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PRESS STATEMENT

CITU CRITICISES PORT AND DOCK AGREEMENT

Com. B. T. Ranadive President CITU has issued the following statement to the press :

The Port and Dock agreement signed at Delhi Yesterday was a total surrender by the representatives of the recognised Federations who agreed to withdraw the strike virtually on the terms offered by the Government prior to the strike.

When a complete strike was on the acceptance of the unfavourable terms has immensely harmed the port and dock workers movement all over the country. The leadership did not even bother to consult the workers before their surrender. This attitude will only embolden the official wage fixation machinery to depress the new wage standard for the port and dock workers. Moreover these leaders have given up the demand of workers' nominees on the wage fixation machinery.

The CITU appeals to the port and dock workers to understand the seriousness of this surrender which has kept all the issues of port and Dock workers unsettled. It calls upon the workers to prepare for another round of struggle so that the Government is made to accept the longstanding demands of the workers at an early date.

for Secretary

The News Editor

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