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INVESTITIONSTOP IN SÜDAFRIKA ALS POLITISCHE FORDERUNG UNÜMGÄNGLICH Gewerkschaftler und kirchliche Mitarbeiter besuchten Südafrika

Die Investitionen der multinationalen Konzerne in den letzten Jahren in Südafrika haben nicht den erwarteten politischen Wandel gebracht. Die derzeitigen Rationalisierungen in der Automobilindustrie kosten angelernten Schwarzen ihren Arbeitsplatz. Das Bildungssystem in Südafrika hat sich auch nicht dahingehend verbessert, daß es Schwarzen gleiche Arbeitsplatzchancen gibt wie den Weißen.

Aus diesen Gründen unterstützen die Teilnehmer einer vierwöchigen Studienfahrt nach Südafrika, die von der ökumenischen Werkstatt Kassel organisiert war, die politische Forderung des Investitionsboykotts gegenüber Südafrika, bis sich ein grundlegender Wandel im Lande abzeichnet. Mitreisende der Gruppe waren Betriebsräte von Volkswagen Kassel, Gewerkschaftssekretäre und kirchliche Mitarbeiter.

Bei Gesprächen mit Mitgliedern verschiedener Gewerkschaften wurde immer wieder auf die Forderung des politischen Wandels hingewiesen. Die anfängliche Hoffnung, daß Reformen in den Betrieben, die aus Produktionsgründen notwendig waren, auch einen politischen Wandel einleiten würden, hat sich als falsch erwiesen. Lehrlingsausbildung von Schwarzen wird nur in geringem Maße betrieben, finanzielle Besserstellungen der Automobilarbeiter werden zurückgeschnitten, weil angeblich die Konkurrenz der Japaner auf dem Markt keinen Lohn in der Höhe von 2 Rand 75 = 5,- DM pro Stunde mehr zuläßt. Der Kaufkraftverlust der schwarzen VW-Arbeiter betrug 1984 5 % im letzten Jahr.

Die Verlagerung einer Produktionsstätte im Bereich von Lady Smith um nur wenige Kilometer vom weißen Südafrika in das sogenannte Homeland Kwazulu brachte dem betreffenden US-Konzern nicht nur eine mehrjährige Steuerbefreiung, sondern auch zusätzlich die Erstattung der meisten Investitionskosten durch das Homeland "Kwazulu" und die Garantie, daß niedrigere Löhne gezahlt werden können. Die Gewerkschaft der NA (Automobilarbeitergewerkschaft) kann ihre Mitglieder nicht mehr vertreten, wenn sie z.B. in dem Homeland "Bophuthatswana" bei derselben Firma, nämlich BMW Südafrika arbeiten. Nur wenige Fahrminuten entfernt von der BMW-Produktionsstätte in Roslyn (weißes Südafrika). Die multinationalen Konzerne müssen sich den Vorwurf gefallen lassen, daß sie durch solche Praktiken eine Stütze des Rassismus in Südafrika sind.

Bei Gesprächen mit Pastoren, Missionaren und Kirchenvorstehern ist bei der Gruppe der Eindruck entstanden, als ob in Bophuthatswana zu mindestens bei vielen Mitgliedern der lutherischen Kirche eine positive Einstellung gegenüber der Homelandpolitik vorhanden ist. Die sozialen, ökonomischen und politischen Konsequenzen der Homelandpolitik werden von diesen Lutheranern entweder nicht wahrgenommen oder als Zwischenlösung akzeptiert. Bei einer Kirche, deren Mitglieder weitgehend der Mittelschicht angehören bzw. Positionen in der Regierung und Verwaltung dieses Homelands einnehmen, muß besonders von außen die Aufmerksamkeit für die Situation der Armen und Rechtlosen angemahnt werden. Besuche und Gespräche in Winterfeld machten die folgende Homelandpolitik besonders gegenüber den Nicht-Tswanas deutlich. Die Unterdrückung und Rassendiskriminierung war von derselben Qualität wie sie von der Regierung in Südafrika insgesamt ausgeübt wird.

P.S.

Diese Pressemitteilung ist bisher nur vom regionalen epd (Kassel) verbreitet worden. Artikel über die Reise (ABP-bezuschusst) werden für etliche Zeitungen vorbereitet. Im Zusammenhang mit der Visumsbeantragung stellte sich heraus, daß die Teilnehmerliste der Tagung Arnoldshain 28.-30.11.84 genau eine Wo. später bereits bei der Südafrikanischen Botschaft vorlag und die Botschaft an den Visums-Nachfrager Fragen zu mindestens einem Arnoldshain-Teilnehmer stellte! Eine Del. der Reise-Teiln. darf am 13.3.85 bei der Botschaft anfragen.

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Throgmorton Street

LONDON. — Share prices eased in lacklustre trading on the London Stock Exchange yesterday.

Towards the close the FTSE 100 index was down 10,3 at 1 249,4.

ICI moved against the trend to show a net gain of 5p to 852p after an actively traded session.

ICI initially firmed to 854p following completion of its acquisition of Beatrice Co Inc chemical interests which accompanied the placing of 18-million ordinary shares.

tiously sold ahead of the weekend, with dealer house, Philbro, a light buyer, reported Reuters

European operators, who were enthusiastic buyers when the dollar fell back,

plat down 115c and Rusplat down 70c on the week.

De Beers was a firm spot, up 13c on the week at 910c. Good foreign demand lifted the diamond counter to the top of the most active list

Industry shares at 287c.

The banking sector weakened, with Barclays off 50c on the week at R13,75, Nedbank down 70c at 905c and Trust off 23c at 187c.

BMW export drive from SA

Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — BMW is planning an export drive from South Africa, with an eventual target of R50m a year in sales of parts to overseas markets.

This was announced in Cape Town yesterday by Mr Eberhard von Kuenheim, chairman of BMW in West Germany.

He said the South African subsidiary of BMW would start exporting to Germany in July this year.

"The objective is for BMW South Africa to eventually export up to R50m worth of

parts a year."

He said the BMW plant in Bophuthatswana would be expanded and would employ a further 200 people to gear up for the first phase of the export plan.

This would entail the production and exporting of components worth about R10m a year, depending on demand.

"The exporting of large quantities of high technology components on a regular basis to a regular client, such as the overseas parent company, is a meaningful way of dealing with the ills of the

South African car manufacturing industry," Mr Von Kuenheim said.

"This industry has to improve its manufacturing economics of scale if it is to become truly viable and profitable, consistently.

"Bearing in mind that BMW AG produces some 500 000 cars a year, and that we are prepared to let BMW South Africa become a major supplier of certain kinds of components, we believe our local subsidiary will retain and strengthen its position in South Africa."

ETS AT A GLANCE

New high

COMP	PRICE	PREV
2 599 244 shares	840	825

Sugar price

THE London daily raw sugar price fell to £104 (£105) a ton yesterday and the white su-

Money market

SHORT-TERM market rates closed softer on fairly strong demand for a very limited

Gold averages

THE average London gold fixing for the year to Thursday was 5201,02, down the

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Belgian	26,5000	26,5000
Swiss	1,2775	1,4160
French	4,8200	5,0920
Italian	1003,5000	1028,5000
Dutch	1,8200	1,8700
German	1,8080	1,8515
Swedish	4,8625	4,8700

opened fire with birdshot during an unofficial strike at East Driefontein gold mine. A spokesman said the police had been stoned. One miner was admitted to hospital ...

Sunday Star 17.2.85

A bitter war of words has erupted between the Num and Rand Mines over the dismissal of 86 workers at the Rietspruit Colliery near Witbank who ignored an ultimatum to return to work yesterday. Management imposed the ultimatum in a bid to break the strike by more than 800 workers which started over the suspension of four Num shop stewards and the later dismissal of two. More than 500 workers at Rand Mines' Duvha Colliery went on strike yesterday in sympathy with the Rietspruit workers but returned after being threatened with sacking.

The Num alleged that many of the fired workers had been forcibly evicted from their homes and that several workers were injured by the mine security organisation which had been 'empowered to harass and assault workers'. The union said those who had refused to work had been forced into buses and forcibly ejected from the mine. Mr Allen Cook, deputy head of Rand Mines' coal division, dismissed the allegations ... About 85% of the workers had returned and the mood at the mine had improved. He said 86 workers had elected to be discharged and many of these were the 'hard-core trade unionist Turks — people whose hearts and minds we could never win — and we're glad to see the last of them' ...

Rand Daily Mail 20.2.85

Municipal Workers Arrested

More than 200 Potchefstroom municipal workers were arrested by police after being dismissed for refusing to obey an order that they abandon a strike and return to work. A police spokesman said the workers would appear in court today on a charge of striking illegally. A spokesman for Cusa's SA's Black Municipality Workers Union said the workers were demanding the recognition of the union and were protesting against the victimisation of colleagues. They stopped work yesterday morning and were fired in the afternoon, a spokesman for the municipality said. 'We gave them the opportunity to go back and state their problems, but they wouldn't talk' ...

Rand Daily Mail 21.2.85

Workers Reinstated

All 781 non-classified workers at King Edward VIII hospital who were fired have been given their jobs back. They all resumed service on February 13 ...

Daily News 15.2.85

The Food Beverage Workers Union has called off the boycott of Dairy Maid products after the company agreed to reinstate 80 dismissed workers and pay them out R70 000. The company has also agreed to recognise the union once it has established its representativity. The settlement represents a substantial achievement for the union, an affiliate of Cusa, whose members were dismissed from the Pretoria-based plant after staging a work stoppage a year ago. In papers filed to the industrial court the union's legal representatives alleged that the Barlow Rand-owned company was guilty of a record number of 77 unfair labour practices. In a statement yesterday FBWU said they had undertaken to inform the community that the boycott was being discontinued. A spokesman for Dairy Maid said they saw the settlement as a compromise agreed on by both parties in the interests of good industrial relations and looked forward to a sound future relationship with the union.

Rand Daily Mail 19.2.85

Food Industry Unions Call for Unity

The Fosatu-affiliated Sweet, Food and Allied Workers Union has called on all unions in the food industry to unite and form a strong opposition to management. The union has invited the unaffiliated Food and Canning Workers Union and the Cusa-affiliated FBWU to a meeting to discuss the possibility of a merger, according to SFAWU's president, Chris Dlamini, who is also president of Fosatu. He said that such unity was important in view of the current unity talks taking place among newly-established unions aimed at forming a big federation. FCWU's general secretary, Mr J Theron, said they supported the principle involved and would welcome any moves aimed at uniting trade unions in the food industry.

Sowetan 15.2.85

FRG Unionists' Visit

Closer links should be forged between emerging SA trade unions and their West German and international counterparts following last week's fact-finding visit of a high-powered delegation from the Deutsche Gewerkschaftsbund (DGB). The delegation was headed by Ernst Breit, president of the DGB which is an umbrella organisation for the 17 industrial unions in the FRG. Breit is also vice president of the European Trade Union Confederation and vice president of the ICFTU ... In recent years individual DGB unions have developed good relations with SA unions — especially in the automobile manufacturing, metal and chemical sectors. The DGB does not give direct aid to SA unions. Aid is channelled through the ICFTU and individual DGB unions.

The idea for this visit was first proposed at a DGB-hosted meeting of the ICFTU in January last year which was attended by a number of leading SA unionists. Besides holding talks with SA unionists, the delegation also visited the Siemens Walsloo factory and Volkswagen's PE plant. Contact was made with the SA Chamber of Commerce in which the attitudes of German companies operating in SA towards industrial relations and unions and the EEC code of employment were noted. According to the labour attache at the German embassy in SA local unions obtained no promises of individual aid. But it seems that a number of unions are looking for expert help in the areas of education and occupational health ... On the disinvestment issue the delegation came to the conclusion that it has put 'useful' pressure for change on the SA government and it should be pursued. However, it recognised that disinvestment would have a negative effect at the shop floor level.

Financial Mail 22.2.85

Retrenchment

SA's largest stevedoring company, SA Stevedores, will retrench more than 500 workers from its Durban stevedoring staff as the shipping industry reels under the recession. Another reason for the retrenchments is increased mechanisation. Mr Mike Morris, Natal branch secretary of the General Workers Union, said the company was retrenching one quarter of its stevedoring staff. Non-stevedoring staff will also be retrenched, bringing the total to 30% or about 600 people ...

Mr Les Owen, Industrial Relations Manager for SAS, said retrenchments were a permanent facet of the industry from now on. 'It is not just a temporary thing as a result of the recession. The industry worldwide is undergoing tremendous changes and moving more and more to mechanisation'. The company has been operating a system of rotational unpaid leave for a long time ...

Daily News 15.2.85