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PRESS STATEMENT

CITU CONDEMNS SHIVA SENA ROWDISM

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

"The CITU condemns the Shiva Sena gangsterism in Bombay against the scheduled caste workers and their militant wing, the Dalit Panthers. The gangsterism is equally directed against the workers and employees from other States - Kerala, Karnataka, Tamilnadu, etc. Protests against this gangsterism are put down with a firm hand by the Bombay police.

The trade union movement has repeatedly protested against this partiality of the police and the Maharashtra Government for Shiva Sena which has recently become blatant after the Congress-Shiva Sena alliance in the last bye-election. The press in Bombay has exposed the inactivity of the police when the Shiva Sena is on rampage looting shops, and restaurants owned by people from other States, killing hawkers or robbing citizens. It has also exposed the police ferocity when citizens fight this gangster terror.

The CITU congratulates the city's trade unions - the CITU, AITUC, HMP, UTUC, Lal Nishan, on their united efforts to meet this combined challenge of gangsterism and police and defend the safety of the minorities and the scheduled castes. It calls on trade unions in the Country to protest against these despicable methods pursued by the Maharashtra Congress Government which are intended to disrupt the unity of the working class and the country.

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