

BUILD YOUR UNIONS!!



VIVA NUNW, NAFU, MUN,
NAPWU, MANWU!!!!

1988

WORKER CONTROL GROWS OUT OF MANY, MANY MEETINGS !!



Workers meet to discuss and think.



Werkers ontmoed om besluite te neem !



Workers meet to hear report-backs.

AN INJURY TO ONE
IS AN INJURY TO ALL

Werkers ontmoed om eenheid te bou !



Werkers Beraadslag!



Workers meet to take Action !



Workers meet to plan action !



Workers meet to learn from each other.

NAMIBIAN WORKERS FOR FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY & SOCIALISM

1858 : At Hoochanas Namibians meet to build unity against foreign invaders.

1859: Ovambo Kings chase Portuguese Colonisers away.

1884: Germans Colonise Namibia. German Rulers, Farmers and Traders begin to take the land from the people.

1891-94: Hendrik Witbooi leads a guerilla war of resistance against the colonisers.

1904-8 : January :War of National Liberation is spear-headed by Chief Samuel Maharero. In the same month the Herero forces are supported by King Nehale's attack on the Germans at Fort Namutoni. After Defeating heroic Herero fighters at Waterberg in August the German General von Trotha orders the mass murder of all Hereros. In October 1904 Witbooi joins the war against the Germans. By 1905 over 60 000 Hereros have been killed for the liberation of their country. 1907 the great guerilla fighter Jacob Marengo is shot.

After these wars the colonisers control Namibians through a rule of terror : Land is taken from the people, they are imprisoned, they are treated as slaves and forced to work for the colonisers. Namibia is in chains of colonialism.

WORKERS, KNOW YOUR HISTORY



1914: King Mandume destroys Portuguese forts in Northern Namibia. He is killed by the South African Army in 1917.

1920: The League of Nations gives racist South Africa the Mandate to govern Namibia.

1922: The remaining land is stolen from the people. Namibians are forced to live in crowded Native Reserves. They are governed by Pass Laws, Contract Labour Systems and harsh punishments. In this year the Bondelswarts rise against the racists.

1924: Rehobothers resist the Colonial Regime.



1922: King Iipumbu of Ukwambili is attacked and driven into exile because his rebellious influence is feared by South Africa.

1946-48: Chief Hosea Kutako leads peaceful resistance against the illegal SA rule. He tells the United Nations that Namibians are hungry for Freedom.

1957-58: Toiva ja Toiva and others organise the Ovambo and Peoples' Congress later named Ovambo Peoples' Organisation (OPO).

10 Dec 1969 : OPO, SWANU and the Chiefs Council form a United Front to oppose forced removals from Windhoek's Old Location to the Apartheid Ghetto of Katutura. Police Fire on demonstrators killing 13 and wounding 52.

26 August 1966 : *OMGULUMBASHE** SWAPO's armed wing PLAN again takes up the tradition of armed struggle against the racist colonisers.



19 April 1969 : OPO becomes the National Liberation Movement, SWAPO.

1988 : Year of Unity and Popular Action!

26 Dec 1966: SWAPO's Consultative Conference leads to formation of the Youth League, the Elders' Council and the Womens' Council.

27 Oct 1966: United Nations revokes the Mandate from SA. Security Council resolutions endorse this and recognise the legitimacy of the Liberation Struggle in 1969.

Dec 1971: General Strike of Contract Workers. 1972: people of the North resist colonial rule.

1975: SWAPO National Congress at Walvis Bay rejects the Turnhalle Puppet Theatre.

1976: United Nations Institute for Namibia opened in Lusaka to provide education for a free Namibia.



Forced Removals 1959.



General Strike 1971/72.



One Namibia, One Nation! Namibia shall be free!

1986: Revival of NUNW, Launching of progressive unions.

1987: MAY DAY! Workers Unite!

1976: Namibian Students Boycott exams and classes and demand an end to Bantu Education.

4 May 1978: South Africa bombs Kassinga, a Namibian refugee camp killing over 600 and wounding 400 unarm-women, children and old people.

AUG 1978: UN Resolution 435 calls for an end to the rule of terror, free elections, a constituent assembly to draw up Namibia's Constitution and withdrawal of SA.

1978 : SA holds Puppet elections for the Turnhalle Circus 1979,80 : DTA Puppet government installed. SWATF formed as wing of SADF to conscript Namibians into the war against Namibia and to defend South African interests. Petty Reforms are introduced to confuse and coopt some Namibians.

1983: Puppet Government falls. SA rule continues through its dictatorial administrators.

1984 : Namibia National Students Organisation is formed 1985: Another Puppet government is installed as a SA tool. Throughout the 80's SA and its friends wage an increasingly brutal and violent war on Namibians.

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WORKER CONTROL • WORKER POWER • WORKER DEMOCRACY

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WORKERS UNITE

Klein Aub Miners on Strike ! 9 March 1987.



MUN Fights Retrenchment, Demands Pension and Workman's Compensation

for a LIVING WAGE

4600 MUN Miners on Strike at Tsumeb, Otjihase, Kombat.



26 July 1987.

MUN defends dismissed workers | Otjihase Miners ready for action Jan. 1987.



Strike Action and Organisation since 1893.

- 1893 Miners at Gross Otavi strike for better wages. 1918: Farm workers strike.
- 1922 Orangeveld miners strike against X-ray examinations.
- 1930: Tsumeb miners strike because they are not paid correctly.
- 1942: 2000 Tsumeb miners strike when a comrade is shot by a white boy.
- 1945: Food and Clothing Workers Union organises Landeritz Factory Workers.
- 1952-53: Fish Cannery strikes in Landeritz. 3 Workers killed by police.

We stand by the 12 comrades who have been unfairly dismissed.

- 1953: Fish Cannery Strike in Walvis Bay.
- Copper Smelter Strike in Tsumeb.

- 1956: Strikes at Brandberg mine and Ojoondwa mine.
- 1956: Laundry Washerwomen Strike in Windhoek.
- 1959: Otavi Fish Cannery Go-Slow Strike, Walvis Bay. Against bad working conditions, long work hours, low wages.

- 1960: Railway Workers Strike in Ojoondwa.
- 1962: Big Strike in Walvis Bay. Many Farm workers leave farms because of slave labour conditions.
- 1966: 1000 Cannery workers strike for overtime pay at Walvis Bay for 3 weeks.
- 1971: Cannery strikes at Landeritz and Walvis Bay.

11 Dec 1971-Jan 1972 : 23 500 on GENERAL STRIKE all over Namibia. Strike is against Oshana - slave conditions of CONTRACT SYSTEM and PASS LAWS. Mining, industry, communication, transport, municipalities crippled. Workers return to homes in North. Resistance against Colonisers and Peppers & Workers killed by SA Army after Church at Eryang on 30 Jan. 1972.

1972: Walvis Bay Cannery workers strike against 'pig food' and salaries. Municipality Workers of Ojoondwa strike for better pay. From now on Employers and Colonial Government try hard to divide workers by using tribalism and fostering differences and divisions.

1976: 700 Rosing Miners on Strike at Arandis against unequal treatment, expenses and bad food. Nama Teachers Strike against ill unequal treatment.

1977: Formation of NUNW - Workers Unite and Organise under the banner of the National Union of Namibian Workers which has grown out of SWAPO.

1978: Strike of 2000 Katutura Hotel Workers in protest of killing of 4 workers. Crackdown on and Repression against SWAPO and NUNW.

1979-85: Strikes at mines, factories, workshops all over Namibia.

1980: Revival of NUNW with the task of organising Industrial Unions. Formation of NAFU (Food and Allied), MUN (Mineworkers).

Oct: 100 strike at Tsumeb, Landeritz against unfair dismissal.

Oct: NAFU strike at Swerik's Windhoek, Okahandja against retrenchment, bad housing wages, strike days and bonus paid, housing improvements.

Nov: NAFU strike at Hardfish and Sigesak.

1982: Jan: 540 strike for increases at Swellendam, Angora Programs in Landeritz. MUN negotiates grievances at Otjihase. March: 700 MUN miners on strike at TCL Smelter over Compensation issue.

MAY: 600 Nafu members strike against unfair dismissal, over wages and transport at Swerik's. Tsumeb workers strike in Landeritz. MANWU launch

JUNE: Consumer Boycott in Tsumeb. JULY: TCL Strike.

AUG: Detention of NAFU, MUN, NUNW, SWAPO officials.

SEPT: MANWU Strike at MKU Okahandja over low wages.

DEC: NAPWU Launch.



MANWU Workers on Strike ! MKU Okahandja 1987.

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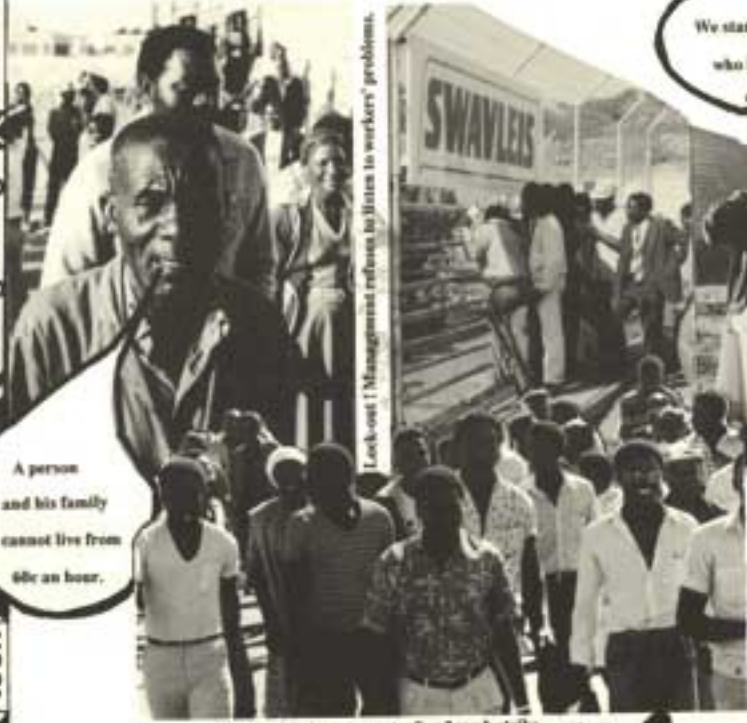
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NAFAU Fights for Workers' Rights. Windhoek, 600 SWAVLEIS Workers on Strike, 18 May 1987.



A person and his family cannot live from 4hr an hour.

Lock-out ! Management refuses to listen to workers' problems.

Victory ! Reinstatement after 2 week strike.

NAMIBIA'S First MAYDAY



40 000 Workers voice demands at NUNW, MUN, NAFU May Day Rallies. 1987.



Workers of Southern Africa Unite! COSATU Guests at MUN 2nd National Congress, Tsumeb, January 1988.



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May 1: May Day. May 4: Kassinga Day. May 18: Heroes Day.

JUNE

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Cde. Golo, die werker, leer hoe sy shop-stewards vir die werkers by die werkplek veg...

THE UNION IS WHERE THE WORKERS ARE!



FIGHT AGAINST RETRENCHMENT



VIVA WOKKER UNITY!!



**VIVA MUN!
VIVA NAFU!
VIVA MANWU!
VIVA NAPWU!**



SHOP-STEWARDS VEG VIR VAKBOND LEDE BY DIE WERKSPEL.

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Viva
Worker
Culture!
Our

Culture
shall
speak
of
our
Lives

Let Culture sing of Liberation.

Speak to the people!

Our words shall be eyes that
look at our lives.

Hungry kids, hard work for little pay, Kapena songs.
Overfilled classes and bad education: if we do not sharpen the spear of unity
there will be more badly paid workers tomorrow.

Our Culture takes up that spear and sings
Viva Unity! Viva Workers' Struggle!

Our hands dig out the copper, the diamonds, the uranium.
Our hands work the land, bring the water, build the roads.
Our hands make rich food but we do not eat it.

Come you employers, you who call yourselves our "Bosses",
Come you tyrants, you who call yourselves our "government",
Come to Wanaheda, Hakahana, Dolem, Nau-Alb, Mondesa,
Come to Golgotha, Donkerhoek, Arandis and Nomsoub.
Come live in our overcrowded rooms, Come use the leaky toilets there.
Come tell us that we do not need a Living Wage!

We call for what is ours.
Workers are marching in Namibia, Spears of Unity in hand.
We are fighting for pay that is higher than rising prices.
We are fighting for decent houses, decent education, respect for all.
We are fighting for a life that is better than just surviving.

A giant is rising! We are uniting for a Living Wage!!
The Fruits of our Work shall be ours!



SEPTEMBER

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**WORKERS,
FIGHT FOR GOOD
EDUCATION
& TRAINING,
FOR
A
NAMIBIA**



**WORKERS' RIGHTS!
FIGHT FOR: MATERNITY
BENEFITS,
PENSIONS, HEALTH
AND A
SAFE
WORK-
PLACE**



Our children will judge our efforts

NOVEMBER

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DEC. 10: Namibia Womens' Day.

**ONE INDUSTRY ONE UNION
ONE COUNTRY ONE FEDERATION**

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NAFAU

MUN

ORGANISE OR STARVE!

NAPWU

MANWU

UNITY IS STRENGTH

A PEOPLE UNITED SHALL NEVER BE DEFEATED!

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MUN Launched 23 Nov 1984 2nd National Congress 1984-85

NAPWU Launching Congress 23 May 1987

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