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This afternoon brought news of a company-union ^{peace-fact} ~~agreement~~ in the realm of - anthracite. John L. Lewis announces, what he calls - "Complete

agreement." They've settled the terms of a hard coal contract - and these are said to be about the same as in soft coal. A wage boost of seventy cents a day, a welfare fund increase of ten cents a ton - with the union agreeing to leave out the "willing and able" clause.

SENATE - COMMUNIST

Before a committee today, Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin expanded his charge that, right now, there are fifty-seven Communists in the State Department. He noted that Mrs. Dean Acheson, wife of the Secretary of State, was listed as a sponsor of the Congress of American Women, alleged to be a Communist outfit. He declared that U.S. Ambassador-at-large Philip C. Jessup has, what the Senator called "An unusual affinity for Communist causes."

He noted that many prominent people have been tricked into letting their names be used by the Reds. But he said this excuse could not be made for Miss Dorothy Kenyon, former American representative to the United Nations. The Senator declared that Miss Kenyon had been affiliated with at least twenty-eight Communist front organizations.

All of which draws a prompt and blistering denial from Miss Kenyon - who some years ago was a magistrate in New York. She calls the charge - a lie. And says: "I saw the list of organizations which

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Senator McCarthy mentioned, and most of them I never heard of." She adds that she has a vague recollection of some of them, groups before whom she made speeches - she having made speeches all her life.

~~As for her role as former American Representative to the U.N. Commission on the status of women - she says the record will show how strongly and consistently she opposed the Communists.~~

FOREIGN MINISTERS

There's to be a Big Three meeting in April or May - in connection with a session of the North Atlantic Council. So announced this afternoon by Secretary of State Acheson, who said that he'll attend the council as chairman - and will hold conferences with the foreign ministers of Great Britain and France at the same time. All to take place, probably, in Paris.

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A late story from the U.N. pictures the Chinese nationalist delegate in a bitter denunciation of ~~the~~ Secretary General ~~Trygve~~ Lie. Today, the Secretary General circulated a document arguing that a country ~~should~~ should be represented in the United Nations by whatever government is actually in control. Which, of course, would mean that the Communists should have the place allotted to the ~~the~~ Chinese. The Nationalist delegate declares angrily that Trygve Lie ~~had~~ overstepped his duties as Secretary-General.

INDO-CHINA

A late story, just in, tells of the execution of an American Air Force pilot by Red insurgents in French Indo-China. The pilot, we are told, bailed out of a disabled bomber during operations against the Japanese, was captured by the Indo-Chinese Communists - held prisoner for three years, and then murdered. This is now disclosed by a French military force operating against the Reds.

SUB FRANCE

At midnight in Paris a strike of one hundred thousand gas and electric workers began - and immediately the government took action to draft strikers into the army. The walkout threatens to throw France into darkness and stop all industry, and earlier this evening Premier Bidault issued his emergency order. It is an old method of stopping a strike in countries that have conscripted armies - the idea being to put strikers back to work as soldiers under military discipline. So all over France, policemen have been knocking at doors and serving notices on strikers to report for duty under the army call.

MOSCOW

In Moscow tonight, an American made a ~~speech~~ speech - in the Kremlin, calling for a better understanding between the Soviets and the United States. He was John Rogge, former Assistant Attorney General ~~in~~ in Washington - who now is a member of what is called a "world committee of peace partisans." Which has been denounced as a Red propaganda outfit. The committee has sent a delegation to the Kremlin, where ~~tonight~~ tonight they were received by members and officials of the Soviet Parliament.

BRITISH JET

The news from London tonight features that new three letter word in aviation - jet. The British air ministry today announced a doubling of jet fighter squadrons. A new type has been developed - the venom. Said to excell that previous jet fighter - the vampire. All new squadrons for daytime air battle will be equipped with the new venom jets. At the same time, the new jet bomber, the Canberra, is being turned out "in quantities", and will be put into service shortly.

And - jet automobiles. Tomorrow Britain unveils the first example of a motor car driven by the principle of - jet. Really - turbo-jet, a modification of the speedsters of the sky that streak fire and smoke. They say no end of experiment has been necessary to control the terrific power - but tomorrow they'll show the first example of the jet principle applied to the automobile.

PARLIAMENT

In the London House of Commons today, the debate between the Labor Government and Winston Churchill's Conservatives got away from such matters as nationalization and Socialism, and turned to something more dramatic and exotic - the case of the African tribal chief, Seretse Khama and his white queen, the former London stenographer, Ruth Williams. The cabinet of Prime Minister Attlee announces that Seretse Khama, who is now in London, will not be permitted to return to his tribe in Bechuanaland, a South African British protectorate. Also - they demand that the chief remove his white queen from the tribal territory, where she now is.

Winston Churchill arose and protested, saying that a point of honor is involved. Because the government had invited Seretse Khama to come to London for discussions - and now was telling him he could not go back, and must get his white queen out. Churchill contended that the African chief was not being treated fairly.

The question of "color" was raised - black chief and white queen. But the government said no question of color was involved. Which leads us to recall that the whole thing began as a question of color - in reverse, however. The regent of the tribe, an uncle of Seretse Khama, turned against him - because he had married a white wife. The regent, supported by a large faction, declared that the white woman would never be recognized as queen.

Since then, the former London stenographer *among the Tribes of Bechuanaland* has won supporters of her own. When she arrived in Bechuanaland, the country was having a long drought - but no sooner had she appeared than it began to rain. So they are calling her the rain queen. Which is not an unfavorable title in South Africa.

The white rain queen ^{is} bitterly resentful of the London Government demand that she get out - though she says she expected it. She explains that, several weeks ago, she had a warning from a tribal witch-doctor. The medicine man traveled on foot for miles

across the desert, to tell the rain queen that trouble was ahead for herself and Seretse Khama. "A snake lies in the path of the chief," said the witch-doctor.

She says she will not leave the tribe. Which puts it up to the authorities in London - as the affair of the African chief and his white rain queen raises new contention between the Labor Government and Winston Churchill's Conservatives.

STUDENTS

In Egypt, the Ministry of Education is investigating a war among the students - in which forty-five were injured. In a pitched battle of a spectacular sort, two armies of students assailed each other, not only with fists and sticks, but also with barrages of stones and fire bombs. These latter - balls of cloth soaked in gasoline, lighted and hurled as incendiary missiles. The cause of it all - a girl, war over a woman. *A modern Nile version of*

Helen of Troy? The Town of Mensoura is in lower Egypt, the Delta, where the pyramids and the Sphinx rise from the sands, and where the pharaohs used to reign in the royal city of Memphis. Mensoura has two neighboring schools, crowded with students. Also - a girl, whom they call "Little Egypt." She, of the Nile - at least so far as trouble - making goes.

"Little Egypt" went sparking around with two students, one from each of the two schools, and each claimed her as his own. So they got into a fight - and other students joined in the battle for

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a girl. So next thing you know, the entire manpower of both schools was thrown into the conflict, which raged all over the place for five hours. The Town of Monsoura, in lower Egypt, was turned into a theatre of war - especially with barrages of those fire bombs of gasoline.

Well, twenty-five hundred years ago Herodotus, the father of history, ridiculed the story of Helen of Troy, saying it was nonsense to suppose that men would wage a war over one woman - they wouldn't be that foolish. But Herodotus should have seen what has just happened in the Delta of the Nile over the girl called - Little Egypt.

PISTOL PRACTICE

At Nogales, Arizona, today, the entire police department went out to a shooting range for pistol practice. Down there in Arizona - that's the country of the six-gun, get-the-drop legend of the wild west. So there's a great tradition of saloon and dance hall marksmanship, and the Nogales police force feels it has to live up to the Billy-the-Kid standard of old; Each policeman - a dead shot.

Just to prove it, they had that target practice today - and guess who won? After the shooting was over, the top score was held by Bonnie McDonald - and Bonnie is the eleven year old daughter of the chief of police. Shades of the old wild west, the frontier sheriff, Bat Masterson and Wyatt Earp; imagine their faces as the champion dead shot of the Nogales police force trips forward - eleven year old Bonnie McDonald, in a cute little dress and fetching hat.

COCA COLA

Coca Cola

In France -- new action in the battle of
~~Coca Cola~~. A magistrate in Paris, today, ordered an
analysis of the American soft drink and ^a report on the
question - does Coca Cola contain phosphoric acid?
If so, it's in violation of a law passed forty-five
years ago - and therefore can be banned, abolished in
France.

The phosphoric acid angle is the latest in
the uproar made by wine growers in alliance with
Communists - a peculiar line-up. In France, the
drinking of Coca Cola has been increasing in vogue -
with the same true all over the world. But in France
~~and you can understand the dismay of~~ the French wine
people, all the way from the connoisseur to the
producer ^{are saying:} ~~they say~~ it won't be France any more, when
a Frenchman walks in and says - "Give me a coke",
Instead of the ^{traditional} ~~ancestral~~ - vin rouge. The Commies ^{why} are
they in the ^{is} fight! - because they claim Coca Cola is an
American influence.

*Can you imagine Alfame and Gaston
Well, as an American, I should say that you'd
and Georges and Marcel toasting each other
certainly expect a Frenchman to prefer a fine vintage*

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~~in Coca Cola instead of in St. Emilion or Vouvray?
wine. Even an American might like to sip a rare
burgandy or bordeaux. So I think that, maybe, our
emotions are not so deeply involved in the French
battle of Coca Cola.~~

However ^{Real} here is a most portentous
^{from} declaration in London, which gives warning about a
possible danger to the whole alliance of the west -
not only because of Coca Cola, but also because of a
British drive against American comic books. The London
Daily Mail says America is insu^lated, and prints the
following: "It would have been perfectly all right,"
says that newspaper, "for the French to have said
unkind things about the American Eagle or the British
to have criticized the American Constitution. But,
to Americans, Coca Cola is the fountain of life, and
comic books the food for the soul."

All of this emanates from the New York
correspondent of the London Daily Mail, Don Iddon -
~~Mr. Iddon~~
~~and we can picture him~~ writing with his English
Tongue very much in his British cheek.

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You have Nelson - pass the Pepsi Cola, or will
Seven-up or knee High?