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UDF PLEDGES SUPPORT FOR STRIKING MINE WORKERS

The UDF has taken the following actions with regard to the miners strike for a living wage:

1. We have sent a telex to the government demanding that they refrain from intervening in the strike, they stop harrassing NUM officials and that they immediately release all detained mineworkers.

2. We have sent telexes to the Chamber of Mines and Anglo-American Corporation calling on them:

- * to meet the legitimate demands of the miners a
- * to stop attempting to lock workers into the compounds, denying the NUM access, and forcing mineworkers to work.

*to meet with the UDF to discuss the dispute since many of our members and supporters are involved.

*to meet with the NUM to resolve the dispute through negotiation rather than through protracted and potentially bloody battle

3. We have appealed to the UDF's members, supporters and affiliates to:

- * in the case of individuals send R1 to the NUM Relief Fund, P O Box 2424, Johaannesburg 2000, to help support the mineworkers

- *to send non-perishable food (eg tins) to the NUM offices in your area

- *in the case of organisations to send more substantial contributions to the above address

4. Finally the UDF will assist the mineworkers in whatever way possible, and will help defend the NUM and its offices from any illegal attacks. The UDF and the entire democratic movement stands one hundred percent **behind the legitimate demands of the mineworkers. We call on all democrats, both in South Africa and internationally, to isolate the Chamber of Mines from all support; and to contribute all available resources , moral, financial and organisational, in supporting this battle against apartheid's oppression and exploitation of South Africa's mineworkers.**

Hands off the NUM! A living wage for all mineworkers!An injury to one is an injury to all!

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