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The Centre of Indian Trade Unions has received several reports from its affiliates regarding brutalities of CRP and arrests of hundreds of leading trade union workers. The repression continues unabated after withdrawal of strike and use of anti-social elements by the managements to terrorise the workers continues unchecked aided by local officials. I am enclosing herewith copies of two telegrams received by the CITU which have already been sent to the West Bengal Government by the unions.

The Hein Lehman Workers' Union, Durgapur informs us that Mr. G. Semidt, Technical Director of Hein Lehman India Limited, personally led an attack on **workers** on 24th August along with some anti-social elements resulting in injuries to several workers. When the workers complained to the local police they refused to take down the complaints and went to the extent of arresting the workers who were victims of gangster attacks.

The Graphite Mazdoor Union, Durgapur, has reported to us that notorious goondas like Fazlul Haque and Subrata Mitra armed with revolver and dagger threatened to murder the leading officials of the union. It appears from the annexure that these two criminals are wanted by the police with criminal case No.88 dated 27th July 1970 under Sect. 147, 148, 326, and 379 of Indian Penal Code, and Sections 25 and 26 of Arms Act. They are reported to be moving freely in the presence of the police and are not arrested by them. Despite a complaint launched by the union the police refused to move in the matter which clearly show that the police are in league with these anti-social elements. The combine of the managements, police officials and anti-social elements is creating a lawlessness in the entire township of Durgapur.

You will appreciate that workers' patience has also certain limits. If Government does not move immediately to stop such attacks the patience of the workers is likely to be stretched too far and reach a breaking point. I would therefore request you to intervene in the matter without any delay so that the attacks of the CRP and anti-social elements on the Trade Union rights are stopped forthwith.

Yours sincerely,

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