

Union Internationale des Syndicats des Travailleurs du Bâtiment, du Bois et des Matériaux de Construction (FSM)

Trade Unions International of Workers of the Building, Wood and Building Materials Industries (WFTU)

Union Internacional de Sindicatos de Trabajadores de la Edificación, Madera y Materiales de Construcción (FSM)

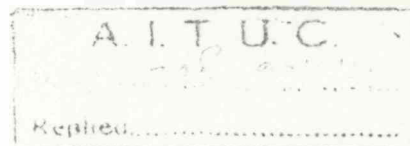
Международное Объединение Профсоюзов Трудящихся Стронтельной и Деревообрабатывающей
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Internationale Vereinigung der Arbeiter der Bau-, Holz- und Baumaterialienindustrie (WGB)

FINLAND — HELSINKI — BOX 281.
TÉLÉPH.: 66 08 74. TELEGR.: INTBATIMENT.

To the affiliated and other
unions of the building, wood and
building materials workers

Helsinki, April 16th, 1963



Dear Brothers,

In order to make known the IVth International Conference of the building, wood and building materials workers, to be convened in Budapest from September 24 to 28, 1963, the Secretariat of our T.U.I. has had prepared letter closing stamps in three colours and badges popularizing the convocation of the Conference.

The Secretariat informs you that the Building Workers' Union of Bulgaria, which has undertaken to prepare and distribute the stamps, will soon send to your address 2.300 samples of these stamps at our request.

The badges, which have been kindly prepared by the Building Workers' Union of Czechoslovakia, will be sent to you in 1000 samples in a near future.

The letter closing stamps and badges can be used by you according to your own considerations for popularizing the IVth International Conference among the members of your union and the workers of our industries as in your own country as well as abroad.

You could also, according to your possibilities, organise the sales of both the stamps and the badges among the workers and use the means gained from this to pay at least a part of expenses arising from your preparations for the Conference and from the travels of your representatives.

We ask you to acknowledge to the Secretariat of our TUI in good time the arrival of the above-mentioned dispatches and to inform us about steps taken by your organisation in order to spread them.

With fraternal greetings,

Vilho Ruuska
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General Secretary

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Brother S.A. Dange, Secr. General, Helsinki, August 5th, 1963
All India Trade Union Congress

Dear Brother Dange,

As there is less than two months left to our IV International Conference (Budapest, September 24-28, 1963) and we have not yet any announcement on the possible Indian delegation to it, we hereby turn to you asking for your help.. In May last we posted an invitation to the National Federation of cement workers to the address you sent us in the beginning of this year. On July 28th we also sent them a letter asking about their plans concerning their possible representation. However, we have not so far succeeded in establishing contact with this organisation.

We consider it very important that the Indian workers of our industries should have their representatives at this important conference and we are convinced that they will have plenty of interesting informations and materials to be delivered to the conference concerning the conditions of work and life as well as struggles of our Indian brothers. We therefore ask you to help us in arranging for that a delegation could be sent from India to the conference.

In case there are financial difficulties, our TUI is ready to pay the travel costs by air of two Indian delegates from Delhi to Tashkent (in the USSR). The representatives of the Soviet building workers' union are ready to meet your delegates at Tashkent and take care of their travel further to Budapest and, later on, back to

Yours sincerely,

For the sake of an affirmative solution to this matter - 32

do hope - we ask you to send us immediately, the names and personal data of your delegates, their time of arrival to Tashkent. Further on we should like to know what trades they represent, which commissions - building, wood or building materials workers' commission - they want to participate during the conference, in addition to the plenary sessions, and in which language they can participate in the work of the conference.

All these informations should be sent also to our Hungarian brothers to the address:- Építő-, fa- és építőanyagipari dolgozók szakszervezete, Dozsa György ut. 84, Budapest, Hungary.

We remain waiting for your quick affirmative answer, Brother Dange, and hope that this time the participants of our IV conference will also see and hear their Indian colleagues among them.

With fraternal greetings,

Veikko Porkkala
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 General Secretary



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22 Aug 63

Dear Comrades,

The Fourth International Conference of Building, Wood and Building Materials Industries will be held in BUDAPEST (Hungary) from Sept. 24-28, 1963.

Will you please suggest from your State a nominee (particularly an employee trade union functionary) who knows English and can participate in this Conference?

Please send the name latest to reach us by 30th August so that after selection, steps are taken for him to get passport, etc.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

(K.G.Sriwastava)
Secretary

22 Aug 63

Comrade Veikko Porkkala,
General Secretary,
Trade Unions International of Workers of the
Building, Wood and Building Materials Industries,
Box 281,
HELSINKI, Finland

Dear Comrade,

We thank you for your letter of 5 August in connection with national delegations to the Fourth International Conference (Budapest, 24-28 Sept 63). We are glad to inform you that efforts are being made by us to send a representative delegation to the conference. Much would, of course, depend on the grant of passports by the Government, and the permits under the new foreign travel regulations. However, we are trying our best and the unions have been asked to suggest their delegates to us by the end of this month.

Comrade N. Satyanarayana Reddy, President, All-India Cement Workers' Federation, has agreed to participate in the conference as a delegate. We have advised him to complete the passport formalities.

We note the passage arrangements which you would be able to provide for journey via Tashkent. We agree with this arrangement. The tickets may be sent on the Air-India, the national airline of our country since that would facilitate in getting travel permits.

As soon as the passport position is clear, we would communicate to you as well as to the Hungarian comrades the names and other personal details of the delegates.

With warm greetings,

Yours fraternally,

W. G.

(K.G. Sriwastava)
Secretary, AITUC

P.S. In order to meet official requirements of the Government, we would request you to send us a formal letter of invitation to the conference. In this invitation, it may be stated that ten delegates are being invited; that they would be the guests of the TUI and the Hungarian trade unions; that they would be touring Hungary for about three or four weeks and that they would be required to stay, therefore, about a month, in participating in the conference. We will have to forward such a letter to the authorities here for the travel permits.

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All-India Trade Union Congress,

Helsinki, Aug. 28th, 1963

K.C. Sriwastava, Secretary

Dear Brother,

We thank for your letter dated August 22nd, which we had yesterday. We are very glad to hear that our Indian brothers are making arrangements for sending a delegation to the 4th Conference, and we hope that you will succeed in this despite difficulties referred in your letter. At the same time we wish to say Brother N. Satyanarayana Reddy heartily welcome to the conference already beforehand. We are sure his participation will benefit our joint work for the success of the Conference.

Please find herewith enclosed the invitation requested by you. At the same time we have to point out that even though we would like to see a large delegation from India participating in the Conference, however, we can pay for the travel expenses of only two delegates, as indicated in our letter. If you accept this, we ask you to send the name of the other delegate as soon as possible.

We wish you success in preparations for the Conference and in the work of your organisation and remain waiting for your reply.

With fraternal greetings,

Veikko Porkkala
Veikko Porkkala,

General Secretary

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D.O.No,119/A/63
29 Aug. 63

Dear Shri Lal,

With reference to your letter No.F.122(161) WI/63 dated 27 August 1963 in connection with our request for facilities to send a delegation to the Fourth International Conference of Workers of Building, Wood and Building Materials Industries (Budapest, 24-28 October 1963), I enclose copy of the Appeal issued by the sponsors of the Conference. As we informed you earlier, the sponsors are the Trade Unions International of Building, Wood and Building Materials Industries which is a Trade Department of the World Federation of Trade Unions. No specific invitations are issued by the WFTU or its Trade Departments when such conferences are convened. The affiliate organisations as the AITUC are expected to elect their delegates and send them to the conference. As you will recall, this was the practice in the case of the World Trade Union Congress (Moscow, 1961), International Conference of Metal and Engineering Workers (Berlin, 1962), etc.

The passage expenses of delegates will be borne by our organisation. The local hospitality at Budapest will be the responsibility of the host organisation as in the case of similar trade union conferences.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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(K.G.Sriwastava)

encl:

Shri Upendara Lal,
Attache,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi

No 225/A/63
3 Oct 1963

Comrade Veikko Porkkala,
General Secretary,
Trade Unions International of Workers of the
Building, Wood and Building Materials Industries,
Box 281,
HELSINKI, Finland

Dear Comrade Porkkala,

It is with deep regret that we have to inform you that despite all the help the TUI gave to enable us to send a delegation to the 4th Conference, we were unable to do so because passports were denied by Government of India to both Comrade Satyanarayana Reddy and Comrade Darshan Singh.

We hope that the Conference was a great success and look forward to hear from you about the decisions taken.

The tickets you had sent for the journey have been returned back.

Hoping to hear from you,

With warm greetings,

Yours fraternally,

K.G. Sriwastava
(K.G. Sriwastava)
Secretary, AITUC

Copy to: Com. Satyanarayana Reddy,
101 Jawaharnagar,
Hyderabad 20

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Appeal

to Workers
of the Building,
Wood and
Building Materials
Industries
for participation
in the

IV

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

BUDAPEST 24-28 SEPT., 1963



Dear Brothers,

Dear Friends,

In the four years that have passed since the III International Conference, 1959, there has been a marked development in the industries of our field in various countries. The number of workers in our industries has increased. The development of technique and science as well as an increasing use of mechanical equipment have brought about changes in working methods and furthered production.

This development has not, however, gone evenly or in a continuous flow, but is still a clearly discernible trend in the present period.

During these four years many struggles have been fought to win our claims. Considerable successes have been achieved, especially when workers have developed and strengthened unity of action. But common for the capitalist countries is the fact that living costs have soared more rapidly than wages have increased.

The reasons for this are: the exploitation of the workers by the employers, the tightening grip by the monopolies over the riches of each country, which they place at the service of their own selfish aims. The capitalist system has shown its inability fully to utilize the productive forces and guarantee a continuous and planned development and social progress and to use the achievements of science and technique in the interests of the working masses.

The monopolies and the governments they control cannot, in spite of their demagogic promises, guarantee full employment, nor improvement of the material or cultural level when there is widespread unemployment over wider areas, low wages, misery and downright hunger.


A certain economic progress takes place in a few countries, but it is weak, unstable and marked by increasing profits and power for the monopolies and sharpening of the social and economic disproportions.

In the socialist countries our colleagues in the building industry have won new victories. They have built new cities and factories. They have built millions of new dwellings and thus helped to solve this problem. They have helped to strengthen the economy of their countries, which have in this way overcome their difficulties and improved living conditions of the people. Women have the same rights as men, their wages are the same. Youth is under special protection by society and bright prospects lie open for them. The trade unions of the socialist countries carry increasing responsibility for social life. This is real democracy in full blossom.

The world picture has undergone great changes since 1959.

New people have achieved independence. The most important events in this field are the Cuban revolution and Algerian independence after 7 years of struggle. The peoples have grown





The V. World Trade Union Congress with its preparations and decisions have helped in achieving this. Simultaneously with stressing the danger from the mere existence of imperialism, the revanchist policy of the West German government, the growing militarism in Japan and the sanguinary policy of the USA and its war-blocs NATO and SEATO, the Congress underlined the changes that have taken place.

It is in the power of the peoples to hinder a new war. International disputes can be solved by negotiations. Peaceful co-existence can be realized.

The same holds true as to general and controlled disarmament, the achievement of which is mankind's most important task.

General and complete disarmament and the annulment of military spending would make it possible to satisfy social demands and would open the road to a new life for all humanity with safety being guaranteed for the first time in history.

September 24—28, 1963, the IV International Conference of Workers of the Building, Wood and Building Materials Industries will be held in Budapest, Hungary.

This will be the biggest and most important international gathering of workers in our trades. Our Trade Unions International, comprising 8,600,000 members and being the biggest international organisation of workers of our trades calls on you to participate in this Conference.

The IV International Conference will enable exchange of opinion on broad basis, exchange of struggle experiences and on successes achieved by the building and woodworkers through organisational activity.

It will help strengthen unity and working class power.

The IV International Conference is open to members of all trade unions in our field and all workers irrespective of what trade unions they belong to and irrespective of their political, philosophical or religious opinion.

It strives to unite activity of all workers groups who have common interests. It strives to line out the most important claims, among which we find:

Higher wages

Improvement of living and working conditions

Shorter work hours

Acknowledgement and enlargement of trade union rights

The IV International Conference will be an important meeting showing the will of the building, wood and building materials industry workers to unite around the following demands:

Economic, social, cultural and human progress

Friendship between all peoples

National independence, destroying of colonialism

A life without war and without weapons

Join in active preparation for the Conference! Discuss actual problems in your trade unions and at places of work and send your suggestions to the Secretariat of our Trade Unions International!

Workers!

Ensure that your trade union participates in this Conference through a representative.

Helsinki, July 29th, 1962

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Helsinki Box 281, Finland

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