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We are sorry to announce that the price of Grassroots has gone up to 20c.

We know that people are suffering from price rises in food, GST, rent etc.

But these increases also affect Grassroots. Our paper, printing, etc. costs more.

If the people's paper is still going to come out every 5 weeks, we have to put up the price to 20c.

ALL OVER SOUTH AFRICA, THE CALL IS:

DON'T VOTE

ELECTIONS are only a few weeks away. Many people are suddenly calling themselves "leaders" and fighting tooth and nail for a place in the Coloured and Indian "kitchen" parliaments.

BUT every day, everywhere the message of the people of South Africa grows stronger: "NO to a dummy vote for apartheid. YES to freedom and true democracy!"

The candidates seem prepared to use any means to get to parliament. Like Mr Isaacs, Labour Party candidate for Bishop Lavis, who called on over 50 policemen to baton charge his critics at a "public meeting."

But it is clear that they will not enter those parliaments with the support of the people. And the people will not be silent until all have a meaningful say in a single, undivided parliament.

This is what democratic organisations are saying:

United Democratic Front

THE UDF calls on all Indians and Coloureds not to vote on August 22 and 28.

We will not vote for Apartheid which causes so much suffering to us every day of our lives.

We will not vote so that oppression and exploitation can be strengthened.

We will not vote to send our children to the border to defend an unjust system.

The Hendrickse's and Rajbansi's are only interested in the R43 000 they will get. They cannot speak for us. By not voting we will show not only rejection of Apartheid but also that we reject the sellouts.

Cape Action League

THE Cape Action League (CAL) calls on people to boycott the elections.

The "new deal" simply disguises the ugly warts of Apartheid. Behind this mask is the same rotten system.

Happy Birthday, UDF!

ON August 20, 1984, the UDF will be one year old. Since its launching last year, it has taken root in all our communities and gained many supporters.

Thousands of people are expected to flock to mass rallies, held in Cape Town and all over South Africa, on Aug. 18.

The rallies are to celebrate the birthday of UDF, and to urge people not to vote in the elections.

The UDF hopes to see all freedom-loving South Africans at the rally!



100's of people in Mitchell's Plain air their views on the election!

The CAL calls on people not only to boycott the August election but to unite in community organization, so that the entire system of racial capitalism can be rejected.

Fed of Cape Civics

WE most strongly reject the puppet parliaments, the collaborators who will work with them, and any form of support for the so-called new deal.

We in our meetings, urge a total boycott of the dummy August elections and a total rejection of the whole apartheid system."

SA Rugby Union

Our policy of non-racialism is in no way compatible with the forthcoming elections.

We have repeatedly said and shall continue to say that we shall never be involved with any exercise in which apartheid is the point of departure.

Trade Unions

Major democratic unions have called on their workers to boycott the elections (See page 16).

• The UDF, seven major trade unions and other organisations are holding a joint rally on August 8th, calling on people not to vote.

Manyanani Ngenkululeko

Ngo November wonyaka ophelileyo, urhulumente wafuna abahlali base Nyanga, Guguletu nakwa Langa bavotele i Community Councils Kodwa abantu bala kwaphela, besithi into yaba nomgogwana yincitha xesha kwaye beqhubela phambili umsebenzi ongcilileyo ka rhulumente. Bancedisana ne Bhodi eku chitheni izindlu zethu e Crossroads, Nyanga Bush nakwezinye indawo.

i UDF, imibutho yabasebenzi kunye nemibutho efana ne Western Cape Civic Association, Women's Front, United Women's Organisation yabhenela kubantu ukuba bangavoteli onopopi kwaye abantu basabela kuba ngokwazi kwabo i Community Councils zincukuthu kwindawo efana no Nyanga ngabantu abane ekhulwini abathi bavota.

Ngoku urhulumente ufuna abantu be Bala nama-Ndiya bavote ukusuka ngowama 22 - 28 August. Olu voto lwelengqubo entsha urhulumente azimisele ukuqinisa untlale zahlukane (Apartheid) eyqkuthi yandise ubunzima bentlalo yomntu

omnyama kwi Ntshona Koloni, Imibutho yethu yabasebenzi, Civic, Yomama, yolutsha, neyabafundi yakha umanyano lwama Afrika, oko kuthi imanyano yabo bathi eli-lizwe lethu thina bantu abathi baliphucula sibamnyama namhlophe. Ngokuqhatha abantu Bebala nama Indiya, urhu-

lumente ufuna abalingane abaya kuncedisa ekukhuseleni nase ku qiniseni, i-Apartheid kwaye becinga ukuba bangalughekeza umanyano lwabantu.

Lengqubo intsha ayisayi kucombulula ingxaki zethu zamapasi, zokohlula intsapho, zemivuzo ephantsi, zokungafumani misebenzi nezokucutha imfundo yobukhobo ka ethi enikwe abantwana,

Unqongophalo lwezindlu namaxabiso aphezulu erente no kutya akusayi kuphela. Kwaye ubunzima obusemaphandleni obenziwa zizi khohlakali ezifana no Matanzima no Sebe buyakuqina.

I UDF Kunye neminye imibutho eyathi yasekwa ngabantu, ibhekisa kwakubo abantu bangaxhasi ingcuka 'ezambeth' ifele legusha isithi bangavoti ngomhla wama 22 uyokutsho nge 28 ku August. Kwaye ichazela abantu ukuba bayavota, bavotela (Apartheid) untlalo zahlukane, unyuso lwamaxabiso kuba urhulumente uzakukh upha imivuzo yaba bantu kwalapha kuthi.

U Mongameli ure UDF, u Oscar Mpetha uthi "Asingeze Sihlale ngolonwabo kude kube bonke abantu babe negalelo abanalo ekuqulungqeni imithetho eyakuthi isetyenziswe ngurhulumente omnye wabantu kwaye masimanyaneni sizise uxolo elizweni lethu."

EEN LAND EEN PARLIAMENT

HOTEL WORKERS

Smile while you suffer!

CAPE TOWN'S Cape Sun Hotel is famous. It's fancy building and outside lift are the talk of the town. Visitors who can afford the high prices (a cup of tea costs R1,60) are promised the best of everything.

You can't wear sandals or takkies when you visit the Cape Sun. No, you must be all dressed up for the occasion.

But today Cape Sun is also becoming famous for something else - the low wages it pays the workers who serve the wine and

"The rich people think we must be happy and smile. How can we smile, when we suffer these wages"

food and carry the bags.

Waiters, wine stewards, bar-hands and porters earn about R43 a week. Out of this tiny wage they are expected to pay high rents and transport costs, buy food for their families and send their children to school. An angry Cape Sun bar-hand said:

"The rich people stay here. They think we must be happy and smile for them. How can we smile when we suffer with this wages."

Three weeks ago 110 workers went on strike.

They demanded higher wages and better working conditions. They also complained about the conditions of their hostel in Guguletu.

The hotel bosses threatened to fire workers if they did not return to work. But the workers stood firm.

After 4 days on strike the bosses agreed to discuss the workers grievances with the Southern Sun Head Office in Johannesburg. They will then report back to the workers.

The workers are also angry with the Liquor and Catering Trade Em-

ployees Union (LCTEU). Every month R4 of their wages go to the union.

But a worker says: "This union does nothing for us. They say we are members of the union. But we know nothing about this union. It only takes our money."

The LCTEU has a closed-shop agreement with the hotel. This means that all the workers must belong to this union. They have no right to belong to the union of their choice.

CLOTHING WORKERS

Atlantis Workers: We have rights

In Atlantis, thousands of people work in factories. Because workers live far from the city, they have to work in these factories.

Bosses know this. They know that the men will travel to town but it is very hard for the women. Mothers want to work near home. And so they are forced into the factories in Atlantis.

The clothing factories employ many of our women. There are at least eleven clothing factories here.

The two biggest companies in Cape Town have built factories in Atlantis.

These companies are trying to take over many factories. They know if they own lots of factories, they can pay our people low wages.

Many workers are not happy in these factories. Bosses can do what they want with them. What protection is there?

If the boss wants to chase workers away from the factory, he does that. This is not right. Workers do have rights. They must learn what these rights are.



Wages are too low

WAGES are very low in the clothing factories.

Two months ago, the bosses brought forward the increases for clothing workers. All workers got a R4 increase. This increase came after workers went on strike at Cape Underwear in Epping and at Rex Trueform in Salt River.

At Cape Underwear, the strike lasted one month. Workers at these two factories won a R5 increase.

Workers must get new increases in December. The Garment Workers Union called a meeting on Saturday 14 July to discuss the new increases.

Shopstewards who went to the meeting told Grassroots about this meeting. They said that it was decided not to tell workers what

Petersen of the Garment Workers will ask the bosses. They said that the shopstewards listened to Petersen then agreed with what he said. No shopsteward has discussed wages with workers at the factory.

This is not how a union must work. This makes workers weak.

Workers must tell the union what they want. Then the union must speak to the bosses.

The union cannot decide for the workers. The officials of the unions must come to the factories. They must speak to workers at the lunch time.

Workers have a right to say how much wages they need. They cannot suffer with R54 a week any more. They deserve a decent wage.

CLOWU fights for us

LAST year, a new union was started for clothing workers. Why was this union started?

Grassroots spoke to the chairperson of the union, Vanessa Van Beulen. Vanessa works at Park Avenue in Diep River.

"We started Clowu to fight for higher wages and better conditions. For years we have paid subs to the old union. We are giving this union millions of rand.

But when we have a problem, the union speaks for the bosses.

I was fired at Park Avenue last year. The new union fought for me. We wrote out pamphlets and told everybody in the community what the boss was doing.

Workers inside the factory showed the boss that they did not agree with him. The boss was forced to take me back after two weeks. He had to pay me for the time I was at home."

Clowu is organising workers to speak for themselves at every factory. Clowu believes that workers must be trained to solve problems at the factories. The bosses do not like Clowu because it is bringing the truth to workers.

CONTRACT WORKERS VICTORY

DAIRY WORKERS

ON 4 July, over 600 dairy workers went on strike. They were demanding "call-in cards" and their own kitchens to cook in.

The strikers were all contract workers who are forced to go back to the Transkei and Ciskei every year to get a new contract. While they are working in Cape Town, they have to live in hostels without their families.

As contract workers they face many hardships. "When our contracts end each year, we must sit and wait four, five, six months without pay. We are never sure if we will get our jobs back. What must our families live on in this time?"

The workers are demanding a call-in card which makes sure that the workers will get their contracts back less than a month after they have ended.

The bosses at Dairybelle and at other dairies do not want the call-in card. The old system is better for them - it means that they can easily get rid of workers they do not want. With a call-in card they cannot sack workers without good reason.

The bosses threatened to fire all the striking workers. But the workers were determined to win their demands. For three days, they met at Epping Branch, through the rain and sun.

They were not alone in their struggle. The Western Cape Trader's Association, the Sea Point and Greenpoint Traders Association and the UDF gave support. They threatened to call a boycott if the workers' demands were not met.

After three days, the bosses agreed to meet with worker representatives and officials of the Retail and Allied Workers' Union, to discuss the call-in card issue, on condition that the workers went back to work.

The workers agreed to this, because they knew they would strike again if their demands are not met.

The victory of the dairy workers is an important victory for all contract workers. The dairy workers no longer need to fear the time when their contract ends. The call-in card is something that all contract workers can fight for.



Dairy workers discuss the strike



CTMWA meeting - over 3000 workers protest against city council

Council is Messing us Around!

COUNCIL WORKERS

"THE Council is messing us around. If there is a strike, they will be to blame for it."

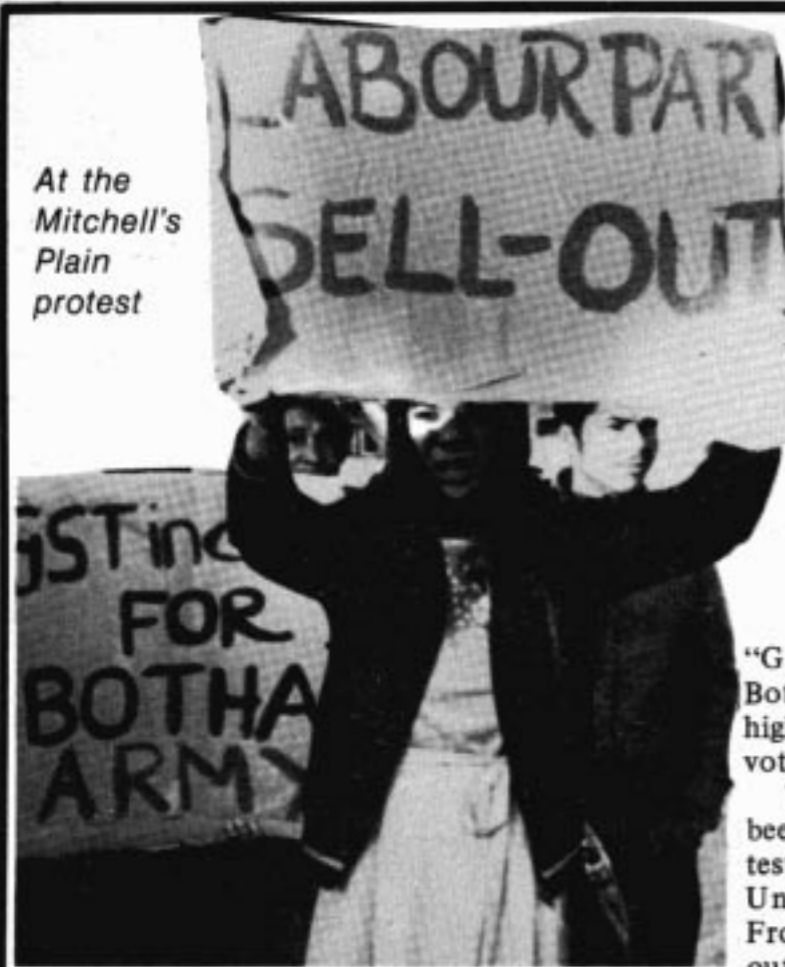
This was the message of more than 3 200 municipal workers at a meeting on July 10. The meeting was held by the Cape Town Municipal Workers Association (CTMWA).

CTMWA has been fighting for pay increases of between 15% and 100%. The lowest paid workers are earning only R59,77 per week. They are demanding that this is increased to R115,55 per week, and that other wages are increased as well.

The City Council refused to listen to these demands. They are increasing wages by between 12% and 27%. The CTMWA has asked the Industrial Court to stop the council from implementing these increases.

"The council is treating the workers with contempt, as if they are children," said union secretary John Ernzen.

"We hope that the Industrial Court can settle this matter as soon as possible. Council must learn that it cannot ignore the demands of the workers. If there is any industrial unrest, Council will be to blame for it."



At the Mitchell's Plain protest

ON THE MARCH!

Against high rents, GST

"GST increase for Botha's army", "No to high rents", "Don't vote for apartheid."

These demands have been expressed in protests organised by the United Democratic Front (UDF) throughout the Western Cape recently.

In Mitchells Plain, Belhar, Elsies River, Factreton and Lotus River, hundreds of people decided to voice their anger through poster and placard demonstrations.

In Elsies River, people took to the streets twice to show their anger at the new deal. The people of Connaught Estate, Springbok Park and

Karakulpark held a protest in Connaught Estate. Another protest was held in Halt Road where the people of The Range and Epping Forest showed their anger.

Two mass meetings were held in Elsies River and residents also protested by picketing.

In Belhar, about 150 people gathered at the local housing office to protest against high rents. The housing manager said he could not attend to their problems and they had to go to the Department of Community Development offices in Cape Town.

The next day, the

people went to town. They wanted to see Steyn, but they were sent to see McEnery, deputy Minister of Community Development. The people then marched to H F Verwoerd buildings to see McEnery.

McEnery said he would send Steyn to a meeting in Belhar in two weeks to answer people's questions on their problems.

A report back meeting later in the week was attended by more than 100 people.

In Mitchells Plain, about 100 people protested in front of the housing office in Beacon Valley, while another protest was



taking place in front of the Woodlands housing office in Beacon Valley, while another protest was taking place in front of the Woodlands housing office.

As the people marched to the Town Centre, they were stopped by police. The police tried to arrest some people, but they were stopped by the residents.

Other protests in

Mitchells Plain, included pickets on different days during peak hours, and the distribution of thousands of pamphlets.

"Ons suffer al klaar so baie. Hoeveel meer gaan ons nog suffer as die nuwe parlement begin. Die sales tax het opgegaan om vir Hendrickse en vir die army te betaal," said one woman at the Mitchells Plain demonstration.

Ons wil huise hê -Paarl

IN Paarl slaap baie mense in tente, op die grond of in toilette.

Dit is as gevolg van die te kort van behuising in die area. Paarl het 'n bevolking van meer as 40 000 maar daar is net omtrent 4 500 huise. Meeste van die huise het net een vertrek.

Die Paarl Huurdersvereniging het besluit om die probleme op te neem. Hulle is 'n affiliaat van die Cape Areas Housing Action Committee (CAHAC).

Die huurdersvereniging het onlangs 'n suksesvolle massavergadering gehou en toe 'n delegasie na die Paarl munisipaliteit gestuur.

Op die delegasie was drie bestuurslede van CAHAC, Ds A Maart van die Westelike Provinsie se Raad van Kerke en tien lede van die huurdersvereniging. Hulle was almal gekies by die massavergadering. Die munisipaliteit het geweier om met die delegasie te ontmoet toe hulle sien dat daar mense van Cahac saam was.

Die huurders het gesê dat die massavergadering besluit het om vir Cahac saam op die delegasie te stuur. Hulle het ook uitgewys dat die vereniging 'n affiliaat van CAHAC is.

Toe die munisipaliteit dit nie wou aanvaar

nie, het die huurders se delegasie geloop.

Die Huurdersvereniging sê dat die behuisingsprobleem op Paarl kritiek is.

Die behuisingsprobleem lei tot probleme soos siektes, huweliksprobleme, sosiale probleme en probleme met opvoeding vir kinders.

Die huurdersvereniging voel dat daar nie 'n nood hulpskema aangebly moet word nie, soos die munisipaliteit voorstel nie. Hulle voel dat regte huise gebou moet word.

Ander probleme wat die mense het, is swak en stukkende deure, vensters, mure en toilette. Huise in Paarl het ook nie wegspeelpype en geute nie.

Probleme

Swak paaie, gebrek aan sypaadjies, te min waslyne, vullishokke en die gebrek aan elektrisiteit in baie huise is alles probleme wat die mense van Paarl aanstaar.

Die Paarl Huurdersvereniging is bereid om die stryd voort te sit vir 'n beter lewe. Hulle het die munisipaliteit gewaarsku dat die dat die mense gemoeg verdra het en nie meer bereid is om stil te sit nie.

Brown's Farm shacks destroyed



After the demolitions . . .

LAST month - in the middle of winter, the Divisional Council of the Cape demolished many shacks on Brown's Farm near Philippi.

The breaking down of shacks kept on for three days, leaving people out in the cold without shelters.

The Divisional Council broke into their shacks when most of the people were at work.

The squatters said that many of their belongings got damaged and lost.

Among the squatters are sick children - some have TB, and disabled old people.

They said that the shack of Mrs Diederichs, 60 years old, had caught fire earlier and that the council had taken the

corrugated iron which was left over after the fire.

Squatters said that Mrs Diederichs brother-in-law was frozen to death after his shack was demolished by the council.

Some of the squatters had been there for more than 20 years.

The council had promised to give them houses but they still have nothing and now they have nowhere to go to.

A community worker estimated that there are about 1 000 people in the community.

The squatters said that they are not sure whether they will rebuild their shacks because the Divisional Council will just destroy them again.

'We are human, we need houses'

"WE are humans, not animals. Why do we have to live in fear of the Board and the police?"

This is the voice of the people of Crossroads, KTC, Nyanga Bush and Philippi.

These people are victims of the government's housing policy and influx control laws.

They can expect to be raided any day and

have their wood and iron or plastic shelters removed.

Recently in parliament, Dr G de V Morrison of the Department of Co-operation and Development gave figures of how many shelters have been demolished.

He said that in 1983, 6 448 shelters were demolished in the Peninsula by his officials and inspectors of

the Western Cape Development Board.

In the first half of this year they demolished 8 597 shelters in Crossroads, KTC, Nyanga Bush, Sand Dunes, Hout Bay, Noordhoek, Philippi, Table View and Kraaifontein.

In recent weeks, we have seen many more demolitions, also at Brown's Farm in Philippi.

The police are always present when shelters are demolished.

When Board officials tore down 52 shelters at Nyanga Bush recently, they were with many armed policemen in two tanks which they call "personnel carriers".

The people see the raids as attempts by the government to force them to move to Khayelitsha. But they

are determined: "We shall not go."

Recently, about 5 000 people came together in a tent in Philippi and spoke out against forced removals and demolitions.

"Everyday we see our children sleeping outside in the cold and rain. We are human beings, not animals. We can't live without shelter. We want houses," is their message.




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'ONS GAAN NIE KOOP NIE'

Cloetesville vorm aksiekomitee

DIE mense van Cloetesville, Stellenbosch, het onlangs die Cloetesville Behuingsaksiekomitee gevorm.

Die komitee was gevorm by 'n vergadering om behuigingstoestande in die area te bespreek.

Talle mense he op 25 Julie briewe van die Stellenbosch munisipaliteit ontvang om hulle in te lig dat hulle vanaf goedkoop huise na baie duurder huise en woonstelle verskuif sal word.

Alle mense wat meer as R150 'n maand verdien was vertel dat hulle verskuif sal word. Dit sou beteken dat sommige mense se huur vanaf omtrent R20 tot R70 'n maan sou styg.

'n Vergadering was gehou om die saak te bespreek. Die aksiekomitee was gevorm en het dadelik begin werk.

'n Petisie het uitgegaan en mense het

geteken dat hulle nie hulle huise sal opgee nie. Hulle sal weier om hul huise te koop en hulle sal weier om verskuif te word.

Die munisipaliteit moes later alles terugtrek.

In Stellenbosch is daar 'n groot tekort aan behuising. Volgens die Council is daar tweeduizend gesinne wat huise wil hê. Maar daar is eintlik meer as dit, want in die armer dele woon daar selfs drie gesinne saam in een huis.

En die mense wat wel huise het is ook die gelukkig nie. Die huisies is klein en swak gebou en het nie plafonne nie. In die winter is dit verskriklik koud en kom die water orals in. Hierdie winter in die storm was baie mense se huise oorstroom. In hierdie toestande word mense maklik siek. Daar is byvoorbeeld 'n

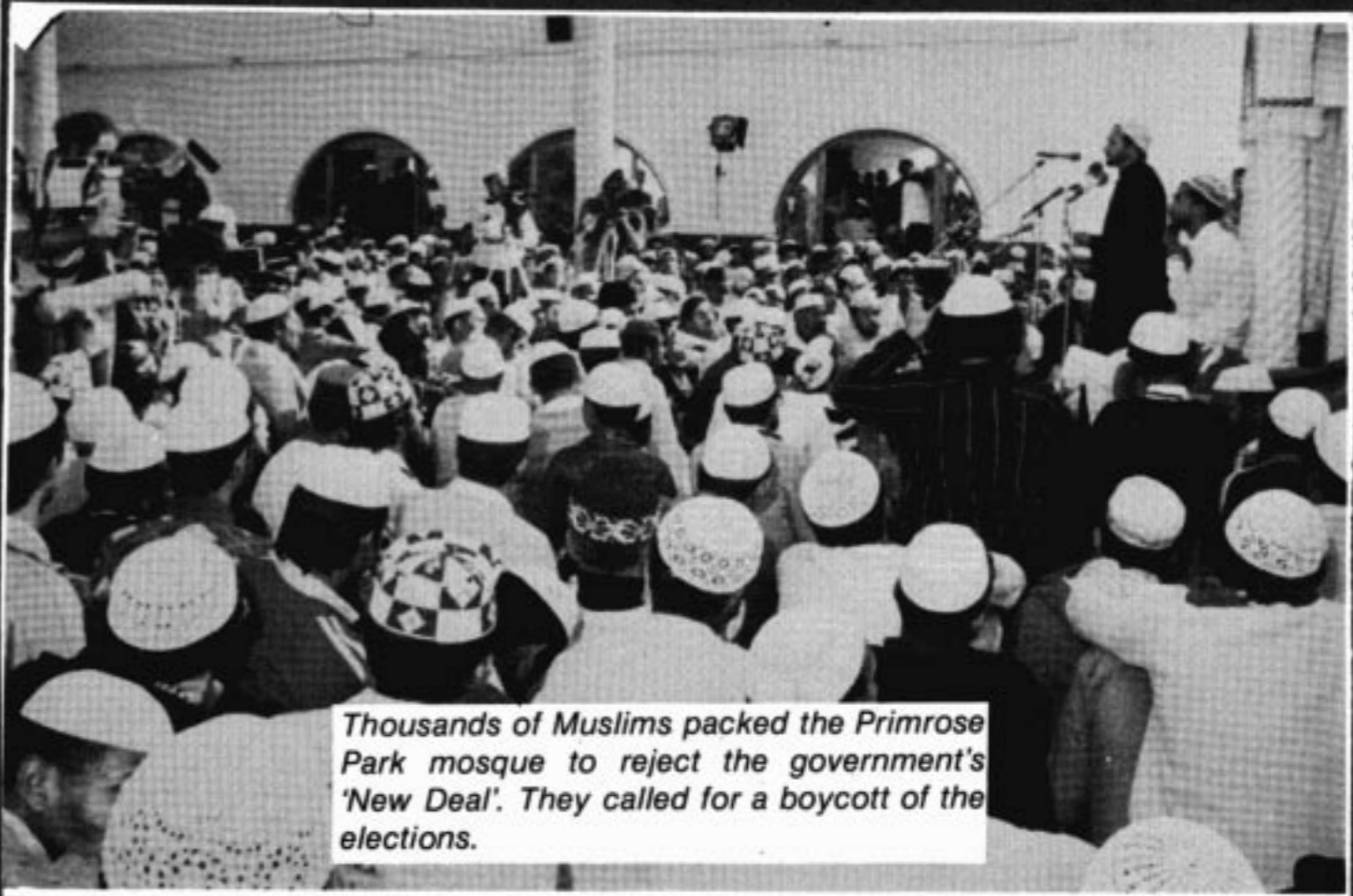
groot probleem met TB.

Maar die Council doen amper niks om die mense te help nie: Hulle is besig om maar net 254 huise en erwe te verkoop, en hulle is almal te duur vir die armer mense. Hulle moet maar sien en kom klaar.

Inkomste

In 'n verklaring aan die Stadsmerk het hulle vertel van die besluite wat hulle gemaak het. In die verklaring het hulle ook gesê dat die Council die rent volgens netto inkomste ná aftrekkings moet bepaal, en ook AVB in aanmerking moet neem. Hierdie verklaring is tesame met 'n petisie wat die komitee ondersteun aan die Stadsmerk gegee. Hulle het ook meer as die helfte van die drieg-briewe aan die council teruggegee.

'New Deal Haraam'



Thousands of Muslims packed the Primrose Park mosque to reject the government's 'New Deal'. They called for a boycott of the elections.

WOMEN REMEMBER AUGUST 9

SOUTH AFRICAN women are strong and united. Our mothers and grandmothers showed us the way. It is through them that we have National Women's Day on the 9th August. They fought against the high prices, the pass laws, the Bantu Education system and the Group

Areas Act. Thirty years ago, the women formed a freedom car: the Federation of South African Women. That car took 20 000 women to Pretoria to protest against the pass laws. That car took women to Klipfontein to put their demands in the Freedom Charter.

"We salute the contribution the women have made to our history." said a member of the United Women's Organisation (UWO). "What is the stand of the women on National Women's Day this year? We ask every man and woman - What are we going to

do about the Apartheid election in August? What is our answer to forced removals? What do we say to conscription of our sons into the SADF?" the UWO member asked.

During the week 9 August, there will be a number of ways to mark National Women's Day - meetings, pickets, pamphlets and posters. In the Transvaal women will focus the public's attention on forced removals throughout the week.

In Natal, the women will launch their women's organisation, the Natal Organisation of Women.

In the Western Cape, the UWO will lead the National Women's Day commemoration.

Who does he lead?

ABE Croutz wants to represent Atlantis in the government's new three-chamber parliament. But he could only draw 30 people to a meeting to launch his election campaign. He expected 600 people. This shows again that those going into the new system do not represent the people.

'No normal sex please'

COMEDIAN - turned-politician Peter Marais has spoken out in favour of apartheid's Immorality and Mixed Marriages Act.

At a rally of his People's Congress Party (PCP) in George, he said: "There can be no normal sex in an abnormal society."



Anti-election dance

The Cayco Bonteheuvel branch is having an Anti-election snack dance. This is part of their anti-election campaign.

The dance will be held in the Bonteheuvel Civic Centre on the 10th August, 1984.

Ivan & Co. will give us the music, and there will be a guest speaker. Admission is R4,00.

Tickets are available from all members, or at the Bonteheuvel Advice Office, Room 16, Town Centre.

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Nyanga Marches in ANGER

MORE than 400 Nyanga residents marched through the streets to the Western Cape Development Board office a few weeks ago.

"There are so many problems here in Nyanga. So many times we have complained, but nothing is done. Our complaints fall on deaf ears. That's why we decided to take to the streets and show everyone what we are angry about," a resident said.

The people marched to demand electricity and to protest against the demolition of backyard shelters.

manded to see the Board officials, the police gave the crowd 4 minutes to disperse.

The crowd then turned and left. The police vehicles and the police, armed with tear-gas guns followed. The police ordered the crowd to throw down their placards, or they would be teargassed. Sneezegas was then fired at them, as well as rubber bullets.

"Everyone ran wild. I couldn't run because of my legs, and I went over to help a man in a wheelchair who had been left behind. The police kept on firing

Halls belong to us

PEOPLE in Nyanga have many problems, but find it almost impossible to get together to talk about them.

The reason is simple; they are not allowed to use the halls in the area.

"Before we used to meet in an old unused beerhall called Jabulani.

But recently when we wanted to meet we found that barbed wire had been set up all around it. This is a deliberate attempt to stop us from getting together and talking about our problems in Nyanga," a resident said.

The only other com-

munity hall in Nyanga is the Zolani hall. This is controlled by Community Council.

"The Community Councillors refuse to allow community organisations to use the hall for meetings. Yet we have built that hall. It is the people of Nyanga who have raised

money so that the hall could be built.

The hall belongs to us, the people of Nyanga. How can they refuse us?"

But the people of Nyanga are determined to find a place to meet, and plan to do everything in their power to do so.

"Our complaints fall on deaf ears. That's why we decided to show everybody what we are angry about"

"The Board is throwing down our shacks in our yards. Where must we go to? There are not enough houses in Nyanga. They are trying to force us to go to Khayelitsha, but we won't go," the people say.

At about 10.30 am that day, people gathered at the Jabulani beerhall. But when they approached the Board offices, they found six police vehicles and a gang of policemen already waiting for them. The offices' gates were locked.

the tears at us, even though the people had gone. The gas poured into the people's houses as well."

After the march, the people decided to hold another meeting to decide what to do next. In a packed hall residents resolved: to continue the protest until their grievances are met. If no satisfactory reply was heard they would then march on the Development Board's head office in Goodwood.

People in Nyanga intend calling a mass meeting to discuss further action.

Hamba Kahle, Annie



"I will never carry a pass. Pass laws are not good. We won't be able to move about as we used to do."

Anni Silinga said this 30 years ago, when the government introduced pass laws for African women. When she died, on June 1984, she had still never carried a pass.

Annie Silinga's life is a story of bravery and determination. From an early age, she gave herself to the struggle for justice in this country.

She was involved in the ANC Women's League, the Defiance Campaign, the Congress of the People in 1955. She was among the 180 people who were charged with High Treason in 1956 - and acquitted two years later.

The government did its best to stop her. "I can't remember how many times I was arrested" she said. She spent many years of her life in jail and being harassed by the police. But her spirit could not be broken.

Nearly 5 000 people paid tribute to her at her funeral, which was organised by the Women's Front. Speakers from CAHAC, UDF, Women's Front, Women's Federation of South Africa, Release Mandela Committee, Black Sash and other organisations praised the work she had done for the struggle.

"She left us with her secret, "stand to your word until your death". She has inspired many young and old men and women. If we can be like her we will be sure of our victory. The time of differences will be buried, and we will work towards a non-racial, democratic South Africa." a speaker said.

Hamba Kahle, Comrade Annie. Your Spirit will live on in our struggle for freedom.

BONTEHEUWEL WINS DAY HOSPITAL

"I AM 75 years old. I have to go to the doctor most weeks, because I have a bad chest. This means I must go all the way to Heideveld, which is very far. And when I get there, I must wait in long queues to see a doctor. I think this travelling just makes me more sick." Mr Erasmus, Bonteheuwel. THERE are many people in Bonteheuwel who have the same problems as Mr Erasmus. The government closed the Day Hospital in Bonteheuwel after the 1976 uprisings.

Since then, the residents have had to go to Heideveld or Lavitstown to see a doctor. There are no direct trains or buses to these areas. People have to walk far - and many have been robbed or assaulted on their way to the hospital.

The Bonteheuwel Civic Association decided to take up this problem. They held a survey in the area. They found that people desperately needed a hospital - private doctors were too expensive, travelling out of the area costs a lot, the day hospitals in the other areas are very overcrowded.

"We get sick from living in such bad conditions" a Bonteheuwel housewife said. "And then we can't even get decent medical treatment."

The people of Bonteheuwel came to house meetings and mass meetings, called by BCA. They decided to take action. They sent a delegation of seven to the Cape Provincial Administration.

The CPA has agreed

to build a Day Hospital in Bonteheuwel. "But I think we will wait a long time for it" said a spokesperson for the BCA.

"The government has never spent much money on us. They rather spend money on Groote Schuur - or on their war in Namibia, or paying sell-outs like the Labour Party. But we will continue to voice our demands until we get a Day Hospital."

No Sell-outs

PAT Mckenzie, vice president of the Management Committee in Athlone, is the Labour Party candidate for Bonteheuwel. He was present at the meeting with the CPA.

"He has never done anything for us. When we have had problems, fought issues like the maintenance, he was never there. Now suddenly he is 'interested' in our problems" a Bonteheuwel resident said.

"He is just taking chances. He is trying to fool the people into believing that he is on our side - that's why he pretends he is interested in this Hospital campaign."

"But we are not fooled. We know he just wants to win votes. But he had better go and look somewhere else. Because there is no place for the Labour Party or any other sell-outs in Bonteheuwel."

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Vote? For what?

AUGUST 22 and 28 is election time. And the government and its little brothers are very busy telling us to vote.

But people are asking, "Just what are we voting for, Mr Government?"

Are we voting for decent wages, decent working conditions and jobs for all?

Are we voting for houses, security and comfort?

Are we voting for free and equal education?

Are we voting for the right of all South Africans to live and work where they choose?

Are we voting for peace and justice in a non-racial undivided South Africa?

NO! A vote on Aug 22 and 28 is a vote for a country torn by racial hatred, Group Areas and pass laws. For our African brothers and sisters to have no rights at all.

For our children to be sent to fight an unjust war against our own brothers and sisters. For a few to get rich, while most of us struggle to live.

For increases in GST, rents, food prices, busfares . . . For all the other problems which have caused us so much pain, hardship and suffering for so long.

You know our demands, Mr Government. We are not begging favours, we are claiming our rights. All our rights. Here and Now.

We will not take second-best. We will not vote for apartheid.

Our Leaders?

THERE are some people who will be standing for elections on Aug 22 and 28. They say they are our "leaders". They say they "represent" the coloured and Indian people of South Africa.

Who are these people? Where do they come from?

Did the knock on our doors, and say, "Would you like apartheid to continue? Would you like a vote in a back-door "coloured" or "Indian" parliament? Would you like to pay me R75 000 per year out of your taxes?"

Did they EVER ask us what we want?

We know who our leaders are. They are the people who have committed their lives to the struggle for freedom and justice. Who have been jailed, exiled or killed for bravely voicing our demands.

Allan Hendrickse, Rajbansi, Pieter Marais can call themselves what they like. They can invent fancy names for the "parties".

We have one name for them: **SELL-OUTS.**

We don't vote for sell-outs. We will not pay for their salaries, free cars and houses for ever. We will fight until our real leaders take their rightful place. In a single, undivided parliament where ALL South Africans have a vote.



'EK GAAN NIE STEM NIE'



Dr. Allan Boesak, president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and patron of the UDF

Liewe broeders en susters, liewe vriende, 22 Augustus is 'n baie belangrike dag. Dis die dag waaroor almal praat in die regering en daar buite.

Ek weet nie van u af, maar op daardie dag dan gaan ek en my kindertjies piekniek hou. Ek sal maar met my kindertjies piekniek hou want ek gaan nie stem nie.

Om te gaan stem op die 22 Augustus is om ja te sê vir een van die mees verwerlike politieke beliede wat hierdie wêreld nog ooit geken het.

Om te gaan stem op die 22 Augustus is om ja te sê vir die voorgaande onderdrukking van miljoene mense in Suid Afrika.

Om te gaan stem op die 22 Augustus is om seker te maak dat die regering wat vandag aan bewind is sal nooit te einde sal kom nie.

Om te gaan stem is om seker te maak dat almal van ons wat vandag die slagoffers van Apartheid is, ingetrek sal word in daardie sisteem om saam met wit Suid Afrika swart broeders en susters nog verder die grond in te trap.

Ek weet nie wat u gaan doen nie maar ek het besluit ek sal nie gaan nie. Ek sal nooit op die manier my lewe vervul met die verwyd dat my kinders my sal toeslinger dat ek toegesien het dat Apartheid voortgaan, dat Apartheid 'n mooi naam gegee word en dat ons gaan mee help om anders in die grond in te trap.

Ek reken dat die minste wat ons kan doen vir die toekoms van Suid Afrika en ter wille van mense wat in hierdie land saam met ons moet woon, en ter wille van die waarheid, en ter wille van geregtigheid is om te sorg dat ons op die 22 Augustus mag saam weg bly, dat so min as moontlik mense hierdie ding moet bystaan, sodat so min as moontlik mense vir die Arbeiders Party sal stem.

Hierdie nuwe grondwet sal op elke manier apartheid verder voer. Die mees belangrike apartheidswette waar sonder hierdie regering nie kan voort bestaan nie en waarsonder die sisteem van apartheid nie kan voort bestaan nie, soos die Groeps gebiede wet, soos die Bevolkingsregistrasie wet, soos die wet vir apartheid onderwys, soos die wet op gemengde huwelike, daardie soort van wette word deur hierdie grondwet op geen enkele manier verander nie, word deur die grondwet kwas gelê.

Die tweede ding wat hierdie nuwe

grondwet doen is die grondwet maak seker dat in him in geskrywe word dat die minderheids regering vir altyd sal voortbestaan. Ons sal nooit deur hierdie grondwet op enige manier van hierdie apartheid regering onslae kan raak.

Die derde ding is dat die grondwet is gebou op die voortbestaan van die tuisland belied. As daar een ding is wat in die Suid Afrikaans belied wat die mees vervoelike aspek is as andere, is dit die tuisland belied.

Liewe broers en susters, as ons stem dan word ons deel vir hierdie onderdrukte sisteem. Ek sal dit nooit in my lewe doen nie.

Apartheid sal nooit deur mense soos die Arbeiders Party wegeneem word nie want van nou af kry die Arbeiders Party mense R3 500 'n mand om te sorg dat apartheid voortgaan.

Daar word vir ons gesê dat ons moet deel neem in die nuwe bedeling want Mnr P.W. Botha het vir ons beloftes gemaak.

U moet mooi onthou. Maar toe die Nasionale Party aan die bewind kom toe het die regte van mense een na die ander weg geneem.

Nou kom daai selfde mense wat onse regte afgevat het vir ons sê as julle nie saam met ons werk nie sal julle nooit julle regte kry nie.

U kan nie so met mense werk nie. Ons kan nie so onnosel wees nie dat ons moet glo wat ons weet kan nie waar gemaak kan word nie.

Dit is 'n skande dat kindertjies in Suid Afrika die rykste land in hierdie hele kontinent vandag van die honger sterwe.

Dis 'n skande dat in Suid Afrika daar meer geld uitgegee word op honderkos as wat daar uitgee word vir kos vir ons kinders.

Dis 'n skande dat mense moet werk van sewe uur in die môre tot elf uur in die aand en dat as dit na Vrydag kom en hy sy loon pakkie oop maak, dan het hy nie genoeg geld vir sy kinders nie.

Dis 'n skande dat mense hierdie land moet bou met hulle bloed en hulle harde werk en die gevaarlikste werk moet gaan doen sodat Suid Afrika 'n ryk land kan word en aan die einde nog as Kaffirs en Hotnots uitgeskel word en so behandel word.

Vriende, Mnr P.W. Botha het onlangs 'n Akkoord geteken met Mozambique en die wêreld prys hom nou as 'n groot vrede maker.

Maar die regering moet weet jy kan nie vrede gaan maak met mense wat 3 000 myle van jou af bly nie, terwyl jy mense wat in jou eie land is, onderdruk.

Daar sal nooit vrede wees in Suid Afrika terwyl hierdie onderdrukking van mense voortgaan nie.

Daar sal die vrede wees in Suid Afrika voordat al Suid Afrika se mense deel neem aan 'n regering wat ons kies en wat vir ons verteenwoordig en wat na ons luister en wat ons steun weg dra.

En dit moet duidelik gesê word. Daar is mense wat vir ons sê nou sal die regering dit vir ons bitter moeilik maak.

Dit mag waar wees maar ek sal vir u sê waarom ek dink ons sal wen. Ons sal uiteindelik wen omdat die stryd vir vryheid en vir demokrasie 'n regverdige stryd is.

Ons sal uiteindelik wen omdat al die leuens wat die Suid Afrikaanse regering kan vertel deur sy koerante en deur sy radio en deur sy televisie die waarheid nooit sal kan oorspoel nie.

Ons sal uiteindelik wen want God is 'n God van reg en geregtigheid en hy staan op ons kant. Broeders and susters, ons moet nie moed opgee nie.

Wat die UDF begin het, moet ons nog voortbou. Werk hard, bly aan stry vir die vryheid. Bly glo dat u vry sal wees. As u vir u vryheid nie stry nie, sal sal niemand dit doen nie.

Ons sal dit doen en ons sal nie ophou totdat ons vryheid het vir ons en ons kinders nie.

A reader's poem

(My personal contribution as a Christian against injustice in society.)

VOTE AND STRENGTHEN APARTHEID
If we are going to vote for this new constitution;
We are signing for conscription.

Apartheid we will defend
Our futures will have a goalless end.

To deceive the world we "Coloureds" were given a chamber.
Participate . . . and our last bit of dignity will be in danger.

Oppression and injustice will be here to stay;
because in their hands we so foolishly play
Thinking we're sowing the seed of a new dispensation
We are leaving our children to reap discrimination.
Regret, will come too late.

Through our ignorance, we have determined their fate.
That's why it's so vital that we should think
before we ink.

If we vote, the three chamber Parliament
Will be paying the Whites dividend.
Isolation pressure will be of the past
That which made internal changes last.
In this country others will start investing
Thinking that the situation in South Africa is in the
process of changing.
What actually happens
is that apartheid is strengthened.

by P.J. Arendse
Greenhaven



Dullah Omar

I CALL upon people *not* to vote at all.

The whole tri-cameral parliament is a toothless body without power. Real power in the new system is with the President with his rubber stamp president's council. The "coloured" and "indian parliaments" are dummy bodies.

Also, the tri-cameral structure is part and parcel of the homeland structure, robbing Africans of their citizenship and ramming ten different homeland citizenships down their throats.

We cannot be a party to this evil plan which will turn brother against brother.

The whole system is designed to divide the oppressed workers and maintain the cheap labour system.

To take part in the August election, therefore, is to help in our division and exploitation.

I say: Don't vote. Unite and fight for a free South Africa.

Advocate A M "Dullah" Omar

George Sewpersadh

THE NEW constitution has been planned with the purpose of dividing and destroying the unity of the oppressed people and entrenching Apartheid.

"It is important for all who want peace and happiness to reject the new constitution and boycott the elections"

The constitution totally leaves out Africans and gives coloured and Indians no power to bring about real change. Whites will remain in total control of the new parliament.

There can be no peace, harmony and security in this country if Apartheid is not removed.

The new constitution will lead to more bitterness and conflict and increase violence in South Africa.

It is important for all who want peace and happiness to reject the new constitution and to boycott the elections. Only a non-racial and democratic South Africa will satisfy us, the oppressed people.

Remember a vote on August 22 and 28 is a vote for Apartheid.

George Sewpersadh
President
Natal Indian Congress

Oscar Mpetha

I CALL upon people not to vote in the coming elections. To me voting not only means entrenching apartheid, but perpetuating our slavery.

It is a carefully planned thought by the government to divide our people.

What has the government in mind with this new constitution?

Conscription for our youth; they want our youth to help them to defend apartheid.



Another aspect of the new deal is the Koornhof Bills.

Africans are to be removed from the urban areas to the homelands. Those who have rights to stay here are to forcefully removed to barren and undeveloped places like Khayelitsha.

If you vote in this election, you vote for apartheid.

I call on all freedom-loving people to support the UDF in its call for a stay-away on August 22.

Amandla!
Oscar Mpetha
president UDF

Hassan Howa

I WILL not vote because I can't see myself as an inferior being by giving myself an ethnic tag.

My faith in God and my belief in the equality of men as preached by all the prophets precludes my sacrifice of my equality and the spirit of God which is within me and puts me above the animal.

The Bible and the Word of God says that what you do to the least of God's people you do unto God himself.

I consider the acceptance of an ethnic parliament as an insult to the people who are excluded from that new deal.

Conditions for sportspeople will not change. Any decision made on ethnic grounds will mean people who can least afford it will be playing on the worst grounds again.



Bad education, housing, working conditions and living conditions will be entrenched by the new deal and will prevent people from reaching their full potential.

Hassan Howa
President Western Province
Cricket Board and
Patron of the UDF

Joe Marks

TO vote on August 22 is to vote for apartheid; to vote is to vote for our children to be sent to the army.

To vote is to vote for higher GST and price increases.

To vote is to vote for stooges and Judases, who are more concerned with filling their own pockets instead of going after the real vote: for one parliament in an undivided country.

I appeal to everybody to actively reject the new deal by staying away from the polls, and to strive for a non-racial and democratic South Africa based on the will of the people, and to support the UDF actively in their call.

Mr Joseph Marks
vice president
Western Cape UDF



OUR LEADERS SPEAK!

We see a lot of faces on TV these days. Faces of those who call themselves our "leaders". These people - Alan Hendrickse, Pieter Marais etc. - are telling us to vote for them on August 22 and 28.

Grassroots spoke to some of our real leaders - those who have given their lives to fight against apartheid. This is what they have to say about the coming elections. . .

Mama Zihlangu



We know that these elections will change nothing. Prices are still high. Rents and water are still high.

We must leave the government alone. We must support the UDF - the UDF is on our side.

Mama Zihlangu
United Womens Organisation

Liz Abrahams



OM te vote vir die constitution is net so goed as om jou kinders doodsvonnis te skryf. As jy vote, dan stuur jy jou kinders na die grens om te sterf vir apartheid. Ek roep op alle mense wat lief is vir vryheid om nie te stem vir onderdrumking en swaarkry nie.

Liz Abrahams
United Womens Organisation



Hassan Solomons

BEFORE anyone thinks of making his or her cross in Botha's election, he must first vote in Allah's election.

The question you must answer is:

"And why should you not fight in the cause of Allah and those, who, being weak, are ill-treated (and oppressed)?"

So if you can say why is it better to fight *against* the oppressed then you can vote in Botha's election, but you must first remember that the hand that makes the cross in Botha's election pushes the starving masses into the homelands; helps to pull off the plastics at KTC; pulls the trigger against boycotting schoolkids; pushes up sales tax and signs the youth off to the border . . .

"And do not lean towards those who do wrong and oppress others . . ." (Qu ran)

Imam Hassan Solomons
(Muslim Judicial Council)

Rev. Abel Hendricks

THE new constitution entrenches apartheid in the constitution of South Africa by establishing houses that are racially defined, and attempts to draw an unrealistic distinction between 'own affairs' and 'general affairs'.

It entirely excludes 70 percent of the South African population from a share in the government of the country in which they were born, confining them to a system of homelands which involves the loss of South African citizenship.

It gives no meaningful role to opposition parties and effectively subjects the other chambers to the will of the majority party in the white chamber.

This falls far short of what is required of a constitution which seeks to be true to the God who breaks down barriers between people.

(Ephesians 2 : verse 14-16) and wills that "justice flows down like a stream, and righteousness like a river that never goes dry." (Amos 5:24)

Reverend Abel Hendricks
(Methodist Church)



Stephen Naidoo

WHEN the new constitutional proposals were presented there was an elaborate effort made to consult the white population about their acceptability. This was what last year's referendum was about.

There has been no similar attempt to assess opinion at grassroots level among the so-called Coloured population and the Indian population.

This is a serious weakness in the whole exercise. And, of course, the fact that the entire African population has been excluded is a major flaw.

Signed Stephen Naidoo C.Ss.R.
Auxilliary Bishop of Cape Town

Wilfred Rhodes

I WILL never vote for a policy or government that is based on fear, discrimination, deprivation, exploitation, and in short, apartheid, and would encourage all people in South Africa to do the same.

South Africa belongs to all who live and work in it.

We need a parliament elected by all the people, as spelled out in the Freedom Charter.

Wilfred Rhodes
chairperson
Cape Areas Housing
Action Committee



VOTE ON AUG 22? FOR WHO? FOR WHAT?

GRASSROOTS LOOKS AT THE NEW DEAL

1 Hi! I'm Mrs Williams, from Manenberg. I've registered to vote on Aug 22. I'm so glad we coloureds are getting the vote at last!

2 Good Day! I'm from the United Democratic Front. I would like to show you what you will be voting for on Aug 22

3 KNOCK KNOCK
Goede Middag

4 VOTE FOR A BRIGHER FUTURE!

5 What about rents? They say we will get lower rents and better houses.

The rents have already increased. They will go up more. If you buy your house, you will have to pay high rates and bonds. Then you must pay for repairs. So much money for such a wretched house!

6 HIGHER RENTS?! But prices are so high already we can hardly afford food any more!

RIGHT! And prices will go up, GST will go up... Where else will they get the money for all those salaries?

Some can only afford to look - not to buy.

3 These are the people you will be voting for...

THE LABOUR PARTY

LANDLORD ABE MILKING US DRY!

Who sat on the CRC for 10 years and did nothing for our people in that time

Like Abe Williams (LP member), use their privileges to oppress us, charge high rents for bad houses...

PEOPLE'S CONGRESS PARTY

Which calls on the police to 'protect' it from the anger of the people

AND ALL OTHERS ARE THE SAME

4 Even if they wanted to change things, the labour party will have no power in these kitchen parliaments. There will be 4 whites for every 2 coloureds and 1 Indian. So whites will have all the power.

4 WHITES
2 COLOURED
1 INDIAN

So why do these people want to sit on parliament?

5 SELL-OUT WANTED

BECOME AN MP IN THE NEW HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Up to R2500 a month (R75000 a year). PLUS a car (possibly free) and other perks.

One house in an exclusive Coloured suburb and many more attractive benefits.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- reading and writing not essential
- an interest in money, fame and glory
- an ability to look across on TV while you lie through your teeth
- NO CAUCASIAN WHITES!

DETER:

- Parasites
- it is preferable, talk big, and do nothing
- spend the rest of your time going

The answer to that is simple - R75000! All MPs will get R45000 per year. Cabinet Ministers will get R75000 per year!

12 Your vote will throw our future away! We will still have gutter education, overcrowded classrooms, no books...

They say a vote will mean a better future for our children.

13 And when your children leave school, they will be sent to the border to defend apartheid. They may get hurt or killed!

Isn't it good to protect your country?

4 NOW LETS LOOK AT WHAT YOU WILL BE VOTING FOR!

YOU live in Manenberg. Are you happy there?

NO! It's a terrible place! Gangs, overcrowded. We were much happier in District six - but the Group pushed us out of there!

But the vote won't change that! There will still be Group Areas. We will still be forced to live in "Coloured" townships far from work!

7 Things will be much harder for African people. This is Mrs Mfange from the Transkei. She cannot find enough money to buy food for her family - two of her children have died.

Her husband is trying to get work in Cape Town - she might not see him for months.

14 The SADF killed schoolchildren in 1976. They help with forced removals. They are killing Namibians who are fighting for freedom. Is that 'protecting' our country??

15 LOW WAGES
HIGH RENTS
HIGH ELECTRIC
HIGH FOOD PRICES

Banning and imprisonment of those who speak out against apartheid... This is the future you will be voting for, Mrs Williams!

- More suffering.
- More hardships.
- More oppression for our people!

8 When she lived with her husband in Cape Town, their shacks were torn down - at Crossroads, Nyanga, KTC. Under the new deal, it will be even harder for Africans to get the right to live and work in the city. If you vote, you will be sending her and her children to STARVE IN THE HOMELANDS!!

9 It's hard for everyone to find work these days. I'm a clothing worker. I work my fingers to the bone for only R5 per week. But I can't find another job.

(And it will get worse! The new deal will not change unemployment and low wages!)

17 I've already registered. Won't get into trouble if I don't vote?

No-one can force you to vote. And the government cannot find out if you voted. There is no law to say you must vote. It is your own choice...

Now I've seen all these things...

I WON'T VOTE! WILL YOU??

THE PEOPLE SHALL GOVERN
ALL NATIONAL GROUPS SHALL HAVE EQUAL RIGHTS
THE PEOPLE SHALL SHARE IN THE COUNTRY'S WEALTH
THE LAND SHALL BE SHARED AMONG THOSE WHO WORK IT
ALL SHALL BE EQUAL BEFORE THE LAW
ALL SHALL ENJOY EQUAL RIGHTS
THERE SHALL BE PEACE AND SECURITY
THE DOORS OF KNOWLEDGE AND OF CULTURE SHALL BE OPENED
THERE SHALL BE WORK, SECURITY AND COMFORT
THERE SHALL BE PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP

The UDF and other people's organisations are fighting for peace and justice in our country. JOIN OUR STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM!! DON'T VOTE FOR APARTHEID!!

UDF groei

ORALS op die plaglelandse dorpe is daar 'n lied wat meer en meer en meer mense begin sing.

Die lied is van "die lig van UDF".

Van dorp na dorp gaan die boodskap: "Weg met apartheid. Weg met die nuwe bedeling. Voorwaarts na 'n nuwe, vrye Suid-Afrika."

Nou onlangs het die UDF besluit om mense van verskillende areas bymekaar te bring om gesamentlik 'n plan uit te werk om die staat se nuwe drie-kamer parlement teen te staan.

Op die UDF se konferensie te Worcester was daar mense van die Weskus, die Suid-weslike distrikte, Karoo, Boland en Namakwaland.

Vir 'n volle dag het mense gepraat oor die werk wat hulle doen in hul distrikte.

Histories

Oscar Mpetha, president van die UDF, het die vergadering as "histories" beskryf.

Die konferensie het sterk uitgepraat teen gedwonge verskuivings en het besluit om dit teen te staan.



Delegat by die UDF se konferensie in Worcester

Algemene verkoopsbelasting was in totaliteit verwerp, en op dieselfde manier was hoë pryse, wat 'n gevolg is van die manier waarop die regering ons mense se geld spandeer, ook verwerp.

Die konferensie het gesê dat die verkiesings vir die 22 en 28 Augustus ons mense wil verdeel. Mense het besluit om die verkiesings te boikot.

'n Beroep is ook gedoen dat Suurbraak 'n rampgebied verklaar moet word en dat die mense wat hul huise daar verloor het, alle nodige hulp kry.

Upington steun UDF

OMTRENT 200 mense het onlangs 'n vergadering van die United Democratic Front op Upington bygewoon.

Die vergadering was geadverteer om agtuur te begin, maar mense het al net na 7 uur in die saal begin wag vir die vergadering om te begin.

Omtrent vyf lede van die Arbeidersparty se tak op Upington was teenwoordig by die vergadering.

Die vergadering se

dat die weermag net in apartheid se guns werk maar nie vir die mense nie.

'n Ander persoon wou weet hoe die UDF 4 : 2 : 1 verhouding van die nuwe parlement kan verander.

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voorsitter, Dominee A Beukes, het aanhoudend vir hulle gevra om vroe te stel, maar hulle het nie een vraag gestel nie.

'n Lid van die UDF se Weskaap streek het aan die mense verduidelik waarom die UDF gaan en waarvoor die UDF staan.

Een man wou weet hoekom die UDF teen verpligte militêre diensplig is.

Die rol van die weermag is verduidelik. Dit was toe baie duidelik

Groot saamtrek vir Suid-Kaap

IN ELKE uithoek van ons land, in die stede sowel as die plattelandse gebiede, word aanhangers van die United Democratic Front (UDF) gevind.

In die Suid-Kaap, wat areas soos Oudtshoorn, Mosselbaai, George, Knysna en Calitzdorp insluit, is daar baie ondersteuners.

Op 29 Julie bereik die UDF 'n hoogtepunt in die Suid-Kaap. Op daardie dag is daar 'n groot saamtrek op Oudtshoorn waar die UDF se Suid-Kaap streek amptelik gestig gaan word.

Honderde mense van bogenoemde areas, sowel as plekke soos Willowmore, Dysseldorp en Ladysmith word verwag.

Alreeds is groepe UDF ondersteuners in die verskillende gebiede drukbesig om mense in te lig oor die nuwe grondwet en wat dit vir ons mense inbou.

In sekere gebiede gaan UDF ondersteuners van deur tot deur om hantekeninge in te samel. Hierdie is deel van die UDF se Million Signatures Campaign. Alreeds meer as

300 000 mense landswyd het geteken.

In Oudtshoorn, Dysseldorp, Willowmore en Mosselbaai gaan groot groepe UDF ondersteuners gereed uit in die gemeenskap om UDF Nuus te versprei.

Die boodskap wat sterk na vore kom en wat die mense duidelik sê is: "Ons gaan nie op 22 Augustus stem nie."

Die Arbeidersparty, Volkskongressparty en ander partye wat die regering se nuwe planne ondersteun, sukkel om vergaderings in die Suid-Kaap te hou. Die Suid-Kaap, veral Oudtshoorn, was in vroeër jare bekend as "Arbeidersnes".

Net twee vergaderings, albei op George gehou, van hierdie partye was tot dusver suksesvol.

Hulle het vir die mense gesê hoe hulle apartheid beveg. Hulle het ook sekere beloftes gemaak.

Wat hulle nie gesê het nie, is dat hulle duisende rande gaan ontvang vir hulle deelname in die nuwe parlement.

Maar ons mense word nie geflous nie. Hulle ken die waarheid.

'DAAR'S 'N LAND OM TE BEVRY'

"DAAR is 'n volk om te lei, daar is 'n land om te bevry, daar is werk."

Dit is die motto waarmee die werk van die UDF in die Boland aangepak is.

Soggens vroeg tot saans laat word huisbesoek, huisvergaderings en inligtingsvergaderings gehou in verskillende plekke in die Boland.

Tydens die lansering van die handtekening veldtog in Worcester op Woensdag 4 Julie, het ongeveer 700 luidhartig hulle steun vir die veldtog gegee.

"Ek plaas my handtekening met trots by die miljoen, want die waarheid 'Bybel' verklaar dat die nuwe bedeling 'n sonde is, en teen die wil van God is," het Dominee MacKay van die NG Sendingkerk Worcester Oos gesê.

Begrawe

Nog meer vergaderings word beplan in plekke soos Wolseley, Ceres, Touwsrivier, Rawsonville en Bonnievale.

In Worcester het alreeds duisende hulle merk teen apartheid gemaak. Orals in Worcester word veldwerkers van die UDF gasvry deur die gemeenskap ontvang.

Mnr David Petersen, 'n uitvoerende bestuurslid van die UDF Weskaap streek.

"Wat skuil daaragter dat die NP, wat destyds ons stem weggenem het, nou weer gretig is om vir ons 'n stem te gee? Ons is nie bereid om 'n tweedehandse stem te aanvaar nie," het Mnr Gordon van Robertson, gesê.

Die handtekening veldtog in Robertson is ook tydens die vergadering gelanseer.

'n Aksiekomitee was gestig om die take van die UDF in Robertson voort te sit.

Dus kan dit duidelik gestel word dat die UDF gekom het om te bly in die Boland, want duisende het alreeds die handtekening veldtog in die Boland ondersteun.

"Ons kan sien dat die Arbeidersparty verewig begrawe is op Worcester. Nêrens sien of hoor jy van Mnr J Johnson, die Arbeidersparty se kandidaat, nie. Hy weet dat die mense baie met hom af te reken het," het 'n UDF lid gesê.

'n Spreker uit die gehoor het gesê dat daar net een organisasie in Worcester is wat die mense kan verteenwoordig - die United Democratic Front "want dit is die mense self".

'Dra die boodskap'

LEDE van die United Democratic Front in die Boland vind dit baie moeilik om hulle boodskap oor te dra aan plaaswerkers.

'n UDF lid sê dat plaaseienaars weier om vir hulle toestemming te gee om met werkers te praat.

"Die meeste poten-

siale kiesers in distrikte van Rawsonville, Robertson en Montagu is plaaswerkers en dit is belangrik vir ons om by hulle uit te kom.

"Plaaseienaars weier om vir ons toestemming te gee om met die werkers te gesels, maar die Arbeidersparty stap glo vrylik op die plase

rond.

"Ons moet nou liever met plaaswerkers praat wanneer hulle dorp toe gaan op 'n Saterdag om inkopies te doen. Maar dit is ook moeilik, want daar is so min tyd.

"Sover was die belangstelling van plaaswerkers baie groot in die UDF," het hy gesê.

Ds Nico Botha praat:

'EK STEM NIE'

MY weiering om op 22 Aug na die stembus te gaan berus op 'n sekere keuse.

Dit is nie 'n keuse vir geweld nie of vir boikot

nie. Dit is 'n keuse wat berus op die evangelie van Jesus Christus.

Dit is 'n keuse in lyn met die standpunt van soveel Christelike kerke

in die land dat apartheid kettery is.

Dit is 'n keuse gewortel in die teologie van die bevryding waarvolgens God die God van die onderdruktes, armes and verontregtes is.

Dit is 'n keuse vir dié mense wat alsguggende en alkermande swaar moet betaal aan die 10 persent AVB en vir die hongerloners en vir die mense met die klein inkomste en die groot huisrent.

Daarom is dit ook 'n keuse teen die mees konsekwente deurvoering van apartheid en die mees blatante verkragting van die demokratiese ideaal. (Dat die volk sal regeer).

Dit is 'n keuse teen politieke opportuniste wat in die aangesig van soveel ellende en armoede hoop om hulle skure vol te maak met die lekkernye van apartheid (R43 000 per jaar!) Maar dit is ten slotte ook 'n weiering om die mooi seuns van die volk op die altaar van die apartheidswaer te offer.

WANNEER DIE VOLK REGEER, SAL EK EERSTE BY DIE STEMBUS WEES!

Ds Nico Botha
NG Sendingkerk
Laaiplek

Honderde teken in Robertson

DIE mense van Robertson het op Donderdag 12 Julie eenparig 'n mosie van vertroue in die United Democratic Front aanvaar.

Tydens 'n inligtingsvergadering in die All Saints Saal op Robertson het omtrent 300 mense besluit om onder die sambreel van die UDF te werk.

"Ons kom om die waarheid te praat, want die Arbeidersparty is bang om hulle kop uit te steek. Hulle weet hulle sal vir u die waarheid moet kom vertel: dat die nuwe bedeling 'n nuwe bestelling is," was die woorde van

'AWAY WITH SELL-OUTS'

IN JANUARY 1983, the Labour Party took a decision at their annual congress to take part in the new constitution.

Allan Hendrickse claimed he had "broad and overwhelming support for the new plan".

Everyone knew this was a lie. Many top leaders in the party resigned in anger, because the people were not consulted first.

But when Hendrickse went around the country afterwards to sell the 'New Deal' to the people he found out what the people really thought about him. They refused to buy stale goods in pretty wrapping from a dishonest salesman.

The first meeting in the Labour Party's trail of disaster was in East London. The South African Allied Workers Union, General Workers Union and African Food & Canning Workers Union immediately issued a statement condemning the Labour Party and its decision. An ad-hoc anti-PC committee was formed, and a pamphlet was distributed.

Soon after the meeting began there was an uproar. Hundreds of people began singing freedom songs. Shouts like "sellout!", "Jy verkoop ons!", "We want freedom, not comfortable chains!" were heard all across the hall.

Get Out!

Hendrickse did not like this. His thugs began attacking the people, and the meeting ended in chaos. The police came quickly to help Hendrickse against the anger of the people. Hendrickse's stale goods were clearly rejected.

From then onwards, the Labour Party had a hard time. They wanted to travel along the coast all the way to Cape Town. They tried to have meetings in Vredenburg, Bredasdorp and Stellenbosch. The people treated them the same way as they did in East London.

Hendrickse's thugs became more violent. Chairs were thrown around, and many people were hurt. The message was loud and clear: "Hendrickse, we do not want you! Get out of our town. You are not interested in the suffering of our people. You only want to fill your own pockets!"

Pniel sê nee vir Arbeidersparty

"DIE Arbeidersparty sê Pniel is Curry se bastion. Hulle sê al Pniel se mense staan saam met Curry. Ons in die UDF sê dit is nie waar nie. Die feit dat julle almal hier vanaand is, bewys dat ons die waarheid praat."

Dit was gesê deur 'n lid van die UDF op 'n vergadering op Pniel wat deur omtrent 150 mense bygewoon is.

"Curry sê hy gaan van binne beveg. Dink u dat hy oor ons bekommerd gaan wees nadat hy sy R43 000 verdien het? Nee. Hy gaan te besig wees om sy geld te spandeer," het 'n spreker van Stellenbosch gesê.

"Ons het 'n groot behuisings probleem in Stellenbosch. 2 000 mense wag op huise. Curry kan nie die probleem regmaak nie.

Will you accept money from the government, work closely with the Broederbond, collect money from starving people, charge high rents for renting shacks to homeless workers, . . . and still claim loudly and proudly that you are fighting for freedom? You think this is a joke. It is not. There are people around who do all these things. They call themselves the Labour Party, and they want your vote.

By this time Hendrickse saw the writing on the wall. He was not wanted in the Cape. He called off a meeting that was planned for Ravensmead. He decided to try his luck in the Transvaal.

But at Eersterust, Eden Park, Alberton, Reiger Park and Eldorado Park the message was the same: "Get out sellout! We do not want you!" Jac Rabie, the Transvaal leader of the Labour Party, was so frustrated that he called for a military wing of the Labour Party to deal with the 'agitators'. The Minister of Police, Louis Le Grange, supported him.

Like in the Cape, all further meetings in the Transvaal were called off for 1983.

This year it was announced that elections are to be held in August. Another sellout party,

the Peoples' Congress Party, decided to hold meetings in Bishop Lavis and Mitchells Plain. Their leader, Peter Marais, a former comedian, announced that they were going to have drum majorettes and karate experts to "maintain law and order". He promised that "thousands" would attend the Mitchells Plain meeting. The week before, the people of Bishop Lavis had booted him out of Bishop Lavis. In Mitchells Plain UDF supporters completely outnumbered the PCP supporters at the meeting. The whole affair was like a comedy performance.

Early last month, the Labour Party tried its luck again in the Transvaal. It held a meeting in Actonville near Benoni. Again, the people showed their rejection of the sellouts.

Many of the people at the meeting were UDF supporters. An order to "beat them out of here" was made by Jac Rabie.

Labour Party thugs attacked

Hoe kan hy did doen wanneer die nuwe grondwet sê dat ons ons eie geld vir behuising moet, insamel.

"Ons moet nie dat Curry ons toekoms weggooi nie. Ons moet saamstaan en veg vir 'n beter toekoms.

Dominee Adams het gesê dat die nuwe grondwet teen die woord van God getoets moet word.

"Sien ons liefde, vryheid en gelyke regte in die nuwe grondwet? Nee. Daarom kan ek as 'n Christen nie stem nie. As u stem op 22 Augustus, dan stem u teen God," het hy gesê.

Die vergadering het 'n mosie aangeneem om die verkiesings te boikot en om aan te hou strewe vir 'n nie-rassige en demokratiese Suid-Afrika.

the UDF supporters with chairs and fists. Eleven charges of assault were made afterwards against Labour Party members.

With more thugs and more police protection, the Labour Party is coming back to Bishop Lavis. Now that the Labour Party has announced its candidates and is fully part of the dummy elections, the people's anger is greater than ever. A worker told Grassroots:

"Ons sien hulle elke dag op die televisie. Hulle lieg vir ons mense. Hulle praat asof hulle ons ondersteuning het. Die Arbeiders praat 'n bietjie anders as die ander 'sellout' partye. Die Arbeidersparty praat asof hulle teen apartheid is. Maar, ons weet wat hulle in belangstel is die R75 000 en R43 000 'n jaar wat elkeen van hulle gaan kry.

"Ons moet die mense nie in ons midde toelaat nie. Ons moet niks met hulle te doen hê nie."



Een van die Arbeidersparty se Kandidate, Abe Williams, laat mense sulke armoede leef op Mamre . . .



. . . terwyl hy soos dit leef.

A long history of empty promises

WAY back in 1969 the Labour Party urged 'coloured' people to vote in the Coloured Peoples' Representative Council elections.

They said: "This is the last chance to build a better tomorrow." They promised that if they won the elections they would not participate in the CRC. They would do all in their power to obtain "direct representation in the central parliament."

They won the election both in 1969 and in 1975. They broke their promise and took their seats in the dummy council. They refused to donate their R15 000 salary cheques to charity.

Who can trust them?

It is now 1984, and the Labour Party again wants 'coloured' people to vote for it. They still promise to "work from within" to destroy apartheid. But who can trust them? Their history has been one of empty promises, big talk and no action on behalf of the people they claim to represent.

Hendrickse knows that like the CRC, the 'coloured' and 'Indian' parliaments are toothless dummy bodies which cannot change any law without the State President agreeing to it. The State President will always be a white man under this 'new' system.

So what has changed? Nothing except that Hendrickse and his fellow puppets will now receive from R43 000 to R75 000 a year. Will they give this money back to the people to show that they are sincere? Never, because the main reason that they are taking part in the 'New Deal' is because of the money and other benefits.

When the new constitutional plan was first announced in 1977, the Labour Party said that they rejected it. In 1981 the

then national chairperson of the party, David Curry, said:

"We cannot have three parliaments in one country. One parliament will always have the final power."

They said that they would not take part in the new parliament unless Africans were included as well. Many people supported this decision of the Labour Party.

Today the Labour Party has forgotten its promises. Without bothering to consult the people, it has decided to take part in the 'New Deal'. Many of its top leaders have resigned from the party because of this.

The Labour Party still makes noises against apartheid. They do not want the people to know that they are moving closer and closer to the National Party. But everyone knows that the Nats are teaching them all the tricks of the political game.

A company called Communitel has been hired to teach them political strategy and how to raise money. Communitel is controlled by top members of the secret Broederbond and National Party. They even use the same telephone number as the National Party.

It is said that Communitel has helped the Labour Party raise one million rand from 'white' businessmen.

Disgusted

Today many people do not believe Hendrickse when he says that he wants to "destroy apartheid from within".

"He will say anything to get people to vote for him. Words are cheap. He has clearly shown by his actions that his interests lie with the National Party and Botha," said one angry resident from Woodstock.

The Labour Party claims to have many members. In Carnarvon recently its Karoo leader, Solly Essop, proudly announced that in one day they had 3 000

members. But just look at the way they got these 'members': Most of the people there are poor, and cannot read or write. The Labour Party went around collecting R1.00 each from them. They were told that they had to register as voters. They were not told that they were also paying to become LP members.

Louise Boesak, a former LP member, says she is "disgusted" at this. "Many of those people do not know what the LP is, or the New Deal. Most of them cannot even afford to clothe and feed themselves", she said.

Abe Williams, Labour Party candidate for Mamre (which includes Atlantis, Saldanha and Darling), is another example of the blood-sucking types who make up the party.

Making Profit

In Mamre he has taken advantage of the shortage of houses, and is making a huge profit out of poor, homeless workers. He has divided houses into one 'compartment' per room, and rents each 'compartment' out for up to R60.00 per month. The houses are in terrible condition - many horses stables are more comfortable. Only a cruel, unfeeling person could do this to another human being! And he still expects us to vote for him!" said an angry resident of the area.

Recently they announced that M D Arendse is their candidate for Tafelberg. This is the same Arendse that they kicked out of the party leadership in 1969. He openly betrayed his colleagues by negotiating privately with Vorster. Now they have taken him back, at over 70 years of age. Why? Because they cannot find anyone else to sell their soul for R43 000 a year.

The Labour Party has no principles. They are selling our future to satisfy their greed.

STUDENT CONGRESS

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COSAS to build SRC's

"YOU have an important role to play in our freedom struggle. You have the know-how and skills. You must use these to organise workers and take their struggle forward."

This was told to over 100 students by Oscar Mpetha, president of the United Democratic Front.



The students, from all over South Africa, were attending the national council of COSAS (Congress of South African Students) in Cape Town.

Students are concerned about the government's attitude to the education crisis. Instead of listening to student problems, the government is closing down schools. This happened in Cradock and in Atteridgeville.

A COSAS member said. "The demands of students are just. We

are suffering under this gutter education. The government knows this. They must do something about our problems - not close schools."

Curnick Ndlovu, who spent 20 years on Robben Island, spoke about the Freedom Charter and the workers' struggle.

There was also a panel discussion on education in democratic countries. The speakers looked at education in Mozambique and Cuba. They showed how in these countries, education served the needs of all the people, and especially the workers.

This is very different from our country where education only serves the needs of the government and the bosses.

The COSAS members took two important resolutions:

- To continue efforts to build democratic SRC's and organise for a democratic education system;
- To boycott the coming elections and convince their parents not to vote.

AZASO: Biggest Congress yet



(left to right) Liz Abrahams, Steve Tshwete and Dorothy Nyembe at NUSAS congress

NUSAS - Focus on Freedom Charter

THE annual July Festival of the National Union of South African Students (NUSAS) was held in Durban recently.

The theme of the festival was "There shall be peace and friendship: meeting the challenge of change".

The week-long festival was centred around the clauses and demands of the Freedom Charter, the historic document drawn

up by about 3 000 delegates at the Congress of the People at Kliptown in 1955.

The symbolic opening night saw a line of Congress democrats from the fifties speak.

They were Helen Joseph and Dorothy Nyembe from the Federation of South African Congress of Trade Unions.

Others were Steve Tshwete, a former member of Sactu, and

Liz Abrahams from the Food and Canning Workers' Union (FCWU).

Helen Joseph spoke about women's struggles and the Congress of Democrats. She is a listed person and may not be quoted.

Curnick Ndlovu, who was released recently from Robben Island after a 20 year sentence, may also not be quoted.

Billy Nair, who was also recently released from the Island, spoke about the Congress of the People and how the Freedom Charter was adopted.

Steve Tshwete spoke on the drawing up of the Charter and said: "The Charter was not created in a vacuum. It was born out of the incubator of oppression."

In closing the festival, NUSAS president Kate Philip stressed the relevance of the Freedom Charter in South Africa today.

"THE Doors of Learning and Culture must be Opened to All".

This is the demand which clearly came out of the 4th National Congress of AZASO held in Soweto in early July.

500 students from 35 universities, colleges and technikons throughout the country attended the Congress. The Western Cape was represented by students from UCT, UWC, Pentech and Wesley, Hewat and BOK colleges.

The Congress was opened by Oscar Mpetha and "Terror" Lekota of the UDF and Dr. Mohamed of the Transvaal Anti-P.C. Committee.

Oscar told the students "I take my hat off to AZASO. You have learnt from the mistakes of those before you. You have realised that real change can only come if the workers lead our struggle."

"The elections, conscription and education crisis are important challenges facing students"

Together with Terror he urged students to fight for a people's government.

"The elections, conscription and education crisis are important challenges facing students. AZASO must be ready to meet these challenges." Terror said.

During the four days at Congress, students looked at the progress of AZASO. In small groups they discussed the problems facing AZASO and how to overcome them.

An important discussion was the Edu-

cation Charter Campaign.

Many important resolutions were adopted:-

• Azaso totally rejects the new constitution and calls for a boycott of the elections. Only the Freedom Charter and a Peoples' Government will satisfy our people.

• Azaso rejects Botha's peace talks with other countries. Botha must talk with the leaders like Mandela and Sisulu before there can be real peace in South Africa.

• Azaso recognises SWAPO as the only real leader of Namibia's people. The South African Defence Force must leave Namibia immediately.

• Azaso is angry at the closure of schools in Atteridgeville and Cradock. Azaso fully supports COSAS in its efforts to build SRC's and a democratic edu-



cation system in our country.

• Azaso rejects the conscription of our youth into the army. Azaso calls on students and youth to refuse to serve in the Apartheid army.

The Congress with the election of a new National Executive. The new President Simpiwe Mgoduso told students: "The responsibility lies with AZASO to carry on organising all students until the time when the doors of learning and culture are opened to everyone."

Boycott goes on

AT THE start of the third term the schools boycott in the Eastern Cape shows no signs of ending.

Schools have reopened, but it is the police presence which is most visible at the schools.

In Cradock more than 4000 pupils from five schools are boycotting. The Department of Education and Training has already warned that it may close the schools per-

manently if attendance does not improve.

The students are calling for the release of all those detained during the boycott, including vice-principal, Mr Matthew Goniwe, who is in prison in Cape Town.

Mr G.W. Merbold, regional director of the Department of Education and Training in Port Elizabeth, has said that the demand for Goniwe to be reinstated is "ridiculous",

as he had "dismissed himself".

Students disagree. They feel Mr Goniwe was expelled because of his standing in the community. Mr Goniwe is a popular community leader. He is chairperson of the Cradock Residents Association.

Meanwhile in Graaff-Reinet 178 pupils have

been expelled after not returning to classes.

According to the Minister of Education and Training they would be readmitted only if they undertook in the presence of their parents to obey the school rules, and undertook to attend classes with the sole purpose of receiving tuition.

WHO MURDERED JEANETTE SCHOON?

ON 28 June 1984 Jeanette Schoon, formerly Curtis, and her six year old daughter, Katryn, were killed in Angola by an anonymous parcel bomb.

Jeanette, a former vice-president of NUSAS and involved in the 1970's in the labour movement here, had fled to Botswana in 1977 after continued harassment of her and her husband, Marius Schoon.

She continued her political activities in exile, but threats on her life in Botswana, had encouraged her to move recently to Angola.

In the last ten years eleven political activists have been murdered, including Rick Turner,



Joe Gqabi, Griffiths Mxenge and Ruth First. Only in one case has the killer been found and brought to trial.

The Security Branch has tried to lay the blame for Jeanette's death on an "assassination squad of the South African Communist Party".

A statement issued by the Detentions Action Committee (ADAC) questions

strongly the allegations of the Security Branch, and gives other examples where South African authorities have denied involvement in incidents of violence, only to be proved to be lying.

"We also recall how the White Rhodesian public was fooled for so many years by Ian Smith's denials of atrocities by his infamous Selous Scouts," ADAC said.

At a memorial meeting for Jeanette Schoon a speaker noted how the Nkomati accord has brought no end to detentions and brutality in South Africa. "We can only build peace through our own struggles and efforts," he added.

Rivonia Trial

A COMMEMORATION meeting in Rondebosch marked twenty years since the end of the historic Rivonia Trial, where members of the High Command of Umkhonto we Sizwe, the sabotage group of the African National Congress, were convicted of sabotage.

Eight men were sentenced to life imprisonment. Today these names, far from being forgotten, are still well-known all over South Africa: Nelson Mandela, Walter Sisulu, Govan Mbeki, Dennis Goldberg, Ahmed Kathrada, Elias Motsoaledi, Andrew Mlangeni and Raymond Mhlaba.

All the accused pleaded not guilty to charges under the Sabotage Act when they appeared in court. They said that the government not them, should

be put on trial. At the trial Nelson Mandela made a famous speech which was printed all over the world, but not in South African newspapers.

He explained how the ANC had decided to embark on armed struggle after all peaceful methods of protest had been suppressed by the government.

He also explained how the policy of Umkhonto was to avoid any activity that might cause the deaths of innocent people.

A speaker at the meeting told of the persisting courage and spirit of the men in prison, even while facing petty repression by the authorities, like being refused permission to shake hands with their closest family.

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Who does SADF defend?

In this article from the Cape Herald, Mr. Julies (Freedom Party) calls for the conscription of Coloured Youth. Mogamat Isaacs replies . . .

THE leader of the Reformed Freedom Party, Mr Charles Julies, has called for military conscription for all coloured people.

"I believe it is the desire of all coloured people to share in equal opportunities in this country and one of the desires is to fight on the border next to the white man."

"With the white man now prepared to share power with us, my party believed it was the right thing to apply to the government to share in the defence of our borders.

"After all, it is unfair that the whites should defend us when it is our country as well.

Dear Mr Julies

You have a very strange idea about the desires of "all coloured people". Have you ever asked us what our desires are?

You say that we should share in the defence of our borders. Who and what is the SADF defending, Mr Julies?

In 1976 and in 1980 school children went on the streets to protest against gutter education. They were met by the guns and the batons of the SADF. Thousands of young children were hurt or killed.

Who was the SADF defending, Mr Julies? Are you saying we must

take up arms against apartheid. Must we fight against them, Mr Julies?

kill our own brothers and sisters?

When our parents protest peacefully against high rents and bad housing, must we "defend" our country by teargassing and baton charging our own mothers and fathers?

The SADF has helped force people to leave their homes to starve in resettlement camps. Who was the SADF defending then, Mr Julies? Are you telling us to force people out of their homes in Nyanga, Guguletu, Langa and Crossroads, when the government wants them moved to Khayelitsha?

Many young South Africans have chosen to leave the country and

defending apartheid and its agents from the anger of the people.

Is that why you want us to be forced into the army, Mr Julies? Do you want us to defend you?

Find your own bodyguards, Mr Julies. We will not fight our brothers and sisters. We will not fight for a system which has kept us in misery and poverty for so long.

Because we love our country, Mr Julies. We want peace and happiness for ALL our people. And this means that we will never defend apartheid!

Yours sincerely Mogamat Isaacs Manenberg

defending apartheid and its agents from the anger of the people.

Is that why you want us to be forced into the army, Mr Julies? Do you want us to defend you?

Find your own bodyguards, Mr Julies. We will not fight our brothers and sisters. We will not fight for a system which has kept us in misery and poverty for so long.

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HEARTS AND MINDS

The new constitution means that coloured and indian youth may soon face a call-up for the SADF. Grassroots looks at the SADF, and at its attempts to win the approval of our people.

"Die Kommandement Westelike Provinsie het julle hartlik welkom. Ons hoop dat julle due kennis en ondervinding verrykend sal vind op die pad vorentoe en dat die bande van vriendskap wat gesluit word blywend sal wees in die jare wat kom. Brig. S.J. van der Spuy. Welcoming address to SADF camp.

"We cannot allow our children to go to these camps because the SADF upholds apartheid and all its injustices" - Hanover Park parent.

IN March this year, the SADF tried to organise a camp for schoolchildren from Hanover Park. They did not inform parents that the camp was run by the SADF. But the joint action of the parents, the civic and youth organisations in the area and the UDF anti-conscription committee stopped the SADF from going ahead with the camp.

This children's camp is one of many organised by the SADF's Civic Action Programme (CAP). The CAP was started in

Namibia in 1974, and in South Africa in 1979. "The CAP is trying to "win the hearts and minds" of the people, to convince them that the SADF is a friend of the people, and to persuade young people of all races to join the SADF." The CAP spends thousands of rand in training doctors, teachers, dentists, agricultural advisors, sports organisers to spread the message of the SADF. These people are then employed in government departments and



For five years, the SADF has spent millions on their Civic Action Programme. They are trying to win 'the hearts and minds' of our people. How far have they succeeded?



Some of the free magazines produced by the C.A.P. to "win the hearts" of young people.

homelands. Their work includes organising camps, holiday and sports programmes, teaching in schools. In all these activities, soldiers carry guns and wear uniforms.

Young people are encouraged to join the SADF, through lectures

and the distribution of free publications such as the Warrior and Contact. These publications present the SADF as the peoples' friend, while criticising peoples' organisations such as the UDF.

"The Civic Action Programme is an important part of the

SADF's defence of apartheid," said a spokesperson for the UDF (ACC).

"If we are going to successfully resist the conscription of our young people into the SADF, we need to expose this underhand campaign of the SADF."

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The people say "NO!"

THE SADF's Civic action programme has succeeded in a few areas. Often people don't know that these activities are organised by the SADF.

But in most areas, parents and teachers have angrily resisted these programmes. In Guguletu and in Hanover Park, parents have stopped the SADF from taking their children on camps. Parents have also protested against the "Kom Speel Saam" children's programmes organised by the SADF.

All over the country, resistance to the CAP and to conscription into the SADF is growing. The Cape Youth Congress (GAYCO) has formed a committee to educate the youth about this issue.

The Mitchell's Plain UDF has organised workshops with Civic, youth and church organisations in the area. They are having a survey to find out how people feel about the SADF and conscription. At a mass meeting in Mitchell's Plain over 1000 people said no to conscription.

Young whites already face conscription. But many are resisting this. They have chosen to go to jail, or to leave the country, rather than serve in the SADF. To help their fight, several organisations such as NUSAS, Conscientious Objector Support Group, The Ecumenical Action Movement, Black Sash, have formed the End Conscription Committee (ECC). This recently held a Focus on the

SADF's activities in Namibia.

Most of the black servicemen who have joined the SADF are from the rural areas. This is because people in these areas are often ignorant of the role of the SADF. But even here, people are beginning to show their opposition to the call-up.

The SADF can spend thousands of rand on their CAP. They can use their laws and police to try and force our people into the army. But people who suffer daily the hardships of apartheid, who have seen their children gunned down in the streets by soldiers in camouflage uniform, will never believe that the SADF is a friend. The message of the people is loud and clear: "We will not fight in Botha's army."

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HOSPITAL FEES RISE

IN APRIL this year, hospital fees went up and thousands of working people are affected by this.

People who earn between R200 and R300 per month must now pay R12 to attend a Day Hospital.

And if two children get sick at the same time, the parents are faced with a bill for R24.00.

Often the doctor

'We have a right to cheap medical care'

asks to see the child again in a few days time - which means another R12.00 off the family pay packet.

Grassroots spoke to a doctor who is very worried about this.

"The number of patients at all Day Hospitals has dropped dramatically since the new fees came in.

"People do not come back for check ups, for instance, if we put plaster on a broken leg we need to check

the next day to see that the plaster is not too tight.

"Or if we do a TB test on a child we must check the results after a few days.

"People just can't afford to come back,

and I don't blame them. But unfortunately, their health suffers from this."

GRASSROOTS spoke to Mrs Fredericks from Mitchells Plain who suffers from high blood pressure.

"I must go to the hospital every month to have my blood pressure taken and to get my tablets. This means R12.00 plus my bus fare to Hanover Park because we don't have a hospital.

"Some people that I know can not afford to go for their monthly visits any more.

"And of course, many people are forced to lie about their income."

This is our advice to people:

- Do not stay away from treatment because you cannot afford it. You have a right to medical care.

- Insist on paying off the account at your own rate. You can only pay what you can afford, even if it is 50c per month.

- You can write a letter to the Day Hospital Head Office, Private Bag, Karl Bremer. Ask them to bring down the account to a sum that you can afford.

- If you want help with letters and forms, go to your nearest Advice Office.

You don't have to vote

IN AUGUST, there will be elections for parliaments under the new constitution. Everyone says we must not vote.

But some people are scared. They know that the government wants people to vote. They are afraid that something will happen to them if they don't vote.

In this article we look at some of the questions that people ask.

Must I vote?

No. The law does not force you to vote. So, you don't have to vote if you don't want to.

Can anything happen to me if I do not vote?

No. In elections in the homelands, the government puts a stamp in the pass books of people who vote. People with stamps get promised better housing and jobs.

But in this election, nobody will get a stamp

in their books of life. So it will be very difficult for government officials to find out whether you voted or not.

Anyway, thousands of people will not vote. So it will be impossible for the government to take action against everybody.

What can I do if my boss forces me to vote?

Nobody is allowed to force you to vote, but sometimes people

will try. For example, farmers will tell their workers to vote, or else they will lose their jobs.

The best you can do is to spoil your voting paper. You can spoil your paper by drawing lines across it, or by scribbling on it. This means your vote will not be counted.

Can I be fined if I refuse to vote?

No. The law does not say that you have to vote. There is another law that says that you can be fined R200 if you do not register as a voter. But nobody has ever been fined under this law, although there are thousands of people who refuse to register.

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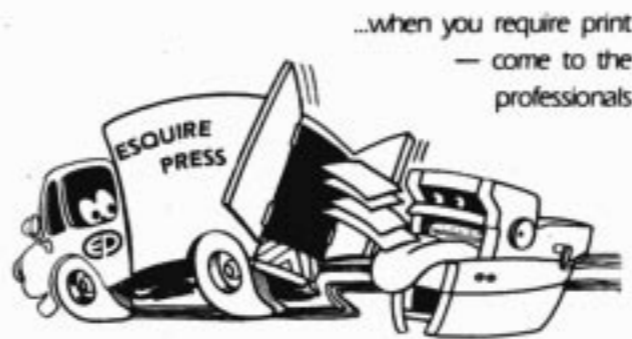
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'Breast is best'

MRS MAHOLA took her 2 week old baby to a clinic. She saw a poster on the wall with a photograph of a beautiful baby smiling at her.

It said "Breast is Best", but it was made by a milk company to influence the mother to buy their milk.

They succeeded because Mrs Mahola decided to buy powdered milk.

"I want my baby to look like that photograph" she thought.

The tin of milk powder did not last long. Soon she had to buy another one. Money was scarce and the milk was very expensive.

To make the tin last longer, she put less milk into each bottle she made.

Her baby drank a lot but stayed thin and hungry.

By the time that Mrs Mahola saw that tinned milk was not good for her baby, her own breast milk had dried up.

What can we learn from this story?

- The milk companies are clever. They use fat, beautiful babies to impress mothers.
- They say that breast is best, but they really want mothers to put their babies on bottles so that they can make more profits.

Advice to our readers

- Try by all means to breast feed your baby for as long as possible.
- Be critical of advertisements. Do not accept everything you read or hear. Ask yourself why companies spend so much money on advertising their products. In the end it is us who are paying for these expensive advertisements.
- Hospitals are not allowed to advertise any products. Do complain when you see this happening.

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A serious moment. RAWU member considers the question of media as an organising tool.

Getting information



Writing stories



Layout



Printing



Media action— participants went into four areas — Manenberg, Atlantis, Nyanga Bush and Lavender Hill. They took photographs, wrote stories and produced a pamphlet for each area — which they distributed.

GRASSROOTS

Media Winter School

"WHAT I've learnt here, I think I should have never believed possible."
 "I never thought I could write a pamphlet"
 "The skills I have gained here will help organisations in our own area."
 "Die opstaantyd was te vroeg!"

These are some of the comments of people who attended the Grassroots' Media School from 30 June to 7 July.

For one week, the 28 participants from Cape Town, Welkom, East London, Namibia, and many other areas, talked, dreamed, ate and slept media.

"We see so much junk on TV and in the newspapers. We oppressed people need our own pamphlets, posters etc. to tell the truth. Thank you, Grassroots, for teaching us how to make these things," a participant said.

On this page, we look at some of the activities of the Winter School.



Silk screening the anti-election poster



Oudtshoorn delegate acting as a duplicating machine in the play produced at the end of the course.

Taking a break! A CAHAC member sits back to admire one of the banners produced at the winter school.



UDF claps and cheers

A CROWD of excited and clapping spectators. A line of local talent waiting to go on stage. An atmosphere of warmth and enthusiasm, of encouragement and appreciation. It was the Cape Town region of the UDF's variety show in Woodstock, and participants from Bo-Kaap, Gardens, Kensington, Observatory and Woodstock, kept the hall cheering throughout the evening.

"Oh, oh, the South African dream, it's more deadly than it seems," rang the chorus of one song...

"And coming into the dream fast
 Were Hendrickse and Curry
 Describing a future full of milk and honey,

As they counted out their bags of money."
 We heard songs from all parts of the world, we watched breakdancing, listened to the poetry of our own people, and were entertained by plays and comedies we had written ourselves.

The acts were wonderful, but for the players and audience it was the atmosphere they loved. For many months people have been working hard together on UDF work like holding meetings, doing door-to-door pamphleteering or organising the signature campaign. Now the region could come together in a different way; through cultural expression the bonds between people were strengthened, and the music played on and on...



The winter school group pose in front of their handiwork. The 2 banners, 2 posters, 4 pamphlets, photographs and drawings produced by the group were very impressive. Grassroots hopes that the participants will be able to carry on the good work in their own areas.

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All non-racial democratic trade unions say . . .

WORKERS UNITE



DON'T VOTE

ALL the democratic non-racial trade unions are calling on workers NOT TO VOTE on August 22 and 28. The unions calling for a boycott of the elections together have a membership of 300 000 workers. This is what they say:

FOSATU

To vote is to vote for racism, To vote is to accept an undemocratic constitution. A vote will not remove the hated apartheid. It will only sink its roots in deeper.

FOSATU is distributing thousands of stickers and newsletters to workers explaining why they should not vote. The newsletter says:

"We workers are the most oppressed people in South Africa. It is us who suffer poverty wages, dangerous working conditions, long hours of work and the destruction of our family life. "We know from our struggle that those problems can only be



overcome by unity and organisation. The aim of this constitution is to deepen the racial divisions between workers because they know that this will weaken our organisation in the workplace."

FOSATU believes that the solution to South Africa's problems lies in hard bargaining between the strong and the strong. We must build our strength and not destroy it for fat parliamentary salaries.

Vote? Vir Wie and For What?

Hulle raak short van staff op die Border
VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!
is ons eerste
GENERAL ORDER

nou kom die PCP en die Freedom Party
met 'n splinter nuwe LP (Produced by the NP)
"New Deal"

'n Paar ouens wil hulle income met R43000 increase
terwyl ons wages vir GST, RENT, ELECTRIC, WATER EN BUSFARE DECREASE

Everytime word ons gepromise van 'n better life
New Deal en Changes is maar net nog 'n HELL OF 'n LIVING DIE

Nou sê die government ons moet vote
VIR WIE en FOR WHAT
Al die jare het ons gevote vir M.P., C.R.C. en die Mismanagement Committee

Ons bly in sementblokke en stalhokke
sommer so aaneen
Ja, net soos treintrokke net slaap en gou weer rush in die cattle trucks om die next shift te maak

CLOWU

The Clothing Workers Union says "Our people are forced to work for low wages and under bad conditions. Clothing workers are the lowest paid workers. Why must we vote? For what are we voting?"

Clowu believes a vote on August 22 is a vote for apartheid. Our



people have suffered too long under apartheid. Our union does not support this new vote."

FCWU

THE Food and Canning Workers Union has 20 000 members from Saldanha, Vredenburg, Grabouw, Ashton, Mossel Bay, George, Port Elizabeth, East London and Johannesburg.

FCWU believes that a vote in the new elections is a vote of confidence in the National Party. The new constitution is simply going to strengthen the hold of the National



Party on the worker. The National Party represents employers and rich farmers. It could never improve things for the mass of working people.

The call of the trade unions is clear:
THE NEW CONSTITUTION IS NOT FOR WORKERS!
DON'T VOTE! HELP THE STRUGGLE FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOUTH AFRICA FREE OF OPPRESSION AND EXPLOITATION!

GWU

THE General Workers Union fights for the unity of all workers on the factory floor. Our members will not vote in an election which has apartheid as its beginning and end. The new constitution holds no hope for workers and we will unite with other unions and progressive organisations to

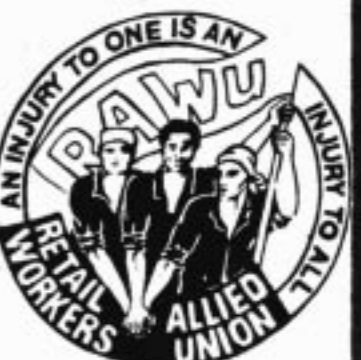


fight it. GWU has also been sending out pamphlets and stickers to its 12 000 members.

RAWU

RETAIL and Allied Workers Union says "We cannot accept this new apartheid system. On the one hand, they are giving us votes. On the other hand people are still facing removal to Khayelitsha and the vicious rule of Sebe and Matanzima.

"The workers will not be in power. RAWU wants a country where we will all have a say in the running of our lives.



"We call on all Coloureds and Indians not to vote on August 22 and 28. We look forward to the time when the people shall govern."

False Pamphlets Won't fool us!

SOME people are very worried. They can see that people will not be voting for them:

So once again, the secret printing presses are clanking through the night, producing false pamphlets in the name of the UDF.

"They are trying to confuse the people." a spokesperson for the UDF said. "They know that people support the UDF. They think that these pamphlets will make people vote.

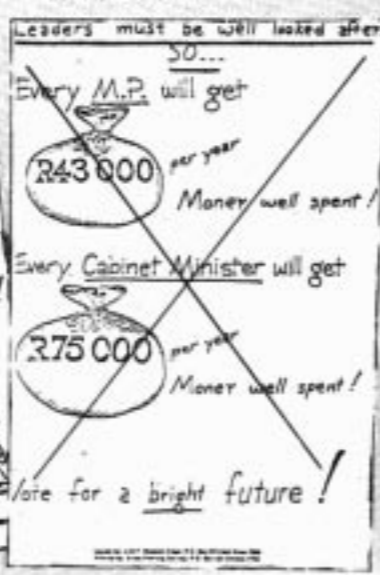
"They are confusing people in other ways, too. They say that if people are registered, they must vote, that pensioners must vote to draw their pensions, that it is against the law to boycott the elections. THESE ARE ALL LIES!

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