

NEW LYNCH TALK IN BIRMINGHAM

Threaten TUUL, Party Organizing Goes On

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 7.—Following the arrest of Harry Jackson, Frank Burns and Gil Lewis, organizers of the Trade Union Unity League, at a mass meeting here last Saturday, the city government of Birmingham has launched a campaign to drive the Communist Party and the revolutionary unions completely underground. "The Communists and their activities in Birmingham will be completely wiped out," J. M. Jones, President of the Birmingham City Commission, stated to the press this week. Chief of Police McDuff has instructed the police to arrest Communist leaders on sight and "to comb the city for secret Communist meetings in order to break them up," according to the local papers.

The police are co-operating with the Klu Klux Klan, which two weeks ago burned an effigy of Tom Johnson, Communist Party District Organizer, and is working up spirit for the murder of Communist leaders. McDuff has announced that he "has been warned by friends that the Communists are out to get him and is taking every precaution to protect his life." At the same time Jones produced a faked letter preporting to come from a Negro in Harlem threatening his life. The letter has been branded by the Communist Party as a crude and obvious frame-up designed to incite or excuse the open murder of leading members of the Communist Party and the T.U.U.L.

Worker Prisoners Friendly.

Jackson, Burns and Lewis, still in jail, have managed to smuggle out word that every attempt has been made by the jailors to incite the other prisoners against them but that this has been unsuccessful and the other prisoners, mostly workers, are expressing their complete solidarity with the class war prisoners. Unsuccessful in their attempt to incite the prisoners the police have done their own dirty work, beating up Gil Lewis, Negro

Fire Part of Force and Increase Hours of Rest

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 7.—His name and even his city can't be printed, because he might lose his job. "There are a hundred men waiting for my job, so please don't mention my name," he asks.

A skilled worker, 30 years old and vigorous, he was getting \$1 an hour last year. Now he is collecting garbage 11 to 14 hours a day at half his former wage. His case is typical of hundreds in that community, where many plants have discharged part of their employes and increased the hours of those remaining.

BOSSSES' BUREAU ADMITS 9.1% COMMODITY DROP.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics show commodity prices as having dropped 9.1 per cent from August 1st to June 1st. This is no doubt a mild version of the real commodity drop.

T.U.U.L. organizer, severely. The International Labor Defense, defending them, hopes to effect the release of the three organizers on bond tomorrow.

Leading Communist Party members are receiving daily threats from the K. K. K. and other fascist organizations. One comrade has received three phone calls in the last two days threatening him with the bombing of his house and the kidnapping of his children unless he severs all connections with the Party immediately. Workers, especially Negroes, who are members of the T. U. U. L., report almost daily threats to lynch them, burn their homes, drive them out of town, if they attend meetings called by the revolutionary unions. Tom Johnson, District Organizer of the Communist Party, has been informed by emmisaries of the Klan that he has only a week to live if he remains in Birmingham.

The Communist Party has announced that it will meet this violence of the fascists, and the police with the rapid organization of mass defense corps of both white and Negro workers. At the same time every effort to speed the building of the revolutionary unions will be made. The workers are showing wonderful spirit, and far from being cowed, are coming into the T.U.U.L. in increasing numbers.