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Dear K. G. Swastha,

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CIRCULAR  
To General Council  
Members and STUCs

7 August 1963

FOR THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF ALL  
AFFILIATED UNIONS

Dear Comrades,

You must have read about the Tripartite Standing Committee meeting which was held in Delhi on 5 August 1963.

The meeting was called because the working people everywhere, especially in the trade unions, are moving against the high prices and the consequent fall in real wages.

The Great Petition to Parliament and the proposed March to present it, the move for a protest strike in Bombay and other places have also had their effect in making the Government to give urgent consideration to the price problem.

Government has failed to bring down prices as a whole and the attitude of Food Minister, Shri Patil, in refusing to take action against the profiteers in food under the D.I.R. shows that the Government is unable to execute any general line to control the profiteers and bring down prices and ensure supplies.

But when failing to carry out a general line of holding down prices, Government can take measures for partial relief.

On trade union pressure, Government has in this tripartite committee, agreed to take measures to see that every factory employing over 300 workers, open stores for its employees to supply all essential food articles at fair and controlled or subsidised prices.

If this measure covers all the factories and construction works, it will give significant relief to the workers. As a side effect, the profiteers will have to reduce their anti-social operations.

Hence, we request you to call meetings and report to workers about the agreements arrived at in this meeting.

Unless we move, these things will not be implemented. The employers and traders will sabotage under one pretext or another. The Government machinery may fail to provide supplies and so on.

It is agreed that this must be done in four weeks and it can be done.

If there are any mistakes, and if nothing moves within two weeks from now, send us information by telegram or letter on the actual facts. We will contact the Labour Ministry immediately.  
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In larger towns where prices are collected for computing cost of living index, the trade unions should find out where these discrepancies between the declared fixed rates and the actual selling rates. They should write to the Government at the State and Centre and also inform us.

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In the case of the workers in those wholesale kingdoms of the big monopolists who own their nagars and the whole life there, the problem of stores is easy to solve so far as organisation by the employers goes. But there it is most difficult to get it accepted by the monopolists, who have links with the big wholesale markets. For example, why there should not be subsidised fair price shops in Tatanagar, Modinagar, Dalmianagar, Walchandnagar and so on?

In these Nagars, the unions have to speak for the whole town and the population. The tripartite agreement refers to such nagars also.

The same is the case where large construction works under contractors, lasting over six months, are being carried on. The contractors and the shops are in league with each other in all their "shanty colonies". There too this problem must be attacked.

As all unions know, the fight against high prices and for fair supplies is an important struggle today.

The AITUC has been not only leading the fight but it is also giving constructive suggestions and solutions to seek immediate relief in this vital problem.

The trade unions have to play a twofold role - one of struggle to get the relief and another of constructive cooperation and participation in getting the schemes properly and promptly executed when Government and employers agree to them.

Government and employers now have agreed to do the things that are given in this circular.

Let us now move to <sup>get</sup> them executed.

So, meet your employer and discuss what he proposes to do.

Try to meet him through your union. If you are not recognised, it does not matter. Meet him as Works Committee or as a Committee elected by the workers meeting for this particular purpose. If possible, take other TU people with you, without raising any questions of front, etc. But move and get the shops.

Then watch how the shops behave, give your people to manage them, or help them. Make them into cooperatives later on. Just now do not wait to make them cooperatives under the law. That will take time. First the employer must start the shops with his capital and arrange supplies from the wholesale cooperatives or Government and sell that at subsidised prices.

We are telling you all this because unless you move the workers in this way, we shall not be leading and serving the workers correctly. We must look into all details.

We know you have not got enough cadres to do all this. But you can train them from the intelligent, sacrificing and militant workers.

Just as we can manage a strike-battle, we must be able to manage the setting up of a shop and running a cooperative. Both are part of the working class movement.

We hope to learn the reports on all-India scale when we shall meet at the time of the March next month in Delhi, in a big review meeting.

With greetings,

P.S. Please share this circular with other unions in your area and initiate local activity by joint meetings, etc.

Yours fraternally,

*S. A. Dange*  
for (S. A. DANGE) 7/11/44  
General Secretary

A Note on I.L.C. Standing Committee Meeting

\* PRINCIPLE OF LINKING D.A. WITH CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
ACCEPTED

\* FAIR PRICE SHOPS AND STORES TO BE OPENED FOR EQUITABLE  
DISTRIBUTION OF ESSENTIAL ARTICLES AT REASONABLE PRI

- by K.G.Sriwastava, Secretary, AITUC

The Standing Committee of the 21st Session of the Indian Labour Conference met in New Delhi on 5 August 1963 to discuss the general labour situation since the last ILC meeting. The Committee discussed in detail the phenomena of rise in prices of essential articles in the recent period, which is one of the main causes of industrial unrest. Certain decisions were taken which, if implemented promptly and effectively, will go to remove to some extent, the anxieties of the working class.

S.R.Vasavada, General Secretary, INTUC, had on 1 August 1963 issued a statement demanding linking D.A. with consumer price indices in all private and public sector industries. The AITUC and the UTUC immediately supported this demand and also demanded that the rise in D.A. should fully neutralise the rise in cost of living. It was also urged that the index figures should be revised to truly reflect the actual rise and fall in living costs.

G.L.Nanda, the Union Labour Minister, agreed with this demand and stated that we should progress towards linking D.A. with consumer price indices in the industries which are not covered and carry forward the decisions of Wage Boards already announced in certain industries.

At the Standing Committee meeting, the TU representatives pointed out that the price statistics collected by Government inspectors to calculate the consumer price indices are faulty. They demanded that data on prices which should be collected should not be the "controlled" prices as fixed by Government but the actual prices paid by the consumers in the open market. It was agreed that the TU representatives will be taken into confidence and consulted in computing the consumer price index. Wherever there is complaint about the correctness of the price statistics, the official concerned and the TU representatives can have a physical re-verification on the spot. In Bombay, the Maharashtra Labour Minister, M.G.Mane and S.A.Dange will go on surprise checking of prices.

In order to provide the working class with articles of daily use, specially food articles at reasonable prices, it was agreed that in all concerns where more than 300 workers are engaged, stores will be opened by the employers within four weeks. Consumer cooperative stores of workers will also be encouraged and the civilian labour officers and others will help the trade unions to get these societies registered under the Cooperative Act, without any delay. The Labour Officers will consider this as one of their main work during this period. Payment of Wages Act will be amended wherever necessary to enable the employer to deduct the cost of supplies from wages, on being so authorised by the worker. Employers will provide accommodation for these stores and also money for initial investment. Government will provide foodgrains and other articles at subsidised rates.

Steps will also be taken to open fair price shops and such stores in industrial localities. In townships like Tatanagar, Modinagar, Birlagnam, Dalmianagar, etc., where employers control not only industries but even civic life, it was agreed that immediately these shops and stores should be opened.

For workers engaged on construction work which is to continue for six months or more, such stores will be provided.

. . . . G.L.Nanda warned

G.L.Nanda warned the employers that if the trading community does not cooperate in this and resorts to hoarding, profiteering or blackmarketing, appropriate action under the Defence of India Rules will be taken against them.

The Union Labour Minister will write letters to the Chief Ministers and the Labour Ministers of the States to give this programme a priority and explain this to the trade unions and employers' representatives in similar meetings at State level. Such tripartite Standing Committees should be formed in each State, without any delay. These should be presided over by the Labour Ministers.

It was reiterated that the Compulsory Deposit Scheme does not flow from the Industrial Truce Resolution. However, this Committee may discuss proposals for its modifications, if brought forward by the participants.

The threat of general strike in Bombay was discussed. It was agreed that the Maharashtra Labour Minister will call a tripartite meeting at the State level to discuss issues there. The Action Committee of the AITUC unions in Bombay had precisely demanded this in its letter to the Chief Minister of Maharashtra.

The Action Committee of the AITUC unions in Bombay will meet to discuss the outcome of this Tripartite consultation in Delhi. The agreement to verify the prices and the cost of living index in cooperation with union representatives and to make changes where it is found defective, the promise to open stores in each factory (employing over 300 workers) for supplying essential goods at fair prices within four weeks and the tripartite consultation by the State Government, will be given due consideration by the unions in formulating their future programme of action.

As regards the bonus issue of textile workers of Bombay, the Maharashtra Labour Minister informed that the representative union under the BIR Act is studying the latest balance-sheets of the employers and will put up its demand shortly. He also stated that the AITUC will be informed of the position officially.

The proposal to set up Central and State Arbitration Councils was postponed for consideration at the next meeting of the Standing Committee at the request of the employers, who wanted time to examine it in more detail.

The representatives of the trade unions were willing to wait and watch implementation of these decisions.

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It is now the task in all trade union centres, first to see that the promised stores are opened within four weeks by the employers of all factories employing over 300 workers, including places where construction works are being carried on. Trade unions should immediately meet the employers to find out what they propose to do and in what way the workers and employers can cooperate in executing this very important measure. Where employers do not respond, the unions should hold meetings and demonstrations and demand action against such employers.

Unions must take initiative, both constructive and agitational, in order to get this agreement implemented in practice. If the unions succeed, the cost of living index, where it is manipulated or wrongly constructed can be corrected. Another gain from this agreement will be that where profiteering shops are fleecing the workers, we can secure relief through the fair price shops at each factory or industrial colony.

The State tripartites must be made to be active bodies in carrying out this programme.

Above all, the unions must be on the move for getting this

9 April 1963

Shri S.S.Patil,  
1831 'D' Shaniwar Peth,  
KOLHAPUR, Maharashtra

Dear Com.Patil,

Thank you for your letter (undated) received  
by us on 6th April.

I am sorry that the invitation to attend  
the General Council meeting of AITUC here from  
15th to 17th April 1963 has not reached you. Kindly  
treat this as an invitation. Agenda is enclosed.

In the recent past, we have not issued any  
particular circular to General Council/Working  
Committee members. Our circulars are generally  
either to all unions or on trade basis and some  
for State Committees.

Hope to meet you shortly.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

*me*

(K.G.Srivastava)  
Secretary



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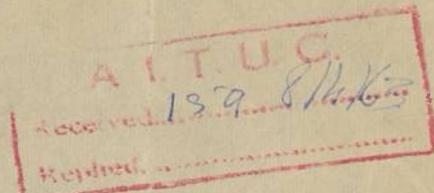
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Dated the, 5th. April 1963.

The General Secretary,  
All India Trade Union Congress  
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Dear Brother,

A.I.T.U.C. General Council Meeting  
Federation's Delegation

We have come to learn that the General Council ~~Meeting~~ of the A.I.T.U.C. will meet during 15th., 16th., 17th., April at New Delhi to discuss some important issues relating to present day problems.

Our Federation desires to send a Delegation to your G.C. meeting to participate in the deliberations. If you so desire, our General Secretary along with one Officer may attend. Please confirm by return post.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

*[Signature]*  
for General Secretary

*Approved.  
Approval for staying 10 days. Please  
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V.B.  
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From:- S.S. Patil.  
1881, 'D', Shaniwar  
Peth, Kolhapur.

To : K.G. Shrivastawa,  
Secretary, A.I.T.U.C.  
4 Ashoka Road, New Delhi.

Subject:- Invitation of the Comming meeting of G.C. OF  
A.I.T.U.C.

136. 6/4/63.

Sir,  
I read in the T.U.R. and New Age weekly about the meeting of the general council of the All India Trade Union Congress. I as a member of the council was waiting up to this time for the circular of the same. Some of my Colleagues who are not members of the Council have received invitations to attend the meeting.

Please send me the circular and inform me the details of the Programme of the meeting. At the same time I expect that the office of the A.I.T.U.C. should keep contact with me. The way it must be maintaining contact with other members of the General Council.

Expecting an early reply,

Yours fraternally.

Date:- -4-63.

S.S. Patil

*Shri Patil's name is not  
our G.C. members list - RR*

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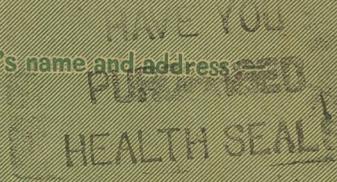
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March 4, 1963

CIRCULAR No. GC/1/63

To All Members of the General Council

Sub: General Council Meeting - Delhi  
(April 15-17, 1963)

Dear Comrades,

A meeting of the General Council of the AITUC will be held in the AITUC Office at New Delhi on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 15, 16 and 17 April 1963. The meeting will commence at 3 p.m. on 15 April 1963.

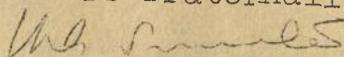
The following agenda is proposed:

- 1) Confirmation of the Minutes of the last meeting
- 2) Review of - (a) National Defence Fund collections  
(b) Working of Industrial Truce Resolution  
(c) Situation relating to arrests and detention of trade unionists.
- 3) Proposals for sending delegations to:
  - a) International Working Women's Conference (Bucharest, October 14-19, 1963)
  - b) May Day delegations
  - c) Conference of Soviet Trade Unions
  - d) Conference of Hungarian Trade Unions (May 9-12)
  - e) Conference of CGT, France (May 12-17)
  - f) International Legal and TU Rights Commission of the WFTU, Prague (July 18-19)
- 4) Union Budget Proposals for new taxation and their effect on the working class
- 5) Proposal made by six Indonesian Trade Union Centres for calling an Asian-African Workers' Conference
- 6) Proposal made by eight national centres of TUs at Casablanca for a World TU Conference of all organisations, irrespective of affiliation.
- 7) Any other subject with the permission of the chair.

Arrangements for lodging and boarding of members will be made in Maharashtra Bhawan (Opp. Paharganj Police Station), New Delhi on payment of Rs.10 per head for four days (from 15 to 18 April). Intimation of arrival should be sent latest by 10 April 1963.

You are cordially invited to attend.

Yours fraternally,

  
(K.G. Sriwastava)  
Secretary