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PRESS STATEMENT:

ON ATTACKS BY ANTI-SOCIAL ELEMENTS
IN DURGAPUR.

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

The Hindusthan Steel Employees Union, Durgapur has informed the CITU Centre that on 26th January morning anti-social elements backed by the Congress kidnapped a school boy Chandan Dey at the point of revolver from the school gate in 'B' Zone area of the township. When the friends of Chandan went in search of him they found him in the police lock-up.

It is also reported that Congress supported goondas further ransacked houses at Mahiskapoor and Marconi Road and assaulted, abused the inmates of these houses. Instead of taking action against these anti-social elements the police arrested some persons who were victims of these attacks. When the women went to the police thana in protest against the behaviour of the authorities the police official in the thana abused and assaulted the womenfolk.

I strongly protest against the continued attacks on the working class and the people in West Bengal despite repeated protests by the trade union and democratic movement in the State. I demand that immediate action should be taken against the culprits and the local authorities responsible for these attacks.

The CITU calls upon the working class to strengthen their unity in their struggle against these neo-fascist attacks on their rights.

M. K. Pandey
Secretary.

The News Editor,

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