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Sri Gujjula Yallamanda Reddy, President, Bharatiya Khet Majdoor Union (All India Agricultural Workers Union) has released the following statement at the Press held on 4-8-1979.

After the great March of Agricultural Workers and presentation of the Charter of Demands to the Parliament in March last, the Bharatiya Khet Majdoor Union decided to launch country wide land struggle. The struggle has already been started in many parts of the country while preparations are being made in other parts.

The Agricultural Workers, Harijans, Adivasis, Bataidars, Tenants and other rural poor have started asserting their legal as well traditional rights to the surplus lands, government banjar lands, adivasi forest lands and tenancy lands for distribution and getting pattas. The landlords on the other hand illegally grabbing the lands of the poor and want to keep them by all atrocious methods using administrative, police and other coercive measures.

In Bihar the landlords with the help of the police raided Samhauta village in Rohatas district, brutally killing three harijans and injured many to drive away the agricultural workers from the land, which is in the position of the agricultural workers and because they resisted the land lords. In Bagalpur district Sardarpur village the police has fired 21 rounds against the 125 bataidars who are cultivating about 100 acres of land, because they resisted evictions from their rightful lands, by the land lords many of them wounded in the firing.

In Uttar Pradesh Azamgarah district Gujarpur village 200 families of harijans and other agricultural labourers have been cultivating 92 acres of binami land held by land lords illegally, and 36 acres of banjar lands which belong to Gam Samaj land. The landlords with goondas and 35 licenced guns raided the village suddenly, and burnt down half of the village, destroyed all their properties, beating and wounding many people. In Gajipur district Unchadh village the houses of agricultural workers were burned down by land lords with the help of the police and many people have been arrested, 144 section was promulgated throughout the Muhammadabad taluq, because the agricultural workers are occupying and cultivating government lands and under illegal occupation of land lords.

In Totapally village in Andhra Pradesh Khammam district the police has fired against tribals and other poor who have constructed huts four months back in the surplus land and living in them, peacefully and they have not vacated the houses. At the instigation of the landlord the police killed one and wounded many. In Madhavapuram village in East Godavari District the police arrested the agricultural workers who have been cultivating the government land since 14 years and refuse to vacate from their rightful land. In Nalgonda district Samstanarayanapuram village the police joining with the landlords resorted repression and burned their huts.

In Rajasthan, throughout Udayapur district in adivasi belt money lenders, landlords with the help of the police aggressively resorting to all methods to evict adivasis from **their lands**. But they are not yielding inspite of two of their leaders have been brutally killed. They stick to their rightful lands.

Throughout the country most of the states the rural poor are organising and agitating to get the surplus, government, bairi, forest and Gam Samaj lands distributed and to occupy and to cultivate them.

In Madhya Pradesh in Shahdol, Bhopal, Raisen, Chindwada and Satna districts thousands of agricultural workers are occupying cultivating thousands of acres government land in many villages. In course of their occupation hundreds of them have been arrested. The struggles spreading enthusiastically from district to district.

In Hariyana in Kurukshetra district dharnas, demonstrations and satyagrahas going on untill they get pattas to the lands which have been cultivated by them since long time in many villages.

In Punjab for settlement and giving proprietary rights to the evacuee lands of about 1 lakh acres which is under the cultivation and enjoyment of thousands of harijans and other agricultural workers. Campaign such as mass deputations, flag marches have already started. Government assure to settle the issue. But they decided to go to picketing if it is not settled in time. The struggle will go on untill the settlement is done.

In Andhra Pradesh, the struggle is being planned to start in about 120 centres. In Uttar Pradesh state-wide occupation of surplus lands, binami lands of Zamindars and landlords start on August 9th. In Rajasthan Canal area 30 area action committees have been formed to conduct the struggle to occupy 3 lakh acres of land held illegally by big landlords and other former rulers.

In the coming months preparations and land struggle be intensify throughout the country for implementation of ceiling laws and other agrarian reforms for distribution of land to the poor.

Since the formation of the Janata Government at the centre under Sri Morarji Desai the Bharatiya Khet Majdoor Union has been compelled to organise determined struggles against atrocities and for land reforms and increase of wages etc. Millions of people have been mobilised, in these struggles and climaxing the historical March to Parliament. It is good the Morarji Government has fallen.

We demand the Present Charan Singh Government should implement land reforms and land ceiling laws through popular committees with statutory powers and give land to the poor by the end of 1979 and also we demand to take determined action to put an end to all atrocities against harijans, adivasis, agricultural workers and other rural poor. Special Courts must be established to try and punish the culprits forthwith. Special cells at various levels to protect the rights of the poor people be strengthened and other necessary steps be taken.

We demand the present government to examine the Charter of Demands presented to the Parliament and take steps to implement it forthwith. Only implementation in this direction will satisfy the rural poor, but not useless assurances valueless promises.

Bharatiya Khet Majdoor Union will carry on the land struggle and defend the rights of the rural poor. Country wide efforts be made to see united actions with all those people who are interested in implementing land reforms what ever might be their political shades and affiliations.

I appeal to all the left and democratic forces, mass organisations and friends to come forward to help this great struggle, which is an urgent national task.

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The State Government is showing more and more reactionary trends in its policies. It is bent upon splitting the APSRTC with the intention of providing more lucrative jobs to its henchmen and handing over a number of APSRTC bus routes to private bus operators. The Government is doing this despite serious resistance from all the opposition parties and democratic sections and APSRTC employees and their unions. The Government is still continuing its efforts to sell away public sector Indo-Nippon Company to the capitalists. It is inviting top monopolists like Birlas' into the joint sector Nagarjuna fertilisers in Kakinada. Behind the Government's decisions and plans with regard to APSRTC, Indo-Nippon and Nagarjuna Fertilisers and other concerns, the primary motive is to help the capitalists for pecuniary interests for the ruling party. The talk that some public good is involved in these decisions is simple humbug.

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affected by the landlords. The Government has failed to honour the unanimous resolution passed by the legislative council asking the Govt. to grant Rs.2000 to each poor family for house construction. But at the same time the Govt. is trying to create illusions among the poor people by making more empty promises of welfare measures. The ruling party is also trying to deceive the poorer sections by conducting backward classes and Girjan conferences at the Government expenses.

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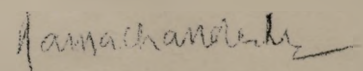
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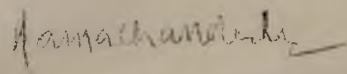
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Unusually they have arrested the leaders at their houses and launched cases under emergency provisions in Nellore. The police is resorting to lathicharges and other repressive measures.

In spite of the repressive attacks of the government the movement of agricultural workers under the joint leadership of the Two State Agricultural Workers Unions in marching forward, spreading to all most all the districts. Hundreds of Acres of land is being occupied, inspite of the arrests, lathicharges and firings on Agricultural Workers in the State.

I condemn the unwarranted and provocative police firings, and demand forthwith judicial enquiry in to the firings, and arrest those who were responsible to the firings.

I express my heart felt sympathy to those people who suffered in the firings.

I wish the government to immediately accept the demands of the agricultural workers, to take over the surplus land, and Banjar land under the land lords, and distribute to agricultural workers, and give house sites, allot Rs.2000/- per house for construction of houses for the rural poor, and form statutory Committee of Agricultural Workers for implementing the programme.

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