

Negro Murdered, 3 Wounded in Birmingham Police Terror; Workers! Protest August 22!

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., August 10.—One Negro worker has been murdered and three critically wounded as a result of the savage lyncher terror launched by the police against Birmingham Negro workers under cover of the hunt for a Negro bandit who is supposed to have been responsible for the hold-up and shooting of three society women here a few days ago. One of the women died, and the Birmingham boss press has been frothing at the mouth and deliberately whipping up lynch sentiment against the Negro workers. The police have furthered this sentiment by making wholesale raids and arrests of scores of Negro workers.

Both the police and the boss press are feverishly attempting to connect the hold-up with the growth of Communist influence among the Negro masses of Birmingham. In their wholesale arrests of workers, the police are making every effort to frame

up Negro militants. Workers' homes are searched for Communist literature. Among the militant workers arrested so far are Eugene Braxton, John James, and David James, three of the most militant Negro leaders

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of the working class here.

Two of the three wounded workers were taken out of their beds by the police and taken a short distance from their homes and shot. The two are Charles Horton, 3116 Twenty-Seventh Ave., N., who was shot in the neck; and James Jennett, Route 1, Bessemer, who has three wounds, two of them in the abdomen. Police claimed to have found Communist literature in the home of Horton. The other two workers were shot as they dropped off a freight train. Ed Edwards was killed immediately. His cousin, Will Edwards, was wounded in the leg.

The terror against Birmingham Negro workers is directly connected up with the lynching of three Negro workers within the past week—one in Alabama, one in Louisiana, and a third in Arkansas—and with the police massacre of Chicago unemployed workers in which four Negro workers were murdered and scores of white and Negro workers wounded by police fire from machine guns and riot guns.

These attacks are part of the same boss campaign of terror which resulted in the framing up of the nine innocent Scottsboro Negro children and the murderous attacks by the landowners and their police on the Camp Hill Negro croppers. This campaign of terror is directed at suppressing the growing struggles of the Negro masses against starvation and Jim Crow capitalism.

It is part of the general terror against the working class, part of the general attempt of the bosses to force starvation, wage cuts and a lower standard of living upon the toiling masses, white and Negro.

Connected with it are the wholesale raids and deportation of militant foreign born workers, the deportation and jailing of strike leaders—Ann Burlak, an American born worker was held three days for deportation by the United States 'Labor' Department!

Against this boss terror and persecution of Negro and foreign born workers, and of native white workers, the International Labor Defense is organizing nation-wide demonstrations on August 22.

The workers of the whole world will demonstrate on August 22. They will demand the unconditional release of the Scottsboro and Camp Hill victims, of Tom Mooney and the scores of other class-war prisoners held in the dungeons of American capitalism, of the class war prisoners of European capitalism, against the Kuomintang terror against the Chinese workers and peasants.

Negro and white workers! Prepare gigantic demonstrations for August 22! Commemorate the martyrdom of Sacco and Vanzetti! Fight against the system which murdered them! Fight for the release of the Scottsboro-Camp Hill victims, for the release of all class war prisoners! Demonstrate August 22!