr Stomp had been in the middle of the group armed with a hammer, when they had attacked him, but could not say he had seen if Mr Stomp had assaulted him because he had had his back to the group who assaulted him while he was struggling to get off the train.

He could not say if any of the other men had been involved in the assault on him.

He told the court that among the injuries he had suffered were an open wound on the head and a broken finger on the left hand.

The case continues today.

The magistrate was Mr D. Cronje and the prosecutor was Mr D. Charters. Mr Naidu appeared for the four men instructed by H. K. Swiss. — DDR
Arrests at Saawu office; 18 charged

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Police threw tear smoke into the East London offices of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) on Wednesday and arrested 22 people.

This was confirmed yesterday by Lieutenant Dot van der Vyver, SA Police Liaison officer for the Border-area, who said 18 of those arrested would appear in court today charged with intimidation.

Lieutenant van der Vyver said police had gone to investigate a complaint by the public that people buying meat in Milner Road were being intimidated.

She said police arrested some people and others ran into the Saawu offices.

"The people locked the doors and the police asked them to open. They refused and the police then threw tear smoke in to gain entry," she said.

There were no other incidents, and 22 people were arrested, she said.

Mr. Robert Gweta, branch chairman of Saawu, told the "Daily Dispatch's" Port Elizabeth correspondent that some of the people in the Saawu offices at the time had worked at the East London abattoir before they were fired, after industrial action there, earlier this year.

According to Mr Gweta, the "fired" workers were attending a meeting to discuss their problems.

He claimed that police had baton charged the people in the office after they had gained admission by using tear gas.
Union Unity Talks

Fosatu's New Moves

The Federation of SA Trade Unions (Fosatu) has initiated moves which could lead to the inclusion of more unions in the proposed new "super federation" of emerging unions. However, serious differences between the "unity" unions and the others need to be resolved before such a plan comes to fruition.

Fosatu is engaged in unity talks with the Council of Unions of SA, the General Workers' Union, the Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers' Union, the Food and Canning Workers' Union and the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association. The federation has sent circulars to its partners proposing that copies of the new federation's draft constitution be sent to "all independent unions.

This is taken to refer to unions linked to the United Democratic Front (UDF), the black consciousness (BC) Azanian Confederation of Trade Unions (Azactu), and possibly ex-Trade Union Council of SA unions like the SA Boilermakers' Society, the Engineering Industry Workers' Union and the Motor Industry Combined Workers' Union.

The FM understands that Fosatu has also suggested these unions be invited to a meeting of the "unity" unions scheduled for June 8 and 9. The meeting was called to ratify the draft constitution and set a date for the inaugural congress of the new federation. However, Fosatu's new proposal, which is still being considered by the other "unity talks" unions, lays down certain conditions.

The most important makes the participation of the other unions conditional upon there being no delays in the timetable leading to the formation of the new federation.

But already there are signs that the Fosatu initiative may not work. Fosatu's Transvaal region convened an "informal" meeting last Saturday which was attended by the local branches of the "unity unions," the UDF unions and Azactu. They were invited to discuss the differences which have prevented a wider unity until now.

According to an FM source, the meeting was "amicable." Representatives of the SA Allied Workers' Union, the Municipal and General Workers' Union and the General and Allied Workers' Union—which were originally part of the unity talks—are reportedly still unhappy at the circumstances of their withdrawal in March last year. They had been accused of delaying progress and were given the option of accepting observer status, or withdrawing completely until they had established industrial union structures and supplied the "unity unions" with details about their organizing activities.

At the meeting, the UDF unions also indicated they are not prepared to accept a constitution which they had no part in drafting as a "fait accompli." However, a spokesman for the United Metal, Mining and Allied Workers of SA (Ummawosa), which is also linked to the UDF, says the UDF unions are keen to participate further and, if invited, will attend future meetings.

An Azactu spokesman says his organization favors greater unity in principle. But, before responding to the latest developments, Azactu wants a satisfactory explanation as to why some unions were initially excluded from the talks which began in 1981, and will also have to study the draft constitution. Some answers may be forthcoming at the next informal meeting, due to be held soon.

That contact, between the "unity" unions and the others, has been made at all is remarkable. There has been much ill-feeling between the "unity" unions and the UDF unions since last March, and for years there was no official contact at all with the BC unions—which reject the non-racial philosophy of the other groupings. However, in the past month the "unity" unions have joined forces with the UDF and BC unions over two issues—May Day and the death, after release from police custody, of unionist Andries Raditsele.
20 jailed for a total of 74 years

PRETORIA — Twenty people were sentenced yesterday for public violence in the Eastern Cape while another 20 were arrested as township violence continued across the country.

The 20, aged between 15 and 55, were sentenced in Port Alfred to a total of 74 years' imprisonment.

Those charged with setting alight a man in Galashewe, near Kimberley, on Monday will appear in court today.

Police said 13 were arrested in Ikageng, near Potchefstroom, after barricading roads and stoning buses and police vehicles. Two people were arrested at Viljoensdrif in the Free State following a vehicle-burning incident in Bethlehem, two youths were arrested when they tried to set a classroom alight.

Stoned buses

At Sebokeng in the Vaal Triangle, crowds yesterday morning stoned buses and a post office.

Police reported "isolated incidents of stone-throwing and arson" at New Brighton, Zwidi, Veenplaas and KwaZakele near Port Elizabeth yesterday morning, and later reported that "arsonists" petrol-bombed and destroyed a private vehicle at KwaZakele.

In East London, police threw tear smoke into the offices of the South African Allied Workers' Union on Wednesday and made a number of arrests after a confrontation between union members and the police.

Police said 20 people were arrested in the raid and 18 charged with intimidation.

Mr Robert Gweta, branch chairman of Sazwu, said 22 people were arrested. He claimed that police baton-charged workers in the offices — Sapa and Own Correspondent
Tear smoke fired into union office — 22 held

Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH — Police fired tear smoke into the East London offices of the South African Allied Workers' Union and arrested 22 people, including union officials.

Police liaison officer for the Border, Lieutenant Dot van der Vyver, said 19 will be charged with intimidation and three union officials with obstruction of justice.

Lieutenant van der Vyver said police acted after receiving complaints that shoppers near the union offices were being prevented from buying meat.

Nineteen of those arrested were former employees of the East London abattoir who were fired recently after striking, she said.

She said three men locked themselves in the union offices and police fired tear smoke through an open window to flush them out.

However, the organiser secretary of the union, Mr Derrick Smoko, said the 22 men were meeting in union offices when the police fired tear smoke and baton-charged without provocation.

He denied there had been any intimidation at the butcheries.

But this was contradicted by butchers who said intimidation had been going on for two weeks and was related to the strike by abattoir workers.

"The intimidation is being directed against any blacks who buy meat," said Mr Arthur Lock.
Intimidation case postponed D. Asifuth 25/5/85

EAST LONDON — Nineteen people who were arrested at the South African Allied Workers' Union offices here on Wednesday appeared briefly in the magistrate's court in connection with intimidation, alternatively public violence.

They were Sebenzile Bani, Mpathi Gomwe, Ngenaile Manganya, Kwatile Doda, David Zimela, Nkosinathi Dumela, Lulamile Shwane, Ndoxhile Ncapayi, Ntirikeli Kundulu, Heyya Mata, Mantini Latye, Kalsekile Phlani, Simphiwe Ncemazane, Tsembinkosi Makonco, Joseph Maphaza, Zibekile Botha, Cuthbert Nongogo, Kwatamile Nyalile, Ben-gu Somoyala.

The case was postponed to June 21, and bail of R100 each was granted.

The magistrate was Mr W Opperman and Mrs H Ntshemand appeared for the State — DOR.
1 600 brick workers return as strike ends

Labour Reporter

The week-long strike over a wage dispute by more than 1 600 Corobrik workers in the Western Cape and Pietermaritzburg factories has ended following a decision by the strikers to return to work today.

Production at the Corobrik factories has been severely disrupted since May 20 when workers at four Western Cape and the two Natal plants downed tools after rejecting a company offer of a 15 percent pay rise. They demanded a 31 percent increase.

Mr David Lewis, general secretary of the General Workers' Union, said yesterday that the workers had decided reluctantly to return to work after it had become apparent that the management was not willing to negotiate in good faith.

"It appears management wants to break the GWU's strength in Corobrik factories and to replace it with the company union, established by management, which is materially responsible for the low wage rate."

Mr Ray Andrews, managing director of Corobrik in Natal, said the dispute had been settled after the union had signed an agreement on the terms which management presented as a final offer after 'considerable negotiation through the normal channels'.

The GWU was the only union involved in the negotiations, he said, adding that full production would be resumed today.

There was limited production yesterday.

Original offer

According to a Sapa report, the managing director of Corobrik in the Western Cape, Mr Graham Bounds, said the situation was resolved at a meeting yesterday morning between the company's management and representatives of the GWU.

He said the union had agreed to accept the company's original offer of R1.37 an hour as the minimum basic wage, which was a 17 percent increase, and a 14 percent increase on all other grades.

Mr Bounds said the night-shift allowances had been increased from 5 percent to 10 percent on the basic wage.
Appetite cost him his life

By BENITO PHILLIPS

AN MDANTSANE man was allegedly stabbed to death for not heeding a call by abattoir workers to boycott the sale of red meat.

Mpolo Gwadana, 32, was allegedly confronted by three men when he came out of a zone 9 butchery.

According to his relatives, the men asked him why he had bought meat despite the boycott.

He was allegedly stabbed before he could reply, and staggered to a nearby clinic, where he collapsed and died.

Another man was allegedly forced to eat the raw meat he had bought at knife-point.

Some of the attackers allegedly ran in the direction of the SA Allied Workers' Union offices.

Sawu officials denied that their members were involved, but police tear gassed their offices and arrested 19 members.

They briefly appeared in the East London Magistrate's Court this week, charged with "intimidation" or alternatively public violence.

They were granted R100 bail each and the case was postponed to June 21.

"This action is intended to weaken the workers' militancy and we are now calling on all progressive organisations to pledge solidarity with us," a Saawu statement said.

An Mdantsane Rugby Union meeting this week approved in principle a call by Saawu that its members support the red meat boycott — sparked off by the dismissal of 150 abattoir workers early this month.

"But this union rejectedconciliation as a means to enforce the boycott," Vultures Rugby Club delegate John Mgweni said he was forced to throw away meat worth
ICFTU rejects Namibia 'puppet' rule

The International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU) has called on its affiliates to pressurise their governments to boycott the multi-party conference to be held in Namibia next week to launch an interim government for the territory.

A meeting of the ICFTU's Co-ordinating Committee on South Africa which was held in Geneva, Switzerland, last week, rejected what it called a puppet government in which the South African Government tried to impose in Namibia in contravention of United Nations decision. The meeting, attended by leaders of trade union federations from Europe, United Kingdom, Canada and the United States of America, was also attended by Mr Pyoshaw, general secretary of Cusa, Mr Joe Foster, general secretary of Fosatu,
Unity talks stumble

Last weekend's trade union unity talks in Soweto, although the most representative so far, were inconclusive and may lead to a delay of several months in the formation of the proposed new "super-federation" of emerging unions.

More than 200 delegates, representing about 42 unions — almost the entire emerging union movement — met in an attempt to broaden the base of the proposed new federation which has been under discussion since 1981. Present were...
The original "unity" unions which participated in the drafting of the constitution are the Federation of SA Trade Unions' nine affiliates, the Council of Unions of SA (Cusa), representing 11 affiliates, General Workers' Union, Food and Canning Workers' Union, Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers' Union, and the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association.

The black consciousness (BC) Azanian Confederation of Trade Unions (Azactu), representing nine unions, and another 10 unions, most of them allied to the United Democratic Front (UDF). They include the SA Allied Workers' Union, General and Allied Workers' Union; Motor Assembly and Components Workers' Union of SA, General Workers' Union of SA — who were originally part of the unity talks until their withdrawal early last year — United Metal, Mining and Allied Workers' of SA, Federal Council of Retail and Allied Workers, Orange Vaal General Workers' Union, the PE-based Domestic Workers' Association of SA, and two unions called the Retail and Allied Workers' Union — one based in Pretoria and the other in Cape Town.

Draft constitution

Unions which have not been party to the unity talks until now expressed disagreement with a number of the principles and structures laid down in the new federation's draft constitution. The FM understands that Azactu expressed unhappiness with the non-racial character of the constitution, a cornerstone of the original "unity" unions' philosophies. Azactu wants it replaced with the BC concept of "anti-racism".

Surprisingly, Azactu was supported on this point by a number of the Cusa unions, lending substance to speculations that some of Cusa's affiliates will not join the new federation. The National Union of Mineworkers is the only Cusa union irrevocably committed at this stage. According to a Cusa statement, the organisation will hold meetings in the coming weeks to discuss "the position of the various Cusa unions."

Before a new federation is formed it would be necessary for the UDF-linked general unions to take steps toward forming industrial unions. This was a problem which led to their earlier withdrawal. Nevertheless, one source says these unions have shown a "more positive attitude" in this regard.

A further complication is the desire of the newcomers to the talks to further discuss the draft constitution, and they have proposed that the envisaged October inaugural conference be postponed for several months to allow time for this. Such a move would be in conflict with the wishes of most of the original "unity" unions, which would prefer that a committee be elected to prepare for an October conference.

It is a moot point whether the BC unions will be able to resolve their ideological differences with the other unions. It is also unclear whether the launch of the new federation will be delayed. The choice, it seems, is between a smaller organisation this year or the possibility of a larger one some time in the future.
Construction workers out on strike

Tygerberg Bureau

ABOUT 1 000 construction workers went on strike at Murray and Roberts sites in the Western Cape today.

This was confirmed by Mr. HE Minott, the managing director.

There was also “above-average absenteeism” at the company’s Tyger Valley shopping centre site, he said.

The company was investigating the reasons for the stayaway because there had been no negotiations.

“Correspondence was received from one union requesting a meeting and we will be happy to meet them to hear if they have representation of our workers and to discuss matters of mutual concern with them,” he said.

A spokesman for the South African Allied Workers’ Union said the workers were demanding increased wages.

They also maintained that rents for single men’s hostels owned by the company in Guguletu were too high and were demanding that wives be allowed to join husbands in the hostels.
1 000 city construction workers call off strike

Tygerberg Bureau

The Cape Town branch organiser of the South African Allied Workers' Union, Mr Zezie Ramnewana, said the company had agreed to further discussion of workers' demands on Thursday. The union has to prove to the company that it is representative of its workers, he said.

Mr H E Minott, managing director of Murray and Roberts Buildings (Cape Town), said about 1 000 workers did not report for work yesterday and that "above average absenteeism" was experienced at the company's Tyger Valley shopping centre construction site in Bellville.

Among workers' gripes is that rent for the single men's hostels they occupy in Guguletu has been increased from R12,50 to R15,50.
Workers' return

Labour Reporter

ABOUT 1 000 Murray and Roberts construction workers returned to work yesterday after going on strike on Monday.

A spokesman for the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) said workers had decided to return to work as management had met all their demands.

These were that management recognize Saawu as the legitimate representative of workers, that a liaison committee be abolished and a workers' committee linked to Saawu be recognized, and that security officers should be elected by workers.

He added that a recognition agreement between Saawu and Murray and Roberts management was due to be signed this week.

No confirmation of this could be obtained from management yesterday.
Building workers on strike

AN estimated 6,000 Murray and Roberts construction workers went on strike yesterday, according to a spokesman for the South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU).

Mr Zuzile Ramnwana, Western Cape branch organizer, said workers had downed tools in support of a wide range of demands, including grievances about their Guguletu hostels.

Among these were that hostel fees should be reduced from R16.50 to R6 which workers said were the normal fees in other hostels, that watchmen be replaced and that more cooking appliances and telephones should be provided.

Mr Ramnwana said management had negotiated "in good spirit" with the union and the committee after a strike earlier this month.

However, a number of undertakings given by management had not been met, and at a meeting on Sunday workers had decided to strike.

Mr H Minott, managing director of Murray and Roberts Buildings (Cape), could not be reached for comment. Other spokesmen declined to comment.
Construction firm to fire 2-day strikers

MURRAY and Roberts have announced their intention to fire construction workers who have been on strike for the past two days.

In a statement issued yesterday, Mr H Minott, managing director of Murray and Roberts Buildings (Cape Town), said the actions of the South African Allied Workers' Union had "forced the company to take necessary steps against the illegal strikers which regrettably will result in dismissal".

He said this had become necessary to "protect the company's clients and the progress of its work".

Workers went on strike on Monday in support of demands for recognition of the union and an elected workers' committee, as well as demands relating to hostel conditions.

Mr Minott said management had checked nomination forms submitted to it by Sasawu and had found it only represented a minority of the workforce.

It was therefore "unable to recognize Sasawu as a representative union". He also said hostel fees were comparable with those of many other employers in the construction industry.
City firm sacks 1 500 strikers

ABOUT 1 500 workers from Murray and Roberts have been dismissed following a three-day strike in support of union recognition and other demands.

The company said a check of union nomination forms showed that the South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU) represented only a minority of the workforce and the company could not recognise it as a representative union.

A statement from the Murray and Roberts Workers' Committee, issued yesterday, said discussions with management had been about

- Recognition of SAAWU
- Ending the sites consultation committee
- Reduction of hostel rentals from R16.50 to R6, or a 31.25 percent wage increase
- A reshuffle of hostel staff, particularly nightwatchmen who, it is alleged, ill-treat workers and steal.

Mr H E Minott, managing director of Murray and Roberts Buildings, Cape Town, said hostel fees were comparable with many other employers, and allegations about the watchmen had been investigated and were groundless.
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A statement from the Murray & Roberts workers' committee said discussions with management had involved recognition of SAAWU and other issues, including the reduction of hostel fees and a reshuffle of hostel staff, particularly nightwatchmen who, it was alleged, ill-treated workers.

H E Minott, managing director of Murray & Roberts Buildings, Cape Town, said hostel fees were comparable with those of many other employers, and allegations about the watchmen had been investigated and were groundless.

A spokesman for the strikers has appealed to jobless blacks not to seek employment at the company as they would "get the same treatment we are fighting".

The workers' statement said they wanted to "tell the world that we are being treated like animals by the company."

Meanwhile, the Federation of SA Trade Unions has reacted angrily to actions taken against its president, Chris Dlamini.

Fosatu said yesterday it would "lay the blame entirely on the authorities" if anything happened to Dlamini.

The federation said in a statement in Johannesburg that Dlamini's home had been searched three times while he was at work.

"He has of late also been threatened with death and we want it to be known that, should anything happen to him, we will lay the blame entirely on the authorities," Fosatu said. - Sapa-Reuters
Trade unionist detained

EAST LONDON — East London police have detained the Border branch secretary of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) Mr Mzuzwana Yure Mdyogolo.

A spokesman for the police public relations division in Pretoria yesterday confirmed the arrest of Mr Mdyogolo.

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The organiser of the Saawu offices here, Mr Boyce Meltaha, said Mr Mdyogolo, who was a UDF executive member, had been arrested at the Saawu offices on September 3.

Police also searched the offices and took a UDF file. Mr Meltaha said —DDR
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The Border publicity secretary of the United Democratic Front, Mr Andrew Hendricks, was detained at a hotel in Knysna, his daughter, Vanessa, said last night.

Mr Hendricks's wife, Jenny, was detained at the family home on Friday. Police later confirmed she was being held under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.
Talks on firing of 200 EL textile workers

Dispatch Reporter
EAST LONDON — A meeting between the management of the East London plant of De Gama Textiles and employee representatives will be held this afternoon to discuss the dismissal of 200 employees.

A statement released yesterday by De Gama's management said that approximately 200 employees were dismissed on Tuesday under "company disciplinary procedure."

"Since Tuesday evening the East London plant of De Gama has not operated," the statement said.

A meeting has been arranged between management and employee representatives for this afternoon to discuss the situation," the statement said.

No details were given concerning the events prior to the dismissals.

A spokesman for the employees' union, the South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU), yesterday confirmed that a meeting was to be held this afternoon between De Gama management and employee representatives.

The spokesman said he could not give any further details as members of SAAWU still had to meet with the workers' committee at De Gama to establish the full details and circumstances surrounding management's actions.
Sacked workers say no to offer

HUNDREDS of dismissed construction workers have rejected a draft agreement between their union, South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), and Murray and Roberts Buildings, Cape Town, (Pty) Ltd, an attorney confirmed yesterday.

He would not disclose the contents of the agreement, which was rejected at a meeting in the Murray and Roberts hostels on Thursday night.

Saawu officials had earlier insisted on taking the proposals, drawn up by lawyers from both sides seeking a settlement of the deadlock, to all members affected by it for a vote.

It is understood that that the workers would like their jobs back en masse, but failing that are pressing the company for payment of all monies they say are due to them. The company is apparently willing to pay the workers off, but does not agree with the workers on what monies are due.

The company dismissed 1,887 of its workers after strikes in August, and several hundred workers are still occupying company-owned hostels in Guguletu.

A temporary interdict prohibits SAAWU from "interfering" with Murray and Roberts workers, and the company is seeking to make the interdict final.

This is being opposed, the attorney for SAAWU said yesterday. The hearing is expected on Tuesday.
Builders' suit against union

A CONSTRUCTION company which recently fired 1687 of its employees, yesterday sought a final interdict in the Supreme Court to prevent the South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU) from "interfering with" its employees.

Murray and Roberts Buildings (Cape Town) (Pty) Ltd had been granted an interim interdict on August 30 preventing the union from organizing strikes, picketing or holding meetings on company premises.

Mr J J Gauntlett, for the company, said it had been obliged to dismiss its "entire work force" and employ new workers. The "strike" was still on but "strikers" were now ex-employees as far as the company was concerned.

Many hundreds of the workers were still occupying hostels owned by Murray and Roberts on Western Cape Development Board land.

'Hard core' remains in hostels

Mr Justice J J Fagan asked why evicting orders were not sought.

Mr Gauntlett replied that such orders would have to be applied for in each individual case. "There has been a steady flow away from the hostels but a hard core remains. One does not know who is left."

An eviction would not be unopposed. There would be a dispute as to the lawfulness of the dismissal. He hoped that if the court granted a final interdict, the "trickle out of the hostels would increase."

Mr Justice Fagan asked whether the company could provide employment for the workers, and if so how many. Mr Gauntlett replied that the company was not in a position to take the workers back "across the board."

The judge urged both sides to try to find a real solution, and the court adjourned. The hearing continues today.

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Union judgment reserved

Supreme Court Reporter

JUDGMENT in the matter between Murray and Roberts Buildings (Cape Town) Pty Ltd and the South African Allied Workers Union was reserved in the Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr Justice K M Morais said he would let the parties know when he was ready to deliver judgment. He had heard three days of representations from the company and union, locked in dispute after 1,587 workers were fired late in August following two strikes.

Mr L J Krige, for the union, said workers had decided to strike because they had been unhappy with the rent increase in the company hostels, as well as with conditions.

Workers who were still occupying their hostels had been notified that they were fired by pamphlets dropped from an aircraft, he said.

He argued that the company should not have its interim interdict — which prohibits various union activities — made final. Instead, the company should take the dispute to “the proper forum,” the Industrial Court.

Mr J J Gauntlett, for the company, said that Mr Krige's submission that there was an alternative remedy open to the company was merely a suggestion that the company should take its case elsewhere.

He said there was no basis on which the temporary interdict should not be confirmed.

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A Grand Supreme Court judge yesterday issued an order to the South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWL) and a printing company to halt the distributing of pamphlets entitled "Attention work seeking Message from 75 Allan Maskey (Isando) dismissed workers".

An interim order was granted by Mr Justice D.J. Curlewis, who also ordered the sheriff to seize and hold all the pamphlets. Unless opposed, the order will be finalised on November 22.
Rosslyn strikers adamant

MORE than 500 workers at the Metal Box factory in Rosslyn near Pretoria entered their 16th day on strike yesterday protesting against the company's "racist" policies.

The employees, all members of the South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU), downed tools after accusing management of "unjust and unfair retrenchments policies."
The SOWETAN was told.

Mr Chippa Chudi, the union official yesterday said mediatory talks between the union and management reached a stalemate on Tuesday with neither party prepared to compromise.

The work stoppage at the factory, situated a few kilometres from Pretoria, was sparked off by management's decision to employ three white men — two months after 22 black workers were retrenched. The strikers are demanding that the three whites be immediately dismissed for their colleagues to be re-employed.

The company's plant manager Mr A J McLeish could not be reached for comment yesterday as he was said to be in a meeting.

Mr McLeish recently conceded that the cause of the strike "appeared to be the recent engagement of three non-union members in skilled positions." This decision, he added was reached after it was established there were no suitable black employees to fill up the posts.

Mr Chudi yesterday said the workers were reporting for duty daily but chose to wait in the canteen. The employees, he added, also demanded they be paid their wages during the duration of the strike while talks continued.
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The company's plant manager, Mr. A. J. McLeish, in a statement issued yesterday said the ultimatum was made because the South African Allied Workers Union (SAAWU), which represents the employees, refused to have the matter referred for arbitration.

Protest

The union could not be contacted yesterday.

More than 500 workers at the company yesterday entered their 17th day in strike in protest against the company's decision to employ three whites—a few weeks after 72% of the plant's black colleagues had been fired.

In his statement, Mr. McLeish described the workers as acting as a wildcat strike and deeply regretted the company's decision to fire those who were not prepared to resume work immediately. The company sees little chance of resolving the dispute in any other way, the plant manager said.

Mr. McLeish also said the union had refused to discuss issues surrounding the appointment of three 'skilled' persons until the union's demands were met. Despite the fact that the strike has followed the accepted procedure, the company has had numerous occasions discussed the matter with SAAWU and put forward offers in an attempt to settle the matter.
Metal Box may re-hire workers

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Saawu to shun launch of federation

PLANS for a rally to launch the super federation at the end of the month were jolted yesterday when the South African and Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) announced it would boycott the launch.

"But all other major unions involved in talks have confirmed they would take part. These include the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) and the Metal and Allied Workers' Union (Mawu)," President of Saawu (Kikine group), Mr. Ashley Shezi, said from Durban that pamphlets bearing the name of his union and two of its affiliates, the South African Textile and Allied Workers' Union (Satawu) and the South African Mine Workers' Union (Samwu), had been distributed in Natal saying the three would participate in the launch.

"It is very annoying that our names should appear in these pamphlets when we had never been party to the unity talks from the beginning," he said.

"The rally is scheduled for the King's Park rugby stadium in Durban on December 1. Executive members of all unions participating in the launch are expected to be in Durban from November 29 to elect office-bearers for the new federation, choose the name of the federation, and finalise its constitution.\"
THE 500 workers who were recently fired from the Metal Box factory in Rosslyn near Pretoria have appealed to shop owners and members of the public to boycott the company's products.

The workers, all members of the South African Almed Workers' Union (Sawvu), went on strike for 17 days in protest against the company's decision to employ three whites. This was after 22 of their black colleagues were retrenched.

The strikers were fired last Friday after ignoring an ultimatum from the company's plant manager, Mr A J McLennan, that they immediately return to work or be fired. All dismissed workers, Mr McLennan said, would be re-employed if they apply for the respective jobs by 1pm tomorrow.

The workers through their union yesterday lashed out at the company's decision and appealed to shop owners and residents in Pretoria and the Bulawayo area to boycott the company's products. They also accused the company of trying to sow discord among the workers by urging them to reapply for their jobs.

When told that the dismissed workers had launched a campaign appealing to shop owners and members of the community to boycott the company's products, Mr McLennan replied: "I just heard rumours about the boycott."
Saawu, bosses claim harassment after dismissals

THE South African Metal Workers' Union and management of Metal Box have made claims and counter-claims of harassment and intimidation of workers dismissed after a strike at the Rosslyn plant.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said workers who had complaints should tell police who would investigate. They had not received any report of intimidation.

Saawu's branch secretary, Mr Jackie Masemola, claimed two union members had been arrested, several visited and harassed by police who questioned them about the strike. Police would not confirm this.

However, Metal Box's manager, Mr A.J. McEwen, said striking workers wanted to return to work, but had been prevented from doing so by intimidators.

He claimed several workers returned to work, but some found their homes had been visited by students and strike supporters during the day. One employee's furniture was damaged, he added.

The strike at the plant started after management had employed three whites. The whites, the workers said, were employed after 22 members of the union were retrenched.

After their dismissal the workers launched a boycott of the company's products, but the Pretoria Supreme Court judge, Mr Justice P. Myburgh, restrained the union from continuing the boycott after the company had applied for an urgent application last week.

Mr Masemola said they were intending to contest the ruling in the Supreme Court next Tuesday because "we feel the workers have a just and democratic right to put pressure on the company".
165 rooms burnt out as
hostels blaze in Guguletu

ABOUT 165 rooms at three hostels owned by Murray and Roberts in Guguletu have been destroyed by fire.

Police believe the fires were started deliberately.

Damage is estimated at R1 million.

The blaze began yesterday morning and last night another room was set alight.

In addition to the rooms, six bathrooms and two kitchens were damaged.

Last week hostel-dwellers dismissed after the second of two strikes in August and still in the hostels began a withdrawal negotiation by the Building Workers Union. The withdrawal was to have been completed by yesterday.

The strikes by workers then belonging to the South African Allied Workers' Union, were in support of recognition of the union by the company, changes in the nighttime system and better hostel conditions.
Murray and Roberts hostels destroyed

About Rm. worth of damage was caused when 160 rooms in three hostels were destroyed by fires at the Murray and Roberts compound in Guguletu on Sunday. The fires were started shortly before 9 am on Sunday and units from the Cape Town fire department were on the scene shortly afterwards.

Police liaison officer for the Western Cape, Captain Jan Calitz, later confirmed the damage and said an arson docket had been opened.

The incident was not unrest-related, Calitz said.

Murray and Roberts dismissed 1,667 workers after strikes in August this year. — Sapa.
Court puts brakes on union's move

MUTUAL Box of South Africa, a subsidiary of Barlow Rand, has been granted a court order restraining the South African Allied Workers Union from launching a boycott of its products and from interfering with its former employees.

The ruling, by Mr Justice Kirk-Cohen in the Pretoria Supreme Court this week, also prevents the union from making any attempt to stop 490 former Metal Box employees from reapplying for their jobs after their dismissal this month following a strike at the company's plant in Roslyn.

Sanwu did not defend the action, following an interim interdict granted by Mr Justice Myburgh on November 15.

The order also restrains the union from interfering in any way with the former employees, Mr. Sande McLeish, Roslyn plant manager, said after the hearing.

The company hoped the ruling would put an end to rumours and misleading reports.

There have been reports of former employees being harassed by students and strike supporters, said of petrol bomb attacks on their homes. The order will put a stop to this, he said.

A union spokesman said the members have been harassed after the strike work on being dismissed from home where they were visited by police and questioned about their union activities.
POLICE have apparently cracked down on trade union leaders and some are believed to have gone into hiding following the launching of the consumer boycott in Pietermaritzburg.

Ms Geraldine Pope, an administrator of the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) yesterday, claimed she was questioned for several hours by the Security Police about the union's activities and the consumer boycott before she was allowed to go.

Three unionists — Mr. Alfred Mokeleng, Saawu's Northern Transvaal organiser; Mr. Elias Nong, of the Commercial Catering and Allied Workers Union (Cacawu), and Mr. Ephraim Lekganyane of Saawu — are worried after Security Police demanded to see them at their offices in Pietermaritzburg this week.

Hiding

Several other unionists and members of political organisations, including the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) and the United Democratic Front (UDF) are in hiding.

The Police Public Relations Division in Pretoria said: "We do not see our way clear to comment on current police investigations. Enquiries take place everyday, and you must appreciate that it will be impossible to comment on them all." The consumer boycott of white-owned shops in Pietermaritzburg was started in November.

Although the organisers of the boycott claim it is gaining momentum, the secretary of the Pietermaritzburg Chamber of Commerce, Mr. I. Scarle, has contended that the boycott has very minimal effects.

Mr. Scarle said pamphlets were distributed in the area last month, but said members have reported no effect whatsoever.

"Business is slack in the area because of the current economic recession and one is unable to say it is due to the boycott," he added.

"The general secretary of the Black General Workers Union, Mr. Harold Madikoto, who was released from detention recently, said police visits to union offices have "almost become our daily bread".

"He was detained for 14 days under Section 52 of the Internal Security Act."
Two die as township groups battle

DURBAN — Two people, including a Natal trade unionist, were shot dead in Chesterville township near here.

Two warring groups are still locked in a fierce fight.

The body of Mr Ian Phumza Zamisa, a Natal branch organiser of the South African Allied Workers' Union, was found with several bullet wounds.

A spokesman for the union said Mr Zamisa had apparently been abducted and shot dead by members of one of the two fighting groups in the township.

“UDF SPY”

Mr Boyce Melifa, an East London organiser for the union, said Mr Zamisa was confronted early last week by people who threatened to kill him and called him a “UDF spy.”

Police confirmed that a murder docket had been opened.

A police spokesman said Mr Patrick Blose, 40, had also been shot dead in the troubled township, which had been plagued by fighting between a vigilante group, calling itself the “ATeam” and another made up mainly of youths, calling themselves “Comrades.”

ALCOHOL RAID

A crowd of 200 was dispersed by police at Kwamakhuta near Durban after a car was set alight yesterday. No arrests were made.

Umlazi youths with knives and pangas stole alcohol worth thousands of rands when they forced a lorry to stop in the township this week.

The vehicle was set alight.

Police later made an arrest in connection with the incident.

— Sapa
Sackings union goes to court

The South African Allied Workers' Union has applied to the Industrial Court and for the establishment of a conciliation board to discuss grievances at Metal Box near Ga-Rankuwa.

A Saawu spokesman in Pretoria, Mr Chin Mu-londo, said they expected an answer in about two weeks.

The application follows the dismissal of about 500 workers at Metal Box's Rosalyn Plant, following a dispute over the retrenchment of 22 workers and the appointment of three non-union men to higher posts.

The spokesman added that the workers would continue with a boycott of all Metal Box products.

The 500 workers were dismissed last month — Sapa
Bullet wounds in body of trade unionist

2 die in Durban township violence

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**Vigilante Group**

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Meanwhile a crowd of 200 armed with pangas, stole alcohol worth thousands of rands when they forced a truck to stop in the township this week.

The vehicle was stripped of its contents and set alight.

A man has been arrested in connection with the incident — Sapa
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Own Correspondent

DURBAN—Two people, including a Natal trade unionist, have been shot dead in the Durban township of Chesterville, where two warring groups—the "Comrades" and the "A Team" are locked in battle.

The body of Mr Ian Phumza Zimba, a Natal branch organizer of the South African Allied Workers' Union, was found with several bullet wounds near his home in Road Seven this week.

A spokesman for the union said Mr Zimba was confronted early last week by a group of people who threatened to kill him and called him a "UDF spy". A murder docket has been opened in connection with his death, a police spokesman said yesterday.

He also said Mr Patrick Blose, 46, was shot dead with a firearm in Road Thirteen this week.
 Constructors seek Industrial Court ruling against union

A major construction company has asked the Industrial Court to rule that actions by a trade union constitute an unfair labour practice.

It is thought to be the first time this has happened in South Africa.

Murray and Roberts Buildings applied for the ruling against the South African Allied Workers' Union yesterday. The case arose from a series of illegal strikes involving about 1,500 workers in August.

The company claimed that officials and purported members of the union played a leading and confrontational role in the strikes and the application was directed at the union's role in inducing or mitigating the workers to breach their contracts.

Until then there had been a history of peaceful labour relations.

Mr. J. Gauntlett, for Murray and Roberts, said the union had shown a reckless disregard for collective bargaining processes, treated established industrial relations law and norms with contempt and brought the greatest misfortune to the employees who were dismissed as a result of the strikes.

BARGAINING

"It is submitted that no stronger case could be found of industrial irresponsibility and the creation of havoc by a union reckless of or indifferent to the need for open, tough, collective bargaining," he said.

The union had failed to exercise proper control over officials it had selected and placed in senior positions.

Opposing the application, Mr. L. J. Krige argued that union officials were acting beyond their powers in organizing Murray and Roberts's workers, signing them up as individual members of SAAWU, which was a federation of trade unions rather than a union, and getting involved in the strikes.

SCOPE

"The union's employees, in doing the things they allegedly did, were acting outside the course and scope of their employment," he said.

The union did not organize the strike, nor did officials have authorization to get involved with Murray and Roberts workers.

Dr. P. Ehlers, presiding, reserved judgment.

Mr. Gauntlett is assisted by Mr. J. Shortt-Smith and instructed by Maree and Muller. Mr. Krige is instructed by E. Moosa and Associates.
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Man imprisoned for SAAWU membership

MDANTSANE — A 28-year-old man was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment by a Mdantsane magistrate yesterday for being a member of the South African Allied Workers' Union and for possession of prohibited publications.

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In the second count he was charged with being in possession of nine SAAWU membership application forms and a piece of cloth emblazoned "SAAWU, getting set for operation." Tearing both counts as one for the purpose of sentence, Mr Dracatos sentenced Vanto to 12 months' imprisonment, half of which was suspended for three years.

Vanto pleaded not guilty, saying he had recently acquired the room in which the articles were found and that the last person who had been in the house had left the documents.

The magistrate found that all the prohibited publications had been found in a drawer next to Vanto's bed, while the SAAWU membership forms and the piece of cloth were found under the mattress on which he was sleeping when police arrived to search the house.

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Jailed for being SAAWU member

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MARIETZBURG — The defence counsel for four South African Allied Workers' Union (Sawu) leaders charged with treason alleged yesterday that the State was producing evidence irrelevant to the trial.

The court heard details of a "dramatic" increase in labour disputes at the East London-based Wilson-Rowntree sweet factory at about the same time the management started negotiations with Sawu in 1980.

A director of the factory, Mr Alistair Lightbody, was giving evidence in the treason trial of Mr Themamile Gqweta (33), Mr Sisa Njikelana (29), Mr Sam Kikine and Mr Dure Ngcobo (36).

LATER

The Judge President of Natal, Mr Justice A J Milne, said the evidence did not appear to be relevant, but said the State could continue on the basis that the evidence may become relevant at a later stage.

The four trade unionists formerly stood trial with 12 United Democratic Front leaders who were acquitted in December last year.

The defence team also questioned the value of an earlier witness's evidence, who said it was part of his duties as a security policeman to have close links with factory management and to liaise with them to keep informed of any strikes.

STRIKES

The policeman, Major P Olivier gave evidence on a wave of 58 strikes at factories in the East London area from April 1980 to November 1981.

Mr Lightbody told the court that labour unrest at the factory increased soon after Sawu applied for official recognition as a representative union at the factory.

He said the factory's internal problems, eventually resulted in "a highly professional and well-organised boycott" of Wilson-Rowntree in South, Africa, England and Australia.

The hearing continues.

— Sapa.
Unrest increased at factory after union moved in, Court told

Pietermaritzburg Bureau

The emergence of the South African Allied Workers' Union at the Wilson Rowntree factory in East London had been followed by unprecedented industrial unrest at the plant, the Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Mr. Alastair Lightbody, director of the factory, made the allegation during the trial of four leaders of SAAWU who are facing charges of treason.

Mr. Lightbody, who was testifying for the State, said before SAAWU there had been no work stoppages or strikes at the factory.

"But virtually from the day we received our first correspondence from SAAWU in 1980 there was a marked increase in intimidation and later followed by work stoppages."

Deadlock

One work stoppage in February 1981, Mr. Lightbody said, ended in a deadlock between the union and the factory, resulting in 472 workers losing their jobs.

Originally the four accused, Richard Gweta, Sisa Njikelana, Sam Kukwe, and Dume Ngecebo, were part of a group of 16 charged with trying to overthrow the government with violence in furtherance of the aims of the ANC-led Revolutionary Alliance.

Twelve of the accused, who were prominent leaders of the UDF, were acquitted last year when the State withdrew the case against them after deciding no reliance could be placed on the evidence of its chief witness, Mr. Isaac de Vries, an expert on the ANC.

Repealed [Repealed]

Mr. Lightbody told the Court that SAAWU had a following that was definitely substantial but there were some irregularities.

These irregularities included discrepancies which arose when a computer check on the 753 names submitted as members of SAAWU showed that some workers were not employed at the factory and that some names had been repeated.

Mr. Lightbody said that before the appearance of SAAWU the factory dealt with two or three incidents of insubordination a month.

An analysis I made in January 1979 showed that relationship between employer and management were harmonious and by 1980 the factory was probably in the "top 10" for terms and conditions of employment," he said.

Audience

But when SAAWU — where accused Mr. Gweta and Mr. Njikelana were active in the local branch — became involved with the factory, two to three cases of assault and insubordination were reported every day, said Mr. Lightbody.

The resumption of the trial on Monday this week attracted a largely black audience.

But the gallery was empty yesterday with just a handful of spectators which included two former accused Mr. Archie Gumede, a UDF national president, and Mr. Mewa Ramogobin a national treasurer for the UDF.

Mr. Clifford Mailer and Mr. Marumo Moerane are appearing for the defence, Mr. Andre Oberholzer and Mr. Christo Meiring appear for the State.

The trial continues today.
MINISTER IN 'CRUSH SAAWU CONSPIRACY'

MARITZBURG — A senior cabinet minister was involved in a "combined conspiracy" to "crush" Saawu at the time when trade union autonomy and minimum government interference in labour relations was announced, it was alleged yesterday.

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The trial continues.
Court told of secret plan to crush union

Pietermaritzburg Bureau

A SECRET security police report recommending ways of 'crushing' the South African Allied Workers' Union in East London and which the Government later admitted had been beyond the duties of the police, was handed in during the treason trial here this week.

Mr Clifford Maier, for the defence in the trial of four Sawu leaders, handed in the 12-page document during the cross-examination in the Supreme Court here of the report's author, Maj Phillipus Olivier, the then head of the labour and trade union section of the security police in East London.

Those on trial are Thosmale Gqweta, 33, Sisa Nkakela, 29, Sams Kikine, 36, and Duze Ngoboz, 36, facing charges of treason arising from their alleged involvement in industrial unrest in East London in 1960/61 in furthering the aims of the Revolutionary Alliance.

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In reply to a question from Mr Ray Swart (PPU) during the 1963 session of Parliament, the Government said the drawing up of the report was not within the duties of the police.

The trial was adjourned until Monday.
COUNSEL for four treason trialists alleged in Pietermaritzburg this week that a cabinet minister, Fanie Botha, and the security police were involved in a conspiracy to crush the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu).

The claims were made at the Supreme Court trial of Saawu president Thozamaule Gqweza who is appearing with Sua Nkulena, Samuel Kikune and Isaac Ngobo before Justice J P Milne.

Advocates Clifford Mailer and Marino Moerane claimed the conspiracy involved Botha, then Minister of Manpower Utilisation, the Security Police, managers of about 15 East London-based factories and two members of National Intelligence.

Botha allegedly discussed "the Saawu problem" with them at a closed Border Chamber of Industries meeting in October, 1980. He allegedly said it would be disastrous for management not to recognise the unions demanded by the majority of their workers, but discussed a "common strategy" to deal with Saawu.

The defence also alleged that Botha told the managers to "keep talking" to Saawu, but "not to recognise them." He asked how long they could last against Saawu pressure for recognition.

This evidence was presented during cross-examination of state witness Major Phillipus Olivier, head of the East London Security Police Labour and Trade Union Section.

Olivier said Saawu had been working within the law and, although they had information of a link with the ANC, they did not have enough evidence to go to court.

The court heard lengthy evidence on Olivier's visits to the managers of factories in the area and his involvement in giving factories advice when the workers were on strike.

Responding to questioning by Mailer, Olivier said he visited managers at most of the factories and advised them not to have any dealings with Saawu. He denied an allegation that managers were "subjected to considerable pressure by the Security Police to have nothing to do with Saawu", but agreed with an allegation that factory managers in the Border Area were influenced by him, his staff and the minister.

Defence counsel said the "collective conspiracy" to crush Saawu took place at the same time the government was announcing trade union autonomy, freedom of association and minimum government interference in labour relations.

The trial resumes on Monday.
Industrial court makes an unprecedented union finding

Dispatch Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — The South African Allied Workers' Union (Sawwu) has been found by the Industrial Court to have committed an unfair labour practice — the first time this has happened in South Africa.

The judgment was handed down in Pretoria on February 7 by the president of the Industrial Court, Dr D. B. Ehlers.

Evidence was that on August 12 last year, shortly after Sawwu began mobilising support among the Murray and Roberts' workforce, more than 1,250 employees went on strike.

When workers struck again on August 28, the company ordered them to return to work next day or face dismissal. When they failed to do so they were dismissed and told to collect their money and vacate the hostels in Guguletu on September 1.

The company was granted an interim interdict in the Supreme Court on August 30 restraining Sawwu from organising, meeting, directing any acts of violence, strike action, picketing or impeding access to or egress from any Murray and Roberts premises, hostel or construction site.

It was also restrained from holding any meeting at any company hostel and union officials were barred from company property.

In papers before the court Sawwu denied responsibility for the strike or that its actions were a direct threat to Murray and Roberts fulfilling its contracts.

Sawwu also denied it had effective control over workers living in the hostel or that it had instigated any illegal action. The strike was a direct result of the company's failure to address genuine deep-rooted grievances, it said.

In an affidavit, Sawwu's organising secretary, Mr Zolile Mtsheliwane, said the union did not encourage illegal strikes.

In his judgment, Dr Ehlers said it seemed evident from affidavits by employees who attended meetings, that Sawwu's representatives intended to instigate and induce strike action.

It appeared likely that union officials intervened in the relationship between the company and its employees.

It was also probable that as a result of such conduct, which the union apparently did not prevent or discourage, Murray and Roberts' employees were unfairly affected. Their job opportunities, work security and physical, economic, moral and social welfare were prejudiced and jeopardised.
Freedom songs carry message, court told

PIETERMARITZBURG – Freedom songs portray a message of “protest against injustice” and some of their words suggest different forms of protest to different people, a secret State witness said in the Pietermaritzburg treason trial yesterday.

The witness, who may not be identified, said the songs were symbolic and words such as “take up arms against Pretoria” meant oppressed people should show their opposition to oppression.

The witness was being cross-examined in the treason trial of four South African Allied Workers' Union leaders — Mr Thozamile Gqwena, Mr Susa Njikelana, Mr Samuel Kikane and Mr Isaac Ngoobo.

The State alleged the singing of freedom songs at meetings was important “to inspire the people for revolution and to rally them.”

Freedom songs were sung at all the meetings of which videos and transcripts were provisionally handed in as evidence in the trial.

The accused allegedly addressed or attended these meetings.

The witness told the court that, because of different perceptions, people reacted differently to the meanings of songs and “taking up arms” did not only involve armed struggle.

At the start of yesterday's hearing, the defence counsel were again accused of revealing the identity of the witness to the African National Congress.

Defence advocates Mr Clifford Mailer and Mr Mariano Moerane said they had been scrupulous about not revealing the identity of the witness. After a two-hour adjournment, the trial continued.

The witness also agreed to having mistaken the identity of a woman who he allegedly interviewed for recruitment to the ANC.

The hearing continues — Sapa
Labour unrest in the Tyvall

A WAVE of strikes and labour disputes swept through several shop floors, including mine industries in the Transvaal this week.

The strikes, sparked off by workers' protests against management's dismissal of colleagues, wages and arrest of workers, involved more than 25,000 black employees.

- Most of the over 12,000 black miners of Vaal Reefs goldmine near Klerksdorp, have returned to work after strike action over the arrest of nine miners.

A spokesman for Anglo American, which administers the mine, said the strike action was called off after negotiations between the workers and their representatives. Workers at two other mines, Goezehoop and Wolwekraans, have also returned to work.

- Nampak Tissue Transvaal is to hold discussions with the South African Allied Workers' Union concerning the dismissal of about 160 striking workers at the Pretoria West plant. The workers were demanding wage rises.

- About 56 workers at Polyeel company in Alrode were still on strike yesterday following the dismissal of their colleagues.

The company was negotiating with the SA Chemical Workers Union (SACWU).

- Workers' representatives at Plascon Paints factory near Krugersdorp were still on strike yesterday following the dismissal of their colleagues. Management is negotiating with SACWU.

- More than 350 members of the Commercial Catering and Allied Workers' Union at an American multinational 3M in Elandsfontein, are to hold a solidarity meeting between 1 and 2 p.m. today.

The workers will pledge solidarity with workers of New Jersey who may lose their jobs following the company's threat to shut its operations.

Management of a German, multinational, E Merck at Wynberg, is still negotiating with the Black Health and Allied Workers' Union over the retrenchment of workers.

The industrial relations consultant said unless the disputes were not resolved quickly the workers will continue to fight for their rights.
Court turns down Saawu

THE Industrial Court has rejected an application by the South African Allied Workers' Union for the temporary reinstatement of its members dismissed by Metal Box in Rosslyn, Pretoria last November.

The court found, among other things, that the union had not satisfactorily proved that it had met an essential prerequisite for the Industrial Court hearing. Metal Box did not oppose the application on the above point.

The company was prepared to proceed with the hearing based on the merits of the case.

SOWETAN Reporter

The case is a sequel to the retrenchment of 25 black workers and employment of three white employees.

After the employment of the three whites, workers protested against the company's decision and went on strike. They were dismissed.

Mr. Sandy McLeish, Metal Box's Rosslyn plant manager said, "The company's ex-employees are still free to re-apply for jobs."

Mr. McLeish added, "We have already received applications from former employees who wish to return to work."

CTS SA OFFER

By rejected a South African White leader, Nelson Mandela, the South African government said it was prepared for Angolans and a Cuban incursion.
Security police 'conspired to crush union'  

MARITZBURG — The security police in East London were involved in a conspiracy with factory management in the area to crush the South African Allied Workers Union, defence counsel for four men accused of treason alleged yesterday.

A security policeman, Major Philippus Olivier, denied the allegations made by defence advocate Mr Clifford Maier in the trial of the four union members in the Pietermaritzburg Supreme Court.

However, he told the court under cross-examination, he did try gentle persuasion to get management to do nothing to give the union recognition.

He was giving evidence in the trial of Mr Thozamile Gqweta, Mr Sisa Njkelana, Mr Samuel Kikine and Mr Isaac Ngcobo, all charged with treason.

He also denied an allegation that the management of factories in the East London area were "subjected to considerable pressure by the security police to have nothing to do with the union".

Mr Maier said the intention of his cross-examination was to show the bias of the police against Mr. Gqweta and the union, and that their conduct did not justify the sinister inferences drawn by the State.

He said there were good, autonomous reasons within the Republic of South Africa for the union to act on behalf of the workers and they did not act in conspiracy with any banned organisation, as the State alleged in the indictment.

Major Olivier said he visited management at most of the factories and advised them not to have any dealings with the union. He did not want it to form a power block that would result in all management having to submit to unreasonable demands.

Mr Maier put it to Mayor Olivier that Mr Gqweta had never said at any stage that he would sabotage the economy, nor did the union say at any meetings that its intention was to jeopardise the economy.

According to Major Olivier, it was unreasonable for the union to demand recognition because his information was that it was a front for the self-exiled South African Congress of Trade Unions. The trial continues — Sapa.
Treason trialist held eight times

TREASON trial accused Thozamile Gqweta, 33, president of the SA Ahmed Workers' Union, had been detained without trial eight times in Ciskei and South Africa, his counsel, C R Mailer, said in the Maritzburg Supreme Court yesterday.

Mailer said the SA and Ciskeian police had harassed Gqweta and Saawu.

He said he was leading this evidence to show the bias of the police against Gqweta and Saawu. Mailer said that Gqweta's conduct did not justify the sinister inferences drawn against him by the State.

Mailer, who is appearing for two of the accused, was speaking at the trial of Gqweta, Sasa Nqkelana, Samuel Kikane and Isaac Ngcobo.

While in detention in Johannesburg for about six months, Gqweta was admitted to a psychiatric ward and treated.

He had suffered a devastating tragedy. His mother and uncle died in "a rather strange fire" at the house in which they were living, Mailer said.

His mother's funeral was attended by many people and the Ciskeian police fired at the crowd returning from the funeral, and his girlfriend was killed.

Mailer said that Gqweta was arrested on April 17, 1986, and held for about a month in Ciskei. He was never presented with a charge sheet but he made many court appearances over a period of seven months.

Mailer outlined Gqweta's subsequent arrests to the court.

Proceeding. — Sapa.
Unionist’s position ‘linked him to strikes’

Pietermaritzburg Bureau

TREASON trialists Thozinale Gweta's position as president of the South African Allied Workers' Union, had led the security police to believe he had been involved in the East London strikes of 1980/81, the Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Maj Phillipus Olivier, the then head of the labour and trade union section of the security police for the Border area, told the Court another factor linking Mr Gweta to the unprecedented wave of strikes was his presence at some meetings where the 'economic sabotage of the country' was mentioned.

Maj Olivier, a state witness, was giving evidence under cross-examination at the trial of four Saawu leaders who include Sisa Njikelani, 29, Sam Xikilele, 36, and Dube Ngcobo, 36.

All are charged with committing treason from 1980 to 1985.

An amendment to the indictment this week accused the trade unionists of forming Saawu work committees in factories, refusing to officially register the union and seeking confrontation with management.

These acts culminated in unrest, work stoppages, strikes and boycotts, read the amendment.

Maj Olivier said he had used 'gentle persuasiveness' with all the major companies in East London not to give official recognition to Saawu.

'I informed the factory managers that Saawu is the external wing of the SA Congress of Trade Unions which is the industrial wing of the ANC.

Unaware

'I believed the recognition of Saawu would be a threat to the national interest as Saawu could form a power bloc when they were recognised by the major firms and make any demands and call a strike if the demands were not met,' Maj Olivier said.

Earlier this week a statement from Mr Wayne Munro, personnel manager at Johnson and Johnson near East London, was read out to the Court where he said Mr Gweta must be given most of the credit for getting the workers peacefully back to work after a strike at the factory in 1981.

Maj Olivier said he had been unaware of Mr Gweta's role in the strike in spite of reports in the Press the following day.

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Staff Reporter

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The company's business was unfairly affected and disrupted, labour unrest was created and promoted and the company's relationship with its workers detrimentally affected.

Mr J J Gauntlett, assisted by Mr J A Short-Samuel, instructed by Marcus Muller, appeared for Murray and Roberts. Mr L J Krige, instructed by K. Hoosa and Associates, appeared for Sawu.
**Turnover passes R2-bn mark**

**Pick 'n Pay lifts dividend and earnings**

**By AUDREY D'ANGELO**

IN a year described by joint managing director Mr Hugh Herman as "worse than the Depression," Pick 'n Pay lifted turnover by 17.5 percent to R2 144.6m (R1 824.8m), passing the R2 billion mark for the first time.

Earnings rose by 5.9 percent to R35.4m (R33.5m). The final dividend has risen to 70.6c (64.5c) a share, making a total of 87c (63.5c) a share covered 1.97 times compared with 2.05 times last year.

At a press conference last week, Mr. Mike Dicky, who has been appointed a partner of Fabel Holld B & B. Mr. Mike Dicky, who has been appointed a partner of Fabel Holld B & B.

**Oil prices steady off lows**

NEW YORK — Oil prices held fairly steady in light trading yesterday on the New York Mercantile Exchange. At midday, the August contract for May delivery of West Texas Intermediate, the benchmark United States crude, was quoted at $12.16 a barrel.

**Closing gold prices**

(All in $ an ounce)

**LONDON:** 348.00-348.50

Fixing am: 352.00

Fixing pm: 351.75

**ZURICH:**

350.00-353.00

351.00-354.00

— Reuter

**SATS launches mini-container**

**By ALAN RUDDOCK**

Johannesburg — Car price increases will stay slightly ahead of the 1988 period would be 13 to 23 percent. Toyota prices increased at the end of December and the beginning of March.
Transkei bans Saawu

ONE of how Transkei president Tutar Ntamatam's first jobs has been to ban a trade union - the 'Allied Workers' Union.'

The banning appeared in a special government gazette and was co-signed by Prime Minister George Matanzima.

The banning was condemned by the UDF, which accused the homeland government of "doing apartheid's dirty work."

It said workers had a democratic right to organise themselves.

Transkei is the second "independent" homeland to ban Saawu - in 1982, former Ciskei's armed forces chief Charles Sebe banned the union.
State drops evidence in transcripts

MARITZBURG (14SRT 18327)

A dramatic development in the treason trial here yesterday, the State said it would no longer rely on nine transcripts of South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) meetings handed in as evidence last week.

The defence team had alleged that all the transcripts were "gibbernash, bristled with errors" and that some of them were "misleading."

According to the indictment, the transcripts contained evidence of conduct the State would have relied on to prove its allegations of treason, or alternatively terrorism and furthering the aims of an unlawful organisation, against Mr Thozamile Gqweta, Mr Sina Nykelana, Mr Samuel Kikune and Mr Isaac Ngcobo.

The transcripts referred to nine Saawu meetings held in East London between April and November, 1981.

The trial was adjourned to Monday, when the State will present a "revised" indictment.

Sapa.
MARITZBURG — The Judge President of Natal, Mr Justice John Milne, said in the treason trial of four union leaders yesterday that it was "extraordinary" that a transcript of a speech contained a "crucial" word that did not exist on the original tape-recording.

The defence claims that the State relied on the "missing word "ngowethu" to link the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) with the self-exiled South African Congress of Trade Unions (Sactu).

Mr Marino Moerane, for the defence, also said words in the indictment quoting one accused, Mr Thozamile Gqweta, as saying of Sactu "It is ours" do not appear in either the tapes or the transcripts.

Warrant-Officer B Hattingh of the Security Police agreed that the word "ngowethu" was not on tape, and said he had made a mistake by not telling the court about the missing word. The hearing continues today. — Sape
'Splinter group' leaves Saawu to form new union

Labour Reporter

THE South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) still appeared to be split yesterday following the formation of a new breakaway group - the United Peoples' Union of South Africa, under the leadership of Mr. Ashley Shuza.

However, in a statement yesterday, Mr. Sisa Nkelaapa and Mr. Sam Kikane, key officials of Saawu, dismissed the new union as 'another splinter group within the union'.

"Upusa was seen not as a breakaway union but as a 'maverick exercise by a few individuals formerly employed by Saawu', they said.

Meanwhile, the first split which rocked Saawu in mid-1984 had been resolved and talks to reunify the organisation were 'well underway', they added.

Upusa claims a registered membership of more than 50,000 and branches at Port Shepstone, Newcastle, Krugersdorp and Olievenhout.

The new union will hold its first meeting at 10 am this Saturday in the Young Christian Workers' Union Hall in Pioneer Road, Congella.
Officials say union books in shambles

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — The South African Allied Workers’ Union’s books have been referred to auditors and lawyers after allegedly being found “in a shambles” by two officials of the union after they were acquitted of charges of treason this week.

SAAWU’s general secretary, Mr. Sam Kikone and the union’s treasurer, Mr. Isaac Ngcobo, said they found it difficult to work with the union’s books.

Mr. Kikone said the union’s accounts had been frozen by the bank.

Mr. Kikone and Mr. Ngcobo, the union’s national president, Mr. Thozamile Gweta, and Mr. Sisa Nyekelana were acquitted of treason this week after a trial lasting more than 18 months.

Mr. Kikone said they dissociated themselves from anything that took place while they were standing trial.

The two officials had the full control of the union’s affairs yesterday, he said.
The tough task of being an organiser

The struggle of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), whose leaders were this week acquitted of treason charges in Maritzburg, encapsulates the heavy odds faced by black unions in organising workers.

Charges against Saawu President Mr. Thozamile Botha, secretary Mr. Sesa Nyekelana, treasurer Mr. Isaac Ngobo and Durban branch secretary Mr. Sam Kikine were withdrawn by Mr. Justice Milne after the State decided not to proceed with prosecution.

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The four — with 12 United Democratic Front leaders — were initially variously charged with treason, terrorism and/or furthering the aims of the African National Congress. Proceedings against the other accused were dropped last December. All accused had been out on bail since May 1984.

The allegations against the four specifically referred to the period from 1981 — when Saawu was at its strongest — until 1986.

The union, formed in 1978, was one of the most militant to organise black workers in the post-Wiebahn era. The fastest growing union at the time, Saawu soon called a national boycott of Wilson Rowntree products. After its members were fired at the company's plant in East London, the boycott was called off by the company's plant in East London.

The boycott was followed by the formation of community and student support committees — giving further impetus to moves in some union circles for closer co-operation between unions and community groups. Such moves were rejected by other unions.

Saawu's approach was not to lead to a union as strong on the factory floor as its founders would have liked, but it did play a part in the highly politicised Congress of South Africa Trade Unions-style unionism.

Saawu also became a founder member of Cosmos. Later Saawu played a leading role in the protracted Mantisane, East London, bus boycott in 1983.

And when the UDF was established, Saawu was one of the first member unions.

While at the pinnacle of its strength, Saawu might have been a source of worry to many employers, it was perhaps its bold involvement in political issues which placed it on a collision course with both the Government and the homeland authorities.

And while life was made uncomfortable for independent unions for their opposition to the apartheid and the homelands, Saawu was the first union to be banned in the homelands — first in Ciskei and then in Transkei.
Saawu's account still frozen

Labour Reporter

THE bank account of the South African Allied Workers' Union was still frozen yesterday as union officials battled to straighten out their financial records.

Mr Isaac Ngcobo, Saawu's national treasurer, said they were still trying to make 'head or tail' of the records which were found in disarray soon after their release from custody on Monday.

Mr Ngcobo and Mr Sam Kikine, the union's general secretary, had been in custody for more than a year on charges of treason. They were acquitted on Monday and spent their first day of freedom trying to unravel the mystery over their union's finances.

'Our lawyers and auditors are also looking at the matter,' he said, adding that both he and Mr Ngcobo wished to reiterate that they had been in no way party to the running of the union's affairs during the past year.

However, they were now fully in control of the union.
THE lengthy treason trial involving four of the national executive members of the South African Allied Workers' Union came to an abrupt end in the College Road, Supreme Court, Maritzburg yesterday morning when all four were acquitted on all charges.

Family and friends in the gallery raised their right arms amid shouts of 'Amosia' as the judge Mr Justice John Milne, the Natal Judge President, left the crowded courtroom.

Much jubilation continued outside the court building amid tight police security.

The unexpected turn came when Mr Michael Lampie SC, appearing for the state announced he was unable to continue.

"Damelin makes it easy!"

By P. Pomeroy, Principal, Damelin Correspondence College.

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MARITZBURG — A tape-recording of an anti-South African Indian Council meeting being used in the treason trial in Maritzburg contained an "odd feature" — the national anthem, "Die Stem" — which did not fit in with the nature of the meeting, defence advocate Mr Marino Moerane said yesterday.

He asked State expert-Colonel Leendert Jansen to explain this.

Colonel Jansen, who examined all the video and audio recordings being used as evidence, said of the playing of the national anthem: "This was an odd feature."

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He was being cross-examined by Mr Moerane on his assessment that all the video and audio tapes being used as evidence were original and unedited.

On trial are four South African Allied Workers’ Union (SAAWU) leaders, Mr Thozamila Gqweta, Mr Sisa Nykelana, Mr Samuel Kikine and Mr Isaac Ngoobo.

With reference to another tape, Mr Moerane asked Colonel Jansen why he had said in his notes that there had been no recording on the first side of the tape when, in fact, it had a full recording.

Colonel Jansen said he was convinced he had not made a mistake about this fact in his original notes, but his new notes could have been incorrectly rewritten.

The hearing continues — Sapa
Tapes cause new turn in treason trial

Pietermaritzburg Bureau

COUNSEL defending four trade unionists facing charges of treason in the College Road Supreme Court here have made representations to the Attorney-General of Natal which might result in the matter ending without further evidence being led.

The Judge President of Natal, Mr Justice Milne, adjourned the hearing until June 23 for the Attorney-General to study the implications of a judgment handed down last week in which the Judge ruled that all but three tapes presented as evidence in the trial were inadmissible.

He allowed the prosecution to lead further evidence on the admissibility of those three tapes only Mr Ismail Mahomed, SC, for the defence, told Mr Justice Milne yesterday that the judgment had had 'profound implications' for the future conduct of the prosecution in the case.

He said he had held discussions with the State advocates and the Attorney General of Natal, Mr Mike Imber, and had made 'certain representations' which, if successful, would make it unnecessary for further evidence to be heard.

Mr Mahomed said the Attorney-General required further time to consider the full picture and 'consider' his own reactions and had asked for a written report from the defence.

Mr Mahomed said the report would be made available to Mr Imber next week.

The four accused - Themazile Gqweta, Sisa Nyikelane, Samuel Rikane and Isaac Ngobo - are part of a group of 16 people who were initially charged with treason.

During the course of the trial in December last year, the Attorney-General stopped proceedings against 12 of the accused.
Saawu claims necklace threat from AWB

EAST LONDON — The branch secretary of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) here claims that a person, who said he was a member of the Afrikaner Weerstands Beweging (AWB) threatened Saawu personnel.

Mr Boyce Melitafa said he was telephoned at the Saawu offices on Monday June 2 by a person with an English accent. This person said the AWB would “be coming on Wednesday (June 4) to fix up” the organisers of Saawu.

The person then slammed down the telephone.

Mr Melitafa said there were only two occurrences on the Wednesday.

At about 12 noon, two people he believed to be members of the security police arrived by car at the front of the Saawu offices, in East London, and took photographs of people standing on the verandah.

The other occurrence that day happened at 4.15 pm when he received a telephone call from a man who asked him “Do you still recognise my voice? I am Groenewald of the AWB East London region, and tonight we will be coming to your place to necklace all of you. You are going to know the wrath of the white man.”

Mr Melitafa said nothing further had happened, but that this kind of intimidation and threatening act was not new to Saawu.

Mr Melitafa said the incident related to the AWB had not been reported to the police.

He said he was issuing a statement because Saawu wanted it known that despite harassment and intimidation, it would continue as a worker’s organisation and would grow stronger.

“No act of intimidation will force Saawu not to exist. Saawu is determined to fight every form of exploitation, whether in the guise of apartheid oppression, or pure economic oppression.” — DDR
Saawu pleads 'ban the can'

BLOEMFONTEIN — "Ban the can" is the plea of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) to the nation as they plan a boycott of products of the Metal Box Company.

The appeal is part of a retaliatory programme for the dismissal of 22 black workers replaced, the union says, by whites.

The matter has been referred to the Industrial Court.

The union has called for the dismissal of the white workers and demanded first preference be given to those dismissed. It has also demanded wages for the two weeks they were on strike.

The nationwide boycott of canned drinks is to take effect from April 1.
SECURITY police told the Marrantzburg Supreme Court this week how they obtained evidence against the SA Allied Workers' Union - they confiscated a TV crew's film.

Four Saawu leaders - Thozamile Gqweta, Sam Njikelana, Isaac Ngcobo and Sam Kikane - are charged with treason and furthering the aims of an unlawful organisation.

It's claimed they worked for the violent overthrow of the SA Government between 1980 and 1985, and participated in the "revolutionary alliance".

This alliance allegedly includes the ANC's labour wing and the SA Congress of Trade Unions.

Security policeman Captain J de Beer - in charge of the security police "labour and trade union" section in Durban - told the court he and his men had stopped a car with reporters from International Television News after a Saawu meeting in Durban during June 1983.

They then confiscated videos made by the TV crew during the meeting.

Among those who allegedly attended the meeting were Kikane, UDF president Anthe Gumede, Curtis Nkondo and former Ladysmithville priest Rev Meebasi Xundu. The ITN recordings were handed into court as evidence.

De Beer also told of a raid he and his men carried out on the Saawu offices during June 1983. They confiscated several posters including one which read '"Sacru lost only two leaders but they produced millions of workers in South Africa".'
Bugging union was 'part of daily routine'

MARITZBURG. — A security policeman said at the treason trial here yesterday that monitoring discussions in the South African Allied Workers' Union (SAAWU) office in Durban in 1982 by means of a bugging device was part of his daily routine.

This was the evidence of Sergeant Hans Rack, who was based in Durban when a number of recordings being used as evidence in the trial were made.

On trial are four SAWU leaders — Mr. Samuel Ekane, and Mr. Isaac Nqobile, who were both in charge of the Durban office, and Mr. Thozamile Qwata and Mr. Sisa Nkuelana, who were based in East London at the time. Sergeant Rack told the court during cross-examination by Mr. Clifford Mailer, for the defence, that he "simply switched on the equipment in his office and listened at random to the discussions."

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Major Benjamin denied that the equipment he had used or the bugging device in the hall had been faulty.

He also denied allegations that the batteries in the recorder had been flat when the recording was made.

The trial continues today. — Sapa.
Court told of bugging device in Saawu office

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Treason Trial: State Drops 9 Transcripts

By Tony O'Donnell

The British government, in a dramatic development yesterday, announced that it was dropping its case against nine men who were arrested last week in connection with the alleged plot to kidnap President John F. Kennedy.

The decision, which came after several days of intensive negotiations, was announced today by Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, who said the government had "considered the evidence and decided that it is not in the national interest to continue the prosecution." He added that the decision was reached after consultation with President Kennedy and with the approval of the Justice Department.

The nine men, all of whom are alleged to have been involved in the plot, were arrested last week near the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City, where they had been trying to gain entry to the country.

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Saawu says split in ranks resolved

DURBAN — The South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) last night announced that a dispute in mid-1984—which left the union split into two factions—had been resolved and talks to reunify the organisation were "well under way."

The talks move followed the withdrawal of charges of high treason against four senior officials from opposing factions of Saawu in June this year.

During the Pietermaritzburg treason trial, Mr Sisa Nkosi and Mr Thozamile Gqweta, both top ranking officials in the union, were charged together with Mr Sam Kikane and Mr Isaac Ngoobo, who headed the rival faction based in Natal.

A statement released by Saawu said that "serious attempts" to explore the possibility of unifying the two sections of the union had been made at the time when the trial was drawing to an end.

A joint committee was formed to prepare for unity talks and at the weekend the two factions resolved at a joint national executive committee meeting to reunite.

The statement said the following resolutions were made at the talks:

The two factions be united into one Saawu.

A national conference be held within three months in order to finalise the unification exercise.

The question of one group being affiliated to the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) was viewed in a spirit of goodwill. This was endorsed as a progressive step towards strengthening the trade union movement in South Africa. The meeting decided to take a full resolution on this issue during the envisaged national conference.

The formation of another splinter group within the union, the United Peasants Union of South Africa (Upusa), was condemned as "glaing opportunism."

In the early 1980s, Saawu became one of the fastest growing unions in the country and had been seriously weakened by the split that last night's statement said was being resolved.

Upusa, the breakaway union has been formed in Durban with Mr Ashley Shezi as national president.

Mr Shezi said Upusa would not align itself with either the Congress of South African Trade Unions, Cosatu, or the United Workers Union of South Africa, Uwusa.

"Upusa will be strictly non-political, concentrating mainly on improving the lot of their members and fighting for justice and fairplay for black workers," he said — Sapa.
Sawu is united again after rift of two years

Two years after the South African Allied Workers' Union (Sawu) was split down the middle by internal feuding, its leadership has decided to bury the hatchet and restore the union's unity. MIKE SULUMA reports

Reconciliation between two factions in the South African Allied Workers' Union (Sawu), after months of negotiations, should come as a relief to both union leadership and members.

The healing of the debilitating two-year-old 'split' in Sawu's ranks was disclosed by the union's joint leadership after a meeting last weekend.

Sawu, once the fastest growing black union, claiming about 160,000 members, split into two camps after a bitter leadership battle in 1984.

Conflict came into the open when three senior officials were expelled at a meeting in Soweto amid allegations of unconstitutional behaviour.

In turn, the three - then general secretary Mr Sam Kike, national organiser Mr Herbert Barnabas and treasurer Mr Isaac Ngebo - charged that the meeting was itself unconstitutional, because some branches had not been invited.

Those elected into the new executive by the 1984 Soweto meeting included Mr Thozama Gweta, Mr Sisa Nykelela, as president and general secretary respectively.

What subsequently followed were bitter clashes as each camp claimed to be the real Sawu.

The matter reached the Supreme Court as each faction sought to dislodge the other from union offices in Durban and Johannesburg.

In a statement released after last weekend's meeting the new leadership said unity talks had begun in earnest last June, following the withdrawal of treason charges against Mr Kike, Mr Gweta, Mr Ngebo and Mr Nykelela.

Resolutions passed at the weekend included that

- The two factions be united into one Sawu
- A national conference be held within three months to finalise the re-unification move.
- The question of one group being affiliated to the Congress of SA Trade Unions (Ctou) be viewed in a spirit of goodwill.

This was a progressive step towards strengthening the trade union movement.
**Saawu refuses to transfer members**

**Labour Reporter**

The South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), an affiliate of the Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU), has refused to transfer its members in the food industry to the new super-union, Food and Allied Workers' Union (FAWU).

Fawu was formed earlier this year as part of COSATU's programme of creating one national union for each industry and dissolving general unions like Saawu into these industry-specific organisations.

Saawu general secretary, Mr Mzuzwana Mdoyogolo, said recently that the decision not to join Fawu had been taken at a meeting in Johannesburg between the union's executive and delegates from all the food factories where Saawu is recognized.

Mr Mdoyogolo said although Saawu was committed to the principle of one union per industry, it did not regard the formation of Fawu as a merger of unions "in the true sense of the word".

FAWU was formed at the beginning of June when the Food and Canning Workers' Union (FCWU) absorbed the smaller Sweet, Food and Allied Workers' Union and the Retail and Allied Workers Union and changed its name to Fawu. At the time it was resolved that general unions with members in the food sector should be transferred to Fawu.

Mr Mdoyogolo said Saawu believed that when mergers were discussed, unions should participate. He described the formation of Fawu as "merely the transference of members and assets to FCWU and the changing of its name to Fawu".

EAST LONDON — A recognition and procedural agreement was signed between the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) and Barlow's Commercial Refrigeration last week. Saawu's local secretary, Mr Boree Melitafo, said in a statement that the general manager of the company, Mr O E Sellers, said the objective of the procedural agreement was to maintain sound and fair labour relations in the factory.

Mr Melitafo said the signing of the agreement was a "victory" for South African workers. Negotiations between Saawu and the company in Wilsonia had started in June this year. The company's workforce totalled 220, and Saawu membership stood at 204.

Turning to what he described as harassment of the general membership and leadership of the union, Mr Melitafo said Saawu had survived the onslaught over the past six years and will continue to survive in the future. "This agreement together with others already in existence will add strength to the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) to which Saawu is affiliated."

He added Saawu was engaged in merger talks with some unions affiliated to Cosatu. Saawu was a "founder member of Cosatu."
UMTATA — The South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) has been banned as an unlawful organisation by the Transkei Government.

The banning is listed in the Transkei Special Gazette dated February 2.

It was signed by the new Transkei State President, Paramount Chief Tutor Ndamase, and countersigned by Prime Minister Chief George Matanzima by the order of the President-in-Council.

According to the gazette, Saawu has been declared an unlawful organisation under the country's Public Security Act of 1977 — Sapa
The Transkei General Strike Committee has been banned by the Transkei Government. The banning of Saawu appeared in the latest Transkei Special Gazette of February 2. The banning order was signed by the new Transkeian President, Paramount Chief Tutu Ndamase, and countersigned by the country’s Prime Minister, Chief George Mhlanzana. According to the gazette, ‘Saawu has been declared an unlawful organization under the country’s Public Security Act of 1977’—Sepa
Arson probe after Saawu offices burnt

By MTOTELIXOTWA

EAST LONDON — About R8,000 damage was caused by a fire in the offices of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) in St. Johns Road, North End, early yesterday.

A spokesman for the police directorate of public relations in Pretoria said arson was being investigated. Early indications showed no sign of explosives having been used to cause the fire.

Saawu yesterday condemned those responsible for the fire.

In a statement issued by the branch secretary, Mr. Boyce Meltifa, Saawu said the attacks on its offices, its officials and members would not deter the trade union from fighting for the rights of the "exploited workers".

Mr. Meltifa said damage was estimated at more than R8,000 and that all the records and equipment in the affected office were destroyed.

Saawu has a membership of more than 20,000 in East London alone, he said.

He said it was not the first time that Saawu offices had been attacked.

In 1984, there were two arson attempts on the local Saawu offices. Last year, the Grahamstown office of Saawu was twice attacked by arsonists and the building housing Saawu offices was completely destroyed. Damage was estimated at R5,000.

Mr. Meltifa said the Saawu offices in the ABC Building in Oxford Street were attacked by fire last year, causing thousands of rands damage.

He said no arrests had been made in connection with any of the incidents.

Saawu had no insurance, he said.

The owner of the building, Mr. Solomon said an alarm went off at about 4 a.m. Employees of a security firm found smoke billowing from an upstairs room. Saawu's offices are situated on the first floor.

Mr. Solomon said the fire could have spread to other rooms and shops below had it not been for the prompt action of the fire brigade.

He said the building was insured.

Saawu's branch organiser, Mr. Sicelo Nketo, said the fire appeared to have been caused by an explosive.

He said the arsonists had gained entry to the building by cutting the steel gates at the back. The steel burglar proofing was also cut and forced open, he said.

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Police yesterday confirmed the detention of the branch organiser of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), Mr Steclo Ndevu, and 19 others of whom three have been released.

Saawu has called on the police to release Mr Ndevu and those arrested with him at the launch of the Mooiplaas Residents' Organisation.

The Saawu statement said the release should be unconditional as the meeting had been legal because the Mooiplaas residents had obtained a permit to hold it.

"The branch committee of Saawu is looking into the possibility of taking further steps if Mr Ndevu and the others arrested with him are not released immediately," the statement said.

The arrests were made on March 22. Border police liaison officer Lieutenant Dot van der Vyver said an application had been made for a permit to hold a meeting at Mooiplaas, but a permit had not been needed.

However, a meeting had been held for a different reason from that applied for.

The detainees are being held under Section 50 of the Internal Security Act — Sapa
Call to release Mpetha

THE International Labour Organisation has added its voice to calls for the release of jailed veteran trade unionist Oscar Mpetha.

The director-general of the ILO, Mr Francis Blanchard, has urged President P W Botha to release Mpetha and four other trade unionists from the South African Allied Workers' Union on trial for treason in Maritzburg.

Mr Blanchard called on the Government to release all trade unionists detained or charged under security legislation as well as Oscar Mpetha "in view of the serious state of his health."

Mpetha (77), a founder member of the Food and Canning Workers' Union and the South African Congress of Trade Unions, had a leg amputated while in jail.
May Day okay

THE SA Allied Workers' Union has successfully negotiated with an East London firm to have May Day recognised as a public holiday.

East London battery company Chloride is the only company in the area to recognise May Day as a paid holiday. SAAU, an affiliate of the Congress of SA Trade Unions, concluded the agreement recently.

SAAU has been campaigning for May 1 to be a paid holiday.

SAAU East London branch secretary, Royce Meltafa, said the union hoped to negotiate similar agreements with other factories in the area.

SAAU has a membership of 18,000 in the East London area. Veritas News Agency
QUEENSTOWN. An organiser of the South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu), Mr Mongezi Shahlaha (25), appeared in the Queenstown Magistrate's Court with four others yesterday on charges of murder.

They are charged with killing a policeman and Mrs Blanche Mdudu, a former community councillor and member of the Mlungisi Residents' Association.

The charred bodies of Mrs Mdudu and the policeman were found in January among the ruins of the policeman's house, which had been burnt down during unrest.

Charged with Mr Shahlaha are Mr Phelelo Gono, Mr Mpmumelelo Nogemane, Mr Welcome Pak aure and Mr Phumzile Rawula.

The hearing was postponed to May 6 — Sapa.
Dispute stops work at West Bank depot

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — A wage dispute has led to a work stoppage at the British Petroleum depot on the West Bank.

Workers said yesterday they had been locked out by management on Monday but were allowed onto the premises yesterday while negotiations between workers and management continued.

A spokesman from BP's head office in Cape Town confirmed there had been a work stoppage over wage claims. He said the dispute involved about 30 employees.

Management was in the process of negotiating a recognition agreement with the South African Allied Workers Union (SAAWU) who had been informed of the work stoppage, the spokesman said.

He declined to comment further.

The branch secretary of SAAWU Mr B Melitata, confirmed his union had been informed of the stoppage. He said BP had told the union the matter was still being discussed with workers.

SAAWU officials were scheduled to meet BP officials at 9am today following a request by management he said.

The matter of agreement and recognition would be discussed.

Mr Melitata said his union had submitted a draft agreement and a membership list to BP.

SAAWU intends getting information from both management and the workers on the issue.

During a Daily Dispatch visit to the depot yesterday, workers stood in groups in and outside the plant.

They said negotiations between workers' representatives and management were underway and they were waiting for the outcome. They declined to comment further, saying they had agreed with management not to do so.

Tiger mascots arrive in Seoul

SEOUL — Two Siberian tigers arrived from the US yesterday to serve as mascots for the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

They were donated by the Minnesota Zoo South Korea chose the Siberian tiger — defined in Korean legend — as the mascot for the games — Sapa.
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Ice cream workers fired

GATTI'S Ice Cream fired half its workforce on Wednesday after they went on strike to protest against the dismissal of two organizers of the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu).

The strike — which involved an estimated 60 workers — was called on Friday after Gatti's dismissed a second member of the union's committee at the factory. The first member was fired earlier this month.

A management spokesman confirmed the dismissal of the striking workers yesterday.

He denied that the two committee members had been fired because of their union activities but declined to give reasons for their dismissal.

Saawu's response to the dismissals may not be published in the Western Cape in terms of the emergency regulations.
Go-slow in paintshop
halts car production

EAST LONDON — A spokeswoman for Mercedes Benz said from Pretoria yesterday the company had been forced to halt car production because of a "go-slow" strike by paintshop workers.

She said production had been interrupted to such an extent that the company was compelled to close for the rest of the week. About 3,000 workers were involved.

Workers did not start work on Monday and negotiations between management and worker representatives had failed.

The worker representatives involved are from the National Automobile and Allied Workers' Union, the SA Iron, Steel and Allied Industries Union and an independent workers' group.

CAUSE OF DISPUTE NOT KNOWN

The spokeswoman could not say what was the source of the dispute but said it had nothing to do with wages.

Spokesmen for the workers were not available for comment but the branch secretary of the South African Allied Workers' Union, Mr B Melitafo, confirmed that some union members were involved.

He said SAWU was still negotiating for recognition and, until then, it could not negotiate formally with management — Saga.
Police sjambok Pepsi workers in Epping

Several workers showed a Cape Times reporter welts on their legs, thighs and heads.

The SAAWU spokesman said the dispute with management followed the summoning last Monday of drivers and deliverymen by Mr. Graeme Winn, managing director of Pepsi Africa.

The drivers and deliverymen had demanded that he address the production staff as well, but in spite of repeated requests Mr. Winn refused to address the entire labour force. This had led to the confrontation yesterday at the plant when Mr. Winn had requested to see a worker delegation.

The labourers had refused, and had then been given an hour to "return to work". Police arrived in a Casspar at the time, when the hour had expired and the workers had not returned to work.

Contacted for comment last night, Mr. Winn described the union's version of events as "not in actual fact true", but he declined to comment further.
To disperse soft drink workers

POLICE used a stick to disperse soft drink workers yesterday after an argument developed between them and management.

The argument, which started over a dispute about the closing time of the plant, spilled out into the street when the workers refused to return to work. The police, who were called in, used a stick to disperse the crowd.

The workers had been given an hour to return to work, but when they refused to return, the police were called in. The workers were later allowed to return to work after the police had dispersed them.

The incident was reported to the police, who are investigating it.
Pepsi's Epping plant workers 'back at work'  

Labour Reporter  
PEPSI-COLA workers, who were dispersed by sjambok-wielding police on Monday after gathering outside Pepsi's Epping plant during a labour dispute, have all returned to work, according to the South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu).  
The union, which has 90 members among the 150-plus workforce, said none of the workers appeared to have lost their jobs.

A Saawu spokesman said the union had tried to arrange a meeting with the company to discuss the dispute, but management had refused.

Repeated attempts yesterday to contact the managing director of Pepsi Africa, Mr Graeme Winn, were unsuccessful.

On Monday Mr Winn declined to comment on the matter.

The circumstances surrounding the dispute and subsequent walk-out by workers are not yet clear.

According to the union, Mr Winn summoned drivers and delivery staff to a meeting on Monday.

Workers insisted that he address the entire staff. When he refused, the workers, including non-union members, downed tools and gathered outside the factory gates, said the union.

The union, which is currently involved in negotiating a recognition agreement with the company, said it would try to arrange a meeting again today.