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By SELLO RABOTHATA
A BOKSBURG com-
pany yesterday fired
its whole workforce,
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They said they were
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of the high cost of living.

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He said: We noticed
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them to wait at the gate
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Those who were called

would enter the company's premises and those who were not called, would have to Minister

THE Minister of Transport, Mr Hendrik Schoeman, has finally agreed to meet taxi officials to discuss the controversy over the use of komhis as taxis.

In a dramatic turn of events, Mr Schoeman informed officials of the Southern African Black Taxi Association

NEGATIVE incidents within a prison are always likely to be given wide media coverage locally and abroad and warders should remember that they are constantly being watched by the community and the media, the Director-General of the Department of Justice, Advocate J P J Coetzer, said this week.

Advocate Coetzer was speaking at the passing out parade for 285 probationary warders at the Zonderwater Prison. He said many were quick to blame the warder whenever something went wrong in prison. Such incidents not only harmed the I _TRAIN FOR CAREERS _THAT PAY! siiiilW%3%'h l Coetzer, warns

come back today. This was not accepted by the workers as they felt others were going to be victimised, so they all left.

Mr Oscar, the managing director, told The SOWETAN he had no comment to make.

(Sabta) this week that he was prepared to meet them in Cape Town on Monday at 9am. Meeting the Minister will be Mr Jimmy Sojane, president of Sabta, Mr N P Mlokoti, general secretary, Mr Moffat Zitha, the association's assistant general secretary, and Mr P M Nkosi, public unage of the Prisons Service, but in many instances, the good, name of the country also.

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three men.

A Prisons Depart-
ment spokesman de-
clined to say whether
the three ANC men had
gone defiantly or quietly
to the gallows, but their
attorney said they were
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He believed that the
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The workers have

also approached their
union, the South Afri-
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ciety, to intervene on
their behalf. The union -
promised to take the
matter up with the com-
pany today, as the na-
tional organiser was not
available yesterday.

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PRO of Sabta. The four
will be accompanied by
three leading Johannes-
burg advocates.

The taxi-owners re-
gard this meeting as cru-
cial and historic because
it is the one which will
decide our fate and we
hope the talks between
the Minister and Sabta
will succeed'i.

A jubilant Mr Mio-
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terview with The SO-
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vigil was held outside
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bassy and a letter signed
by more than 100 people
urged the United King-
dom's Prime Minister -
Mrs Margaret Thatcher
to request the South Af-
rican Government to
call off the hangings.
During the vigil nine
people, including
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Kitson, whose father is
in jail in South Africa

for sabotage, were arrested by London police.

The Anti-Apartheid Movement called on the British Government to withdraw the British ambassador to South

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THE Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers' Union of South Africa (Ccawusa) is negotiating maternity agreement for its over 30 009 women members with several major stores in the country.

The union's regional organiser Mr William Dichaba, told The 80-WETAN last week they wanted the maternity agreement to be included in the recognition agreement with stores such as Woolworths, OK Bazaars and CNA,

'Most women, married or single, employed by major stores have no maternity benefits and there is no law protecting them during and after pregnancy.

'According' to Mr Dichaba most pregnant women have no maternity leave suffer a drop in salary if they are re-employed do not benefit from annual bonus. were re-employed on condition their performance was good and , they often suffer a lot of misery during pregnancy.

The union wants its members to be given maternity leave of up to a year. to be regarded as unbroken service when 'resuming work. .

It also wants an assurance from management that workers will be safe when they go on leave and that they will not be transferred to another store. i

Mr Dichaba stressed that pregnant women who have been contributing to the Unemployment Insurance Fund are entitled to money after five or six months.

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Victim

was a dog

A VICTIM of lighting on Sunday at the Cross-roads squatter camp, first thought to have been a baby, turned out to be a dog, police said beyond recognition, was included in the eaizly count of human fatali-ties, then giveneas eight and now adjusted to seven.--Sapa.

By GOBA NDLOVU

NEWS that Wilson erie' Nkosi (21), one of Temblsats rising soccer stars, had been crushed to death by a train _be-tween Oakrnoor and Olifantsfontein stations shocked the soccer fra-ternity at the weekend. Awarding to Wilson's elder brother, himself a former soccer star_, 'Benedict hJCii Nkosi, no foul play is sas-pected. ttMy family never suspected a thing

REPORTERS AT

STAR ON STRIKE

until we realised how he had used the R120 he had withdrawn from the house. His friends told us that he had given them each R2, bidding them farewell. We, thought this was a ru-mour, until a close rela-tive confirmed it," said Benedict. .__

thie'i who was a key player of local Defyr league affiliates Amato Football club, had already made his mark on the soccer scene by appearing twice for Tembisa Invitation XI.

MINERS

WORK AFTER BLA

NINE journalist mem-bers of the Black Media Workerst Association .of SA stayed away from The Star yesterday in , K support of 209 other workers who, according to management, anto-' maticnllly ttdismissed themselves' after a two-day work stoppage last month.

Other Mwasa mem-

bers reportedfor duty.

Star management was

not formally notified of the stayaway until nearly midday. In response to a formal inquiry, Mwasa said a resolution had been passed that tTali members at The Star would go out on strike 'in solidarity' with those who had already gone. Mwasa was requested to tell the nine striking journalists-that an illegal stoppage would place their employment in jeopardy. - Sapa.

WELKOM police have arrested five workers at the Beisa uranium mine near the city after violence erupted when about 650 workers refused to go on normal shift following Friday's methane gas explosion there. ' .

The Chief of the CID in the Northern Free State, Major Koos Campher, said "TELEFUNKEN TV".

WINNER TOMORROW .

He, also contributed to the Promotion of Amato - into the Defy league two seasons-ago.

Mr Benedict Nkosi said his brothers remains were collected on Sunday morning after he had been missing for three days. No funeral arrangements have been made yet. ' .

ttTjie" is survived by his mother, Elizabeth, one brother and six sisters. ,

In another death, Mr Million Madala Khosolithz, said the police were summoned to the mine when several workers apparently refused to go underground because of the explosion in which 16 workers were killed and 50 injured, according to the SABC.

Several buildings at the mine were damaged in the unrest yesterday and the contents of a (23) of 345 .E'xubeni Section was stabbed to death at Emangweni section on Saturday night. Mr Khosa, a soccer player for Santos Football Club, died in a

houseat Emangweni
section, shortly after he
had run away from his
attackers.

According to his
brother, Simon, Million
had gone out with
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The five miners are
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public violence.

More than 500 work-
ers decided to leave yes-
terday after the unrest, a
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In a statement to
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ed with incorporation into Swaziland in lngwavuma. nor 100,000-plus in no-manis land across Pongola.

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(Brig Lloyd. then Chief of Natal Command. 1979.)

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LABOUR

Strike Wave Continues

There were about 200 industrial strikes throughout SA last year compared to nearly 350 in 1981. but many more workers were involved in last yearTS strikes, anda far greater number of man days were lost. This is revealed in an annual review. Industrial Relatmns Trends, published by Professor Willie Bendix of the Stellenbosch School of Business, and Mr Eddie Nicholson. a manager of an industrial relation: practice in 12

Johannesburg. The review sets the figure for workers 5 volved in strikes last year at 120.000. compared wlth 93.000 in 1981. This cost employers 323.000 man days compared with 226.000 in 1981. ,

Mr Nicholson attributed these figures to a trend 0! more prolonged strikes last year over more clearly de- lined issues. 1There was better co-ordination amongst trade unions last year and industrial action was dlrect- ed at more specific targets than in previous years. T1115 resulted in fewer strikes but larger scale and more pro- mpeneneea 51% 01 last yearis strikes. followed by the motor industry with 1197 and the textile industry with 9%. The motor industIy had the longest average dura- tion of strikes with an average of 3.8 days per strike. followed by the textile industry with an average of 3 days per strike.

Regional distribution saw 60% oflast year's strikes taking place in the Transvaal. 21% in Natal. 13% in the 1. Eastem Cape and 6% in the Western Cape.

1x Rand Daily Mail 15.1.83

Skilled Labour Statistics

The latest preliminary census report. issued in Pretoria has shown the extent to which blacks. hindered by job reservation. have begun to outnumber whites in some skilled Categories. From the statistics in the report it is clear that blacks are no longer just the backbone of the production. labour and service industries. but have become indispensable in several important trades, South Africa had 75.540 bricklayers. of which 42.680 were black. 20.960 coloured and only 9.320 white. according to the 1980 report. 01' the total number of 43.280 construction carpenters in the country. 18.620 were black. 12.320 coloured and 10.320 white While there were 34.760 black rnotorcy ele mechanics, there were only 26.940 whites in this uategory. In many trades whites outnumbered blacks. such as the boilermakcr category. where there were 24.680 boilermakers altogether 16.480 whites and 6.180 blacks. In managerial categories blacks and women were underrepresented. White men. 1 13.360 of them. formed the backbone of the country's administrative and managerial structure. while only 4.040 black men and women out 01' 5.57-m economically active blacks were in this category. There were 101.760 black professionals listed. 01' which almost half. 47,920, were black women. Of the 70.740 black technicians. the vast majority. 48.180. Were black women. There were 642.000 black domestics. Among other statistics Were that there were 13.900 doctors (including 1.800 white Women. 560 blacks. 1.440 Indians and 260 coloureds.)

The Star 18.1.83

Natal (Thamber of Industries Viewpoint

Retrenelunents. it they must take piaee. should follow a negotiated settlement between employers and trade unions. That is the opinion of the Natal Chamber 01 Industries in its latest Weekly Bulletin. Mr John Pohl. deputy eteeutive director. warns that further retrenche merits are in the offing. and says that while the chamber believes redundancim to be a wiely management decision. iu'uys llnd means of sugar-eoating the bitter pill must be looked at..lnd there seems to the chamber no better answer than a negotiated settlement between employers and unions. Union recognition will probably present less problems than in the past because a iguarded respeeet' seemx to be replacing idownrrrht mistrust ' Rand Daily Mail 18 1 83

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The unions, which as recently as last April success-
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Smiths mill workers and triggered off four major
strikes in 1981 (October) when told of the government's
pension scheme, have accepted the need for retrench-
ment. The normal milling season is 40 weeks, but this
year's drought-ravaged crops have cut supplies so dras-
tically that milling must be cut back.
Not only the big sum companies are retrenching.

in an industry that usually employs 160,000 workers. cane growers are cutting their labour forces by at least 8000- Daily News 16.6.83

A Boksburg metal firm is re-engaging about 160 workers who were dismissed last week. They were reported to have struck at Bitcon industries in protest against the retrenchment of 36 of their colleagues and were tired. An urgent meeting was held yesterday and a union spokesman said the management had given an undertaking to re-engage the strikers.

The Star 14.6.83

Union negotiations with a Benoni firm, Dunlop Industrial Products, are continuing after 600 workers recently went on strike for two days. The workers were protesting about a three-shift scheme which reduced working hours from 45 to 37 a week. A Chemical Workers Industrial Union spokesman said it had asked management not to implement the scheme for the entire workforce until the matter had been fully negotiated. The union had already negotiated special pay and transposition benefits for those workers who were presently working the three-shift scheme. The firm said the scheme was started as an alternative to laying off workers. The Star 17.6.83

The Kohler packing group has closed its Germiston plant resulting in 125 workers being laid off and another 65 being transferred to other group operations. The closure, which was announced last Friday, was the result of a duplication of efforts at Kohler's three East Rand plants. a statement said- The Star 20.6.83

Strikes and Disputes

New and unprecedented levels of strike action by black workers are likely once the economy begins to pick up according to a study on strikes by a leading labour relations consultancy. Despite claims that strike action is on the wane, the study finds there has been a strong and steady trend towards greater strike action by black workers since 1971, which is likely to continue. And it also finds that the vast majority of strikes are triggered by issues which lie directly under the control of company managements, rather than by political or social reasons. The study A special report on industrial action by consultants Andrew Levy and Associates, challenges many commonly-held theories on black worker strike action. It is based on strike information gathered from the consultancy's own sources and also makes use of official figures.

The study argues that the number of strikes which occur in any given year does not on its own give an accurate picture of strike trends. It says the key issue is how many man-days have been lost to industry each year through strike action. Despite suggestions that black strikes only became a major factor after the w-wA. . ., m; _ _ :

1979 labour reforms, the study includes a graph which indicates that there has been a sharp and steady increase in man-days lost through strikes since 1971, despite occasional drops in individual years. It suggests that even if strike figures drop temporarily this year as a result of the recession, this trend may well continue in future.

In an analysis of incidents which triggered strikes, the study finds that 80% were sparked by wages, grievances, discipline and dismissals-issues which lie within the ambit of the managerial decisions. It argues that this means companies will have to ask whether or not their awareness and handling of these issues is adequate. It goes on to find that firing and discipline have become a far greater strike issue than wages in the past few months-presumably because of the recession. This, it argues, means that decisions on these issues

should receive the most careful management attention. According to the study strikes by black workers also last longer. Nearly 30% of the strikes between 1979 and 1982 lasted between three and five days and over 10% lasted six days or more. It finds that where strikes are not settled on the first day they tend to last for at least another two days. For employers, it says, this means that panic or coercive tactics in the early stages of a strike are likely to be counter-productive. The study also finds that where striking workers are represented by a union the strike tends to last longer. But it adds that this does not necessarily mean that unions cause strikes and may mean the grievance which caused the strike is more likely to be settled if a Rand Daily Mail 16.6.83

won is present.

Union of South Africa (Cusa)

The 100,000-strong Cusa emerged at the weekend in full support of the newly-established Anti-Community Council Committee, urging Soweto residents to boycott the forthcoming community council elections. 'Instead we call for municipal rights for everyone. Community councilshlike homelands, are farcical and do not even remotely fulfil the civic and political aspirations of the black people. Cusa repeats its call to members and other workers to increase their commitment to their communities through participation in activities aimed at creating a just society Sowetan 13.6.83

Food, Beverage and Allied Workers Union

Tension in the FBAWU-the most successful of the Cusa unions- has led to the removal of the union's executive at a special national congress held at the weekend. Among the officials apparently ousted are the union's president, Mr Longwe Kwelemthini, who is also a senior Cusa office-bearer. It is still not clear whether the sackings will stand as two of the union's four branches walked out of the congress and representatives of two branches may not be able to remove the executive. The congress followed tension between the national council of the union and its East Rand branch which accused the council of acting unconstitutionally. According to the chairman of the East Rand branch, Mr James Mndadeni, the congress voted out the executive and elected an interim committee of which he was voted chairman. This committee would arrange new elections. He said both Mr Kwelemthini and the union's general secretary, Mr Skakes Sikhakhane walked out of the meeting before any decisions were taken and were followed by the West Rand

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were told all the vacancies were filled. The entire re-trenched workforce was not affiliated to any union. Sowetan 10.6.83

A brief strike by part of the workforce at a major East Rand foundry, Salcast, has ended and management has agreed on compassionate grounds to reinstate 13 of the workers who had been fired. The company, which employs about 1700 workers, is owned by Stewarts and Lloyds. According to management between 200 & 300 workers took part. Meanwhile workers at the Dunlop tyre plants in Durban and on the East Rand are staging a boycott of the company canteens in protest at the delay in the company's union recognition talks. With Mawuu- Rand Daily Mail 11.6.83

Unionist Appeals for reinstatement

The sacking of the president of the East Rand based Engineering and Allied Workers Union by a Dutch-owned company had a sequel in the industrial court yesterday. Mr Mcebisi Mqhayi is asking the court for a 'status quo' order temporarily reinstating him until his dispute with Van Leer (SA) is settled. Mr Mqhayi has also alleged that he was the victim of a three-year unfair labour practice by the company in that it repeatedly sought to undermine his job security, but this aspect of the case was not heard yesterday. Van Leer denies the allegations and charges that Mqhayi was fired for Hagrant disobedience of a lawful instruction. Rand Daily Mail 8.6.83

Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers Union

In this country the new mother takes maternity leave at her own risk. She has no legal guarantee of her job back and with the high rate of unemployment she might not find another job at all. Because there is no state policy on maternity leave, trade unions have had to use their clout to establish maternity agreements between employee and employer. Ccawusa - a retail trade union with about 30,000 members, more than half of whom are women - believes it is on the verge of clinching with OK Bazaars the most progressive maternity leave agreement in South Africa. This agreement, said a Ccawusa organiser, would probably set a precedent for companies and trade unions throughout SA. The most important feature of the agreement is that it would allow the worker one year of almost unconditional maternity leave. After that time the worker would be guaranteed her job back - or one of similar status. The Star 7.6.83

Ccawusa has developed rapidly since it was founded in 1975. Although unaffiliated, it now has 20,000 members and is well organised in Johannesburg, Durban and Cape Town. In spite of the detention of some of its members, including general secretary Mrs Emma Mashinini, Ccawusa has continued to make its presence felt. This week, for example, the Checkers management agreed to transfer a branch manager to whom the workers objected. Union members at other Checkers branches had joined in the protest and management had accepted the union's demands. The management has also agreed to talks on a recognition agreement. The union also expects to complete a recognition agreement with the OK Bazaars group and the Woolworths chain later this month. However Ccawusa's membership is still small. It has 2nd priority in 'agreement':

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not come easily. Last August there were 111115 '1 13111111 1.1 rike at OK stores in the Johannesburg: 11111.1 mi; 11 11 11m 1 time saw about 700 warehouse workers on Sirlkt mt wage demands. They were subsequently dismissed. Several OK branches in Port Elizabeth were hit by 1 sympathy strike in February sparked by the dismissal of 101a worker. A prolonged wage strike late last year 111

more than a dozen Johannesburg area branches of 1111 r
CNA was finally resolved in late November. 1.4151
month the union was involved in a row with the 1111
Stores chain over the searching of employees at 1 Ver-
eeniging branch. As a result the six union 111111ht rs
who had been dismissed for refusing to be searched
were reinstated.

However, labour disputes have not always meant
victory for the union. In 1981 about 15011ietrlbersut
four branches of the Game chain in Durban were dis-
missed for striking. Subsequently Cawusa is discussim'
an agreement with Game in Johannesburg. Six mem-
bers are also facing charges under the Intimidation Act
arising from a labour dispute at Teltron Electronics in
Johannesburg last November.

In addition to negotiations with Game talks are
proceeding with Makro, Foschini Pick 11 Pay. the
Idgars group and Metro Cash and Carry. One of the
union's most important recognition agreements was
signed with Allied Publishing in 1980. Cawusa is also
involved in the union unity talks which have been
going on this year, and has a number of important
overseas union affiliations, including one with the
International Federation of Commercial, Clerical and
Technical Employees. The Star 8.6.83

Orange-Vaai General Workers Union

The OVGWU, based in Vereeniging, has been told to
submit membership records to the Department of
Manpower or appear in court. Several unregistered
trade unions have been approached over the past few
weeks with requests to submit their financial and
membership records. These were required only from
registered unions until recent amendments to the
Labour Relations Act. The union's secretary, Mr Philip
Masia said the union had received a warning from the
Department of Manpower that it would be subpoenaed
if it did not submit certain information. Unions which
refuse to comply with the department's request face 11
months' term. The Star 8.6.83

Fosatu / Cusa 'Poaching' Row

A row over alleged poaching of members has broken
out between two emerging unions in the food industry
one affiliated to Cusa, the other to Fosatu. Cusa's
Food, Beverage and Allied Workers Union issued a
statement attacking rival unions for preaching unity
and solidarity while attempting to divide workers or-
ganised by the Food & Beverage. The row comes as
emerging unions are planning key union talks next
month. The FBAWU say the attack is directed chiefly
against the Sweet, Food and Allied Workers Union,
which they accuse of trying to poach members at the
Irvine and Johnson plant in Springs and a meat plant
in Pretoria.

But the Fosatu union's general secretary, Mrs
Maggie Magubane, said her union allowed workers at
the plants to join only after persistent requests by
them over a two-year period. We believe in freedom

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