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PRESS STATEMENT

CITU CONDEMNS ARREST
OF COM. FERNANDES.

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

"The Centre of Indian Trade Unions strongly condemns the arrest of Com. George Fernandes, President, All India Railwaymen's Federation and Convener, National Co-ordination Committee for Railwaymen's struggle.

The arrest has proved that the Government and the Railway Board were not serious about negotiations with the railwaymen but were using the cover of negotiations to divert the attention of the workers and make preparations for suppression of the strike.

The CITU appeals to all the railwaymen to maintain their unity and carry forward their struggle for legitimate demands.

The CITU appeals to all the Trade Union movement to condemn this repression and rally behind the 17 lakh railwaymen in their hour of trial".

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