

Fight every retrenchment

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One of COSATU's Living Wage demands is Job Security. Job security means no retrenchments and no dismissals. It also means that we need to create secure jobs for 7 million unemployed workers. How? By attacking all the available work, demanding the state get a programme of public works going that will create jobs and provide the things workers need, ending working hours and ending overtime.

The bosses - on the other hand - are interested only about profits. They are prepared to retrench, dismiss and victimise for the sake of profits. The bosses do what they have to do to increase their profits. We must do what we have to do to get what we need. This means - like the Premier - workers in this area will not have to face the bosses alone and lose. We demand job security for every worker!

FAMU has lost a major retrenchment battle in the private sector. More than 700 workers have been retrenched. 67 am Faw factories are affected. This follows a takeover of Premier's poultry division by another company. The new company will bring in new machines and close down some factories. It has scrapped many union rights.

Farm Faw is Krugersdorp. The plant closed and workers were laid off for 2 months. This is to allow for new machinery to be installed. Only 280 workers will be taken back when the factory opens again. The retrenchment settlement was 2 weeks pay for every year of service, provided fund payment will be refunded. The union demanded 4 weeks pay for each year worked.

Farm Faw is Wynburg. 100 workers have been retrenched. The other 430 will work on a contract basis for a period of 6 months. The plant would then close. All work will be

shifted to the subcontract plant in Krugersdorp. The retrenchment is the same as at Krugersdorp. Workers will also get 2 weeks pay for each year of service and 25% of annual bonus.

Farm Faw is Sibonigane. About 200 workers will be retrenched on 28 February 1990. Workers in the farms were encouraged to bring the aid children's schooling attached.

Farm Faw is Westport Cape Management is dumping out 1 section of 44 workers. Farmers were the same as at Port Elizabeth.

Farm Faw Cold Storage, City Deep. 70 workers are to be laid off. FAWU demands that they be transferred to South Africa, Green and Cheese (SACCAL) use of the new shareholders in Farm Faw. Management refuses.

Says FAMU: "The merger is a change in strategy on the side of Premier. They have a 50 percent majority share. The other shareholders, SACCAL and Boshoff, make up the other half. But Premier is offering these partners to join Farm Faw. Premier will get the money, while the others get the union-cashing".

Premier is planning to take strategy in the solar tile sector. They are going to set up offices with Sunbrite (Cape), Windable Roofing and so on. We are expecting that they will hand over the management to them too. This will mean retrenchment at Cape tile site. And a new mechanised plant is being built at New Bayside weath. Sunbrite, who is subsidiary of Boshoff, is entering a take over FAWU retrenchment agreements in the same national. And Boshoff, a subsidiary of Boshoff, refuses to agree to union rights. They are harassing and victimising workers." My FAWU.

The bosses of Boshoff and SACCAL say:



- The union won't negotiate on stock options.
- Workers won't have maternity and pension fund benefits. These rights were won when the company was run by Premier.
- The company won't negotiate at national level anymore.

The union had further demands against the merger. While workers were part of Fawu Demarcations. There was a mass meeting of 5 500 workers. Workers from other sectors of Premier, such as milling, also attended. But this did not stop the announcement. Only when COSATU turns out stronger. "At night in one it is an injury to all - who among will see into the messes of Premier's financials of job pay for the sake of their profit."

NO TO GST

The South government has put up GST at 12%. For every R11 workers' profit, 1% is going to

the state. It is expected that GST alone will give De Beers R15,0 billion this year. This is more than the whole defence and police budget for a year.

The increase in GST was part of De Beers's budget for 1989. There is not to be wage increases for the millions of public sector workers. And only 10,8% of the budget is meant for the health and welfare of the people - most of which goes to white.

The bosses are happy with the budget. Because it is a tax on workers. The budget protects bosses' profits while obstructing workers' needs. Companies only pay 17% of the taxes for the budget. 80% comes from us through GST and PAYE.

COSATU rejects paying taxes for a racist socialist government which we have no representation in. We demand that GST and PAYE be scrapped completely for the working class. For the rich - not for the poor.

Ex-Minister of Manpower Fires Co. Workers

Co. Workers retrenched last year. There are allegations that a company has set up a controlled bought a building in Pretoria which he then tried to sell. He then resigned. The Co. Workers made R2 million on the deal. There were 40 workers for the building. It is one why Co. Workers resigned. The truth must come out about the corruption in the Manpower Department.

Magnus. Mafeni

This is now left the Defence Minister Magnus Mafeni had a swimming pool built for himself at his house. But in the budget the cost of the swimming pool is put down as a payment towards a swimming range. And there are stories about the Ministers of Parliament and the President's Council members flying to Mozambique in a military helicopter for an "interesting visit". And will more stories of military helicopters being used for hunting traps for Ministers.

And of course there's the close friendship of Matsi and Pitso with the big capitalist Vermaak whose corruption is under investigation for the Harare Commission. Matsi says he only gave him a few things. He told the Commission he paid Matsi for his job in Harare where he got Matsi. But he said the Sunday Star that his job was paid for by his friends in exchange for Matsi paying for his office trip to Harare as well. Matsi says Vermaak was just a friend. Really?



It's a bosses life...

"I go to the movies to see the Centre Run every year. This is a real. I got in Johannesburg. The first I flew to Scotland for another holiday and shopping and that called Parkville. I went to Zambia and Zaire recently. My leaving for Park in six days time. I don't want to give the impression that at 10 a level. I want to."

"I'm involved in the manufacture of electronic products. I have done a fair amount of travelling in that area. I have been around over large portions of France and America and the flow. I am not interested in making. I open a newspaper, there is a lot of news about a woman that is the other side. You can't get the truth about your own country, the workers." Robert Dunning, Johannesburg, caption.

