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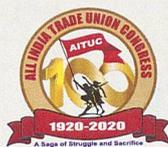
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December 23, 1960

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Dear Com.Mirajkar,

You must have received my letter earlier dealing with your passage and presidential speech. Your letter has crossed it.

2. Transport Federation has written to you to inaugurate their conference at Baroda on 26th January 1961.

I hope you are free on that date and will accept this engagement. Please write to them direct confirming it.

We are leaving this place on 28th inst.

SAD's report is being prepared.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

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(K.G.Sriwastava)

S. S. Mirajkar

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Sion (East), Bombay 22  
12<sup>th</sup> October, 1960

Dear Com. Srivastava,

Received your p.c. of 9.10.60. I have still not secured a ticket to Dohad. My man is trying to get one. However, I shall travel on the Dehradun Express on the 14<sup>th</sup> night and reach Dohad on the 15<sup>th</sup> morning anyhow. Please meet me in the station. If I reach earlier I shall wait in the station waiting room. I hope I meet Com. Trivedi on my way to at Baroda Dohad. Then there will be no problem at all.

I agreed to and chose a wrong date. I then clean forgot about the Santi Conference at Bombay. I do not like to change this date also because it was changed on many occasions. I shall have to leave on the 15<sup>th</sup> night so that I shall be present in the

Saniti Conference on the  
16<sup>th</sup> October at least, the last  
day of the Conference. So  
please arrange the programme  
that way to suit me.

Please tell Com. Paudhe  
that I am doing my best to  
finish the article in a day or  
two. I shall send it by the 15<sup>th</sup>  
if I am able to do it. There-  
after you need not wait for  
it. The Secretariat of the Maha-  
rashtra Committee has taken  
all these days where we are  
planning our Party Conference.

Sincerely yours truly,  
Subodhakar

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Com. K. G. Srivastava  
All-India Trade Union Congress

4, Ashok Road

~~Bombay~~  
New Delhi

S. S. Mirajkar

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Sion (East), Bombay, 22  
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Dear Com. Paudhē,

Received your post card reminding me of the article on AITUC. After reaching here I had to attend the E.C. meeting of the Maharashtra Party. Besides the Samiti Conference meetings etc. I found no time at all to take up the unfinished article. I have taken it up now and hope to finish and post it by tomorrow if finished. If you do not get it before the 15<sup>th</sup> instant, then you will never get it at least for this anniversary. I am doing my best. Writing is not my very strong point. I do this only when it is absolutely necessary. In this case, however, I am doing my best to finish it. Then there is the question of

finding time. Here in Bombay  
there are numerous small  
and big things which keep  
me busy. However I am  
hoping for the best and you  
may get the article which  
you will have to almost re-  
write because I have not  
sufficient facts and dates which  
you will check up from T.U.C.  
small history already published  
by the Record.

Love to your children

yours sincerely  
J. Wajpa

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Com. Pandhe

79, North Avenue

New-Delhi

S. Mirajkar



Tele No. 63978

New Municipal Quarters,  
Sion (East), Bombay 22.

Date 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1960.

Dear Com. K. G.,

Received your two letters simultaneously. I am happy to learn that the General Secretary's report is getting ready and that you will take up the Presidential Address. I have noted the printing arrangements of the Presidential speech at Madras & Coimbatore. I would, however, like you to have it printed in Delhi itself, if possible. Perhaps it may not be possible since you people have to leave Delhi on the 28<sup>th</sup> December.

You are booking for me to Coimbatore on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January. I hope you will be able to book for me for my return journey. I myself do not know what my programme is after the Session.

I have accepted the invitation of the Transport Workers Conference at Baroda and written to them to that effect; but I have also written to them inquiring whether they are inviting me as T.V.C. President. I have further told them that T.V.C. Session is taking place in the meanwhile and that I may or may not remain the President of the T.V.C. I felt that I should make this clear to them beforehand so that there is no misunderstanding. In any <sup>case</sup> I remain S.S. Mirajkar and if they want me I shall certainly inaugurate their Conference at

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Baroda. As instructed by the Transport people I have also written to Com. Bhalchandra Trivedi who is the Chairman of the Reception Committee at Baroda.

I am looking forward for a very successful T.V.C. Session at Coimbatore. I am saying this on the basis of my recent tour of Tamilnad including Coimbatore & other centres and the general enthusiasm I was able to notice there everywhere. So we meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1961!

I did not go to Delhi because I could not book in time. I had no money for doing I was lazy enough to go and raise a bit which I could have done. Hence I did not attend the meetings Hon. Nambhai's productivity racket! He had written to me a personal letter to make it convenient to attend it.

With greetings & wishing you and others happy New Year

Yours fraternally,

*[Signature]*

P.S. <sup>& when</sup> If the Presidential Address is written and ready, please ~~send~~ send <sup>me</sup> a Typed Copy, if possible.

**ALL-INDIA DEFENCE EMPLOYEES' FEDERATION**

CENTRAL OFFICE :

70 MARKET ROAD, KIRKEE, POONA - 3.

LIAISON OFFICE :  
113, NORTH AVENUE,  
NEW DELHI.

New Delhi, January 30, 1960

Dear Com. Joshi,

I saw in the press that the Executive Committee of the Confederation of Central Government Employees met in Bombay two days back and have taken decision to abstain from work on the second Saturday of February 1960.

2. Our resolution for the formation of a Joint Committee of Confederation, AIRF, AIDRF and NFFTE has reached these organisations. Is there any response from them? Did you have opportunity to talk to their leaders who are all in Bombay these days.

I do not know if you were invited to the meeting and attended it.

Have they responded in any way to our letter and proposal for a Joint Committee.

P&T Federation is also meeting in Bombay on January 30 and 31.

If they agree to our proposal, we have to take initiative - or if they like, joining with them to call a meeting of representatives of these organisations for forming the Committee. And this Committee has to move early. The Government is moving in fixing pay scales and the news is that arrears will be paid in April 1960 or so, in whatever cases due.

The demonstration before Parliament and all over India that we proposed on the date the Pay Commission Report is discussed in Parliament is also to be arranged. It would be better if the call is given jointly by the Committee, if formed, or in case till then the formalities of the Committee are not over, then a Joint Appeal will do. In that case, locally, coordinating committees can work for that day.

I would like to know how far we have moved in this respect.

Hope this finds you in good health.

With warmest greetings,

Yours sincerely,

*K. G. Sriwastava*

(K.G. Sriwastava)

Copy to:-

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S. S. Mirajkar



Tele No. 63978

New Municipal Quarters,  
Sion (East), Bombay 22.

Date 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 1960.

Dear Com. K.G.

I am writing to you again on the  
question of preparing a brief Presidential address  
for Combarore. Com. S.A.D. must have now  
prepared his report and broad outline, must  
have emerged through it on some of the questions  
we are called upon <sup>to tackle</sup> at the T.V.C. session. This  
was a real difficulty and you wrote to me  
about it last time. I believe <sup>that</sup> that difficulty  
is no longer there for you comrades after  
Com. Dange's report in your hands.

I, therefore, want you or Com Paudhe  
to write the address and make copies also. If  
you send me the draft I shall look through it.  
But it is not strictly necessary since there  
is not much time. I hope you will attend  
to this matter.

I may inform you that I am doing nothing  
in this matter.

I feel confident that you comrades will  
attend to it in spite of your many responsibili-  
ties.

With greetings

yours paternally

P.S. Please drop a line and let  
me know as to what you are doing.

S. S. Mirajkar

24 FEB 1960

Coimbatore

2 February 1960

Dear Com. K.G.,

I have just returned from Kerala, hence the delay in replying to your letter.

Me. meeting anyone in Andhra on my way to Delhi, it is difficult for me to do it, as much of my work here is in arrears and therefore I cannot leave earlier and as it is I shall be reaching Delhi only on the 8th. However, after the General Council meeting I shall be able to go there as in any case I have to go to Hyderabad for the All India Conference of the Brooke Bond Employees Federation of the 20rd of February. So I will be able to meet comrades then and find out the position at first hand. Do you think that will be alright. I hope so. I am sorry about this but I am sure you will understand my plight because, being next door, I had to spend most of my time in Kerala this time! Anyway, now we are all anxiously awaiting the results and sit glued to the radio and the telephone alternately.

Regarding the Woodbriar estate case, when I come there I will look into it and then we can write to them for the further details that you say are necessary.

How are things there? I met SAD for a few brief minutes in Arnakulam - he was on his way to Rivandrum, and I to Alleppey. He seemed to be quite fit and had been having good meetings all along. His speeches went down very well, so the comrades told me.

Hope you are all okay - I will be reaching on the 8th and will contact you when I get there. NKR has asked me to tell you that he will meet you at time of the General Council and then can discuss the Textile Wage Board, etc.

With greetings to all,

Yours,

Pawathi

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v/c MADRAS.



Com. K. G. Sewastawa  
Secretary, All India Trade  
Union Congress  
4 Ashok Road  
New Delhi.

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Feb. 2, 1960

Dear Com.Dange,

I had a talk with Shri Garg about the Jamshedpur case. His suggestion is to associate Dr.Syed Mohammed, ~~an~~ a senior colleague of his. As for fee, he agreed that both will work for the same amount.

They suggested if Com.Chari can give two days for arguments on certain aspects, it will be good. Garg was to work with Chari in the Nanavati case. He will forego this. He wants to assure Com.Chari that he will prepare all case and take only one day for instructions.

Garg appeared in Jamshedpur Court twice in the case of Indrajit and Banerjee, in connection with the same strike. He has seen some records and is hopeful of acquittal of our comrades.

Can we pay these people at Rs.200 per day each for arguments. This is just my suggestion. I am telling Jamshedpur comrades to manage this payment but then I am sure major burden will be ours. The same is the case re. Chari.

I have asked Com.Uday who has been dealing with this case to come here with all records so that these lawyers can study it here. Garg is cancelling his going to Bombay in Nanavati case.

I have also asked Jamshedpur comrades to take as long a postponement as possible. If we get it extended to about 20 days or so, then it will suit all and full preparation will be possible.

If Com.Chari addresses the Court at Jamshedpur for only two days, the other points will be dealt with by these lawyers. And this will influence the case very much.

I am fixing up Garg and Dr.Mohamed. About Chari please let me know. Jamshedpur comrades have faith in Garg.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

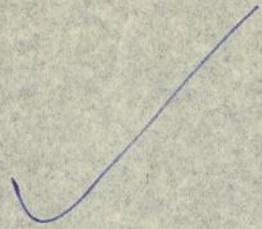
V.G.

January 20, 1960

Dear Com.Chitnis,

Enclosed is a letter in original  
from Com.V.V.Joshi, Poona. Please

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Jan. 20.

Dear Com.Dange,

Enclosed is a letter in  
original, received from Com.V.V.  
Joshi, Poona.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

*K.G.*

(K.G. Sriwastava)

Encl:

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January 21, 1960

Dear Com.Dange,

The discussion on Labour Policy during Third Plan, in continuation of the Standing Labour Committee meeting, has now been fixed on February 12, 13 & 14. Since our General Council is now fixed later, the matter cannot obviously be discussed in the General Council prior to the Committee meeting.

Please let me know if you will be able to attend the meeting on the above dates.

The Ministry has also asked for our views on the proposals by January 25.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,



(K.G.Sriwastava)

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Jan. 19, 1960

Dear Com.Dange,

On your arrival from Belgaum, you will see a good number of our letters. We expect your guidance in respect of these.

2. I have already sent you the draft proposals on Labour Policy during III Five Year Plan. I propose to give facts and figures in respect of each of the items covered in this. It will be helpful in preparing reply to the proposals as well as our deliberations. Some statistical tables giving unemployment, consumer price indices, (All Group and Food Group), General level of wages and hours of work in various countries of the world (from socialist countries, only Poland and Czechoslovakia) have been published by ILO. Reproducing them will be costly but if we can provide a copy to our General Council members, it may be useful.

3. We got your telegram from Belgaum. But when are you reaching here?

4. Maurice Dobb's "Capitalism, Yesterday and Today" published by our Bombay PPH (Price Rs.1.50) is also good for our trade unions. I propose to publish a review in TUR recommending them to read it and keep it for sale at the time of the General Council meeting.

Bank of China has, it seems, again accumulated Rs.10,000 or so. You can withdraw, if you like.

By purchasing another Fiat, do you intend to dispose of Chevrolet? Or is this an addition? If, in addition, I would repeat my suggestion that you take the one from here.

This evening I am going to see another building on Ring Road. I will write you later.

Who is accompanying you to Kerala. Some one must.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

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January 23, 1960

Dear Com.Parvathi Krishnan,

I have got a summary of the case of 48 workers being retrenched in the Woodbrair Estate Ltd., Nilgiris.

I suppose you are dealing with it. So I am not sending it to the Union Labour Minister till you return.

If we have to make out a case of violation of Code of Discipline then more detailed information will be required.

When are you coming here? Will it be possible to meet some leading members of the Andhra PTUC on your way here.

PTUC held their General Council meeting as scheduled and I am told that even the Provincial Council of the Party discussed TU matters. What is the result none knows. One is to express dissatisfaction with the Labour Policy of State Government and the other that no money will be collected for AITUC Building Fund.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

*ms*  
(K.G.Sriwastava)

26 JAN 1960

Phone : 34-2044

WEST BENGAL COMMITTEE

# All India Trade Union Congress

249, BOWBAZAR STREET, CALCUTTA-12

Ref. ....

Date 21 - 1 - 60 195

To  
 Com: K.G. SRIVASTAVA,  
 Secretary,  
 All-India Trade Union Congress,  
 4, Ashok Road, New Delhi.

Dear Srivastava,

1) Has my letter to S.A.D., sent through you, re: Ports and Docks reached him? In the meantime, copies of letters from ASK Iyengar, Bhadram, Kohlatkar, and others have been received here, also pressing for an all-India discussion soon, as the situation is getting more and more difficult and complex. So even if SAD is not available just now in Delhi, can you not issue an AITUC letter asking comrades working in Ports and Docks to be present at the G.C. meeting? Please treat this as urgent and do something.

2) By the way, will people attending the G.C. meeting have to pay anything for their food and lodging? If so, how much?

Greetings,

Yours comradely,

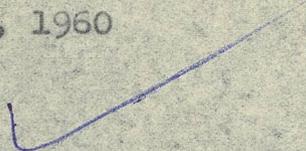
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for K. G. Srivastava

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Jan. 27, 1960



Dear Com.I.G.,

Yours of 21st was received here only yesterday.

2. SAD got your letter on Port & Dock. In this connection, you must have by now seen copy of my letter to Com.Iyengar.

3. Comrades attending the General Council meeting will have to pay Rs.10/- only as boarding and lodging charges, for three days. Information about this has been sent to all G.C. members but in the circular to Working Committee members this was somehow missed. *Pl. Comg to the ash*

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

*YKS*

(K.G.Sriwastava)

*1.5. Coming later*

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HERE STOP TRYING FOR HIM STOP CAN CHARI ARGUE STOP  
ARGUMENTS DATE NEARABOUT FIFTEENTH FEBRUARY

SRIWASTAVA

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Express Delivery

Jan. 30, 1960

Dear Com.Dange,

I sent you a telegram re. fixing up a lawyer for the Jamshedpur case.

The position is this. Mr. Ayub is seriously ill and according to doctors may take some months to resume his normal work again. The examination of witnesses is over and what is left now is only the arguments on both the prosecution and defense side. If necessary, we could get an adjournment of two weeks if none can be fixed up immediately.

The Jamshedpur comrades suggest Mr. Garg, an assistant to Mr. Setalwad, who did the case of Banerjee and Indrajit in the cases in Jamshedpur against them.

What I feel is that now since barely the arguments remain which might take not more than a fortnight, one of our senior lawyers should be entrusted with the job. In my wire, I suggested Chari. Please let me know what you think about this.

2. Re. the articles you wanted from NEW STATESMAN. We have found in the December 12 issue an article by Thomas Balogh, "The Economics of World Tension" and in the issue of December 19, Renu Dumont's article on "India's Agricultural Defeat". Please let me know if these are the articles you want.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

(K.G.Sriwastava)

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Bombay  
Dear K.S.

I am ~~not~~  
Bombay on 4<sup>th</sup> but  
not on 5<sup>th</sup>. I  
am leaving for Dang  
area on 5<sup>th</sup> morning  
with Sr. officers.

I have sent an  
message as you  
sent it. There was  
mention in it of the  
INTUC disruption—  
purposefully? Y.S.A.S.

P.S.

You will talk to  
Saimivosaan about  
the Ombatamis  
& their need of  
our proposal

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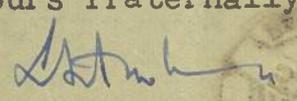
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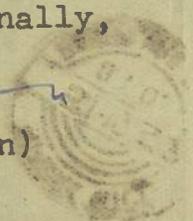
Dear Com. K.G.,

You must have received the telegram stating that Com.Dange would be in Bombay on 4th. To-day Com.Satish along with Mr.Tuli visited the Improvement Trust Office. It is understood that the present lessee should write formally to the Trust stating that he wishes to sell the land and then only the formal legal position will be made known. It is said that the ceiling would be somewhere about Rs.90 per square yard. So you can calculate on 800 square yards and it will be seen that appreciation will be about 24,000. Tuli suggested that we approach the lessee and get the formal letter signed by him. Since such an approach might be construed as an ~~contempt~~ <sup>commitment</sup> on our part on the terms he offered, I don't know what to do.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

  
(M. Atchuthan)



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c/o Communist Party Office, 244  
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ALL-INDIA TRADE UNION CONGRESS  
4 ASHOK ROAD, NEW DELHI

President : S. S. MIRAJKAR  
General Secretary : S. A. DANGE, M.P.

December 28, 1959

Dear Com.K.G.,

You must have received the wire stating that Com.Ranen Sen has agreed to attend the Delhi meeting. We have confirmed the nomination to him as he wanted.

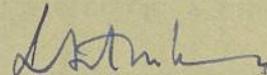
Since there is little time left, we have not sent the background papers to Com.Ranen Sen. Instead, it has been suggested that he may reach Delhi by 4th morning.

Should we write officially to the Ministry about the change in the delegation?

No reply from Bombay about your meeting Com.Dange on 4th.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,



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C/o Communist Party Office,  
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SRIWASTAVA

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REACHING SUNDAY THIRD  
EVENING PLANE.

SRIWASTAVA

Chitnis

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BOMBAY.

Reaching Sunday Third

evening plane slip kindly  
arrange booking to Delhi

Fourth evening plane slip  
Ticket with me.

SRIWASTAVA

① odd Telegram - 2/00

② } Two Telegrams given  
③ } to Bombay yesterday  
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Jan. 19, 1960

Dear Com. Dange,

We have received the following letter  
(dated 13th January) from Comrade Louis  
Sailant:

"I was extremely interested to read the detailed information contained in your letter of December 15. I would like to thank you very much for your New Year's greetings and would like to take this opportunity to send you my most sincere good wishes.

"In view of the importance of our plan of work to encourage present international developments, especially in Asia, the Secretariat would be very pleased to have a longer chat with you, as soon as possible.

"We would, therefore, suggest you come to see us in Prague either at the end of January or early in February, to suit your convenience."

A ticket has also been received on the Air-India.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

Yoo  
(K.G. Sriwastava)

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Jan. 18, 1960

Dear Com.Dange,

Enclosed is copy of a letter addressed by the Burnpur union to the verification officer, which I am sending you for your information.

Yours fraternally,

(K.G.Sriwastava)

Encl:

Copy of a letter No. Veri/CO/F/60-1 dated 11th January 1960 from United Iron & Steel Workers' Union addressed to the Conciliation Officer (C), Verification, Labour Inspector (C), Calcutta.

Sub: Verification of Trade Union membership for the year ending 31st March 1959.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your letter dated the 7th inst. on the above subject and thanks for the same.

While supporting the principle of verification, on the basis of last year's experience we have apprehensions whether it will serve ~~any useful purpose in reality~~ any useful purpose in reality. Anyway, we are ready to co-operate with you from our end by all means, but we regret to inform you that it will not be possible for us to produce our records before you on 16-1-60 as suggested by you in your above-mentioned letter, for the following reasons:

1. We have gladly accepted the offer to play the host for the coming meeting of the General Council of the AITUC to be held at Burnpur in the first week of February, 1960 as per present programme;
2. We shall be holding our annual General Conference at about that time.

And we are extremely busy with necessary preparation of these conferences and the time at our disposal is very short, we cannot afford to divert our energy, even for a single day.

3. Our general Secretary and one Joint Secretary are very ill, the former being bed-ridden for about a month. And it will not be convenient to make available any responsible office-bearer to help in the verification matters as no-body is sparable just at the present moment.
4. Last but not the least, is also the difficulty with our Head Office which has been shifted to the new premises of our own union building sometime back and which is still under construction. We could not arrange the office as yet and all important papers have been dumped at different places as there is not sufficient room in the office in its present conditions. Hence the difficulty of sorting out papers from the various dumps at such short notice.

Under the circumstances, we would request you to please give us a month's time, preferably after the conclusion of the General Council meeting of the AITUC our central organisation, by the middle of February 1960.

We regret our inability to adjust our programme with yours as suggested by you. Hope you will be good enough to excuse us for the inconvenience it might have caused to your programme.

Thanking you,

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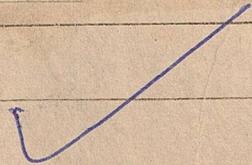
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January 14, 1960

Dear Com.SAD,

I have received a letter from Mr.M.S. Doraiswami, Director of Studies, Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad, where he has suggested February 6, for your visit to the College, since he says you would be attending the Parliament on February 8, the date he had suggested earlier.

His suggestion is that you could arrive in Hyderabad on 5th, see the work of the College and address members on the 6th February at 11 A.M., leaving same day after lunch for Delhi.

I have written to him that you are at present in Bombay and I shall let him know your programme after I receive from you.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

KG

(K.G.Sriwastava)



January 14, 1960

Dear Com.Dange,

We have received the following telegram from Prague to-day:

"Having received several proposals to change date of General Council, wishing to take into account planned International events and after consulting Chinese Trade Unions, WFTU Secretariat proposes May 30, 1960, opening date General Council stop please send remarks suggestions within ten days = Louis Saillant General Secretary, W.F.T.U."

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

  
(K.G.Sriwastava)

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January 12, 1960

Dear Com.Dange,

Recd  
Miss A.M.

I have yet not received the letter you referred to me on the trunk as having been posted on Friday/Saturday.

2. On the basis of your advice regarding ILO nomination, I thought over the subject and decided that we on our part should not close the doors by a 'no' reply. So I have sent the enclosed letter. Reply if any received, we shall place it before the General Council meeting. Last year some comrades in the Secretariat felt that we should not have banged the door, and I explained them that we did not. This time we would send the reply after putting it to the General Council.

3. Com.Hamid has left for Calcutta and he will report to you at Bombay in the first week of February.

4. Satish left here on 3rd January with family via Bombay.

5. Regarding the plot I have given the offer but made nothing definite.

6. There is a letter from WFTU about Publicity Committee being formed. They want representative from India of the status of Secretary. It seems this was decided in the last meeting to raise the status of the Committee to the Secretary level from National Centres.

on 6-7-8 Feb '60

7. We have booked 'Maharashtra Bhavan' hall for the meeting, at Rs.100/- per day and lodging and boarding for 50 persons, there. It will cost us Rs.5/- per head per day and for five days (3 days of meeting and one day before and one day after) we will have to spend Rs.25/- per head.

My proposal is that we must charge from each member Rs.10/- per head and the remaining Rs.25/- be subsidised by the AITUC.

Please confirm the arrangements.

8. I am sending you the draft agenda for the Working Committee meeting. Please let me have your approval so that it is issued.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

*Handwritten initials*

(K.G.Sriwastava)

Encl:

P.S. Your letter of 8th, sent by Express Delivery has been just received. It seems the letter was posted at Bombay only on 11th. Earlier also this delay was noticed.

P.T.O.

I am enclosing the envelope which clearly shows in the Bombay post mark that it was posted on 11th January.

2. Regarding the accident, we have issued the statement to the press. Government has helped @Rs.100/- per family. We have asked TBV and Raj Bahadur to visit the place. Ellias is back and has gone to Calcutta.

is  
3. Sanyal/on the scene.

3. It seems there is no chance of getting the Jhandewalan plot as the owner insists on full amount being paid to him and not share appreciation value or other penalties and expenses.

What about the Pusa Road Building?

Tuli says if we pay in all about 1,25,000 and the balance (2,50,000) in about one year in instalments, he can get us that wonderful building, 4 Friends Colony which you saw last time. Possession of the Building can be had if we pay some amount earlier as rent as or as interest. I have not gone into detail. If you are interested in it, then only I will pursue.

4. Sending five copies of 17th Tripartite by separate Book-Post (regd.).

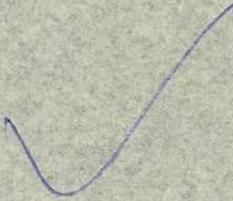
5. Pandhe has gone to Surat. His wife has delivered a child.

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Agenda of the Working Committee

1. To confirm the Minutes of last meeting
2. To consider the application for the grant of affiliation to unions.
3. To finalize the agenda for the General Council meeting.
4. Any other subject with the permission of the President.

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1. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting
  2. To consider the Report of activities for the year 1959 and chalk out programme for 1960
  3. To consider the draft proposals of the Labour Policy in the IIIrd Five Year Plan.
  4. To consider the suggestion of the Government of India, Ministry of Labour to submit an agreed panel to attend the 44th Session of ILO.
  5. To consider the report of 18th session of SLC
  6. Any other subject with the permission of the president.
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January 10, 1960

Dear Com.Ranen/Indrajit,

There is a message from Com.Dange that the General Council will meet either at Delhi or Bombay. The dates will be finally announced later but will be some time between 5th and 12th February.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

CMO  
191  
(K.G.Sriwastava)

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January 8, 1960

by hand



Dear Com.Indrajit,

Herewith the draft summary record of the meeting on Code which you attended on December 8.

As you will see, amendments which may be proposed should be sent by January 20.

Please do the needful.

Hope you have recovered fully by now. Com.Ranen Sen will tell you about other developments here.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

*K.G. Sriwastava*

(K.G.Sriwastava)

Encl:

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January 8, 1960

Dear Com.Parvathi.

Thanks for your letter of 26th December. I was told by Com.K.L. that you had been informed of the dates beforehand and that they had written to us. I was asked only to confirm it. If they had not consulted you in fixing the dates, we cannot help it.

I had to leave Bangalore immediately after the conference for the Standing Labour Committee in Delhi. SAD did not come and Dr. Hanen Sen and myself attended. I am enclosing copy of the statement which we read out at the Standing Labour Committee meeting. On Shri Nanda's intervention, we did not walk out and SLC has reaffirmed that tripartite decisions are morally binding on parties concerned.

Satish left on 3rd.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

*K.G. Sriwastava*  
(K.G. Sriwastava)

Encl: copy of statement.

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January 7, 1960

Dear Com. Dange,

I am enclosing copy of our statement. When this was read, Nandaji wanted a copy and requested us to stay on as the issues raised will be discussed. We decided therefore to stay on.

That night he was frantically trying to contact you.

Next day, he discussed it in the Committee meeting. He reaffirmed that the decisions of the tripartite bodies are morally binding on all the parties. Employers and the State Ministers objected but hesitatingly accepted.

Re. Finance Ministry's letter to the Pay Commission, Nandaji was on the defensive. He said after all, the Pay Commission has accepted the substance of the recommendations. And other Wage Boards (Cement and Textile) have also accepted it. The Cement Wage Board is said to have accepted it in greatest detail.

On Labour Policy during IIIrd Plan, we have to send a note by the end of this month. The Standing Labour Committee has been converted into a Labour Panel and will meet next on February 12 and 13.

Com. Ranensays Agansol is preparing for the General Council meeting. They suggest 5, 6, 7 February. You are requested to reach on 3rd February.

On 7th Feb. they propose a mass meeting and then by car you can go to Calcutta to catch the plane for Delhi on 8th morning.

This has to be confirmed or rejected by 11th January.

Chitnis told be that the Bombay Assembly will

page two

will meeting from February 15.

Please decide about the VENUE and the DATES of the meeting soon and let us and Calcutta friends know.

It would be better if you come here from Kerala to Delhi and let us do some preparations for the General Council meeting as well as on the Labour Policy of IIIrd Plan. Can you attend the meeting on 12th February, or someone else has to prepare?

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

*K.S.*

(K. S. Sriwastava)

Encl.:

- 4 JAN 1960

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Calcutta  
2/1/60

Dear Achyutan,

Day before I wrote a letter to you asking you to book my passage back for Calcutta by veritable non-airconditioned sleeping berth 11 rd class on the 15th.

~~later~~ If G.O. sanction air passage I would prefer to return to Calcutta by visconat service on the 9th or 10th latest.

So if you have not booked my passage please, do not do it till I reach on the 4th Jan.

Yours  
Ramen Sen



Gom Achyutan

A. G. T. W. C

4 Ashok Road

389 New Delhi

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January 2, 1960



Dear Com. Dange,

I am enclosing copy of two letters, one from Indrajit and other from Com.Thiam Meghachandra, Manipur.

Yours,

Copy of letter dated 28th December 1959 from Indrajit Gupta

15 Dover Road,  
Calcutta-19

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I was to have gone to Asansol on this 26th/27th for looking into the Sen-Releigh affair and also for checking up arrangements for AITUC General Council meeting, but I could not go because of this trouble.

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Thiam Meghachandra  
47 Paona Road,  
IMPHAL

31-12-1959

Dear Comrade,

After receiving your letter of 5-12-59 I dropped two postcards, one as a reminder to the previous one, suggesting to hold the T.U. Conference in Manipur on 31st Jan. and 1st February, 1960. But we could not get any reply from you regarding the suitability of the above dates for you to attend and inaugurate the same.

Now the problem in Manipur is that on the last 27-12-59 there was held a meeting of the representatives of all TUs affiliated or associated to AITUC with invitees from independent TUs. The purpose of the said meeting was to form one preparatory committee for the ensuing unit of AITUC. But in the said meeting there was a proposal for holding the conference to have a Manipur State TU Congress so that a common platform for all AITUC affiliated union with those independent TUs and service associations may be organised.

In this state of affairs, there was a sharp controversy among the TU leaders, some proposing to have AITUC unit and others proposing for Manipur TU Congress with independent unions whose leadership is S.P. The meeting of 27-12-59 however decided to hold the conference to form one Manipur T.U. Congress.

So we want your prompt advice, especially when neither sides or TU leaders can convince each other in respect of AITUC unions joining such organisation.

Sd/- Thiam Meghachandra

Com. S.A.Dange,  
General Secretary,  
All-India Trade Union Congress,  
4 Ashok Road,  
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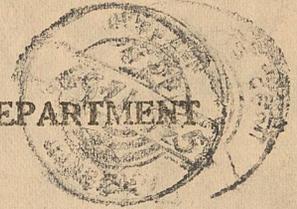
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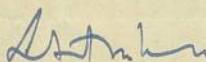
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Calcutta  
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Dear Achyutan, ✓  
your letter.

I am reaching Delhi on the  
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Will you, please, book my  
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on the 10th? I want to travel  
by the 3rd class non-airconditioned  
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Please arrange this.

Yours  
Ramesh

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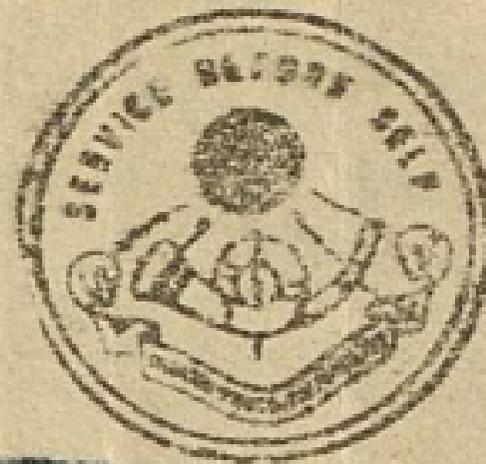
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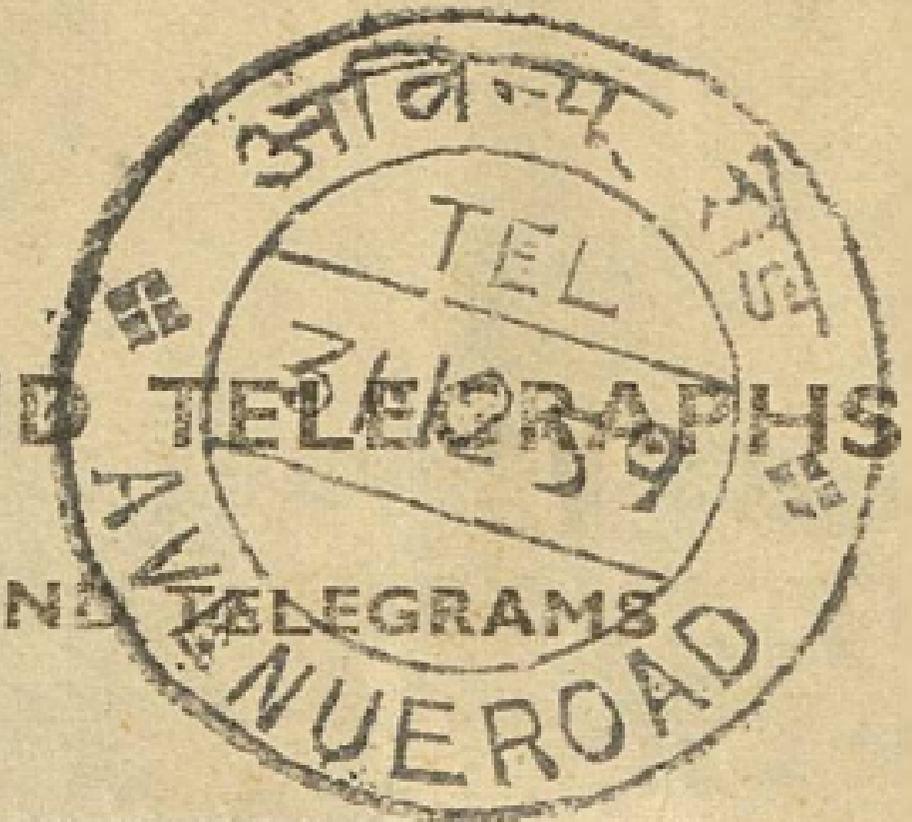
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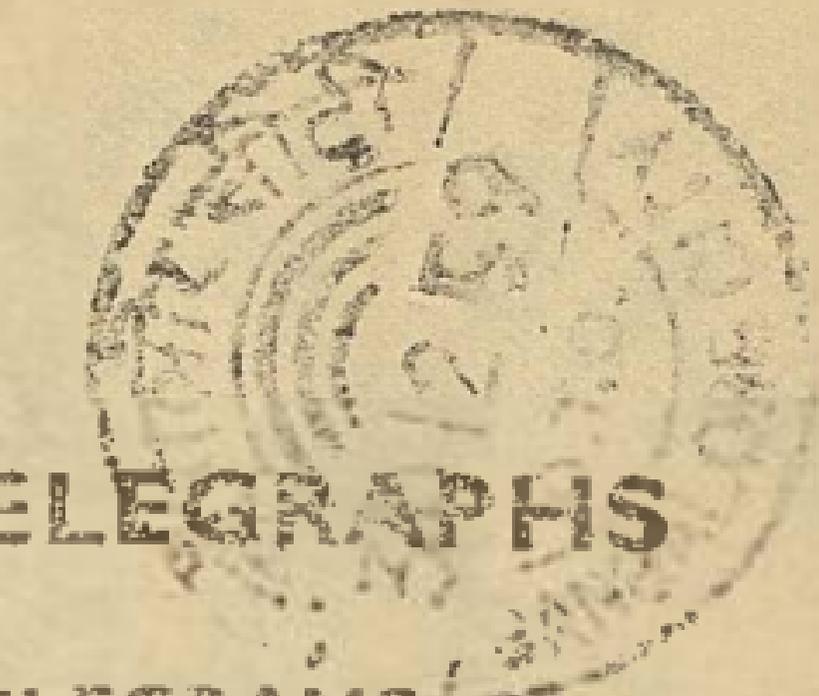
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28/12/59

Dear Com. Dange,

Thank you for your letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup>. I am sorry I could not reply to your earlier letter which was handed over to me when I was in Delhi on the 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>. The reason was that upto the 14<sup>th</sup> I had no breathing time on account of the Jute Industrial Committee meeting followed by the general strike. Then, immediately after that, I went out to one of our districts for a shellac workers' conference + also to Jamshedpur for a meeting. And after my return I have unfortunately been knocked out by an attack of jaundice which has virtually immobilised me. I don't know how long it will take to get over this. It is a real nuisance + has upset all my work.

I was to have gone to Asansol on

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this 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> for looking into the Sen. Raleigh affair + also for checking up arrangements for ATVC General Council meeting, but I could not go because of this trouble.

Re: Sen. Raleigh, I have the impression from your letter that you apprehend that we, at the BOTVC end, would underestimate the importance of defending + maintaining the agreement + would overestimate the "discontent" of the anti-Dhidar section. If such is really your apprehension (unless I have misunderstood you) it is quite unjustified. I may tell you that this is not the first time similar problems (i.e. a minority of discontented workers accusing the leadership of a recognised union as having gone "dalaal" because of certain specific items in an agreement) have cropped up here. We have faced it in Jay Engineering Works, MMC (Mahindra's), etc., + are still confronting such "crises" inside various unions. Everywhere we have followed the line of defending the norms of conduct which

a recognised union has to follow as well as collective agreements which, though not 100% perfect, represent an overall advance for the great majority of workers. This has been our line, though it has not always carried conviction to a minority, & has even led to rival unions <sup>being</sup> formed.

So, your apprehensions re: us (i.e. BPTVC or Party leadership) on this score need not persist. I am in general agreement with the approach you have outlined in your letter - there is no difference at all.

At the same time, I wish to make it quite clear that I do not, & shall not, approve of many of Dihidar's methods & ideas of work which we consider to be highly individualistic, bureaucratic, indisciplined, & "autonomous" in the sense of being quite independent of, & above, the BPTVC or Engineering Federation. He himself has helped to create this latest Frankenstein by the <sup>irresponsible</sup> way he used to "agitate" the workers against the management in the earlier stages. However, at present the issue is not to rectify Dihidar but to save the Union from further

disruption, & the agreement from being sabotaged.

So, if you can come soon, it will certainly be most helpful, especially as I am immobilised for the present. Some of the latest developments are:- (1) I wrote formally to the mass-petitioners, asking them to approach the Union directly with their "complaints" & seek redress there instead of writing to all & sundry. I also instructed the Union to take up an attitude vis-a-vis them of mutual discussions, inquiry, & settlement of differences; (2) the Union has accordingly invited them for discussions of their grievances; (3) But they have written again to me, saying there is no hope of justice so long as Dihidar runs the Union as his 'pocket' organisation, etc, etc.

The prospects of early "reconciliation" don't look too bright. Meanwhile, Dihidar also pulled off a stunt - announced his resignation as Secretary & then withdrew it in deference to a "mass deputation" of workers! The anti-Dihidar group, if not properly tackled, may well crystallise into a new union. There are some mischievous elements in it (RSP + ex-Party) playing upon the discontent of the Frame-shop workers. freelings,  
Indrajit.

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Dear Com. K.G.,

Your letter to hand. I am sorry I cannot go to Adhra as I had already informed them in Delhi (I.E. Com. K.L.). Unfortunately they fixed the dates without telling me beforehand and I had some other work which could not be altered.

I see that you will not be coming here after your Bangalore visit. It would be good if you could have managed a day or so here. Do try all the same.

Please give the enclosed letter to Com. Achuthan. He xx write to the comrade concerned about it. Kanungo had promised me the letter before I left but it seems it arrived just a day or after and was forwarded on to me here.

The collection for Building Fund in Valparai has not been done as I had told you it was to be done because of work arising out of the non-payment of the Deepavali advance. However, now the collections will be done in February - next month has to go to Kerala Election Fund. It will definitely be done - you need have no doubts about it - I am sorry about the delay, but it could not be helped. Anyway, now the organisational position in the Union is very much better and factionalism under control and that is a big achievement I should say! Membership is also better this year and all other issues have not upset the comrades there which is a good thing you will agree.

What news of Satish? Has he left, or will he go only in February?

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

Paavathi.