

Birmingham Workers Defy Gag Law; Demand Release of Six

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., June 22.—Flinging defiance into the faces of the capitalists and their city commission which a few days ago passed a city ordinance prohibiting meetings of the Communists or the revolutionary unionists, 300 Negro and white workers assembled in Capital Park yesterday and listened to the program of the Communist Party and the Trade Union Unity League as outlined by Jackson, acting district organizer of the Communist

Party, and Frank Burns of the T. U. U. L. The meeting was called to protest the attempt to murder by electrocution six worker organizers in Atlanta, Ga., and a strong resolution demanding their release was passed.

The meeting was preceded by an act of attempted terrorism by the Ku Klux Klan, which paraded Thursday night through the Negro section, blowing horns and distributing leaflets and later burned an effigy of Tom Johnson, district or-

ganizer of the Communist Party.

There was every indication that an attempt to smash the meeting yesterday was being planned, but the temper and determination of the workers was so evident that the thugs did not attack. Squads of police, Klansmen and bosses' thugs were all around it.

Meet Burlak Today.

NEW YORK.—All workers are called to Pennsylvania station this morning to meet Anna Burlak when

she arrives on the Crescent Limited at 11:45 daylight saving time. Burlak is Southern representative of the International Labor Defense and was arrested with three others at a meeting May 21 in Atlanta, Ga. The meeting was called by the American Negro Labor Congress to unite white and Negro workers for common defense against lynch gangs and for organization into the National Textile Workers' Union and other T. U. U. L. unions in a fight against starvation on the job

or off of it.

Burlak was released Friday afternoon when her bond, a few days before set at \$4,000, was finally reduced to \$3,000. With the other three, and two more arrested in April, she is charged with "insurrection" and if convicted will be electrocuted under a Georgia law dating from 1861, which provided the death penalty for that offense.

Greenville Workers Greet Militant.
GREENVILLE, S. C., June 22.—

A group of workers met Anna Burlak when she arrived here yesterday after being bailed out in Atlanta, where she is to be placed on trial for her life because she helped to organize Negro and white workers. Burlak is known in the textile regions as an organizer for the National Textile Workers' Union before she went to Atlanta for the International Labor Defense.

In the group to welcome this girl militant were Binkley of the N. T. W. U. and Jennie Cooper, organizer

for the International Labor Defense.

The I. L. D. in the South is holding a series of mass meetings throughout the territory to mobilize thousands of workers in protest against the attempted murder of the six organizers in Atlanta, the persecution in Southern states of union, I. L. D., Negro Labor Congress and Communist Party organizers. "Immediate freedom for the organizers of the working class" is the slogan of the meetings.

Conference Demands Release.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., June 22.—A defense conference, held here in Bues Hall, 296 W. Water St., on June 17, with representatives from 32 workers' organizations, including union locals, denounced the attempted electrocution of workers' leaders in Atlanta and demanding their release. The delegates represented something over 2,000 workers.