

LEWIS

P. J. - P. + G. Monday, April 19, 1948.

(In Federal Court today, Judge Alan Goldsborough found John L. Lewis guilty of contempt - the second time in eight ^{een} months.) And he gave a strong hint ^{that} he may be considering a jail sentence for the miners' leader.

(The judge postponed passing sentence until ^{tomorrow}, ^{in order} ~~Monday, because he wishes~~ to consult with the Justice Department on the penalty.) He told the court that a fine would only mean transferring money from the Treasury of the Mine Workers' Union to the United States Treasury - from one class of people to all the people. And that would not solve any of the problems concerned. He termed this case - a particularly important matter, with a tremendous responsibility resting on the court. What the court does - or will do," said he, "is a matter being watched not only by every lawless person in this country, but also by every lawless person in the world." And he added, "This issue must be met."

Word from Washington is that the Justice Department wants strong penalties imposed, but

the question is, what will the miners do if Lewis draws a jail sentence? Everybody ^{is} anxious to avoid an unofficial strike by the miners in sympathy with their leader, ^{any} ~~the~~ threat of a disastrous blow to our soft coal production, which is reported to be making a quick come-back.

~~The news today is that miners everywhere went back to work - turning up at the mines this morning without waiting for the court decision ~ as many expected they would. In western Pennsylvania, only twelve mines still idle, with coal production ninety per cent of normal.~~

NIGHT SHOW
April 19, 1948.

ADD COAL (~~re-written~~). And ~~tonight~~ it is apparent that the ~~soft coal~~ miners ARE angry. According to the ~~news wire~~ ^{word tonight} "they are fighting mad" over their leader's conviction for contempt -- and, they ^{already} are walking out, ⁱⁿ ~~protest,~~ ~~again. Everywhere, signs of an unofficial coal strike, the miners quitting work.~~

In Illinois, the United Mine Worker's representative said that his men will not produce another pound of coal if their leader is sent to jail or fined. In Birmingham, Alabama, ~~this afternoon~~ only a handful of miners showed up for the night ~~shift~~ -- and after talking with their leaders they ^{left for} ~~hurry~~ home, and the mines closed down. In Kentucky, Tennessee and Pennsylvania the same story -- the miners ^{waiting} ~~taking matters~~ into their own hands, ~~and staying home as they wait~~ for tomorrow, ^{hear what happens in} ~~news from~~ Washington where ~~John L.~~ Lewis comes up before Judge Goldsborough for sentence.

ITALY (new lead). Italy ~~is~~ in the grip of post-election excitement, ^{tonight.} Everyone listening to ~~the~~ returns on the radio. Even seventy-two year old Pope Pius, ~~she~~ ^{ing} stayed up until one in the morning.-- ~~European time, that is.~~ The streets of every Italian town crowded at two A.M., ~~everywhere~~ ^{the population} listening and arguing over the results. Wild excitement everywhere, ^{including a} ~~and the~~ rumor of a Communist plot to seize power if the Reds lose at the polls. ^{But the} ~~which says~~ Interior Minister ^{announces} ~~is to issue a special statement saying~~ that "the government sees no reason for alarm." ~~The situation well in hand.~~

~~The election results are coming over slowly,~~ ^{(So far} ~~but partial returns tonight are President De Gaspari's~~ ^{seem to} supporters, have a three-to-one lead over the Reds. ^{with} ~~and many~~ Anti-Communist victories for the Christian Democrats and Independent Socialists, ~~gained~~ even in the Red strongholds in the north.) The strength of the

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Christian Democrats -- ~~they are~~ the Italian Catholic Party, is the surprise of the election. In the Leftist stronghold, Florence, the voting for the Democrats for the Senate was ~~one~~^a hundred-and-eight thousand-and-eighty-four to eighty-six thousand-and-thirteen for the United Communist front. ~~The~~^R surprising reversal of the nineteen-forty-six election when the Communists won with a thirty-six percent of the city's vote. In Milan, one of the strongest Red centers, ~~in Italy~~, the Communists are trailing by ~~one~~^a hundred-and-ten thousand votes with sixty-one precincts missing.

~~Returns for the National Assembly have not yet started coming in. The polls only closing at seven thirty this morning our time; after two days of voting.~~

~~But, the news wire from Rome tonight says that Italy has an undisputed chance of getting true democratic government - and staying with the western allies, instead of going behind the Iron Curtain.~~

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~~The election passed off quietly enough with four hundred thousand men on emergency duty and troops concentrated at all key spots.~~

Only thirteen arrests made, mostly for minor crimes. For example, in Milan, two Communists thrown into jail for trying to cast votes for persons ~~who~~ no longer ~~are~~ alive.

~~There was~~ One death - a black market operator shot by police while guarding a polling booth, because he refused to stop at their challenge.

~~And so it seems that the Italian government found a successful formula for keeping the peace -- all bars closed, and a three-day holiday, with travel limited to people who had to leave their home towns to vote. Priority for election travel - otherwise you stayed at home.~~

ADD ITALY. And here's the latest. The first official returns given out by the Italian Ministry of the Interior for the National Assembly, give the Anti-Communists a big lead -- forty-five thousand votes as against fourteen thousand polled for the Communists.

The United Nations General Assembly

took a Parliamentary short cut today - no general debate

on the Holy Land Dilemma. The political and Security

^{of the U.N.} Committee to go right ahead ~~tomorrow~~ tomorrow ~~to~~ discussing

^{the American} ~~the U.S.~~ trusteeship plan for Palestine. The vote, in

favor of this time-saving measure in the U.N. ~~is~~ race

against the calendar, ^{was} forty-four to nothing, with five

nations abstaining: - the Russians and their satellites,

~~of course.~~

The General Assembly has only twenty-six

days left to decide on the future of the ^{Palestine} ~~Holy Land~~ before

the British get out. The reason for this sudden by-passing

of Parliamentary procedure? A last minute move to meet

the ~~urgent~~ urgency of the situation.

Tomorrow our delegate, ~~to the U.N.~~

Warren Austin, will give the committee the first official

details of the American Plan for ~~the~~ trusteeship. ~~of~~

^{So far} ~~Palestine. Up to the moment,~~ the plan has only been

suggested informally - and ~~it~~ has received cold reactions

from most countries, including Great Britain. Not a

single nation has come forward in support of the American idea for the U N to appoint a Governor General for Palestine, with continuance of Jewish immigration under a quota system.

Now, with time pressing, and fighting between the Jews and Arabs increasing-in-^{tempo,} ~~tempo,~~ something ~~is~~ has to be done. The U N during these next twenty-six days will pass through its greatest crisis.

There is an obvious weakness in the American Plan. And it's the main reason for other nations not supporting the plan. That reason: the proviso that peace be maintained by Armed Forces of nations belonging to the U N. And that leaves them all asking, who'll ~~we~~ send the troops? No one seems to want the chore. The American Plan doesn't answer the question: It leaves the finding of those troops up to

the General Assembly.

So, tomorrow's task for this emergency
meeting of the fifty-eight nation committee
mainly will be concerned with that vital issue:
who to supply the armed forces necessary to keep the
peace in Palestine, ^{the authority} ~~necessary~~ to back up any decision
made by the United Nations.

PALESTINE FOLLOW U.N.

A bulletin from Jerusalem. The Palestine Government has just advised British subjects to leave the Holy Land as soon as possible, warning ~~them~~ that if they remain after May Fifteenth, "it will be at their own risk." Furthermore, ^{adds the} ~~says this~~ British announcement, ^{London} ~~the government~~ will accept no liability for property losses incurred by ^{those who do leave} ~~the British who quit~~ the Holy Land. ~~British subjects to leave everything they have in Palestine and get out before the mandate expires.~~

VIENNA

In Vienna today, an incident between American Military Police and Russian ^{Officers in plain clothes -} ~~troops~~ - a clash with a strong petticoat flavor. An American jeep halted a ~~fm~~ fleeing Russian automobile by ramming it. An effective way of making sure the other fellow stops.

Whereupon the G.I.'s pulled the Russians out of their wrecked car, and carried off ^{a blonde} ~~an Austrian~~ girl, who was with the Russians. Which has set all Vienna ^{German} talking. Why did the Americans highjack the pretty Viennese from the Russians after that ~~xxx~~ dramatic charge by the American police jeep? Was she a beautiful spy - or just a lady in distress - some American's sweetheart rescued by her Prince Charming as she was being spurted away to somewhere behind the iron curtain?

Word from Vienna is that our Provost Marshal is holding an inquiry into the matter, with a fine array of witnesses, Viennese civilians and the police, and of course our ~~xxxx~~ G.I.'s. ^{As yet there} ~~but as yet there~~ has been no official protest by the Russians, which ~~ix~~ gives the whole affair a distinctive flavor, as the

Russians are never backward in making a protest even when they have started the rumpus. So it may be simply a case of beauty in distress rescued by an American knight in armour - or rather a jeep. A modern version of those old romantic stories in the once romantic city on the Blue Danube.

Here's a further note on it: -

ADD VIENNA

The Russian officers say they were just on a picnic when they picked up the beautiful German blonde. One of them happened to be the Russian ~~mmx~~ Deputy Provost Marshal for Vienna. ~~#~~ He became insulting, so our side promptly put him in the clink, keeping him there till he cooled off, and then letting him go.

DEFENSE (re-written)

The State Department will ask Congress tomorrow for new control of ~~the~~ export of arms, the request to be handed to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee by Representatives of the State and the Navy Department.

This action^{is} is expected, will lead to lend-lease aid for non-Communist Europe. ~~And tighten up arms shipments to the nations acting as a check rein on the movement of war material to the nations we are not anxious to help.~~

The new plan, if it becomes law, will enable the President to authorize the export of war material to nations classified as "aggressor or agrieved -- peace maker or trouble maker."

ATOMIC

(The news in Washington indicates we have tried out an improved atom bomb. Tested it in secrecy, at Eniwetok Atoll, in the remote Pacific.)

A thirty-seven word statement, issued by the atomic energy commission, hints that the sixth nuclear blast known to history has taken place out there. No hint given as to when; and no indication of what it was like. Maybe a guided atomic missile this time. One that puts the ~~Nagasaki~~ Nagasaki and Hiroshima bombs in the shake, that's the rumor.

FLOODS

Word from Cincinnati is that the ~~United~~
~~States~~ ^{U.S.} Army has won the ~~the~~ battle of the floods. Hundreds
of lives saved, and millions of dollars of property
damage avoided by the operation of the ten million dollar
Mill Creek Barrier Dam, built and operated by the Army,
~~in the Ohio River Division Engineers' office.~~

The people of Cincinnati, and ~~the~~
surrounding communities, are ~~profoundly~~ grateful to the
Army Engineers for their ~~good~~ work, which is why my
sponsor^s, Proctor and Gamble, have asked me to put their
gratitude on record.

~~When I was in Cincinnati last week,~~
~~everyone was talking about the rising floods, and wondering~~
~~whether there would be a repetition of Nineteen~~
~~Thirty-Seven -- these disastrous floods that will always~~
~~be remembered. But thanks to the Army's forethought in~~
building the Mill Creek Barrier Dam, a major disaster was
avoided, although some seven thousand families were made
homeless by the flood, and cared for by the Red Cross.

Army Engineers planned and started work on the Mill Creek Barrier Dam in Nineteen Thirty Eight, but the Dam was not completed until a month ago - ~~this mighty construction to control the flood areas ready~~ just in time -- before the Ohio and the Licking rivers began to rise - the Ohio swirling to a crest of sixty-four point-eight feet, ~~thirteen feet above ground level,~~ ~~thirteen feet above ground level,~~ ^{with} and everyone wondering whether the ten million dollar dam would save the situation. The dam designed to keep the river water out of the low lying areas of the city of Cincinnati, and also to pump four million gallons of water a minute, back into the river. The first of its type on the Ohio River. would it stand up to the supreme test, ~~the~~ ~~threatening~~ ~~impending~~ ~~floods that everyone predicted would be the~~ ~~worst in the history of the Ohio Valley.~~

And the news today is, the Mill Creek Barrier Dam saved more than two and a half million dollars' worth of damage - one fifth of its entire cost.

Furthermore, it prevented Proctor and
~~xxxxx~~ Gamble from being flooded out at Ivorydale; and
kept the waters of the Ohio River from swamping the ball
park in Cincinnati, so that the Reds could play their
first game of the season with Pittsburgh today, *- which they won.*
~~engineering triumph triumph defeating the gigantic floods.~~

BASEBALL

President Truman fooled the jokesters and punsters today. The report was that, making the ceremonial pitch to open the baseball season, the President would toss the ball from the starboard side - although, on previous occasions, he has been a left-hander. Actually, he can throw with either hand. The jokesters and punsters were saying that he was a southpaw no longer - because of the anti-Truman revolt in the South. At the same time, switching from left to right, ~~it~~ would be in defiance of the Henry Wallace Left-Wingers. However, this afternoon the Presidential ball-tosser fooled them, ~~and~~ *he* threw with his left hand.-- Same old southpaw.

Let's take a look at
~~the historical~~ the historical aspect of the matter -- the history of the Presidential pitch. The custom began nearly forty ~~xxx~~ years ago, when William Howard Taft was President. He was first; - and one of the best, *So says* ~~this is related~~ by Clark ~~St~~ Griffith, the seventy-nine year old boss of the Washington Senators, *who was there.*

President Taft, with his ponderous girth, could not be mistaken for a perfectly trained athlete, but

he knew how to handle a baseball. Because back in 1882,

the Cincinnati Reds had a young ~~second string~~ pitcher,
~~named~~ *I'll wager you'll hardly believe it but his*
~~was named~~ William Howard Taft. He was eager, and ambitious,

and, the day came when he was sent out there to mow down
the opposition hitters. I wish I could give this a happy
ending - but, ^(sad) ~~xxxx~~ to relate, Pitcher Taft was ~~xxxx~~
batted all over the ball park. Slugged right out of the
game, off the team, and out of the major leagues. So
all he could do was start on his way hom^e -- on his way,
also, to the White House, ^{to become} President of the United
States!

The next Presidential first-ball
pitcher was Woodrow Wilson, and, he wasn't so bad, according
to Clark Girffith. But, Harding was better; -- in a baseball
sense. After all, President Harding had been owner of the
Marion, Ohio Ball Team in the old Ohio State League.

Calvin Coolidge? well, it would appear
the Ganny Cal hadn't played much baseball in boyhood --
probably too busy at the old Yankee pastime of turning an
honest penny. The baseball talent in the White House