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FAWU'S FINISHED IN NORTHERN NATAL.

Workers have rejected FAWU. This is the message from workers in Northern Natal. Local organisers have begun to give up hope and are fighting a losing battle, as FAWU loses more ground to other unions not affiliated to COSATU. Workers have realised that FAWU's Charterist dictators have played enough politics, have squandered enough money, and have grown fat on membership contribution for too long. Organisers have in fact become lazy and are no longer interested in the worker as such.

TOO BAD THAT THIS IS THE PICTURE IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY AS WELL.

COSATU - STEALS MORE MONEY FROM THE UNEMPLOYED.

UNEMPLOYED WORKERS COORDINATING COMMITTEE (UWCC) has informed titbits that COSATU has once again stolen funds from the jobless workers and is using money for parties, Avis cars and the usual jet set life-style of COSATU executives. Hard working UWCC organisers discovered this fact when they approached KAGISO TRUST for money they were supposed to have received through COSATU's "financial channels". KAGISO TRUST has now refused to donate any more money to UWCC as all the money they have donated has been stolen by COSATU. Kagiso Trust has told UWCC to go to Cosatu directly and ask for the money.

Latest news is that COSATU's "Regional Executive" has cold-shouldered UWCC attempts at the truth and that UWCC has now been forced to turn to overseas organisations for support.

THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME COSATU EXECUTIVES HAVE USED THEIR POSITION TO ENRICH THEMSELVES AT THE EXPENSE OF THE WORKER. THESE CORRUPT OFFICIALS MUST NOW BE FORCED TO STOP USING COSATU AS A MEANS TO GET RICH.

KGANARE DEATH PLOT FOILED AT THE LAST MOMENT.

COSATU's great failure to reunite CCAWUSA factions as now led to new developments as the unions internal struggle intensifies. Latest developments include a plot to lure Vivian Mtwla to Natal, and there to have him assassinated by agents of Papi Kganare. If all works out well the blame will be placed on INKATHA, and the ensuring burial and publicity will help to reunite CCAWUSA.

ONCE AGAIN THE CHARTERISTS HAVE SHOWN THAT THEY ARE NO MORE THAN A PACK OF CRIMINALS WHO WILL GO TO ANY LENGTH TO IMPOSE THEIR WILL ON THE WORKERS.

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● COSATU'S LOCAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE (LED-COM) is busy taking over the role that the UDF Area Committees played. Does this now mean that the area committees will become obsolete?

● COSATU, after having stolen so much money from the Unemployed Workers Union, is worried that many of the unemployed workers whom can no longer be helped, will become 'KITS KONSTABELS'.

● COSATU has asked that all unemployed workers to report locals where they will receive help. All COSATU officials who get fired must report to the Unemployed Workers Coordinating Committee for help.

● Workers have demanded that the bosses stop making use of stop order facilities to steal hard earned money from them, without their knowledge. Workers demand the right to decide where their money goes. Workers are tired of all the deductions.

ACT NOW AND CANCEL STOP-ORDER FACILITIES, BEFORE THE BOSSES CAN STEAL MORE OF YOUR MONEY.

**STOP ORDERS ARE UNDEMOCRATIC
THEY GIVE THE WORKERS NO SAY
THE WORKERS DEMAND CONTROL OVER
THEIR MONEY**

COSATU's MISSING THOUSANDS.

Despite a budget of close to R8 000 000 00, Cosatu's finances remain in a dismal state. Looking at the figures one wonders who exactly runs Cosatu? Cosatu continues to rely on overseas funding in order to exist.

LO/TCO SWEDEN	1 936 011	COSATU BUDGET	7 605 353
LO/NORWAY	859 762	MINUS HANDOUTS	6 452 233
LO/LTF DENMARK	1 399 441	TOTAL	1 153 120
SAK/FIN	571 360		
FNV NETHERLANDS	651 000		
TUC	50 925		
NORWEGIAN AID	901 098		
IRISH LABOUR	21 519		
AMERICAN MINE- WORKERS	5 981		
DBG GERMANY	1 554		
OTHER	53 581		
TOTAL	6 452 233		

Cosatu adds a rather watered down R71 022 spent on entertainment and hotel bills, when we all know the figure is closer to R300 000;00.

STOP ENRICHING PEOPLE WHO DON'T CARE FOR YOU AS WORKERS

Cosatu's Avis car hire account "officially" stands at R130 624.00. TITBITS checked with Avis and discovered the figure stands at almost R250 000.00, including at least ten motor vehicles damaged beyond repair by Union officials returning from meetings drunk.

In most cases union officials were accompanied by women referred to as "prostitutes" by Avis officials.

OFFICIAL COSATU CARS USED AS TAXI's

Did you know that COSATU officials are all being given new motor vehicles bought by union funds. Some officials even have more than one vehicle registered in their name, some even have chauffeurs paid by Cosatu. Titbits conducted an investigation into the matter and found that at least 150 vehicles have been bought by Cosatu, and have been given to favoured officials. Workers have reported that they regularly see officials using their cars and mini-busses as taxi's, transporting non-union people between centres. Some officials have even joked about how cheap it is to get a vehicle from Cosatu. Jay Naidoo told Titbit reporters that some officials have sold "their" vehicles, and are now asking Cosatu to replace them. We can only wait and see what Jay is going to do with his union Jetta.

UWCC TELLS OF COSATU'S "HIT AND RUN" TACTICS.

Did you know that Cosatu "DISINVESTED" one million rand from Unemployed Workers Coordinating Committee and is now "sanctioning" to dissolve the Union, because Cosatu executives are scared that if the truth about the money is made known, this will lead to friction in the organisation.

The truth is that Cosatu executives squandered one million rand, donated by the Canadian Labour Congress to UWCC and entrusted to Cosatu. UWCC never received a cent of this money, with the result that workers in the Western Cape still suffer the hardship of unemployment.

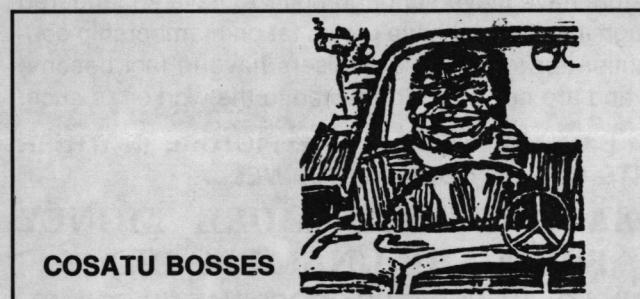
Since 1985 Cosatu executives have managed to milk trade unions dry of all the funds donated by foreign organisation. Cosatu executives have promised everything, yet when compare the jobless, poorly educated workers to the corrupt intellectuals of Cosatu, who are assured of their incomes, we see exactly who has profited from the organisation. While supporting Cosatu's disinvestment campaign against Shell in South Africa, UWCC was forced to approach Shell for funds to enable them to start their worker cooperatives aimed at helping the jobless worker. Shell has agreed to help. Is this not a bit of "arse about face", as Shell is now part and parcel of the struggle to liberate workers from the Regime, or Cosatu's oppression. All Cosatu has done is to steal more money from the worker.

KRISH NAIDOO — LIBERATIONS CAPITALIST LAWYER?.

As was the case with Pricilla Jana, Krish Naidoo has shown that he is not interested in the liberation struggle. The only cause he is interested in, is his own. He continues to use this position, and his shadow creation, the Nelson Mandela Trust to enrich himself at the expense of the liberation movement. Titbits would like to know how

much has that capitalist lawyer made, while the people he is supposed to help, languish in prison.

Fatima Meer has brought the latest Naidoo stunt to our attention. Naidoo attempted to steal the rights to publish a book entitled, "Higher than Hope", in order to receive a kickback from the publishing agents. Initially the agents agreed to publish the book free of charge, however Naidoo saw the opportunity to make a huge profit for himself. Naidoo has in the past shown exactly what the struggle for freedom means to him. He regularly claims duplicate salary payments from different organisation, and get away with it. He extracts amounts held in trust which is totally irregular, and gets away with it. He does in fact owe the Trust R6 898 920 which he is busy planning how to steal. Is this a reflection on a true liberation lawyer?



POST AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS WORKERS ASSOCIATION (POTWA)

Congratulations POTWA! Your CEC has wasted so much of the membership money that they had to beg cars from American Swiss. This company donated ten cars to POTWA, and CEC members can now drive around the country in luxury. Cars which are brought by POTWA for use by members are being registered in CEC members names. Elias Mosunkutu was bragging with his new Cressida for which he paid cash. Come on Elias where does a Senior Telephone Electrician get R48 000,00 cash to buy a car?

Membership of POTWA increased by over 600 in June. It is only a pity that most of the stop orders were submitted with forged signatures.

Has the CEC told its members and the Post Office that they are committing fraud in order to boost membership. Despite this, over 700 members resigned. They can now see that the CEC is only in the game to enrich themselves and play politics. At the national congress last year the new CEC promised that POTWA would become a trade union and change its name to the Post and Telecommunications Worker Union (POTWA). When will this happen? The members are waiting for the CEC to start fulfilling their elections promises.

CHARTERISTS CHASING THE FREEDOM CHARTER

