

## ADVICE BUREAU BLOCKED BY AUTHORITIES

The Western Province Workers Advice Bureau has been temporarily blocked by the authorities. The Bantu Administration Office has refused to register their organiser, and one of the assistants was arrested and intimidated.

So for some time, the office has been closed, and it is not expected that the office will be opened for a few weeks. The Advice Bureau has been consulting lawyers, and unless their organiser is registered, there will be a court case shortly against the authorities.

Nevertheless, despite the fact that the organiser has been put out of action and the office closed, a wonderful amount of organising has been going on. Workers have shown that they do not need to be told to organise - they are forming workers' committees and organising their fellow workers on their own.

It has been clear to many workers that the authorities do not want workers to organise or to voice their grievances, and it is clear that they are afraid of the workers' committees that are springing up in dozens of factories, in Cape Town, in Natal and in Johannesburg.

This may sound strange since it was the authorities who allowed works committees to be registered by their Act of Parliament last year! It seems that workers are given the right to organise on paper, but when they take up this right, attempts are made to block them! But workers in Cape Town in over 30 factories have shown that they are not going to ask for permission before they organise - they will protect their interests and their families interests in the way that the law encourages them.

So although the Advice Bureau will not be opened for a few weeks, workers must not think that they have no work to do. In fact, they have more work to do than ever. Workers must use their own resources, their own skills, their own talents, to organise themselves and their fellow-workers. Show the authorities that you do not need full-time organisers to come and organise you - organise yourselves!

**WORKERS COMMITTEES!** It is your job to help your fellow-workers in other factories. Bring them the benefits that you have obtained for yourselves.

**WORKERS!** A giant movement is springing up all over the land. Workers are combining to protect their interests, and better their wages and working conditions. Join them - **ORGANISE!**