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MINERS MANIFESTATION AT BETHUNE.

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October 21st 1948

A big manifestation composed by 4 to 5.000 miners of the Mines of VERQUIN, NOEUDS les MINES, BRUAY, took place at BETHUNE.

The aim of this Manifestation is to protest against the arrestation of 8 miners during the incidents at Noeud les Mines, and to ask the retrierte of the police forces of the region.

This Manifestation finished by very series riots.

Our picture shows :

- The miners, banner leading, arrive in a procession and go towards the Town Hall.
- The strikers get hold of the 'Sous Prefet' and take him away.
- Intervention of the C.R.S. who are first jostled about.
- Different shots of the riot and the wounded.

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MINERS RIOTS in MINES

Saint Etienne Loire.

October 26th. 1948

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**48 meters
159 ft.**

Strikes are still going on and spreading in the Center's mines. Following a decision of the Communist led Syndicate C.G.T. to abandon the Security works in the Mines, the Government sent C.R.S. (Republican Security Companies) and troops to take over the pits in order to ensure safety underground.

The miners are occupying the pits and riots broke out in different areas when the CRS and troops came to chase them from the mines.

Our picture shows :

- general views of the pits,
- arrival of a Company of CRS, on bicycles,
- Strikers guarding the entrance of the pits
- Troops and CRS on guard in front of railroads and coal stocks
- Strikers attacking guards with stones and iron bars
- CRS using tear-gas to chase the strikers from the pits,
- CRS charging the strikers.

