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Birmingham Workers to Demonstrate Aug. 1

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 30.—The campaign of terrorism directed against the workers of Birmingham and their organizations reached a climax late Saturday with the kidnapping of Harry Jackson, southern organizer of the T.U.U.L.

Jackson had been arrested Friday night. He was released from jail Saturday afternoon when the police found that he was already out on bond in another case; at least this is the story they tell.

He was evidently picked up directly after his release and taken for a ride. There seems little doubt that the police arrested him for one reason and one only, to release him, after taking away his gun, at a prearranged time and place where the Ku Klux Klan or other agents of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company, could pick him up with no danger to themselves. The cowardly rats were afraid to try to get him before the police had done their bit in relieving him of his gun.

Up to the time this was written (Monday at 3 p. m.) nothing had been heard from him. It seems probable that the "southern gentlemen" of Birmingham have added another cowardly murder to their bloody record.

Leaders in Jail.

The situation is tense here. Joe Carr, organizer of the Mine, Oil and Smelter Workers' Union; and Gene Braxton, Negro miner and leading member of the Communist Party here, are in jail on a double charge of trespassing on company property and vagrancy. They will come to trial August 6. Frank Burns, Harry Jackson and Tom Johnson, were sentenced to \$50 fines and one year on the chain gang on similar charges last week. Police are now again looking for Tom Johnson, district organizer of the Communist Party, but have not succeeded in arresting him as this is written.

The white and colored workers of Birmingham are determined that this wave of terror shall not smash their organizations, are determined to protect their organizers at all costs. Workers throughout this section are searching for trace of Jackson or the rats who took him for a ride. The Communist Party in a leaflet issued today calls on the workers to build such organizations that the bosses will be unable to smash and to immediately proceed with the organization of workers defense corps.

Birmingham workers will rally in mass demonstration against the fascist terror, and the imperialist war plans for which it is a preparation. The demonstration will be August First, at 22nd St. and New Market St.