

They are not being organised solely because it is in the interests of african unskilled workers. Because of this, we must be wary of any offers made by TUCSA. We must recognise them for what they are, and learn in what ways we may work to build a strong workers movement. Some suggestions of what TUCSA should do are made elsewhere.

We can summarise all this by making two points about TUCSA's attempts to organise unskilled african workers.

1. that it wants these unions to organise to resist the attempts by employers to substitute unskilled for skilled labour
2. that it wants these unions to restrict themselves only to the questions of wages, working conditions etc, and not to become involved in any political questions. In other words, TUCSA realises that unions for unskilled workers are necessary, but wants to control them so that they do not undermine the position of skilled workers in any other ways.

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Electrical Workers.

In May this year, the South African Electrical Workers Association (an independent union) announced its plans to organise skilled black electrical workers. This would apply only to black electricians in the Transvaal area, and only to those who hold the necessary qualifications, ie: the same as the white electricians hold. The Unions intends approaching the registrar to request that he considers this case on its merits.

ADVICE BUREAU NEWS.

152 workers from Nautilus, an engineering firm, expressed their interest in joining the Advice Bureau. As soon as it opens, these new workers will be fully incorporated. At the moment, they are preparing and organising a works committee for their firm.

At Murray and Stewart, workers are calling for a works committee because they find their present machinery for negotiations, inadequate. They are being advised on how to set up their committee, and should have one fully registered by the end of the month.