

LEWIS

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In the office o. a Federal court in Washington, a check was handed over today - a check for One Million ~~Four~~ Four Hundred Thousand Dollars. Also - an additional Twenty Thousand. That paid up the fines imposed on the United Mine Workers and on union president John L. Lewis.

Thus ending the famous case in which Federal Judge Goldsborough imposed penalties for defiance of a court order to end the coal strike of last year. John L. Lewis likes to have the last word, but the judge certainly had it today, One Million, ~~Four~~ Four Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars worth of last word.

SUB STRIKE

The Atlantic and Gulf Coast are on the verge of a big maritime strike tonight, a walkout called by the union of masters, mates and pilots, A.F. of L. The dispute has to do with an old waterfront question -- hiring halls. Last minute attempts by government mediators came to nothing, and the strike is called for tonight.

BOMBINGS

From Pontiac, Michigan - another of those stories about violence in the world of union labor. We recall how Walter Reuther, head of the auto workers union of the C.I.O., was felled in his home by a shotgun blast, which ripped into his shoulder. Later, his brother, Victor Reuther, was badly injured - he, too, felled in his home by a shotgun blast. So now from Pontiac - the news of the bombing of the homes of two high union officials.

This occurs in circles of the A.F. of L, the labor officials being Daniel Keating, president of the Pontiac Teamsters Local, and Louis Lintean, Secretary-Treasurer of the local. Their homes, six miles apart in Pontiac, were ripped by explosions within forty minutes of each other. Neither of the union officials was at home - heavy damage, nobody injured.

Today, the police were investigating, and finding only blank mystery. The president and secretary-treasurer of the teamsters' local had no trouble with left wing elements. They say they had no enemies, so

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far as they know. Both were first elected to their present offices in Nineteen Forty-Five, and were reelected a week ago - but there was no bitter opposition, nothing resembling a feud. There is one possible clue, Secretary-Treasurer Lintean saying that recently he has been bothered by his telephone ringing at odd hours of the night, with nobody speaking from the other end of the wire - a clue that leaves matters more mysterious than ever.

TRUMAN

President Truman went all out tonight in declaring full support for his civil rights program. He stated in the most positive terms he ^{intends to} ~~would~~ press the battle for racial rights in spite of all the opposition in the South. The President was addressing a convention of the National Council of Negro Women, who joined in paying honor to the retiring President of that organization, Mrs. Mary McCleod Bethune, a seventy-four year old ~~xx~~ veteran in fields of leadership and education.

TREASON

In Washington, a jury late this afternoon

convicted Henry J. Burgman of treason - the American who

did Nazi propaganda during the war. Burgman, who had a

heart attack last week, was in the courtroom in a wheel

chair - as he heard the verdict of guilty. The penalty

for treason could be death, but a prison sentence is a

virtual certainty.

ACHESON

There was a ceremony of greeting in Washington today, when Secretary of State Acheson returned from the conference of the Big Three in Paris - President Truman there to greet him.

Speaking of the result of his conversations with British Foreign Secretary Bevin and French Foreign Minister Schuman, the Secretary of State confined himself to generalities: "We reached full agreement."

(Across the Atlantic, the chancellor of the West German government was more specific - disclosing that the Big Three in Paris agreed to curtail the dismantling of German factories. Also - to let Western Germany build bigger and faster ocean going ships, and to establish consulates abroad.

Today Secretary Acheson got around to specific facts - but on another subject.) He spoke of the arrest and imprisonment of the American Consul General in Red Manchuria, Angus Ward - who has been held incommunicado with other consular officials on a charge of beating a

Chinese employee. "A trumped up charge," says our State Department. One formal diplomatic note has already been sent, and the Secretary of State says he is going to take up the matter personally and reiterate the demand for the release of the consul.

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The latest is an admission from Red Korea that 2 Americans are being held there. The Korean Com - Radio indicates they may be detained as hostages - to enforce a demand for recognition.

Communist China makes its bid for membership in the United Nations. The Red regime repudiates the present Chinese delegation, a move that has been expected for some time - considering the way the Chinese Reds have been sweeping the Nationalists out of power. All of which heralds a bitter battle in the U N.; Whether or not to seat a red delegation. Which is all the more important because China, recognized as a major power, has a veto. So the admission of a Communist delegation would mean -- two Red vetoes, as if one were not enough.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

The Red government of Czechoslovakia has ordered the expulsion of what it calls - "Unattached foreigners." Which makes a sad story. Among "Unattached Foreigners" are Communist sympathizers who flocked to the regime of the Reds. Largely from Britain, some from Australia and America, they went as pilgrims to a Marxian Utopia. But, alas, the recent Red trial, which resulted in the hanging of "Titoists", revealed the heresy of Titoism among those pious pilgrims. So now they are ordered out, and are they mournful and melancholy about it! Today one of them said bitterly: "It looks as if they would rather have die-hard reactionaries here than - us."

So shed your tears, friends, for the Red pilgrims who get kicked out of the Communist paradise - because of suspicions of heresy, Titoism.

HARMONY

Every one of us, I suppose, would like to have an idea for establishing world peace. James Foley of San Francisco has one - and, no matter how good the philosophy may be, he certainly has the determination. He's a radio editor, who gave up a Five Thousand Dollar a year job, and set forth on a mission of international friendship. He and his Twenty-Two year old wife started driving in the family car, ran out of money, sold the car, and are hitch-hiking the rest of the way - bound for the United Nations, Lake Success, Long Island. Where Foley says he has an appointment with the director-general of the cultural organization of the U.N., who happens to be the foreign minister of Mexico.

So what's the inspired plan? Well, it's based on the idea that, while there may be little harmony in international affairs, there's a lot of harmony in music. Although, sometimes not - and a radio editor must have heard more than a few sour notes. The scheme is to form an international orchestra of global scope. There are Fifty-Nine countries in the U. N., and each would

contribute a musician. (For example, Hungary could provide a gypsy violinist; Great Britain, a Scotch ^{high} bagpiper, although you don't have bagpipes in an orchestra - not yet. France would be right there with a French horn player. Or maybe the U.S.A. would be best for the brass - we being famous for blowing our own horn.) ~~I don't know what musical instruments we could assign to Afghanistan or Siam, but undoubtedly there would be a keen competition for the honor of providing the piccolo player.~~

But, anyway, the idea is that, while the members of the world organization produce a lot of discord in international affairs, they might be able to bring forth a bit of harmony in an orchestra. Former radio editor Foley thinks that a band like that could tour the various nations in behalf of world peace - and do a lot of good.

But suppose that, in those global concerts, the international musicians were to lapse into their former habits, and start to play excruciating notes. While the Western fiddles and woodwinds are serenading in

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A-Flat Major - the Soviet, blowing on the tuba, goes off into F-Sharp Minor. Maybe they couldn't even decide on what piece of music they are playing - which would bring the international orchestra right back to the usual state of affairs at the U.N., where the harmony is more like agony.

GONE WITH THE WIND

In Atlanta, they're holding the trial of the automobile driver who ran down Margaret Mitchell, author of "Gone With the Wind". Today the doctor who attended Margaret Mitchell told how she lingered for Five Days, delirious. And during her last hours she kept repeating one phrase - "I'll take care of this in the morning."

Strange drama - when you look at the last lines of that famous book she wrote, "Gone With the Wind" ends with Scarlett O'Hara forsaken by Rhett Butler, and Scarlett says: "I'll think of it all tomorrow . . . tomorrow I'll think of some way to get him back. After all, tomorrow is another day." And Margaret Mitchell's last words, repeated over and over, were: "I'll take care of this in the morning."

PARIS

Paris has a murder mystery for the raciest of Parisian crime stories. The victim is a prominent British business man, Paris representative of the Federation of British Industries. Edward De Muralto, a French name - but he was originally an Australian.

The last to be seen with the murdered man was a blonde American singer - she having had a number of dates with him recently. She is Sylvia St. Clair, star at one of the swankiest night spots in Paris - the Boccaccio Club, named after that far famed author who long centuries ago wrote the beguiling tales of Decameron. She is a toast of the town, a favorite of such notables as Prince Aly Khan and Rita Hayworth - having sung at the dinner that preceded the fabulous wedding when the heir of the Aga Khan married the American movie actress.

Today Sylvia St. Clair told the detectives of the Paris Surete that she had four dates with the murder victim - dining and dancing at the Boccaccio Club. The previous times, he waited and took her home. But the

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exception was last night, her escort leaving the Boccaccio Club at about One Thirty A.M., while she stayed on at her job of singing.

Today, they found the body of the Paris representative of the Federation of British Industries - in his car, near his home. He was slumped over the front seat, and his head was wrapped in a cloth - bound around with a piece of cloth of a rough sort. Strange, grotesque.

The affair is in the gaudy tradition of Parisian crime stories - prominent victim, blonde American singer, and headline names galore.

SERGEANT

There's more news tonight about a former Air Force sergeant who hit the headlines in the spring of this year, by stealing a B-25 bomber. Sergeant Malcolm McCready swiped the big plane at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, and roared off into the unknown - which caused a nationwide search, until it was found that he had landed with the B-25 in Minnesota, the town of Owatonna.

For this he was dishonorably discharged from the Air Force, and today he appears in the news with another weird one. In that same town of Owatonna, he walked into a bar with a shotgun, fired a roaring shot into the ceiling, and walked out - leaving the barflies gaping. ~~Which certainly was a curious way to drop into a tavern, for a beer, but to salute the place with a blast of shotgun fire.~~ Tonight at a veterans' hospital, they're trying to find out - what's the matter with the former sergeant?

Certainly a curious way to drop into a tavern - not for a beer - but to salute the place with a blast of shotgun fire, wouldn't you say so, Nelson?

STRIKE

It looks as if midnight will signal a tie-up of all our ports along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts. A strike by the union of masters, mates and pilots, A.F. of L., seems sure to begin, as the last minute of this day is ticked off. Mediation officials of the government made an Eleventh Hour proposal, suggesting ~~that~~ the labor dispute be turned over to a Presidential Fact-Finding Board; - but this was rejected by the companies. They said they'd rather deal directly with the union than have the government in the picture.

The demand made by the masters, mates and pilots has to do with that old waterfront question - hiring-halls. That is, a system whereby a union, at a hiring hall, assigns men to jobs. The shipping companies agree in the case of sailors - but not ships' officers. The union is willing to make an exception of captains, the higher brackets, but want officers of the lesser ranks to come under the system of the hiring hall.