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PRESS STATEMENT

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CITU TO RESIST

MORATORIUM ON STRIKE.

Com. Jyoti Basu, Vice-President CITU has issued the following statement to the Press :

"The CITU expresses its grave concern at the reiteration of the often repeated call for moratorium on strike by President V. V. Giri in his Independence eve message to the nation. The Central Trade Unions cannot but condemn the import of this Presidential message.

The plea of the present economic difficulties can no more hoodwink the workers and people of India since all these difficulties have been the direct result of the anti-people policies pursued by the Government.

Instead of changing the policies to suit the interests of the people and making strikes unnecessary, the Government chooses to doggedly pursue the same discredited policy and hit the people hard who dare to fight these policies.

With spiriling prices of essential commodities, rising unemployment, decline in real wages, closures, retrenchment and suppression of T.U. and democratic rights, the workers have no other alternative but to resist these policies, with various forms of actions including the strike.

Th CITU calls upon the working class to unitedly fight the attacks on their living standards and assert the fundamental right to strike under all circumstances.

The CITU appeals to all the Central trade union organisations to come together and raise their powerful voice in support of the right to strike and defeat the conspiracy to curtail their fundamental rights."

The News Editor

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