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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING OF A.I.T.U.C. HELD
AT CALCUTTA ON 28TH JULY 1956 AT 10.00 A.M. UNDER THE PRESIDENSHIP
OF COM.SATYAPRIYA BANERJEE, M.P.

The following members were present:

Com.Balachandra Menon read the Minutes of last General Council meeting, which was approved.

Then messages received for the meeting from WFTU, Liaison Bureau and Director, ILO, were read.

Condolence Resolution on the sad demise of Coms.Mukundlal Sircar, Nimai Mehta, Natenipati Banerjee, N.K.Banerjee and others was passed all standing in silence for two minutes.

TASKS OF T.U.s on IInd FIVE YEAR PLAN

Com.P.RAMAKURTI initiated the discussion on the tasks of TUS and Second Five Year Plan.

Com.BALACHANDRA MENON then placed before the General Council the following agenda which was approved by the Working Committee:

1. Proposals and platform of T.U.unity
2. Tasks of TUS in relation to 2nd Five Year Plan
3. Wages and other Demands
4. Industrial Disputes Act (Amendment)
5. T.U.School
6. Organisation
7. Working of ESI Scheme
8. Price Increase of food and other consumer goods
9. Textile policy
10. Coal Award
11. Atomic Tests
12. Housing
13. Repression
14. Political prisoners.

The following time-table was approved:

28th July - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; 4 to 6 p.m.

29th July - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 4 p.m. Wellington Square rally

30th July - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 3 to 6 p.m.

28TH - Discussion on issues on the agenda and in the evening Commissions to be set up to draft resolutions.

29TH - Discussion on organisational resolution.

30TH - Commissions to report on the resolution, discussion and adoption.

Com.SUDHIR MUKHOTI in his speech opposed the viewpoint expressed in the General Secretary's letter re. Five Year Plan and labour policy, and advocated the policy of no support to the Second Plan and struggle for unity should be carried on independently.

Com.PRABHAT KAR, General Secretary, A.I. Bank Employees Association greeted the Council on behalf of his organisation.

Com.Y.D.SHARMA at this stage suggested some time limit to be imposed.

Com.HALDULKAR speaking next said that he does not find any change in the character of the Second Plan. Re. unity he said he is not in favour of unity at all costs, it should be based on acceptance of class struggle, defence of workers' rights, right to strike, with red flag and building socialism. He agreed with Com.Sudhir Mukhoti's approach.

Com.RANEN SEN reported on the steps taken by him for initiating talks for unity.

The meeting adjourned at 1.25 P.M.

RENEWED SITTING AT 3.35 P.M.

Com.HALDULKAR presided.

Com.MENON, Asst. Secretary, suggested the names of sub-committees on various resolutions, which was approved with some additions.

Discussion on Five Year Plan and TU unity was then resumed.

Com.P.BALACHANDRA MENON said that we cannot separate the II Ind Plan and T.U. unity. Giving details of the advances made in regard to wage and on rationalisation, he stated that our stand of conditional support to Plan as decided upon at Indore Session was a correct one and that is why we have been able to make an advance and efforts to isolate us from the workers have failed. He said that we should support the objectives of industrial development but there can be differences on implementation of the Plan and we should oppose the Government, when we find it is against working class interests. He supported and requested the General Council to accept the formulations of Com.Dange.

Com.P.RAMAMURTI at this stage suggested that the General Secretary's letter contains his views and that while this be taken into account, the G.C. should adopt its own resolution put up by the sub-committee which was agreed.

Com.K.T.K.TANGAMANI: The question of TU unity should not be linked up with either general elections or II Plan. He said that to support or not to support the Plan is a political subject and will therefore require three-fourths majority to pass a resolution. It should therefore not be taken up here. He said that recent shift in the policy of Govt. re. wages are due to our struggles.

Com.S.S.YUSUF: Agree with Com.Dange's proposals.

Com.BARIN CHOUDHARY: We must have positive attitude towards the Plan and for strengthening of national economy but not at the expense of the working class. Re. unity, he said, conditions in different States and industry are different and proper advice which will be in the best interests of the workers should be given.

PRESIDENT: The discussion must be restricted to the two main points.

COM.V.D.CHOPRA: In Punjab the question of living of workers and employment is intimately connected with the Plan and as such these two questions should be taken into consideration together to formulate positive attitude. Re. unity, he said new departure goes in although for top unity in present conditions.

(COM.S.S.YUSUF takes the Chair)

COM.A.C.NANDA: Re. Plan agree with Com.Chopra. Re. unity, he said that we must take up whole question of unity of working people.

COM.S.PAI: Progress definite on positive policy. He said a strike will be better understood if we take it in the context of improving workers' conditions under the Plan. He pleaded for unity on all-India scale.

COM.SUNIL MUKERJEE: The Plan vitally affects workers and their conditions. If we do not have positive attitude to Plan, we cannot fulfil workers' needs. TU unity question is tied up with the Plan too. In this connection, efforts for unity at the top can also bring some success.

COM.MAQDOOM: Agree with Dange in regard to Five Year Plan and TU unity.

COM.VITHAL CHAUDHARI: Not speaking on behalf of BSTUC as it could not meet earlier. Agrees with the main line of Com.Dange but said that it will be negated if we followed the explanation of Com.Ramamurti. A line supporting the Plan is necessary. For achieving unity, he suggested that we must remove their fears.

COM.MARKHAND JHA: Does not support the method of implementation of the Plan as it seems in the name of the Plan to crush the workers. No support till Govt changes its labour policy.

COM.ABUL HUSSAIN: Quoting certain examples of engineering and other establishments, said workers will not be inspired merely by the message of national development, unless they get some betterment. He said that unity can come only from united action from bottom and for that rival unions must be permitted when it becomes necessary.

(COM.RANEN SEN takes the Chair)

COM.P.GOVINDAN: In general agreement with Com.Dange.

COM.D.C.MOHANTY: We must support Plan as it brings economic progress. In Orissa, it is possible to unite with INTUC but not with HMS.

- MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7.30 P.M.

JULY 29, 1956

The Session began at 9.30 a.m. under the Chairmanship of Com.RANEN SEN.

Organisational report was read out by Com.P.BALACHANDRA MENON, Asst. Secretary.

Com.P.RAMAMURTI stressed the urgency of doing something so that centre does not close down.

Com.K.A.NAMBIAR, the Treasurer, read the statement of account as follows:

(attached)

COM.HALDULKAR placed correspondence between himself and Com.Dange regarding anti-unity and left-sectarian policy of CPI leadership in the AITUC. Grievances re. formation of rival union, non-inclusion of representatives at the WFTU, AITUC centre, Betul Sanatorium, IMWF, etc. raised, gave certain ~~remarks~~ suggestions which have not been discussed.

COM.P.RAMAMURTI questioned the allegation and said AITUC does not concern itself with party affairs. Suggested formation of a Committee of Coms.Ranen Sen, Sudhir Mukhoti, S.Krishmurti, Satyapriya Banerjee, Baldulkar and Dange to go through it.

COM.VALLABHA RAO supported by Com.Y.D.SHARMA suggested that since a committee is appointed, it should go into all organizational problems and not merely the complaints of Com.Haldulkar.

COM.MAHENDRA SEN and COM.VITHAL CHAUDHARI and COM.P.RAMAMURTI opposed this idea and wanted it to restrict itself to the complaints of Com.Haldulkar.

After some discussion, three resolutions were brought forward on the above. Com.P.Ramamurti, Vallabha Rao and Krishnan. The following resolution of Com.P.Ramamurti was passed by 27 votes, others getting 10 and 2 votes respectively.

COM.SHAKIR ALI initiated discussion on the organisational problems and said that attention should be paid to our shortcomings in this respect.

In the discussion that followed COMS. K.T.K.TANGAMANI, VALLABHA RAO, SHANTARAM PAI, S.KRISHNAMURTHY, SAILEN PAUL, RAM SUBHAG SINGH, VITTAL RAO, RANEN SEN and ~~COM~~ P.RAMAMURTI participated.

The following resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION No.1

Having heard the correspondence between Com.Haldulkar and Com.Dange, the General Council resolves to appoint a Committee of the following persons: P.Ramamurti, Ranen Sen, Sudhir Mukhoti, S.Krishnamurthy, Satyapriya Banerjee, Haldulkar and S.A.Dange. The Commission will go into the facts regarding the complaints in the correspondence and the problems of organisation and functioning of the AITUC centre that will be raised by these facts and submit a report on all these including recommendations re. functioning of the TU centre, to the Working Committee. The Working Committee will place before the General Council their views.

RESOLUTION No.2

"The General Council resolves to write off the old arrears and money paid from September 1955 and onwards be treated as dues for 1956. All affiliation fees should be paid by 31st October 1956 and unions which do not pay by that date, will automatically lose their affiliation."

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Another suggestion came for giving a call to collect a fund of Rs.10,000.

Com.SANYAL wanted it to be reduced it to Rs.5000 while ~~Com~~ Com.MOHANIY insisted on first aff. fee being paid. Representatives from Bengal and U.P. opposed this move.

The proposal was carried by a majority of 25 for and 12 against. Com.Menon was asked to allot quotas for this collection.

Then Com.P.RAMAMURTI suggested that each province should celebrate AITUC's 35th Anniversary on 31st October and collect funds. This was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1.55 p.m. to meet tomorrow at 9.00 a.m.

30 JULY 1956

The session began at 10.00 a.m. with Com.RANEN SEN in the Chair.

Com.PARVATHI KRISHNAN made a reporting on World Women Workers' Conference which she attended on behalf of India.

Com.SAILEN PAUL moved a resolution on rising prices which was seconded and adopted.

Com.NANDA moved a resolution on WAGES which after some discussion and amendments was passed.

Com.KRISHNAMURTHI moved a resolution on PROVIDENT FUND ACT, which with certain amendments as re-drafted by Com.K.T.K.TANGAMANI was passed.

Com.K.T.K.TANGAMANI moved a resolution on AMENDMENT TO INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES ACT which with the amendments of Com.KRISHNAN and SHANTA RAM PAI was passed.

Resolution on EGYPT was moved by Com.P.RAMAMURTI and passed.

Com.INDRAJIT GUPTA moved resolution on PLATFORM OF T.U.UNITY.

Discussion was going on and Coms.A.C.Nanda, Krishnan, Benoy Chatterji, Monoranjan Roy, Mahendra Sen, had moved amendments when the session was adjourned to re-assemble at 3 P.M.

The session re-assembled at 3.00 P.M. with Com.RANEN SEN presiding.

Com.VITHAL CHAUDHARI, SANTOSH GHOSH, ROBIN MUKERJEE, SHAKIR ALI, S.SANYAL, P.BURMAN, S.S.YUSUF AND CHAHHURANAN suggested amendments to the resolution.

Com.INDRAJIT GUPTA accepted certain amendments but rejected the ones moved by Com.Nanda, Shakirali, Benoy Chatterji, Mahendra Sen and Vithal Chaudhari. Com.Krishnan, and Monoranjan Roy withdrew their amendments.

Voting on amendments took place as under:

	For	Against	Result
On P.Burman's amendment	1	all others	lost
On A.C.Nanda's "	8	32	lost
on Mahendra Sen's "	18	22	lost
On Chaturali's "	1	all others	lost

Resolution as amended was passed unanimously.

Com.P.RAMAMURTI moved resolution on the proposal to other national TU centres to form ad hoc Consultative Committee on demands.

Com.SHANTARAM PAI opposed the resolution but when put to vote it was passed by overwhelming majority with only 2 votes against.

Com.P.RAMAMURTI moved a resolution on the Committee to NEGOTIATE. With the addition of the name of Com.Yusuf proposed by Com.Nanda, it was passed.

Com.P.RAMAMURTI read resolution on 2nd Five Year Plan.

(SESSION ADJOURNED at 5 P.M. for 1½ hours)

Session resumed at 6.30 P.M. with Com.RANEN SEN in the Chair.

Com. SUDHIR MUKHOTI opposed Com. Ramamurti's resolution.

The resolution was referred to the Working Committee of the AITUC for lack of time. It was resolved that the General Council should be summoned in October at a place to be decided by the office and that the office should circulate all trends of opinion on the subject.

6 members voted in support of Com. Mukhoti's suggestion to circulate two resolutions but overwhelming majority was against.

It was also agreed that while both the resolutions will be circulated only to General Council members, opinion of affiliated unions be sought.

Resolutions on coal, atomic tests, housing, repression, political prisoners, govt. employees, agricultural labour, working journalists, retrenchment in DVC, on transport workers, commercial employees, rubber tyre industry were referred to the Secretariat.

Com. RANEN SEN raised the issue of ESI. The sub-committee could not come to agreed decision. Opinion in various ~~parts~~ parts of the country divided. He complained that the Indore resolution on the subject has not been implemented. Centre has not moved. Condition of workers worsening. Demanded either movement be launched or members be allowed to withdraw from Regional Boards.

Com. MOED. ELLIAS, ABU HUSSAIN and INDRAJIT GUPTA supported Com. Ranen Sen.

Resolution was referred to the Sectt with the understanding that State TUCs can take action they consider suitable to their local condition.

Com. P. RAMAMURTI then moved a resolution re. Com. V. CHAKARAI CHETTIAR's birthday celebrations on December 12, which was passed.

Com. P. RAMAMURTI wound up the session stressing achievements and pointing out to the serious financial condition of AITUC.

The session adjourned sine die.

MINUTES OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING OF A.I.T.U.C.
held at NEW DELHI from AUGUST 30 to SEPTEMBER 2, 1957

The following members were present:

Comrades R.K.HALDULKAR, ARUNA ASAF ALI, S.A.DANGE, ARVIND GHOSHAL, S.KRISHNAMURTHI, ANANDA NAMBIAR, SUNIK MUKERJEE, MD. ELIAS, SHAKIR ALI KHAN, K.L.NARASIMHAM, G.SUNDARAM, K.K.WARIOR, K.T.K.TANGAMANI, K.N.JOGLEKAR, K.N.JOGLEKAR, S.G.FATKAR, SATISH LOOMBA, S.C.MUKHOTY, INDRAJIT GUPTA, CULABRAC GANACHARYA SHANTA RAM PAI, MOMAMED ISMAIL, MONORANJAN ROY, SAROJ GHOSHAL, K.B.PANIKKAR, V.SUBBIAH.

The following special invitees were present:

Comrades J.V.K.VALLABHA RAO, SATYANARAYANA REDDY, T.B.VITTAL RAO, LALIT BURMAN, ALI AMJAD, S.V.PARULEKAR, VITHAL CHAUDHARI, B.N. MUKERJEE, K.S.NADKARNI, T.C.N.MENON, N.C.SEKHAR, A.K.GOPALAN, HOMI DAJI, PARVATHI KRISHNAN, K.T.RAJU, M.S.KRISHNAN, K.S.VASAN, BANAMALI DAS, S.SHARMA, RAM ASREY, S.C.DUTTA, S.M.BANERJEE, RENU CHAKRAVARTTY, KALYAN ROY, PARIMAL MITRA, PRABHAT KAR, P.DUTTA ROY, A.C.MANDA, B.D.JOSHI

The President, Com.Chakarai Chettiar being ill, could not attend the session. Com.Dange proposed that Com.Aruna Asaf Ali, Vice President, should preside today's meeting which was approved by the Committee.

Com.ARUNA ASAF ALI presided over the meeting.

COM.ARUNA ASAF ALI in her opening address said that due to some personal reasons, she is at present cut off from the active trade union movement. She still remained in touch with the workers. Pointing out the negligence in the education of workers by the middle class intellectual leadership, she stressed on our duty to organise the workers so that he comes into his own and assumes leadership of the TUs.

Com.DANGE read the agenda of the meeting as follows:

- 1) General review of the situation, rising strike movement and other struggles in the country;
- 2) Anti-strike Bill and Ordinance;
- 3) Tripartite Conference and its work;
- 4) Settlement in the Coal Industry and further problems;
- 5) Wage Boards in industries
- 6) Problems of TU unity, particularly on the railways,
- 7) Latest agreement in tea plantations;
- 8) State TUC Conferences:
- 9) AITUC session and (10) Fourth Congress of the WFTU

Com.Indrajit Gupta proposed that Employees State Insurance Scheme be put on the agenda.

Com.K.K.Warior proposed that recognition of TUs be included.

Com.Krishnamurthy suggested that Pay Commission be put on the agenda.

Com.Dange explained that the question of framing resolution on the various subjects is altogether a different thing. He said we should have resolution on - solidarity with the workers of Arab countries, African workers, Malaya, Syria, etc.; on firings in Bhangi Colony, Raipur; on Kerala; Tripartite Conference; Central Pay Commission, Interim Relief; taxation and food; Supreme Court and demand for change in the Constitution; on amendments to the Govt Servants Conduct Rules, discrimination against AITUC unions, recognition of trade unions and ballot for deciding the representative union; industrial diseases; Railwaymen's unity; exchange of cadres in Asian countries through the UNESCO; UNESCO school in India - obstacles put by the Government; TU School - N.M.Joshi Memorial; Fourth World Congress of the WFTU; next session of the AITUC.

Com.Monoranjan Roy wanted a resolution on Discipline.

Com.Dange said that we shall have a question on the Indian Labour Conference wherein the question of discipline could come.

Com.A.C.Nanda wanted closure of coffee house to be included.

Com.Dange said that all industrial resolutions could be taken under the various heads already given, unless they are of a specific nature.

Com.Subbiah wanted a resolution on Pondicherry demanding application of the Labour Act.

The AGENDA proposed by Com.DANGE was accepted.

Com.Dange moved the resolution expressing condolence on the passing away of Comrades SATYAPRIYA BANERJEE and MRINAL KANTI BOSE.

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COM.DANGE in his report reviewing the activities and movement since last General Council meeting at Calcutta, said that the question of our attitude towards Plan and TU tactics which was before us for discussion at Calcutta has been settled by history and now we ~~are~~ are one of the most vehement defenders of the Plan.

Referring to elections as it affected trade unions, he said one of the feature is that AITUC has come out as a stronger organisation than the INTUC in these elections. Though candidates stood on their respective party tickets, in the well-known industrial areas wherein there was tussle between the INTUC and the AITUC in the trade union movement, candidates belonging to INTUC unions have been defeated. Another outcome of the general election was that the claim of the INTUC that it is devoid of all politics - party politics - has been debunked. As a whole, the election results show that the AITUC politically and on T.U. questions has become a far bigger and stronger organisation than the INTUC. But at the same time it would not be correct to say that we have ousted the INTUC from the working class or that it has ceased to be a very strong force.

The third main conclusion is the victory of the Communist Party in Kerala and the establishment of a Government led by the CPI and supported by Independents. The AITUC expects this Government will behave with the working class in a way no other Government in our country behaves and we ~~cannot~~ have claim on it because two members of the AITUC, Coms. K.P.Gopalan and T.V.Thomas are members in it. Pointing out how this Government is different from other bourgeois Governments, he said that the Ministry has announced and till now implemented that the class interest of the bourgeoisie in the State force will not be used against the working class and it will remain neutral.

Com.Dange said that our influential position in the Parliament is giving enough trouble for the employers and those who side with them.

Pointing out the economic crisis the country is facing, he said that ~~such~~ such crisis in socialist countries are resolvable while in capitalist countries ~~have~~ the attempts to resolve it by anti-people and anti-working class policies have only exposed the real character of the Government and they have begun to lose more and more the support which they enjoyed on the eve of elections.

1956-57 have witnessed a rise in strike actions by the workers. Another new feature is that the number of disputes have increased, number of workers going on strike has increased. The resistance of the workers had to increase because they were not receiving satisfaction of their demands through collective bargaining, etc. Workers are becoming more and more desperate. And the strike wave is rising.

Explaining the new and higher form in which the working class is pressing forward its demands for bonus and allowances to increase in basic wages, he said that it has come now because of the furious rise in cost of living, the profits that are being amassed and the greater consciousness of the workers.

Today the employers are prepared to give you more in production bonus. They are willing to increase bonus rate, production bonus rate, and even attendance bonus rates. But they are not prepared to increase the basic wage rates. Why? Because that increases the price of labour power. Other things are consequent on other factors. J.R.D.Tata is always prepared to discuss production bonus and Michael John is always ready to come forward to ~~sign~~ sign such agreements. But wage rates - he says no.

The culmination of this consciousness was in P&T strike demanding appointment of a new Pay Commission.

Only 15 days before the Government had said no Pay Commission. 15 days later they had to agree to a Pay Commission. Even on the terms of reference they had to climb down. Interim relief had to be agreed to as one of them.

Some have said that the ~~the~~ calling off of strike was not correct and even it was betrayal. It is not so. He attributed the loss of ~~tempo~~ tempo on calling off the strike at some places to certain faults in conducting negotiations, in the matter of taking decision and the policy of the Government, when at the last minute a section of the Govt was anxious in having the strike.

He pointed out to another feature that is middle classes are not organised much more than at any other time and differentiation between them and the factory workers, though not vanished, has narrowed down.

Despite the desires to the contrary of some political parties, more and more unity is being forged among workers. HMS and AITUC were in constant touch with the Central Government Employees' Confederation in the P&T strike negotiations. In the coalmines, the UTUC and AITUC representatives were completely united.

Today a situation exists wherein if the trade unions unite and strike with determination and also caution, adopting mobility of tactics, we can force the employers and Government to concede our demands.

Then he detailed the five major decisions of the 15th session of the Indian Labour Conference on wage policy, rationalisation, housing, discipline and workers' education. He proposed to establish N.M.Joshi Memorial School.

Dealing with question of unity, he said that on the whole unity has not suffered a setback despite the forces of disruption being active and the setback on railways.

Com.Dange gave example how in other countries, the working class has won rise in wages - sometimes with strikes in spite of inflationary trends in all capitalist countries. In India, he said, inflation is not due to armament programme but due firstly to the development plans and secondly due to military expenditure which is not of our own creation but is rather forced on us by imperialists.

Therefore we want a controlled price system, subsidised price system, on the basis of which only a socialist development can take place. In that we should differ from the capitalist countries, if we are really socialist.

So far as the WFTU Congress is concerned, he said, please pay for your tickets and come and participate.

Regarding AITUC organisation, he said there are two reports in the brochure and all the other provinces have not sent any report.

Com.Dange said that functioning in Governmental bodies is becoming one of the major tasks of the trade union movement today. That means we will have not only to learn about the industries but understand it thoroughly. That is why functioning in the trade unions is becoming all the more important. ~~In the work~~

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Com.Dange then listed the main problems:

1) First reports about organisational position, membership, etc. are lacking. Government sends inspectors to check.

2) Our people who speak on the bills are quite active in the trade unions and they have been able to do something in the matter of trade union problems.

3) E.S.I.-there is a crisis in Bengal

4) Workers Education

5) Coordination of trade union work with Parliament. That is going to be a headache. In the first period, we were getting representations, even from landlords. How to check up? If we do not get information from the Unions we will be in a ditch. For example, ~~xxx~~ he said, when he was to speak on the victimisation of railwaymen, he got only 4 names. Where are the hundreds who are being dismissed? He asked. The Minister is prepared to receive our deputation. Uptil now the list has not been received. The 1949 list is always there. But we are told that continuous dismissals are taking place.

The parliamentary group can function, he said, only if we get concrete cases. Otherwise, he said "we are prepared to receive abuses from you but still we will have to remain perfectly silent like Trimurthy".

The Committee then adopted a resolution on food scarcity and agitation in Uttar Pradesh.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED TO MEET AGAIN ON AUGUST 31 at 9 A.M.

AUGUST 31, 1957 9.30 a.m.

Com.ARUNA ASAF ALI presided.

Minutes of the last Working Committee meeting were read and confirmed without any change.

Com.Dange gave a suggestion that while discussing the General Secretary's Report, the members should, apart from recognition and grievances, if it is possible for them, give what should be the dominant slogan in the major industry in their States which can mobilise the workers.

COM.SHANTARAM PAI sought guidance of the General Secretary on how to mobilise the workers on the question of wages rise instead of bonus and allowances. Even re. bonus, specially the marginal industries after Bombay formula on bonus show no profit. He suggested strengthening of AITUC centre and tour of either the General Secretary or one of the Vice Presidents.

COM.DANGE asked if Com.Shanta Ram Fai could say anything about the cashew industry which according to a report is facing a strike.

COM.FAI said that there are about 80,000 workers in all in the industry and it is noted for its dollar earning capacity. Rs.13 crores worth of cashewnuts is exported. 20 per cent of the industry is in his district, S.Kanara, 80 per cent in Kerala. Our capacity is about Rs.2½ crores worth nuts and oil. The oil is a waste product and whatever they get is a gain.

Wages are very low, about 12 annas to 14 annas. The main issue is that the worker should be provided work throughout the year and minimum wages and minimum guaranteed earnings should be given to the workers.

Work throughout the year, wages for the lay-off period and minimum guaranteed wage- these are the three issues the workers have taken up on which a big strike may take place unless Government intervenes. They have planned a one-day strike on 3rd September to get an Industrial Tribunal appointed and to get all pending cases disposed of.

COM.SATYANARAYANA REDDY criticised the absence of lead in the matter of P&T and central govt employees' strike from AITUC. He said he cannot understand the functioning in the Railway Federation as suggested by Com.Dange. He said the main slogan cement industry is increase in wages. What has to be achieved either by negotiations or Wage Board.

COM.K.T.K.TANGAMANI: agreed with the General Secretary's stand on P&T strike and railways. In Coimbatore, wage increase demand was taken up and it has materialised in raising the minimum from Rs.26 to Rs.30. In Harvey mills workload has been fixed on Coimbatore basis after a bitter struggle. He suggested that circulation of textile agreement in Coimbatore would be useful. He also referred to the active functioning of TU MPs in Parliament.

COM.SATISH LOOMBA SAID that in his province, some wage increases have been secured, for instance, in textiles, wages of unskilled workers have been raised from Rs.44 to Rs.54/8. He listed another notable gain by which women workers get the same wage as men. In paper industry he said, wages have been increased from Rs.52 to Rs.67 minimum, Rs.45 to 54 in presses, Rs.39 to Rs.65 at Sonapat cycle factory and a wage board has been appointed for the two cement factories, including our representative.

On problems in Railways, he said, he agrees with the General Secretary. Com.Loomba also referred to the serious language problem in Punjab which has affected the working class also and sought help from the Central leadership.

COM.VITTAL CHAUDHARY agreed with the General Secretary re. ideological explanation of wage-price spiral, the general tactics of TU struggles and the line followed on P&T strike. In engineering industry he said, the main slogan should be to evolve some machinery to get the real picture of the working conditions and economic position including the correct figure of profits of the factory or industry. By way of production bonus or piece-rate system, sometimes workers with a basic wage of Rs.30 earn much more. He also referred to the incorrect computation of cost of living index.

Com.Chaudhary pointed to the tendency which was corroborated by Com.Indrajit Gupta of some of the unions organised or led by old and staunch AITUC comrades being kept outside the AITUC.

Com.S.G.PATKAR ~~supporting the~~ supplementing the report of Com. Vittal Chaudhary said in textiles in Bombay, workers refuse to be members of any union. Workers want recognised union which can intervene in their day-to-day matters. He sought Com.Dange's help in reorganising the TUs.

Com.HOMI DAJI said election results have completely changed the situation in M.P. in our favour. Unity has taken place in Chhindwara coal mines and Birla factory in Gwalior. On bonus we don't have any formula. We have now started working within the BIR Act and succeeded in two industries. Wage increase struggle among Govt employees increasing. In Mines and Potteries we have had increase in DA and wages. Minimum wage fixation is a slogan which goes in some industries. Complaining about no reply from AITUC centre, Com.Dajee said that reply to Textile Wage Board questionnaire could be sent only with the guidance of Com.Dange and we should move in this respect.

Com.K.L.NARASIMHAM said Com.Dange's review has clarified many points. In Hyderabad while electricity workers want a wage increase, other electricity workers in old Andhra want their wages to be brought at least to the ~~old~~ level of Hyderabad wages. Biggest employer is ILTD, with 28,000 workers. They resisted an agreement for wage rise except on increase in production. Suggested that our attitude towards NFIR should not be of non-co-operation.

At this stage, Com.INDRAJIT GUPTA said that discussions are getting out of hand.

COM.DANGE: The question raised by Com.Indrajit is correct. But that is our usual method, not only of our organisation but every organisation. When comrades come to speak, they want to finish the whole reporting and don't want to speak on it again. We will continue the discussions in the afternoon. After the discussion, we shall have to constitute some sub-committees and come to certain conclusions for drafting resolutions.

ADJOURNED TO MEET AGAIN AT 3.30 P.M. IN THE AFTERNOON

3.30 P.M.

Com.R.K.HALDULKAR, Vice President, presided.

Com.DANGE made a suggestion that the first report should be from Bengal, and then coalmines and railways.

it was

Com.INDRAJIT GUPTA agreed that in the situation which had developed on 8th of August in connection with the P&T and other Central Govt employees' strike, taken as a whole, the degree to which the Government had come down on one hand and the Essential Services Ordinance on the other ~~it was~~ quite correct to call off the strike. The tempo which was created and the manner in which negotiations ^{were} conducted had made it very difficult in Bengal to receive the news of calling off the strike in a balanced manner. He agreed that ~~one~~ of the statements of Com.Dange and the statement of Com.T.V.Thomas gave the impression of one-sidedness. He said the new feature in the situation can be summed up that the situation has now come where provided unions are strong and provided they can bring about united mass pressure, it is no longer possible for the Government or the employers (I am making a broad generalisation) to rely solely on their old tactics and weapons of crushing the movement either by repression or by simple denial of recognition to the militant unions or by victimisation or wage freeze. That change has come about and is coming about before our very eyes.

In Jute, perhaps as a result of 15th I.L.C., the Labour Minister has announced setting up of a tripartite committee to go into rationalisation.

He suggested taking initiative for achieving unity, particularly on the question of wage increases. Com.Gupta is of the view that some of the independent federations which have high prestige and work in co-operation with the AITUC can become sort of a bridge in bringing together the Central TU organisations. He also suggested that we should take up a campaign against the INTUC that they are not only disruptors but the biggest single factor responsible for strikes and for disturbing industrial peace for which AITUC is often accused incorrectly.

Secondly he suggested an all-in general movement at higher level, in which all sections are brought in, if not on all-India basis, at least on State basis for wage increases.

Thirdly he stressed on linking up of demands with the actual functioning of the industry, its place and effect in the Plan, administration, marketing, etc.

Recognition in its wake is bringing new trends, either of being against all mass action under any circumstances, or considering it totally bogus, or with the workers leaders unable to function it and also some unhealthy trends which can only be fought with proper education.

Com.Gupta wanted a decision one way or other re. E.S.I.scheme.

He further suggested observing the WFTU DAY.

COM.LALIT BURMAN said that the Newton Chikli and Amlabad colliery accidents, where more than 50 workers lost their lives, the attention of the whole country has been focussed on the condition of miners. Recently the miners have won a Joint Tribunal, payment in cash instead of in-kind, minimum wage of Re.1/1/- and equal wages for men and women. But proper implementation of the award is still one of the main problems. He suggested that the Indian Mine Workers Federation should get recognition instead of functioning as at present in the AITUC.

COM.KALYAN ROY said that in State Collieries the condition of workers is worse. There are no standing orders, less wages than in private collieries and very bad behaviour of officials. He said that the position of INTUC in coal mines has dwindled and hoped that if the implementation committee actually functions, then we will have greater unity in the coal industry.

COM.ALI AMJAD said that the recent general elections and strike in Telco and Tinsplate have changed the situation in the area. For the first time last year the question of wage, DA and bonus has been referred to a tribunal and a union other than that of the INTUC is representing workers' cases. Employers' offensive is increasing. Work in iron and manganese belt has started. An all-India conference of manganese miners should be held.

COM.RAM ASREY said he is not making report of UP as such. In Kanpur Textiles after the 80 day strike, the Bindbasini Committee has committed its report. It has brought before us four basic issues:

Firstly that the workload should not be judged for the number of machines but number of operations, a worker has to perform which is to be ascertained by time and motion study. Both SMMS and INTUC unions oppose this.

Secondly, we suggested if the workload is to be on Bombay basis, the wage should also be on Bombay basis. The Committee and the employers are against this.

Committee has recognised INTUC union saying SMMS is heterogenous being with no ideology.

According to the report, 3,200 workers became surplus as against 5700 declared earlier. The problem of substitute workers whose vacancies have not been filled during the last ten years is still unsolved.

Sunday work (except one shift) for 35% more pay and 5 paid holidays are other points in the award.

SMMS has given a minute of dissent. The report is still not implemented.

In jute and leather, there is no minimum basic wage.

UPTUC centre is not functioning and efforts to revive it has failed.

COM.S.M.BANERJEE said we failed to consolidate after the 80-day struggle in Kanpur. In sugar, we are weak. In other centres of UP our comrades are working in many TUs.

COM.A.C.NANDA: Delhi is a centre of small-scale industries, where struggle for wage rises often tend to close or shift the factory creating unemployment. He said that the trend of independent unions has not been found successfully. Com.Nanda agreed with Com.Indrajit Gupta about the ESI scheme and the condition of worker in it.

Com.M.S.KRISHNAN said that since the formation of the new state of Mysore, a new upsurge has developed amongst the working class. In the main centre of KGF and Bangalore, we are quite active. In 1955-56, due to a series of strike actions in the KGF, they got a rise in wages from Re.1/ to Rs.1/4 per day. Bonus question is pending before the tribunal. In other centres also and the PTUC, we are reorganising.

The session adjourned to meet again on Sept.1, at 9.30 A.M.

SEPTEMBER 1, 1957

Com.HALDULKAR presided.

COM.P.DUTTA ROY reported on the developments on the railway TU front.

COM.NAMBIAR dwelt at length on the position of Railway in the Five Year Plan and said an advance on the railways can only be made by linking the problem of industry with the living condition of the railwaymen. Without this, he said, we will only have wranglings between Vasavada and Guruswamy. He said that a merger plan with the SR Employees Union has been made. Referring to the peculiar problem of SR employees, which has run a mileage of 6000 and numbers about 1,40,000, he said that here one union in one railway line is not practical and realisable in the conditions, even if one union is found it cannot represent all workmen. He was therefore of the opinion that therefore let us not say that if you talk of two unions, you are a disruptor. In his opinion quarrelling with the INTUC was no good and therefore we should co-operate with them.

COM.K.N.JOGLEKAR analysed the problem of railway TU movement in detail and counselled democratisation of the functioning of TUs. About the AITUC organisation also he wanted more attention to be paid and suggested appointment of a committee to go into into.

COM.BANAMALI DAS reported on the position of TUs in Orissa.

Com.R.K.HALDULKAR supplemented the report of Madhya Pradesh given by Com.Homi Daji particularly about the TU movement in the Mahakosal area. He said that in the coal mining area, as against four, there are only two unions. The three unions have merged together in the name of M.P. Independent Mine Workers Union. He referred to the two rival unions of AITUC in Chandaregion and wanted agreement between the two, for unity. He announced that shortly the MFSTUC Conference is going to be held at Bharwali (Balaghat Dt.).

COM.SUBBIAH from Pondicherry gave a detailed report of the situation there, following the merger of the French settlements into the Indian Union. He said practically no law on industrial disputes operates while the working class in Pondicherry which had played a great role in the liberation movement, had won many concessions by their struggles earlier. The workers are now demanding certain provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act while retaining the advantageous clauses in the French Labour Code.

Com.Dange proposed 13 names for drafting resolutions:

Indrajit Gupta, Vithal Rao, Ali Amjad, Satish Loomba, Sudhir Mukhoty, Panikkar, Subbiah, K.T.K.Tangamani, Anandan Nambiar, Vithal Chaudhary, Parkar, Haldulkar, Satyanarayana Reddy.

Com.DANGE said for the AITUC session, we shall have to bring out some material. We have got some material with us which ought to go to the Provinces. A plan has to be made for this here. We should form committees to take up the various subjects. We shall have also to set up a Committee to submit a memorandum to the Pay Commission by October end. P&T leaders would require our help not only on interim relief but other things also. There will have to be some coordination. Since so much desire has been expressed that we should work, we will see whether this committee works. We should first prepare an interim case. In this we can take help of others.

The Working Committee then appointed the following Commissions:

PAY COMMISSION MEMORANDA - K.A.Nambiar (Convener), Prabhat Kar, S.M.Banerjee, K.T.K.Tangamani, Arvind Ghoshal, T.C.N.Menon and Parvathi Krishnan (The committee is to meet on 3rd September)

RAILWAYS - K.A.Nambiar, P.Dutta Roy, K.S.Nadkarni, K.N.Joglekar & K.L.Narasimham

TEXTILES - S.G.Patkar, Homi Daji, K.T.K.Tangamani, B.D.Joshi & Ram Asrey

COAL & MINES - Lalit Burman, Chaturanan Misra, Kalyan Roy, T.B.Vittal Rao, R.K.Haldulkar and Vallabha Rao.

TEA - Parvathi Krishnan, Monoranjan Roy, Parimal and one from Assam.

IRON & STEEL - Ali Amjad, Tahir Hussain, Nitish Sett, Kedar Das and one more from Burnpur.

PORT & DOCKS - A.S.K.Iyengar, S.M.Kolhatkar and one more from Vizagapatam

MOTOR TRANSPORT - Satish Chatterjee, N.C.Sekhar, Md.Ismail, and Makhdoom

CEMENT - Satyanarayana Reddy

OIL - T.C.N.Menon, G.Sundaram

LEATHER - Shiv Sharma, Sudhir Mukhoti, Balasubramanyam

BIRI & TOBACCO - Shakir Ali, Balaji Das.

BANKS & INSURANCE - Prabhat Kar, H.L.Parvana

MUNICIPALITIES,- Biren Roy, Amarnath Burman, Dhume, Ugram, A.C.Nanda, Srishtidhar Mukherjee, S.Krishnamurthy, Loknath

ELECTRICITY - T.R.Ganesan, S.V.Krishnan, Vasani, Ratan Roy.

CHEMICALS & SOAL - G.R.Khanolkar, Dilip Roy Chaudhary

Com.Dange said members of these committees who are present here should meet before they disperse. They also prepare some comprehensive report on the position in each industry. Without these reports, we shall not be able to forge ahead. Every trade is fighting on all-India basis. These reports should be ready within one month - by the middle of October. Members should come to Delhi. They will be paid one way travelling fare.

SESSION ADJOURNED TO MEET AGAIN

IN THE AFTERNOON at 4 P.M.

September 1. - 4 P.M.

Com.Haldulkar in the Chair.

Com.Dange suggested taking up the remaining part of the agenda, viz. ESI SCHEME, IMMEDIATE TASKS, AFFILIATIONS, APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE ON PROVIDENT FUND BOARD, AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION.

On item 1, ESI SCHEME, Comrades Indrajit Gupta, K.T.K.Tangamani, S.G.Patkar, B.D.Joshi, Ram Asrey, Satish Loomba, Satyanarayana Reddy, Homi Daji and Vittal Rao participated.

Com.DANGE winding up the discussion said that Bengal's complaint is most serious. He suggested that we should have more concrete assessment of the problem. He said in general, the position for cancelling our fundamental standpoint has not arisen. In his opinion, panel system of doctors is better. He said we should demand first that families to be covered by the scheme; secondly, separate hospitals to be constructed; thirdly, contribution of the employer to be made in full and fourthly, our representative on the Standing Committee of the Corporation. As for boycotting the Regional Boards such as in Bengal, we alone should not walk out.

He suggested that a proper memorandum with all the details from States should be drafted and presented to the Labour Minister. Reports should reach AITUC office by 20th September.

A delegation ~~should~~ consisting of Com.S.A.Dange, Ranen Sen, Indrajit Gupta, Vittal Chaudhary, Vittal Rao, K.T.K.Tangamani, Homi Daji and Raj Bahadur Gour should meet the Labour Minister by 19th or 20th October 1957.

A circular on this will be issued.

At the suggestion of Com.Dange, a Committee to draft a memorandum on Interim Relief to be submitted to the Pay Commission was set up consisting of Com.K.Ananda Nambiar (Convener), Prabhat Kar, Banerjee, K.T.K.Tangamani, Arvind Ghoshal, T.C.N.Menon and Parvathi Krishnan

NEXT SESSION OF THE AITUC - Com.Dange said the Kerala TUC has sent a letter inviting the next session to be held there.

The Working Committee agreed with the proposal and decided to hold the Session either at Christmas time in December 1957 or first week of January 1958.

WFTU DELEGATION - The following names were proposed for the AITUC delegation to WFTU and subject to grant of passport and other conditions. It was left to the General Secretary to finally select the delegation. Each delegate is to collect Rs.2500 as fare money.

Names suggested: UMANATH RAO, GOVINDASWAMY and VEERAMMA from Tamilnad; INDRAJIT GUPTA and MD.ISMAIL from W.Bengal; K.L.NARASIMHAM and VALLABHA RAO from Andhra; DEOPRASAD GHOSH; VASAN from Karnatak; BHAGWAN THORAT, S.Y.KOLHATKAR, GADKARI from Bombay, KEDAR DAS, TAHIR HUSSAIN, LALIT BURMAN, B.D.JOSHI, MANNA, RADHAKESHEN, CHOPRA, SATISH LOOMBA, GOVIND SRIWASTAVA, S.C.DUTTA, PANNALAL PATHAK, RAGHUBIR PRASAD, G.S.SINHA, CHAETHMAL, B.V.KAKILAYA, HALDULKAR, DURGA MOHANTY, KALYAN ROY, A.S.R.CHARI

Then Com.Dange explained to the Working Committee some of the details of negotiations re. P&T and other C.G.E. strike in August 1957.

It was agreed that tomorrow in the morning, the Commission on drafting resolutions will have its sitting and the Working Committee will meet at 4 P.M.

SESSION ADJOURNED

SEPTEMBER 2, 1957 - 4 P.M.

Com.Haldulkar in the Chair.

The following resolutions were passed:

1. On the Fourth Congress of the WFTU
2. On Release of Political Prisoners
3. On firings
4. On Pondicherry
5. On Essential Services Bill
6. On communal situation in Punjab
7. On Nuclear Tests and Disarmament
8. On Oman
9. On Algeria
10. On UNESCO programme for exchange of worker delegations
11. On N.M.JOSHIM MEMORIAL T.U.School
12. On Kerala
13. On Coalmining Industry
14. On State Collieries
15. On Industrial Diseases
16. On Tea Plantations
17. On non-representation to AITUC
18. On Supreme Court judgments
19. On closure of factories
20. On victimisation of railwaymen

21. On P&T Employees Action
22. On Demand for Interim Relief
23. On Recognition of Trade Unions.
24. On wages
25. On Working Journalists
26. On Food Situation
27. On Employees State Insurance Scheme

The Committee appointed to convene a conference on Tea Plantations include: Coms. Parvati, Manoranjan Roy, Parimal, a comrade from Assam, Ratanlal Brahman, Deb Prasad Ghosh, Narasimhan and P. Shankar

COMRADE DANCE then drew the attention of the Working Committee to certain decisions taken by the Tripartite Labour Conference

- 1) On rationalisation - we did not accept equitable distribution between workers, employers and consumers.
- 2) Jute - agreed principles of rationalisation were brought to the notice.
- 3) 12 wage boards have been suggested.
- 4) Standing Orders.

COM. DANCE then proposed two items which were not taken up yesterday:

- 1) Appointment of AITUC representative to the Provident Fund Committee - Com. SUDHIR MUKHETY's name was suggested and ACCEPTED.
- 2) List of delegates to the WFTU - Yesterday's discussion left out one important section of TU movement, i.e., the TU lawyers who are part of our movement. They should be represented in our delegation to WFTU Congress.

COM. DANCE then suggested that we should form a LAW COMMITTEE in order to prepare a digest of TU laws. We did prepare something at the time of the Nagpur TU School, but now it is necessary to have a comprehensive one, bringing it up to date.

He also said that the Government of India is going to write a history of the Trade Union Movement. We should have a general committee to prepare an outline history of the AITUC.

Then COM. DANCE summed up the discussions as follows:

(Published in "Trade Union Record")

The meeting of the Working Committee then adjourned sine die adopting a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Approved Unanimously
Parimal

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November 21, 1957

To
Members of the General Council

GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING ON DECEMBER 24, 1957

2 P.M. - AT ERNAKULAM, KERALA

The General Council of the AITUC will meet at Ernakulam, Kerala,
on Tuesday, December 24, 1957 at 2 P.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			members
	501 - 1000	-	Rs.20	Subscription		
	Above 1000	-	At Quarter Anna per member	for TRADE UNION RECORD	-	Rs.4/-
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CIRCULAR No. AU/3/57

November 12, 1957

To

All Unions

GENERAL SESSION OF THE A.I.T.U.C.

AT ERNAKULAM (KERALA)

December 25 to 29, 1957

The Twentyfifth Session of the AITUC will be held at Ernakulam (Cochin), in Kerala State as decided in the last extended meeting of the Working Meeting held at Delhi in August 1957.

The following is the programme of the session:

December 24, 1957 - Working Committee meeting

December 25 to 29, 1957 - Delegate session.

Reception Committee has been formed and will intimate you the arrangements regarding lodging and boarding.

Members of only those Unions which have paid their full subscriptions for and upto the year 1957 will be admitted as delegates to the Session.

Non-affiliated Unions can also send observers who will have the right to participate in the discussion.

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Some comrades have suggested postponement of the Conference. It is not possible because if we postpone the Conference now, the Kerala comrades will not be able to arrange for the Conference till June or July and by that time the rains again will start in that area. The second reason is that while I was at Leipzig, I issued invitations to the delegates who were present there to send fraternal delegations from their organisations to our conference. They were also requested to apply for visas before the end of October so that the Government should have enough time to consider the matter. Accordingly, many national centres in foreign countries have made preparations to attend our Congress. So, postponement now would be also very inconvenient to them, even to the point of ruling out the presence of any fraternal delegations.

Hence I have to request all PTUCs and trade unions not to press for postponement any further.

With greetings,

S.A. Dange
(S.A. DANGE)
General Secretary

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Dt: 23rd December 1957.

No. 1:

The A.I.T.U.C. office remain open at the above place during following hours:-

9.00 to 12.00

14.30 to 20.00

2. Affiliation fee and annual subscription of A.I.T.U.C. for 1956 & 1957 by those unions who have not yet paid should be cleared in the office at the earliest.

3. The following publications would be available with - Prabhat Book House and their stall near the Pandal:

i) Trade Unions & Doom of Colonies
by S.A. Dange.

ii) Problem of Wages and Working conditions.

iii) Road Transport, Labour and Industry.

4. Food charges as under for the period from 25th to 29th December 1957 (both days inclusive) at the following rates should be paid to the Reception Committee and coupons obtained:-

<u>North Indian</u>	- Vegetarian ...	@ Rs.2/-	Rs.10/-
(Rice & Chapatis Combined)	- Non-Vegetarian .	@ Rs.2/6/-	Rs.12/8/-
<u>South Indian</u>	- Vegetarian ...	@ Rs.1/12/-	Rs. 8/12/-
(only Rice)	- Non-Vegetarian .	@ Rs.2/4/-	Rs.11/4/-

K.G. Srivastava
23/12/57
(K.G. Srivastava)
Office-in-Charge

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. To-morrow at this very place the delegates will meet at 09.00 Hrs. The normal timings of our session will be from 9 to 12 in the morning and from 3 to 6 in the evening.
2. To-morrow morning fraternal delegate from the U.S.S.R. will deliver his address. The General Secretary, Com. Dange will also present his report.
3. Names of Leader of delegations should be sent to the AITUC office to-day definitely so as to arrange distribution of General Secretary's report and other literature.
4. ~~About General Secretary's report and mode of discussion.~~
5. Amendments to the constitution has been circulated along with the T.U.R. of December 5th, 1957. A few copies of the same have been provided here to some of the delegates who needed it. Any change suggested should be sent to the AITUC office in writing by 26th evening. No verbal amendment will be accepted.

Credentials Committee

REPORT DISTRIBUTED.

1. Andhra
2. Orissa
3. Bengal
4. Punjab
5. Bombay
6. Vidarbha
7. Kanataka
8. Kerala
9. Assam
10. Bihar
11. Uttar Pradesh
12. Delhi
13. Madhya Bharat
14. Gujrat
15. Tamilnad.

~~Passed the Resolution
by main margin~~ 600
29/12/57

Having noted
the discussion on the
Report of the General
Secretary and the reply
there to, this Congress
adopts the main line
and proposals of the
Report.

Mover: P. Balachandran

Manindra Narayan Bose

Respected
Honourable member

Shyamsunder
29/12/57

In the light of the discussions held in this Congress of the A. I. T. U. C. on the General Secretary's Report and since the General Secretary, during his reply to criticisms, stated that he would deal with the major and fundamental differences later, I propose that the General Secretary's report be circulated to all affiliated Unions without passing the same from this Congress.

Manindra Narayan Bose
Delegate to the 25th Session of
the A. I. T. U. C.

29.12.57.

Membership of
STATE TUCs

General Council

Assam	—	15,374	—	3
Andhra	—	84,046	—	13
Bihar	—	39,044	—	8
Bombay (Maharashtra)	—	90,958	—	15
Gujarat	—	16,000	—	2
Delhi	—	35,082	—	7
Kerala	—	1,30,794	—	18
Mysore	—	36,654	—	7
Madhya Pradesh	—	30,102	—	6
Orissa	—	20,129	—	4
Punjab	—	39,756	—	8
Rajasthan	—	12,840	—	3

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Tamil Nad	—	1,46,020	—	20
U.P.	—	43,792	—	9
W. Bengal	—	2,05,638	—	26
Manipur - Tripura	—	22,016	—	4

Total

9,47,239

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Date 11th Dec. 1957.

To
The General Secretary,
Bombay State Trade Union Committee,
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Bombay 1.

Dear Com. Kolhatkar,

Please write to all Unions if not so far done, who usually associate with the activities of the A.I.T.U.C. in Bombay, to attend the AITUC Session at Ernakulam as observers.

Formal invitations on behalf of our organisation may be helpful in some Unions to induce their representatives to go to AITUC Session. Please inform them about the programme; at least major independent Unions should be approached in this respect.

I hope you will do the needful.

Yours fraternally,

Vithal Chaudhari
(Vithal Chaudhari.)

Copy to:
The A.I.T.U.C.

4, Ashok Road
New Delhi.

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December 11, 1957

The Information Officer,
United States Information Service,
New Delhi.

Dear Sir,

The 25th Session of the All-India Trade Union Congress is meeting in Ernakulam (Cochin) from December 25 to 29, 1957. We shall be much obliged if you could arrange to send us films that would reflect the working and living conditions of the workers in your country, to exhibit the same to the delegates and visitors to our Conference.

Thanking you,

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December 11, 1957

Films Division,
Ministry of Information & Broadcasting,
Government of India,
Janpath, New Delhi

Dear Sirs,

The 25th Session of the All-India Trade Union Congress is meeting in Ernakulam (Cochin), Kerala State, from December 25 to 29, 1957. You are cordially invited to come and attend the session to cover the same for the newsreel.

Please let us have your reply at your earliest so that we may make arrangements for your cameramen accordingly.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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(K.G.Sriwastava)
for General Secretary

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December 11, 1957

Shri E.M.S.Namboodiripad,
Chief Minister,
Trivandrum.

Dear Comrade,

You may be knowing that the 25th Session of the All-India Trade Union Congress is going to meet in Ernakulam from December 25 to 29, this year. All over India, in our trade unions, people are enthusiastic to learn that the Session is meeting in a State administered by the representatives of the working class and democratic masses. A large number of fraternal delegates are coming from Soviet Union, China and other Socialist countries as also from France, Syria, and so on. The Session will have before it for consideration complex problems facing the country and the working class.

May I request you to inaugurate the Session and give us the benefit of your advice? I know that you are very busy but I do hope you will find some time for us in the afternoon of 25th.

Please give us an early reply so that we may draw up the programme accordingly, and publicise it.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

Sd.

(S.A.DANGE)
General Secretary