

Council Bluffs Police, Sheriffs Kidnap, Beat Up Communists

Vicious attacks against Council Bluff leaders of the Communist Party are reported in fragmentary dispatches from Council Bluffs, Iowa, by the Associated Press.

After George Papcun had been "taken for a ride" to Omaha across the river from Council Bluffs, Gordon Burroughs was forced from his room by a bunch of gunmen armed with tear gas bombs and was taken into the country, where he was viciously beaten.

He was found early Wednesday morning in a dazed condition, unable to speak.

Papcun, whom the Associated Press claims is now "located," was kidnapped last week.

Papcun was arrested at the City Council meeting after his protest against the action of the City Council Committee which investigated

the relief cases mishandled by the Community Chest organization. Papcun accused Mary Larsen of insulting and refusing to give relief to starving unemployed.

He was taken to the city jail and "released" about 9:30 or 10 p.m. into the hands of a bunch of deputy sheriffs and Council Bluffs police.

Wires of protest were sent to the governor of Iowa, the mayor of Council Bluffs and the City Council.

The Trade Union Unity League and Unemployed Council of Council Bluffs is organizing a mass protest meeting against this kidnappink. The meeting will be held at Bayliss Park, Council Bluffs, on Saturday at 10 a.m., and on the same day there will be a similar demonstration at Jefferson Park, Omaha, at 7 p.m. on Saturday.