

Reign of Terror Sweeping B,ham

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Terror and intimidation of Negro workers and members of workers' organizations in Birmingham and other Southern cities, supposedly due to the shooting of two white girls here a few weeks ago, but actually a vital effort of the bosses to stamp out the growing militancy of the workers, still continue.

Harry Jackson, District Organizer of the Communist Party, has been released on \$500 bond. John and David James were released by Judge Abernathy Saturday, Aug. 22 with a long lecture about getting a job and not selling Communist literature. Eugene Braxton, who has been imprisoned in Birmingham jails for his militant workingclass activities, was given a fine of \$25 and 90 days. His case is being appealed by the International Labor Defense.

From North Carolina to Texas, Negro workers are being imprisoned and beaten up with the excuse that they know something about the killing of the girls. Police Chief McDuff is now in Chicago trying to get Elijah

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Thompson, a Negro worker, extradited, on the charge of having killed the girls. Altho there is not the slightest evidence against Thompson, McDuff uses this opportunity to make a spectacular display, probably get the Negro extradited and "incidentally" lynched, and collect the \$3,300 reward which Negro business men have joined in offering.

In Birmingham all churches must disband in time for their congregations to be home at 10 o'clock. Any Negro seen on the streets later than 9 o'clock is arrested and beaten up. Police cars and motorcycles whiz through the Negro sections. Every Negro is a suspect and any white man can beat, arrest, or shoot a "nigger" and get praised for it by the police department and the T. C. I. government.

The desperate efforts of the bosses to terrorize the workers into complete servility result only in the growth of the workers' organizations. Thousands of leaflets and Southern Workers are now being spread in the shops and neighborhoods of Birmingham, protesting the police terror against the workers. The struggle for immediate relief and unemployment insurance is being intensified. The workers are organizing to fight against hunger.