

THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC STRUGGLE CONTINUED.

weapon". Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers Union of South Africa (CCAWUSA) delegates pointed out that NUM had a banner at its congress proclaiming socialism. For workers, socialism meant workers' control of the means of production, distribution and exchange and asked whether the congress accepted this. Furthermore, historically, many religiously-inclined people have supported socialism.

After much discussion, whilst it was felt that the delegates arguing for socialism won the debate, the block vote of NUM was carried and socialism was dropped from the clause. Thus, the National Democrats are so confident of their position that they are even going so far as to drop the socialist rhetoric they initially proclaimed.

The Socialist Alternative

The ideological battle is far from lost. More and more socialists both within and outside of the national democratic movement are realising that to ensure victory

for the working class and socialism, the attacks by the National Democrats on socialists must be resisted.

In a political seminar on the 20/2/87, MAWU concluded that alliances with political organisations should be based on the following criteria:

1. The working class can only enter strategic alliances with:
 - (a) progressive anti-capitalist organisations
 - (b) organisations that agree with and advance the principles of the working class struggle for socialism
 - (c) organisations that are reliable – they cannot on the one hand support the working class and at the same time align themselves with capitalist organisations and institutions.
2. The alliance should be based on the following principles:
 - (a) political and organisational independence
 - (b) working class leadership

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- (c) the right to criticise and freedom of speech
- (d) mandates and accountability of leadership to a clearly defined constituency
- (e) worker control and active participation
- (f) socialism

Conclusion

All socialists should bear in mind what Marx said: "As soon as it becomes necessary to fight such a (common) enemy directly, the interests of both parties fall together for the moment And then, as soon as victory has been achieved, the petty bourgeoisie will endeavour to annex it for themselves. They will call upon the workers to keep the peace and return to their work in order to avoid (so-called) excesses, and then proceed to cut the workers off from the fruits of victory."

This is a lesson all socialists should remember. Our actions today will determine our future society. **The future lies in the present.**

SACOS CONFERENCE

The South African Council on Sport held its biennial conference on the 4-5 April in Newclare, Johannesburg.

Among the resolutions taken were:

- * the lifting of the banning on the use of so-called 'multinational' hotels
- * to mark June 16th, no sport will be played from the 13-17 June
- * to give support to the National Union of Mineworkers, which intends taking control of sporting activities at the mines
- * to support COSATU in its demand to establish a 40-hour working week
- * to enter into dialogue with all progressive political organi-

sations

At the conference, an attempt was made to oust president of SACOS, Frank van der Horst, and replace him with Rev. Arnold Stofile, a UDF leader in the Border Region. Later though Rev. Stofile's nomination was withdrawn. Rev. Stofile is on trial in Ciskei. Frank van der Horst retained the presidency of SACOS.

A delegate from NACOS stated at the meeting that the UDF was not happy with the present leadership of SACOS because of their non-aligned political stance. He went further to say that the UDF would take over SACOS. This attempt clearly failed.



Mr van der Horst presenting a sports trophy

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Rev. Stofile has been found guilty of terrorism by the fascist Ciskei courts and sentenced to 11 years imprisonment. We would like to express our solidarity with Rev. Stofile and all the other comrades languishing in detention and imprisonment.