

1. Metal and Allied Workers' Union

This Union has been in the news lately because of the strike at Stirling in Pinetown.

The Management agreed to negotiate with the Metal Union but later said the Directors would have to agree to this as well before further negotiations could take place. Mr. Mthethwa commented: "That's Okay. The workers will decide who will represent them."

At Leyland, workers have decided to send a letter to the Management signed by all the workers, asking for a referendum to be held in the factory. This referendum would decide whether the workers should be represented by a works committee, liaison committee or by the Metal Union. The workers have agreed they will accept the decision of the majority.

2. Furniture and Timber Workers' Union

This union has just started for African workers in the Furniture and Timber industry.

3. Union of Clothing and Allied Workers

The hard work of Secretary and Organiser Joyce Gumede has seen to it that nearly 60% of the African workers in this industry already belong to the union.

4. Garment Workers' Union

During March Garment Workers are to vote whether to remain affiliated to Tucsa or not. The union has threatened to withdraw following Tucsa's refusal to associate itself with the mass protest over the four bannings.

5. National Union of Textile Workers

The Textile Union has decided to move into Ropes and Mattings as its next step in organizing Natal's 30,000 textile workers.

At Dano victimization of workers after the January strike was ended when Mr. Barney Dladla again stepped in to help workers negotiate with management.

At Smith and Nephew the Union has put forward a House Agreement which will be discussed with management and agreed on during March.