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CENTRE OF INDIAN TRADE UNIONS

Maharashtra State Committee

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Worli, Bombay - 13

PRESS STATEMENT

Date 28th May 1973.

To
The Editor

Dear Friend,

I shall be thankful if you will publish the following statement in your popular paper.

Yours Sincerely,

Sd/- P.K. Kurane

CITU Maharashtra State Committee

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

"The CITU strongly condemns the repressive policy adopted by the Central Government towards the agitation of Railway Loco Staff workers. The invocation of the Defence of India Act to ban the legitimate and just movement of the Loco Workers Constitutes an uncrupulous use of the Act condemned by all democratic parties. The CITU Protests against the irresponsible and threatening statement of the Railway ~~with~~ Minister was is in the main responsible for the present agitation. The Loco Workers have been working under unberable conditions for years - conditions which obtain in no civilised country. The official policy of dealing with Unions not acceptable to the administration has led to this state and the Railway Board must fully be held fully responsible for the state of affairs. It officials refused to deal with an organisation which has got the following of mass of Loco Workers. The CITU demands and of the reprassion and immediate settlement wih the mas of Loco Staff Workers.

The ~~CITU~~ CITU calls upon all Central Trade Union organisations and all Unions to rally for the defence of the fighting workers.

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