

COMPANY AND AREA	UNION	WORKERS	DATE	EVENTS AND OUTCOME
Greenside Colliery (Gold Fields) Witbank	NUM	3 000	02.05- 06.05.86	Workers returned to work after a four-day strike and sit-in which began when mine security detained a shaft steward for his involvement in a May Day celebration, and handed him over to the SAP. Workers were attacked by mine security and police armed with guns and sjamboks in the hostels. More than 20 people were injured. On 4 and 5 May workers were forced back to work under armed guard. But they refused to work and sat underground for the duration of the shifts.
TEBA	NUM	450	12.03.86	Workers boycotted TEBA canteens when management failed to redress long-standing grievances over discriminatory practices, dissatisfaction with food, hampering union activities, and victimising shaft stewards. TEBA laid charges against NUM members campaigning for the boycott because they had contravened company rules and the liquor Act. On 21 March, 60 NUM members were fired after striking twice the week before against the dismissal of two NUM members.
Vaal Reefs Orkney	NUM	1 750	19.03.86	About 1 750 mineworkers left the mine after the death of 16 miners in the past week and injury of 99 because of faction fighting on the mine. NUM claimed that management had instigated tribal faction fighting on 15 and 16 March. On 21 March NUM met Vaal Reefs management for talks to reduce tension on the mine. NUM's grievances included dissatisfaction with the induna system and migrant labour system, police intervention on the mine and the position of workers who were not reinstated after 14 000 strikers were dismissed in 1985.
Western Deep Levels (Anglo American)	NUM		13.05.86	Following negotiations, black mineworkers were granted a 27% increase on production bonuses, effective for all categories of stoping production from the beginning of May. Bonuses of 75%, effective from June, were agreed on for development, tramming, and vamping workers.

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COSATU held rallies round the country attended by 100 000 workers. Johannesburg, Pretoria, Western Transvaal and East London experienced almost total stayaways. Six rallies were banned in Port Elizabeth, East London, Empangeni, Ladysmith, and Pretoria. Students stayed away from schools.

About 200 000 miners stopped work. Stoppages were reported on the DFS Goldfields, Phalaborwa, Thabazimbi, Carltonville-Klerksdorp area, Witwatersrand, Kimberley, Witbank and Namaqualand. Twenty-eight unionists were injured when police broke up May Day meetings at the mines.

De Beers Consolidated granted a paid 1 May holiday to 2 000 black workers at its Finch, Kimberley and Namaqualand mines. Wit Nigel, which is not a member of the Chamber, declared 1 May a day of thanksgiving.

COSATU demanded the right to observe May Day as a paid public holiday, a 40-hour week on a living wage with social security, the right to strike and to work, the rights of students to form democratic SRCs, equal pensions for all people on a monthly basis, the right to free political activity and the unbanning of all banned organisations, the release of political prisoners and dropping of treason charges, the right to free movement and decent housing at affordable rents, and the immediate end to the pass laws and influx control. COSATU condemned the formation of UWUSA, Gatsha Buthelezi and Inkatha as government collaborators.

The UWUSA national launch in Durban was attended by about 70 000 people. A COSATU May Day rally nearby was attended by 15 000.