

ALL INDIA TRADE UNION CONGRESS

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CIRCULAR No. WC/3/57

September 18, 1957

To
All Working Committee Members

The following invitation from the Soviet Union was received by cable:

"AUCCTU INVITES TWO REPRESENTATIVES YOUR TRADE UNION CENTRE TAKE
PART CELEBRATIONS 40TH ANNIVERSARY GREAT OCTOBER SOCIALIST REVOLUTION
USSR TWO WEEKS STAY STOP SAME INVITATION SENT INTUC HIND MAZDOOR SABHA
DESIRABLE UNITED DELEGATION INDIAN TRADE UNIONS ARRIVE MOSCOW
NOVEMBER 4TH OR 5TH FRATERNAL GREETINGS - VICTOR GRISHIN PRESIDENT"

I have written to the INTUC and HMS whether they would be agreeable to sending a delegation as desired by the Soviet Trade Unions and I am waiting for their reply. I would like you to suggest your choice of names for the two representatives of the AITUC. After hearing from all the members, I would request you to allow me to choose the names on behalf of the AITUC from the list that would be thus collated. One at least of the two representatives should be a functioning trade unionist directly from the working class ranks. It would be preferable if we can find such a representative knowing a little of the English language also as that would facilitate participation in the celebrations with greater ease. The decisions in this matter will be taken about the middle of October.

There is also the consideration that the delegates who would be going to the WFTU Congress at Leipzig would be in Germany till the end of October and as the celebrations in Moscow will be held on 6th November, we may think of choosing AITUC representation from amongst the delegates already in Germany. That would save us costs of travel, etc. That does not mean, however, that we cannot send other people also. I am just putting before you a point for consideration.

S. A. DANGE,
General Secretary.

ALL-INDIA TRADE UNION CONGRESS

4 Ashok Road, New Delhi

CIRCULAR No. PTUC/D-1/57

November 26, 1957

To
The Secretaries,
PTUCs

Dear Comrades,

You know the AITUC session is going to meet from 25th December to 29th December, 1957 at Ernakulam, Kerala. When the Working Committee and the General Council meet there, they will have to appoint a Credentials Committee to go into the question of affiliations of the Unions that will be in attendance.

Many trade union committees are holding their State Conferences and receiving new affiliations from Unions. They have also, I am told, in some cases, collected affiliation fees on behalf of the AITUC. In many cases, these affiliation fees have not yet been transferred to the AITUC Centre. In many cases, the dues have not been paid at all.

I wish to point out that if trade unions send delegations to attend the session without paying their affiliation fees, these delegates may not be allowed to attend.

There is an impression that if delegates are not accepted as delegates for want of payment of affiliation fees, they may be allowed to attend as 'observers'. I might make it clear that observers of this kind will not be permitted at all. Because, obviously, as you will see, it is a method of attending the session without accepting its responsibilities, especially in the matter of filing returns and paying dues. I hope you will discourage this tendency if it exists in any Union in your areas.

At the last Working Committee meeting, we had all come to the conclusion that the moral prestige of the AITUC has gone up so much that a number of unions are now willing to affiliate with us. In such circumstances and especially when the workers have become more conscious than before, it should not be difficult for you to get new affiliations and also get money from the workers for this purpose.

I am sending this circular because, unless our organisation is perfected in all its details, we shall remain very weak in the matter of building up our activities for the future.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

S. A. DANGE,
General Secretary

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4 Ashok Road, New Delhi

November 21, 1957

To
Members of the Working Committee

Working Committee Meeting
on DECEMBER 24, 1957, at 9.00 A.M.
at Ernakulam, Kerala

The Working Committee of the AITUC will meet at Ernakulam, Kerala, on Tuesday, the 24th December 1957 at 9.00 A.M.

Agenda

1. Outline of the Report of the General Secretary to the Congress.
2. Draft Resolutions and programme of the 25th session of the AITUC.
3. Reports of the various Commissions appointed by the Working Committee in its Delhi meeting.

You are requested to intimate date and time of your reaching Ernakulam, to the Reception Committee, on the following address, with an intimation to this office:

Reception Committee,
All-India Trade Union Congress Session,
Cannon Shed Road,
ERNAKULAM, Kerala State

Telegraphic address: AITUCONG, ERNAKULAM

The AITUC office will shift and start functioning at Ernakulam on and from 20th December 1957.

Fraternally yours,



(S.A. DANGE)
General Secretary

P.T.O.

The following extracts from the Constitution of the AITUC are reproduced for the information of affiliated unions:

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO
THE A.I.T.U.C. SESSION

16. (a) For the General or the Special Session of the AITUC, the affiliated Unions shall be entitled to elect delegates on the following basis:-

One delegate for each union having a membership of 200 or less, and one additional delegate for every complete set of 200 members, and a further delegate for the last fraction of 200, if the said last fraction consists of 100 or more members.

(b) To ascertain the number of delegates which an Affiliated Union is entitled to send to the AITUC, the basis shall be the number of paying members existing on the register of the Union, as disclosed in the balance sheet of the Union, for the year prior to the Session of the AITUC, duly certified by the auditor.

(c) An Affiliated Union shall furnish to the General Secretary, the names and addresses of the delegates two weeks before the date fixed for the session of the AITUC.

(d) Delegate's card will be issued on production of a certificate of election by the Secretary of the Union concerned.

(e) No person who is neither an office-bearer of the Affiliated Union, nor a member of the Affiliated Union shall be entitled to be elected as a delegate of the AITUC.

(f) Propositions for the agenda of the General Session of the AITUC must be signed by the President or the Secretary of the Union sending them, and must reach the General Secretary of the AITUC, at least two weeks before the time fixed for the meeting of the AITUC.

(g) A Trade Union shall not be allowed to send more than five resolutions but in order that important labour questions may not be omitted from discussion at the Session, the General Council is empowered to place important propositions on the Agenda.

(h) At the meeting of the AITUC the official business shall have priority over other business.

NOTE: Since the AITUC session is being held in the last week of December, holiday railway concession might be available for journey to Ernakulam and back.

RATE OF AFFILIATION FEES AND OTHER DUES

Affiliation fees:	Upto 250	-	Rs.10	WFTU levy:	Rs.5/-	per 1000
	251 - 500	-	Rs.15	Subscription		members
	501 - 1000	-	Rs.20	for TRADE UNION RECORD	-	Rs.4/-
	1000 - At Quarter Anna	per member				per year

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September 12, 1957

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To ALL P.T.U.C.s

Dear Comrades,

I am sending copies of the booklet
"Wages, Automation and Hours of Work" issued by
WFTU in the preparation of Fourth World Trade
Union Congress for issuing to the office-bearers
and the General Council members of the AITUC
in your State.

Fraternally yours,

(K.G.Srivastava)
for General Secretary.

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President : V. CHAKKARAI CHETTIAR, M.L.C. (Madras).
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September 7, 1957

Dear Comrade,

We are forwarding per separate post two copies of the "Statement on behalf of Federation of Metal & Engineering Workers' Unions, Calcutta" submitted before the Industrial Tribunal in the dispute between employers and workers of the Engineering Industry.

The statement relates to several problems relating to conditions of work, etc., in the Engineering Industry and we trust your PTUC would find the same interesting.

We would like to have your comments, if any, on the same at your earliest convenience.

With greetings,

Fraternally yours,

(K.G.Sriwastava)
for General Secretary.

Tamil Nadu
Bombay
Punjab