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"Under the auspices of the All India Railwaymen's Federation, "National Convention of the Railwaymen" will be held on 27th February, 1974, from 11.00 A.M. at the Badminton Stadium of the Northern Railway(at the back of the Central Hospital of the Northern Railway) on Chemsford Road, New Delhi."

It will be appreciated if the news finds a suitable place in your esteemed daily. You are also requested to send a representative of your press along with the photographer in the Conference.

B.P.C.

(B.P. Roy Chowdhury)
for General Secretary.

To

The News Editor,

New Delhi.

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ALL-INDIA TRADE UNION CONGRESS

24, CANNING LANE, NEW DELHI-1

President : Dr. RANEN SEN, M.P.

General Secretary : S. A. DANGE

27 February 1974

To,

The President
The General Secretary,
All-India Railwaymen's Federation,
125-E, Babar Road,
New Delhi

Dear Comrade,

Please find enclosed herewith copy of the
Press Release issued by us on 25th February 1974
for your information.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

K.G. Sriwastava

(K.G. Sriwastava)
Secretary

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A L L I N D I A T R A D E U N I O N C O N G R E S S .

(24, Canning Lane, New Delhi - 1.)

February 25, 1974.

PRESS RELEASE.

Leading office-bearers and workers of railway unions affiliated to the All India Trade Union Congress, met today in Delhi and established a Council of Action to press forward the urgent demands of railway workers and to call upon the government to negotiate and settle the demands or face direct action on the part of the railway workers.

This Council of Action alongwith AITUC and its affiliated unions also decided to participate in the National Convention of railwaymen * being held in Delhi on February 27th to arrive at a common understanding ~~an~~ with all organisations and forces of the railwaymen's movement.

The AITUC also decided to call a Convention of railway unions affiliated to it on the 15th March, 1974 in order to give effect to the programme of united action all over India.

K.G. Srivastava

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S E C R E T A R Y .



All India Railwaymen's Federation

125/E, BABAR ROAD, NEW DELHI-1.



1st March, 1974

Press statement.

The one day National Convention of Railwaymen which took place in New Delhi on February 27, 1974 was the most unique gathering of railwaymen ever held. At the invitation of the All India Railwaymen's Federation over two thousand delegates representing more than one hundred organisations of railwaymen participated in the Convention.

The participants included Zonal unions affiliated to the AITUC, CITU, HMP, HMS and BMS. They also came from the large body of categorywise unions including the All India Railway Employees Confederation. Organisations like the Loco Running Staff Association and the Train Examiners Association which are not affiliated to any federating body also participated in the deliberations.

The Central organisations of labour in India were also fully represented at the convention.

S.A. Dange, General Secretary of the AITUC, Mohd. Ismail M.P., Vice President of the CITU, Pritish Chandra, Secretary of the UTUC, S. Venkatram, Hind Mazdoor Panchayat led high power delegations from their respective organisations and also addressed the convention.

The convention adopted a resolution which while listing the urgent and common demands of railwaymen served an ultimatum on the Railway Ministry to settle these demands by April 10, 1974. Failure to settle the demands will inevitably lead to an

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indefinite general strike of railwaymen from any day after the expiry of the ultimatum.

The Convention has set up a Co-ordination Committee consisting of representatives of all unions, associations and the organisations subscribing to the charter of demands and to the struggle perspective. Every organisation of railwaymen excepting the Congress-led National Federation of Indian Railwaymen is associated with the Co-ordination Committee. Every Central Organisations of Indian workers excepting the INTUC has agreed to associate itself with the Railwaymen's movement to achieve their demands. We have once again appealed to the National Federation of Indian Railwaymen and to the INTUC to associate themselves with this unprecedented endeavour of railwaymen irrespective of their affiliation to secure their most legitimate demands.

The Co-ordination Committee which met yesterday has chalked out a programme of mobilisation on all the railways and at every branch level. A massive propaganda campaign will be launched to explain our demands to the people and to secure their support in our struggle.

April 2-8 will be observed as Demands Week by all railwaymen. There will be meetings, processions, demonstrations during these days at all railway centres and on April 8, there will be simultaneous demonstrations at all Zonal and Divisional Headquarters.

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All railwaymen will wear badges during the week to express their determination to launch the struggle.

We are requesting all members of Parliament and the leaders of all political parties in the country to support our cause. A large number of Congress members of Parliament including the Deputy Leader of the Congress Party in the Lok Sabha are on record supporting the demands of railwaymen. We are now urging them to extend their support to our struggle to achieve those demands.