

CABOOSE



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50 YEARS OF GOLDEN SERVICE

TOWU was sad when the evergreen Mrs. Marie Hubinger retired at the end of March 1996, after serving the Union for nearly fifty years. What a performance! TOWU wishes her well on her retirement. In her place is the lovely Tracy van Schalkwyk. Welcome to the club Tracy.



Mrs. Hubinger (centre) being feted by EXCO Members at her farewell.

RE: WAGES AND PENSION / PROVIDENT FUND

Each depot will be getting first hand report backs by the persons serving on these forums. Please do not listen to outside gossip as it only creates fear and confusion. Therefore make sure that you attend your depot meetings where you would be able to ask relevant questions, especially on the issues you are not quite clear on.

BURSARY FUNDS

Education is a very important subject. TOWU realising how workers have to pay exorbitant fees to educate their children is assisting by offering two bursary grants to the children of all TOWU members. TOWU believes in equal education for all.

TOWU Wishes All Members, Friends and Families a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



PROFILE OF TOWU VICE PRESIDENT MR. JOHN ADAMS

Mr. Adams is a member of TOWU for the past 28 years. From 1976 to 1987 he was a shop steward at the old Klipfontein depot until moving over to Arrowgate. In 1990 he again became a shop steward until 1992 when he was elected as the Vice president.

Mr. Adams is married and have three children. His wife Susan is a principal at BABS Educare. His son Peter is a lawyer and works as an International Financial Consultant in Melbourne, Australia. He has two daughters, Geraldine is a qualified nurse and Hildegarde "the baby" is a 3rd year law student at U.W.C.

His hobby is gardening, and he takes pride of his many trophies he has won as a Brigade Drum Major. His keen wit and dry sense of humour makes him a very likeable person. Despite that he is a hard task master at the various forums and committees he serves on.

CABOOSE QUOTES

If you could kick the person responsible for most of your problems you wouldn't be able to sit down for six months.

Does not the history of the world show that there would have been no romance in life if there had been no risks

MAHATMA GANDHI

Often we have no time for our friends but all the time in the world for our enemies

LEON URIS

Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue

RODGER ANDERSON



Joe in Frankfurt - Behind him is the two office blocks belonging to I.G. Metall the biggest Trade Union in Germany.

THE GERMAN EXPERIENCE 14th September '96 to 01st October '96

My two week stay in Germany was fantastic but it was too short to give a complete overview. Frankfurt is a very beautiful city with massive skyscrapers, large ferry boats crammed with tourists cruising up and down the river Maine and a five minute bus and train service we Capetonians will need if we are to host the 2004 Olympics. We visited many famous landmarks. The second week we went to Hamburg in the north of Germany. It is a hustle-bustle Metropole with a huge container harbour. In 1974, 16000 people worked at the once vibrant dockyard. Today because of high technology only 5000 remain. In both cities we met workers and many prominent persons of all sectors with whom we exchanged views of interest. What amazed me was the modern Trade Union Colleges where we stayed, owned by the German Federation of Trade Unions (DGB). Grand buildings with luxury single rooms and a 4 star cuisine service. Large lecture rooms, smaller ones for group work, a swimming pool, snooker room, gym, sauna and several other features.

Education and Training is compulsory for German workers with a minimum of 10 days paid time off. Germans earn high salaries and work only 35 hours per week. The people were wonderful to us and they made our stay very eventful. The experience was great and it was a real eye opener.

CABOOSE QUIPS

A telephone pole never hits a car, except in self defence.

Small minds usually hide behind big mouths.

POETS CORNER

BELIEVE IN YOURSELF

Believe in yourself
and go where angels fear to tread
many are just followers
you must take the lead

Truth

should be your guide
discard useless thoughts
and go against the tide

Apathy

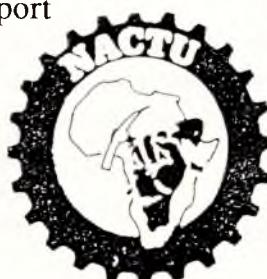
you should abhor
freedom and justice
from your soul outpour

Focus

on your goal and no tears
be strong
and dispell all your fears

J. REKENIS

The Congress unanimously
adopted the following resolutions.
In support of the Olympic 2004 Bid
Violence / Crime
Nationalize Public Transport
Housing
Health
Education / Job Creation



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THANKS TONY!

Our General Secretary, Tony Franks has resigned from TOWU and finished off at the end of September '96. Tony has secured a job in Gauteng and sends all his friends and colleagues the best of greetings and health.

NACTU REGIONAL CONGRESS

Western Cape

14 SEPTEMBER 1996



JOE SINEKER ADDRESSING NACTU CONGRESS



**Taking a break at the NACTU congress are:
President Mogamat Soeker, Vice President John Adams,
Treasurer Joe Sineker and EXCO member Dennis Ables.**

NACTU Western Cape region held its Congress in the Manpower Building, Cape Town on the 14th September 1996. The theme for the Congress was "Education for Total Liberation" Guest Speakers were:

Brian Williams : Provincial Director of Labour
Debbie de Vries : Worker's College Coordinator
Martin Jansen : Educator - TULEC
Joe Sineker was elected NACTU Regional Chairman
Messrs. Mogamat Soeker and John Adams serve on the EXCO

ASSALAAMU-ALAIKUM

The TOWU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE STAFF AND all SHOPSTEWARDS wants to wish all-our Muslim colleagues everything of the best over the Holy month of Ramadaan and a Happy EID MUBARAK.

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CLASS
LEADERSHIP!**

