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CITU OFFICE BEARERS MEETING

A meeting of the office-bearers of the CITU and members of the Working Committee available in Calcutta held on 11th April fully supported the heroic struggle of the people of Bangla Desh for national independence and called upon all the trade union centres in India to build a powerful solidarity movement throughout the country to extend moral and material support to the glorious resistance of the people of Bangla Desh against brutalities by the Pakistani Army.

The meeting severely criticised the dilatory tactics adopted by Smt. Indira Gandhi Government on the question of granting recognition to the Bangla Desh Government. This attitude of the Government, the meeting noted, was only harming the cause of the people of Bangla Desh and helping the West Pakistani oppressors. The meeting therefore appealed all sections of the working class in India to rally round the people of Bangla Desh.

Com. B.T. Renadive, President CITU presided over the meeting.

The meeting paid homage to the martyrs murdered by the Right Communists, Naxalites, and anti-social elements in connivance with police officials in West Bengal and called upon the working class to resist these murderous attacks on the T.U. movement.

The meeting protested against the imposition of Shri Ajoy Mukherjee's Ministry on the people of West Bengal. It denounced the refusal of the Ministry to convene a meeting of the Assembly as subversion of all democratic principles. The CITU demanded immediate convening of the Assembly session and speedy withdrawal of the CRP and the military from West Bengal.

The office-bearers decided to hold the General Council meeting of the CITU from 27th to 30th May next at Coimbatore. It was also decided to hold the Working Committee meeting on 25th and 26th May.

The meeting further decided to observe 30th May as the CITU Foundation Day and popularise the programme and policies of the CITU among the workers all over the country.

The meeting extended its full support to the statewide strike from 12th April of Andhra Pradesh State Govt. employees, municipal workers, teachers and highways employees in support of the demands for interim relief, removal of anomalies in wage scales and implementation of the past assurances. The CITU demanded immediate settlement of the demands of these workers and calls upon the working class in Andhra to rally behind them.

The meeting condemned the lock-out in Tripura Plantations and demanded immediate lifting of it. It condemned the brutal murder of two students of Jamshedpur by the armed police of Shri Karpuri Thakur Govt. who forcibly entered the educational institutions and congratulated Sangharsh Samity of workers in Jamshedpur for mobilising the people against police brutalities. It also supported the demands of HEC workers in Ranchi and condemned Bihar Govt. for its anti-working class policies of resorting to repressive methods during industrial disputes.

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