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2nd March 1989
THE GENERAL SECRETARY.
COSATU.
6th FLOOR.
NATIONAL ACCEPTANCE HOUSE.
CNR RISSIK AND ANDERSON STREET.
JOHANNESBURG.
Sir,
F The National Executive Council of Fedcrow met on the 26th
Februarv 1989 and resolved not to attend this socalled
'Worker Summit".
Its reasons for declining Cosatu invitation are explained
in the enclosed document entitled 'The so-called Workers
g Summit', Fedcrow Stand.
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Yours Faithfully
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GENERAL SECRETARY.
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THE SO-CALLED WORKERS' SUMMIT FEDCRAW'S STAND.

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mMsdesb hEXgY5h3eighhggiisdwhfcihis workers summit was we were invited was reason enough for us to decline.how else could we have justified the arrogance and disrespect Fedcr a w was subjected to in this invitation? Frank Mientjies, the Cosatu publicity secretary initially invited Fedora w telephonically and there and then demanded our response,this was on the 2 3rd Pebrua ry 1989 and on being rebuked by us,proml8ed to send a formal invitatiOn.!he formal invite tion of the 23rd February 1989 but received_by us on the 24th February 1989 was worse than the telephonic episode and this time it was not Frank meintjies but Cosatu3s general-secretaryf J.naidoo. Look at the atteched invitation letter,instead or apologising for the belated invitation, it accuses Federaw of being aware of the summit.What is Cosatu leadership trying to imply by saying we must have beam aware? Whatever our eemplaints or their actions,the question is, are we being invited to a worker summit,or a Cosatu summit or some big bourgeois liberal drinking party? 50 answer the above quest ions we had to examine the trade union principle relating to this situation and avoid personal bickerings. The principles that we base ourselves in determining our response to this invitation are not only known by Cosatu but are its principles. That all leaderships of trade unions and federations must work only an mandates from the majority of their members. This.-comrades, can Only mean that the convening of the summit should have been as a result of the mandates of both Cosatu and Nactu members. The convening of the workers summit, should therefore have been from the South African workers organised in their respective unions.. Apparently both,Frank Meintjies and J.Naidoo do not concur. If not,how do they expect Fedoraw to get a manda te in such a short period of II(eleven) days.

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Since, mandates can only come from organised people, a workers summit mandate should have come from most of the South African trade unions which are workers organisations. This summit is supposed to be a workers summit and not a Cbsatu and Nactu summit. If this is so, how do we explain this belated invitation to Federaw and N. U.F. W or are the workers like these unions insignificant?

Cosatu leadership implies in this invitation letter and the list it has supplied, that most independent unions should have not been invited and also that all independent unions were to be invited to this "workers summit". The question is, why should the independent unions be invited to this? what is supposed to be their summit? We should be talking about invitations to consultation trade union meetings, where we would have determined how our summit should work, instead of us being invited to "summit 5", "working committees", or "briefings" by the unprincipled know all Cosatu bourgeois intellectual leadership. Comrades we can invite whoever to our conferences, congresses, summits and workshops but a workers summit is not supposed to be a private monopoly of anyone including the Cosatu gentlemen. Once it becomes the workshop or drinking party of the Cosatu and or Nactu gentlemen, it ceases to be a workers summit. So it has ceased. Comrades, to pick issues on the blunders undemocratic practices and anti-working class arrogance of these gentlemen as factors militating against us attending this summit or as a pointer to the fact that it is not a workers summit is to glorify these charlatans. For this implies that they are making mistakes or just downright 'uninformed', but is it true, then if it is so, let us have the facts alone and go to the summit. The agenda reflected on this invitation and decided upon by the "learned" gentlemen from Cosatu and Nactu as well as some background of the recent past activities of these gentlemen relating to the very agenda should reveal the essence of this so-called worker summit. The summit referred to here, is preceded by a number of others who come together whose class nature, -

essence and agenda are now well known to most democrats, working class leaders and activist amongst the workers. Not long ago, the whole South African Labour movement, democrats and students, stood up to thoroughly expose and prepare for an all out war against the then Labour Relations Amendment Bills. Federaw, N.U.F.W., Awosa and other unions in and out of the two federations raised the working class principle of establishing a militant united front of all unions, unorganised workers and staff associations as a historically tried and tested and found to be a correct way of arousing, mobilizing and waging struggles by the multitudes against a common enemy and ensuring a better chance of victory, the gentlemen leaders from Cosatu and Nactu held a different view. Those of Cosatu held that the only united front acceptable to them is that of Congress organisations or Congress tradition which excluded and opposed all unions, staff associations and democratic persons not affiliated to the Congress - organisations. Was this a mistake, definitely not, this was a conscious putting of the spanner in the works and neutralizing this effort against the labour relations - amendment bill. Their Nactu counterparts emphasised on Pan-African or Black conscious united front. Thus effectively, they neutralized the struggle and demoralized the workers. To divert attention from an insistent call for struggles, they condoned and organised spontaneous, disjointed and half interested placard displays which hardly excited. Even the most adventurist journalist and skillfully left it to die down, to placate those amongst their federations, they arranged their come together and labelled it protest action planners. The two unilaterally called for a three days stay-away which hardly got supported even by their affiliates. The two gentlemen hardly cared about having sacrificed the workers 7&5 happened in this stay-away. They proceeded even without mandates from their affiliates to arrange a drinking-party with the very people who introduced the labour relations amendment bill and whose interest it was to protect. Here, these gentlemen of Cosatu and Nactu turned the whole South African labour movement into a toy-i... HN-V-_.W_MM_M . V th-a.wn-h-u-a

of the South African monopoly capitalist. What further happened is well known, what is important, is that they should not have been there in the first place. These gentlemen leaders of Cosatu and Nactu had demonstrated one thing, that they both have confidence and trust in the monopoly capitalist than in their affiliated unions not to mention the workers. That is how they met S.A.C.C.O.L.A. Can we say this Cosatu Nactu and SACCOLA come together is a mistake?

These two gentlemen leaders from Cosatu, and Nactu now having struck common cause, anti-democracy, anti-worker and anti-unity proceeded to plan another come together, this one had no pretensions. It was to be their bourgeois class come-together under the leadership of the big S.A liberal bourgeois save, for the fact that workers from the two federations affiliates were also invited to this bourgeois k.etic picnic called the Anti-Apartheid Conference. Our position here, is not on whether we should have been invited or not nor even consulted but is to highlight to all the trade-unions, workers and in particular the affiliated unions in these federations, to realize what they have, as a leadership, to make us take note of the organisers of come togethers including the now to be convened "worker summit"

The no schooled and arrogant Cosatu leadership is now unashamedly openly fraternizing with these oppressors and exploiters of the working class the liberal S.A. big bourgeois with not even a care for the feelings of the workers. Is it not shop-stewards and union officials frowned upon and . even labelled sell out for drinking tea with a manager?

:What about the leadership that fraternises, drinks and establishes common principles, not with managers but with The big owners of factories, commerce finance and the political representatives of the racist state. Is it correct to call them comrades and even expect them to convene summits in our name and then Ci"flu:f complain and debate about whether to attend or not, whether we have been invited or not? The episode described above occurred between Cosatu, U.D.F. on the one hand and the liberal S-A big bourgeois on the other, at Broederstroom on

the 6 and 7 August 1988. Here at their stokvel called the Broederstroom Encounter, they even christened each other as follows:

Cosatu/UDF christened the Representatives of the Majority (R.M) and the liberal big bourgeois as the Creative Minority (C.M) groups. Some of their so-called "principles" that unite us: meaning the two groups are:

- (a) Trust and respect for one another
- (b) Non racial Democracy
- (c) One nation for all
- (d) Conditions conducive to strong economic growth and just distribution of wealth, etc.

There you are comrades, these people are nothing but emissaries of the liberal big bourgeois not working class leaders.

One message ringing throughout this activity, is that, here we are dealing with people who do not care for organisational principles, democratic trade union principles of worker leaderships, worker control, worker participation and - accountability. Once we understand this, it will become clear that this so-called worker summit is nothing but their own come-together or drinking party aimed at getting workers in drunk and witnesses to the adoption of the some unknown programmes, or policies long arrived at by the two Cosatu and Nactu leadership and their liberal bourgeois partners. Hence the difference between the two, leading to Nactu deserting the stokvel, though we "learnt" was not on any principle had most likely as a result of the bickerings over the sharing of whatever spoils accruing from the stokvel. With one realizing that, what it will get was not worth the wrath of the workers and thus reneged. The die-hard leadership is continuing with the plans and has started a stampede for the invitation of the independent trade unions to ensure that the masters drinking party is not in vain. Comrades, to attend this sham "summit" is not only the betrayal of the working class and a disgraceful conduct but is also unprincipled. Down with their summit.

NACTU SUMMITEERS

Comrades, the recent Nactu National Council resolution withdrawing from attending the sham "WORKERS SUMMIT" is significant in that it checked bureaucratic tendencies developing in Nactu as well as exposed the Cosatu leadership's pretentious at Worker Summit aimed at pursuing their hidden agenda under the cover of publicly displayed one. We have already exposed the fact that the labour Relations Amendment Act and state repressions issues have been included in the, agenda in order to divert the attention of trade Unions, federations and workers away from the real agenda, "Building Unity" which constitute the essence and the reason of this so-called Worker Summit. This should have read "Building Cosatu Unity" in Cosatu Workers Summit. This is how important the Nactu National Council resolution is, over and above, it was a democratically arrived at resolution. Cosatu leadership, the self-styled custodians of the principle of unity and the liberal big bourgeois christened, representatives of the majority, in reacting to this democratic resolution of Nactu, exposed their real intentions. Didn't they call upon Nactu affiliates to undermine their own resolution and come to the summit? Such a call isn't it tantamount to calling for Nactu disunity? How can we reconcile such a call to Nactu affiliates with a leadership which has appealed for "Building Unity"?

Through the Nactu affiliates who are signatories to the document on the Worker Summit. Our position Statement, we can only refer them to some of their quoted principles. That their position is not only regrettable, wrong, and undemocratic, but has the effect of irreparably destroying unity within Nactu and rendering talk such as "Maximum Unity of the Black Working Class"- childish . a

These Nactu Summiteers, in pursuance of their quest for the maximum unity of the Black working class fail to inform themselves that, in this quest, they have decided to reject an important organisational principle of democratic centralism meaning that the majority will subject itself to the resolutions of the majority, that since Nactu is a federation, all democratic decisions taken by Nactu will be binding on all its affiliates, This part of the above quoted principle should suffice to clarify the summiteers. This is not the only principle the summiteer appear to be flouting, in their quest for their Black Working class unity, they also violated the principle of worker central.

Is it not true that the Nactu National Council is composed of affiliates delegates, most of whom are workers from the factory floor and the workers and intellectuals have joined the working class in a full-time or permanent position and are now called union officials. Defying this resolution, is it not tantamount to the rejection of this principle?

While we who have the quest for maximum unity, we who owe total allegiance and are fully committed to Nactu, we whose position is in pursuance to the interest of the large Working class struggles should also remember that all these proclamations become on empty talk or mere phrase mongering if they are not supported by principled deeds. How do we hope to attain this broader unity if we talk about Black Working class and Cosatu talks about multiracial working class. The correct position here is not to go to a drinking party, to shout at each other once we are drunk, but to realize that we have differences and to identify issues that unite us, these issues are not theoretical but are practical for they are. Issues that affect the daily lives of the working class.

Hence, the correct position is to acknowledge that working class organisations is not only Cosatu and Nactu and that we should start from there at hand then explore a unity that is also a goal of the struggle but emphasis on what is pressing, and common to most. That is struggles for now, the Labour Relations Amendment Act is the issue. The forum, we maintain is the Trade Union United Front Conference and not a summit or Anti-Apartheid Conference and not a summit or Anti-Apartheid Conference. Such a forum, could not have caused a split in Nactu, such a forum would have been open to all unions, would not have called upon Nactu affiliates to defy it and still maintain a broad smile proclaiming, unity. The summiteers have to take into consideration that their difference in Nactu are not of the magnitude deserving to split Nactu and have to be suspicious of anybody who encourages splits on the one hand and unity on the other. We believe that a trade union United Front Conference becomes more fruitful with the participation of properly constituted and united trade unions. All the same the Summiteers still have to subject themselves to the same principles even at this so-called summit.

We do realize, that Nactu is presently having problems along ideological lines, and we appeal to the Nactu comrades to ensure that they resolve their internal contradictions and never allow any opportunist to take advantage of them. The summiteers must take their position to Nactu Congress, beginning with opening it up at factory floor and in all their structures and let it contend with other positions, but must be prepared to take defeat and not to opt for a short cut, but abide by democratic decision wrong or right is the will of the majority.

To conclude, unity is a sacred principle of the workers and it can never be hushed up, it is voluntary and no one can be coerced into it, hence, we believe there was nothing wrong with Nactu, realizing that it has division in its midst to request for a postponement in order to can attend to its problems. We agree with its position even though, we are opposed to this so-called worker summit and believe that in the long run most Worker Leaders and workers themselves will come to learn in the process of summerizing experience and once they have learned will conclude, that a trade Union United Front Conference is the correct position.

DOWN WITH NACTU DIVISIONS!

FORWARD WITH NACTU UNITY!

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The Editor,

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Pregs Statement on the eacceiled "worker summit" D! Cosatu:

we who ere member: of the Food end Allied Workers Union in the Eastern Cape Region and as such pert of the Coeetu Eastern Cape membership feei reuuisd by the conduct of the Cueatu Head Dttice in the present "summit" emoarraement.,

By issuing this press etetement we wish to make our position publiiciy clear because the "summitteers" have done all in their powers to block any democratic processes within Coeetu on this question. we hereby distance ourselves from these scheming gentlemen in the etrongeet terms.

Our reeeone are as r0110we:-

(i) if the Coeetu Heed Uftice wanted a genUine summit, what has prevented them from ceiling one where the most senior leaders of gl; democratic trade unions wouia participate instead of the Dresent gymmick of summoning e grand meeting or "wurxers" wich- uut officials and dubbing this a "sumMit". me refuse to be so publicly embarrassed in this way as if the democratic trace a union movement cannot distinguish between the woods and the trees. 9

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(ii) If the CoeJtu Head Office was for genuine working class unity, a why do they act in such e auspicious manner?

In the first piece, why have they overlooked everyone else within the Cbeetu itself and rushed to hurried arrangements with the Nactu, giving the impression that unity with the Nactu ie all-important. Then. even when Nectu has develOped second thoqgths and seeks postponement in order to sober up on certain issues. why is there sudden penic es if the Casatu Head Office has been caught stealing or cheating? why are we suddenly to believe that Nectu'e participation is not so important and the 4 "summit" mueu go ahead es previously scheduled with Nactu but 'now without Nectu. The so-celled "invitation" to Nactu unions l is a sham and our General Secretary knows it.

do are not so stupid ee to believe that the present ggggnrntg eaves to new include the independent union: is fed by the desire for genuine unity. Anything genuine cannot be fed by desperation. All elong. it he: been Ceeetu-Nactu all the way, the independent: were I second thought. Now, all of a sudden. they are ell-important. me fall to see how J. Naldoo. the Cosetu Generel Secretary see: these desperate attempt: as an appreciation of unity being the "principle of the working class". ' we think he is just being demegoqic that's all!

(iv) The recen ly teleeed edverte, themselves reminiscent of the Bothe-sty e eppeel to the masses deserve the strongest contempt. they err nothing more than a further sign of desperation.

(v) Some Of the eo-ceiled independent unions who have "agreed" to o attend the "summit" do not even exist. other: long merged with x_ .'e.. _t eeel 2'

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existing Cosatu unions.

(vi) All the above and the whole history of this "summit" coupled with the disgraced so-called "nntiwnpartheid Conference" belie the fact that the "summitteers" have a hidden agenda which is us far removed from the desire for working class unity as the SKY ie from the earth.

We beiiieve that because of this hidden and secret agenda, the summitteers will always fail in their games which are based on political convenience and opportunism.

We therefore diSSOCiate ourselves from their desperate activities. Like the disgraced n.u.b, the "summit" for us stands boycotted:

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The Labour Relations Amentment Act has from the very beginning comprised a Joint business and government onslaught against the working class.

On the part of business. it was clear that as from around 1979, specifically the 1980 winter strikes, the working class through the democratic Trade Unions had made great strides both in so far as the struggles for Wages and better working Conditions on the one hand ee well as winning victories in the racist courts. All of these were won in struggles against the big bourgeoisie end in spite of all efforts by the big bourgeoisie in attempting to stem the tide.

It is common knowledge to every class-conscious worker that without the Trade Union struggles a ainst the bosses, these capitalists would reduce the work no class to bones and rags. that is how greedy our present economic masters are! It is self-evident even to a fool that the gains made by the working class from 1979 to the ewe of the Labour Relations Amendment 8111 were most offensive to the bosses. It is also well known that on the ground, the bosses did everything they could in an attempt to stem the tide in an attempt to roll back the wheel of history: This is why there were constant clamours from almost every Union that the bosses were out to bash the democratic Unions. Such well-founded accusations persist even today.

The above is sufficient proof that when the Labour Relations Amendment Act was introduced, it came as a long awaited relief to the bosses. More who can honestly deny that the very bossess had a hand in the making of the law? who can deny that all their representat ons to the racist manpower minister prove their satisfaction with the Bill and later the law? Who can deny that the bosses are presently vigorously using the Labour Relations Amendment Act to wage their class struggle: against the workers?

On the part of the government, the Labour Relations Amend-ent Act is a full blown political action against the workers with a view to shifting the economic burden onto the shoulders of the workers.

The racist minoriti rzoime, apart from anything elee ie else an economical y rresponsible and incompetent regime. lts apartheid theories and policies have led to inseparable economic difficulties involving billions in debts and interests owed to international finance in-stitutions and banks.

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In an attempt to extricate iteelf from thie nq-wln eituetion, the reclet government he: come up with a set of economlc meeeuree including privatisation end deregulation of industries, the Labour Relations Amend-ment Act and a set of financial and monetary meesuree all of which are bound to be burdensome to all South Africans particularly the ordiner working people. The Labour Relations Amendment Ac is particularly

onerous and specifically against the working class - its objective is to reduce the workers to beasts of burden with no real right, who neither protest effectively nor strike meaningfully end to their advantage. The Labour Relations Amendment Act is the gun against the head of the worker. A struggle against it means a political struggle.

It is therefore clear that a struggle against the Labour Relations Amendment Bill has from the very beginning been a struggle against BOTH the Racist Regime and the bosses. In relation to the working class and other working people and in so far as this measure was concerned, the target was both these two ends to the same extent.

The Cosatu special National Congress took the correct stand when it took the resolution of the fight against the Labour Relations Amendment Bill. This means that the delegates realised that the measure was an attack against the workers and that it had to be fought in an all out war.

But the Cosatu UDF Leadership made a mistake when they opened the disgraceful talks with the big bourgeoisie with them being dubbed the so-called "Representative majority" (Supposedly without brains) and the business captains the Constructive minority." The veiled denigration and insults in these terms meant nothing to the ever eager leadership.

The Cosatu/Nactu leadership made a mistake by pursuing useless talks with the Seccolite bourgeoisie. They made the fool: of not only of themselves but also the whole organisation they claimed to represent.

But what could have passed as mere mistakes were revealed by practice to be actual opportunism when the Cosatu/Nactu leadership continued with their Seccolite talks even to the point of making a selective objection to the bill, that only some measures were harmful while others were just fine. This opportunism reached its height when negotiations had to be opened with the minister when Cosatu was represented by its lawyers in the issue. Having made an opportunist mistake from the beginning, the Cosatu/

he Nactu leadership were helpless to block it inevitable slide into opportunism itself.

We reject the Cosatu/Nactu/Seccolite talks with the contempt they deserve. The crocodile tears shed by the likes of Meintjies and the COIITU Head Office over their failure

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in this opportunist endeavour of their own making shall
never fool the class conscious workers. These gentry
behaved themselves as fools and they got what was due
to thee, public disgrace!

what is lore, the whole exercise was the opportunist ini-
tiative of the leadership and no one else's. It was
entered into undeMOctatically and with no mandate from
the workers organised in both federations. It is a
syptom of these leaders' bureaucratic nature which is
against democracy and democratic progress:

Their legalistic gaees of taking the Racist minority Regime
and its Labour Relations Aeendnent Act to the ILO complete
with big law wigs to represent them is consistent
with their reformist position and makes a mockery
of workers' resolve for a determined struggle against
the measure. It leaves an unsuspecting observor
wondering what is the purpose of calling for the
'suenit" after all.

The workers had put forward the message of struggle,
these bureacrats opte for capitulati on to the
bourgeoisie:

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one correct conception of the united front

It is the class united front principle. The

united front principle can only consistently upheld when
it is a weapon in the hands of the working class.

It there-

fore has .to be based on the working class.

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The disunity that we have in the general democratic mass
movement is not accidental. It is due to the class
division in South African society. within the democra-
tic lass movement the divisions are specifically due to
the existence in our society of the national or small
bourgeoisie and of the petty bourgeoisie. The divisions
are as a result of actual competition amongst the national
baurgeoisie and the petty bourgeoisie and between them.
This is in turn reflected or finds expression in
different political idea and programmes.

without this tundaental observation, you will be at a
permanent loss as to why there exist so many political
organisations of the small bourgeoisie and the petty
bourgeoisie in South Africa. You will not be able
to explain why the ANC and the PAC, the UDF and the
National Forue CONnittee etc. are divided - why all of
thee seek democracy but are unable to accept one another
as compatriots. why, even when they eventually do agree to
work together, they cannot On their own be consistent
in that.

The division with the democratic mass movement are class
based Ind therefor. historical.

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No utopian scheming can bring about the unity of the

This means that steps towards such
 unity must proceed from the real (class) situation
 and not seek to overlook this. Short cuts will only
 short circuit and there-shall-be-no "road to class unity" in the
 doomed utopian non class era.
 The working class is the only
 of its own internal unity.
 our society
 class that is capable
 It is the only class of
 to whom unity is necessary for its very
 survival. "An injury to one is an injury to all" is
 not only an empty demagogic slogan but depicts the
 real situation of the working class in its struggle
 against the bourgeoisie.
 For the working class unity is a matter of actual sur-
 vival and cherished principle born out of its condi-
 For other classes including
 the nationalist classes, viz, the national bourgeoisie
 and the petty bourgeoisie there is nothing vital or
 necessary in unity. To them it is no principle. Indeed,
 often disunity, cliquism factionalism or sectarianism is
 the principle. Why do you think the ANC and the PAC
 refuse to unite to this day?
 .The united front principle is a weapon that unifies all
 democratic forces and classes against the enemies of the
 In order to function as a unifying principle it
 needs to be wielded by the class that survives on unity,
 i.e the working class.
 But the South African working class is itself divided
 along historical lines i.e. along nationalist lines.
 This is born out by the existence of the two federa-
 tions, Nactu and Cosatu, themselves divided along national
 sectarian lines.
 In order to lead others in unity, the working class
 itself needs to be united. But it cannot be united
 in utopian fashion without paying attention to the
 realities i.e. without recognising the organisational
 ideological and factional differences within it,
 differences, it is true, which are a legacy of past
 nationalist leadership but differences which nonetheless
 are there.
 In such a situation, in the situation where the demo-
 cratic mass movement remains weak because of nationalist
 divisions, where the working class has to play the
 unifying role within the mass democratic movement but
 where the working class itself is burdened with the same
 nationalist sectarianism and divisions, the only correct
 starting point is with the unity of the working class
 and on that basis to proceed to the unity of the entire
 democratic mass movement led by a united working class.
 Therefore the only principled stand is and has been that
 there is a need for the Trade Union united front
 conference. This shall enable the working class
 organisations to work out principles of the united
 front which shall be carried into the entire democratic

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The united front of the working class organisations shall have to be done on the basis of democratic mandates and consultations. It shall have to cast aside the bi federation chauvinism and seek to unite with whgch ever democratic Trade union that is interested in eilitant unity against the Racist minority Regime and the bosses.

One could have thought that the above was quite clear and needed no further explanation. That all serious minded leaders of the working class would work along these lines and avoid opportunism.

But this has proved to be too much to the Cosetu/Neetu leadership.- These people could not think clearly about what the working class is capable of or what it should be doing. Instead they were too busy thinking what THEY and the SACCOLLA'bourgeoisie could do together without the workers and egeinst their interests and those of the entire democratic mass movement. They were too busy paving the way to eapituietion instead of thinking how to fight.

These capitulationist gentry too talked of "unity". They even talked of "united front". The sorry picture is as follows. .

Previously and ever since the formation of Cosatu and later Nactu. there has reigned nationalist factionelism and deep going sectarianism within the Trade Union federations. The position of principle, thanks to nationalist tradition, has been division and not unity. with the introduction of the Labour Relations Amendment Bill, the workers throughout the country were awakened to the need for unity of the working class ranks. The Cosatu special Congress of 1988 had this as the back-ground. The major ty of the delegates demanded unity and the united front.

On the question of the united front, matters stood like this:

1. There was the anti-united front position of the hard-line nationalists who based themselves on the so-called 'Cosetu Political Policy" which says unite only with those who endorse the Freedom Charter and are of the ANC-SACP Congress alliance. with this monument of division within the working class these gentry fought against the united front position. They fought it knowing fully well what it entailed.

2. There were the opportunist: of the Trotskyite and Social Democratic type. These gentry had done well . in the organisation of FOSATU where they earned themselves the label 'workerists' because of their detailed Trade Unionise.

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Politically, however, the had never held lny position of principle. T ey had , been eeeily shouldered out of the Coeatu top leadership etekee which had fallen into the hands of the nationalists with their political edventurism. rhetoric and high Iedie profile.

The opportunist: had sparked off as non poiiticaais but under pressure of the democratic mesa movements. the increasing revolunazetion of the situation as a whole and in competition with the nationalist leadership for the hi h pieces, the opportunists also wanted to show ghat the too were political. No. they were not Just mere y the fools under the influence of international social democracy a' le'

ICFTU etc but yes, they could be political if they wanted to. t

It is these entry that came up with the notion of the non-class united front. It is they that rushed to kiss and make amends with the nationalists on a compromise resolution. The compromise resolution endorsed the sectarian "Cosatu Political Policy" but proceeded to call for "brothering" unity on the basis of the UDF Cosatu alliance. What happened thereafter followed Exactly that pattern, the pattern of seeking to "unite" with N. others on the basis of the UDF-Cosatu alliance. - That is to say, the nationalist Congress alliance recognising itself as a centre around which "all" could "unite".

The sectarian nationalist position and the opportunist non-class unity had merged. what is more it is led by the hardened sectarianism of the Congress alliance - not the working class!

The correct united front position was defeated as early as the above. Previously, it could be said that the opportunists formed the same block with the united front position, they were allies. But the opportunist; were quick to desert that alliance at the slightest flattery and joined in alliance with the nationalists. Effectively end as regards the opportunists this meant that they could never again oppose the nationalist leadership based on principle. They could henceforth only restrict themselves to objection against details or excesses done by the nationalists. On principle, they had become one!

what followed was the consistent application of the nationalist/opportunist line. It has followed the following trail.

THE JANTHI-APARTHEID 68 CONFERENCE _.)J"

The Cosatu leadership met with the UDF and together planned the now disgraced Anti-Apartheid Conference".

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This circus was to bring together elements from Cosatu, Nectu, UDF, Azapo Bantustan party opposition leaders. captains from among the big bourgeoisie including liberal big bourgeois organisations and parties such as IDASA NON etc. It was to include the shebeen, reformist sports bodies. Indeed many people were left asking: why did they leave out Inkathe end Buthelezi?

The UDF-Cosatu leadership had reall -come-out in their-best elements-assif-to-esi "what Is wrong when we the seal! Bourgeoisie meet with the big bourgeoisie' You did all that in the name of the workers. would be the proper retort!

The opportunists who had long ago erased any differences of principle with nationalist caoituletion were con-
.cerned only with the details. They did not approve of the embarrassment of being under one roof with Bentusten party officials - they even murmured objections against the bosses who were to attend the circus. Apparently with the bosses around they would not be able to enjoy themselves well! Nonetheless, like a prostitute who cannot help herself out of temptation, the opportunists despite their objections prepared to attend thexcircus even after a section of then had slammed it as a "betrayal"! Those workers end- leaders-of- rinci le, decided that Cosafu leaaershp a gone an ar an they decided to rebel. They supported the "Protest Note" which was then in circulation.

The 'Protest Note" explained that Cosatu leadership had long forsaken the working class and mass democratic struggles and were preparing subjective grounds to enter into open partnership with the liberal big bourgeoisie with a hope of appeasing the racist regieue and engaging in negotiations based on racist reforms. To this day it has never been rebuffed, to this day it is true:

The Azacco realised that their organisation was at the receiving end of congress nationalist chauvinism and was going to be involved in a grand circus of betrayal. It issued an open letter announcing its withdrawal. The Nectu prepared to do the same. The trickle was becoming a stampede.

Only COSatu-UDF gentlemen and their Bentustan, Tri-ceoerel and big bourgeois guests were preparing to attend the circus. The opportunists too. when the racist banned the circus, this did not change its political status - actually. it aeved the organisers political face: It has already been pxpoaad.l

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THEeSUMMIT

It is said that the "summit" idea came from Nectu and was accepted by Cosatu C.E.C. That is neither here nor there.

at importance is to what extent the nationalist leaders and opportunists particularly those in the congress movement can go in an attempt to demoralise the working class without political will, so as to enable nationalism particularly the Congress alliance nationalists to pursue their capi-
tuletionist tactics, all in the name of a wretched, demoralised and apolitical working class!

It is of no importance as to who introduced the idea of the "summit", of importance is that the "summit" idea is the continuation of the "A.A.G." by another route!

At least in Cosatu, it is the crowning of the

bureaucratic style of work, of commandism and of making short work with worker democracy: To proceed with the so-called "summit" on the present basis is naked opportunism. It is also an added attempt at betraying the working class and the people on the part of Cosatu leadership and on others who would attend this gimmick, it is leading credibility to the machination of those Cosatu leaders who are bent on handing over the leadership of the people over to the liberal big bourgeoisie. It is to sanction the betrayal of the working class and the people to the recalcitrant racist regime.

(a) No-one in his right mind and having the interests of the workers at heart would be against a proper summit, properly constituted as a summit, which means the leadership from various unions meeting. It would have to be the highest leadership personnel from the unions and federations who themselves have been properly briefed and mandated by their organisation structures. But such a summit should also be a fore-runner of the Trade Union united front Conference and in preparation for it.

(b) The "summit" of the nationalist opportunist alliance has been turned into a Cosatu/Nactu affair where the earlier big federation chauvinism is now in full bloom.

At the same time it is clear that the summitteers merely lacked a more appropriate term by which to call their latest peat time.

Nonetheless, it is clear they intend the ' ' ' "summit" to be a waste of time that shall only lead to the demoralization of the workers to that they can have no political will of their own. so the the political initiative shall remain with the same nationalists who at any rate are preparing ground for negotiations while already having capitulated.

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in organising the "summit". In this it has 1. Are you not aware that the present hullabaloo

The c.E.c. of Cosatu decided that there should be a working committee consisting of one member from each of the four constituent unions. The working committee was to be a democracy.

to prepare for the summit on the side of Cosatu.

The Head office acted as if there were no real 2. Are you not aware that in the present exercise,

If arranged for a Cosatu Exco and Nactu N.O.B.'s of everything? That the likes of ou are

to meet at a moment's notice and do all the there to give the semblance of unity where none

the "working committee". '

(d) The demand that the so called "summit" be re- equals end that everything be based on a princi-

is ridiculous. unorganisational and a petty- your constituencies with you? ' x.

masses, their organisation and struggles. What 4. There is no reason whatsoever for you to be

working class organisations. For it is true it and we should know what we are talking about.

wage struggles. Now we are told that organi- 5. Demand the Trade Union united front conference

"workers" without organisation. C early. when
it is said that the nationalist leadership seeks
to de-ciase the workers, thie is ample proof.

against the so-called "A.A.C." shows that the people at the lead of Cosatu today have no interest in the working class and its continued struggles. They are the servants of

selves at their mercy with the forlorn hope that they together with the liberal big bourgeoisie can make the racist minority regime see sense in a negotiated political solution in

South Africa.

The Cosatu nationalist and opportunist leadership is therefore part of an internally orchestrated plan to denoreliae the South African working class. to fool the democratic masses in South Africa while preparing grounds for the co-option

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as the only correct measure that shall lead to the genuine unity of the working ciess and on that basis of the entire democratic mass movement.

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Comrade z

Please find herein attached our response to the 'Horkers' Summitf.

Yours in the struggle

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Eben the 'minority r'acist regime rescued the capitalists from the I
workers? struggles by amending the Labour Relations Act, thereby
depriving workers of some hard won rigxts, it became immediately clear
that this 'consPiracy could only be fought effectively by a united working
class. This reactionary step affected all workers; organised and unorga- :
nised; Black and White; federatedzand inaependent. This reactionary step ;
brought industrial and commercial workers almost to the level of the
public, agricultural, domestic and bantustan workers, who have no traae
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union rights whatsoever.

Eufw, Awosa and Fedcraw's resPonse to this provocative reactionary ;
action was to write to variouSunions, independent, Nactu as well ass
Cosatu with the aim that a trade union conference muSt be convened Where
united front metr ods could he discussed to resist the retrogade amendment
of the Labour Relatiozis Act. Suffice it o say.that only one independent
union.accepted this Eh tep, 'hile none in Iwa mt bothered to reply and _
some in Cosatu told us_to join in their struggle, without even affording
'us the courtesy of an audience.

atu's "struggles:2 amounted to fickle lunchptime placard semonstra-
ew wdrkers participated in this circus, hence it ended in dismal
failure . Eext followEd meetings between some executives of Cosatu and
Eactu.on the one hand and Saccola on the other. It is well known that
after Ractu ana Cosatu representatives humiliated themselves by requesting
Saccola to influence ca: italists not to apply the retrogade clauses of
the labour Relations Act they also failed dismally. Then came the aesper-
ate June three day stay at home. Though sycop ts haileu it a success,
it is well known how it became divisive in factories, unions and feders-
tions. This resulted in massive dismissals anu demoralisatimn of workers.
When the L.R.A. vas enacted the lest.chapter was written by the executive:
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When Cosatu called the Anti Apartheid Conference in conjunction with
U.D;3.ithe circus obsession had reached its maturity. Lekganyane, Enos
Eabuze, Van Zyl Slabbert, Wynand Ealan, Seoposengwe Party, Rastafarians,
Sabta, among others, rank high in the minds of U.D.F. and Cosatu as
danocrats, hence they Were invited to solve the problems of the workers
and the country. 1., /

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this joint letter trying to poach our members behind our backs to go to this summit. This is how these gentlemen build unity. To them unity means conforming to their charterist ideas. To them progressiveness .means conforming to chart erist ideas. To them demoorats are chartePEGEh So also is their united fiont. It means the united front of charterists Workers' united front is unknown or unacceptable to them. The same Applies to the other partners in this summit; Nactu have their own Fan Africanist/Black Consciousness united front.

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Then, as predicted, Eactu deEided to opt out of the summit Because of differences on the item of "Building Unity". Nactu have sensed that they were going to a slaughter'house all set up by the ANc. From the beginning Nactu had acted as if it was under the love potion of Cosatu. The dissension within Nactu has driven sense at last.

Throughout these struggles we have consistently stood for the principl(r of united front and its realisation in the Trade Unuion United Front Conference as the most effective weapon against the L. R. A. and trade7 union rivalry. We have called for this conference as a precedent to any conference with any class. as have called for this conference inorder to coordinate the day to day trade union struggles against employers. We have called for this conference as a starting point for building real unity of the workers;.away from the 2.0.0., Rastafarians Seoyosengwe, U.D.F., National Forum, A.F.C.,.P.A.C., and all other committees, organisations and people who have nothing in common with the working class. Just as we rejected the lunch-time demonstrations, kissing the feet of SACCOLA, the three day stay at home and the A. A. c. we still reject in th .e same manner the "summit". We still call for the TRADE UEION UNITED FROhT CONFERENCE. we will not accept summits impose by out of touch, out of date and out of mind self imposed "fathers of the struggle" who have more access to international mints than the international working class.

We call upon all workers, regardless of union or federation affiliatic 1Q fight for the TRADE UNION UNITED FRONT CONFERENCE.

FORWARD WITH THE WORKING CLASS STRUGGLE!!!

FORWARD WITH TEE TRADE UHICN UNITED FRONT CONFERENCE!!!

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DATE: 1988 DECEMBER 12
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FROM: COSATU HEAD OFFICE
ATT ALL COSATU REGIONS / AFFILIATES / AFFILIATES REGIONS
RE : PRESS STATEMENT

ON THE 13TH DECEMBER 1988 A COURT GRANTED BAIL TO THE FIVE
ACCUSED IN THE CASE OF STATE VERSUS MOSES MAYEKISO AND OTHERS,
AFTER THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL HAO WITHDRAWN A CERTIFICATE THAT HE
HAD EARLIER ISSUED IN TERMS OF 530 OF THE INTERNAL SECURITY ACT,
THAT PRECLUDED THE COURT FROM CONSIDERING BAIL.
THE FIVE ACCUSED ARE MOSES MAYEKISO, PAUL TSHABALALA, RICHARD
NDAKANE, OBED BAPELA AND MZHANELE MAYEKISO.
THE FIVE ACCUSED HAVE BEEN IN CUSTODY FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS TRIAL
FOR THE FOLLOWING PERIOD:-

1. MOSES MAYEKISO - SINCE 28 JUNE 1986 AFTER HE HAS BEEN ARRESTED IN
R10 000,00 TERMS OF 530 OF THE INTERNAL SECURITY ACT AT
JAN SMUTS AIRPORT.
2. PAUL TSHABALALA - SINCE 22 JANUARY 1987 AFTER HE HAS BEEN ARRESTED
R 5 000,00 IN TERMS OF 550 OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
ACT IN ALEXANDRA.
3. RICHARD NDAKANE - SINCE 21 JUNE 1986 AFTER HE HAS BEEN ARRESTED IN
R 5 000,00 TERMS OF REGULATIONS 3 OF THE EMERGENCY
REGULATIONS IN ALEXANDRA.
4. OBED BAPELA - SINCE 10 JUNE 1986 AFTER HE HAS BEEN ARRESTED IN
R 5 000,00 TERMS OF 529 OF THE INTERNAL SECURITY ACT.
5. MZHANELE MAYEKISO - SINCE 12 JUNE 1986 AFTER HE HAS BEEN ARRESTED IN
R 5 000,00 TERMS OF REGULATION 3 OF THE EMERGENCY
REGULATIONS.

BACKGROUND TO PREVIOUS BAIL APPLICATION
THE ACCUSED HERE RELEASED FROM DETENTION AND FIRST APPEARED IN COURT
ON 26 JANUARY 1987 BUT REMAINED IN CUSTODY. AT THE NEXT POSTPONEMENT
OF THE CASE IN FEBRUARY 1987, THE PROSECUTOR INDICATED THAT THE STATE
WOULD BE APPLYING TO THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL FOR A CERTIFICATE IN TERMS
OF 530 OF THE INTERNAL SECURITY ACT WHICH ALLOWS THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL
TO PREVENT THE ACCUSED FROM MAKING A BAIL APPLICATION WHEN HE DEEMS
IT TO BE IN THE INTEREST OF THE SECURITY OF THE STATE. SUBSEQUENTLY
IN FEBRUARY THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL ISSUED A CERTIFICATE IN TERMS OF 530
IN RESPECT OF ALL FIVE OF THE ACCUSED.
THE ACCUSED THEN BROUGHT AN APPLICATION TO THE SUPREME COURT TO
CHALLENGE THE VALIDITY OF THE CERTIFICATE. THE APPLICATION WHICH WAS
ARGUED IN MAY 1987 BEFORE MR. JUSTICE STRYDOM WAS UNSUCCESSFUL.

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DATE: 1988 DECEMBER 12
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FROM: JAY NAIDOO
GENERAL SECRETARY - COSATU
ATT

ALL COSATU REGIONS / AFFILIATES / AFFILIATES REGIONS
RE : STATE VERSUS MAYEKISO & OTHERS

BAIL IS HEREBY GRANTED TO ALL THE ACCUSED ON THE FOLLOWING
CONDITIONS:-

1. THE ACCUSED SHALL DEPOSIT THE FOLLOWING SUMS OF MONEY WITH
THE REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT:-
ACCUSED 1 - MOSES MAYEKISO R10 000,00
ACCUSED 2 - PAUL TSHABALALA R 5 000,00
ACCUSED 3 - RICHARD NDAKANE R 5 000,00
ACCUSED 4 - OBED BAPELA R 5 000,00
ACCUSED 5 - MZHANELE MAYEKISO R 5 000,00
2. THE ACCUSED SHALL RESIDE AT THE ADDRESSES SET OUT IN ANNEXURE A
3. THE ACCUSED SHALL REPORT DAILY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 08H00 AND
13H00 AT THE HILLBRON POLICE STATION.
4. THE ACCUSED SHALL NOT COMMUNICATE WITH ANY STATE WITNESSES.
5. THE ACCUSED SHALL NOT ATTEND OR ADDRESS ANY GATHERING OR MORE
THAN TEN PERSONS,
OR
CONDUCT, ATTEND OR ADDRESS ANY PRESS CONFERENCE,

OR
ISSUE ANY PRESS STATEMENTS.
6. THE ACCUSED SHALL NOT ENTER OR REMAIN IN THE TOWNSHIP OF
ALEXANDRA.
7. THE ACCUSED SHALL NOT LEAVE THE AREA OF THE WITHATERSRAND
LOCAL DIVISION OF THE SUPREME COURT WITHOUT THE PRIOR IRITTEN
PERMISSION OF THE INVESTIGATING OFFICER MAJOR VICTOR AT JOHN
VORSTER SQUARE, JOHANNESBURG.
8. THE ACCUSED SHALL HAND OVER ANY PASSPORTS ISSUED TO THEM TO THE
INVESTIGATING OFFICER MAJOR VICTOR
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SHALL NOT APPLY FOR ANY PASSPORT.
ENDS.

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THE COURT WHICH DELIVERED ITS JUDGEMENT IN OCTOBER 1987 HELD THAT
THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL HAD VALIDLY COMPLIED WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF
530 IN ISSUING THE CERTIFICATE. IN FEBRUARY 1988, THE FIVE ACCUSED
THEN MADE WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS TO THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL ASKING HIM
TO WITHDRAW THE CERTIFICATE. (THE TRIAL ITSELF HAD BEGUN ON THE 19
OCTOBER 1987). THE ACCUSED THEREAFTER MADE ORAL REPRESENTATIONS IN
SUPPORT OF THE WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS THROUGH THEIR LEGAL
REPRESENTATIVES IN MARCH 1988. THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL SUBSEQUENTLY
INDICATED THAT, NOTWITHSTANDING THEIR REPRESENTATIONS, HE HAS NOW
PREPARED TO WITHDRAW THE CERTIFICATE.
ON 30 NOVEMBER 1988, THE CASE HAS ADJOURNED UNTIL 1 FEBRUARY 1989
AFTER ALL THE ACCUSED HAD COMPLETED THEIR TESTIMONIES. ON 8 DECEMBER
1988 THE ACCUSED, THROUGH THEIR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES, ONCE AGAIN
MADE WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS TO THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL TO WITHDRAW THE
CERTIFICATE. THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL INDICATED THAT HE HAS PREPARED TO
WITHDRAW THE CERTIFICATE AND THAT THE STATE WOULD CONCEDE IN COURT TO
BAIL BEING GRANTED SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS WHICH WERE SET OUT IN
THE ORDER OF COURT.
THE ACCUSED HAVE SPENT THE FOLLOWING PERIODS IN JAIL:
1. MOSES MAVEKISO - 901 DAYS
2. PAUL TSHABALALA - 693 DAYS
3. RICHARD MDAKANE - 907 DAYS
4. OBED BAPELA - 918 DAYS
5. MZHANELE MAYEKISO - 916 DAYS
ENDS.

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9 FEBRUARY 1989

TO : SAPA PR WIRE SERVICE AND ALL PRESS

ALL COSATU REGIONS A AFFILIATES

FROM : COSATU HEAD OFFICE

RE : COSATU PRESS STATEMENT 9/2/89

COSATU AND THE MASS DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT ARE BEING HIT BY A NEW WAVE OF REPRESSION, WHILE HUNDREDS OF OUR COMRADES ARE ON HUNGER STRIKE IN VLOK'S JAILS IN PROTEST AGAINST THEIR CONTINUED DETENTION UNDER THE EMERGENCY REGULATIONS.

CUSATU EDUCATION SECRETARY, KHETSI LEHOKO, HAD HIS CAR WINDSCREEN SMASHED IN MAYFAIR THIS WEEK, WHILE IT WAS PARKED OUTSIDE THE HOUSE OF ANOTHER CUSATU OFFICIAL.

COSATU'S RESEARCH OFFICER, RAHMAT OMAR, WAS DETAINED AT HER HOME IN MAYFAIR IN THE EARLY HOURS OF THIS MORNING (9/2/89) AFTER IT HAD BEEN THURUUGHLY SEARCHED BY THREE SECURITY POLICEMEN. IT IS NOT YET KNOWN UNDER WHAT LAW SHE HAS BEEN DETAINED.

COSATU'S REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NORTHERN TRANSVAAL, DONSIE KHUMALO, WAS DETAINED AT CUSATU'S OFFICES IN PRETORIA THIS MORNING. DOCUMENTS WERE REMOVED FROM THE OFFICE AND OTHER STAFF MEMBERS INFORMED THAT HE WAS BEING DETAINED IN TERMS OF THE EMERGENCY REGULATIONS.

THE EAST RAND HOME OF A FAMILY MEMBER OF COSATU'S FIRST VICE PRESIDENT, CHRIS DLAMINI, WAS RAIDED THIS MORNING BY MEN IN MOTORCYCLE HELMETS LOOKING FOR CHRIS DLAMINI AND HIS DAUGHTER, LINDIWE, A FORMER MEMBER OF COSAS. FAMILY MEMBERS WERE INFORMED THAT A RESTRICTION ORDER HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR LINDIWE, AND THAT SHE SHOULD MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE POLICE REGARDING THESE. THE HOME OF THE SENIOR SHOP STEWARD FROM KELLOGS, ONE OF CHRIS DLAMINI'S COLLEAGUES, WAS ALSO VISITED THIS MORNING BY PEOPLE LOOKING FOR MR DLAMINI.

OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS, COSATU OFFICES IN MANY PARTS OF THE COUNTRY HAVE BEEN RAIDED BY POLICE, PARTICULARLY IN THE NORTHERN CAPE, ORANGE FREE STATE, NORTHERN TRANSVAAL AND WITWATERSRAND REGIONS.

SOME CUSATU MEMBERS AND OFFICIALS ARE AMONG THE HUNDREDS OF HUNGER STRIKERS STARVING THEMSELVES, IF NECESSARY, TO DEATH IN AN EFFORT TO FORCE THE GOVERNMENT TO COME TO ITS SENSES AND RELEASE ALL DETAINEES. COSATU CUNDEMNS THE REPRESSION AGAINST OUR ORGANISATION - IN PARTICULAR THE VIOLENT ATTACKS AGAINST OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR PROPERTY AND THE DETENTION OF OUR OFFICIALS. WE DEMAND THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF RAHMAT OMAR, DONSIE KHUMALO AND ALL DETAINEES.

CUSATU STAND IN FULL SOLIDARITY WITH ALL OUR COMRADES ON HUNGER STRIKE. WE DEMAND THAT THEY ALL BE IMMEDIATELY AND UNCUNDITIUNALLY RELEASED.

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6. BRIEFING OF INDEPENDENT UNIONS

SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE. SHOULD BE ON
A PROPORTIONAL BASIS.

MEETING WITH THE INDEPENDENT UNIONS 16-2-89

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S A WODDWORKERS SENT AN APOLOGY. THEY WILL ACCEPT THE
INVITATION

2. BRIEFING DONE BY COSATU GENERAL SECRETARY, EXPLAINING BACKGROUND
AND REASONS FOR SUMMIT AS WELL AS THE PRACTICAL DETAILS.

3. DISCUSSION WAS HELD AND THE INDEPENDENT UNIONS ACCEPTED THEIR
INVITATIONS.

4. EACH INDEPENDENT UNION WAS ASKED TO SEND ONE REPRESENTATIVE
TO THE WORKING COMMITTEE.

5. NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 20 FEB AT 2.00PM AT SECOND
FLOOR LEKTON HOUSE.

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17-2-89

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25 August 1992

TO : THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
ANC / SACP / COSATU / SANCO
EASTERN CAPE REGION
FM : THE SECRETARIAT
TRIPARTITE ALLIANCE

Dear Comrades

RE: ALLIANCE SUMMIT

We wish to invite your Organisation to the Alliance / SANCO Eastern Cape Alliance Summit meeting which will be taking place on

DATE : SATURDAY, THE 29TH AUGUST 1992

TINIE : 09.00AM TO 05.00PM

VENUE : ANC REGIONAL OFFICE

PORT ELIZABETH

ANC, SACP, COSATU and SANCO are allocated forty (40) delegates each. Please take note that this is a Regional Summit. We will be expecting delegates from all the Organisations in the Eastern Cape and also the Organisations will be responsible to transport their delegate to and from the Alliance Summit.

The programme for the Summit will focuss on the Organisational approach in the Eastern Cape and to assess the Mass Action Programme in the Region so as to develop the Way Forward.

We memfom request your Olgamisation to prepare a litreen (15) minute input focussing on the following.

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1. Assessment of Mass Action

2. State of Organisation Regionally 7

We will be receiving a National Tripartite Alliance Summit report. In the afternoon session we will go into Commissions.

Commission on the State of the Organisations.

Commission on the Regional Development Forum.

Commission on the Local initiatives / One City Talks.

Commission on Elections Campaign.

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We wish to request all delegates to make preparations in terms of contributions to the Summit and Commissions so as to come out with a Way Forward.

For the Administration part of the Summit ANC, SACP, COSATU and SANCO are expected to send their Regional Administrators to run the administration of the Alliance Summit. Please be advised that food will be provided for the delegates.

Hope to see you in the Alliance Summit.

Yours in struggle

TRIPARTITE ALLIANCE

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INVITED ORGANISATION\$ AND INDIVIDUALS

ANC WOMENS LEAGUE

ANC YOUTH LEAGUE

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Please Note :

Could you please send names of your delegates to COSATU Regional Office for registration and packages not later than Thursday, the 27th August 1992.