

ADD STRIKE

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If there is a general coal strike within the next few days, it will only mean increasingly vigorous anti-labor reaction in Congress. So says Congressman Hartley who co-sponsored the new labor law.

And then Hartley threw down the gauntlet, tonight -- a challenge to John L. Lewis. He said that if the present statute proves ineffective in handling Lewis, Congress will take immediate steps to strengthen the bill until the United Mine Leader is effectively curbed.

Congressman Hartley added: "In the event that the new law may not prove sufficient to end the ever-recurring threats of coal strikes, I shall introduce a bill ~~which~~ much stronger than the one Congress has just seen fit to pass."

Hartley then denied that continued government operation of the soft coal mines could be the answer to the threat of a national coal strike next month. Said the New Jersey Congressman: "Such continued action on the part of the administration would constitute another in a long series of surrenders to John L. Lewis."

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## STRIKES

The coal mine walkouts continue to increase - strikes of protest against the new labor law. Today an administration official stated that it looked as if the mines would be completely shut down by the time Friday rolls around -- Friday the day when the ~~miners~~ miners are scheduled to take a ten-day holiday.

Today the Northern and Western Coal operators gathered quietly in Washington to discuss the effect of the new law. They say they got into contact with officials of the United Mine Workers Union and made proposals to renew negotiations for a ~~contract~~ contract. They got nowhere, so they say; - union officials showing no sign of wanting to renew discussions for a contract that would prevent a general soft coal strike on June Thirtieth, the date set for the government to turn the mines back to the owners. Actually on June Thirtieth, the miners will be out on that ten-day vacation, scheduled to return on July Seventh. A strike would take the form of their failure to return.

MARSHALL PLAN

( London says that Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin has definitely decided to go ahead with the Marshall Plan, even if Soviet Russia refuses to participate.

Soviet blasts against the Marshall Plan continued today, ) with Pravda intimating that cooperation with the United States for aid to Europe would mean an ~~infring~~ infringement of the sovereignty of European countries.

The British are increasingly fearful that the Soviet part in negotiations will be to obstruct and that Molotov will bring about another deadlock - the old familiar story.



U.N.

The United Nations got the official report today on charges made by Greece against the Communist Governments of Jugoslavia, Albania and Bulgaria. The answer is - yes, all three of those puppet countries have been recruiting, training and arming Red Guerrillas, and sending them into Greece to fight against the Greek Government. The ~~xxx~~ report by the Investigating Commission declares that Jugoslavia has <sup>S</sup>~~ave~~ at least one Refugee Camp devoted to the business of turning out Red Guerrillas for a Communist revolution in Greece.

Recommendations are made. The report advises that the United Nations should keep a permanent border patrol along the frontiers of Greece and its Communist neighbors - to stop the Communist penetration of Greece. Also - put the Refugee Camps in those Communist countries under International control to stop them from being used to mobilize Red Guerrillas for Civil War in Greece.

The report is made by a majority on



the Commission. The Delegates of Soviet Russia and Puppet Poland disagree violently. They put all the blame on the Greek ~~XXXX~~ Government, and charge that the recommendations in the report would be an infringement on the sovereignty of the puppet nations. These recommendations will now be taken up by the Security Council of the U.N., and face the prospect of a ~~XXX~~ Soviet veto.

The latest: A bulletin from Lake Success. The U N has ordered its Balkans' investigating Commission to cross the Bulgarian frontier, and find out at first hand if Bulgaria is aiding Greek Communists. This after Bulgaria refused twice to admit the U N's commission into that country.

This action is one of the most serious, certainly the boldest, yet taken by the U N.

The Russians objected vigorously to tonight's decision at Lake Success, supported by their ~~■~~ satellite Poland.

But the other U N members, obviously fed up with Russian obstructionist tactics, gave their Balkans investigating commission the green light.

## WHALING

Secretary of State Marshall supports General MacArthur's permission to let a Japanese whaling commission go to antarctic waters. This has aroused protests from Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand and Norway. They claim that a renewal of Japanese whaling might lead to a renewal of the Japanese Navy - although it seems a little far fetched to think of a ~~xx~~ whaling vessel as a battleship. <sup>π</sup>The MacArthur contention, now supported by the Secretary of State, is that the Japanese whaling expedition, by bringing back ~~xxxxxx~~ whale meat and oils, will ease the food problem in Japan, and decrease the need for American aid - lighten the burden of American taxpayers.



## PALESTINE

Here's the story of the Terrorist attempt to kidnap the British Liason Officer to the United Nations Commission in Palestine. He is Alan Major, who plays an important part in the investigation the U.N. is conducting. Today, he left the Security Zone in Jerusalem, which is heavily guarded, and went to his home to attend a birthday party for his daughter. I suppose ~~he~~ felt safe - connected as he was with the United Nations inquiry. Anyway, Alan Major's wife is Jewish - his daughter half Jewish.

As he came to the doorway of his home, he was suddenly attacked by three armed men, who blackjacked him and tried to chloroform him. The only thing that saved him from being kidnapped was the fact that his daughter<sup>†</sup> was on the balcony watching as her father came home. She screamed for help, and that attracted the attention of a British Armored Car which was passing. The armored car came roaring - whereupon the would-be kidnappers abandoned their attempt, jumped

into an automobile, and went speeding away - covering their escape with gunfire. The driver of the armored car was wounded in the hand. The Liason Officer to the U.N. Commission was taken to a hospital.

Meanwhile, in Tel Aviv, mysterious doings were reported. Today, the U.N. Commission went to that all-Jewish city - but their Chairman had ~~nd~~ arrived before them, yesterday. The story is that last night he, U.N. ~~Chair~~ Chairman Emil Standstrome, had a secret conference with the leader of the underground Terrorist Organization. ~~xxxx~~ Irgun Zvai Leumi. From the account we have, the U.N. Chairman was met at midnight by two members of Irgun, who took him in a waiting taxicab and drove him to a hush-hush meeting with the mysterious leader.

This afternoon the U.N. Commission denied officially that any such <sup>an</sup>~~an~~ interview had been held, and explained that Chairman Sandstrome had come to Tel Aviv in advance - just to get a rest.

## ATOMIC POWER

We hear something in a matter that everybody is thinking about - industrial atomic power. When, and where? Today's word is that the first atomic power houses will be installed in locations that are short of the conventional sources of energy - places without easy access to coal supplies and without water power.

Congressman Walt Horan of Washington wrote to the atomic Energy Commission and asked for an opinion on statements that it was useless to continue building great dams for hydro-electric power, because these would be superseded by atomic energy within ten years.

The answer to this is given by David Lilienthal, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission. Speaking of the coming of industrial atomic power, he states: "We believe that the process will, in general, be one of gradually supplementing - rather than replacing - other means of generating electrical power. It is very ~~kikay~~ likely," David Lilienthal



goes on, "That the first commercial installations for atomic power will be in locations with inadequate access to coal and economical water power."

The tone of this reply is interesting - seeming to take for granted that atomic power for industrial use is definitely on its way.

ROOSEVELT

Plans were revealed today for a Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial - so big as to dwarf the Washington monument in the national capital. This <sup>to</sup> ~~work~~ be erected at Warm Springs, that favorite place of the late President. <sup>The</sup> Plans, ~~as~~ made public today, call for a Franklin D. Roosevelt tower much higher than the five hundred fifty-foot monument to George Washington



## EMBEZZLEMENT

At the town of Napoleon, Indiana, there's an embezzlement case against a bank cashier. The F.B.I. found a shortage of forty-three thousand dollars in his accounts, and they brought charges against him - for embezzling the funds of the bank. The cashier is Robert McClanahan, thirty-three years old, a family man with three children. Yesterday he surrendered to ~~rk~~ the authorities, and admitted the shortage. He had taken the money and used it for his own purposes. So what has happened.

Officials of the bank accompanied him to the district attorney's office, and put up bail for his release, five thousand dollars. Then they gave him a vote of confidence, and announced that they would defend him. Today, furthermore, the shortage of forty-three thousand dollars was made good. The bank officials refused to say who put ~~the~~ up the money. Maybe they did - or anyway friends did.

The cashier invested the money he took



in a business of his. He used it to buy equipment for a ~~xxx~~ rock crushing plant he operated. The bank attitude is that ~~xxx~~ such doings are not unusual in a small town bank.

Today a Director of the local Financial Institution stated: " I imagine a lot of bank employees have done things like this. It was strictly a business ~~and~~ deal. He intended to reimburse<sup>s</sup><sub>A</sub> the bank in a few days." But the F.B.I. examiners got there too soon. The F.B.I. says, ■ meanwhile, that all this makes no difference. Even though the bank defends the cashier, and the money has been made good, the charge of embezzlement will be pressed.

## TRUANT

Boys, you'll have to salute the world's champion at playing hookey. Fond old tradition of American school days swells upon the joy and happiness of staying away from school for a day, sneaking away from books and studies. The American classic example of this is the barefoot boy playing hookey from the little red schoolhouse and going fishing. However, the champion is an oriental prince, who played hookey ~~from~~ from America to Paris by airplane.

He is Prince Hamid Riza Pahlevi of Iran, a fifteen year old scion of the Royal House of ancient Persia. He was sent to these learned United States to attend classes in a fashionable school - Newport, Rhode Island. Books and study didn't appeal to him so much. The attitude of his Royal Highness was pretty much that of the barefoot boy of song and story. He was in New York staying at the Park Avenue Hotel Suite of a brother of his, and said he was going out to get some newspapers. Instead, his Royal Highness made a beeline

for an airport, and took a plane for Paris. Which is playing hookey in **s**style, truancy de luxe. You have to be a Prince<sup>c</sup> of Persia to do that.

At first there was fear that his Royal Highness had been kidnapped, but he landed in Paris today - announcing that he was not going back to school in America, he was on his way home to Iran - maybe to go fishing.

To be a real champion, you can't just perform an exploit once. You've got to show some ~~xxx~~ sort of consistency - and that only goes to show the real championship calibre of the truant Prince. He ran away from school before, played hookey from an educational institution at Beirut in the Lebanon - and went home. So they sent him still ~~far~~ farther, halfway around the world to America. The next time I suppose they'll try sending him by rocket to a school on the moon. But maybe even that won't frustrate his Royal enthusiasm for not getting an education.



And so, boys, stand up and salute his  
Royal Highness Prince Hamid Riza Pahlevi of Persia, the  
world's champion at playing hookey.

KUDE

A ranch near San Diego. A wedding and reception, attended by eighty-five persons, ranging from three-year old children to a fifty-five year old grandmother.

Was the groom nervous? He might well have been! But, he never showed it. For instance, he didn't run his finger inside his perspiration-wilted collar to get more aid. For he didn't have a collar. Nor a formal morning coat, nor striped pants. In fact he didn't have any pants. And the Bride? Same way. For her the bridal bouquet was all she had. ~~held~~  
~~dicto~~ *Just waving her bridal bouquet.*

And the eighty-five guests? Yes Sir.  
The same for them.

In southern California <sup>you</sup> ~~they~~ say? Yes, in that paradise of strange and exotic cults, at a nudist wedding. Only the minister wore clothes. And he was a visitor from Los Angeles ~~■~~ who must have felt out of place. But evidently the only one who did.

Mrs. C. L. Carlisle, whose husband,

Doctor Carlisle runs the nudist ranch had a word to say about that minister; "when you see everyone else in the nude you feel conspicuous with your clothes on." Well, maybe so, mebbe so. I wouldn't know I wouldn't know. Would you know -- Nelson.



## RETIREMENTS

The word from Washington is that Navy Commander Admiral Nimitz is going to retire. Also - General Vandergrift, Commander of the Marine Corps. Secretary of the Navy Forrestal told a news conference today that both will probably step out before January First of next year.

With General Eisenhower becoming President of Columbia, it means a complete turn-over of the high command of the Armed Services. The only one left will be General Spaatz, head of the Air Forces, he being scheduled to stay on. General MacArthur, of course, is in charge of the American Troops in Japan and is military chief for the Allies - not a member of the High Command at Washington.

WIFE

In Baltimore today, the Judge admitted that - Gracie was quite a girl. The charge against Gracie was bigamy. Husband Number One, a barber, told the court how wifie disappeared and he learned she was at the house of a fellow named Joe. He went there, rapped at the door, and out came Joe.

"I would like to see my wife," said Husband Number One.

"What wife?" asked Joe.

"I mean Gracie," said Husband Number One

Joe was amazed. He said he had recently married Gracie, and produced a marriage license to prove it.

In addition to this, husband Number One told the Judge how one time Gracie sold all his barbering tools - the razors and clippers. Moreover, she sold some property of his for fourteen hundred dollars - which Gracie kept, of course. By now the Judge was thoroughly shocked. He ordered Gracie to be held in bail of a thousand dollars.

Whereupon the two husbands got together and talked things over - after which they told the Judge they'd stick by Gracie. Each would raise half of the bail. And off they went, each to procure five hundred dollars - to get Gracie out of the Hoosgow. Leaving the Judge with the opinion - yes, Gracie was quite a girl.

Just as Dynafuel is quite a gas,

eh Hugh?