

ARREST THREE IN BIRMINGHAM; LYNCH THREAT

Klan Burns Effigy of TUUL Organizer

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 20.—Two days after the successful meeting of 300 workers in the nearby city of Chattanooga, Tenn., at which all pledged themselves to fight the growing lynch and legalistic terror of the southern employers, that terror broke loose again here.

Friday Tom Johnson, Communist Party district organizer, Jackson, and Tunlong were arrested and held incommunicado, "pending investigation." Their house was raided, all records, files, books, literature, the typewriter, and everything else confiscated.

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Defying with impunity the federal laws against interfering with mail, the raiders, police and K.K.K. heads, are holding the post office box used by the arrested workers.

Some 2,000 Klansmen paraded through the Jim Crow district where the Negro miners live, and burnt effigies of Frank Burns, organizer of the Trade Union Unity League, and of Tunlong. A "fiery cross" (K.K.K. symbol) was burned in front of the organizers' house.

Speakers at the Chattanooga meeting, July 16, were: Burns, Gilbert Lewis, Negro organizer; Joe Carr, and Mary Dalton, two of the organizers facing electrocution in Atlanta if convicted of "insurrection"—which consists of uniting Negro and white workers to fight unemployment and lynching.