

So far workers have only paid their joining fee of 30c - but now with membership cards, workers are asked to start paying the monthly subscription of 25c. This money will be used to pay for the two organisers, the rent of the office, publications and many other expensive costs. Unless the members of the Advice Bureau begin to pay their 25c regularly, the Advice Bureau will find itself in severe difficulties.

On each membership card, space has been left so that your payments are recorded. In this way, you know that your money is going to help the Advice Office organize the workers of Cape Town.

Workers who have not yet been organised - you can come into the office at any time. The organisers will explain to you what steps you must take to become organised.

Workers who are organised, and have a factory committee - send your representative (treasurer) in to the Advice Bureau on any Saturday morning to get the membership cards.

This representative or treasurer will then have the job, every month, of collecting 25c from each member and bringing it to the Advice Office.

MAKE SURE YOUR FACTORY GETS ITS MEMBERSHIP CARDS SOON.

WESTERN PROVINCE LITERACY PROJECT

At the beginning of this year the Western Province Literacy Project was set up in an attempt to provide literacy classes to workers. It is our belief that illiteracy not only diminished the quality of the life of the worker, but also makes it extremely difficult for all the workers to come together and organise to their advantage. Illiterate workers, while not ignorant, are prevented from learning as much as they would like about their situation in order to see what could be done to achieve change. The ability to read and write, in both English and Xhosa will obviously also assist workers in their negotiations with Management.

We believe that while learning to read and write workers should discuss their common problems with a view to getting a better understanding of these problems so that they can see what needs to be done to solve them. We provide classes in Xhosa and English and work with people who are completely illiterate, and also people who can read and write but wish to improve and learn more about other things e.g. South African history.

If you would like to learn to read and write you should come to 88, Station Road, Observatory (Tel:55-9915) or go to the Western Province Advice Bureau, 9, Benbow Building, Beverly Street, Athlone, on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday evenings from 6.00 - 8.00 p.m. or leave a message there during the day and we will contact you. Or at St. Gabriel's Church (I Caure Yase Roma) N.Y.5 Guguletu from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

We also need people who would like to teach others how to read and write, so if you would like to do this, please let us know.