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THE LABOR MOVEMENT IS DEEPLY CONCERNED BY RECENT INCIDENTS
IN ALABAMA INDICATING A BREAKDOWN OF LAW AND ORDER AND
FAILURE OF AUTHORITIES TO PROTECT PEACEFUL CITIZENS IN
THE ENJOYMENT OF THEIR CIVIL RIGHTS. THE FIRST INCIDENT
INVOLVED VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM AGAINST A NEGRO LABOR
LEADER NAMED EDWARD NIXON, OF MONTGOMERY, AND AGAINST

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THE REV M L KING, A MINISTER OF THE CHURCH. THEIR HOMES WERE BOMBED OBVIOUSLY BECAUSE THEY ADVOCATED A BOYCOTT BY NEGRO CITIZENS AGAINST BUS LINES THAT PRACTICED DISCRIMINATION IN MONTGOMERY.

THE SECOND INCIDENT WHICH RECEIVED WIDER PUBLICITY RESULTED IN RIOTING AND VIOLENCE AGAINST MISS AUTHERINE J LUCY A NEGRO GIRL ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR AND CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS IS GLAD TO LEARN THAT YOU HAVE ORDERED THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO INVESTIGATE THE

"DEFIANCE" OF LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA. WE URGE
YOU TO DIRECT THAT INVESTIGATION BE BROADENED TO INCLUDE
THE VIOLENCE IN MONTGOMERY. IT IS A DISGRACE TO THE
GOOD NAME OF OUR COUNTRY AND OUR DEMOCRACY WHEN LOCAL
AUTHORITIES PERMIT LAWLESS INTERFERENCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS
GEORGE MEANY PRESIDENT AMERICAN FEDERATION OF
LABOR AND CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS.