

laid off because of the higher salaries being demanded. This says little for the managerial ability of the persons in charge. Managers should always only employ the number of workers they need. But the new higher salaries must be taken from profits not from attempts at reduced numbers. Profits have been very high in the past and now it is time for these to be reduced and for the workers to obtain a little more from their hard work.

It is the right of all to earn a living wage, a wage fitting a human being. Mr. Barney Sladla said this month, "A family man has responsibilities. If a man is employed he must be in a position to be a responsible head of his family. He must provide clothing, education and a decent home." These things are essentials and they cost money. It is time the White Government and people realised this.

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FROM CAPE TOWN PARLIAMENT

Commenting on the Bill to regulate Bantu labour relations Mrs. Suzman said, "it is a self-deception to believe that the system of works committees, even with workers having the right to strike in certain circumstances is any real substitute for proper, full trade union rights."

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	1969	1970	1971	1972
Capital	18,417,000	186,410,600	20,100,000	20,125,000
Profits	1,169,000	1,286,000	1,705,000	1,987,000

The profit has grown by 69 per cent. This means that for every Rand they used to get, they now get R1.69. This growth is quite tremendous. The question is, how much increment the employees or workers have been given?

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