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CITU CONDEMNS FIRING ON BHARATPUR WORKERS

The meeting of the CITU Secretariat held in Calcutta on 14th August 1974 strongly condemned the police firing on 11th August on the wagon factory workers of Bharatpur (Rajasthan) who were opposing the wage cut imposed by the Black Ordinance on wage freeze.

Though the Rajasthan Government claimed that only 2 workers were killed in police firing according to the CITU State Committee 10 workers have lost their lives. The CITU demanded immediate appointment of judicial enquiry into the firing and punishment to guilty officers responsible for the murderous firing.

Com. Jyoti Basu Vice-President, CITU, presided over the meeting.

The Secretariat further condemned the action of the Central Government banning strike of engineers in Neyveli Thermal Power Station and arresting several engineers under DIR who were on work-to-rule agitation demanding higher emoluments. The CITU demanded release of all arrested persons and immediate acceptance of the demands of the power engineers.

The Secretariat congratulated 3 lakh State Government employees of Bihar who went on strike from 12th August in support of their longstanding demands. The Government of Bihar instead of accepting the demands of the workers threatened them with disciplinary actions and loss of pay. The CITU demanded that the Government of Bihar should immediately withdraw all the punitive measures and settle the demands by direct negotiations with the representatives of the State Govt. employees.

The Secretariat called upon all the CITU unions to observe 11th September as "Solidarity with the people of Chile Day" the first anniversary of the overthrow of the Govt. led by Dr. Allende by the fascist military junta and condemn the mass killing and brutalities perpetrated against the T.U. and the democratic movement in Chile.

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