



Armed State thugs versus Africans — who's got who on the run?

There has also been more attacks by
 against collaborators, strikes and
 means of non-cooperation.
 Generally the Emergency has been
 as part of a defensive campaign
 an offensive that has culminated
 period of intense activity from
 trade unionists, guerrilla groups
 communities. The resistance has
 both organised and spontaneous.
 are now, for the first time, more
 in unions in South Africa than
 The number of Black strikes
 has multiplied, as also the
 of guerrilla actions. Basically the
 are being attacked on all sides.
 the workers, in the communities
 by armed actions. The ANC has
 a number of prime installations,
 along with conversion plant and a
 There have also been
 in the mining industry and else-
 The ANC is currently going
 a period of expansion. Their
 objective is to continue the
 campaign aimed at destabilising
 A network of ANC cells
 within the townships and
 The ANC does not
 need class revolution or a non-
 state, but a 'mixed economy'
 liberated from White dominance.

SCAB MERGER CHANGES COURSE

A new rightwing pressure group has recently formed within the trade union movement. Its vice-chairman is none other than scab miners leader David Prendergast and its name is, not surprisingly, called 'Mainstream'. The organising secretary of this group is an EETPU (the electricians union, whose leadership undermined and strenuously condemned the 12 month miners strike) research officer. Mainstream is a sort of Militant Tendency of the extreme right within the union movement. The chairman of Mainstream is Terry Duffy, president of the engineers union, the AEUW. Mainstream hopes to function as a catalyst for organising the centre and rightwing of the union movement. Already it boasts caucases in several unions (in addition to the break-away miners unions, teachers union), the ISTC (steel workers union), the NUR (a railworkers union) and the CPSA (a coal servants union).

Mainstream has financial and other backing from the Freedom Association, a far-right organisation with links to the Tory Party and various neo-fascists. At the moment Mainstream is putting across that it is merely a 'ginger group' to 'break the stranglehold of the left within the trade union movement'. Its ambitions though are far different. In the long term Mainstream intends to recruit a membership from all the main unions with the objective of transforming trade unions from reformist, pro-capitalist bodies, into all-out bosses unions/staff associations on the model being developed by EETPU, etc.

In the last issue of Black Flag we reported on moves by EETPU, the AEUW and the ASTMS to form a rightwing alliance within the trade union movement. We referred to it as a 'scab alliance' and as an attempt to establish a charter for a 'new unionism' that the Tories would welcome if not encourage. Since then the AEUW has had its annual conference at which delegates rejected outright the leaderships' proposal for the merger or 'scab' federation as a 'rival' to the TUC (or, more accurately, as a consolidating force within the TUC). Delegates now fear expulsion from the TUC because of the unions' policy to accept state funding for secret ballots. But the AEUW leadership (as also the EETPU leadership) argue — probably correctly — that if it came to a

In the final analysis the AEUW has gone for a policy of changing the TUC from within, rather from without. Perhaps we shall be hearing more of Mainstream in the future and its trotskyist tactics now that scabs are wising up to politics?

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