

NOW MORE THAN EVER we call on you to support our struggle by taking appropriate action to:

- **pressure your company (or companies in your industry which invest in apartheid) to grant full negotiating rights to your fellow workers in their South African subsidiaries
- **demand the release of all our trade union leaders and activists who are detained
- **support us financially through the SACTU STRIKE FUND

The SACTU STRIKE FUND has been established in pursuance of our historical task to organize international support for the workers' struggle inside South Africa. As black workers take strike action, they and their families suffer incredible hardship.

Cheques or money orders should be sent to the SACTU SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE, the representative of SACTU in Canada. In the present situation, there is no guarantee that money sent directly to unions in South Africa will in fact reach them. SACTU has the necessary machinery to channel money into the country without this money being confiscated by the apartheid regime.

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SOUTH AFRICAN CONGRESS OF TRADE UNIONS
(SACTU)



"WE ARE TAKING NO MORE! WE ARE ON THE MARCH! TAKING STRIKE ACTION AND WITHDRAWING OUR LABOUR IS PART OF OUR STRUGGLE TO GAIN FREEDOM. IT IS A WEAPON WE HAVE USED AND WILL CONTINUE TO USE TO CRIPPLE THE APARTHEID ECONOMY."

STRIKE FUND APPEAL

A CALL TO THE CANADIAN TRADE UNION
MOVEMENT AND GENERAL PUBLIC FROM
THE BLACK WORKERS OF SOUTH AFRICA

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

For almost seven decades we the black workers of South Africa have suffered intolerable conditions. Exploitation, starvation wages, and denial of trade union rights are but part of the overall oppression to which we are subjected daily. This is a result of our being denied all political rights.

1980, the Year of the Worker, is the year in which we escalate and heighten the struggle we have waged for seventy years. The intensification of our struggle has resulted in the apartheid regime increasing its vicious methods of repression to perpetuate our enslavement. Summary jailing and banning of our leaders and forcible removal of striking workers to the bantustans continue each day. Despite this, our actions have increased both in number and effectiveness. We have seen solidarity actions, boycotts, strikes in support of fellow-workers who have been dismissed and strikes calling for the recognition of trade unions and democratically elected workers' committees.

There is not one industrial sector or region in our country that has not experienced strike action over the last 18 months. To mention but a few -- the powerful community support during the Fatti's and Moni's strike; the solidarity of the workers across industrial lines during the meat strike; the clear political consciousness demonstrated during the Ford strike; the paralysing of the motor industry during

the Uitenhage strikes; the threat to the heartland of the racists' economy emanating from the action at the Stilfontein goldmine, SASOL and Secunda; and the black municipal workers' strike in which Joseph Mavi was arrested and thousands of striking workers "deported" to the bantustans by armed police.

The sham "reforms" which the regime, together with its supporters, the multinational corporations and foreign companies boast about, are a manifestation of their panic and ever increasing demoralization in the face of our determined and principled stand.

WE DEMAND:

- **a minimum wage of R75 per week determined by free collective bargaining
- **unfettered trade union rights
- **abolition of the pass laws, influx control and all the laws which are used to enslave us
- **freedom of assembly, speech and movement
- **no more victimization and intimidation by the police

