

DELEGATES TO WORKERS' COUNCIL MEET:

45 Delegates from 12 factories have met three times this month to receive training on the Workers' Council.

They have decided that, before the Workers' Council is set up, and its rules made, all the delegates must be fully trained in the workings of a Workers' Council.

So far, the delegates have discussed many of the problems that the Council will be faced with, among them is how to get delegates from other factories - 12 factories is not enough for a powerful Workers' Council!

The delegates meet again on Saturday, the \_\_\_\_\_ at the B.E.S.L. Hall, Athlone.

MORE FACTORIES MUST ELECT PROVISIONAL DELEGATES TO THE WORKERS' COUNCIL

If the workers struggle is to be left to the 12 factories which have so far delegates to the Workers' Council - then it is a struggle that can never be won! Every factory must show its loyalty to its fellow workers by electing trustworthy delegates.

Do not wait until the Advice Bureau asks you to elect delegates. The Advice Bureau does not have enough organisers to visit every factory in Cape Town. No - read this newspaper carefully, speak to workers in other factories; visit the Advice Bureau yourself. But at all costs find out about the Workers' Council, and make sure that your factory elects representatives to decide on the rules of the Council. You cannot leave this task to strangers!

NEW RULE FOR CONTRACT WORKERS?

The Financial Mail, the bosses newspaper, reports (16.5.75) that "a move is now well advanced" to make contract workers send part of their earnings back to the "homelands". It is planned that workers will have 30% of their wage deducted. This will be sent to the Transkei and Ciskei. When the worker goes back at the end of his contract, he will get this money back again.

The reason why this deduction is planned is to give the "homeland" governments money to use in the "homelands". It will be, in effect, a forced loan from the workers to the "homeland" government.

No doubt the South African government will remember that when the Lesotho government tried to deduct the wages of their workers on the mines in the same way, there were riots. Eventually the Lesotho government abandoned the scheme.

The compulsory loan scheme will bring at least an extra R10 million into the Transkei government, for example, every year.