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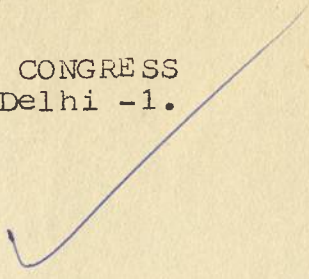
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ALL INDIA TRADE UNION CONGRESS  
24 Canning Lane, New Delhi -1.

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President: Chaturanan Mishra, MP  
General  
Secretary: Indrajit Gupta, MP



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November 24, 1988.

WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING 25th - 26th DECEMBER '88.

Dear Comrade,

A meeting of the Working Committee of the AIPUC will be held on the 25th and 26th December at AIPUC Office. The meeting will commence at 10 a.m. on 25th Dec.

The meeting has become necessary to review developments on the T.U. front. This is especially so as we have not been able to hold any General Council meeting in 1988 and as we are all likely to be busy in the coming months, it may not be possible to hold the same till April or May.

- AGENDA:
- (1) Report of General Council of W.F.T.U.
  - (2) Developments since the last meeting of the Working Committee.
  - (3) Movement of Public Sector workers
  - (4) Industrial crisis and unemployment
  - (5) The new Index Series
  - (5) Affiliations
  - (7) Future Tasks
  - (8) Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

*(Signature)*  
(INDRAJIT GUPTA)  
General Secretary

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ALL INDIA TRADE UNION CONGRESS  
24, Canning Lane, New Delhi -1.

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President: Chaturanan Mishra, M.P.  
General

Secretary: Indrajit Gupta, M.P.

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Circular No. WC/1/1988 ..... Dated: 18. 3. 1988  
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To All Working Committee Members & State Committees.

WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING -23rd & 24th APRIL '88

Dear Comrade,

A meeting of the Working Committee of the AITUC shall be held on the 23rd and 24th April 1988 at the AITUC Office in New Delhi. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. on 23rd and will continue till lunch on the 24th. All members are requested to attend in time.

A G E N D A

- (1) Reports of Industrial Strike of 15th March and the strike of Public Sector Employees and the Coal strike.
- (2) Future Tasks
- (3) Verification and Affiliation
- (4) Resolutions
- (5) Convention of Homeless and Slumdwellers.
- (6) Building Fund
- (7) Trade Union Schools
- (8) Observance of May-Day, 1988.
- (9) Any other subject with the permission of the Chair.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

*Indrajit Gupta*

(INDRAJIT GUPTA)

General Secretary.

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ALL INDIA TRADE UNION CONGRESS, 24 Canning Lane, New Delhi-1.

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Circular No. WC/2/87

Dated: 3rd Sept. '87.  
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To

All members of the working committee

Dear Comrade,

The secretariat has invited state committees to send not more than two women comrades for a meeting to be held at Calcutta on 19 October 1987 immediately after the meeting of the general council.

This is in pursuance of the assurances given at the Vadodara session that we shall take up more intensive and concentrated work amongst working women, a task which has not been given sufficient attention till now.

The women comrades will be reaching Calcutta along with members of the general council. Hence we are of the opinion that they should attend the meeting of the general council as special invitees as this would help them to be conversant with the decisions of the general council. It would help them in their work on return to their respective states.

We hope that you will give your approval to this proposal. In anticipation of the same we are informing the state committees to proceed accordingly.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

*Parvathi Krishnan*

( PARVATHI KRISHNAN )  
Secretary.

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Circular No. GC/2/87  
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Dated: 3 . 9. 1987 .  
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To

All Members of the General Council

Dear Comrade,

You would have already received the notice dated 4 August 1987 of the general council meeting to be held at Calcutta from October 16 to 18, 1987 at Calcutta.

The West Bengal Committee is going ahead with all preparations for the meeting. As already informed the meeting will be held in the hall of the Yuva Kendra. Arrangements for the stay of members have been made at the TALTOLA HIGH SCHOOL, 55 S.N. BANERJEE ROAD which is within walking distance of the meeting place.

2. The cost of food will be at the rate of Rs. 15.00 per day for vegetarians and Rs. 20.00 per day for non-vegetarians. The food arrangements will be at the meeting place and comrades can obtain their food on payment at each mealtime.

3. Arrangements for accomodation will be from 15 October to the morning of 19 October only.

4. At Howrah station, if you do not see any volunteer on the platform, you will find a booth set up in front of PLATFORM 8 of the station and comrades there who will hlep you to reach your place of stay.

5. Arrangements for the stay of women comrades will be at the Yuva Kendra itself.

6. If you require return journey to be arranged please send your requisitions ALONG WITH THE MONEY to the West Bengal Committee before 15 September 1987. If no money is received it will not be possible to arrange the railway reservation.

N.B. Those comrades who are making arrangements for their stay on their own should inform the West Bengal committee a fortnight earlier.

ADDRESS OF WEST BENGAL  
STATE COMMITTEE:

144 Lenin Sarani,  
Calcutta 700013.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

*Parvathi Krishnan*  
( Parvathi Krishnan )  
Secretary

(Tel. 279768, Cable: MARXBADI  
CALCUTTA 700012)

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AITUC/O.B.

31 July 1987 - Party AITUC  
Officebearers

June 26, 1987.

Dear Comrade,

A meeting of the officebearers of the AITUC will be held on the 31st JULY 1987 at the AITUC office, New Delhi. The meeting will begin at 10 A.M. sharp.

AGENDA

- 1) Review of work regarding verification
- 2) Building Fund
- 3) Struggle of Public Sector Works
- 4) General Council Members of AITUC
- 5) 3rd August Satyagraha Preparations
- 6) Any other important agenda

All officebearers should come prepared with the reports on the above and particularly:

- (1) No. of affiliated unions, (2) Union who have filed returns, (3) Unions who have paid affiliation fees, (4) Building Fund Campaign - all unions should be mobilised to contribute their units, (5) Preparations for 3rd August Satyagraha, (6) Report of Public Sector struggles, (7) Any other important problem of the T.U. movement of the state.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

*Homi Daji*

(HOMI DAJI)  
Secretary

1. Comrade S.A.Dange, Shah Niwas, 9 Kohinoor Road, Bombay
2. Dr. Ranen Sen, 8 Indra Roy Road, Calcutta.
3. Com. Chaturanan Mishra, MP, President, AITUC, 11 Canning Lane, N. Delhi
4. Com. B.D. Joshi, Vice-President, AITUC, D-II/27 Kakanagar, New Delhi.
5. Com. K.G. Sriwastava, Vice-President, AITUC, 24 Canning Lane, N. Delhi.
6. Com. M. Kalyanasundaram, Vice-President, AITUC, Thyagaraj Nagar, N. Delhi
7. Com. Madan Lal Didi, Vice-President, AITUC, House No. 338 Sector 21 A
8. Com. Bhalchandra Trivedi, Vice-President, AITUC, Vadodara. CHANDIGARH
9. Com. Raj Bahadur Gour, Vice-President, AITUC, Hyderabad
10. Com. T.N. Rama Rao, Vice-President, AITUC, Greaves Cotton & Allied Companies Emps. Union, B'ba
11. Com. M.S. Krishnan, MLA, Vice-President, AITUC, Bangalore.
12. Com. J. Chitharanjan, Vice-President, AITUC, P.O. Kowdiar, Trivandrum
13. Com. Indrajit Gupta, MP, General Secretary, AITUC, New Delhi.
14. Com. Parvathi Krishnan, Secretary, AITUC, 24 Canning Lane, N. Delhi
15. Com. Homi Daji, Secretary, AITUC, 24 Canning Lane, New Delhi.
16. Com. T.N. Siddhanta, Secretary, AITUC, 24 Canning Lane, New Delhi
17. Com. A.B. Bardhan, Secretary, AITUC, 24 Canning Lane, New Delhi
18. Com. Gaya Singh, Secretary, AITUC, 24 Canning Lane, New Delhi
19. Com. Harish Tiwary, Treasurer, AITUC, Ram Niwas, Motinagar

# Resolutions.

1. on Vicommisation after 2nd Jan  
Stoke
2. on T. N. Ord
3. on Anwar Hussain's delimitation
4. on Electricity — by S. C. Krishnan
5. Orissa Mineral — by Bonga Mohanty  
Development Co.
6. Sugar workers Drama  
— TN — Sishanta
7. Communism.
8. S. A. Apartheid.
9. on P. F. Amendment by Pradman  
Singh.

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working  
Committee

Demanding Release of  
Com. Dwarika Singh ✓

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The working Committee of the  
ATMC meeting in New  
Delhi on April 10, 1987

strongly protests <sup>against</sup> <sup>various national security</sup>  
under the <sup>Act</sup> Com. Dwarika  
the detention of

Singh, a leader of Hindalco  
Union <sup>at Ranikoot in Uttar Pradesh</sup>  
and a member of the ATMC  
working Committee.

Earlier he was arrested  
on some charge at the instance  
of some contractor and put  
in prison. In order to prevent  
his release on bail, he was



served with detention order  
while in jail under the NSA.

~~The Working Group~~

While representations have  
~~been~~ since been made  
both to the Union Home  
minister and to the UP state  
home minister, the Working  
Committee <sup>strongly condemns the use of NSA against T. U. leaders</sup> demands his  
immediate release.



Observe Protest Day

on 16<sup>th</sup> April ✓

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The Working Committee  
of the ATMC reiterates its  
strong opposition to the  
proposed amendments to the  
ID Act and Trade Unions Act  
which are anti-worker and  
anti-trade union and demand  
of the government to desist  
from proceeding with these  
reactionary amendments.

The Working Committee  
calls upon all affiliates to  
make the all-media Protest  
Day on the 16<sup>th</sup> April again of  
these proposed bills and carry forward the  
movement continuously to defeat the  
repugnant game of the Govt.

The working Committee of the AITME condemns the action of the Government in detaining Com. Dwaraka Singh under the M.S.A. - It demands immediate and unconditional release of Com. Dwaraka Singh.

### On OMDC

The working Committee of the AITME has grave concern in the action of the management of Orissa Mineral Development Company, ~~established~~ under the Ministry of Mines, Govt. of India in flouting the bipartite settlement entered into with the Kionghar Mines & Forest Workers' Union, Barbil. The workers numbering about seven hundred in its Makusani Mines in Kionghar District were agitating for abolition of Contract System and for absorption of the workers in department of the Company. In the year 1986 after a strike of 26 days the Company and the workers signed an agreement with the Union stating that there is to be departmentalised the workers in about one year. In January 1987 when the workers agitated for implementation of the settlement on 15th January 1987 the management signed a bipartite settlement with the Union for taking over all workers to the department of the Company with effect from 1st February 87. Thereafter the Company refused to implement the agreement and have started operation in collaboration with the contractor and the Government of Orissa who have declared 144 in the area.

The working Committee draws the attention of the ~~Govt. of India~~ Ministry of Mines and demands that the bipartite settlement entered into with the KMFU union on 15th January 87 be implemented immediately.

## Support of Sugar Industry workers' agitation

The Working Committee of the  
ATMC extended support to  
the agitation of the sugar  
industry for ~~as~~ second interim  
wage and DA rate of Rs. 1-65  
per point.

The Working Committee calls  
upon all affiliates in the sugar  
industry particularly of states  
near Delhi to fully participate  
in the theme ~~meet~~ at the  
Labour Ministry on April 21<sup>st</sup>  
called by the national sugar  
workers' coordination committee.

on PF

The Working Committee of AITUC in its meeting held in Delhi on 11th April 1987, strongly condemned the proposed amendment in the Employees Provident Fund & Miscellaneous Provisions Act according to which another big class of exempted establishments is sought to be created of all establishments having 500 or more workmen. A big part of the P.F. accumulations will be left with the employers for settlement of claims etc. These amounts are bound to be misused & embezzled as is the case of Exempted establishments at present. Moreover the rate of interest will come down etc.

This Committee demands from Govt of India to drop this amendment.

The working committee calls upon all the trade unions to send protest telegrams to the Labour Minister immediately demanding dropping of the proposed amendment.

Also the Working Committee also condemns the lowering of the rate of damages levied for default <sup>from 10% to upto 25%</sup> at the instance of Kamrajam Committee since the rate has been lowered the amounts of P.F. have jumped up to nearly 200 crores. This Committee demands that old rate of damages be restored.

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LONG-DRAWN STRUGGLES BY THE WORKERS OF NATIONAL BUILDINGS CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION AND BRIDGE & ROOF COMPANY (INDIA) LIMITED- BOTH ARE PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (UNDER THE MINISTRIES OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRY RESPECTIVELY).

Workers of N.B.C.C. Ltd. started dharna and demonstration at the head office of the Corporation, Lodhi Road, New Delhi on 15.11.1985. Later on they resorted to their said struggles at ~~xxx~~ NIRMAN BHAWAN, the office of the minister for Urban Development from 11.4.1986 which is still being continued. They resorted to strike and indefinite hunger strike which also continued for 53 days.

A joint action committee was formed with the union of INTUC. But later on when the agitation reached the highest peak, the Congress leaders started to sabotage the movement at the instance of the management and find the served their relations from the action committee, but all the workers dejected these leaders and came under the banner of AITUC en-masse. Agitations by these workers are still being continued even after about 17 months. The dwellings of the workers at SCOPE BUILDING, New Delhi have been demolished by the management through police in order to drive them out of Delhi and finish their agitation and claims of being reinstated etc.

The workers of Bridge & Roof Company (India)Ltd. submitted their charter of demands on 3.7.1984 and started dharna and demonstration at the head office of the company at Calcutta on 15.11.84 which continued there till 12.5.1986. Simultaneously they started dharna and demonstration also at Boat Club, New Delhi on 18.11.1985. One of the workers of the company resorted to indefinite hunger strike which continued for 21 days and the hunger striker was removed to hospital by the police on 7.4.1987. A procession was taken out to the residence of the Prime Minister on 6.4.1987 and a memorandum was handed over. Dharna and demonstration are still being continued by the workers of the company at Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi. General strike has also been resorted to at All India level in the various projects of the company since 26.3.1987 which also is continuing.

A memorandum in support of the Bridge & Roof workers signed by Com. Indrajit Gupta and Narain Choubey and about 27 Members of Parliament from various parties is also being personally given to the Prime Minister on 16th April, 1987 by Com. Narain Choubey.

This meeting of the Working Committee while congratulating the workers for their relentless fight calls upon the Government to immediately solve and redress their grievances.

  
M. N. DESHKAR.

# Against victimisation

The AIRUC Working Committee

strongly condemns the

victimisation of workers

in different public

sector undertaking in

connection with the strike

of 21<sup>st</sup> January.

The Working Committee

demands withdrawal of

~~for~~ these measures viz,

suspension, deduction of  
8 days' wages in coal  
dismissal etc.

## ON Electricity

The working committee of the AITUC views with grave concern the continued efforts of the Union Ministry of Energy in diluting the position of public sector in our national economy and to encourage the inroads of ~~vested~~ <sup>Big Business</sup> interests in the generation of Power. The AITUC demands that the Union Govt of India should convene a special meeting with the Central TUs and Federations <sup>of workers</sup> in this sector to discuss ways and means to mobilise resources and improve the development of this sector. (X X)

This meeting urges on the part of India to renew and reconsider its ~~the~~ position in relation to setting up of RTC units in the existing set up of State Electricity Boards resulting in violating the principle of equal pay for equal work and resort to unfair labour practices. ~~The State~~

AITUC urges on the Central Govt to issue necessary directives to the State Govt to see that SEBs change their negative attitude to utilise the potentialities of BHEL.



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J. Chitharayas,  
Pivandru

Mr. Indrajit Gupta  
General Secretary  
A.P.U., New Delhi

Dear Comrade,

I am unable to  
attend the A.P.U. Workers  
Committee meeting which begins  
10th April.

I request you to kindly  
represent me.

Yours sincerely  
J. Chitharayas

34/87  
Pivandru

By Bahadur Jais  
Mun Sen  
MC Narasimhan

WEST BENGAL COMMITTEE  
ALL INDIA TRADE UNION CONGRESS

144, LENIN SARANI, CALCUTTA-700013

President—~~Md. Elias~~ Bhowani Roychoudhury

Gen. Secretary—~~Bhowani Roychoudhury~~  
Kamalapati Roy,

Ref. No. TVC/28/315/87

Date... April 1, 1987

Dear Comrade,

I shall not be able to attend the Working Committee Meeting of April 1987 since I am indisposed.

During my Election work at Kalipong, I was feeling pain in my left hip. Siliguri Doctors diagnosed as "Carbuncle". Now I am under treatment of Dr. Tarun Deb Mallick, a eminent Surgeon. He may operate after the observation period.

I regret my absence.

With greetings,

Comrade Indrajit Gupta,  
General Secretary,  
All India Trade Union Congress,  
24, Canning Lane,  
New Delhi-110001

Comradely yours,  
*Nihar Mukherjee*  
(Nihar Mukherjee)

WEST BENGAL COMMITTEE  
ALL INDIA TRADE UNION CONGRESS

144, LENIN SARANI, CALCUTTA-700013

President—~~Md. Elias~~

Bhowani Roychoudhury

Kamalapati Roy,  
Gen. Secretary—~~Bhowani Roychoudhury~~

Ref. No. *TUC/28/314/87*

Date... *March 31, 1987*

The General Secretary,  
All India Trade Union Congress,  
24, Canning Lane,  
New Delhi-1.

Dear Comrade,

I regret to inform you that I am unable to attend the meeting of the Working Committee to be held on 10th to 12th April '87, due to my ill health.

Greetings,

*Bhowani Roychoudhury*  
(Bhowani Roychoudhury)

# उत्तर प्रदेश ट्रेड यूनियन कांग्रेस

(एटक की राज्य कमेटी)

घनश्याम सरन सिन्हा  
अध्यक्ष

रमाकान्त बाजपेयी  
महामंत्री



७, विशेषरनाथ रोड, लखनऊ

पत्रांक .....

दिनांक १-५-४८

प्रिय साथी इन्द्रजीत गुप्ता,

खोद के साथ यह लिखना पड़ रहा है कि मैं एटक की कार्यकारिणी की बैठक में उपस्थित होने में असमर्थ हूँ क्योंकि मेरे जेठे भाई की पत्नी अस्पताल में भर्ती है और कल उनका केन्सर का आपरेशन हुआ है। उनकी हालत चिन्ताजनक है। आशा है आप इस अनुपस्थिति के लिए मुझे क्षमा करेंगे।

आपका साथी

*(Handwritten signature)*  
रमाकान्त बाजपेयी  
महामंत्री।

सेवामें,

का० इन्द्रजीत गुप्ता,  
जनरल सेक्रेटरी,  
ए०आई०सी०य०सी०,  
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Circular No. WC/1/1987 Dated: February 25, 1987.  
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To All Working Committee Members & State Committees.

WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING

Dear Comrade,

A meeting of the Working Committee of the AITUC will be held on 10-11-12th of April at AITUC Office. The meeting will begin at 2.30 P.M. on the 10th. You are requested to attend in time.

Agenda:                      AGENDA:

- (1) Post-Baroda Conference Developments and tasks
- (2) Campaign against proposed labour law amendments
- (3) Membership verification
- (4) AITUC Building Fund
- (5) Africa Fund of Central Trade Unions
- (6) Conferences of Unorganised Sectors
- (7) Observance of May Day, 1987.

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ANTI B.P.E. DAY ON 12th MARCH

As already informed 12th March is to be observed as anti-BPE day by burning of effigies. A copy of the circular is attached herewith. Please circulate it to all unions for it has to be burnt with the effigy.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST T.U. AMENDMENT BILLS

Anti working class T.U. amendment Bill is being brought in the Budget Session of Parliament. N.C.C. is drawing up an action programme. Meanwhile you should start our agitation programme explaining to the widest sections of workers the dangerous nature of the proposed amendment.

RETURNS AND VERIFICATION

As already intimated Membership verification will be held this year. So please ensure that every affiliated union submits the annual return in time and mention its affiliation with A.I.T.U.C. and send its full membership.

CONFERENCE OF ALL-INDIA SUGAR WORKERS' FEDERATION

The Third Conference of the All-India Sugar Workers' Federation will be held at Saharanpur (U.P.) on March 28th & 29th, 1987.

State Committees are requested to see that at least one delegate from each of the affiliated unions in the sugar industry is selected to attend this conference. The united agitation of sugar industry has achieved some successes and we should try to consolidate our position amongst sugar workers in the coming period.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

*Homi Daji*  
( HOMI DAJI )  
Secretary.

Enclo: as above.

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OF TRANSPORT WORKERS  
(TUI TRANSPORT—WFTU)

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28 JAN 1986

A. I. T. U. C.

Dear Comrade Inderjit Gupta,

I have today mailed to you separately the special issue No.6. of 1985 of our Bulletin which contains a brief report on the conference as well as the resolutions adopted by the conference. A more elaborate brochure is under preparation which will be mailed to you when ready.

I am afraid I may not be able to participate in the forthcoming meeting of the working committee of the AITUC. I request that leave of absence may be granted to me.

Regarding the suggestion for holding a preparatory meeting for the Seminar on Transport Policy at the end of March. I think it can be successful only if the AITUC affiliated transport unions play an active role. Please have a word with the leaders of these unions. I am writing personally to all of them as also to the non-affiliated unions with whom we have relations.

Thanking you,

Yours fraternally,

K. C. Mathew

General Secretary

We ✓

For General Secretary and Secretariat of AITUC

Re: AITUC Annual General Council meeting in Goa

1. As directed by the General Secretary and Working Committee meeting on 09 February, while in Goa on 10 and 11 February 1986, I discussed the possibility of holding the next meeting of AITUC General Council in Goa.

2. Comrade George Vaz, Christopher Fonseca and Palekar were there. They expressed their preparedness to host the same  
Date: Any but preferable in last week of May or first week of June 1986, failing in September as rains subside to facilitate the sightseeing.

Accommodation and Food: Intended to be FREE but NOT more than Rs. 20/- per head for 3 days' duration

Transport : Free

3. FINALISATION : On confirmation by AITUC by 27 March '86

4. Accommodation : (a) Rooms with attached Bath and Toilet  
(b) Cots with bedding

S. K. Sanyal  
13. 2. 1986

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24 Canning Lane, New Delhi

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General  
Secretary: Indrajit Gupta, M.P.

Circular No. WC/4/1985

Dated: December 17, 1985.

To

All Members of the Working Committee

Dear Comrade,

A meeting of the Working Committee of the AITUC will be held in New Delhi on February 7, 8 & 9th 1986. The meeting will commence on February 7th at 3 p.m. at 24 Canning Lane.

The agenda of the meeting will be as follows:

1. Reports - All-India and States and follow up on decisions of the Hyderabad General Council including the important ones of public sector and unorganised workers
2. Reporting on the 28th session of the Indian Labour Conference and tasks following therefrom.
3. Preparations for the observance of the centenary of May Day
4. Progress of AITUC Building Fund campaign
5. Clearing of affiliation dues and other organisational issues
6. AITUC Samvad
7. Trade Union Record
8. Fixation of venue and dates of the next AITUC session in 1986.
9. Any other business.

All comrades are requested to attend the meeting without fail.

All state general secretaries should as far as possible send written reports on the matters to be reported by February 2nd at the latest.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally  
*Indrajit Gupta*  
(INDRAJIT GUPTA)  
General Secretary.

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To

All state general secretaries  
and  
Members of the Working Committee

Dear Comrade,

It is now nearly six months since the general council of the AITUC gave a call for a Building Fund. The quotas taken by the state committees were not very high but it is obvious that some state committees do not seem to have undertaken the job with the seriousness required. The following are the figures as of date:

1. Andhra Pradesh	Rs. 28047.00
2. Bihar	Rs. 1000.00
3. Delhi	Rs. 210.00
4. Goa	Rs. 500.00
5. Gujarat	Rs. 13996.00
6. Haryana	Rs. 251.00
7. Himachal Pradesh	Rs. 2000.00
8. Karnataka	Rs. 40000.00
9. Madhya Pradesh	Rs. 9000.00
10. Maharashtra	Rs. 38250.00
11. Punjab	Rs. 2000.00
12. Rajasthan	Rs. 5012.00
13. Tamilnadu	Rs. 9004.00
14. Uttar Pradesh	Rs. 1736.00

From the above list the names of Assam, Kerala, Orissa and West Bengal are totally absent as not a single paise has been received from any of these states till now. Nor any report. The amounts from states other than Andhra Pradesh are only from one or two unions. Gujarat it is one single union that has paid as much as Rs. 13895, the Gujarat Engineering and General Kamdar Union. However, all state committees are put to shame by the performance of one single union from Maharashtra, the Greaves Cotton & Allied Companies' Union, which has contributed singly the amount of Rs. 38000 just two thousand/ than that of the state which has contributed the highest so far, Karnataka with Rs. 40000. If all state committees and unions drew inspiration and example from the two unions of Gujarat and Maharashtra and from the work of the Karnataka Committee, we should be able to make some headway.

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The quotas taken at Hyderabad are clearly to be the first quotas. We have been inspecting various plots of land and buildings in Delhi and the cost of the new projected AITUC office will not be less than Rs. 20 lakhs as prices stand today. But at least Rs. 10 lakhs is required even to take the first initial step of proceeding with the purchase of any property. The total with us today is Rs. 1,50,000.00.

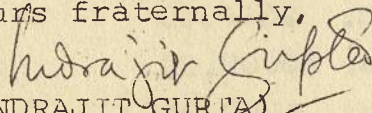
Comrades, unless this collection of building fund is made into a mass collection campaign it will not bear any fruit. All state committees should undertake the campaign in all seriousness and make it a real success. The AITUC is now sixty five years old. We should prove to ourselves that we continue to enjoy the confidence of vast lakhs of workers - this can be done on the occasion of the campaign for the Building Fund. We should approach all workers, irrespective of their loyalties, including middle class employees in a systematic and sustained manner and our collections will then prove to be even beyond the tentative targets taken by the state committees with diffidence.

We hope that by the time of the meeting of the Working Committee we shall have a better picture to put before you.

Please also note that all demand drafts and cheques should be made to the AITUC Building Fund as a new account has been opened in that name as decided by the working committee at Hyderabad.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

  
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To

All Working Committee Members  
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State T.U.C. Secretaries.

October 9, 1985.

Dear comrades,

The 65th anniversary of the foundation of the AITUC falls due on October 31, 1985.

As always, we request all our State Committees and affiliated Unions, to observe this day in a befitting manner.

Programmes should be planned out from now to:-

- \* Decorate and illuminate Union Offices
- \* Hoist the AITUC flag in the morning
- \* Hold meetings and processions and publish short leaflets wherever possible.

The occasion should be utilised to educate the workers regarding the AITUC's principles and policies, especially our positive attitude to the question of promoting trade union unity and united struggles of the working class.

The AITUC, as a class-based organisation, has to stand in the forefront of the workers' struggle for a better life, for democratic economic development in the interests of the people and the nation, for peace and disarmament, for support to the proposals of the Soviet Government for nuclear disarmament and the unilateral stoppage of nuclear tests.

The AITUC has to fight uncompromisingly against the arms race and danger of a nuclear war, against the aggressive designs of US imperialism, the multinationals, and the monopolies. It has to resist closures and retrenchments, and to struggle for the defence, extension and strengthening of the public sector.

Workers should be reminded that from the day it was founded, the AITUC has stood for establishment of a Socialist State in India, for an end to exploitation of man by man, for workers' rights and international solidarity of the proletariat.

On October 31st, the call given at our Hyderabad General Council meeting for collecting a special AITUC BUILDING FUND should be propagated widely, and specific quotas should be announced.

Please send reports of the observance.

With fraternal greetings,

*Indrajit Gupta*  
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To

October 9, 1985.

All General Secretaries of State  
Committees.

Dear Comrade,

I take this opportunity to bring to your notice that there is a considerable lag in the payment of affiliation dues for the years 1983 and 1984. It is only in a few states that there has been a positive change and marked improvement, particularly Punjab, Assam and Andhra Pradesh. In other states there is either some improvement or none at all.

This being the year of the 65th anniversary of the AITUC, I would request all state committees to take the decisions of both the working committee and the general council, which has been taken repeatedly, seriously and see that they are implemented.

Unless steps are taken on this vital aspect of organisation we cannot hope to achieve the perspectives on organisation which have been enumerated at the general council meetings held in 1984 and 1985. I hope that state committees are keeping a proper record which can easily be done by systematically noting which unions have cleared dues by referring to the counterfoils which accompany the statements of state share which are sent to you.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

*Parvathi Krishnan*  
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To

All State Committee Secretaries & Working Committee members

Dear Comrade,

The working committee met in New Delhi on 12-13 1985 and took certain important decisions. We are giving below details of the decisions and request all state committees and members of the working committee to take immediate action to see that the decisions are conveyed to all affiliated unions and action initiated to implement the decisions.

1. MAY DAY this year is to be observed as a day observing the 40th anniversary of the victory over hitlerite fascism and Japanese militarism as also a day of protest against the anti-people's budget.

The May Day appeal was handed over to the members of the working committee for immediate translation and should be distributed on as wide scale as possible. The resolution of the working committee is also enclosed and state committees should in a planned manner take up the celebrations of the 40th anniversary also with a view to educating the younger generation on the lessons of the second world war and the importance of the struggle for peace in the present context.

The resolution on the budget proposals contains guidelines on the content of the campaign to be conducted. Gate meetings and general body meetings should be held as on wide a scale as possible to prepare for the May Day and actions against the reactionary aspects of the budget and in defence of the public sector.

These two campaigns should continue throughout the month of May.

Trade unions should participate jointly also with the AIPSO and other organisations in observing the 40th anniversary of the victory over fascism.

2. The national campaign committee has decided to observe May 15 as a "day" against closures and lockouts. The AITUC units should take the initiative to get in touch with state constituents of the NCC and make this a successful campaign. It should be followed by preparations to hold state conventions to be completed by August 1985.

3. State committees should take steps to ensure proper representation at the convention planned by the National Campaign Committee on the Bhopal gas tragedy to be held in Delhi on 24 May 1985. Further details will be sent as soon as the NCC circular is ready.

4. The working committee decided that the AITUC should hold a convention with representatives of all public sector unions in the last week of April at Hyderabad. The details of dates, arrangements, etc. will be intimate as soon as the final preparations and final dates are decided.

5. State committees should examine what can be further done to take up the problem of the unorganised workers. Conferences were held last year but follow-up action could not be planned due to the parliamentary and state assembly elections. State committees should now take the issues of minimum wage, etc. at the state level and inform the centre of the

steps being taken.

6. It has been decided to collect a Building Fund for the AITUC. State Committees should immediately discuss the issue in their working committee meetings and come with concrete proposals at the time of the general council meeting which will be held at Hyderabad immediately after the convention of public sector unions.

7. AITUC Samvad has not been taken seriously by all state committees and unions in the Hindi speaking regions. The matter was discussed and it was decided that a drive should be undertaken to enrol subscribers and by the end of the year a sum of Rs. 30,000 should be ensured. The content of the journal is also to be oriented more towards problems of the working class and toiling masses.

8. All state committees should immediately undertake the task of ensuring that all annual returns are properly filed by the affiliated unions. Steps should be taken also to see that affiliation dues are sent to the AITUC centre without further delay. In those states where dues for 1983 are still pending these should also be sent. Though there has been some improvement in payment of affiliation dues for 1983, a great deal still remains to be done to see that this aspect of organisation is streamlined.

The issue of verification is still under discussion with other trade union centres and the government. The AITUC state committees should proceed on the assumption that at any given moment we should be fully prepared with all details for verification. This is a task that should be given extra attention in the organisational work of the state committees. Unions should also be alerted to be prepared for ballot if required. Agricultural workers' unions should be helped to file returns.

9. Apart from one or two state committees the practice of sending reports of activities regularly has yet to become a regular feature. We request all state committees to make a real beginning with their reports of the observance of May day and details of work being planned in respect of unorganised workers.

The resolutions of the working committee are enclosed for information and action. Your attention is also drawn to the resolution on observance of the 40th anniversary of the WFTU. State committees should come to the general council with details of their plans for October 3, and throughout the year after that. Schools should be planned to inform particularly the new entrants into the movement of the WFTU, its history and activities and steps being taken for unity in action.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

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RESOLUTIONS OF WORKING COMMITTEE  
held in New Delhi, 12-13 April 1985

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I. ON THE CELEBRATION OF 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VICTORY OVER FASCISM

The working committee of the AITUC hails the great historic victory over fascism in the second world war 40 years ago in May 1945. The aim of world domination of Hitler Germany, Mussolini's Italy and militarist Japan was shattered.

This historic victory, the second most important in world politics after the great October revolution and the coming into being of the first socialist state in the world, changed the correlation of forces on an international scale in favour of peace, freedom, democracy and socialism. It inaugurated a new epoch in the history of mankind.

It was the Soviet Union, and its heroic Red Army, that bore the brunt of the Nazi attack, went through untold sacrifices, displayed unparalleled heroism and broke the backbone of the Nazi war machine. The unforgettable victory of the Red Army at Stalingrad thwarted the Hitler-Tojo plans to join forces on Indian soil and was the turning point in world war II. 20 million of the 50 million who died in the war were sons and daughters of the Land of Lenin. The glorious heroes and heroines of the USSR who laid down their lives in the partisan war, the saga of the immortal defenders of Leningrad, the workers of industry and agriculture who achieved feats of production in the rear, all wrote a new chapter in the history of human heroism. Entire progressive mankind pays tribute to the glory of the first socialist state and to the indomitable working people of the Soviet Union.

The working masses of Europe and Asia and the partisan resistance movements led by them made great contributions to the defeat of the fascist Axis and their bourgeois-collaborationist allies. They reinforced the world liberationist role played by the Red Army.

The AITUC, the united organisation of the Indian working class at that time, mobilised the working class in solidarity with the Soviet union in the anti-fascist war. The Indian national movement took a firm stand in support of the Soviet Union against the fascist axis.

Even after the second world war, the imperialists never abandoned their old objective of wiping out socialism. On the very morrow of the end of the war, they launched a cold-war with Churchill's infamous Fulton speech and the John Foster Dulles policy of "containing communism".

The first united trade union world centre, the World Federation of Trade Unions was formed in October 1945. But the US imperialists saw to it that the WFTU was split after the announcement of the Marshall Plan.

The defeat of fascism led to the establishment of a number of socialist states and to the tremendous weakening of world imperialism, resulting in the collapse of colonialism as a system on a world scale. The independence of India attained in 1947 was an integral part of this revolutionary process.

The 40th anniversary of the defeat of fascism is being celebrated in an actually grave and dangerous international situation. Determined to turn back the wheels of history and in a futile bid to achieve world domination, US imperialism in the recent period has stepped up the nuclear arms race and is set on the path of militarisation of outer-space. The Reagan administration

has unleashed a policy of military confrontation against the Soviet Union and other socialist countries. It has set in motion a frenzied crusade of anti-communism and anti-Sovietism on a global scale in order to cover up its drive towards world domination. It has embarked upon a policy of state terrorism, of political destabilisation and military intervention against independent states of Asia, Africa and Latin America.

The policies of the Reagan administration above all the perilous "star-wars" plan, are threatening to lead the world to a nuclear holocaust which will mean in today's conditions an end to the survival of mankind itself.

In such a situation, the Soviet Union and the Warsaw Pact countries have put forward repeated constructive initiatives to check the nuclear arms race, to prevent the militarisation of outer space, to banish nuclear weapons altogether and totally eliminate the danger of war. They have taken historic unilateral steps such as "no first nuclear strike", proposals to have a total freeze on nuclear weapons and their testing, proposals based on equal security for both sides and aimed at achieving total disarmament.

These initiatives have been further strengthened by the decisions of the community of non-aligned nations. India has been playing a positive role at the head of the non-aligned movement against the danger of a nuclear war.

The proposals made by the New Delhi Summit of NAM with Indira Gandhi as chairperson and the six-nation appeal made by the recent Delhi Summit have given a new dimension to the struggle for peace. The Soviet Union and other socialist states have fully supported these proposals.

In the recent period, under the impact of these developments, the anti-war and peace movement throughout the world has risen to a qualitatively higher level.

The deployment by the Reagan administration of Pershing and Cruise missiles in Western Europe, his infamous "star-wars" programme, his build-up of nuclear bases all over the world, have been opposed on an unprecedentedly mass scale by peace forces throughout the world, including the USA itself, in which the working class have participated in ever increasing numbers.

Forced by the pressure of this worldwide anti-war movement, the Reagan administration has been compelled to return to talks with the Soviet Union at Geneva on an integrated basis of ending the nuclear arms race on earth and preventing the militarising of outer space. But even while the Geneva talks are going on, under the screen of these talks, the Reagan administration is feverishly stepping up its military programme. More missiles are being deployed in Western Europe, the star-wars programme is being forced on other NATO powers, more US funds are being allotted for MX missiles and the policy of building up a NATO bloc in the Pacific region together with militarist Japan and South Korea is being pursued.

The urgent need of the hour in such a situation is to unite the working class together with all other peace forces throughout the world in order to actively combat the Reagan administration's dangerous policies. At the same time, the peace initiative and proposals of the Soviet Union and the other Warsaw Pact powers, as well as of the non-aligned movement, and the six-nation Delhi declaration, must be popularised on the widest scale and backed up by mass action.

The nuclear war danger has come to the very doorsteps of India. US imperialist conspiracies against the security of this sub-continent and against the national sovereignty and territorial integrity of our country have reached explosive proportions. The deliberate fomenting by US imperialist agencies of communal, separatist and terrorist forces inside the country is part of the efforts for the destabilisation of India. All this is accompanied by a fullscale attack on India's foreign policy of peace, non-alignment and friendship with the Soviet Union and other socialist countries.

The trade unions must undertake the urgent task of strengthening Indo-Soviet friendship and cooperation, of defending India's sovereignty and of



independence and territorial integrity, which now acquire supreme importance.

Steps must be taken by all unions to observe the 40th anniversary on the biggest mass scale, rousing every section of the working class to see the danger of nuclear war and go into action to fight against it. They must act to back up the peace proposals put forward by the socialist countries and by the non-aligned movement. The AITUC will mobilise the people to act in defence of India's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity. The month of May must be dedicated to observance of the 40th anniversary of the defeat of fascism. May Day this year has to be observed with renewed actions in the noble cause of world peace.

Trade unions should also combine with all other organisations and forces such as the AIPSO, the ISCUS, the Kisan Sabha and the BKMU in having united programmes. Particularly on 9 May 1985, the anniversary of the day when Hitler surrendered to the Red Army, wide celebrations on a mass scale should take place in all major working class centres and capital cities.

## II. ON THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS

On 3 October 1985 the world trade union movement will mark a historic anniversary - the 40th anniversary of the foundation of the World Federation of Trade Unions. The WFTU was formed as a result of the efforts of trade unions throughout the world translating into action the sentiments of the working masses for international unity of the working class.

The founding congress of the WFTU, held in Paris, in which the AITUC also participated in full measure, also gave a resounding call to the working class of the world to mobilise their forces in the global struggle for peace, against militarism and war, for upholding trade union rights and democratic liberties and to act with determination in favour of social progress,

Four decades have gone by since that historic event. In this period the imperialist forces, defeated in the second world war, have step by step unleashed an unprecedented arms race. They seek to put nuclear war on the agenda. The Reagan administration has gone so far as to announce a "star-wars" programme. Recognising the force of the working class they sought to divide us on a world scale and succeeded in doing so.

However, the WFTU and its affiliates have throughout this period upheld the cause of working class unity and at every stage have taken measures for unity in action. In one world congress after another one has witnessed the presence of delegates from independent unions and unions of varied affiliation. The task is yet not finished.

The AITUC calls on all its affiliated unions to chalk out a programme to observe the 40th anniversary, to give full publicity to the work of the WFTU in the last 40 years in serving the interests of the working class, in the campaigns undertaken in defence of workers rights, in defence of the right of all peoples to independence, and for peace. The AITUC calls on all unions to take forward the movement for national unity, national integrity, in defence of sovereignty of the country and against all divisive, communal and anti-national forces.

Let all our activities in this year reflect the spirit of unity and unity of action of the first world trade union congress in 1945. Let us strive to strengthen every effort for trade union unity and for unity of action of the working class of our country for peace, social progress and national self-reliance.

### III. ON CENTRAL GOVERNMENT'S BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 1985-1986

The working committee of the AITUC strongly condemns the philosophy and proposals of the central government's budget for 1985-1986 as being retrograde, anti-people, blatantly pro-big business, and subversive of the hitherto accepted national principles of planning for social and economic justice based on a strong and expanding public sector. The monopolists and transnational corporations have, not surprisingly, hailed the budget.

The budget's basic philosophy of "spare the rich, soak the poor and freeze the public sector" is fully reflected in its various specific proposals.

The net addition to the tax burden is Rs. 433 crores, in which the centre's share is only Rs. 311 crores. To this has to be added the increase in railway fares and freight totalling Rs. 495 crores. This relatively small mobilisation of additional resources has been made possible by limiting the public sector plan outlay to an increase of only 5.75% over the 1984-1985 figures. A wide variety of subheads in the central sector including programmes for rural development like the NREP, Khadi and village industries, agricultural financial institutions, etc., self-employment schemes for educated youth, village and small industries, telecommunications, petroleum, fertiliser, coal, lignite, drugs and pharmaceuticals, housing, welfare of scheduled castes and tribes, etc. have received lower allotments than the previous year.

Clearly, this is a shift away, a retreat from, the idea so long prevalent in our country since independence, that central planning outlays and public sector growth constitute the engine of self-reliant development.

Instead, the theory has been advanced that a lowering of direct taxes to "reasonable" levels will discourage tax-evasion and ensure better compliance - while it will stimulate production by leaving larger investible funds in the hands of the corporate sector. Apart from this wishful thinking, there is no other concrete proposal to combat the "parallel" economy of black money !

However, the relief in direct taxes, while undoubtedly benefitting the upper middle class and the better off sections of the white-collar employees, will mean nothing to 99% of the 350 million income earners in our country, because only 4 million of them are tax-payers, out of them, one million will go out of the tax net and 3 million will pay less than before.

The existing ceiling of Rs. 750 for entitlement of bonus has been raised to Rs. 1600 for purposes of calculation but the ceiling of bonus payment has not been increased which deprives a section from getting due bonus. On the other hand, the prices of all essential commodities are bound to rise steeply, hitting the working masses.

It is the industrial houses which will benefit enormously. Not only has the tax on company profits been reduced by 5% but an assurance is given that after two years the surcharge and surtax on profits will also be discontinued. The benefits from the high level of subsidies will also accrue to the industrial producers and the rich farmers.

On top of this has come the raising of the exemption limit for MRTP companies from 20 crores to 100 crores - an unexpected windfall for the beneficiaries. Of the 101 companies which were under the purview of the MRTP Act, 49 will go straight out. This is an open invitation to big business to amass more assets and profits - in blatant violation of the directive principles of the constitution, Article 39(c), against concentration of economic power.

The working committee of the AITUC calls upon the people to protest vehemently against these and other fiscal proposals which are meant to lead not to more equitable but to more inequitable distribution of wealth

and incomes. The disparities in the countryside will be further aggravated and further concentration of wealth will generate dangerously reactionary political pressures. There is no mention anywhere of completing the unfinished land reforms, without which a stable growth of food production cannot be ensured.

The frightening prospects of inflation arise out of the obviously deflated estimates of the infla net deficit of Rs. 3,349 crores for 1985-86. More likely, this figure will go up to about Rs. 5,000 crores, taking into consideration the borrowing requirements of the central government in the current year, the higher interest rates on commercial loans from foreign banks, the repayment of the IMF loans, the shrinking of long-term concessional loans from international institutions, the worsening balance of trade deficit, the enormous defence expenditure, and the heavy non-plan outlay on subsidies for fertilisers and food. This huge uncovered deficit will have dangerous consequences.

While a substantial part of this critical situation is undoubtedly due to the highly unfavourable external environment created by the present international economic order which exploits the developing countries, this does not make the crisis less severe in its impact on the economy and the people.

Unprecedented concessions are being given in the budget to the private monopoly sector, while opening new doors for the penetration of multinationals, on the plea of acquiring "high technology" for modernising the economy. Thereby, the public sector is downgraded, and reliance for growth placed on the private sector despite its past record of feeding like a parasite on a protected market, heavy subsidies and public funds. Basic economic goals of self-reliance, social justice, and state control over the commanding heights of the economy are sought to be drastically diluted while heaping new burdens on the common man. Even the small scale sector of industry is exposed to fresh dangers.

The AITUC considers the shift in the budget in a reactionary direction. The AITUC demands that the economic policy should be reversed in the direction of self-reliance, strengthening of the public sector, curbs on monopolies and TNCs and welfare measures for the people.

The working committee of the AITUC calls on all unions and workers to undertake powerful campaigns against the budget and for a drastic change in economic policies in favour of the common people. The AITUC calls on all trade unions to undertake the widest possible united campaigns against price rise and for extension of a public distribution system and steps to curb speculation and hoarding in foodgrains and other basic necessities.

The working committee of the AITUC calls on all trade unions to initiate this campaign on May Day.

#### IV. ON THE RAILWAY BUDGET

The working committee of the AITUC notes with concern that without increasing passenger amenities and facilities to other rail users, the passenger fares and freight charges have been increased by 10% in the railway budget of 1985-86 to enable the railways to clear in full the dividend liability of Rs. 512 crores. On the other hand, the burden on the railway budget on account of social costs is increasing every year, which should rightly be subsidised from the general revenues. The Working Committee strongly opposes the increase in passenger fares and freight charges and demands that the dividend liability should be adjusted from the loss suffered by the railways on account of social costs.

The working committee also notes that acquiring of new assets like wagons and coaches has been kept at a low level during 1985-86. The inadequate number of coaches results in overcrowding in trains and passengers are compelled to travel on rooftops of coaches even on long distance

mail and express trains. This roof travelling has recently resulted in the ghastly accident resulting in the death of a number of passengers on the Saharanpur-Ambala section of the Northern Railway. The inadequate number of wagons results in non-lifting of freight and there is a serious complaint that even such an important commodity such as coal is not being lifted by the railways from pit-heads.

The working committee further notes that though much is said about the modernisation of railways, the modernisation scheme for railway workshops is hanging fire since long. In the meanwhile, high interest charges are being paid on the unutilised loan granted for this purpose by the World Bank. In the name of economy, there is a ban on recruitment and vacancies are not being filled, resulting in increased workload on the railwaymen, which affects maintenance of track, rolling stock, safety in operations very seriously. The work of track maintenance hitherto being done departmentally is being allotted to contractors which is neither economical or conducive to the safety track, though it could lead to corruption on a wide scale.

The working committee demands that all steps should be taken to improve the efficiency and safety of railways without increasing the workload on the railwaymen.

#### V. ON DEMANDS OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

The working committee of the AITUC notes that there is great dissatisfaction among the central government employees due to delay in payment of second instalment of interim relief and no indication as yet of early submission of the report of the fourth Central Pay Commission, appointed by the government more than a year ago.

Further, the instalment of DA which has become due from 1 January 1985 has not yet been paid. The formula of bonus to central government employees other than railwaymen is yet to be finalised and the payment of the balance of bonus for the last two years has not yet been made. The ban on recruitment and non-filling of vacancies increases the workload on the employees. Nearly 20 important awards given by the Boards of Arbitration set up under the JCM have not been implemented by the government and the JCM has virtually broken down.

The working committee demands immediate payment of second instalment of interim relief to the central government employees and settlement of other demands without further delay. The IV Pay Commission should submit its report early. The ban on recruitment should be lifted. The pending arbitration awards should be implemented immediately.

The working committee calls upon all the central government employees to close their ranks and prepare for united struggle if their demands are not met. The central government employees have the full support of the AITUC in their just struggle for achieving their demands.

#### VI. ON THE STRUGGLE OF KARNATAKA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION EMPLOYEES

The working committee of the AITUC held in New Delhi notes with shock the manner in which the government of Karnataka let loose repression to break the indefinite strike of 40,000 KSRTC employees. The management of KSRTC and the representatives of the KSRTC Staff and Workers' Federation had reached an understanding at the behest of the government of Karnataka on 14.10.84 whereby it was agreed that a) the charter of demands of the federation would be settled by 31.12.84, failing which interim relief would be announced and b) to arrive at a settlement before the Labour Commissioner to decide the mode of recognition of trade unions and c) settle all the victimisation cases sympathetically within a month from 14.10.84.

In spite of the persistent reminders from the federation, when the government of Karnataka did not take steps to implement the terms of the understanding, having no further alternative, the federation was compelled to call for an indefinite strike from 20 February 1985.

The working committee unequivocally expresses its strong condemnation of the repression let loose on the workers by the state government. Several hundreds of peaceful workers and cadres of the federation were taken into custody and false cases have been foisted on them. Hundreds have been served with orders of suspension, still more dismissed, chargesheeted or transferred for having participated in a peaceful strike to demand the implementation of the understanding arrived at with the government.

The working committee demands of the government of Karnataka that, in order to restore industrial peace the government take immediate steps to

- a) withdraw all the police cases foisted on the KSRTC employees in connection with the strike action
- b) all removed apprentices, casual and badli and probationary employees and dismissed workers be reinstated
- c) revocation of suspensions orders, withdrawals of charge sheets, show cause notices and other measures of victimisation
- e) immediate steps be taken to implement the understanding reached on 14.10.84.

#### VI. ON THE STRUGGLE OF MYSORE WIRE AND METAL INDUSTRIES, BANGALORE

The working committee of the AITUC took note of the long drawn out strike of the workers of the Mysore Wire & Metal Industries, Bangalore.

The working committee learns that the chief minister, Shri Ramakrishna Hegde, had given an assurance to the workers of Bangalore that he would personally intervene and settle the matter after the elections to the state assembly.

The working committee urges upon the Chief Minister to intervene and bring about an honourable settlement in order to provide relief to over 400 striking employees and their families who have been on strike in support of their just demands for over six months.

#### VII. On LOCK-OUTS AND CLOSURES

The working committee of the AITUC notes with concern that there has been a steady increase in the number of closures and lockouts in the country and particularly so in the jute, cotton textiles and engineering industries. This has resulted not only in throwing thousands of workers out of employment but also constitutes a threat to the economic and social progress of our country.

The government had recently stated during the meeting held by the Labour Minister with representatives of central trade union organisations that "industrial sickness which is inevitable in the process of industrial progress and technological shifts cannot be totally eliminated". From this one can deduce that, far from intending to take effective measures to prevent closures and lockouts the government expects workers and the toiling masses to learn to "live with it".

The working committee is of the confirmed opinion that the above theory is fallacious and unacceptable. The crisis in the economic sphere in our country is the crisis of capitalism and cannot be solved by the government granting ever greater concessions to the monopoly houses or placating the corporate sector. In the recent budget, the private sector has <sup>been</sup> granted liberal terms, as also foreign multinational concerns, and the latter in terms of importing the latest technologies.

A perusal of government statistics further shows that there has been a continuous pandering to the private sector. For instance, loans advanced to sick units, both large and small scale, numbered 78,363 at the end of 1983. The amount of these loans showed a sharp increase since 1980. While the amount at the end of December 1979 stood at Rs. 1623 crores, at

the end of 1983 the figure had increased to Rs. 3101 crores which was an increase of nearly 91%. Government which finds one excuse after another to avoid taking over of sick units and running them efficiently does little to monitor the running of the sick units to whom these liberal loans are handed out by governmental financial institutions.

There have been critical conditions in the jute and te cotton textile industry for some years, the position worsening with every year. Crisis exists also in the chemical and pharmaceutical industry, in the engineering and construction industries. In vital public sector industries such as petroleum the private sector is being allowed to enter. Crisis can be seen also in other public sector industries such as fertiliser, coal, lignite, iron and steel. Out lays on these industries have been drastically cut, and in some cases, frozen.

According to official figures the total number of sick and closed units have reached the alarming proportion of 63000. This is a concerted attempt to attack the life and living conditions of the working people. It is clear that this will seriously affect the economic progress of the country as a whole.

The working committee points out that the theory of inevitable sickness in the process of industrial progress is a bankrupt one. The steady progress of all socialist countries in the world after the end of the second world war has illustrated beyond doubt that basic structural changes can create conditions of uninterrupted progress and development. Particularly so is the example of the Soviet Union which suffered the greatest losses both in men and material in the course of the war and has since made remarkable strides in industrial, economic and social progress.

The working committee of the AITUC calls on all unions to participate fully in the call given by the national campaign committee to observe 15 May 1985 as a day against closures and lockouts unitedly with all other constituents of the national campaign committee. All affiliated units and state committees should take effective steps to prepare for statewide conventions on this vital demand of the toiling masses. Workers have to be mobilised to go into action to bring about a reversal of government policies to serve the needs of national development and strengthen self-reliance.

#### VIII. ON CLOSURE OF WAGON FACTORIES

The working committee of the AITUC notes with serious concern that the railways, the single largest undertaking of the government, have reduced the orders for production of wagons thus seriously affecting the lives of thousands of workers, while also increasing the shortage of wagons.

The railways already suffer from the malady of shortage of rolling stock including wagons. The inadequate allotment of funds for the development of railways in the seventh five-year plan thus affect not only the railways themselves but also the industries which are feeding the railways by producing wagons.

The working committee demands that the government of India should take immediate steps to increase the allotment to the railways for the purpose of development, and especially for manufacture of wagons.

The working committee calls on all unions to undertake a campaign on this vital issue. The working committee particularly calls for united action by railway workers and their brother workers in the engineering industry.

IX. RESOLUTION ON THE ASIAN AND OCEANIC TRADE UNION CONFERENCE  
ON THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER

The working committee of the AITUC expresses its appreciation of the holding of the Asian and Oceanic Trade Union Conference on Development and the New International Economic Order. The first of its kind at which representatives of the WFTU, ICFTU, WCL as well as independent organisations such as SOHYO clearly provided an opportunity to trade unions of Asia and Oceania to discuss issues of common interest vital to their countries.

The documents adopted at the conference show beyond doubt that there is the possibility for the trade unions to act together against the exploitation by transnational corporations, the heavy debt burdens being imposed by such financial institutions as the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, and in support of all actions by governments and countries for the establishment of a New International Economic Order. The possibilities also exist for concerted working class action in defence of peace and for disarmament.

The working committee calls on all state committees and affiliated unions to give the widest possible publicity to the decisions of this important conference and undertake a systematic campaign throughout the country to educate our workers on the issues discussed in the conference and for implementation of programmes of action which would be drawn up by the coordination committee set up at the conference.

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March 18, 1985.

NOTICE

To all Working Committee members

Dear comrades,

Due to unavoidable circumstances known to you, the Working Committee of the AITUC has not been able to meet on schedule.

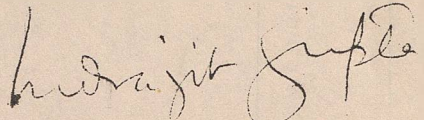
It is, therefore, proposed to convene the Working Committee in New Delhi on APRIL 12th and 13th, 1985.

The agenda will include:-

1. Reports on activities in the period since the last meeting.
2. Organisation and future programme of work.
3. Proposal for AITUC Building Fund
4. Verification
5. Finance
6. Dates and venue of next General Council meeting.
7. Any other business.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

  
( INDRAJIT GUPTA )  
General Secretary.



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To  
The General Secretary,  
State Committee, (AITUC) and  
all Members of the Working Committee.

Dated: 27th June '84.

Dear Comrade,

One stage of the Punjab crisis is over with the military action against the headquarters of the armed terrorists located inside the Golden Temple complex, Amritsar. While the extremist killers have been deprived of their main base and are on the run, it is at the same time a fact that tremendous anger and religious emotions have now gripped the Sikh community on a mass scale. They feel they have been humiliated, their holy shrine has been desecrated, and Sant Bhindranwale is being regarded as a "martyr". Very few Sikhs are as yet convinced of the imperialist conspiracy which utilised the pro-Khalistan sentiments to convert the Golden Temple complex into an armed fortress, which constituted a deadly danger to the country's security, unity and integrity and ultimately made the Army's intervention unavoidable. Many consider all this is to be mere Government propaganda.

Recent reports from the Punjab show that, for the first time, even sections of the workers have got emotionally divided - the Hindus being jubilant, and the Sikhs sullen and angry. Though the bulk of industrial workers have remained aloof from clashes and communal disturbances, the middle-class employees such as in banks, Govt. services, etc. have become somewhat estranged from each other on the basis of Sikhs and non-Sikhs. This can negatively affect the T.U. movement, if allowed to continue.

The courageous and consistent campaigning by our T.U. comrades in the Punjab has to a large extent controlled the situation in the working class areas from getting out of hand. But the situation remains extremely serious. A prolonged period of patient explanation and persuasion lies ahead, not only among the Sikhs but all others too. This is because the dimensions of the US-Pakistan plot against the nation's security and unity, and the serious significance of the terrorist killings which were going on unchecked, together with the total collapse of the administration, have yet to be fully exposed before our people.

We must carry on a day-to-day explanatory campaign among all sections of the working class, putting the issues in their proper perspective and exposing boldly all the communal, divisive, separatist and secessionist forces (not forgetting the Shiv Sena in Maharashtra and its heinous role in the recent Bhiwandi-Thane riots) which are acting as the instruments of imperialist and reactionary forces. "Uncompromising defence of the unity of the working class and of the nation" - this must be our slogan.

All State TUCs are directed immediately to hold meetings of their executive bodies and to chalk out concrete programmes for a mass explanatory campaign by our trade unions with the help of posters, leaflets, and the published material which is being made available. Recent events must help to heighten the anti-imperialist consciousness of our workers, to equip them better to meet the dangers which still lie ahead. Anti-communal conventions are yet to be held in most centres.

(2) Consistent with the AITUC's participation in the global struggle against Imperialism and the danger of war, we are called upon to observe the "International Week of Solidarity with the

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Struggle of the People of Nicaragua" which has been planned from July 15 to 21. The AITUC Centre is today issuing a special Press statement on this occasion.

We expect every State T.U.C. to ensure that during the International Week, at least one meeting/demonstration is organised in every major industrial area on the slogan:  
"YANKEE AGGRESSORS, HANDS OFF NICARAGUA!"

Please send us without fail reports of the activities you are able to organise on this issue, as the W.F.T.U. would like to collect them and forward them to the working people and trade unions of Nicaragua as a gesture of our solidarity.

(3) Please remember that only 2 months remain before this year's "ANTI-WAR DAY" on September 1st - the call of the WFTU's Havana Congress which is being observed every year throughout the world.

This year, too, we should take preparatory steps from now to ensure that all our trade unions are drawn into a broad explanatory campaign against the heightened war danger (including developments like the deployment of US missiles in Western Europe, the war plots in Lebanon and the Gulf, the reactionary pro-US manoeuvres in Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bangladesh, etc.) Our target from now should be to hold the maximum number of meetings, conventions, demonstrations etc. on Sept. 1 next.

(4) The WFTU's 40th anniversary falls this year. In this connection, it has been decided to observe OCTOBER 3rd as "WFTU DAY", when the significance of the WFTU's programme and policies are to be explained in the background of our own experiences of the struggle for peace, workers' rights and united action.

In this connection, it is suggested that a special programme of studies, discussions and activities be organised on October 3rd in all OUR T.U. SCHOOLS, wherever such schools are in progress at that time. Please let us know whether your STUC can undertake such an educational course, for which we are prepared to help from the Centre.

(5) As you know, the first stage of AITUC's decision to organise a movement of the workers employed in the various monopoly houses, was successfully completed with the convention of Birla concerns' unions at Renukoot on June 3 and 4.

Over 100 delegates from 24 unions in 9 states participated. A detailed report along with future programme will be sent to you soon. But please note that some States ( Bihar, Andhra, Maharashtra) sent no delegations to Renukoot, while from some other States an indifferent attitude towards a centralised programme needs to be given up. - Such

(6) Please keep sending us reports of how the other two major campaigns are progressing:-

- (i) Against lock-outs and closures
- (ii) Organising the unorganised.

(7) All our unions in public sector undertakings are informed that provided their managements are agreeable to introduce a scheme of workers' participation in management which provides for (i) election of workers' representatives by ballot, and (ii) a 3-tier structure (Directors' Board, plant-level & shop-level), we should definitely participate on these two conditions.

Greetings,  
*Indrajit Gupta*  
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Circular/WC/2/1984  
To All Members of the Working Committee

Dated 16 March, 1984

A meeting of the Working Committee will be held  
at 24 Canning Lane on 19 April 1984 at 3.00 p.m.

The agenda will be as follows :

1. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting
2. Approval of agenda for the General Council
3. Any Other business.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

*Indrajit Gupta*  
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Dated: 10 . 3 . 1984.

For the Working Committee Members only

NOTE ON ORGANISATION

At the 32nd session held at Bangalore we noted that a large number of delegates spoke on the need to streamline the organisation in the AITUC. The main criticism was, of course, of the working at the centre since it was the all-India session. But there is no doubt that the organisational position of the AITUC is in need of special attention.

At this working committee therefore the comrades should express themselves on the issues such as:

1. The functioning of the state committees - whether registers of the affiliated unions are kept, whether the records of affiliation dues are in order, whether the state secretariats, working committees and councils meet regularly to review the movement and organisation, whether district councils have been formed and how they are functioning.
2. Whether the reporting on the 32nd session has been completed at all major centres, whether the reports and decisions have been translated into the regional language and if so have these reached all unions.
3. Do state committees hold meetings of the working committees or councils after every working committee and general council meeting of the AITUC and plan the reportings, campaigns, etc.
4. After any important campaign such as the campaign for peace, for preparations for the NCC conventions, etc. does the state committee leadership collect reports and review the work carried out and chalk out programmes for improvement in implementing the decisions taken at the state or all-India level?
5. How many wholetimers do you have at the state centre? What is the provision made for payment of regular allowances to these comrades?
6. Do state committees own their own buildings? If not, have you any plans to have one? What are the plans?
7. Do the state leaders undertake regular tours of the various districts and have you planned special industries/districts to be particularly in the charge of comrades? How far do you check their work?
8. What steps are taken to check that unions file their annual returns to the registrar in time and correctly? One of the problems is that many unions fail even to show their actual membership in order to avoid the problem of having their accounts audited. This is an unhealthy practice and should be given up and steps taken to ensure that all unions submit their returns properly and, where possible, even increase their membership.

9. Does the state committee run any paper? How are the expenses for such a journal met? If you do not have any paper, have you any plans to run such a paper?
10. When was the last state conference held? If no conference was held within two years of the AITUC 32nd session when do you plan to hold the state conference?
11. Do you collect reports regularly either on a district-wise, unions (where they are large unions), or industry-wise basis? And do you send regular reports of the activities and work of the state committee to the AITUC centre.
12. Are there any programmes of trade union education? How many classes or schools are being held? Are any schools held in consultation with the AITUC centre?
13. What are your suggestions for improving the work at the centre and for maintaining better coordination with the centre?
14. What is the financial position of the state committee? How do you propose to stabilise it? Do you have any special levy from the unions apart from the affiliation fees which are paid to the centre and of which you receive 50 per cent.

Comrades, these are the question which have to be examined and a consolidated report prepared for the general council meeting which will be held to discuss the problem of organisation. This assurance was given at the 32nd session and we have to take steps to implement this as early as possible. Although we have been able in the last three years to conduct a series of campaigns, to take the lead in the joint activities of the NCC, we have a great deal to do to strengthen the organisation of the AITUC, to develop our cadre and place them to make our work more effective, to be in a position to carry out the tasks of organising the unorganised, to help in the organisation of the khet mazdoor unions, to organise working women and pay special attention to their problems and the problem of young workers, to take up the issue of closures, retrenchment and unemployment effectively.

Brief factual reports on the above lines should reach this office by 2nd April 1984 so that a report can be placed before the General Council.

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ALL-INDIA TRADE UNION CONGRESS

AITUC Working Committee Meeting:  
March 10th/11th 1984.

Dated: March 10, 1984.

AGENDA: POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

Developments since Bangalore Session

- (1) = New, industry-wide struggles developing = 2½ Jute workers on strike since 16.1.84 - 14 unions involved including AITUC, CITU, INTUC (3 groups), BMS, HMS - outside W. Bengal, strike is partial - State Government handling settlement talks - Central Government only watching.
- = Port & Dock federations of all affiliations, including INTUC, served strike notice at all ports from 15.3.84 unless wage revision demands settled before that - main issue: parity with Steel workers.
- = All - India Defence Employees' Federation, at its recent Ichapur Conference, decided to serve strike notice from 17.4.84 on demand for full implementation of Third Pay Commission's recommendations particularly regarding proper gradation and categorisation.
- = LIC split-up Bill referred to Select Committee - all-India protest strike took place on December 20 and 21.
- (2) = NCC Convention against Lock-outs, Closures, "Sickness", Retrenchment, took place as planned on January 20th - maximum attendance was 7 - 800 - some states went unrepresented.
- = Campaign decisions adopted were to hold State or Regional Conventions by 15.3.84, and to observe "Week" from March 19 to 25 - States should report how far implemented.
- = Meanwhile, crisis arising out of this problem continues unabated, e.g.
- = Iron - ore mines in Orissa still facing threat of closure - strike at Barbil took place on 12.1.84 against retrenchment
- = 12,000 "surplus" workers of HSCIL threatened with retrenchment
- = Textile closures continue - e.g.
- Birla Mills (Delhi), Anglo - French (Pondicherry), Hope (Indore), Krishna (Beawar), Bhaskar (Jharsuguda), Hissar (Haryana), plus even the 13 Bombay mills taken over by Government, and at least 6 mills in West Bengal.
- = Recently, 2 "sick" units in West Bengal - Inchek Tyres and National Rubber have been nationalised - but several other concerns either closed or facing closure.
- = This issue to be sharply focussed in NCC's programme for April 18th - mass rally to Parliament and courting arrest - NCC will finalise details on 15/3.
- (3) = Some other important developments
- a) = Coal India management's new offensive against workers through suspensions, transfers, pay-cuts, use of CSIF to curb T.U. activities - has to be resisted and beaten back.

b) = Stalemate in tripartite D.A. Committee Rs. 2/- versus 1.50 - what to do now? Daji will report.

c) = LIC's demand on Escorts for a new Director's Board to safeguard public funds invested therein;

d) = Verification results - our protest along with CITU - but NCC divided - T.U. Registrar's figures show many unions shirking their minimum responsibility - make submission of timely Annual Returns, compulsory.

e) = Budgets - General and Railway:-  
= One thing is clear : inflation has become in-built in the economy - no relief from price-rise despite the excise cuts which are mostly election gimmicks.

f) = Offensive of Divisive Forces has become more serious - Punjab and Haryana situations - working class still united but tension growing - Shiv Sena trying to revive its chauvinist role in Bombay - Assam still not normal.

Let AITUC unions all over the country organise anti-communal, peace rallies and marches on March 21 (anniversary of Bhagat Singh's execution) and April 13 (Jalian Walla Bagh Day) in name of sacred traditions of Hindu-Muslim, Hindu-Sikh unity of martyrs of the freedom struggle.

(4) Carry forward Bangalore Commission Decisions :

- = Unorganised Workers
- = State TUCs should set up special machinery to attend to this problem
- = District and State Conferences
- = Set up District T.U. Councils
- = Demonstrations and Dharnas in first week of May
- = Step up drive to affiliate agricultural workers' unions.
- = Campaign on T.U. Unity Proposal :
- = Cover Union leading cadres and executive committee members first and unify them on common approach to others.
- = Social Security :
- = Campaign/recommendations of the Commission should be considered. /on
- = Working Women :
- = NCC Convention postponed
- = Can we take suitable programme ?  
Regional or State Conventions as Delhi region is having on 31.3.84.



- = Peace and Anti-Imperialism:
- = National Convention just held
- = Start May Day preparation from now on on this central issue of safeguarding peace and national security, disarmament and NIEO.
- (5) = General Council meeting on Organisation:
- = Proposed dates : April 19-20
- = Can State TUC's prepare reports by April 1 ? Or come fully prepared?
- = AITUC Centre will prepare its own report and formulate proposals for minimum organisational tasks both at the Centre and in the States.
- (6) = Some information:
- = Preparations for Asian T.U. Conference on problems of Development, New Delhi, October or November 1984
- = Textile and Leather T.U.I., Bureau meeting, New Delhi, March 20 & 21
- = Metal T.U.I. in cooperation with All-India Steel Workers' Federation has recently concluded educational seminars at Durgapur, Bokaro, Jamshedpur, Bilai and Vizag.

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Dated : 10th February 1984.

To

All Members of the Working Committee

Dear Comrades,

A meeting of the working committee will be held on 10 & 11 March 1984. The agenda is as follows:

1. Tasks arising out of Bangalore session
2. NCC march to Parliament on April 19, 1984
3. To fix dates of general council meeting
4. Any other business.

The meeting will commence at 11 a.m. on Saturday March 10, at 24 Canning Lane, New Delhi. Please arrange to attend the meeting without fail.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

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July 16, 1983.

To General Secretaries of all State Committees  
& Members of the Working Committee

Dear Comrade,

1. NATIONAL CONVENTION CALLED BY NATIONAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

The meeting of the National Campaign Committee with representatives from industrial federations was held yesterday, 15 July 1983. The meeting decided that the second national convention will be held in New Delhi on 21 August 1983.

The convention will be held at the Talkatora Stadium and will commence at 10.00 a.m. The National Campaign Committee will be preparing the resolution to be adopted at the convention.

The composition will be as follows: 500 delegates from each of the central trade union organisations represented in the National Campaign Committee and 50 delegates from each industrial federation.

The secretariat of the AITUC has accordingly decided that the number of delegates from your state should be ( general council members and others).

Every state committee should take steps to see that the full complement from their state is present and that AITUC is properly represented at the convention. As there is still one month's time, we hope all state committees will take up this task in all seriousness.

2. AUGUST 4, 1983 TO BE OBSERVED AS ANTI-TU AMENDMENT BILL DAY

The meeting of the National Campaign Committee and the industrial federations also decided that 4 August should be observed throughout the country as anti-Trade Unions (Amendment) Bills Day. There is every likelihood that the bills will be rushed through the forthcoming session of parliament. The day should be observed as widely as possible and in cooperation with affiliates of the central trade union organisations represented in the NCC and of the industrial federations as well as AIBEA, Life Insurance corporation federation, central government employees' unions, etc.

Where possible local Members of Parliament should also be lobbied on this issue. All the arguments are already with you in the note presented to the Minister of Labour on 6 July 1983, a copy of which has been sent to every state committee. Please send us your reports of 4 August 1983 observance.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

*Indrajit Gupta*  
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17 June 1983

To  
All members of the Working Committee

Dear Comrades,

A meeting of the working committee will be held in New Delhi  
on 22 August 1983 at 2.30 p.m.

The agenda will be as follows :

1. Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting.
2. Dates & Venue of the AITUC congress and other details regarding congress.
3. Agenda for the general council meeting.
4. Any other business.

All members of the working committee are also reminded that the NCC convention will be held on 21 August 1983 at New Delhi and they should attend positively as the AITUC leadership should be fully represented.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

*Indrajit Gupta*

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17 June 1983

To  
All Members of the General Council

Dear Comrades,

1 A meeting of the general council will be held in New Delhi from 22-24 August 1983. The meeting will commence at 4 p.m. on the 22 August 1983.

The following will be the agenda :

1. Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting
2. Report on developments since the last meeting.
3. Dates and venue of the AITUC congress.
4. Matters connected with the congress : agenda, delegates, etc.
5. Campaign following NCC convention on 21 August 1983
6. Finance and organisational matters
7. Any other business

2. The National Campaign Committee has now decided to hold an all-India convention on the lines of the Bombay convention of 1981 on 21 August 1983 at New Delhi. The actual venue and other details such as number of delegates, etc. will be finalised at a meeting of the NCC with industrial federations to be held on 15 July 1983 at New Delhi. The details will then be sent to you. But comrades should take steps to ensure that the full complement, and a fully representative delegation comes from their respective states, so that AITUC is present in full strength.

3. Comrades who will be attending the conference in Baroda on 27 & 28 August on minimum wages can proceed to Baroda after the general council meeting.

4. Comrades should note that this will be the last meeting of the general council before the AITUC congress to be held in December and they are requested to attend positively.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

*Indrajit Gupta*  
(INDRAJIT GUPTA M.P.)  
General Secretary

April 8, 1983

Press Communique

The Working Committee of the AITUC met in New Delhi on April 6 & 7, 1983 to consider the recent developments ~~at~~ <sup>in</sup> the national and international arena, the problems of industrial relations and workers' struggles, struggles of the public sector workers for wage revision, etc. The meeting was presided over by the vice-presidents Md. Elias and Homi Daji. <sup>The</sup> Working Committee in course of condolence resolution mourned the death of K.P.S. Menon, Promode Das Gupta, Otto Kesten, General Secretary of ICFTU, Maulana Abdul Baqi (U.P.) B. Sivankar (Bombay), Arthanari Vathiar (Tamil Nadu) killed in road accident, M. Chalapati Ran, Dr. Charu Chandra N Banjerjee, a former president of the AITUC and Dr. Gyan Chand, the <sup>ly</sup> voted economist.

The General Secretary, Indrajit Gupta gave a report on the increasing war danger and the unabated arms build up by the U.S. imperialists, arming of Pakistan, danger on our borders, etc. He also drew attention to the important decisions of the Non-aligned Summit Conference held in New Delhi which should be propagated as a part of the anti-imperialist campaign and for a new international economic order. He gave a brief account of the decelerating economy as revealed in the Economic Survey, 1982-83. He also pointed out in brief the present state of industrial relations, the policy of the Government, the developments of the wage negotiations in public sector undertakings, the ~~question of their~~ <sup>coal miners'</sup> glorious strike actions, on the Bombay textile workers' long drawn strike, on the grave situation in Assam. ~~In~~ <sup>In</sup> support of Central Government

Resolutions were adopted

Employees' Demands, on the situation that has developed in Punjab, on the demand of amendment of Bonus law, against the proposals of the Sanat Mehta Committee to further amend labour laws, on the mechanisation of Tobacco industry, in support of the struggle of the Orient Papermill workers of Orissa, etc.

The Working Committee took a number of decisions as tasks for the coming period which are:

1. Unions which are receiving notices from the Union Labour Ministry in connection with the verification of membership have been advised not to submit any records for the purpose *as AITUC has not submitted any claim and is against verification.*
2. An all-India convention of workers of unorganised sectors covered by the Minimum Wages Act, will be held at Baroda in August 1983.
3. A convention of AITUC Unions in Birla concerns all over the country will be held on September 17 & 18, 1983 at Renukoot (Uttar Pradesh).
4. An all-India Day will be observed on May 16, 1983 in all industrial centres/states against communalism, Casteism, regionalism and such other divisive tendencies.
5. In connection with observance of May Day 1983, the issue of Unemployment in the country which has assumed menacing proportions, will be highlighted.
6. The all-India conference of textile workers will be held at about the middle of September this year in Calcutta.

The Working Committee also decided to hold the 32nd Session of the AITUC at Bangalore in the second half of November 1983.

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ON ORIENT PAPER MILL WORKERS' STRUGGLE

The six thousand workers of Orient Paper Mills Brajarajagan belonging to the Birlas are on strike ~~for~~ <sup>for</sup> Bonus which has been paid to the employees of Amlai and Bamboe Forest Organisation of the same company. Instead of accepting the legitimate, <sup>just</sup> just and legal demand of the workers the management declared lock-out which was prohibited by the Orissa State Government. <sup>The</sup> company obtained an interim stay from the High Court and continues the lockout without accepting the workers demand. The management is bent upon harassing the workers with a clear and malafide intention of crushing the workers struggle.

The Working Committee of AITUC greets the heroic struggle of the workers. It notes with grave <sup>concern</sup> ~~concern~~ <sup>inability</sup> the ~~industry~~ of the Orissa state Government in forcing the Birlas to agree to the workers demand and to open the Mills.

It condemns the policies of the management and demands that they should immediately ~~a~~ accept the workers' demands and open the mills.

It urges upon the Government that in view of the obduracy of the Birlas to open the mills, they should take over the management of the Mills and accept ~~this~~ workers' demands.

It urges upon all workers express solidarity with the struggling workers and to <sup>press</sup> ~~press~~ upon the Government and the management to accept the workers demands.

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To

All Members of the Working Committee,  
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Dear Comrades,

A meeting of the AITUC Working Committee will be held in New Delhi at 24, Canning Lane on April 5th & 7th, 1983. The meeting on the 5th will start at 6 P.M.

- Agenda:
- (1) Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting
  - (2) Developments since the last General Council meeting, and tasks
  - (3) Next AITUC session-venue and dates
  - (4) Organisational Matters
  - (5) Any other matter with the permission of the chair.

All members are requested to attend.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

*Indrajit Gupta*

General Secretary.