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PRESS STATEMENT:

ON U.S. BLOCKADE OF NORTH VIETNAM

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

"President Nixon's decision to blockade North Vietnam and resume intensified mass bombings on its territory constitutes a naked act of unscrupulous aggression and the CITU denounces it as one more proof of imperialist crimes in Vietnam. The CITU urges all Central Trade Union Organisations to come together and hold joint and united demonstrations of India's workers to condemn this new barbarous offensive against an Asian nation. The CITU calls upon all its unions to approach the constituents of the various Central Organisations and make the protest a success.

"The CITU urges upon the Government of India to sever immediately all relations with the puppet Government of South Vietnam and recognise the Provisional Revolutionary Government constituted by the National Liberation Front.

The CITU hopes that in face of this arrogant imperialist challenge, the two great Socialist countries will come together to rebuff American intervention and halt its offensive in Vietnam.

MIC. RANDIVE
Secretary.

The News Editor,

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