



S R Nathan – Former Labour Research Unit Director and current Singapore President who was critical in moving labour discourse from an antagonistic, table-thumping style, to one based on a rational discussion of mutual interests.



T H Elliott (Posthumous) – Former NTUC advisor who helped to formulate the blueprints for the setting up of NTUC Income, NTUC Comfort and NTUC Welcome Co-operatives.



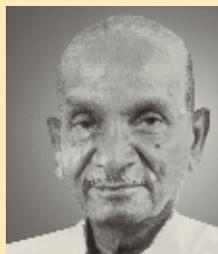
“That was the turning point when we said, ‘If we don’t cooperate and work with the enterprises here to make them successful, we will die... So are you prepared to work with companies to make them profitable or are you out to down these companies... in which case they pull out?’”

Then Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew



Joseph Tan Meng Kwang - A respected pioneer who led the Singapore Manual and Mercantile Workers’ Union in the 1960s through to the 1970s.

G Kandasamy (Posthumous) – Pioneer union leader who encouraged splinter unions to come together to form a “giant” union - Amalgamated Union of Public Employees (AUPE).

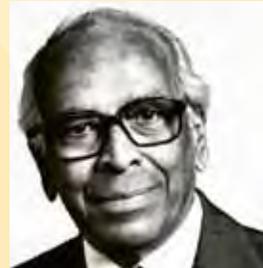


1970s

Chin Harn Tong – Former unionist who helped to re-organise pirate taxi drivers to join the taxi co-operative, NTUC Comfort.



Yu-Foo Yee Shoon - Former NTUC Chairman who championed women’s rights and family values and also organised union membership recruitment drives.



S Rajaratnam (Posthumous) - Former Labour Minister who helped to steer the Employment Act and the Industrial Relations Act to meet the needs of workers.

Seah Mui Kok (Posthumous) – Former NTUC Secretary-General who helped map out NTUC’s programmes for the decade following the Labour Movement’s Modernisation Seminar in 1969.



Lim Chong Yah – Former National Wages Council (NWC) Chairman who helped formulate guidelines on wage policy.



Goh Keng Swee (Posthumous) – Former Finance Minister who set the tone for the formation of NTUC co-operatives at the Labour Movement’s Modernisation Seminar in 1969.

“I believe our workers can achieve this level of perfection if we changed their attitudes. The objective must be a job well done and to be paid for job well done. The NTUC must play a positive role in re-shaping attitudes and objectives, supporting management and the Government in a joint effort to realise our full potential.”

Then Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew at an NTUC Seminar in 1975

