

FOR FAVOUR OF PUBLICATION:

Mr. Dange contradicts 'Free Press' Report

The Free Press Journal and its Bulletin has given currency to a report from its correspondent saying that I have developed political differences with the Politbureau of my Party.

In response to questions asked by several people, I am compelled to issue this statement to say that all these reports are pure fabrications of the imaginative staff reporter of the Journal. I am not quarrelling or competing with any one either for the Secretaryship of the Party or the leadership in Parliament nor have I written any such letter to the Party as is attributed to me by the Journal.

A serious journal like the Free Press should not have given currency to such falsehoods.

The Editor,

Dear Sir,

Please give publicity for the above in the columns of your esteemed journal and oblige.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

S. A. Dange
(S. A. Dange)

Bombay, May 5, 1957.

ALL INDIA TRADE UNION CONGRESS

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" 400 workers of the Express Group of News Papers are on strike since December 31st. Their demands are that their wages should not be frozen, at the present low levels and that skilled work must be paid at skilled levels which is not the case today. Instead of meeting these simple demands the Company has discharged three workers, on whose wage the dispute arose. The repeated efforts of the union to reach a settlement have failed to bear any results as the intransigent management seeks to utilise this dispute to break the union. Thru such a vindictive attack they hope to make the workers accept policies which can help them to subject the workers to their schemes of extracting increased work at lower rates and thus increase still further their high profits.

" The repeated appeals by the Union to the Government to intervene in the dispute have met only with arrests of picketers, and Police help to protect the black-legs. Let this taste of 'Socialism' help the workers to decide on the appeals made to them by certain of their leaders to vote the ruling party back to power.

" The AITUC supports the demands of the strikers, and requests the Government to intervene in the dispute immediately to reach a settlement and save the workers from further hardship and privations.

" The AITUC also calls on the workers and their organisations to stand by the side of the strikers, who are fighting their battle for a better and secure life, and support them in every possible way. "


The Editor,

Dear Sir,

Shri S.A. Dange the General Secretary of the All India Trade Union Congress has issued the above statement to the Press. Please give it publicity in the columns of your journal.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,


Office Secretary.

ALL-INDIA TRADE UNION CONGRESS

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April 25, 1957

M A Y D A Y
G R E E T I N G S

The All-India Trade Union Congress sends its May Day greetings to all workers and trade unions in India. It sends its greetings to the international working class, in its struggle for unity, peace, freedom and improvement of its living and working conditions.

The May Day celebrations in India are being held in the context of the results of the General Elections in the country.

In these elections, those who stood by the working class in the defence of its struggles for better life and for a better Government have been victorious in all the major industrial centres.

It should be a matter for rejoicing that the policies pursued by the AITUC have been endorsed by the workers, in the successes achieved by the progressive candidates who have been working in the AITUC and its affiliated organisations.

It should be a matter for rejoicing that in one State in India, namely the State of Kerala, a Government has been established, which contains Ministers who have been active leaders of the AITUC, a Government, which frankly and unequivocally promises to implement and has already begun to execute a programme of the defence of the interests of the working class, the peasantry and the toiling middle class while also furthering the legitimate interests of the other classes that help national economy.

In other States also the dictatorial set up of the ruling Congress Party has been shaken by the return of strong Opposition forces composed of progressive parties, which also will be of help to the workers in India.

These electoral victories should be made a stepping stone to building unity in the TU movement and conducting a united defence of the workers' interests.

While we all want to build a prosperous national economy of the people, it is a fact of our daily experience that the working class is undergoing more and more attacks. The Supreme Court judgements have negated the achievements of progressive laws won by our struggles. The rise in prices is lowering our standards of living, while benefitting only the monopoly rich. Unemployment remains unchecked. And democratic rights are destroyed in practice as is evidenced by the inhuman firings in towns, cities and countryside, against people struggling for their just cause of political demands or economic rights. On this May Day we must pledge to work for the translation of socialist promises and phrases into real acts of life and living.

. . . . On this May Day, we

On this May Day, we send greetings to our brothers in Egypt who won a signal victory in defeating Anglo-French aggression against their freedom and independence. We send greetings of solidarity to the peoples of the Middle East who are being threatened with aggression by the Eisenhower doctrine of American imperialists.

On this May Day, we endorse the appeal of all peace-loving people to ban atomic weapons and to ensure peace for mankind.



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The Editor,

Dear Sir,

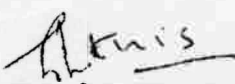
The All Union Central Council of Trade Unions of U.S.S.R. has sent a cable greeting the AITUC and the Indian people on the occasion of the Republic Day of the Country.

The following is the text of the Cable.

We would request you to give it publicity in the columns of your journal.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,


For Secretariat.

TEXT OF CABLE

AUCCTU extend cordial greetings All India Trade Union Congress and through it to Indian working people on occasion of National Holiday - Republic Day of India-STOP Soviet trade unions sincerely rejoice achievements Indian people in construction - STOP Factory and office workers Soviet Union highly appreciate aspirations Indian working people for strengthening Peace and friendship among Nations - STOP We wish you Dear Friends, further successes in this noble striving - STOP May grow and flourish independent Republic of India - STOP Long live friendship between Indian and Soviet people.

V. Grishin
PRESIDENT,
A.U.C.C.T.U.