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DEFIANCE
OF MINE
RACISM



Workers show their militancy. Anglo workers in Johannesburg protest racial discrimination and call for recognition of the union

SAVE OUR JOBS

TEN thousand mineworkers will lead a march against retrenchment in the heart of the city of gold - Johannesburg - on Saturday, 15 September.

The march on the Chamber of Mines was sparked by the war declared by the mine bosses against mineworkers's jobs.

This year 8000 mineworkers on average are retrenched every month.

The Chamber of Mines has already dumped over 50 000 mineworkers since the beginning of the year. And with the constant threat of the closure

of 18 so-called marginal mines another 78000 mineworkers are faced with an uncertain future.

At Anglo American's Free Gold, near Welkom, the mine bosses plan to retrench 7 800 mineworkers soon.

At Genmin alone 25 000 workers have already lost their jobs and have been left with very small retrenchment packages.

Thousands of mineworkers and their families face starvation.

The mine bosses give the low

price of gold as the reason for ending jobs. But the NUM sees this as a half-truth which is paraded by the mine bosses to shield their gross irresponsibility towards mineworkers since the start of the industry.

Since the mine bosses organised themselves under the Chamber of Mines more than one hundred years ago mining has developed as a mere supplier of raw materials. An extractive economy as the policy of the mine bosses has stifled economic growth in mining related sectors.

Nothing has been done by the mine bosses to prepare mineworkers to become employable in other industries.

At the root of the problem is monopolistic control of the mining industry by a few corporations only concerned with making huge profits. Mineworkers will continue to resist this assault on their jobs until their future is secured.

A memorandum of demands will be handed over by marchers at the Chamber of Mines head office at No. 5 Hollard Street.

The Magistrate has already given the march the go-ahead. The march will start at corner of Bree and Sauer Streets, East into Bree Street, South into Simmonds Street, West into Main Street where the marchers will proceed to the Chamber of Mines head office.

PROTEST RACIAL DISCRIMINATION! FORWARD TO UNITY!