

To All Trade Unions of India

AFTER the Executive Committee of the Indian Trade Union Congress decided to postpone for one year the question of affiliation to the Pan-Pacific Trade Union Secretariat, the Secretariat decided to invite the various unions of India to send delegates to the next Congress taking place at Vladivostock on August 1.

But before the invitations reached India, many officers of the unions addressed were arrested. The lawless and arbitrary British officials probably will never deliver the letters to new officers of the Indian unions who took the places of those imprisoned.

Everyone is aware that the British government is trying to isolate organized labor of India, especially from the P. P. T. U. S. Because of interference with legitimate correspondence, this notice is published to notify all Indian trade unions that official letters of invitation to the August 1 Pan-Pacific T. U.

Congress at Vladivostock have been sent them.

Lack of space prevents giving the whole letter here, but its closing lines state, over the signature of the P. P. T. U. S.:

"We therefore extend a hearty invitation to your organization to send delegates to the II Pan-Pacific Conference which will open at Vladivostock next August 1. If it is impossible for you to send delegates due to lack of finances, you could probably arrange with some other union or unions to be jointly represented by a delegation. To have delegates at our next Conference will be a fitting reply to the exploiters of Indian workers and peasants who have finally decided to cut off Indian trade unionists from their fellow-workers abroad by passing the 'Public Safety Bill', which, with the aid of the anti-Trade Union Act, is intended to smash the Indian trade unions."