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OPEN LETTER

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SG - 7/60

Dear Brothers,

Dear Friends,

The unanimous desire of the workers and trade unions to end the arms race is quite evident. Strengthened by their hopes, by their countless and varied struggles for peace, the workers are anxious that the possibility of bringing about universal disarmament should be neither wasted, nor postponed and still less, sabotaged.

The workers and the trade unions are now devoting a great deal of attention to the way in which the practical Soviet proposals for disarmament are being dealt with. This subject provides solid ground for fraternal agreement and unity of action among the workers of the world.

In view of this new situation and its exceptional nature, on November 30, 1959, only a few days before the opening of the I.C.F.T.U. Congress in Brussels, the W.F.T.U. sent a proposal, which was guided by the desire for an international 'rapprochement' and peace among the peoples, to the leadership of this organisation.

In its letter of November 30 to the I.C.F.T.U. Congress, the W.F.T.U. suggested that a delegation of the W.F.T.U. and a delegation of the I.C.F.T.U. should meet early in 1960 in order to study the possibility of drawing up a common economic and social programme geared to the Plan for Universal and Controlled Disarmament submitted to the United Nations.

In addition, the W.F.T.U. suggested that such a programme for common action should be based on the documents adopted by the I.C.F.T.U. Congress and the 20th session of the W.F.T.U. Executive Committee.

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The W.F.T.U. noted that this letter was not brought to the notice of the participants in the Congress. The W.F.T.U. also notes that the Executive Committee of the I.C.F.T.U. did not reply to a proposal which, without exception, clearly concerns all trade unions.

The W.F.T.U. cannot overlook the desire for peace and unity felt by the workers who are members of unions belonging to the I.C.F.T.U.

Indeed, the W.F.T.U. does not overlook the desire for peace of any worker in the world.

Its recent Congress proves that on the question of disarmament, the I.C.F.T.U. intends to rely exclusively on steps taken by governments. It is ignoring the decisive role of the trade unions and workers in guaranteeing genuine disarmament.

The W.F.T.U. cannot let pass the opportunities to bring together the trade unions of all countries on a common objective - peace. The W.F.T.U. cannot allow anyone to weaken the role of the trade unions and workers of every affiliation in settling the economic and social, but also political problems arising from the application of a genuine disarmament policy.

The W.F.T.U., therefore, suggests that in 1960 the trade unions of all countries should come together and express their points of view. It suggests the organisation of bilateral or multilateral international trade union meetings to define common views on disarmament and peace. It suggests that the trade unions and workers prepare petitions to be sent to the Conference on Disarmament planned by the United Nations to meet on March 15. The W.F.T.U., further, proposes the organisation of various types of demonstrations to suit conditions in each country, in order to convey the workers' and trade unions' desire for peace and understanding among the peoples, and to make sure that this desire, once it becomes a strong determination, is conveyed to the Summit Conference of the Four Big Powers when it meets on May 16.

In order to assist such new contacts and new types of relations between all the trade unions, the 20th session of the Executive Committee outlined a minimum plan of action which is likely to stimulate unanimous views and action among the trade unions of all countries and trades.

The W.F.T.U. wishes to reiterate the fundamental points of this plan for unity and action as outlined by the 20th session of its Executive Committee (December 14 to 17, 1959) which are as follows:-

- demand an immediate reduction of military expenditure; less taxation and a lowering of the cost of living;
- indicate the great savings that could be made on arms expenditure, by proposing production programmes for national capital goods and a rise in the consumption of essential goods;

- indicate, with a view to a more equitable distribution of the national wealth, the savings that could be made on the subsidies accorded to the monopolies;
- make a vigorous demand for higher wages, old-age and other pensions, family allowances, for security of employment and aid to the unemployed;
- propose the introduction or improvement of social security schemes;
- demand wider and improved vocational training and technical education;
- draw up a programme for the reconversion for peaceful purposes of those national economies heavily devoted to military purposes and providing for the construction of housing, schools and hospitals;
- demand the right to be consulted and associated in the supervision, drawing up and carrying out of reconversion programmes;
- show how reductions in military expenditure would make it possible to give economically under-developed countries long-term loans at moderate interest rates.

The trade unions in each country will, no doubt, be inspired by these recommendations.

In view of the fact that nothing can stop the trend towards a general relaxation in tension between the peoples, workers and trade unions of all countries, and since everything must be done to render powerless the negative efforts which certain leaders of the I.C.F.T.U. are making to maintain the spirit of the cold war in the world trade union movement, the W.F.T.U. calls on the trade unions in all countries to do their utmost in 1960 so as to:-

1. improve and expand international trade union relations without discrimination in a spirit of the widest possible friendship and brotherhood;
2. take systematic and serious action for peace and disarmament;
3. bring about a meeting between the international trade union organisations and, in the first place, between the W.F.T.U. and the I.C.F.T.U.

That is the wish of the W.F.T.U. after having taken note of the profound desire for peace felt by the trade unions throughout the world.

With fraternal and trade union greetings,

For the World Federation of Trade Unions

Louis SAILLANT,
General Secretary.

8 JAN 1960



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SG/RS/No: ... 75

Mr. S.A. Dange,
General Secretary,
All-India Trade Union Congress,
4, Ashoka Road,
NEW DELHI,
India.

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Dear Brother Dange,

I was extremely interested to read the detailed information contained in your letter of December 16, 1959. I would like to thank you very much for your New Year's greetings and would like to take this opportunity to send you my most sincere good wishes.

In view of the importance of our plan of work to encourage present international developments, especially in Asia, the Secretariat would be very pleased to have a longer chat with you, as soon as possible.

We would, therefore, suggest you come to see us in Prague either at the end of January or early in February, to suit your convenience.

With fraternal greetings,

L. Saillant
Louis SAILLANT
General Secretary.

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HAVING RECEIVED SEVERAL PROPOSALS TO CHANGE DATE OF GENERAL COUNCIL, WISHING TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT PLANNED INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AND AFTER CONSULTING CHINESE TRADE UNIONS, WFTU SECRETARIAT PROPOSES MAY 30, 1960, OPENING DATE GENERAL COUNCIL STOP PLEASE SEND REMARKS SUGGESTIONS WITHIN TEN DAYS = LOUIS SAILLANT GENERAL SECRETARY W*F*T*U*

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INITIALS

February 23, 1960

Dear Com. Dange,

Cable has been received confirming the date:

"SECRETARIAT AGREES WITH MARCH 10TH FOR
COMMON MEETING.—LOUIS SAILLANT"

We are informed by the AIR-INDIA that
the booking on 9th March has been confirmed.

Please send us your passport so that
necessary visa may be obtained.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

^{UTND}
(K.G. Sriwastava)

P.S.

note on III re five year plan
Larson policy has to be sent. 01. Feb

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CARE FESYMOND

PRAGUE (Czechoslovakia)

REACHING TENTH MARCH THURSDAY STOP CONFIRM DATE

SUITS YOU

DANGE



18 MAR 1960



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Prague, 11th March 1960

Brother S.A. Dange,
General Secretary,
All-India Trade Union Congress,
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NEW DELHI,
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AES/MB/No. 423.....

Dear Brother Dange,

You will already have received the invitation to the World Trade Union Conference for the Expansion of Economic and Trade Relations Between All Countries, which we sent to AITUC and to all other affiliated National Centres.

In considering the invitations for the Conference to be sent to non-affiliated organisations, it was decided to invite delegates from Pakistan, Malaya (or Singapore), and Thailand, provided that representative delegates can be obtained. We should be very pleased to have your advice on this question and your recommendations relating to which organisations in these countries, and to whom, we should send invitations. We should like to discuss this question with you when you come.

With best wishes,

Yours fraternally,

Elena Teodorescu
Secretary of the W.F.T.U.

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SAILLANT

CARE FESYMOND

PRAGUE (Czechoslovakia)

AGREE TO ANY DATE IN MAY SUITABLE TO YOU SO THAT WE
CAN LEAVE TOGETHER FOR PEKING AS YOU SUGGESTED

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30 MAR 1960



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SG - LS/MB - N° 856

Prague, 22nd March, 1960.

Brother S.A. Dange,
General Secretary,
All-India Trade Union Congress,
4, Ashoka Road,
NEW DELHI,
India.

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Dear Brother Dange,

We acknowledge your telegram of March 15, 1960, concerning the date of our next meeting.

Unfortunately, we are afraid it will be very difficult to arrange it in April as you have suggested, as the Secretariat's programme is more than full during this month, and I personally will have to be away from Prague during this period.

If you have no objections, we might agree on the month of May on whichever date may suit you and we might leave Prague for Peking together.

Awaiting your reply, I am sending you my most friendly regards,

Louis Saillant
Louis SAILLANT
General Secretary

- 5 MAR 1960



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WE AGREE ON MARCH 17TH STOP FRATERNALLY -

LOUIS SAILLANT *

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PRESS/RS/Circ.No; 22

All-India Trade Union Congress,
4, Ashoka Road,
NEW DELHI,
India.

Dear Brothers,

The Secretariat proposes to take a number of steps in preparation for the celebration of the 15th anniversary of the W.F.T.U., on October 3, among which will be the publication of a poster dedicated to this jubilee date. The Secretariat has therefore decided to approach the National Centres and ask them to prepare a draft for this poster. The best design we receive will be photo-copied and sent to all countries for publication locally by the National Centres.

This poster should reflect the main ideas inspiring the struggle of the working class and the trade unions at the present time: Unity, Social Progress, Independence, Disarmament, and Peace. It should be designed in such a way that it can be published by all National Centres, without exception. It is clear that the following items should be included: the emblem of the W.F.T.U. (the two hemispheres); October 3, 1945 (date of adoption of the W.F.T.U. Constitution); October 3, 1960, - "15th anniversary of the World Federation of Trade Unions".

We hope that you will enthusiastically help us in this plan and that we shall receive an early reply to our letter.

With our best wishes,
Yours fraternally,

V. BEREZIN,
Secretary of the W.F.T.U.

*Рансак.
Солово.*

16 APR 1960

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Prague, 9th April, 1960.

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DAA/RS/No: 1070.....

Brother S.A. Dange,
General Secretary,
All-India Trade Union Congress,
4, Ashoka Road,
NEW DELHI,
India.

Dear Brother Dange,

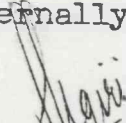
We have recently received letters from the following two unions in Lucknow informing us that they have resolved to affiliate themselves with the W.F.T.U.:

1. The Moter Mazdoor Union, Hussainganj Bazar, Lucknow, W.U.P.;
2. The Lucknow Press Workers' Union, Hussainganj Bazar, Lucknow, W.U.P.

As to the first union, the Trade Unions International of Transport Workers has written a reply, asking for further information.

We are sending you herewith a copy of our reply to the second union.

Fraternally yours,


SUGLI

Secretary of the W.F.T.U.

Encl: Copy of letter to the Lucknow Press Workers' Union.

C O P Y

9th April, 1960.

Brother Lakshman Khairwal,
General Secretary,
Lucknow Press Workers' Union,
Hussainganj Bazar,
LUCKNOW, U.P.,
India.

DAA/RS/No: 1070.....

Dear Brother Khairwal,

We have received your letter dated March 2, 1960.

We are happy to know that the Lucknow Press Workers' Union has resolved to affiliate itself with the W.F.T.U.

Under the provision of the Constitution of the W.F.T.U., only national trade union organisations may be affiliated with the W.F.T.U. and as a general rule, the affiliation is limited to one national centre in each country. The All-India Trade Union Congress is our affiliated national centre in your country.

At the same time, our Constitution provides that all trade union organisations may be affiliated with the Trade Unions Internationals (Trade Departments of the W.F.T.U.) whether they belong to a national centre or not.

However, a Trade Unions International which is to cover the Press workers has not yet been established.

Under the circumstances, we would like to ask you to take into account these conditions in further discussing the question of your affiliation with the W.F.T.U., so as to maintain a fraternal relation with us.

We take this opportunity to wish every success at your Conference and send all the delegates at your Conference our fraternal greetings of solidarity.

With trade union greetings,

SUGIRI
Secretary of the W.F.T.U.

- 4 APR 1960



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Circ. Press 24-1960

Dear Brothers:

We take pleasure in informing you that an especially significant trade union event is to take place in France on April 10, 1960. A double anniversary will be celebrated at the small town of Chambon-Feugerolles (Loire department), namely the 50th anniversary of the People's House in the town which was built by the workers after a victorious strike, and 50 years of tireless activity of our brother Benoit Frachon who comes from this part of the country.

You all know brother Benoit Frachon, General Secretary of the C.G.T. and Vice-President of the World Federation of Trade Unions. His work has greatly influenced the French and international trade union movement.

The General Secretary of the World Federation of Trade Unions is to attend the various events which are planned for April 10.

We hope this information will be of interest to you should you decide to take this opportunity of expressing your fraternal solidarity with the French working class.

With fraternal greetings,

V. BYRZIN

Secretary of the W.F.T.U.

P.S. The address of the Departmental Union of the Loire (Union Départementale des Syndicats des Travailleurs de la Loire) who is organising these events is as follows: U.D. - C.G.T. - Salle 74 - Bourse du Travail Saint Etienne (Loire) France.

2/14/60

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FESYMOND

PRAGUE (Czechoslovakia)

PLEASE ARRANGE IF YOU CAN THROUGH ROH INVITE AITUC
DELEGATES MENON AND SULE FROM GENEVA ILO PETROLEUM
COMMITTEE FOR SHORT VISIT TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA

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REPLY YOUR CABLE MARCH 30 PROPOSE MEET MAY 16

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SECRETARY WFTU

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PRAGUE (Czechoslovakia)

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AITUC OBSERVED SEVENTEENTH APRIL AS SOLIDARITY DAY OF
INDIAN WORKERS WITH SOUTH AFRICAN STRUGGLE STOP PLEASE
CONVEY MESSAGE TO OUR AFFILIATES IN AFRICA

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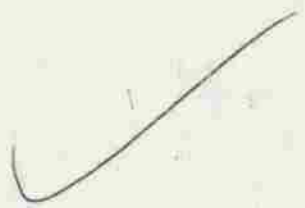
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DANGE OUT OF STATION AND ENGAGED IN VARIOUS CONFERENCES

TILL MAY 20 STOP HE CAN REACH ~~XXXXX~~ MAY TWENTYSECOND

STOP REPLY IF THIS SUITS YOU

SRIWASTAVA AITUCONG

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AGREE WITH YOUR PROPOSED MEETING ON MAY 18 STOP

FRATERNALLY STOP = LOUIS SAILLANT *

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No.211/A/60
May 13, 1960

Comrade Elena Teodorescu,
Secretary,
World Federation of Trade Unions,
Prague.


Dear Comrade,

Thank you for your letter No.AES/MB/1374 dated May 4, 1960 on the resolution the WFTU is submitting to the next session of the ILO, on the activities of the ILO for economic and social progress which would be assisted by disarmament.

Since none from the AITUC is likely to be included in the delegation from India for the next International Labour Conference, we are not in a position to move in the matter as desired in your letter.

With warm greetings,

Yours fraternally,


(K.G.Sriwastava)
Secretary, AITUC

9 MAY 1960



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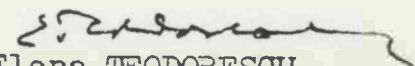
The W.F.T.U. Secretariat, taking into account the prime importance of the question of disarmament and its economic and social consequences for the improvement of the workers' living standards and on account of the conclusions and resolutions passed at the recent session of the Executive Committee of the W.F.T.U. at Bucharest in December, 1959, has decided to submit to the next International Labour Conference (Geneva - June 1960) a draft Resolution on the activities of the I.L.O. for economic and social progress which would be assisted by disarmament. You will find the complete text enclosed.

Some of the National Centres affiliated to the W.F.T.U. who are taking part in the work of the I.L.O. have already agreed in principle and will support this draft resolution. We would therefore ask you to consider whether your own organisation would support this resolution, should your representative be included as a workers' delegate in the delegation from your country.

We would also draw your attention to the fact that according to the procedure set up by the I.L.O. for the submitting of resolutions, the W.F.T.U. will present the draft to the Director-General of the I.L.O. on May 5, 1960. If you agree with our proposal we would ask you to send a telegram to the I.L.O. from the workers' delegate in your country who will take part in the Conference, supporting this resolution and endorsing it. But we would remind you that the last date for submitting resolutions will be May 16, 1960.

Thanking you in advance,

Fraternal greetings,


Elena TEODORESCU
Secretary of the W.F.T.U.

None from AITUC is expected to attend I.L.O. since this year.

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9 May 1959

RESOLUTION ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL
LABOUR ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS
WHICH WOULD BE ASSISTED BY DISARMAMENT

THIS INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE

NOTING with satisfaction the progress along the road to peace achieved since the 43rd International Labour Conference,

CONSIDERING that universal and complete disarmament would make an essential contribution towards the full use for peaceful purposes of the possibilities which scientific progress gives to humanity

TAKING AS ITS OWN the resolution on universal and complete disarmament passed by the 14th session of the United Nations General Assembly

NOTING that trade union organisations from all countries, whether autonomous or affiliated to the W.F.T.U., the I.C.F.T.U. or the I.F.C.T.U., have declared themselves in favour of immediate disarmament, and that real possibilities exist for achieving this aim and so putting an end to the anxiety caused by the high level of armaments

BEING CONVINCED that the progressive elimination of armaments, armies and military budgets, together with the transformation of war industries into industries for peace, would be favourable for the economic, social and cultural progress of all countries and especially the countries in the process of development

EMPHASISING that the resources thus set free should be used to improve the living and working conditions of working people, and in particular: to guarantee jobs and provide help for the unemployed, to increase wages, pensions and family allowances, to decrease taxes and prices, to establish social security systems, to improve and extend existing systems, to reduce hours of work without loss of pay, to extend vocational and technical training and to build

houses, schools and hospitals. In addition to these social measures which apply to all countries, the resources set free should be used for large programmes of aid to the under-developed countries.

BEARING IN MIND

that the International Labour Organisation has among the tasks set forth in its Constitution that of helping to preserve peace, as a factor in social progress and in the improvement of the living and working conditions of the workers

INVITES

the governments of the Member States of the International Labour Organisation to do everything possible to achieve universal and complete disarmament speedily by applying immediately the resolution of the 14th session of the General Assembly

ASKS

the Director General to undertake immediately, in co-operation with the trade union organisations, the working out of practical steps which would raise the workers' living standards by using the sums made available through the reduction of arms budgets

AND INSTRUCTS

the Director General to present his conclusions and proposals for examination at one of the forthcoming sessions of the Governing Body of the I.L.O.

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4 MAY 1950

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27 JUL 1960

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ВСЕМИРНАЯ ФЕДЕРАЦИЯ
ПРОФЕССИОНАЛЬНЫХ СОЮЗОВ

Prague, 20th July, 1960.

Mr. S.A. Dange,
General Secretary,
All-India Trade Unions Congress,
4, ASHOKA ROAD,
New Delhi,
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Dear Brother Dange,

As we have been informed that you are not well, the Secretariat of the W.F.T.U. asked me to convey to you our fraternal greetings and hearty wishes for a quick recovery.

At present, the Press and Publicity Department is working on the material for a special issue of the "World Trade Union Movement" dedicated to the 15th anniversary of the W.F.T.U.

Dear Brother Dange! You are one of the founders of the World Federation of Trade Unions. You have participated in the World Trade Union Conference in London and in the first World Trade Union Congress. This is why we would like to ask you to write for our Review an article on the activities of the W.F.T.U. in the field of assistance to the workers and peoples of Asia and solidarity with their struggles and aspirations. We think that this could be a small article of 3 to 4 typed pages. We shall be very much obliged if we could receive it by August 15th, 1960.

Wishing you again the quickest possible recovery and every success.

Yours fraternally,

V. BEREZIN,
Secretary of the W.F.T.U.

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he will be out of the
hospital in a few days.
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July 21, 1960.

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Re: Poster for 15th anniversary

Dear Brothers,

In reply to our request to the National Centres to help us prepare a poster to mark the 15th anniversary of the W.F.T.U., we have received 24 designs and the Secretariat has chosen the one sent by the Central Council of Rumanian Trade Unions. We are enclosing a photograph of the design.

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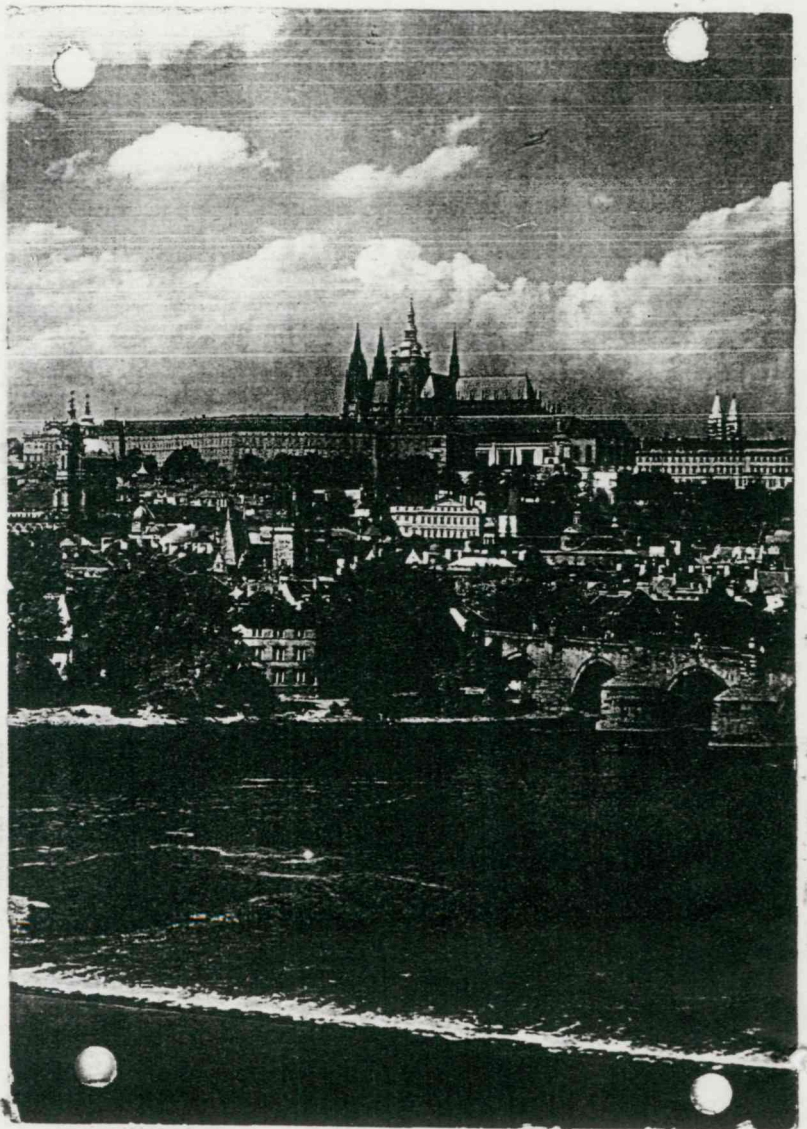
- sky: blue getting lighter towards the top
- the flag: two shades of red
- the points of the staff: white
- the dove: white with a slight touch of grey
- the dates on the flag: white
- the 15: white with a blue edge, the same colour as the blue at the bottom of the poster
- the two hemispheres: very light blue the same as at the top of the poster, the continents and the lines white
- the hands: one pink, the second brown and the third yellow
- ANNIVERSARY: the same pale blue as at the top of the poster
- of the World Federation of Trade Unions: blue and the letters W.F.T.U. a lighter shade

It goes without saying that each National Centre will decide whether or not it accepts the poster design or whether it prefers to issue its own poster. In the latter case, we would ask you to let us have several copies as soon as possible.

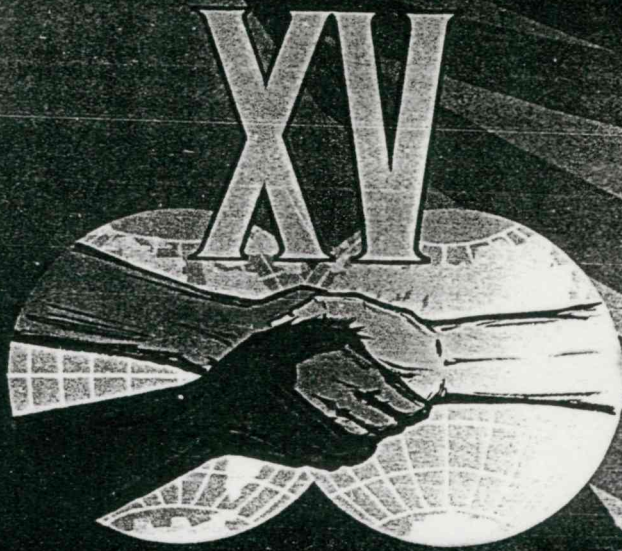
Looking forward to hearing from you, we send you fraternal greetings,

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INFORMATION / STAMBOUL

No.211/K/60
August 12, 1960

Comrade G. Casadei,
Secretary,
World Federation of Trade Unions,
Prague.

Dear Comrade Casadei,

With reference to your letter No.GE/TF/2092 dated August 5, 1960 addressed to Comrade Dange, I have to inform you that Comrade Dange is ill and under treatment in a nursing home at Poona. He fell ill immediately after his return from the WFTU General Council meeting in Peking. It is likely that he will have to be in the nursing home for another month.

The strike of the Central Government employees on a national plane was really an unique event in the history of the trade union movement of our country. Workers in the railways, post, telegraph and telephones, civil aviation, civilian employees of ordnance and other establishments of the Defence Ministry and white-collared employees of certain Government departments participated in the strike. It is estimated, though full reports are still awaited, that about half a million workers participated in the strike which lasted five days.

The strike was supported by all political parties of the Left-wing and central trade union organisations and independent trade federations, except the Indian National Trade Union Congress (INTUC) controlled by the ruling party. Though the strike had to be withdrawn unconditionally after five days, it has drawn the attention of the Government to the immediate problem of rising prices which affects not only Central Government employees but all people in general and the working class in particular. We have prepared a publication of about 250 pages containing all documents, strike diary and review by Comrade Dange of this heroic action. As soon as the volume is off the press, I will send you a copy.

The after-effects are also very grave. The Government took it as a rebellion and used all its might - radio, press and propaganda machinery and the arm of repression to suppress the strike. The total number of arrests was about 16,000 and those who were suspended from service and given charge-sheets number about 50,000. The trade union movement has taken up the cause of the strikers but still the problem of victimised workers is going to be a big headache for us. Naturally, the attack is more on the militant sections belonging to the AITUC.

page two

The struggle was unique in another sense. Though at this stage, there is no unity at the top among the central trade union organisations, in this struggle and afterwards unity on certain specific issues is being maintained. It is still not even and is zig-zag. The Hind Mazdoor Sabha (HMS) has complained to the ICFTU against the INTUC as a "law-breaking agency" and the role that was played by this organisation. (As you know, both HMS and INTUC are affiliated to the ICFTU). The HMS has also taken up the issue with the ILO for sending a mission for investigation of suppression of trade union rights. May be nothing will come out of this but if the question is raised in the ILO, we hope our representatives will support the cause of the employees.


Government's attitude is very vindictive. They are taking this opportunity to withdraw some of the fundamental trade union rights from this section of the workers. A new bill for the purpose is to be brought before the Parliament. The Ordinance banning strikes in "essential services" is already in force. We are observing a "Trade Union Rights Day" on September 2, 1960 all over India, jointly with the HMS and UTUC.

I hope the book we will be sending you would give you more detailed information about the strike.

Comrade Dange will write to you as soon as he is fit to resume work.

With warm greetings,

Yours fraternally,


(K.G. Sriwastava)
Secretary, AITUC

11 AUG 1960



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Brother S.A. Dange
General Secretary
All-India Trade Union Congress
4, Ashoka Road
New - Delhi

(India)

Dear Brother Dange:

We learned from the press that during the strike of State employees which has taken place in July many workers were killed by the police, 15,000 workers were arrested and the persecutions and dismissals are still going on even after the strike.

If this information from the press is correct we can only condemn these repressive measures which constitute a flagrant violation of trade union rights the most elementary and democratic liberties and especially the right to strike.

At the same time we send our deepest sympathy and the active solidarity of the workers of the whole world to the workers and employees who struggled courageously for the improvement of their living conditions.

In order to have direct and detailed information we kindly ask you to write to us. Looking forward to hearing from you,

Yours fraternally,

Giuseppe CASADEI

Giuseppe Casadei
Secretary of the W.F.T.U.

No.211/A/60
August 11, 1960

Comrade V. Berezin,
Secretary,
World Federation of Trade Unions,
Prague.

Dear Comrade,

We thank you for your kind letter
No.PRESS/RS/No.1959 dated July 20, 1960 addressed
to Comrade S.A.Dange, our General Secretary.

Although his condition has somewhat
improved, Comrade Dange is even now in the
nursing home at Poona and he is expected to
resume his work only by the beginning of
next month. It will therefore not be possible
for him to write the desired article for
the Review till after he resumes duty. *at any rate*
by 15th Aug. as awaited by you

We however hope that on his return to
Delhi early next month, Comrade Dange will
write to you and send the article required
by you.

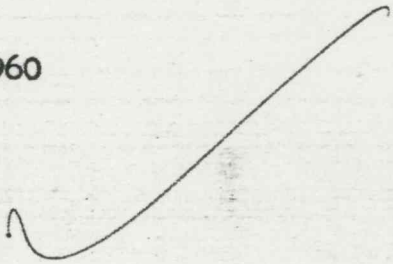
With warm greetings,

Yours fraternally,

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(K.G.Sriwastava)
Secretary, AITUC

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Sept 27, 1960



Dear Comrade Vadim,

We are sending herewith a packet for the World Federation of Trade Unions, Prague.

Yesterday only we received a letter from Comrade Grassi, Secretary, WFTU, asking for certain information with regard to the last strike of Central Government employees. They wanted the information material urgently.

Therefore, we are giving you the trouble to pass it on to the WFTU at the earliest.

Hope this finds you all right.

With warm greetings,

Yours fraternally,

(K.G.Sriwastava)

Sept 27, 1960

Com. Luigi Grassi,
Secretary, WFTU

Dear Comrade Grassi,

Thank you very much for your letter of 19th September. Comrade Dange had a relapse and therefore had to be sent back to the sanatorium in Poona. He is confined to bed there at the moment and it will take him at least a month for recovery. We are very sorry that due to certain unavoidable reasons, our publication on Central Government employees' strike has been delayed, which I promised to send in my letter to Comrade Cassadei.

However, I am enclosing some parts of the book which have been printed and some in manuscript, which will give you the whole story of the strike and some of its aftereffects.

As regards taking up the question to the ILO, possibly we will have to wait till the draft bill is published by the ~~XII~~ Government of India on banning strikes in "essential services", etc. This is expected by the end of October. As soon as the Bill is published, we will send you a copy. It is definite that the Government does not want to give right of strike to Central Government employees but the manner in which they want to deny this right will be clear only when the Bill is published. The news today is that the employees will be given right of compulsory arbitration and thus a strike which takes place either during the pendency of arbitration proceedings or after its award has been given will be treated as "illegal strike". There are still lot of loopholes in it and this will be clear to us only when the draft bill is out.

Therefore, I would suggest you to wait referring the matter to ILO till the bill is published by the Government of India and we are able to give you a note on the same. If the case can be made out about violation of trade union rights during the strike, it may be referred to the ILO but it will be better if we exchange notes on its before finally putting it before the ILO.

As soon as the book is published, which may take about ten days, we will send you a copy by airmail.

With warm greetings,

Yours fraternally,

Vmm
(K.G. Sriwastava)
Secretary, AITUC

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Brother S.A. D a n g e ,
General Secretary,
All-India Trade Union Congress,
4, Ashok Road,
NEW DELHI-1 (India)

Dear Brother Dange,

We have closely followed the recent 5-day strike by the Central Government employees in India. We are also following the campaign initiated by the AITUC, HMS and UTUC jointly for the defence of Trade Union Rights which came most under attack during and subsequent to the strike.

In this connection, we are considering over the question of submitting a complaint to the ILO on the violation of TU Rights in India. We would, however, like to have your opinion in the matter. If you agree with the proposal, we would also like to know if there is any supplementary material that you can send us for this purpose.

We shall be very thankful to you if we can have your reply on the matter immediately by cable.

We hope that you have now completely recovered from your recent illness and are keeping good health.

Thanking you once again and awaiting your cable, we remain with warmest fraternal greetings ,

Yours fraternally,

Luigi GRASSI
Secretary of the W.F.T.U.

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Sept 19, 1960

Comrade Berezin,
Secretary,
World Federation of Trade Unions,
Prague.

Dear Comrade Berezin,

We received your cable asking for
Comrade Dange's article for WFTU Anniversary.
He was well for some time but after our
Working Committee meeting, he suffered a
relapse and has been sent back for treatment.
But meanwhile, we have secured a small
write up from him which is being forwarded
herewith.

With warm greetings,

Yours fraternally,

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(K.G.Sriwastava)
Secretary, AITUC

Encl:

FIFTEEN YEARS' SWEEP OF FREEDOM

by

S.A.DANGE,
Vice President, WFTU

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When the invitation for the London Conference came from the British TUC, there was quite an argument in the Working Committee of the All-India Trade Union Congress (AITUC) whether we should at all attend such a conference. India was under the heel of the British and thousands had been sent to jail for demanding independence, by the British rulers, in the name of winning the war against fascism. What interest had we in a Conference of Trade Unions, which would merely talk of war against fascism while one of the partners in such a conference was carrying on a war on the Indian people who were themselves against fascism? Ultimately, however, a delegation was agreed to and the late Mr.N.M.Joshi, General Secretary of the AITUC, and myself, its President, set out on the voyage in a naval convoy. Mr.Joshi, however, turned back from Port Said on hearing that the Conference was postponed. I went ahead with the idea of doing something in London to have the Conference recalled and reached there in June 1944.

The London Conference was at last held in February 1945 and was followed by the Paris Conference, in September 1945 which founded the World Federation of Trade Unions.

Were those, who opposed the participation of the AITUC, justified by history and the role played by the WFTU in the last fifteen years?

For years, since the foundation of the AITUC in 1920, attempts were being made to draw it into international affiliation, for no working class in any country can fulfil its tasks of national liberation and socialism without international solidarity. But the AITUC had found itself unable to join any International.

The International Federation of Trade Unions (IFTU), with its headquarters at Amsterdam, had failed in its duty both to the European working class in the face of the attack of fascism and to the working class of semi-colonial and dependent countries, like India, China, Latin America, etc., in their movements for independence from imperialism.

Hence, when a new International was proposed, many amongst us in India naturally asked - what good is it for us? The IFTU had even refused to pass a resolution for independence of the colonial countries. Will the WFTU be any different?

The very complexion of the Paris Conference showed that the WFTU was of a new international working class. The large number of delegates from Africa and Asia, the workers from the newly-born socialist countries were on the platform confidently asserting the independence of their countries, not only from fascism but from the imperialist countries, whose trade union leaders were in the conference but did not very much relish the talk of independence of "their" colonials. When we, from India, China, Indonesia spoke, neither Citrine of the British TUC nor Hillman of the CIO relished it very much.

Sir Walter Citrine of the British TUC chided everyone of us with the question—"Have you money for affiliation, have you membership? The British TUC is tired of feeding these internationals." "We want sterling, not slogans," was his favourite slogan.

But, in the end, the WFTU, unlike the dead IFTU, endorsed the demand for freedom of all peoples.

And, fifteen years after this, our WFTU has shown that its championship of the cause of the oppressed people of Asia, Africa and Latin America, strengthened by the support from the Socialist countries and the trade unions of countries like France, Italy, etc., has borne fruit. Since 1945, the face of the world has changed a great deal. The WFTU is no longer what it was in Paris. Though it is regrettable that the American and British TUC, who never relished this new sweep of the working class, have left it, yet the WFTU has grown stronger and mightier. It has become a true weapon of socialism, peace and democracy and the independence of all colonial and dependent countries. That is why the AITUC, which had refused the request of Purcell and Halsworth of the British TUC to affiliate to the IFTU, which they had come to secure in our Congress in 1927, willingly went to London and Paris in 1945 and has remained firm in its fold for the last fifteen years. Our independence and that of other countries which has flowered in these years perfectly justifies our first step. The WFTU alone is that international solidarity of the working class, which fulfils both

its national and international tasks and places it on
the road to fight for better standards of life and
living.

New Delhi, India,
September 19, 1960

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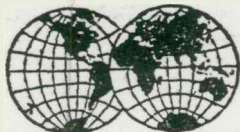
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Brother

S.A. DANGE

General Secretary

All India Trade Union Congress

4, Ashoka Road

New - Delhi

Dear Brothers,

Will you please let us know as soon as possible your reply to our letter of June 27, concerning the course in Warsaw (November 3 to 24) which is to be organised in collaboration with the ILO.

Looking forward to hearing from you, we send you fraternal greetings,

Luisi GRASCI

Luisi Grasci
Secretary of the WFTU

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No.211/A/60
Sept 19, 1960

Comrade Luigi Grassi,
Secretary,
World Federation of Trade Unions,
Prague.

Dear Comrade,

We thank you for your letter No.LG/
SEFCS/RS/No.1747 dated 28th June 1960 on the
international trade union course in Warsaw
to be held in November this year, with the
cooperation of the ILO. We have great pleasure
to accept your kind invitation and have
nominated the following two comrades for
participating in the trade union course:

- 1) K. M. Sundaram,
Secretary, Tamilnad Trade Union Congress,
6/157 Broadway, Madras 1
- 2) Sadhan Mukerjee,
AITUC Office,
4 Ashok Road, New Delhi

We await information from you when the
comrades are to report and other arrangements.

With warm greetings,

Yours fraternally,

UMS
(K.G.Sriwastava)
Secretary, AITUC

17 JUL 1960



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Mr. S.A. Dange,
General Secretary,
All-India Trades Union Congress,
4, Ashoka Road,
NEW DELHI,
India.

Dear Brothers,

As part of the co-operation plan between the W.F.T.U. and the I.L.O., the W.F.T.U. is arranging an international trade union course in Warsaw from November 3 to 24, 1960, in collaboration with the Central Council of Polish Trade Unions.

The themes to be discussed will deal with "contemporary problems of social legislation and the role of the trade unions".

The Secretariat of the W.F.T.U., firmly convinced that you will accept, invites you to take part in this course and wishes to inform you that two places have been reserved for your organisation.

If possible, we would ask you to send brothers who already have some knowledge on this subject.

We are enclosing a copy of the study programme.

We would appreciate your opinion on the matter at your earliest convenience.

With fraternal greetings,

Luigi GRASSI

Secretary of the W.F.T.U.

*E.M. Sundaram
Sahar Kungzi*

Encl: Programme

**COMITE SYNDICAL INTERNATIONAL DE SOLIDARITE
AVEC LES TRAVAILLEURS ET LE PEUPLE ALGERIENS**

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Prague le 23 IX. 1960

Aim: Larger meeting of the International Trade Union Committee for Solidarity with the Algerian Workers and People, on October 16, 1960 at Havana (Cuba).

Dear Brothers,

With reference the letter of August 10, 1960 from the Permanent Secretariat of the International Trade Union Committee for Solidarity with the Algerian Workers and People, referring to the next meeting of the Committee on October 16, at Cuba, we would like to tell you that the Confederation of Cuban Workers has given us a favourable reply and enthusiastically welcomes the holding of the meeting of the Committee in Havana.

The Confederation of Cuban Workers has asked us to inform you that all arrangements have been made with the consulates and legations of the different countries taking part in the meeting, so that visas will be granted without difficulty.

We would also like you to let us know by telegram about your participation at this meeting. We ask you also to send the date of the arrival of your delegate to the following address:

Brother Odon Alvarez De La Campa
Secretario de Relaciones Exteriores,
Confederación de Trabajadores de Cuba Revolucionaria,
Palacio de los Trabajadores - San Carlos y Peñalver
La Habana (Cuba)

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Please let them know if you have any visa difficulties.

As you know the larger meeting of the International Trade Union Committee for Solidarity with the Workers and People of Algeria is of great importance in the present situation, and because of this, on behalf of the Permanent Secretariat of the Committee we take the liberty of urging your Trade Union Centre to be represented at this meeting.

Sincere fraternal greetings,

For the Permanent Secretariat of the
International Trade Union Committee
for Solidarity with the Workers and
People of Algeria,

Luigi Grassi

Luigi GRASSI

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Oct 6, 1960

Dear Mahendra Sen,

Thanks for your letter.

2. SAD is in Poona. He is a bit better, not yet still normal. Again, he has started working vigorously, ignoring his health.

3. So it is better you attend Algeria Committee meeting on our behalf. I am writing to the WFTU accordingly.

But don't ask for report from us. Make out whatever you can and then send us a write up in your name about the decision of the Committee for TUR.

4. You know we have decided on the Conference at Coimbatore from January 3 to 11, 1961. Invitations are being sent. Please send by return of post, a complete set of addresses of all national centres of TUs, affiliated to WFTU and otherwise. This is urgent.

5. SAD will be coming for the Berlin Executive meeting. I have spoken to him. You try there that you attend this conference.

I am writing to WFTU and TUIs separately. Is it necessary? It may help Satish.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

K.G.
(K.G. Sriwastava)

P.S. For the International trade union course in Warsaw from Nov. 3 to 24 under auspices of WFTU and ILO, (ref. letter of 28th June from WFTU), we nominated on Sept. 19, Coms. K.M. Sundaram and Sadhan Mukherjee. We have not heard from WFTU since in this regard, whether the dates of the course stand, passage, etc. Please inquire and let us know.

No.211/A/60
October 6, 1960

Comrade Luigi Grassi,
Permanent Secretariat of the International
Trade Union Committee for Solidarity
with the Workers and People of Algeria,
Janska 100,
PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia.

Dear Comrade,

We thank you for your letter of 23rd
September on the larger meeting of the Inter-
national Trade Union Committee ~~is~~ for solidarity
with the Algerian Workers and People, to be
held at Havana (Cuba) on October 16, 1960.

We hereby authorise Comrade MAHENDRA SEN
to represent us at the Committee meeting to
be held in Havana.

With warm greetings,

Yours fraternally,

K.G.

(K.G.Sriwastava)
Secretary, AITUC



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A.I.T.U.C.

4, Ashoka Road

New Delhi

Dear Brothers,

We have received the two names of comrades who will participate in the next trade union course in Warsaw (3-24 november). We thank you and we inform you that you will receive in the next days the tickets for the travel.

With fraternal greetings,

Luisi GRASSI

Luisi Grassi
Secretary of the W.F.T.U.

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New Delhi,
Oct 17

Dear Mahendra,

Thanks for your letter of Oct.11. I did not realise the importance of cable. I thought it is only authorisation that is needed and it should reach in time. However, I hope our Govt, so sympathetic to the cause of Asian and African people's independence and specially Algeria will surely permit you to travel to the 'bravemen's' land. And this journey will remind you of your preparations to go to American continent nearabout the Holi of 1956.

So the meeting of the WFTU Executive is postponed to late January and early February.

D is going to Moscow for Nov 7 on Nov 2. I don't know if he makes a trip to Prague also. It is a chance as well depending on his programme in USSR.

Please send me if you can and get one, a portfolia bag similar to the one you gave to Zia and then tried for me later on but could not get in the market.

D's Poona address is as below:

Mahajan Bungalow,
Chiplunkar Road,
Erandawana,
POONA 4.

He is in Bombay almost every week for two or three or more days as work demands and goes back to Poona only for rest when free.

We have sent invitations to TUIs also.
With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

K.G.
(K.G.Sriwastava)



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Re: Special May Day number of the
International Bulletin of the
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Press.

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Circ. P.B. 13 - 60

Dear Brothers,

The "Press Bulletin" is preparing a special May Day number which is due to appear in April.

In this issue we would like to include a review of the history of May Day from 1890 till May Day, 1960, as reflected in the trade union and working class press.

We are planning to feature articles and cartoons which appeared on various May Days and which marked the history of the trade union movement throughout the world.

If we are to prepare such an issue and if the maximum number of countries are to be mentioned, your help will be absolutely essential since we are not in a position to look for this type of material in the various collections of journals.

The principle will be as follows:

- to choose an article which appeared at a date of historical importance;
- to introduce it by a few words so that it is set in its proper political and social context;
- to add a few words in conclusion about the events which followed.

The same could be done in the case of drawings, cartoons, posters and so forth.


We would be grateful if you could find two or three articles and, if possible, one or two drawings which will mark some of the most important dates in the history of the trade union movement of your country between 1890 and today.

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Should you agree to help us prepare the special number, we would appreciate a reply by return of post. The material must reach us as soon as possible, that is to say, before March 15.

Will you please include, if possible, with the material a translation either in French, English or Spanish. To illustrate this issue, we would further appreciate photo-copies of the original material and of the first page of the journal featuring the article in question.

With fraternal greetings,



Paul DUPONT,
Editor of the Press Bulletin.

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November 21, 1960

Dear Mahendra,

Thanks for your article on "Algeria" and the corrections sent later. It is fairly detailed and good. We are using it in our issue dated December 5, since the Nov.20 issue is already out.

Copy of the letter from the
World Federation of Trade Unions.

Prague, 27-11-1960.

To affiliated National Centres.

Ref: AES/No.14/60.

Dear Brothers,

We are writing to remind you that the 20th Session of the W.F.T.U. Executive Committee (Bucharest, December 14 - 17, 1959) decided to organise in 1960 a "World Trade Union Conference for the Expansion of Economic and Trade Relations Between all Countries."

By agreement with the Central Council of Czecho-slovak Trade Union, the Conference will take place in Prague, Czecho-slovakia, from September 5 - 9, 1960.

So that the Conference can do its work effectively, the number of participants has been limited to about 250 from various countries no matter what their trade union affiliation.

We therefore suggest that your country should be represented by 3 delegates. In accordance with the decision of the Executive Committee, the Conference will be made up of leaders of the national trade union centres, union representatives from big factories and active members of trade unions who are specialists on economic questions.

Since this is a very important Conference and we wish it to be as successful as possible, we think it should be carefully prepared and its aims made known very widely. We ask you therefore to keep us informed about all the steps you have taken or are planning to take, so that they can be popularised and be used as examples.

We are sure that your national centre could give us valuable assistance in the preparation of thorough studies on the different questions outlined in "Conclusions on the holding of a World Trade Union Conference for the Expansion of Economic and Trade Relations Between all Countries", adopted by the Executive Committee, and on problems related to the aims of the Conference, which arise from the actual situation in your country.

We should like to draw attention to the fact that the International Fair opens in Brno on September 11, and participants at the Conference will be able to go there, contact the organisers, arrange meetings and so on.

We should like to have your opinion on these questions as soon as possible.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Fraternal greetings,

LOUIS SAILLANT,
General Secretary.

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WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS

Economic and Social Department.

September 17, 1959.

NOTE TO COMRADES PARTICIPATING IN THE
MEETING ON QUESTIONS OF THE PRESS AND
PROPAGANDA

Subject: International Trade Union Conference for the
Expansion of Trade between all Countries.

Would you please ask your National Centre to send as soon as possible their reply to and any comments on our circular and letter of May 22, 1959, which dealt with the proposal for this Conference, to be submitted to the forthcoming meeting of the Executive Committee.

WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS

Translation of letter from Brother Saillant.

May 22, 1959.

To National Centres and T.U.I.s.

AES/Circ. No.27/59

Dear Brothers,

The W.F.T.U. Executive Committee at its last session (Warsaw, April 2 - 5, 1959) instructed the Secretariat to prepare for its 20th session a plan for the organisation of an International Trade Union Conference for the expansion of trade between all countries.

We are enclosing a note of Information containing several ideas on the preparation and organisation of this Conference.

We should be pleased if you would let us have your observations and any specific proposals on this Conference as soon as possible, and by September 15 at the latest, so that we can submit a precise plan to the next session of the Executive Committee.

With most fraternal greetings,

Louis SAILLANT
General Secretary of the W.F.T.U.

WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS

April 29, 1959.

INFORMATION

on the organisation of AN INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION CONFERENCE

FOR THE EXPANSION OF TRADE BETWEEN ALL COUNTRIES

At its 19th meeting, the Executive Committee instructed the Secretariat to present to the 20th meeting a plan for an International Trade Union Conference on the Expansion of Trade Between All Countries. We present here some preliminary proposals as a basis for discussion.

I. Nature and aims of the Conference

1) The Conference should be a united, broad and representative trade union gathering, attended by national trade unions of different affiliations, independent unions and regional trade union organisations.

Such a Conference, the first of its kind, can stimulate the struggle of the workers and trade unions for their demands and, at the same time, show the relation between this struggle and the growth of commercial exchanges without discrimination. While the Conference will of necessity discuss the economic and technical aspects of the question, it should primarily concentrate on the action and mobilization of the trade unions and workers.

2) Even though it cannot resolve all the economic and social problems of workers in the capitalist countries, the development of trade can have a favourable effect on the economies of countries which co-operate together:

- it can help to reduce unemployment in the capitalist countries, stabilize employment and improve the workers' living standards;
- it can help the less-developed countries in their fight for economic independence;
- it can help to reduce international tension and preserve world peace.

In general, all countries, whatever their economic and social system or their level of development, can gain by the expansion of trade.

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3) A major object of the Conference should be to demonstrate clearly the close relationship between the expansion of trade and the improvement of the workers' living standards, each affecting the other. The expansion of trade can help to improve workers' living standards, while, on the other hand, higher wages and living standards lead to more international trade. The Conference should expose the false arguments of the monopolies who say that international competition makes it necessary to keep wages down.

4) The bans and restrictions on trade imposed by the imperialist governments take diverse forms, for instance:

- the embargo on certain goods, which obstructs trade with the socialist countries
- tariff barriers erected by blocks of countries, such as the European Common Market
- the policy of industrialised capitalist countries of discouraging imports of manufactured goods and encouraging imports of raw materials
- the discriminatory use of quotas and other measures against certain imports
- the conditions attached to capitalist 'aid'; dumping of surplus products
- control of natural resources by foreign monopolies, through investments or through domination and political pressure; transfer of profits to the metropolitan country.

It is also necessary to consider the harmful effect of rearmament on the economy as a whole and on trade.

5) The Conference should:

- discuss all aspects of the restrictions and discrimination practiced against certain countries and regions of the world;
- examine the most effective methods for the working class to take action;
- establish a programme of workers' demands related to the development of trade and economic relations between all countries.

The Conference should specify measures that would lead to an expansion of trade: for instance, the abolition of discrimination

against the socialist countries and the establishment of normal economic relations with these countries; - the conclusion of long-term agreements, which would expand trade and stabilize markets, and in particular the prices of raw materials; increased use of trade credits, lower customs tariffs, application of the 'most-favoured nation clause' to the socialist countries by mutual agreement, etc.

II. Title of the Conference

The Conference could be called:

WORLD TRADE UNION CONFERENCE FOR THE EXPANSION OF
TRADE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN ALL COUNTRIES

III. Participation

In view of the nature of the Conference, it is proposed that the largest possible number of countries and territories should take part. Each delegation should be composed of delegates from the national trade union centres and union branches in large factories, as well as trade unionists who are experts in economic matters.

IV. Agenda

1) General report on the importance of expanding trade and economic relations between all countries in order to improve the workers' living standards, for the economic independence of less-developed countries and for a relaxation of international tension; the role and tasks of the trade unions.

2) In order to give the discussion greater scope, the Conference could form committees on specific questions, for instance:

- development of trade between socialist and capitalist countries;
- the problems of trade confronting less-developed countries.

V. Preparation and propaganda

1) An Appeal could be sent by the Executive Committee to all trade union organisations in the world inviting them to attend the Conference and explaining its aims and importance for the working class.

2) The Conference should be prepared with great care and its aims made widely known. The national trade union centres should ensure that the workers are mobilized for it on a wide scale by means of special campaigns in the factories, and on regional and national levels. The Trade Unions Internationals, who can make an important contribution towards the success of the Conference, will be closely associated with the preparatory work, with the Conference itself, and with the implementation of the decisions taken.

3) In view of the nature of the Conference and of the amount of study and organisational work needed, it will be necessary to strengthen the W.F.T.U. Economic and Social Department six months before the Conference by co-opting two or three people from national trade union centres who are qualified in economic and commercial questions.

4) All forms of publicity should be used to arouse the interest of the workers and trade unions in the Conference and draw them into the preparations; to inform the trade unions on activities going on in different countries; to provide the workers and unions with various written materials which can be of service to them in their preparatory work. The W.F.T.U. press should give constant news of Conference preparations.

5) The Conference should be followed by wide campaigns based on the decisions taken, in each country and on the international level. The Conference should call on trade unions throughout the world to take joint action to carry out the Conference decisions.

The Conference should also invite the various institutions of the United Nations to take specific positive steps to end trade discrimination and encourage international economic co-operation.

VI. Date of Conference

The Conference could take place during the second half of 1960.

VII. Holding of Conference

Participation and the exact date and place of the Conference will be settled after consultation with the national centres and taking financial possibilities into account.

WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS

20th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Bucharest, 14 - 17 December, 1959)

No. 6.

C O N C L U S I O N S

ON THE HOLDING OF A WORLD TRADE UNION CONFERENCE
FOR THE EXPANSION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE BETWEEN
ALL COUNTRIES

At its 19th session in Warsaw (April, 1959) the W.F.T.U. Executive Committee discussed developments in the workers' struggle for economic and social demands, and the tasks of the trade unions in the fight for peace. As a result of this survey, it was decided to organise a World Trade Union Conference for the Expansion of Trade between all countries.

These conclusions on the holding of such a conference have been reached taking into account the remarks and proposals made by the National Centres on the preliminary document sent out by the W.F.T.U. Secretariat. They also take account of present developments in the international situation, which is particularly auspicious for the holding of a conference of this nature.

I.- Need for wide international economic co-operation to counteract a decline in the conditions of the working class

Although there has been a certain recovery from the recent economic crisis, the workers of the capitalist countries are still suffering severe effects.

Permanent unemployment and short time still present a grave problem for the workers. The monopolies are redoubling their attacks on the workers' living standards and on the social benefits won by the working class. They are resisting higher wages although their profits continue to rise. The concentration of capital is being accelerated with disastrous results for the working class. The monopolies, with their intensive productivity campaigns, are increasing the work-load by introducing new measures of rationalisation and automation, and are proceeding with mass dismissals. The militarisation of the economy is a heavy drag on the workers' living standards.

The position of the workers is even worse in the less-developed countries fighting for national independence and in those which have freed themselves from colonialism and are now struggling for economic independence and the consolidation of their national economies.

In these countries the impact of the crisis on the workers and peoples has been even greater, and has meant that plans for economic development, which could have laid the foundations for better living and working conditions, have had to be cut back. The drop in the prices of raw materials and in agricultural production have had particularly grave consequences for countries in course of development.

The worsening of their economic and social position has led the workers to take widespread united action against unemployment, for stability of employment, for higher wages, for shorter hours without loss of pay, against speed-up and to protect trade union rights. The great strikes this year in many countries of nearly all continents, give evident proof of this.

The decline in the standards of the workers of the capitalist world means that their trade unions have greater responsibilities and must be more active in seeking new ways and means to protect the interests of the working class.

The W.F.T.U. Executive Committee considers that one way to improve the position of the working class is by wider economic and trade relations between all countries. Many trade unions of all shades of opinion and affiliation share this opinion. With a certain relaxation in the international situation, the trade unions have added responsibilities and must take every step that will help to confirm and extend this relaxation.

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It is evident that the establishment of multilateral economic and trade relations will contribute towards an international easing of tension, peaceful co-existence, and the preservation of peace.

Furthermore, the rapid expansion of the economy of the socialist countries and the vast prospects of the Soviet Seven Year Plan offer valuable opportunities to the benefit of all nations.

The presence of the socialist countries on the world market is now an established fact. The principles of equality and mutual respect which characterise the economic and trade relations of the socialist countries are attractive not only to the growing number of countries in course of development which trade with the socialist countries, but also to many businessmen, who perceive the great advantages of trading with the socialist countries.

In view of the obstacles placed in the path of increased international trade, a World Trade Union Conference can be an event of considerable value and stimulate trade union and workers' action for more extensive and normal relations between all countries.

II.- Character and Aims of the Conference

The Conference should be a united, broad and representative international conference, with the participation of national trade unions affiliated to the W.F.T.U. and others not affiliated, of independent unions and of regional trade union organisations. Such a Conference, the first of its kind, can stimulate the struggle of the trade unions and workers for the satisfaction of their demands and, at the same time, show the relation between this struggle and

the growth of trade exchanges free from discrimination. Although the Conference may discuss the economic and technical aspects of the question, it should primarily concentrate on the action and mobilisation of the trade unions and workers.

The Conference should stress that the development of trade should contribute to the easing of international tension, to peaceful co-existence between countries of different economic and social systems, and to strengthening mutual understanding and confidence between the peoples. This development can contribute towards an agreement on general disarmament as recently proposed to the United Nations by the head of the Soviet Government. A reduction in military expenditure would release resources which could be used to improve the peoples' living standards. The Conference should give special attention to the question of universal and complete disarmament and the favourable effect it would have on the economy, trade and the conditions of the working people.

In general, all countries, whatever their economic and social system or their level of development, can gain by the expansion of trade. But such trade must take account of the mutual interests of the countries concerned: trade effected under pressure or domination, such as the trade of imperialist countries with colonial or semi-colonial countries, are a means of exploitation. Even in the case of trade between capitalist countries, the most powerful impose their conditions on the weaker. The Conference should therefore study the conditions necessary to ensure that trade exchanges conform to mutual interests.

While it cannot resolve all the economic and social problems of the workers, the development of trade can benefit the economies of countries which co-operate together:

- it can help to reduce unemployment, stabilize employment and improve the workers' living standards;

it can help the less-developed countries in their struggle for independence and to expand their national economies.

A major object of the Conference should be to give a clear demonstration of the close relationship between the expansion of trade and the improvement of workers' living standards, the one assisting the other. The expansion of trade can improve workers' living standards, while higher wages and living standards will mean more international trade.

In addition, the Conference should examine how the monopolies are trying to make foreign trade a pretext to attack the workers' standards. It should discuss how to ensure conditions under which international trade should take place in order to be of maximum benefit to the workers. The Conference could analyse the fluctuations of trade between the capitalist countries, the effects of crises, the question of 'dumping', and the danger of exportating unemployment, in addition to the impact of technical progress, which makes close trade and economic co-operation more necessary than ever, while the development of transportation makes it easier.

The Conference should stress the competitive stimulus that trade with the socialist countries could give to both under-developed countries and industrialised capitalist countries. Here, it is important to study the obstacles hindering trade between the socialist countries and other countries - the embargos, the questions of foreign currency and credits, and other obstructions set up by certain capitalist governments. The question of putting trade between the socialist and capitalist countries on a multilateral basis could also be examined.

The great need for the less-developed countries to expand and diversify their international trade should be one of the main subjects dealt with by the Conference; the

Conditions necessary to ensure that trade takes place in conformity with the interest of these countries; the question of fluctuations in world prices of raw materials and the relationship between these prices and the prices of manufactured products; the relationship between trade and the so-called "aid" given by the imperialists and opposition to the detrimental effects of this aid; the imperialist countries' policy of hindering the efforts of the less-developed countries to obtain the capital goods they need for industrialisation; the policy followed by industrialised capitalist countries of discouraging imports of manufactured goods while encouraging imports of raw materials; the way the economies and trade of the less-developed countries are affected by the control foreign monopolies have over their resources and by the export of profits to the metropolitan countries; the way the trade of certain less-developed countries is restricted as a result of their incorporation into a monetary area (franc, sterling, etc.). The petroleum trade could be given special attention.

The Conference should clarify these questions and determine the attitude to take towards each one of them.

The Conference should also examine the question of customs tariffs and import restrictions, which play various roles according to circumstances; their use by the developed capitalist countries to ensure dependant markets, or on the other hand, the role tariffs and restrictions can play in protecting the newly-fledged industries of countries in the course of development. In this matter, the Conference can show the real interests of the capitalists hiding behind the theories of protectionism or liberalism according to circumstances. Against this, the Conference should demonstrate what the interests of the workers demand in each given situation. The consequences for the workers of the formation of blocs - in particular, the Common Market and the Free Trade Area - should also be discussed.

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The Conference should consider the role of the United Nations and its specialised agencies (including the I.L.O.) and the role of other organisations concerned with international trade; the weaknesses and possibilities of these organisations; how the imperialist countries try to use them in their own interests and how to ensure that they play a greater and more progressive part in the development of trade between all countries without discrimination, in the interests of the workers and peoples.

The Conference should also study how to strengthen the role and influence of the workers' representatives in these organisations.

In a searching discussion of the above and other matters related to this question and during the exchanges of experiences, the Conference should:

- expose the false arguments of some bourgeois economists, arguments which are designed to ensure the retention of imperialist supremacy in foreign trade and which, as a result, are inimical to trade exchanges between all countries on a basis of equality;
- define the measures that could contribute towards an expansion of economic relations of a type that would improve the workers' conditions;
- examine effective methods of working class action to implement these measures;
- establish a workers' programme of demands related to the expansion of trade exchanges and economic relations between all countries.

III.- ORGANISATION OF THE CONFERENCE

(1) Participation

In view of the fact that the Conference should be of a broad and representative nature, the largest possible number of countries should be represented. Trade unions affiliated to the W.F.T.U. or to other international organisations, and independent unions, will be invited, also representatives of major national and international organisations concerned with economic and social questions and in particular with trade and experts in economic and social matters. Each union delegation will be composed of leaders of national centres, trade union representatives from large factories and trade unionists who are specialists in economic questions.

(2) Agenda

A general report will be presented on 'The importance of the expansion of trade and economic relations between all countries for the improvement of workers' living standards, for the economic independence of less-developed countries under the new conditions brought about by the easing of international tension and the struggle for universal and complete disarmament; the role and tasks of the trade unions'.

To allow for more detailed discussions, the Conference will form commissions on specific subjects:

- The problem of the economic development of less-developed countries and the question of trade and mutual aid for these countries.
- The problems raised by trade between the capitalist countries.
- The development of trade between the socialist and capitalist countries.

The Conference will last five days.

(3) Preparations and publicity

The W.F.T.U. Secretariat will send a letter of convocation to all trade union organisations throughout the world, inviting them to the Conference, explaining its aims and showing its importance for the working class of each country and for the development of their struggle.

The Conference should be prepared with great care and its aims made widely known. The national trade union centres should ensure that the workers are mobilised for it on a wide scale by means of special campaigns in the factories and at regional and national levels.

The Trade Unions Internationals will be closely associated with the preparatory work, with the Conference itself and with the implementation of its decisions.

In view of the nature of the Conference and of the amount of study and organisational work needed, the Secretariat will take the necessary steps to associate in the preparatory work active trade unionists from the National Centres who are specialists in economic and trade matters, and the Trade Unions Internationals.

All forms of publicity should be used to arouse the interest of the workers and trade unions to take part in the Conference and its preparations; to inform the trade unions of the activities undertaken in different countries; to provide the trade unions and workers with varied documentary material which would be useful to them during the preparatory period. The press of the W.F.T.U., the Trade Unions Internationals and the National Centres should give a steady flow of news about the Conference preparations.

The Conference will be followed up by extensive national and international campaigns based on the decisions taken. The

Conference will call on all trade union organisations throughout the world to join together in actions aimed at implementing its decisions.

The Conference could also approach the various United Nations' institutions inviting them to take definite and effective steps to end discriminatory practices in trade and to take other measures that would help to promote international economic co-operation.

(4) Date and place of the Conference

The Conference could be held in Czechoslovakia in September, 1960. The W.F.T.U. Secretariat and the Central Council of Czechoslovak Trade Unions (U.R.O.) will fix the exact date and place later.

(5) Cost of the Conference

The W.F.T.U. Secretariat will submit the draft budget for the Conference to the 21st Session of the Executive Committee.

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