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Com. B. T. Ranadive, President, Centre of Indian Trade Unions, has issued the following statement to the press:-
CITU DEMANDS TAKEOVER OF SHALIMAR WORKS

The CITU representatives have condemned the new ordinance of the Government which provides for the depositing of additional D.A. and wage and bonus for a period of one to two years. This is an attempt to defuse the price attack which has been going on since the 19th May last rendering 1200 workers jobless.

The CITU representatives who met Shri Kamalapati Tripathi, Union Minister of Transport and Shipping today at Raj Bhawan, demanded immediate take-over of Shalimar Works Ltd. which has been illegally locked out since 19th May last rendering 1200 workers jobless.

The representatives pointed out that the Works was capable of building ships and produce defence as well as heavy engineering products and it should not be allowed to be remained in the hands of a foreign national.

The CITU representatives further demanded early constitution of Bipartite Wage Negotiation Committee with CITU nominee on it. They pointed out that the Government was considering the formation of the Committee by excluding the CITU nominee.

The CITU further demanded abolition of stevedoring system in ports in India since it was full of abuses and responsible for non-implementation of all labour laws. The CITU noted that the system was just contract labour in disguise.

The CITU was represented by Comrade Md. Ismail M.P. Vice-President CITU, Dr. M. K. Pandhe, Secretary CITU, Com. Nilmony Ghosh, Com. Byomkesh Chatterjee, Joint Secretaries and Com. S. Ghoshal, Vice-President, Dock Sramik Association, Calcutta.

The effective measure against inflation and rising prices is to stop deficit financing, commandeer the foodgrains and other essential commodities, take steps against the profiteering monopolies, ensure distribution of necessities to the people, and the abolition of the system of contract labour.

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The new ordinance constitutes the biggest challenge to the organised movement of the workers and employees. There is no guarantee of protecting the hard-earned wage or the living standards of the primary man unless the ordinance is defeated. The CITU calls upon all central, state and district trade union organisations, organisations of employees to come together to plan common action and fight against this attack. There is no doubt that the combined strength of these sections will succeed in compelling the Government to withdraw this hateful measure.

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