

CONGRESS RESISTER

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MAY DAY - DAY OF WORKERS UNITY

May 1st this year, marks the 101st anniversary of May Day or International Labour Day. In SA and the world over May Day symbolises the struggle, solidarity and unity of the working people.

Workers remember their bitter struggle at work against slave wages and long hours, against unemployment and starvation, racist employers, retrenchments and little social security.

Workers remember their struggle at home against high rents, poor facilities, inadequate transport and housing shortages.

And on this day, through expressing their unity, their power - workers rededicate themselves to the struggle for a decent life.

Today under the banner of the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu), workers throughout S.A. are demanding a **living wage**.

Congress calls the WORKERS in the Indian community to:

- join in the struggle for a living wage.
- join Cosatu and its affiliates (particularly those previously belonging to TUCSA).
- unite with and support the struggles of African workers.
- not to divide and weaken workers by indulging in scab labour.

We call on the UNEMPLOYED

- join or form progressive trade unions linked to Cosatu.
- demand the right to work
- demand better unemployment benefits

We call on the EMPLOYERS

- recognize May 1st as a paid public holiday for workers
- give workers off on May Day every year
- be sympathetic to the struggle of workers for higher wages and better working conditions.



May Day Rally 1939 Durban

We call on the HOUSEWIVES

- give domestic workers off on May 1st every year as a paid holiday
- improve the working and living conditions of domestic workers
- encourage domestic workers to join the South African Domestic Workers Union (SADWU)

We call on the COMMUNITY

- attend public rallies, cultural and the May Day activities wherever they are held
- Support the struggle of the workers; the workers struggle is our struggle; Our struggle is the workers struggle!

STOP PRESS

Congress condemns the brutal killings of 6 striking railway workers by police on 22/04/87. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the families and fellow workers of those killed, as well as to the Cosatu-affiliated South African Railways and Harbours Workers Union.



Congress Rallies

LENASIA
MAY DAY RALLY
FRI 1 MAY 1987
2:30 pm
GANDHI HALL
SPEAKER
HELEN JOSEPH

LAUDIUM
FRI 1 MAY 1987
MAY DAY
CULTURAL AFTERNOON
2 pm
● COSATU SPEAKER
● POETRY, DRAMA
● MUSIC
SEVA SAMAJ HALL

CONGRESS SUPPORTS COSATU!