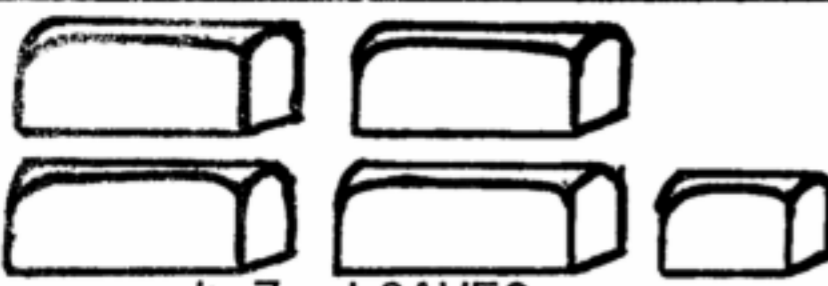
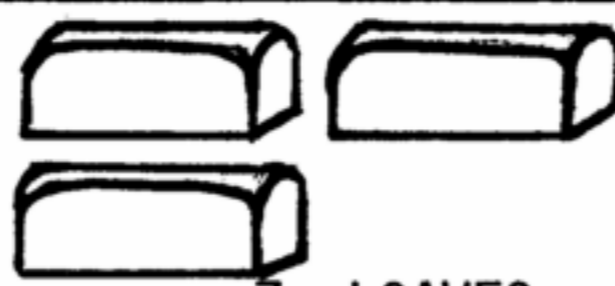
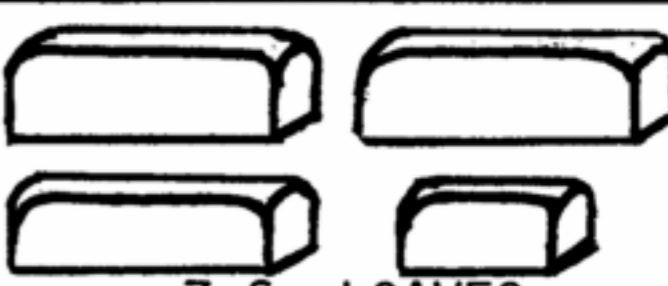



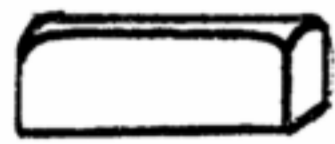



HOW MUCH FOOD CAN ONE HOUR OF YOUR WAGES BUY?	METAL INDUSTRY WORKERS	TEXTILE INDUSTRY WORKERS	CHEMICAL INDUSTRY WORKERS
	 4,7 LOAVES	 3 LOAVES	 3,6 LOAVES
	 1,9 LITRES	 1,2 LITRES	 1,5 LITRES
	 = 1 LOAF BROWN BREAD		 = 1 LITRE MILK

FOSATU UNITES ALL WORKERS TO FIGHT FOR EQUAL WAGES

FOSATU SAYS – ITS A RICH MAN'S BUDGET

FOSATU is very critical of the last budget. It was a budget for the rich and not the poor. Workers are used to budgets like this so why are we so critical of this one? What is new?

What is new is that South Africa received a large gift from the world. For complicated reasons the price of gold has risen to figures that were not even dreamed of a few years ago.

This is the kind of jackpot that does not happen often. It should have been used to build a better world for all in South Africa, especially Black workers who continue to suffer amidst all this wealth.

Let us take a few examples to show what could have been done. From the tax on gold production alone the Government received R1630 million more than it expected. Could't this have been used to make real changes to help Blacks?

The Government will spend R150 million on increasing pensions for all races. If we'd added R150 million to that the effect on Black pensions would have been much greater. Who can live on R33 per month?

The Department of Community Development will spend R73 million on Black housing. If we added R300 million to this another 60000 reasonable houses could have been built.

On Black Education R204 million will be spent. If this was doubled it would then have equalled the amount spent on

white education.

The subsidy on bread will be R141 million which could also have been doubled which may have prevented the bread price increase. If we take the increases proposed here they would have cost the government R795 million. So other measures could have been taken such as doing away with sales tax on food and clothing.

Spent as we propose the golden gift would have helped the very poor, created jobs and created an educated and trained workforce. IS THIS NOT THE WAY TO BUILD OUR FUTURE?

The Government decided not to do this - most of the benefit went to the rich not the poor.

THE LATEST ON REGISTRATION

FOSATU unions all over the country have started to apply for registration.

In some regions the Department of Manpower has already visited union offices to check membership lists.

The FOSATU unions are the largest group of unregistered, independent unions that have made their applications together.

As we have said before, the big test is whether the Minister will accept the FOSATU unions as NON-RACIAL unions.

DEATH OF BROTHER DLAMINI

Brother Dlamini was a shop steward and BEC member of MAWU from the Light Castings factory in Boksburg, Transvaal for more than two years.

He was a very strong union member.

He was killed in an accident at work on 3 March 1980.

The Union is investigating the accident. The shop stewards, members and officials are planning to look into the whole question of health and safety, especially foundries.

All the members of the unions of FOSATU send their support to the family of Brother Dlamini and to the workers of Light Castings.

OUR MISTAKE

We must apologize to our FOSATU affiliates in the Western Cape. In our article in the February issue of FOSATU Worker News in the article FOSATU GUIDE TO UNIONS ORGANISING AFRICAN WORKERS in the list of FOSATU unions we accidentally left out our Cape affiliates, Western Province Motor Assembly Workers Union, (WPMWU) and the Jewellers and Goldsmiths Union (JGU) We are sorry that this happened.