

This is what we want!

THE Chamber of Mines knows what we want. Our demands are clear:

Wages — 30%

We are among the lowest-paid workers in the country, yet we do the hardest and most dangerous work.

Although we are only supposed to work 96 hours, we all know that we work much longer.

On gold mines, the minimum wage is R238 a month. On coal mines, it is R225 per month. On this pittance, the Chamber of Mines expects us to support our families.

The Chamber of Mines is only prepared to give us between 15 percent and 23,5 percent increases on gold and coal mines.

We say: Down with poverty and slave wages!

Leave Days - 30

Leave conditions differ in the mining industry. Some mining houses give 14 days, others 21 or 28 days.

The mining industry employs migrant workers who go home yearly after their contracts are finished. We demand the right to have more leave days to spend with our families.

June 16 as a paid holiday

The youth of our



country have been in the forefront of the struggle against gutter education. Many have died since June 16, which is an important day in the history of our country's struggle for liberation.

Danger pay

Every year over 400 of our comrades die in the mining industry. Thousands are injured, many permanently. Our workplace is very dangerous, and we

demand a danger allowance.

But, even though hundreds of our comrades die every year, the Chamber of Mines still considers safety to be an issue on which they make all the decisions.

Death benefit — to be increased to five years' earnings

At present, our families will only receive two years' earnings if we die — which is far too little.

The union's demands are reasonable. We have spent many meetings trying to win them, but the Chamber of Mines is big-headed, and says it has given enough improvements.

Let us make Sunday 9 August 1987 the day South Africa's mineworkers make their mark!

Let us make it a day of disciplined and united action!

Let us make it a day of unity!