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MEMPHIS, Tenn., June 9.—The police chief and American Legion heads, working flagrantly and publicly together to prohibit the organizing of Negro workers here, have announced that Tom Johnson, Southern organizer arrested last week and deported from Memphis, will be arrested and charged with sedition if he returns. Descriptions of the organizer have been given all Memphis police.

The chief of police, the police commissioner and the heads of the American Legion accompanied Johnson to the train after his release and detectives rode with him to Chattanooga, where he had a meeting.

The Communist Party had announced that the meeting, to prevent which Johnson, Prof. Horace Davis and his wife, Marian Davis,
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were arrested, was in preparation for running a Negro worker for governor of the state.

Colrone Waring, head of the Legion here, openly declared that he had mobilized his following to smash the Communist meeting and lynch all the speakers.

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Masses Protest Atlanta Cases.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (By Mail).—A mass protest meeting of the International Labor Defense was held here June 4, against the electrocution of six Atlanta organizers. Nearly one hundred Negro and white workers were present, despite the vicious campaign of propaganda and terrorism carried on by the ruling class to keep the workers from this meeting. The day before a policeman, seeing a white worker in the hall, called him out and threatened to place him under arrest, declaring that any white person seen at our meeting would be arrested.

J. Louis Engdahl was the principal speaker.

A resolution calling for the immediate and unconditional release of the six organizers was passed unanimously. Copies of this resolution were sent to press services and all Atlanta papers, as well as to the mayor of Atlanta and the governor of Georgia.

H. Jackson, secretary of the Trade Union Unity League, Southern District, spoke on its Southern District Conference, to be held here June 8. He pointed out that this conference would mark a real step in the smashing of race prejudice and uniting the Negro and white workers to struggle together against oppression. He called upon all workers to elect delegates from their shops and send them to the conference.

Gilbert Lewis, chairman, spoke on the London Conference of Negro workers.