

# Police Terror from Marikana, South Africa to the US Fighting For A United Front In South Africa

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When ILWU Local 10 stopped work on May 1, 2015 to protest police terror from Ferguson to Baltimore to Bay Area, it received a statement of solidarity from the National Union Of Metal Workers of South Africa NUMSA. This union is the largest in South Africa representing over 350,000 workers and it represents not only metal workers but also dock workers and airline workers.

Continuing privatization and deregulation has caused increased impoverishment in the black townships and rural areas. The 2012 massacre of striking mineworkers in Marikana by police of the ANC government was the catalyst for NUMSA to call for a United Front to begin the process of unit-

ing the working class and oppressed and the formation of an independent workers party. NUMSA has also fought the recent bloody attacks against migrant workers in South Africa that has led to many deaths.

Dinga Sikwebu is the NUMSA Director of Education and has been involved in the formation of this United Front. He will be visiting ILWU Local 10 in San Francisco and speaking about his union's experience and the lessons of their struggles. This is important not only for South African workers but also US working people who also face police terror and similar attacks on their wages, jobs and workers rights.

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