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DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF THE
A.P. AGRICULTURAL WORKERS UNION HELD ON 7TH AND 8TH JULY 1990.

The Executive Committee meeting was held at the State Office in Hyderabad. Com. B. Venkata Narasayya presided. The General Secretary of the C.P.I. and also the Vice-President of the B.K.M.U. Com. Chandra Rajeswara Rao gave a detailed report on international and National situation. He estorted the members that they should with the people and should be in close touch ~~ix~~ with them.

The B.K.M.U. President Com. G. Yellamanda Reddy explained the decisions of the B.K.M.U. Executive decisions. He stressed the need to strengthen the organisation at all levels and should take up local issues also along with general problems. The following resolutions were adopted at the meeting after thorough discussions.

1. The Central Legislation for agricultural workers in the last parliament session itself the Central Government and particularly the labour Minister gave word that a bill will be brought. But they did not stand on their word.

The agricultural workers and other rural poor are it has pointed. We regret that the Central Government did not fulfill its promise. The meeting demanded that the Legislation should be introduced in the next sessions of Parliament Land Reform to be implemented.

The Land Reforms improves the lot of the common man and also helps the development of the country. This is an important national problem. This issue was not solved during the last 40 years by the ruling parties.

The Land Ceiling Acts, who have been passed are full of loopholes. Even these acts are not being implemented because of the obstructions created by poor people to Courts where litigation continues for years. The official machinery is putting obstacles in the way of ~~XXXX~~ prefer implementation of these acts, to the detriment of the rural poor.

The Government did not in clearly worked for the implementation of the land and

A result land could not be distributed to the poor.

The recent meeting of the Chief Ministers at New Delhi.

did not take necessary steps to implement land reforms. The meeting decided not to amend the outstanding ceiling lands. This decision is a retro grade steps and harms the interest of the poor. The executive strongly ~~XXXX~~ condemns this attitude of the Chief Ministers. The Government should sincerely take steps to implement the land reforms properly.

The Government must withdraw the amendment Bill to the Ceiling Act should be with drawn should bring amendments according to the decision of the Supreme Court.

Convention on 20th August at Hyderabad.

To demand the early in act out of the Central Legislatuon for Agricultural workers and also implement

The Executive meeting decided to hold a convention at Hyderabad on 20th August.

These organisations and democrats who support these demands are also to be invited. The Convention gives a call for a sustained struggle for Central legislation and also for land reforms.

The executive appeals to all rural landless labour and organisations to participate in good numbers in the Convention.

Struggle for Higher wages

The prices of the essential commodities are rising at a high speed. The daily wages of agricultural workers are not enough to meet the rising prices. The meeting gave a call to all agricultural workers to prepare for the struggle for higher wages during the coming agricultural seasons. Though the State Government issued a draft notefication different categories the final notification fixing the rates has not been issued by the Government. The Executive condemns this ~~x~~ unnecessary delay. Taking into consideration the rising prices and also ever increasing necessaties of life, the Government meet fix higher rates of wages and final declaration should be issued.

Acquiring House-sites and building pacca houses.

Bundles of applications for house sites and also for houses are pending on the tables of the offices. The Telugu Desam Government banned acquiring land for house sites. The Congress Government cancelled this order. But it did not allot sufficient funds for this purpose at all solved.

The Government should immediately go into these applications and sanction given to the implementation.

TREE PATTAS

The agricultural workers and other rural poor have occupied names forest lands in many places in the state and sown crops. They have given petitions to the authorities for Tree pallas. We are not for distribution of trees. We want that the social schemes should be unimplemented. The Government must distribute land to the rural poor and allow them to grow fruit trees for which the Government should sanction grants. The Government must policy of not giving tree should be given up.

Tank Beds

Because of some new projects the tanks originally intended for water storage were abandon. These tanks beds x should be given for cultivation for ~~only work~~ agricultural workers.

With drawal of cases:

The executive demands that the Government should withdraw all the cases which were foisted on the rural/poor in connection with the land occupation struggle.

Atrocities on Harijans and other weaker sections should be condemned and agricultural workers union should stand in the forebunt against the atrocities.

All those who are eligible for green ration cards should be forthwith ~~given~~ green cards. The minimum income to issue green cards should be raised from Rs.6,000/- to Rs.12000/-.

The prices of all essential commodities should be reduced and these are to be supplied for cheaper rates.

Membership

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Fund

All the members.

General Counsel meeting to be held on August 20th and 21st.

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ANDHRA PRADESH AGRICULTURAL WORKERS UNION

REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE B.K.M.U EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 3rd AND 4th NOVEMBER 1990.

On July 7th and 8th of 1990 the A.P. Agricultural Workers Union executive committee met at the state office Hyderabad under the presidentship of Com. Venkatanarasayya Com. Yellamanda Reddy president and Com. C. Rajeswara Rao vice president of the B.K.M.U attended the meeting. The meeting reviewed the activities of the union during the preceeding 3 months. It was found that there is tardyness in our activities due to various reasons and the work is not going on as expected. Even during these 4 months there was activity incertain places in the state. Land struggle was extended to new areas. Yet the work is not satisfactory hearing the reports from the districts the following decissions were taken.

1. Agitation for the enactment for central legislation for Agricultural Workers.
2. Land struggle to be intensified and spread to new areas. Agitation must be under taken for amendments to the A.P. land ciling act according to the judgement of the supreme court.
3. Struggle against atrocities on SC.ST. and other weaker sections. Propaganda in suport of the reservations.
4. Agitation ~~and~~ against rising prices, against abondorment of the ~~2~~ 2 k.g. a rupee rice scheme, abolition of "Distribution of essential commodities ^{market} public destribution system.

The executive decided to hold a statewide convention at Hyderabad on August 20th to demand the implimentation of the above demands by the government. This decision was conyed to all the general council members and to district and mandal committees. The state centre printed 10,000 leaf lets and sent to all the district. In 12 districts extended ~~executive~~ executive committee meetings were held in preparation for the convention. In 4 districts, Activistes meetings held in which above 300 participated. The state centre extended invitation to the brother organisations working among agricultural workers. Resolutions to be adopted at the convention were printed and distributed to the delegates, 1,500 delegates from almost all the districts of the state attended the convention, braving many difficulties and heavy rains. Large number of delegates from land struggle arieas were present.

The convention was presided over by Com. Bhupathi Venkatanarasayya the president of the state union. The B.K.M.U president Com. G. Tallamanda Reddy inaugurated the ~~the~~ convention. Com. C. Rajeswara Rao exhorted the delegates to build a strong and united agricultural workers movement so that the demands of the agricultural workers are realised. He appealed to all the unions leaderships to eschew petty considerations and work unitedly.

Nearly 30 delegates from all the districts participated in the discussion on the resolution. They narrated their experiences in the course of the struggles. They concluded they welcomed the idea of a united movement. Fraternal delegates from brother unions in their messages welcomed the idea of a massive also united agricultural workers movement. Delegates sat in the convention from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M though rain is pouring on them all the time. The convention very much enthused the delegates and they returned to their places with confidence.

On 20th August after the convention was over a meeting of the general council A.P. Agricultural Workers Union was held and chalked out the following programme for the coming months.

1. Statewide agitation and conventions at district ~~and~~ and mandal levels for immediate enactment of the central legislation for agricultural workers.

LAND STRUGGLES:-

The land occupation struggle is being continued throughout the state in many centres.

1. In Vijayanagaram district 240 acres surplus land was liberated from the land lords and distributed among the rural poor. In Ayyaganipalle of Prakasam District the struggle for surplus land was going on for over four years. Recently the struggle was intensified. Solidarity Dharnas were held in many centres in the district, such as Ongole, Kandukuru, Markapuram. In verpadu mandal of Chittoor District land was occupied 3,000 acres of Banjar land ^{was} ~~were~~ occupied in ^{ghana} mandal of Warangal district. 200 acres of land 500 acres in Balakurti mandal 200 acres in Rghunathapalli mandal were occupied.

In Jaladandi mandal in Kothapalem of Nellore District 300 acres was occupied. In Anantapur District in Kundurthi mandal 80 acres of surplus land was occupied in Tumugunta. In Kesenapalli mandal in East Godavari District 35 acres were occupied and 300 huts were built on the land. In Narisipatnam division of Vizag District 2000 agricultural workers demonstrated demanding tree-fallow land name-sake ^{benefit} land was occupied and they are being cultivated and got the produce for 3 years. ^{data for district - 4,000 Acres}

STRUGGLE FOR HIGHER WAGES:-

In Srikakulam District farm ~~sz#~~ servants went on strike and got higher wage. In Warangal District Mahabubabad mandal in Senagapuram Ayodhya, Mudupugal, Parvatagiri in etc., the agricultural workers struck work and the strike was total. Their wages were increased substantially.

DEMONSTRATIONS ON AUGUST 30th FOR CENTRAL LEGISLATIONS:-

At Cuddapah, Gopalapuram, Penugonda, Narasapuram, Chintalpudi, Lingapalem, Nenla, Kanagallu, Chilukuru, Kakinada, Mahaboobabad, Karimnagar, Vizag, Mahaboonagar, Guntur, and Vijayawada demonstrations were held and memoranda were submitted.

ORGANISATIONS:-

In this period in 10 districts is executive committee meetings were held every two months regularly. In 5 districts the E.C. meetings were held once only. On July 5th and 6th Prakasam district conference was held and a call was given for intensification of struggle for ~~an~~ ^{Amajana Palli} a senepalli surplus lands. In Nalgonda district 10 area meetings of the cadre took place. On July 21st a convention of activists was held in ^{Krishna district} which 260 important functionaries attended. In Guntur district an extended meeting of the district executive committee took place in which 40 members participated.

MEMBERSHIP:-

The enrollment of membership is not satisficatory, it is going on slowly. Until now 50,000 members are enrolled. We are trying to speed it up.

Note:- please see the next page for the Supplementary report.

DEMONSTRATION ON ^{12th} SEPTEMBER 1990.

After the August 20th convention, on the invitation of our union, a joint meeting of the different unions in the state ~~was~~ held on 5th September. The following union's ~~representatives~~ participated in the joint meeting, besides ours.

1. A.P. Ryouth-Kooli Sangham (Praja pandha)
2. A.P. Agricultural Labourers Union (M.C.P.I)
3. Grammaena Pedala Sangham i.e. Village Rural Poor's Organisation.
4. Ibrahim Patnam Taluq Agricultural Workers Union.
5. A.P. Dalitha Mahasabha.

All the above organisations except Dalitha Mahasabha are led by Nixelite groups. ^{The} meeting discussed the future programme and a draft programme paper ~~x~~ was prepared. At this stage a number of Agricultural Workers organisations, belonging to some other nixelite groups, conveyed their intention to joining the united movement. ~~the~~ Therefore an extended meeting of the representatives, five from every union was held on 15th September, and the programme was finalised. The meeting decided to hold demonstrations before district and mandal revenue office's on 11th October. A joint appeal was printed 50,000 copies of the appeal was distributed all over the state. A massive agitation and propaganda was under taken popularising the demands.

On October 11th demonstrations were held in 85 district, mandal offices in which all the unions which are existing in the ~~xxx~~ area took part. In some places only our unions demonstrated because there are no other unions. This united action enthused the mass of the Agricultural Workers and ~~there~~ are confidence that unity of action is a must for realising their demands.

At the 15th September meeting an united action committee was formed with three representatives from each union.

~~Three~~ ^{wanted support} other unions led by other nixelites groups lent their whole to the united action. The A.P. Agriculture Workers Union led by C.P.M. did not join the united action because there are against united action with the nixelite groups of all shades we tried to convince them ~~that~~ to bring the unity of Agricultural Workers we must have joint action with these group. However, we are having ^{dialogue} dialogue and joint actions with them were other groups are not present.

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Report submitted to the Executive Committee Meeting
of the B.K.M.U. held on 12th and 13th July 1990.

The Executive Committee of the A.P. Agricultural
Workers Union met on 28th February and March 1st 1990
Com. G. Yellamanda Reddy participated in the meeting.

The meeting reviewed the activities during the
previous 3 months periods and decided on the tasks to
be fulfilled in the coming months.

Main tasks decided upon are (i) Membership
enrollment (2) Security Sequirring of advertisements
for the enrollment souvenirs to be brought out on
Telugu New Year's day (3) ~~Enrolling~~ subscriptions
for the monthly organ. Cooli Dandu. (4) Agitation
against the cancellation of green cards those who
possess green cards are entitled to 25 Kg Rice at
Rs.2.00 a kg. (5) Land struggle to be continued
(6) Agitation for central Legislation and ~~sixkaxfor~~ struggle
for higher wages.

The districts and Mandal Committees started work
to implement the above. But this work was hampered
because of devastating cyclone in many districts.
Our comrades actively participated in the rehabilitation
work. Almost all the thached houses in huddreds of
villages were destroyed. We helped the Agricultural
workers and other rural poor to get Rs.500/- for damaged
house and 10 Kg rice. In this connection demonstration
were held in many centres for fair deal.

In May and June months in some districts mostly
in Telangana region struggle for higher wages and
higher amount for year for farm servants were conducted.
In Warangal, Nalgonda, Khammam Districts the yearly
wages of Agricultural workers are raised from 1000 to
2000 in addition to that they got in previous years.
Because of cyclone and the losses suffered by the
peasants, in coastal districts the struggle was not
widely taken up. The land struggle is being continued.
In Vizag, East Godavari, Khammam Districts the attempts
of the forest department to evict the cultivates
from the fields was thwarted.

In Jammavaram of Krishna District in Tuni and Kotanandam Mandals of East Godavari and in Chittoor districts land struggle is being being intensified We are conducting the State wide agitation for suitable amendments to the A.P. Land Ceiling Act according to the Judgement of the Supreme Court is being conducted.

Central Legislation: According to the decision of the Delhi convention on Central Legislation for Agricultural Workers, we tried to organise a state-wide convention and afterwards district wide conventions. We approached the C.P.M. Union for joint action in this respect of they did not responde to our letter since two months. Our attempts in this respect are not upto the mark.

The membership enrollment compaign did not gain speed but proceeded on snails pace upto to know only 30,000 members is enrolled. The target 3 lakhs.

As for the decision of the Executive Committee we worked for the successful bringint out of the ~~XXXXXX~~ Souviner ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ We secured advertisements to the value of Rs.90,000 out of which Rs.20,000/- were spent for expenses such as printing, postage, T.A. etc.

We could clear the debt of Rs.60,000/- which is outstanding Rs.10,000/- was given as commission to District. We have to such for wags and means of collecting funds for the six months.

The Executive Committee met again on 7th and 8th of this month (July) and decided on the following programme.

1. A Statewide Convention to be held on August 29th under the auspies of A.P. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Agricultural Workers Union demanding Central Legislature for Agricultural Workers and demanding amendments to the A.P. Land Ceiling Act in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Court.

Other organisat ons and public personalities we have interested and are supporting the above demands are to be invited to the Convention.

In the meanwhile throughtout the state ~~XXXXXX~~ agitation and propaganda should be conducted, involving the agricultural workers masses. A leaflet is to be brought by the State Centre.