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Press Statement.

CITU CONGRATULATES PORT AND DOCK WORKERS.

Com. B. T. Ranadive President CITU has issued the following Statement to the Press.

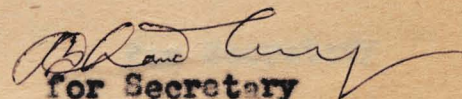
"The Centre of Indian Trade Unions congratulates two lakh Port and Dock workers all over the country for their united strike from to-day demanding setting up of a bipartite wage negotiations machinery to fix up need based minimum wages, Rs. 100 as interim relief with effect from 1st January 1974 and other long standing demands.

The Central Government instead of accepting the just demands of the workers is resorting to dilatory tactics which is clear from the so called independent wage Committee formed without the representatives of trade unions. The CITU has always been demanding inclusion on the Committee representatives of all Central trade unions including the CITU, which are having unions in this industry .

The dislocation of Port and Docks as a result of the strike is entirely due to the refusal of the Government to consider the just demands of the workers sympathetically.

The CITU appeals to all Central trade unions and federations of port and Dock workers to sit to-gether and conduct the strike jointly so that the Government is forced to accept the demands at an early date.

The CITU calls upon the working class to express their firm solidarity with the striking Port and Dock workers".


For Secretary

The News Editor

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