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CITU Office Bearers Meeting

Com.B.T.Ranadive, President, CITU was in the chair.

The meeting congratulated the heroic workers of Durgapur for their continuous strike from 12th August in protest against the arrest of Comrade Dilip Majumdar, a member of the General Council of CITU and others in an arbitrary manner. When Hindusthan Steel Employees' Union, Durgapur was emerging as leader of the workers of the entire Steel industry, and was playing a key role in negotiations on an all-India level, the attack of the Government, INTUC and AITUC leadership on this union is a pre-planned conspiracy to suppress the militant movement of steel workers. It strongly denounced the INTUC and AITUC leadership for their refusal to fight police repression. As the report from Durgapur stated, the AITUC leaders gave up all shame and joined hands with C.R.P. in gangster attacks against steel workers. The meeting therefore called upon the working class of W.Bengal to rally behind Durgapur workers in their hour of trial.

The meeting congratulated the South-Eastern Railway workers for their stubborn resistance to the provocative policies of the Government and police repression. They were forced to down their tools twice in a month which only highlights the reckless anti-working class policies pursued by the railway authorities. It supported the forty-eight hour strike of State Electricity Board workers and condemned the use of army personnel, CRP and Eastern Frontier Rifles during the strike.

The meeting decided to convey its fraternal greetings to workers of Indian Explosives, Gomia for their strike action though it was declared illegal by the Government. It condemned the coal-mine owners for illegally laying-off over one-lakh miners despite having large stocks of explosives with them. It demanded full lay-off compensation to the affected

miners and stern action against guilty mine-owners.

The CITU also congratulated the 5,000 workers of Tinplate factory in Jamshedpur for their strike in supporting for 20 per cent bonus and other demands and condemned the management for its dilatory tactics in settling genuine long-standing grievances of workers.

The meeting discussed the Draft Constitution to be placed before the next Working Committee meeting and finalised its proposals.

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Secretary,
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The Editor,

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