

SACTU (1955-1985)

30th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION

CHAIR:

Zola Zembe (Co-ordinator for Western Europe, SACTU)

FREEDOM SONGS:

ANC choir

MAIN SPEAKER:

■ **John Nkadimeng** (Gen Sec, SACTU)

GUEST SPEAKERS:

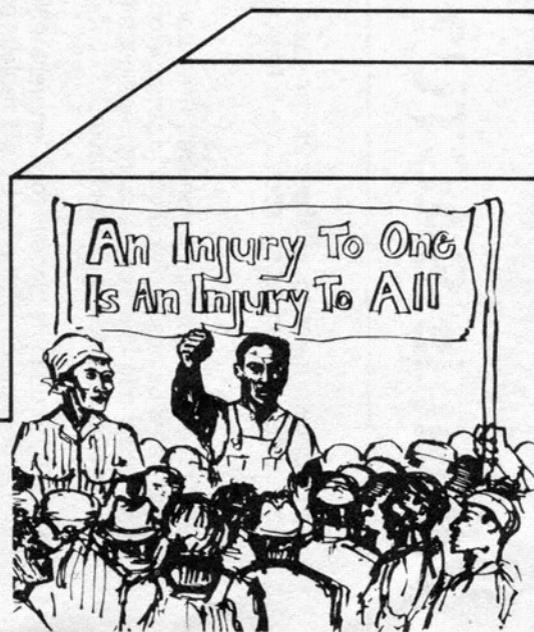
■ **Ron Todd** (Gen Sec, T&GWU)

■ **Solly Smith** (ANC Chief Rep, UK)

■ **George Larter** (SACTU Solidarity Cttee, Canada)

■ **Chris Child** (British Anti-Apartheid Movement)

Conway Hall,
Red Lion Square, WC1
6th March 1985 at 7pm



What is SACTU?

- ★ SACTU was founded as the first non-racial trade union co-ordinating body on 5 March 1955.
- ★ SACTU at its formation committed itself and its affiliated unions and workers to struggle on both economic and political fronts against all forms of oppression and exploitation.
- ★ SACTU, through its place in the Congress Alliance shows its total commitment to the destruction of the apartheid regime and to the implementation of the Freedom Charter.
- ★ SACTU's success in mobilising workers on both trade union and political fronts met with severe repression in the early 1960s.
- ★ Between 1962 and 1965, hundreds of SACTU activists were banned from trade union work, banished and imprisoned. Many were murdered in the prisons of apartheid.
- ★ SACTU was forced to find new ways of organising. Today SACTU is forced to use every means, legal and illegal, open and underground to build the strength of the trade unions.
- ★ SACTU continues its tasks of organising the unorganised workers into trade unions, creating unity between diverse forces within the South African working class in opposition to apartheid.
- ★ SACTU has always regarded the formation of one democratic federation as a crucial and urgent task facing the trade union movement. The unity of the trade unions is essential for workers to win both their short term and long term demands.
- ★ SACTU's task is to guide, influence and persuade the trade union movement along the revolutionary course of our struggle.



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