

CENTRE OF INDIAN TRADE UNIONS
172, Lenin Sarani : Calcutta - 13.

8th August, 1972.

PRESS COMMUNIQUE:

P. Ramamurti, General Secretary, CITU proposing to convene a meeting has written letters on 6th August, 1972 to all the following Constituents of the Conference of Central Trade Union Organisations and National Federations held in New Delhi on 18th and 19th May 1971.

Full text of the letter is released to the Press which please see on the reverse.

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167, P.D'Mello Road,
Bombay-1, B.R.</p> <p>3. General Secretary,
Hind Mazdur Panchayat,
204, Raja Ram Mohan Roy Road,
Bombay-4.</p> <p>4. General Secretary,
All India Insurance Employees
Association,
24, Chittaranjan Avenue,
Calcutta-12.</p> <p>5. Secretary General,
Confederation of Central Govt.
Employees and Associations,
Hqrs. B-6/4, Ganga Ram
Hospital Marg, New Delhi-60.</p> <p>6. Com. S.M.Banerjee,
President, All India Defence
Employees Federation,
113, North Avenue, New Delhi.</p> <p>7. President,
All India Newspaper Employees
Federation,
Janashakti, Globe Mill Passage,
Bombay-13.</p> | <p>8. General Secretary,
All India Bank Employees
Association,
Ballimaran, Chandni Chowk,
Delhi - 6.</p> <p>9. Secretary General,
National Federation of
P & T Employees,
9, Pusa Road,
New Delhi.</p> <p>10. General Secretary,
United Trade Union Congress
249, B.B.Ganguly Street,
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United Trade Union Congress
48, Lenin Sarani,
Calcutta-13.</p> <p>12. Com. S. B. Kolpe,
President, Indian
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Prabhadevi, Bombay-25.</p> <p>13. Sree Ashok Bajpayee,
General Secretary,
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Dear Comrade,

You are aware that the Conference of trade union representatives of Central Organisations and National Federations held in New Delhi on 18th and 19th May 1971 chalked out a programme of united action for the entire Indian working class. The unprecedented unity achieved in the Conference generated enthusiasm among workers of all sections and hopes were created in the minds of millions of workers that this magnificent unity would pave the way for further united struggles on pressing issues facing the working class.

The Conference elected a three member Convenors Group consisting of Comrades Satish Loomba, Mahesh Dessai and myself. It is however painful to note that when the working class of India was being attacked more ferociously by the capitalist class and the Government, the Convenors Group was neither allowed to function nor another meeting of all the constituents concerned could be convened to consider implementation of the decisions of May 1971 Conference.

It is indeed unfortunate that unanimous decisions of the Conference by and large remained unimplemented. Yet, the leadership of AITUC and HMS unilaterally took steps to join hands with the INTUC, which was not a constituent of the Conference, and formed a National Council of Trade Unions with the blessings of the Union Labour Minister. The formation of this Council only created a labour support for the anti-worker policies and measures of Government of India and disrupted united movement of the Indian working class.

It is therefore necessary that Organisations which participated in the May 1971 Conference should once again come together and discuss ways and means of forging an all India united front of the trade union movement to defend the working class interests.

I therefore propose that a preliminary consultative meeting of the constituents of the Conference of trade union representatives of Central Organisations and National Federations should be held in sometime between 6th to 10th of September either in Bombay or New Delhi to consider the situation arising out of these developments and decide suitable steps to implement the decisions of the May 1971 Conference.

You are requested to send immediate reply to this letter so that the exact date and venue of the consultative meeting can be fixed in consultation with all concerned.

With Greetings,

Yours fraternally,

P. Ramamurti

(P. Ramamurti)
General Secretary.