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PRESS STATEMENT:

On U.S. Bombing of North Vietnam.

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

The CITU denounces the aggressive and barbarous American bombing on the people of North Vietnam. This unprovoked attack exposes the criminal designs of U.S. President Nixon who under the guise of peace talks and Vietnamisation of war has been conspiring to launch fresh attacks against the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. The CITU further denounces the use of near-nuclear bombs surpassing in their devastation any weapon used before.

The CITU calls upon India's workers to express their solidarity with the fighting people of Vietnam and protest against this aggression of American imperialism which only a couple of weeks back threatened India with its Seventh Fleet and has been helping Yahya Khan to kill Indian soldiers and butcher the people of Bangladesh.

The CITU calls upon the Government of India to protest vigorously against these attacks on the friendly people of Vietnam, demand withdrawal of the U.S. forces from the soil of Vietnam and grant recognition to the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam. It also earnestly appeals to the Governments of People's China and the U.S.S.R. to cancel Nixon's visits to their respective countries. Talks for detente and peace with Nixon lose all meaning in face of this near-nuclear attack against a socialist country. The CITU is firmly convinced that Nixon would not have dared to indulge in these barbarities if the two Socialist States had stood shoulder to shoulder to cry a halt to his aggression.

MK. PANDIT
Secretary

To
The News Editor,

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