



"We won these by fighting together, workers and clerks, Hindus and Muslims. Under the banner of the TUC we shall further strengthen this unity and win our basic demands."



FOUNDRYMEN AT WORK

BASIC DEMANDS DAY

AITUC Resolution

The AITUC congratulates the workers in various industries who have waged or are waging heroic strikes struggled for securing better economic conditions and have bravely withstood police firing, lathi charges, arrests and imprisonments.

The AITUC pays its tribute to the innumerable working-class martyrs who have fallen victims to police brutality and congratulates those trade union leaders who are leading the trade union movement in spite of the tremendous odds.

The AITUC knows that these struggles of the working-class spring forth from the unbearable economic exploitation to which the working-class has been subjected during the war years and after and that they have but one aim, namely, of radical improvement in the standard of living of the working-class.

It therefore, strongly repudiates the mischievous and malicious propaganda that these struggles are artificially engineered and regards this as an attempt only to justify repression against the workers for rendering help to the employing class.

The AITUC calls upon the workers to realize that no radical improvement in their economic conditions is possible unless the workers, through their unity and strength, win the basic rights and secure legislative sanction for them, thus compelling the owners to implement these rights.

The unity that has been gained during the recent months must, therefore, be further strengthened to unitedly fight for basic economic rights.

The AITUC, therefore, calls upon all INDUSTRIAL WORKERS as well as the MIDDLE-CLASS EMPLOYEES to effectively voice their demands for basic rights such as a living wage, social security, right to work, no retrenchment by observing March 18, 1947, as BASIC DEMANDS DAY throughout India by organising meetings, demonstrations and passing resolutions and sending copies to the Provincial and Central Governments.

The AITUC also appeals to the people in general to support these demands of the working-class as part of the general struggle for economic and political liberation of the people and as part of India's battle against poverty.