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KERALA STATE CHETHU THOZHILALI FEDERATION

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P.O. ALLEPPEY,
Kerala State, India

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General Secretary,
Trade Unions International of Agricultural
and Forestry Workers (Trade Department of the WFTU)
19 Via Boncompagni,
ROME (Italy)

Dear Brother,

The Executive Committee of our Federation has decided to affiliate with the Trade Unions International of Agricultural and Forestry Workers. The constituent unions of our Federation are affiliates of the AITUC.

2. Workers who are members of our Federation are engaged in the collection of toddy by climbing atop coconut and ~~pan~~ palm trees and depositing the liquor collected at collection centres for fermentation. There are 18,000 workers employed in this trade in the State of Kerala, of whom 13,000 workers are members of our Federation.

3. The names of the main functionaries of our Federation are given below:

President: A. GEORGE CHADAYAMMURRY

General Secretary: C.K. KESAVAN

4. Our Federation is publishing a monthly journal for its members entitled CHETHU THOZHILALI in the Malayalam language (the regional language in Kerala State in India). A copy of the journal is being sent separately.

5. We shall be happy if our application for affiliation is accepted by the Trade Unions International. If we are to comply with any formalities in this respect, kindly let us know.

6. We would request you to send us literature published by the TUI and also press materials which we could use in our journal.

With warm greetings,

Yours fraternally,

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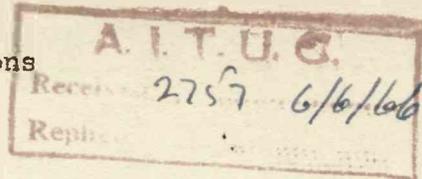
(A. George Chadayammurri)
President,

Kerala State Chethu Thozhilali Federation

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New Delhi

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To : - Agriculture, Forestry and
Plantation Workers Organizations
- Trade Union Organizations



Dear brothers,

The XIIth Session of the Administrative Committee of the Trade Union International of Agriculture, Forestry and Plantation held in Kiev adopted a resolution unanimously condemning the unlawfull and criminal reactionary outrage in Indonesia meant against her working people, trade unionist and democratic forces.

The number of those massacred in Indonesia has reached 300.000. The criminal means employed for the massacre by the reactionary forces, known as the right-wing army regime, have surpassed those employed by the fascists.

The Communist Party of Indonesia (PKI), the SOBSI (Indonesia's greatest trade-union), SARBUPRI (Indonesian Plantation workers trade union), SARBUKSI (Indonesian Forestry workers trade union), SBG (Indonesian Sugar factories workers trade union) and other democratic mass organizations have been outlawed since the Indonesian right-wing army regime assumed power. This regime, which is led by generals SUHARTO & NASUTION has become more outrageous from day to day and it has unmasked itself of its complicity with the US imperialism and its lackeys, to suppress the Indonesian revolutionary forces. Foreign capital monopolists have begun to invest their interests in Indonesia in close cooperation with the Indonesian right army regime. As a result working people's living condition becomes worse and worse.

Under such circumstances as described above, we hope for your solidarity by organizing workers' meetings and sending workers delegation to the Indonesian embassies, protesting the right-wing army regime in Indonesia and demanding the regime to put an end to the bloody terror against trade-union leaders, peasants, workers, progressive and democratic intelligentsia, to release immediately and unconditionally all trade-union-leaders, democrats and patriots, and restore their democratic freedoms and their rights to work.

In short we hope you would launch a campaign against the right-wing army regime.

Your solidarity will by all means support and encourage the struggle of the working people in Indonesia against the reactionary fascist regime led by generals SUHARTO-NASUTION.

With fraternal greetings

Vice-Chairman of the SARBUPRI :
Plantation workers trade-union

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R E S O L U T I O N

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CONDEMNING THE CRIMES OF REACTION IN INDONESIA AND CALLING ON

. ALL WORKERS FOR SOLIDARITY

The XIIIth session of the Administrative Committee of the TUI of Agricultural, Forestry and Plantation Workers, in the name of its 20 million members, resolutely condemns the criminal and illegitimate acts of the Indonesian reaction against the workers, trade unions and all democratic forces of the country.

Over a long period, the Indonesian reactionary forces in the army and the monopolies, supported by foreign imperialists and the reactionaries, have been waging, under pretext of the liquidation of the "Mouvement of September 30th", a campaign of terrible repression against the progressive and democratic forces, their organisations and all their sympathisers - a campaign which has caused tens of thousands of deaths.

The principal blow of Indonesian reaction was levelled against those who were struggling most courageously for national liberation and social progress, against those who consistently opposed all enemies of the Indonesian Republic by defending the national democratic revolution in the face of imperialist intervention, above all American imperialism, and Indonesian reaction.

In particular, the blow was levelled against the S.O.B.S.I. - the largest trade union organisation of the country, which was struggling consistently for democratic national liberation and social progress in Indonesia, for the consolidation of the unity of the workers and people against imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism.

The XIIIth session of the Administrative Committee of the TUIAFPW expresses its entire solidarity with the workers, democ-

rats and patriots of Indonesia struggling against the violence and yoke of reaction, and declares itself convinced that they will defeat reaction and defend the national and democratic revolution.

The Administrative Committee of the TUIAFPW demands :

- the immediate cessation of the bloody terror against trade union militants, workers and progressive intellectuals, against all those patriots who have defended the Indonesian revolution for full independence and social progress of their homeland ;
- the immediate liberation of all prisoners - trade union militants, democrats and patriots, and the re-establishment of democratic liberties, trade union rights and the right to work.

It calls on the trade unions of agricultural, forestry and plantation workers to express their active solidarity with the Indonesian workers.

Kiev, USSR, March 6th, 1966

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