

## MEDIA

# Smash the lies

Every week, all over the country, there are pamphlets and posters and stickers and newsletters coming out attacking our organisations. They carry the names and logos and addresses of our unions. They talk about our struggle. But they don't come from our organisations. They are not the voice of workers. They come from the bosses and the racists - the

They put this together to attack our unions, our unity, our strength as a class and our pride as workers.

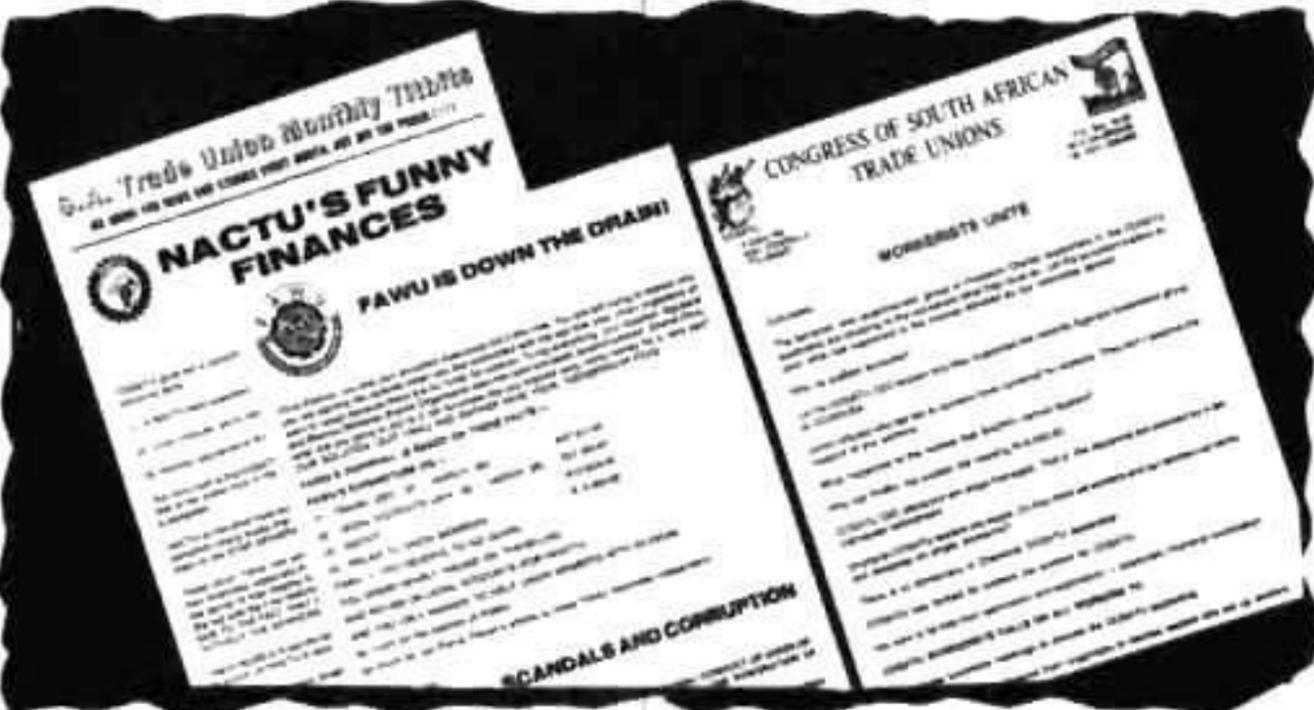
There are pamphlets from COSATU attacking NACTU and pamphlets from NACTU attacking COSATU. There are newsletters from so-called "workerists" attacking "populists" and "populists" attacking "workerists". There are posters which look exactly the same as COSATU posters except the message is completely different. There are regular newsletters like the S.A. Trade Union Monthly Titbits. There are smear pamphlets. There are slanderous character assassinations. There are hate campaigns. There are accusations. There are lies.

This poison is never given out openly. It is spread secretly at

poison spreading.

### Every worker must :

- Make sure that disagreements and problems in our organisation are sorted out in an open, honest and democratic way.
- Discipline any comrade who attacks other comrades in a divisive way or outside of worker controlled structures
- Make sure that you are getting all the information you need from your union or from COSATU structures. Every COSATU Local and Region has media officers who can help you with the information you need. Contact these comrades or your COSATU Region
- When a fake pamphlet is distributed, collect them and give them to your union. Explain to other workers who is really responsible for this and why
- If you see someone distributing fake pamphlets, find out everything you can about them and immediately pass the information to COSATU or your union
- Send a copy of every fake pamphlet to COSATU Head Office in Johannesburg
- Be vigilant at all times for the tricks of our enemies. Don't give information about your union to anyone who is not for the struggle of the workers.



people who hate workers and worker organisations.

They are using their propaganda poison to create confusion; to make divisions; to disinform us; to turn worker against worker; to try and kill the unity and organisation we have built.

The bosses and the racists are always trying to do this to workers. We are used to them lying in their newspapers and TV and radio about our struggle. Now they are coming like a fox at night and spreading their poison to workers in the name of our organisations. The people doing this have millions of rand to spend. And they have some confused information which their impimpis have sold them.

night at busstops, in hostels and in our workplaces. Sometimes it is even posted to workers. On one occasion a casspir was seen distributing them in a township.

Pamphlets from COSATU are distributed openly through our structures. They talk about our real problems in life - the bosses and the racists - and what we must do to overcome them. Any problems we have in COSATU are dealt with by the only method that can solve them - the method of worker democracy. This is what the enemies of the workers movement hate so much.

There are many things we in COSATU can do to stop this

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### COMMITTEES

There should be a Media Committee in every COSATU Local and every COSATU Region. Comrades in the Media Committees participated in media training workshops last year. They are responsible for making sure that information is spread from and to your Local/Region. They can help your Local/Region to produce media - like pamphlets. Use your Media Committee to get information and media you need and to provide information for your *Cosatu News*. If your Local/Region does not have a functioning Media Committee, contact COSATU Media Department in Johannesburg and we will assist you

# Build media committees!