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28/06 CCAWUSA - launch of CCAWUSA from the merger of HARWU, RAWU and CCAWUSA - claimed membership 55 000,

28/06 - NEHAWU. Launch of NEHAWU from the merger of GAWU, HAWU, and SAAWU - paid up membership 9 000.

28/06 - Textile sector congress.

4-5/07 - Transport sector congress.

06/07 - SAB strike ends. All workers at Rosslyn reinstated and management agrees to union demands for negotiations.

7-14/07 - Strike ballots in metal and mining industries in wage disputes involving more than a quarter million workers.

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# CHRONOLOGY

## RECORD OF MAIN EVENTS

### 1985

#### December

01/12 - Launch of Cosatu - 449 679 members.

### 1986

#### January

01/01 - NUM. 30 000 workers at 4 Gencor mines in Bophuthatswana went on strike. SAAWU Metal Box Strike started last year continues.

#### FEBRUARY

10/02 - MAWU 850 worker at Asea plants went on strike over plant level bargaining.

24/02 - NUM 19 000 miners at Vaal Reefs mine went on strike demanding the release of their colleagues.

#### March

04/03 - MAWU 2 000 workers at Haggie Rand staged a sleep-in strike over wages.

- COSATU delegation meets with ANC leadership in Lusaka.

10/03 - NUM Miners at Vaal Reefs mine returned to work.

#### April

04/04 - FCWU 500 striking workers at Dairybelle - Clayville were dismissed.

17/04 - MAWU 30 000 workers staged a 1 hour stoppage in protest against wage offer.

25/04 - CCAWUSA Workers began a national strike at Fouchini stores following retrenchments.

May 01/05 - May Day. About 2 million workers stayed away on MAY DAY. Inkatha-backed Uwusa launched in opposition to COSATU.

07/05 - CCAWUSA 6 200 workers at Pick and Pay stores nationally went on strike over wages.

14/05 - CCAWUSA. Dispute between Pick and Pay and CCAWUSA settled.

#### May

01/05 - About two million workers take part in May Day stayaway action. Meetings banned or disrupted around the country. The Inkatha-backed Uwusa formed in opposition to COSATU.

07/05 - CCAWUSA. 6 200 workers at Pick 'n pay stores nationally strike over wages. Marked by use of sleep-in strategy.

14/05 - CCAWUSA. Pick 'n Pay dispute ends in victory for workers.

#### June

01/06 FAWU was formed from the merger of FCWU, SFAWU and RAWU. Membership - 60 000.

05/06 - CCAWUSA. Workers at Nels Dairy plants went on strike. 1 000 workers arrested and detained for 2 weeks.

14/06 - Second State of Emergency declared - 222 union officials and shop stewards detained.

16/06 - An estimated 1 500 000 workers stayed away from work to observe June 16.

17/06 - CCAWUSA Over 3 000 members at different stores held sporadic sit-in strikes in protest against detention of union leaders. 30 000 miners also take action.

29/06 - 920 trade unionists detained; 183 shop stewards and officials and 740 workers.

30/06 - FAWU. Workers at Clover in Pietermaritzburg went on strike. 230 workers dismissed.

#### July

05/07 - CWIU. 14 700 workers at Sasol plants went on strike over wages.

03/07-09/07 - NUM. Thousands of miners held strikes against detention of union leaders.

07/07 - NUM declares dispute with Chamber over wages.

08/07 - Government banned unions from holding indoor meetings in Johannesburg and Roodepoort areas.

09/07 MAWU, NUM and CCAWUSA announce action in Rand Supreme Court challenging the validity of the ban placed on union gatherings.

10/07 - NAAWU 3 600 workers at Toyota picket in support of wage demands.

14/07 - COSATU unions hold partial successful national stayaway against the State of Emergency and detention of union officials.

19/07 - UWCC formed under the auspices of Cosatu.

#### AUGUST

27/08 - Attempts to evict White City residents leaves 26 dead and many injured.

30/08 - Clashes over rent boycott leaves 9 dead and 21 injured.

#### September

09/09 - PAWU with 1 400 members merges with CWIU.

16/09 - 177 miners die in Kinross Mine disaster.

28/09 - HARWU, with 8 000 members affiliates to COSATU.

## October

01/10 - 300 000 miners respond to the call for Day of Mourning for Kinross victims. Another 300 000 COSATU members take part in a 1 - 2 hour stoppage in solidarity.

04/10 - CUSA-AZACTU launched.

12/10 CWIU - Workers at Pilkington Glass hold 2 day stoppage - dissatisfaction with managements response to negotiations.

21/10 - TUCSA  
TUCSA announced that it will formally disband on 2 December.

29/10 - NAAWU. 3 000 NAAWU members at GM go on strike in support of their demand for severance pay, pension.

23/10 - Dispute between NUM and Chamber settled.

## November

01/11 - SADWA with a signed up membership of 40 000 affiliates to Cosatu.

03/03/87 - MAWU. The 18 month long strike at BTR Sarmcol finally reaches hearing in the Industrial Court.

## December

18/12 - CCAWUSA 10 000 workers at OK stores nationally go on strike over wage increases.

## 1987

### January

31/01 - CAWU a new Cosatu affiliate launches from GAWU, BRICAWU, MAWU, SAAWU

### FEBRUARY 1987

09/02 PWAUWU. About 2 000 workers at Mondi Board Mills went on strike demanding wage increases.

06/02 - FAWU 2 500 workers went on strike at Beacon Sweets in Mobeni following the dismissal of 2 shop stewards.

12/02 SARHWU. 6 000 workers boycotted hostel food and protested against appalling living conditions at the Kazerne compound.

### MARCH

13/03 - SARHWU. SATS strike begins. 600 workers at City Deep go on strike.

25/03 - SATS general manager given special powers of mass dismissal.

28/03 - Living Wage rally in Johannesburg banned. In reply to a COSATU court application, police allege that the Living Wage is part of a revolutionary plot. COSATU House surrounded by armed police where a meeting of 3 000 striking railway workers is taking place.

### APRIL

08/04 - POTWA Post office strike starts at Power park depot with 400 workers.

09/04 - NUM. Miners died in methane gas explosion at Gencor's Ermelo mine.

21/04 police surround COSATU House and search all workers leaving.

21/04 - NUM. 23 000 miners at 2 JCI mines went on strike in protest against retrenchment programmes.

22/04 SARHWU. Meeting of SATS workers in Germiston broken up by police and 3 SATS workers killed.

Three workers killed at Doornfontein near COSATU House Johannesburg.

Police and army lay siege to Cosatu House. 400 workers detained; workers and officials assaulted and damage to property at more than R53 000. SATS dismisses 16 000 workers.

23/4 - COSATU gets an undertaking to prevent further unlawful action by police at Cosatu House.

29/4 - Police once again lay siege to Cosatu House.

### MAY

May - 01/05 - May Day rallies banned.

5-6/05 - Cosatu declares May 5 and 6 national days of protest. Action supported by millions of workers.

06/05 - Cosatu's East London Germiston offices attacked.

07/05 - Two powerful bombs exploded in Cosatu House.

11/05 - SARHWU offices in Kroonstad raided and closed by police.

13/5 - NUM received bomb threat.

17/5 - Cosatu regional congress Western Transvaal disrupted by police.

18/05 - Cosatu offices in Nelspruit burnt down.

23/05 - Launch of NUMSA with a membership of 136 000. Unions involved in merger - MAWU, NAAWU, GAWU, MICWU, TGWU, UMMAWOS, MACWUSA.

### JUNE

05/06 SARHWU strike ends. All workers re-instated and working conditions to be revised.

10/06 NUMSA. 1 000 workers went on strike at Steeldale Reinforcing over wages and working conditions.

12/06 - Third State of Emergency declared.

20/06 - SAB strike begins. 300 workers down tools in protest at continuous shift. National SAB negotiations break down, other 2 workers join strike, causing beer shortage.