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## LETTER BY THE WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS TO THE 16TH UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE ALGERIAN PROBLEM

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On October 20, 1961, the Secretariat of the World Federation of Trade Unions sent the following letter to the Chairman of the 16th United Nations General Assembly in New York, asking him to be good enough to inform all delegates participating at the session, of its contents:

"Now that the General Assembly of the United Nations is taking up once more the debate on the Algerian problem, the World Federation of Trade Unions - on behalf of its 107 million affiliated members and confident that it is expressing the feelings of all workers - once again denounces the odious war waged by the French colonialists against the Algerian people who are fighting for national independence. It demands the immediate and genuine application of the right of the Algerian people to self-determination and respect of the integrity of their territory.

"On November 1 it will be 7 years that this merciless war has been raging in Algeria.

"A whole people has risen with all its strength to win its independence, at the cost of the blood of hundreds of thousands of its sons. They fight an army launched against them by the French colonialists, equipped and supported by the aggressive NATO forces.

"But despite the use of this enormous machinery of repression, of military and police forces backed by para-military and civil groups of a fascist type, despite the loss of the best sons of the people killed in the struggle, despite mass executions and tortures, prisons, concentration camps and mass deportations of the population despite all this the French colonialists and their allies have not been able to crush the heroic resistance of the Algerian people.

"The consequences of this colonial war are felt also by the French workers whose solidarity is on the side of the Algerian workers. The war contributed to the installation of the system of personal power in France, which aids the trend towards wiping out democratic liberties in that country. It enables the monopolies to preserve and increase their colonial profits.

"It contributes to a great extent to the continual worsening of the French workers' living conditions and stands in the way of many social advances which they need.

"This war, with its colonial and racial character, endangers social progress in Africa and in France and is a threat to peace and democracy in the world.

"Despite all efforts by the Provisional Government of the Algerian Republic supported by the workers and people of Algeria and of all countries, to reach a negotiated agreement, the French Government continues the war. It tries to convert the right to self-determination into an empty formality and sabotages the negotiations with the Provisional Government of the Algerian Republic, as was obvious at Melun, Evian and Lugrin.

"The W.F.T.U. supports wholeheartedly, as it has always done, the right of the Algerian people to self-determination, the right to the integrity of its territory and to freedom. It denounces emphatically the manoeuvres of the French Government which show that the capitalist monopolies want by all means to maintain their rule and the exploitation of Algerian wealth for their own profits.

"The W.F.T.U. emphatically calls on the General Assembly of the United Nations to take a clear and firm position against the colonial policy of the French Government and against the manoeuvres by which it brought about the failure of the previous negotiations.

"Just as emphatically it calls on the General Assembly to declare itself in favour of the immediate re-opening of negotiations between the French Government and the Provisional Government of the Algerian Republic, the only legal representative of the Algerian people. It underlines that it is the right of this Government to choose, as it thinks fit, its representatives at the negotiations, and the refusal of the French Government to meet some of them cannot be admitted.

"The W.F.T.U. is convinced that this is the only attitude the United Nations Organisation can take if it wants to satisfy the wish of the workers and people of Algeria and the whole world to see the end of this colonial war and to see the Algerian people gain national independence with the full integrity of its territory."

XXIInd SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Berlin, 2nd-4th of February, 1961)

PLAN OF ORGANISATION FOR  
THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION COMMISSION ON SOCIAL SECURITY

Within the framework of the application of the decisions of the 4th World Trade Union Congress, the IITH Session of the General Council at Peking agreed to form an International Trade Union Commission on Social Security.

I. Aims of the Commission

The demands and hopes of the workers in the fields of Social Security are an important basis for joint actions against the attacks of the employers and governments of capitalist countries who try systematically to reduce expenditure on social amenities.

The main aim of the commission would therefore be to establish - on the basis of a deep analysis of existing social security systems in different parts of the world - the ways and means of struggle to guarantee new developments in united action and international solidarity by all workers and all trade union organisations without distinction, for the protection, extension and improvement of social security.

2. Nature of the Commission

The Commission must be broad and united, that is to say it must have trade unions representing all parts of the world taking part, no matter what their affiliation.

The documents as well as the conclusions adopted by the Commission will be submitted to the next Session of the Executive Committee which alone can decide what is to be done next.

Composition of the Commission

The Commission will be composed of trade unionists who are active at national level and have deep knowledge of the problems of social security in general and of social insurances in particular.

Countries to be invited

Europe : U.S.S.R.  
France  
Italy  
Czechoslovakia  
Finland

Asia : China  
India  
Japan

Latin America : Cuba  
Chile  
Brazil  
Venezuela

Africa : Morocco  
Mali  
South Africa  
Guinea (UGTAN)  
Ghana

Near and Middle East : Iraq  
Lebanon  
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The practical work and the preparation of the documents will be guaranteed by the Economic and Social Department of the W.F.T.U. under the direction of the Secretariat.

4. Date and place of the meeting

The 1st meeting of the Commission will take place in Prague, March 27 - 29, 1961.

5. Draft Agenda

1. Introduction : aims and activities of the Commission
2. Brief glance at the social security schemes in various parts of the world
3. Discussion
4. Adoption of the conclusions on the essential demands in the field of social security, forms of joint action and so on, and the drawing up of a Social Security Charter to be submitted for the approval of the 5th World Trade Union Congress.
6. The Secretariat make the Organisational Department and the Economic and Social Department of the W.F.T.U. responsible for taking all necessary measures for summoning the Commission and preparing for the meeting.

## APPEAL

# to Trade Unions and Workers in the Printing and Allied Trades throughout the World

Dear Brothers and Friends,

For a long time, on many occasions, the WFTU has received proposals from trade unions in Europe, Latin America, Africa and Asia that an International Consultative Conference of Trade Unions and Workers in the Printing and Allied Trades should be convened. The WFTU accordingly carried out a brief consultation, as a result of which printing workers' trade unions in Cyprus, China, Costa Rica, France, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Madagascar, Peru, GDR, USSR, Czechoslovakia and Uruguay, whether affiliated or not to the WFTU, intimated their agreement that such meeting should be held.

An Organising Committee has been formed and, in the circumstances, it would appear opportune to call an International Consultative Conference which would examine the best means of promoting international unity of action, defending the workers' interests and strengthening cooperation and solidarity among workers throughout the world in support of their fight for economic and social demands, respect of trade union rights, the independence of the peoples, the ending of colonialism and the preservation of peace. It is in these struggles that the glorious traditions of printing workers must be reaffirmed.

The Conference, which will be held in Leipzig (GDR) from 25 to 28 November 1961, is open to all representatives of workers in the printing and allied trades throughout the world, irrespective of the political system of their countries and regardless of the national or international affiliation of their organisations.

The development of production techniques is to be found in every capitalist country today. The trade unions therefore have the common task of ensuring for the widest possible share in the progress resulting from such development and from production generally and, so far as the printing and allied trades are concerned, to see to it that those workers benefit from the progress made in the various printing systems and in the communication of human thought.

This action taken by the WFTU in arranging for the widest possible international meeting at which views and information may be exchanged on all printing workers' problems — on new production techniques, workers' security, social insurance and occupational diseases and general living standards — is of vital importance to all workers in this industry.

The following questions could be thoroughly debated at this Conference:

- *What can be done in the political, economic and social conditions of each country, to solve satisfactorily the problems arising from the development of production techniques, modernisation of printing methods and con-*

*stant mechanical progress in order to ensure better living standards for the workers by higher wages, shorter working hours without loss of pay, reduction of the physical and mental effort required and improved social services?*

- *How can we encourage activity in these countries to strengthen and protect the specific demands of printing workers, particularly young people and women, by developing accepted traditions regarding vocational training, in view of the drive to downgrade jobs which may well be facilitated by the introduction of new techniques and production systems?*
- *What can be done in these countries to create the economic and social conditions required for the widest possible cultural development and distribution of books and newspapers, to combat illiteracy, reactionary, chauvinist propaganda and racial discrimination — conditions which are indispensable if the printing trade is to make real progress and to flourish?*
- *How can we ensure international solidarity, effective assistance and collaboration for all national trade union organisations of printing workers in a practical, enduring manner and with full respect of the freedom of association and affiliation, ideological tendency and religious belief of each organisation?*
- *How can the functions and activities of trade unions in the socialist countries be developed to ensure improved living and cultural standards for the workers?*
- *How can we ensure success for the peoples' struggle for democratic rights, against imperialism, for liberation from the colonialist yoke, for the maintenance and defence of peace?*

Education, science and progress — these are the messages which the printing workers wish to send out to the world every day through their work, messages that express their desire for peace, for there can be no progress and no happiness without peace.

In convening this International Consultative Conference of Trade Unions and Workers in the Printing and Allied Trades, the Conference Organising Committee and the World Federation of Trade Unions call upon all organisations to take part in this first meeting, which should be the prelude to stronger unity of action and cooperation between printing workers' trade unions as well as a practical affirmation of international solidarity among all workers.

Organising Committee of the Conference  
Prague, 26 February 1961

Address:

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Consultative Conference of Trade  
Unions and Workers in the Printing  
and Allied Trades  
Janska 100  
Prague 1  
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## Fourth World Trade Union Congress

### SOCIAL SECURITY

At the present time, social security is taking on increased importance for all workers. Low wages, inflation, deterioration of working conditions and unemployment accentuate the workers' difficulties. In a number of countries a government policy favouring the monopolies, aims at lowering or eliminating the contribution made by the employers and the state to insurance or social security funds and limits budget expenditure for social purposes.

The need for social security schemes is felt even more keenly in under-developed countries, especially in view of the lower level of wages and the high number of unemployed. In the oppressed countries the establishment or improvement of social security schemes is daily becoming more indispensable.

The International Conference on Social Security, which met in Vienna in 1953 on the initiative of the W.F.T.U., drew up a social security programme agreed upon by trade union organisations of all trends.

The Conference defined the principles of social security according to which a system of real social security should be based on recognition of a fundamental social right guaranteed by law to every human being living by his own work, or who is temporarily or permanently incapacitated or unable to work, and also to the members of his family.

The Conference stressed that the right to social security is the same for all without discrimination as to race, nationality, religion, sex or age, just as there should be no discrimination based on occupation, nor any discrimination between the public and the private sector. Social security should guarantee all costs and social risks, including in the first place: sickness, maternity, disablement, old age, work accidents and occupational diseases, total and partial unemployment, death and family responsibilities.

Benefits paid under social security schemes should guarantee an adequate standard of existence and should be adjusted in accordance with rises in wages and in the cost of living.

Working in this direction, the trade union movement ought to pay more attention than hitherto to social security. Its practical activity aimed at continual extension of advantages already gained should be more consistent. Social security is one of the most important workers' demands, a

permanent goal to be aimed at by trade union organisations, a point which can bring together trade unions of all trends and a powerful factor for unity among all workers. It is therefore necessary to examine carefully the needs and aspirations of the workers in this direction, to formulate and defend demands which are capable of uniting them in action for common aims, and to find ways to extend unity of action, among them the setting up of broad national social security committees.

In particular, trade union organisations should work to increase working class participation in social security services and funds so as to give the workers majority representation and better control of their management and use. In countries where the workers' representatives play a leading part in the administration of social insurance, this has helped social security to develop in accordance with the needs of the workers.

In addition, the Congress recommends organisations to exchange delegations, experience and information at an international level, in order to develop international solidarity in working for social security.

The Congress recommends the W.F.T.U. and its Trade Departments to do more to achieve social security.

It proposes to establish as soon as possible a broad international trade union action committee for social security with the task of ensuring further united action and international solidarity among all workers and all trade unions without distinction, for the defence, extension and improvement of social security and social insurance schemes.

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To Affiliated National Centres

REF.: International Consultative  
Conference of Graphic  
Art Workers.

DP/CIR. n°91/61

Dear Brothers,

We take pleasure in informing you that an International Consultative Conference of trade unions and workers of graphic art will meet at Leipzig (GDR) from November 25 to 28, 1961. The conference has been called by the Organising Commission for the Conference on the initiative of the WFTU and several national industrial unions.

The conference will have a broad, united and democratic character and will be open to all graphic art unions and workers from all over the world, regardless of their political system and national and international trade union affiliation.

The aim of the Conference is to satisfy the requests and keen desire felt by graphic art workers to strengthen the ties and contacts among all workers so as to be in a better position to study ways and means of defending themselves and struggling for greater co-operation and international solidarity.

In order to achieve this objective and in view of the large number of graphic art workers, we feel that help from all affiliated and friendly national centres is essential.

The Secretariat of the WFTU calls upon you to assist the preparation of the conference in your country by popularising it among graphic art workers, preparing delegations and collecting the necessary funds to cover the fares.

We are confident you will find the most appropriate forms and methods which will assure maximum results.

With fraternal greetings,

Luigi GRASSI  
*Luigi Grassi*  
Secretary of the WFTU.



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40TH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BUREAU OF THE W.F.T.U.

(Prague, June 23-26, 1961)

DECISION

The Executive Bureau has nominated Brother PIOTR PIMENOV to the post of Secretary of the World Federation of Trade Unions.

This decision will be submitted for ratification to the next session of the Executive Committee and will immediately take effect.

Prague, June 26, 1961.



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June 29, 1961.

Prague,.....

To All affiliated National Centres  
and  
Trade Unions Internationals  
( T.Uns. of the W.F.T.U.)

A. I. T. U. C.
I. R. No 2129 Date 30.7.61
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Circular: 92/61

Subject: Official convening of the  
5th World Trade Union Congress

Dear Brothers,

As you already know, the 11th Session of the General Council of the W.F.T.U. held in Peking in June 1960, decided to convene the 5th World Trade Union Congress. The 22nd Session of the Executive Committee decided the Congress would be held from December 4 to 16, 1961 in Moscow, on the invitation of the Central Council of Soviet Trade Unions.

In accordance with Article 6, paragraph VII of the W.F.T.U. Statutes we are informing all affiliated organisations of the following agenda, which the Executive Committee suggests for the 5th Congress.

AGENDA FOR THE 5TH WORLD TRADE UNION CONGRESS

1. - The activities of the W.F.T.U. and the present tasks of trade union organisations for peace, against imperialism, for peaceful co-existence, universal and complete disarmament and the economic and social demands of the workers.
2. - The development of trade union activities and solidarity to aid peoples fighting to end colonialism.
3. - Auditors' report.
4. - Election of the governing bodies of the W.F.T.U.

Your organisation is hereby officially invited to send representatives to the 5th World Trade Union Congress.

we are certain that member organisations of the W.F.T.U. will do their utmost to make satisfactory preparations for the Congress.

These preparatory activities should, in themselves, be a powerful means of mobilising the working people, of developing their struggle and of strengthening solidarity and unity among workers. It would therefore be most advisable that the aims fixed for the 5th World Trade Union Congress should be made very widely known among the workers and in their places of work.

For this purpose we are enclosing herewith the "Draft Programme of Trade Union Action at the present stage for the defence of the workers' interests and rights".

This document, drafted by the Special Commission appointed at the 22nd Session of the Executive Committee, was adopted by the Executive Bureau at its 40th session held in Prague from June 23 to 26. The document will be submitted to the 5th World Trade Union Congress. Undoubtedly a wide circulation and discussion of it among the workers and trade unions of the different countries, will contribute towards obtaining good political preparation for the Moscow Congress.

We rely upon your initiative to ensure its wide circulation in the most effective conditions.

The Secretariat will send you later on, the report of activities of the W.F.T.U. together with any information concerning the preparations for the Congress, in particular about each country's representation.

We remain, dear brothers,

Yours fraternally,



*Louis Saillant*  
Louis SAILLANT  
General Secretary

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Re.: Third International Trade Conference of  
Transport, Port and Fishery Workers.

Dear Brothers,

We wish to inform you that the World Federation of Trade Unions is planning to hold the Third International Trade Conference of Transport Workers in Budapest, Hungary, from May 9 to 13, 1961.

The Conference will have a broad, united and democratic character. Representatives of organisations covering workers in the respective trades, regardless of whether these organisations are affiliated to the WFTU or to some other international organisation or whether they are independent, will have equal rights to participate in the discussion on all agenda items.

The Conference will provide an opportunity for an exchange of views and experiences between transport workers from various countries, irrespective of international trade union affiliation and political outlook. It will do much towards strengthening friendship and unity among transport workers in all countries.

For this purpose, and in view of the important role played by transport workers on the present international scene, we feel that all affiliated and friendly national centres must give every possible assistance.

The Secretariat of the WFTU asks you to assist its preparation in your country by popularising it among transport workers, encouraging collections to cover the fares of delegates and ensuring the election of representative delegations to the Conference.

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We are certain that you will choose the most appropriate methods and forms of work to suit conditions in your country.

With fraternal greetings,



L. GRASSI

Secretary of the WFTU

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February 15th, 1961

Prague,.....

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Dear Brothers,

We would like to draw your attention to the 6th Annual South African Congress of Trade Unions to be held in Durban on from March 31 to April 4, 1961.

Messages of greeting and wishes for the success of the Congress as well as for the struggle waged by the workers against "Apartheid" and racial discrimination and for a better life, will be very much appreciated by our brothers in the South African Congress of Trade Unions and by the workers in the Union of South Africa.

These messages should be sent to the following address :

"South African Congress of Trade Unions"  
P.O.Box 6781  
Johannesburg - South Africa.

With fraternal greetings,

The W.F.T.U. Secretariat.





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SG - 84/61

Re: 40th session of the Executive Bureau


Dear Brother,

We wish to inform you that the 40th session of the Executive Bureau of the W.F.T.U. will meet in Prague on June 19.

We propose the following agenda:

1. Report by the Special Commission for the 5th World Trade Union Congress
2. Organisational Plan for the 5th World Trade Union Congress

With fraternal greetings,

  
Louis SAILLANT  
General Secretary

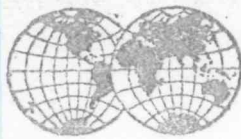


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Prague, 17. IV. 1961

Brother S.A. DANGE

Member of the Executive Bureau  
of the W.F.T.U.



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To: Affiliated National Centres  
To: Trade Unions Internationals

Circ./SG/No.102/61

Dear Brothers,

We are sending to you with this letter: the Appeal of the World Federation of Trade Unions to the Workers of the World on the occasion of the 7th anniversary of the war in Algeria, and the letter from the W.F.T.U. to the Chairman and delegates at the 16th General Assembly of the United Nations.

You will notice that the document addressed to the Workers of the World appeals to the trade union organisations to take appropriate actions, and we should be very grateful if you would inform us, as far as possible, about the steps you decide to take in this field.

With fraternal greetings,

Yours fraternally,



*Luigi Grassi*  
Luigi GRASSI

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The Chairman of the 16th General  
Assembly,  
United Nations,  
NEW YORK, N.Y.  
U.S.A.

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Sir,

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The W.F.T.U. supports wholeheartedly, as it has always done, the right of the Algerian people to self-determination, the right to the integrity of its territory and to freedom. It denounces emphatically the manoeuvres of the French Government which show that the capitalist monopolies went by all means to maintain their rule and the exploitation of Algerian wealth for their own profits.

The W.F.T.U. emphatically calls on the General Assembly of the United Nations to take a clear and firm position against the colonial policy of the French Government and against the manoeuvres by which it brought about the failure of the previous negotiations.

Just as emphatically it calls on the General Assembly to declare itself in favour of the immediate re-opening of negotiations between the French Government and the Provisional Government of the Algerian Republic, the only legal representative of the Algerian people. It underlines that it is the right of this Government to choose, as it thinks fit, its representatives at the negotiations, and the refusal of the French Government to meet some of them cannot be admitted.

The W.F.T.U. is convinced that this is the only attitude the United Nations Organisation can take if it wants to satisfy the wish of the workers and people of Algeria and the whole world to see the end of this colonial war and to see the Algerian people gain national independence with the full integrity of its territory.

Bearing in mind the importance of this question, we ask you, Mr. Chairman, to be so kind as to communicate this document to all delegates present at the 16th General Assembly of the United Nations.

With the assurance of our highest esteem.

Yours faithfully,

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Secretary of the W.F.T.U.