

BOSSSES' POLICE BREAKS MEETING

Jail Negro Comrade; Organizer Beaten!

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Sept. 2.—The September 1st demonstration here was broken up by a large body of plain clothes police who were guarding the park where the meeting was to be held.

Gene Braxton, Negro Communist leader, was arrested and is being held for "investigation." Tom Johnson, district organizer for the Communist Party, was taken "for a ride" by four of the bosses' policemen and twenty miles out of town he was severely beaten up and warned that he would be shot on sight if he returned to Jefferson County. Comrade Johnson caught a freight back to Birmingham and arrived in town late last night.

In an interview with the I. L. D. attorney here today, Jones, who is the head of the Birmingham City Commission, stated all Communist organizers would be driven from town and that any and all methods would be used to smash the revolutionary labor movement.