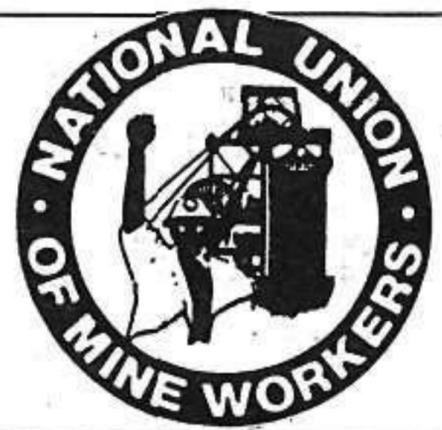


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CONGRESS TO CALL FOR THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE INDUSTRY

The National Union of Mineworkers holds its 7th National Congress from the 24th to 28th April this year. The Congress will be held at the Nasrec Showgrounds near Soweto.

Nearly 900 delegates are expected to attend the Congress. The delegates will be from the 16 regions of the union, representing over 270 000 paid up members.

Approximately 30 guests from 8 countries outside of South Africa are also expected. The guests will be representing mineworkers unions and organisations internationally.

The Congress meets at a time when mineworkers are facing widespread retrenchments and possible closures of mines with the resultant unemployment and suffering for the workers, their families and their communities.

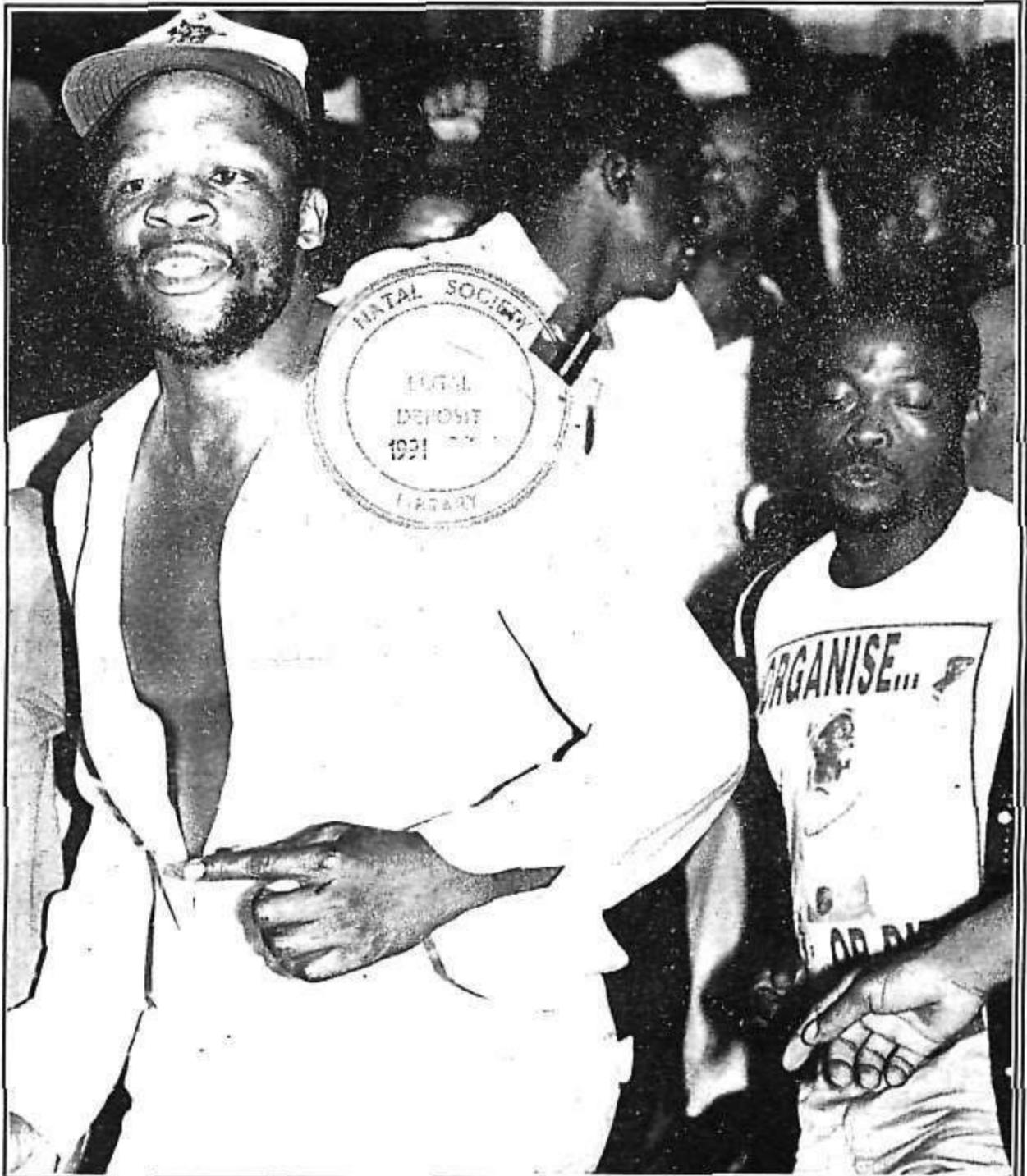
This crisis is not only caused by the low price of gold. It is also the result of decades of mismanagement of the mines by the bosses and the cheap selling off of our country's minerals to capitalist markets all over the world.

The minerals that have been extracted from our country have never been used to uplift the standard of living of either the mineworkers or the oppressed masses of this country.

Instead we have seen the mine bosses enriching only themselves, their relatives and their few chosen friends.

The workers and their families have only known hardship and suffering caused by the starvation wages paid by the mine bosses.

The Congress theme is: Restructuring of the mining industry. Central to this theme



Delegates at the Rustenburg regional conference livening up the proceedings.

is the demand for job security, an end to repression on the mines and the call for a summit to be held to discuss the future of the mining industry.

Resolutions dealing with retrenchments, job security, an end to repression on the mines top the list that has been submitted for debate

at Congress by regions. Political issues also feature prominently in the list of resolutions. The most prominent ones revolve around the demand for a Constituent Assembly, the Interim government, the building of the ANC and the strengthening of the ANC\SACP\COSATU alliance.

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