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A. N. L. C. Statement.

The American Negro Labor Congress, 799 Broadway, through its secretary, Cyril Briggs, issued a statement yesterday pointing out that the A. N. L. C. is the only Negro organization waging a determined fight against lynching and for the organization of Negro and white workers in a common struggle against exploitation. The statement says, in part:

"The raid by Atlanta police on a mass meeting held by the American Negro Labor Congress and the arrest of our Field Organizer, Gilbert Brady, together with five other workers, and the attempt of the State of Georgia to railroad these workers to the electric chair on the charge of 'insurrection,' clearly expose the wide extent and the source of the present wave of terror sweeping the South, of which the Sherman horror is one manifestation and the many attempts by southern state governments to legally lynch militant Negro and white workers another manifestation.

"The Civil War-law, which aimed at the suppression of the many insurrectionary attempts of the slaves, has been dug up by the State of Georgia in the attempt to smash the militancy of the Negro masses and to send to their death workers guilty of the 'crime' of attempting to hold a meeting of the American Negro Labor Congress! These workers are to be murdered for daring to organize!"
