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CITU CONDEMNS KOTA POLICE FIRING

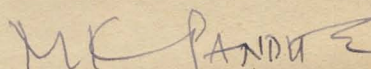
Com. Monoranjan Roy M.P. and Com. M.K. Pandhe, Secretaries of the CITU, have issued the following statement to the press:

"The Centre of Indian Trade Unions strongly condemns the wanton firing by Rajasthan police on workers of J.K. Synthetics Ltd. Kota, on February 24 while they were demonstrating in support of their demands for bonus, promotion and protesting against the non-implementation of agreement signed earlier by the management with the union.

"Though the official figure of casualty is given as seven according to the Rajasthan State Committee of CITU 13 workers lost their precious lives in the reckless firing and several others were injured. To justify their murderous action, the police have cooked up usual stories of workers attacking the police with arms including guns. The fictitious stories of arson and loot have also been circulated to cover up the police brutalities.

"The Sukhadia Government, instead of taking action against the J.K. Management for resorting to dilatory tactics to avoid a settlement of long-standing demands of workers, pounced upon the workers to safeguard the interests of the Singhanias. This has once again torn asunder the facade of socialist pretensions of the Rajasthan Government.

"The CITU congratulates the workers of J.K. Synthetics who organised a complete strike on February 24 under the leadership of J.K. Synthetics Mazdur Union (CITU), Kota, and demands immediate holding of judicial enquiry into the police firing, punishment of the officials responsible for it and acceptance of all demands of the workers. The CITU calls upon its affiliated unions and appeals to unions belonging to other centres to rise in protest against these heinous murders and express solidarity with the fighting Kota workers.

release of all the arrested workers

(M. K. Pandhe)
Secretary

The Editor,

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