‘BLADE’S A LIAR OF NOTE!’

Jim accuses him of dividing workers

By JABU KUMALO

IRVIN Jim yesterday blasted Blade Nzimande at a media briefing.

The Numsa general secretary said: “Nzimande is a liar of note. He also seems to behave like a rented politi-
cian and is a wedge driver.”

Jim said the union will host an in-
ternational event for left wing parties
and movements. What kind of commu-
nist divides the workers, he asked.

“He is always lying and telling every-
body that Numsa wants to leave Co-
satu. We are sick and tired of this
moonlighting general secretary of the
SACP.

“We wonder what he stands to gain
if Numsa were to die,” said Jim.

The international event will start to-
morrow and end on Sunday at Ko-
panong Hotel in Benoni, Ekurhuleni.

Jim said Numsa was convinced that
the only solution for the problems fac-
ing the world was socialism.

“Clear features of a discredited capi-
talist system can be seen in global
warming, environmental destruction,
the threat of nuclear war, hunger, in-
equality and many other ills,” he said.

He said the working class needed an
independent federation and that was
why all left wing organisations were
invited to the event.

He told reporters that the SACP
should have been at the forefront of
defending workers but they were work-
ning against them instead.

“In their desperation to divide Num-
sa, the SACP on Monday embarked on
a march to ArcelorMittal. What we can
tell you is that the march had no sup-
port because they didn’t have the in-
terests of workers at heart,” said Jim.

Jim said it was clear that Numsa
was a target for attack.

He named Gwede Mantashe, Frans
Baleni and Jessie Duarte among those
who had attacked the union recently.

Numsa general secretary Irvin Jim.

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