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C I T U CONDEMNS LOCK-OUT IN I A C AND SUSPENSION OF UNION LEADERS.

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

"The Centre of Indian Trade Unions strongly condemns the arbitrary declaration of lockout and suspension of 5 leaders of the Air Corporation Employees' Union for leading the work-to-rule agitation to press longstanding demands of the employees of Indian Airlines relating to wage revision and other matters. Victimization measures against union leaders of Indian Aircraft Technicians' Association are also being planned by the authorities ^{while} the administration has further threatened iron-hand measures against the struggling employees.

"The management of Indian Airlines Corporation is solely responsible for the cancellation of services since it refused to arrive at a reasonable settlement with the union which was left with no other alternative but to launch the agitation in support of the demands.

"The CITU congratulates the Indian Airlines employees for remaining firm and united despite the promulgation of Essential Services Maintenance Order to suppress their just struggle.

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