

571

Power House Road,
JAIPUR.

Western Railway Employees Union

No. EU/11/74.

Power House Road,
JAIPUR.

Dated: February 20, 1974.

2472

12/2/74

Dear Comrades,

In order to build unity of Railwaymen and develop co-ordination between the different Unions and Associations of Railwaymen functioning on Jaipur Division, it is proposed to make a beginning; a meeting of all Divisional Secretaries, Divisional Presidents/Chairmen and other important functionaries is proposed to be held in the Divisional Office of Western Railway Employees Union at Jaipur on February 25, 1974 at 17/30 hours.

You are, therefore, requested to kindly attend the aforesaid meeting along with one or two comrades of your Union/Association.

In connection with the unity efforts so far made by the All India Railwaymen's Federation, the note of discussions held in the meeting of the representatives of various category-wise organisations on the Railways convened by A.I.R.F. in their office at New-Delhi on December 26 & 27, 1973 and January 24 & 25, 1974 is appended below for the information of all concerned which is self-explanatory.

I am sure, all of us will rise to the occasion and join together to build unity for common and sustained struggle for prosperity and economic well being of the Railwaymen.

Fraternally yours,

(K. C. Jain)
DIVISIONAL SECRETARY.

To,
Shri _____

DECLARATION ADOPTED AT THE MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF RAILWAYMEN'S UNIONS AND CATEGORICAL ASSOCIATIONS HELD AT NEW DELHI ON JANUARY 24 & 25, 1974.

file
in
the
file

Representatives of Railwaymen's Unions and associations (list appended) participated in a two day meeting convened by the All India Railwaymen's Federation. Mr. George Fernandes, President of the AIRF Presided over the meeting.

The meeting while reiterating the Declaration adopted at the earlier meeting of Railwaymen's Unions held on December, 26 and 27, noted with deep concern the failure of the Railway Administration to concede the vital demands of the railwaymen relating to job evaluation, reclassification and regradation; immediate parity in wages with public sector undertakings; Dearness Allowance linked to the cost of living index; Bonus; Decasualisation of casual workmen; and supply of adequate foodgrains at subsidised rate. The only conclusion to be drawn from the attitude of the Railway Administration to these legitimate demands of the railwaymen is that the Administration is desirous of a confrontation with the railwaymen for reasons best known to itself.

The Railwaymen do not have words strong enough to express their anger and resentment at the public statement recently made in Calcutta by the Railway Minister, Mr. Lalit Narain Mishra, that railwaymen could not be paid Bonus because they numbered 27 lakhs. Though this is the most absurd argument that must have ever been expressed by any employer

to deny a 10% bonus to the workers. The Railwaymen would urge the Railway Minister to give a breakdown of the figures of employment in the Railways cited by him. According to the Railway Establishment Schedule, the total number of temporary and permanent railwaymen is a little under 15,00,000 and the casual workmen number about 5,00,000, making a total of about 20,00,000 railwaymen. If transport workers in various sectors including the State Transport systems are paid bonus, there is no earthly reason why railwaymen should be denied this minimum benefit.

The meeting called upon railwaymen belonging to all organisations to take immediate steps to ready themselves for action to achieve their minimum demands. As an important prelude to the now inevitable struggle the meeting decided that the AIRF convene a broad based convention of representatives of all railwaymen's Union and Associations, irrespective of their status or affiliation in New Delhi to forge the unity for action and to serve a united ultimatum on the Railway for an indefinite strike in joint form. The participating organisations suggested that the convention be held on February 27.

The meeting welcomed the decisions of the AIRF to convene a Convention of all Central Government Employees Organisations and Central Organisations of Labour in pursuance of the decisions of its Secundo-rabad Conference.

There is no denying that only through a massive struggle and the willingness to make every kind of sacrifice will the railwaymen be able to win their just demands. The Government and the Railway Administration will resort to every aggressive tactic to prevent the Railwaymen from achieving their demands. They can also be tempted to create dissensions among the ranks of the railwaymen and to try their best to keep the workers divided. Railwaymen must guard against all the negative and disruptive moves of the Government and in the coming days do all that is within their power to create a new sense of unity of purpose and action. The meeting gives a clarion call to all railwaymen to be prepared to make the greatest of sacrifices in the fight for their rights.

LIST OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RAILWAYMEN'S UNIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING HELD ON 24th AND 25th JANUARY, 1974.

<u>Name of the representative.</u>	<u>Organisation.</u>
1/ Shri B. D. Dhar	Jt. Secretary General, All India Iron Dining Staff Association
2/ Shri H. S. Choudhary	General Secretary, All India Iron Dining Staff Association, Eastern Railway
3/ Shri B. Prasad	General Secretary, All India Iron Dining Staff Association
4/ Shri Dhar	Iron Dining Staff
5/ Shri B. D. Prasad	Railwaymen's Labour Union, Eastern Railway
6/ Shri J. P. Khawari	Divisional Secretary, All India Guards Council, Lucknow
7/ Shri M. R. Sanyal	Divisional Secretary, All India Guards Council, Allahabad
8/ Shri S. S. Anand	Office Secretary, All India Guards Council
9/ Shri S. M. Ghoshal	General Secretary, All India Guards Council
10/ Shri Asrar Singh Anand	Executive President, All India Guards Council

11/	Shri S. S. Verma.	Asstt. General Secretary, All India Station Masters Association.
12/	Shri S. K. Saxena.	Divisional Secretary, All India Station Master's Association, Moradabad.
13/	Shri H. L. Kapoor.	General Secretary, All India Trains Examiners Association (North Zone)
14/	Shri I. P. Ranjan.	Office Secretary, All India Trains Examiners Association (North Zone)
15/	Shri Ruran Singh.	C & W Mechanical Staff Association.
16/	Shri Mohinder Kumar.	Org. Secretary, All India C & W Mechanical Staff Association.
17/	Shri Pran Permand.	President, All India C & W Mechanical Staff Association.
18/	Shri R. A. Mittal.	All India Trains Examiners Association.
19/	Shri B. L. Saxena.	Vice Chairman, All India Railway Telegraph Staff Council.
20/	Shri I. H. Kher.	General Secretary, All India Railway Telegraph Staff Council.
21/	Shri H. S. Datta.	Exec. Secretary, All India Railway Technical Supervisors Association.
22/	Shri S. P. Sharan.	Treasurer - do-
23/	Shri J. P. Banerjee.	Member, CEC - do-
24/	Shri S. N. Paul.	Working President, -do-
25/	Shri P. C. Choudhary.	Jt. General Secretary, -do-
26/	Shri L. S. Rao.	Member - do-
27/	Shri A. C. Sarkar.	President (Eastern Ry) -do-
28/	Shri Harchandm Singh.	Jt. General Secretary -do-
29/	Shri J. C. Sindhi.	General Secretary -do-
30/	Shri J. L. Luthra.	Working Chairman, Steering Committee Paroda House.
31/	Shri E. F. Gupta.	Northern Railway Civil Engineering Works Staff Association.
32/	Shri Mohammed Hussain.	Executive President, All India Trains Clerks Association.
33/	Shri H. H. Pandey	Working President, Northern Railway Civil Engineering Way & Works Staff Association.
34/	Shri Jagdish Prasad.	Organising Secretary, Eastern Railway Permanent Way Staff Association.
35/	Shri J. N. Roy.	Sr. Vice President, Indian Railway Inspectors Staff Association.
36/	Shri B. B. Srivastava.	Jt. General Secretary, All India Clerks/Commercial Inspectors Staff Council.
37/	Shri R. K. Malik.	Asstt. Secretary, A.S.S.C. - do-
38/	Shri A. L. Srivastava.	Chairi Sangha -do-
39/	Shri M. M. Verma.	All India Commercial and Claims Inspectors Staff Council.
40/	Shri Inderjit Singh.	Divisional Secretary, Northern Railway Supervisors Committee.
41/	Shri M. L. Bazaz.	Vice President -do-
42/	Shri Bishan Prasad.	President Northern Railway Supervisors Committee.

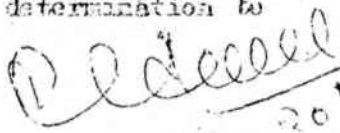
- ...00...
- | | | |
|-----|---------------------------|--|
| 43/ | Shri H. H. Bahgal. | Member, Electrical Supervisors Committee. |
| 44/ | Shri R.S.M. Dumeey. | Sr. Cashier, All India Railway Cashiers Association. |
| 45/ | Shri K. D. Sareen. | All India Railway's Cashiers Association. |
| 46/ | Shri S. D. Dogra. | Divisional Secretary, P.I. Qtr. M.L.M.J. |
| 47/ | Shri Himat De. | General Secretary, R.C.M.U. |
| 48/ | Shri B.S. Sen. | Jt. General Secretary, R.F.M.U. |
| 49/ | Shri Surjit Roy. | Asstt. General Secretary, R.F.M.U. |
| 50/ | Shri U.M. Purohit. | Asstt. General Secretary, A.I.R.F. |
| 51/ | Shri A.V.K. Chitanya. | --do-- |
| 52/ | Shri B. P. Roy Choudhary. | --do-- |
| 53/ | Shri V. R. Malgi. | General Secretary, National Railway Mazdoor Union. |
| 54/ | Shri R. K. Verma. | Org. Secretary, All India Railway Cashiers Association. |
| 55/ | Shri B. K. Ghoshal | All India Railway Shrofit Association. |
| 56/ | Shri C. P. Sharma. | Org. Secretary, I.R.S.A. |
| 57/ | Shri Shanin Ahmed. | Secretary, Claims Organisation. |
| 58/ | Shri T. Shivaraman. | Working President, Southern Railway Mazdoor Union. |
| 59/ | Shri L. S. Rao. | Member, All India Railway Technical Supervisors Association. |

...00...

The General Council of the AIRF in its meeting on 6th and 7th February, 1974 at Nagpur has decided that a National Convention of all the Unions and Associations of Railwaymen irrespective of their status and their affiliation should be convened by the AIRF to meet in Delhi on the 27th February, 1974.

The All India Railwaymen's Federation has sent invitations to all Unions and Categorywise Associations to attend the National Convention of Railwaymen on 27th February, 1974 at Delhi. The AIRF has also extended invitation to all the General Labour Organisations namely INTUC, AITUC, IMA, UTUC, AICTU, IMA, IMA, AITUC and Confederations of Railwaymen's Associations and IMA to participate in the convention.

All the Railwaymen are therefore requested to attend the said convention in large number in order to show our determination to achieve our demands.


 (K. S. Jain)
 DIVISIONAL SECRETARY

RAILWAYMEN'S UNITY -- ZINDARAD.
 UNITED STRUGGLE -- CALL OF THE DAY.