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MESSAGE OF SOLIDARITY
WITH THE WORKERS AND PEOPLE OF ADEN

L. GRASSI, W.F.T.U. Secretary sent the following telegram to the Aden Trade Union Congress:

" To the dockers of Aden in their struggle to the trade union organisations and workers of the IATUC the W.F.T.U. in the name of its 101 million members expresses its active solidarity with their brave struggle for the respect of their threatened trade union rights and democratic freedoms .

The Secretariat of the W.F.T.U. is following the matter closely and welcomes the powerful campaign of August 15 by the Trade Unions of Aden for the defence of the right to strike gives its complete support and will bring the matter to the attention of the ILO . "

At the same time the W.F.T.U. sent a telegram to the British authorities in Aden :

" In the name of 101 million affiliated workers the World Federation of Trade Unions protests strongly against attempts to suppress fundamental trade union rights and repression of workers and trade unionists on strike . We demand immediate reestablishment and complete respect trade union rights especially right to strike . "

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18 MAY 1960



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- To National Centres affiliated to the W.F.T.U.
- To T.U.I.s (T.D. of the W.F.T.U.)

Circ. 30/60-A(cn)/IS-RS/

Dear Brothers,

We are writing to you once again about the situation that exists in Argentina where repressive measures taken against the workers and their trade union organisations have been increased.

The Government of Dr. Frondizi continues its policy of persecuting the Argentinian labour movement in an effort to defeat opposition to the so-called Plan for Economic Stabilisation. This Plan has considerably worsened the living conditions of the workers. Since it was put into action, in December 1958, the cost of living has increased, according to official figures, by as much as 113.7%, while the wages of industrial workers were only raised by 30%. Thousands of workers have been dismissed and unemployment is widespread throughout the country.

In the face of resistance from the working class movement, the Argentinian Government has taken brutal repressive measures. Many thousands of workers have been arrested, carried off from their homes and taken hundreds of miles away from their houses and their places of work. For several months a number of leaders and militant trade unionists have been imprisoned without reason or trial to justify their detention, they include, Rubens Iscaro, General Secretary of the Building Workers' Union and a member of the Executive Committee of the W.F.T.U., Andres Framini, General Secretary of the Textile Workers' Association, Jose Miguel Zarate, leader of the building workers and a member of the liaison committee of the United Workers' Movement, Segundo Galven, Secretary of the organisation of the Trade Union of Food Workers in Buenos Aires, Luis Trossi and Juan Raccini. The leaders of the trade union organisations of workers in the building trades, in banks, insurance, in refrigeration and clothing were removed, and their places taken by military controllers.

However, the Argentinian workers have continued bravely with their struggle. During recent months, work stoppages and strikes have occurred among workers in building, gas, in the docks, in refrigeration, textiles, metallurgy and in other branches, to defend their rights and claims.

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For this reason, to prevent the growing number of workers' struggles, the Argentinian Government decided on March 14 to enforce the Conintes Plan (a state of siege). Under the pretext of ridding the country of terrorism, power was given to the military authorities, press censorship was imposed, and military tribunals were set up which even had the power to inflict the death penalty.

Some hours after this Plan was enforced, the army and the police surrounded the working class quarters of the Argentinian capital and raided thousands of houses. Hundreds of workers were arrested and tried by the military tribunals. In the town of Rosario, where there is a large working class, a state of siege was proclaimed.

On March 18, 54 trade union and political prisoners who had been detained in Caseros prison at Buenos Aires were transferred to the prison of Santa Rosa which is situated 600 kilometres away from the capital in a region that has a harsh and unhealthy climate.

On March 27, Brother Rubens Iscaro and 17 other detainees who had been granted their freedom by the Judge were again arrested by the police. On April 5, other imprisoned workers, Edouardo Rojas, a transport worker, Jose Maria Pracanico, a public employee, and Jeronimo Yzetta, a municipal employee, were maltreated by the police.

All these facts illustrate the violence of the repression. In these circumstances the workers and trade unions of Argentina need the support and solidarity of the international trade union movement.

We are sure that you will, as you have done in the past, give your support to the struggle of the Argentinian working class for the freedom of their brothers who are in prison and for an end to the repression.

To do this and anything else that you may feel necessary, we suggest that you write to the Argentinian Government and to the President of the Chamber of Deputies of the Republic of Argentina in Buenos Aires demanding the release of Rubens Iscaro and the other trade union leaders and militant workers who are imprisoned; that the siege be lifted; that the Conintes Plan be brought to an end, and respect shown for democratic freedoms and trade union rights.

We ask you to let us know what steps you take to express your solidarity and also to inform the United Workers' Movement (Tacuari 946, Buenos Aires) and the Movement for Unity and Trade Union Co-ordination (Paraguay 1162, Buenos Aires).

Fraternal greetings,



Louis SAILLIANT
General Secretary of the W.F.T.U.



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Dear Brothers,

We are enclosing a copy of the message of solidarity sent by the W.F.T.U. Secretariat to the workers and trade unions of Aden as well as our telegram of protest to the British authorities in Aden.

You will certainly know about the brave struggle that the workers and trade unions in this region of South Yemen are waging under the yoke of the British colonial authorities. At the beginning of August the British authorities issued an order suppressing the right to strike and there were many strikes among the Aden workers which were severely repressed. The trade union paper AL ALIM, organ of the Aden T.U.C. having accused colonial oppression in Aden, was suspended on August 19, and then suppressed.

As soon as they knew about this the W.F.T.U. expressed its active solidarity with the workers of Aden. They have just brought to the notice of the I.L.O. in Geneva a complaint against this characteristic violation of trade union rights and freedoms.

We are convinced that all the workers and their trade union organisations will demonstrate their active solidarity with the workers and trade unions of Aden in their struggle against colonial repression and in defence of their most basic rights.

We give you below the address of the Aden Trades Union Congress for your information:-

TRADES UNION CONGRESS - ADEN - South Yemen

Fraternal greetings

Marcel BRAS
Secretary of the W.F.T.U.

Sept 6, 1960

Dear Com. Mahendra Sen,

I got yours of 30th July quite all right. As Com. Dange was not well, the Working Committee fixed for 7th August was postponed and now being held on 11/12th September.

Com. Dange is still undergoing treatment in nature cure. He has improved a bit but not regained former self. He is still on vegetarian liquid diet. You will be surprised to know that he does not now take tea at all and gets up early morning by 6 AM without fail every day.

As regards the article by him on the 15th Anniversary of the WPTU, I had replied to the letter from Com. Berezin. We tried our best to see if he could write anything but in the then existing state of his health, it was impossible. We did realise the importance that the Special Number should contain an article by him, but in spite of that, it was not possible for him to write anything.

I hope you have by now returned from Albania and enjoyed your holiday quite well.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

(K.G. Sriwastava)



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Dear Brothers,

We are enclosing the Message that we are sending to the workers on the occasion of the 15th Anniversary of the W.F.T.U. on October 3, and we ask you to be kind enough to publish it.

In view of the importance of this historic date, the recent W.F.T.U. General Council invited all the workers and trade unions " to celebrate this event by meetings and conferences, remembering how, and in what conditions the World Federation of Trade Unions was born in 1945, of the united struggle of the workers and peoples of the world against fascism and for a lasting peace".

Between now and October 3, we would be grateful if you would be kind enough to inform us of your plans as regards the celebration of the 15th Anniversary of the W.F.T.U.: organisation of meetings and assemblies, use of the press, the radio and other means of publicity and so on.

We are sure that you will do your best to ensure the wide circulation of this Message and that you will send us the information we need.

Fraternal greetings,

Luigi Grassi
 Secretary.

(Handwritten signature: Luigi Grassi)

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WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS

MESSAGE TO THE WORKERS OF THE WORLD ON THE OCCASION OF THE 15th ANNIVERSARY OF THE WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS

Men and women workers of all countries,

Fifteen years ago, in October 1945, the World Federation of Trade Unions, the powerful international class trade union centre was formed in Paris, uniting for the first time all the trade unions and workers of the capitalist, socialist and colonial countries under the flag of international workers' solidarity.

The formation of the W.F.T.U. greeted enthusiastically by the working class of the world, was the climax of years of struggle and sacrifice to crush fascism and German and Japanese militarism and to bring democracy, social progress and peace.

The 1st Congress of the World Federation of Trade Unions, held in Paris, its unanimous decisions and the aims it fixed for itself in its Constitution were a clear witness of the desire of the workers and trade unions of all countries to achieve complete unity,

- to set up stable and lasting peace,
- to exterminate the roots of every form of fascism for ever,
- to eradicate the colonial system and guarantee the national independence of the peoples,
- to win the legitimate economic and social demands of the working people and to enforce respect for their trade union rights and democratic freedoms,
- to strengthen their international solidarity.

Men and women workers,

Writing to you after 15 years of tireless struggle to fulfil these tasks and to safeguard and recreate trade union unity, the W.F.T.U., with its 101 million members in all countries and continents, is aware that it has been faithful to the principles of unity and to its Constitution.

The continual strengthening of its ranks, the growth of its activities and influence despite the attacks of the monopolies and the regrettable split

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brought about in 1949, confirm that it continues to respond to the deep hopes of the working class.

On its fifteenth anniversary the W.F.T.U. greets with joy and pride the inestimable contribution to the cause of peace made by the great economic, social and scientific achievements of the workers in the Soviet Union, China and the Socialist countries, who go from victory to victory in creating a prosperous, free and happy socialist society.

It greets the workers and peoples of Algeria, Japan, Cuba and the other countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America whose admirable struggle and remarkable successes during the past 15 years ring the death knell of the colonial system and undermine the position of imperialism.

It pays tribute to the powerful, united struggles which have been growing in all the capitalist countries during the last 15 years and are directed against exploitation by the monopolies, for the defence and improvement of living and working conditions, for trade union rights and democratic freedoms. It hails the persistent battle of the workers and peoples for the relaxation of international tension, national independence, disarmament, and peace.

However, it must also be stated that barely 15 years after the defeat of Hitlerism, the Western powers, and especially American imperialism, in violation of all the agreements signed at Potsdam, are refusing to sign a peace treaty with Germany and have given criminal help to the rearmament of Federal Germany and the revival of the worst revenge seekers and militarist forces, who threaten peace in Europe and throughout the world.

It must also be pointed out that barely 15 years after the end of the second world war and the criminal bombardment of Hiroshima, the policy of provocation and atomic armament by the American imperialists, their deliberate support for Japanese militarism, their aggressive acts against the Peoples' Republic of China and their attacks against the Cuban people are a dangerous threat to peace, an obstacle to the desire for the relaxation of international tension to disarmament and peaceful coexistence of the workers and peoples.

It is important to state that the colonial powers with the support of American imperialism are carrying on a bloody war against the Algerian people and trying to destroy the independence of the Congolese people.

Throughout the capitalist world your social achievements are constantly challenged, your trade union rights often flouted, your living and working conditions and your jobs are precarious and systematically threatened.

Men and women workers,
Trade Unions of all countries,

On this fifteenth anniversary of the W.F.T.U., on this fifteenth anniversary of your joint victory over the forces of war and reaction, in face of the obvious community of your interests and hopes, in face of the urgent need to strengthen world peace, the W.F.T.U. appeals to you to raise the banner of working class unity and international solidarity.

- Everywhere you must multiply your efforts to increase your united actions even further. Demonstrate everywhere your desire to reestablish the same international trade union unity which existed in 1945, and to eradicate the disastrous and regrettable results of the division.

- Unity and action for increased wages and the reduction of working hours, for the defence of trade union and democratic rights.

- Unity and action to strengthen peace and to impose disarmament, the banning of nuclear weapons and peaceful co-existence.

- Unity and action against the atomic armament of the Wehrmacht and German militarism, for the abrogation of the Japan-U.S. military treaty.

- Unity and action to liquidate colonialism in Algeria, in the Congo and wherever it subsists, once and for all.

- Unity and action against imperialism, for the safeguarding of the independence of the peoples.

- Unity and action in defence of the democratic achievements of the workers and people of Cuba.

LONG LIVE THE 15th ANNIVERSARY OF THE WORLD
FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS!

LONG LIVE INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY AND UNITY
AMONG THE WORKERS OF THE WORLD!

LONG LIVE PEACE!

THE SECRETARIAT OF THE W.F.T.U.

Prague, September 15, 1960.

WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS

Letter to:

Mr. Dag HAMMARSKJÖLD
Secretary General of the United
Nations Organisation,
NEW YORK

19 September, 1960.

Mr. Secretary General,

The gravity of the international problems before the General Assembly of the United Nations and the urgent need for their solution, the participation of 15 new independent African states in the proceedings, and finally the presence of Heads of State and Heads of Government as leaders of several delegations, make this 15th Assembly an event of exceptional importance.

For this reason the workers and trade unions of all countries, who are waging persistent campaigns for the safeguarding of peace and for genuine peaceful co-existence, will be following the proceedings of this 15th Session with particular care and attention.

Convinced that the General Assembly will not be able to make an effective contribution to the improvement of the international situation unless it takes into account the hopes and demands of the peoples, the World Federation of Trade Unions believes that its duty is to express to you here, on behalf of its 101 million affiliated members of all opinions, races and beliefs, these hopes and demands in relation to the main questions which will be debated during this session.

The workers and trade unions of all countries are deeply convinced that disarmament constitutes the most radical and surest way of eliminating the threat of a third world war - an atomic war - and of guaranteeing genuine peaceful co-existence between the peoples. Knowing by hard experience what the cold war policy and the arms race costs them, they believe that the abolition of armies, air forces and military budgets and the resulting transformation of war economies into peace economies would help to bring about a substantial improvement in the living and working conditions of all the peoples.

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They consider that this question which has already been brought before the last General Assembly, and to which a solution has so far been prevented by the Western powers, must remain the centre of attention and of the debates at this 15th Session.

The W.F.T.U. therefore supports all proposals or decisions which would make it possible to put into effect the resolution on disarmament unanimously adopted by the 14th General Assembly, and which would open the way to the first concrete measures for universal and complete disarmament with adequate control. It also supports any step or proposal which would help to consolidate peace, peaceful co-existence and mutual understanding between the peoples.

Moreover, in face of the grave danger constituted by the nuclear arms race and the stockpiling of weapons 15 years after the first atomic bombardment of Hiroshima, the W.F.T.U. considers that the United Nations General Assembly should declare itself in favour of the prohibition of nuclear tests and of nuclear weapon production and the final elimination of all weapons of mass destruction.

Another series of questions on the agenda of the present Assembly deals with one of the most acute problems related to the safeguarding of peace: that of liquidating the colonial system and giving support to the struggle of the oppressed peoples for their national independence, in conformity with the United Nations Charter.

In fact, despite the great victories won by the peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America, with the active support of the workers and all forces of progress throughout the world, in their brave fight against the forces of imperialism and colonialism, the colonial powers are fostering a dangerous situation particularly in the Congo and in the Union of South Africa, while the colonial war against the Algerian people continues.

The W.F.T.U. which since its foundation, has waged a strong campaign against colonialism, believes that this 15th Session can and must make an effective contribution to the solution of these problems.

Reaffirming in particular its complete support for the heroic struggle for independence which the Algerian people have been waging for 6 years, the W.F.T.U. strongly condemns the attitude of the French Government, which, despite reiterated recommendations from the United Nations, refused to take any step forward towards the loyal application of the Algerian people's right to self-determination, and foils the talks with the Provisional Government of Algeria. It asks the 15th General Assembly to support the proposals of this Provisional Government and to take every step to guarantee the Algerian people the free exercise of its right of choice and its right to complete independence.

The W.F.T.U. remains firmly convinced that in order to facilitate a successful solution to these problems the United Nations should bring all its weight to bear to put an end to the United States Government's policy of strength, and cold war acts such as those taken against certain heads of delegations at the 15th Session.

It is vital that there should be strong condemnation of the policy of violating national sovereignty and military encirclement practiced by the United States towards the Soviet Union and strong condemnation also of the occupation of the Chinese territory of Taiwan by the American army, and its repeated violation of the air and sea sovereignty of the Chinese People's Republic.

In the same way the U.S. Government's aggressive policy of military alliance with Japanese militarism and its attitude of provocation and economic pressure against the brave Cuban people must be denounced as obstacles to the relaxation of international tension and to peaceful coexistence.

It is also vital, in order to facilitate negotiations on disarmament, that, 15 years after the victory of the peoples over Hitlerism, an end should finally be put to the rebirth of fascism and to the rearming of the Wehrmacht in the German Federal Republic. This is the Wehrmacht whose military and political leaders are openly demanding nuclear weapons and the annexation of foreign territories, notably Czech and Polish areas.

It is also necessary for full respect of the principles of protecting national sovereignty, that the troops of the United Nations should not be diverted from their objective in order to serve the interests of the imperialist monopolies and to interfere brutally against the legitimate government of the country, as in the Congo.

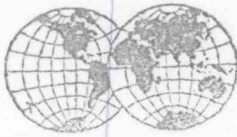
Finally in order that the General Assembly of the United Nations should be able to play its full part as a representative World Assembly, the W.F.T.U. considers it more than ever necessary for the United Nations Organisation to stop supporting the puppet regime of Chang Kai Shek, discredited throughout the world, and to give its place, which has been usurped, to the delegate of the Chinese People's Republic, the only true representative of 650 million Chinese people.

Such, Mr Secretary General, are the hopes and demands which millions of workers want this 15th Session to take into account, so that it can cope with the great tasks which confront it today.

Using all their weight to see that their wishes are respected during the important debates which are about to begin, they expect these debates to contribute to a happy change in the world situation.

Be assured, Mr Secretary General, of our most respectful attention,

Luigi GRASSI
Secretary of the W.F.T.U.



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Brother S.A. Dange

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

SG - 55/60

Re: 22nd Session of the Executive Committee

Dear Brother,

We wish to inform you that the Secretariat of the W.F.T.U. was pleased to accept an invitation by the Central Council of the FDGB to hold the next session of the Executive Committee in the GDR.

The 22nd session of the Executive Committee will, therefore, take place in Berlin, from February 2 to 4, 1961.

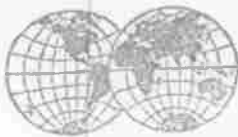
The proposed agenda for this session is as follows:-

- 1.- Determination of the line of work to prepare for and organise the Fifth World Trade Union Congress in relation to the present tasks of the trade unions for the strengthening of unity in the struggle for peace, disarmament and national independence, and for the defence of the workers' economic and social demands.
- 2.- Organisational tasks and problems connected with the Fifth World Trade Union Congress.
- 3.- Discussion and ratification of the budget for 1961.
- 4.- Other Business.

With fraternal greetings,

Luigi Grassi
Luigi GRASSI

Secretary of the W.F.T.U.



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

SG - 56/60

Re: 29th Session of the Executive Bureau

Dear Brother,

We wish to inform you that the 39th session of the Executive Bureau of the W.F.T.U. will take place on January 30 and 31, 1961, in Berlin.

We shall shortly inform you of the draft agenda for this meeting.

With fraternal greetings,

Luigi Grassi

Luigi GRASSI,
 Secretary of the W.F.T.U.

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November 1, 1960.

To National Centres affiliated to
the W.F.T.U.,

To the T.U.I.s (T.D. of the W.F.T.U.)

SG- 64/60

Dear Brothers,

We are enclosing for your information or for any other purpose the copy of a biographical article which is to appear in the December issue of the Review "World Trade Union Movement" to mark the 50th birthday of brother Louis SAILLANT, General Secretary of the W.F.T.U. on November 27.

With fraternal greetings,

Giuseppe Casadei
Giuseppe Casadei
Secretary of the W.F.T.U.

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- To the Trade Unions Internationals (Trade Departments of the W.F.T.U.)

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SG - 66/60

Dear Brothers,

We are enclosing a copy of the message of solidarity and support to the Cuban people which the W.F.T.U. sent to the Cuban Confederation of Workers on November 2, 1960.

You will surely be aware of the continuous provocations against the Cuban people by the North American imperialists: bombing raids, setting fire to sugar-beet fields, organisation of counter-revolutionary gangs, restriction of sugar imports, oil boycott and so on.

These attacks have been a complete fiasco thanks to the determination of the Cuban people, who are firmly united around their revolutionary government, and thanks to the generous assistance of the Soviet Union and the socialist countries. The Cuban trade unions are playing an important role in the nation-wide movement to transform their country.

But the United States Government, continuing its provocative moves, has ordered a complete embargo on trade with Cuba, banning the sale of all North American goods and closing its own market to all goods from Cuba. The aims are only too obvious: to disorganise the economy of the country, to paralyse trade and industries which use raw materials and equipment coming from the United States, to increase unemployment and create panic among the population.

The Cuban trade unions are fully aware of this exceptional economic situation. They are showing a magnificent spirit of responsibility in coping with the effects of the North American economic blockade. On the other hand, Batista's

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counter-revolutionary immigrants and their mercenaries, financed and armed by the North American monopolies are all gathering in Florida, Guatemala and other places in the Caribbean. Planes and ships are also stationed there ready to launch an armed attack against Cuba.

The Cuban people are determined to defend their freedom and independence and to deal with any economic and military aggression.

As a reply to the imperialists, the Cuban Government has nationalised imperialist banks and undertakings.

The Cuban Confederation of Workers, the industrial unions and all Cuban workers support the nationalisation and collaborate actively with the Government to cope with the new problems which are arising.

In view of the seriousness of the situation, it is more urgent than ever that the international labour movement should strengthen its support and solidarity with the Cuban people. Trade unions and workers in all countries should express their sincere friendship and support for the trade unions and workers of Cuba and strengthen their brotherly ties with them.

We think one of the most effective ways to express international solidarity with the Cuban people at this stage is to convey to the American imperialists the indignant and strong protests of the workers and trade unions in all countries. This should be done in resolutions, at meetings, in messages of protest, press campaigns, delegations to the diplomatic representations of the United States and in other ways which you consider to be most suitable.

Will you, please, inform us and the Cuban Confederation of Workers of any steps and campaigns of solidarity you may decide to take.

With fraternal greetings,


Louis SAILLANT
General Secretary.

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LETTER to the National Trade Union
Centres for a Day of Solidarity
with the Algerian Workers and
Trade Unions.

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Dear Brothers,

In every country, workers and trade unions are demonstrating their solidarity with the struggle of their Algerian brothers with growing strength and unity. In France particularly, the day of action, on October 27, marked a new stage in the French people's struggle for peace in Algeria by the opening of genuine negotiations between the Provisional Government of the Republic of Algeria and the French Government.

The W.F.T.U. has always supported the noble cause of the Algerian people. It took the decision to form the International Trade Union Committee for Solidarity with the Workers and People of Algeria. It is anxious to give the greatest breadth and effectiveness to this current of international solidarity.

That is why, in the same spirit as the resolutions adopted in Havana on October 21, 1960, by the recent meeting of the International Trade Union Committee for Solidarity, the W.F.T.U. has suggested to the National Trade Union Centres that they should organise on the same day in every country the greatest possible number of campaigns for solidarity with the General Union of Algerian Workers and, in a wider sense, for the right of the Algerian people to freedom and independence.

The W.F.T.U. proposes that November 30, 1960, should be observed as a Day of International Solidarity with the Workers

and People of Algeria, each organisation deciding for itself on the forms of demonstration that are most suited to the national situation of the country and on alliances with other organisations wanting to join in the demonstrations of November 30.

Since in November 1960, the colonialist war in Algeria has entered its seventh year, the trade union organisations should undertake to increase their efforts and join with all those who are asking that the rights of the Algerian people should be recognised and applied.

On this Day of International Working Class Solidarity, all workers all over the world should express their determination to put an end to the war in Algeria by forcing the French Government to negotiate on the faithful application and guarantee of self-determination which will be a basis for Algerian independence.


On November 30, 1960, the entire international trade union movement should express its resolute support for the General Union of Algerian Workers by continuing and increasing all measures which have already been taken, especially by the centres affiliated to the W.F.T.U.!

This international day should demonstrate everywhere the deep feeling of proletarian internationalism with the workers and people of Algeria, which inspires our international trade union movement.

This day should mark the beginning of a new stage in all efforts for international working class solidarity on a united and ever-growing national and international front.

We beg you to let us know your opinions and decisions on this subject.

Fraternal greetings,


Louis SAILLANT
General Secretary of the
W.F.T.U.



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Dear Brothers,

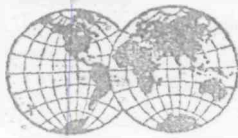
We are enclosing a letter which the W.F.T.U. has just sent to the Secretary General of the United Nations for the opening of the 15th General Assembly of the U.N.

Will you please take all necessary steps to ensure its maximum popularisation.

Thanking you in advance, we send you
fraternal greetings,

Luigi CRASSI
Secretary of the W.F.T.U.

- 4 MAR 1960



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Dear Brothers,

We are writing to remind you that the 20th Session of the W.F.T.U. Executive Committee (Bucharest, December 14 - 17, 1959) decided to organise in 1960 a "World Trade Union Conference for the Expansion of Economic and Trade Relations Between all Countries."

By agreement with the Central Council of Czechoslovak Trade Unions, the Conference will take place in Prague, Czechoslovakia, from September 5 - 9, 1960.

So that the Conference can do its work **effectively**, the number of participants has been limited to about 250 from various countries, no matter what their trade union affiliation.

We therefore suggest that your country should be represented by **...3...** delegates. In accordance with the decisions of the Executive Committee, the Conference will be made up of leaders of the national trade union centres, union representatives from big factories and active members of trade unions who are specialists on economic questions.

Since this is a very important Conference and we wish it to be as successful as possible, we think it should be carefully prepared and its aims made known very widely. We ask you therefore to keep us informed about all the steps you have taken or are planning to take, so that they can be popularised and be used as examples.

We are sure that your national centre could give us valuable assistance in the preparation of thorough studies on the different questions outlined in "Conclusions on the

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holding of a World Trade Union Conference for the Expansion of Economic and Trade Relations Between all Countries", adopted by the Executive Committee, and on problems related to the aims of the Conference, which arise from the actual situation in your country.

We should like to draw your attention to the fact that the International Fair opens in Brno on September 11, and participants at the Conference will be able to go there, contact the organisers, arrange meetings and so on.

We should like to have your opinion on these questions as soon as possible.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Fraternal greetings,

Louis SAILLANT
General Secretary