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Words of encouragement to workers from the Chief Minister of KwaZulu Legislative Assembly - M.Gatsha Buthelezi.

I wish all our Black workers to know well that we sympathise with them in their struggle demanding those rights which must be applicable to all workers both in this country and in all other countries.

It is our wish that difficulties of workers be solved amicably and peacefully. We wish to encourage you in forming Workers' Committees in order to make representations to your employers. We realize however, that some of you fear victimization as you are here in Cape Town. The Prime Minister Mr. B.J.Vorster has said that no one must be victimised because of membership in a Workers' Committee.

We have tried to request that you be given the right to form Trade Unions. This request has not been successful for the time being. But then do not lose hope because we also are God's creation, let us not despair. Let us continue to hammer for our rights until they are granted to us.

Unity is strength, I personally say to you all Africans unite as workers, let there be no Zulu, Xhosa or Sotho. The rights which you desire are not meant for one race, they are for all of you, the Black Nation as workers.

Listen to explanations given to you on how to organise yourselves in order to get your rights as Black workers in a peaceful manner. I hope you have seen how peacefully the Blacks have campaigned in Durban.

BE ORGANISED AND BE UNITED