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The coal mine union, headed by John L. Lewis, took another wallop today from Federal Judge Goldsborough. He, of course, was the jurist who imposed the huge fines on the union and Lewis -- for contempt of court. Today he had the matter of those many penalties before him again. <sup>R</sup> The supreme Court, in upholding Judge Goldsborough's verdict of contempt, reduced the fine against the union from three-and-one-half million to seven-hundred thousand -- <sup>That</sup> ~~which~~ made it incumbent on Judge Goldsborough to return the difference between the two sums -- the miners' union having deposited with the judge the full amount of the fine, three and one-half million. So they were entitled to get back two-million-and-eight hundred thousand. However, the Supreme Court, reducing the amount of the fine, made this conditional -- the fine to be reduced, if the union, and John L. Lewis, obeyed the court order requiring them to call off the coal mine strike which they declared.

Lewis called off the strike all right, but proceeded to declare what amounted to another kind of strike -- following the tragic mine disaster at Centralia, Illinois. The union instructed the coal diggers to stay away from their jobs, until mines had been declared safe. So for days, production of coal has been cut down by what is being called -- a safety strike.

The Federal Government took the view that this safety strike was a violation of the court order forbidding strikes -- and that therefore the Supreme Court reduction of the fine was to be cancelled, the union having violated the no-strike condition under which it had been granted.

That brought the case before Judge Goldsborough again, with the government asking him to delay the return of the amount by which the fine had been reduced -- two-million-and-eight-hundred thousand dollars. *And* *today* *has* *the* *court* *granted* *that* *request.* *HP* The Judge, in his opinion *today*, gave John L. Lewis and the mine union another tongue lashing, describing their attitude as -- "utterly contemptuous." Goldsborough declared that Lewis and the union had taken advantage of the tragedy at Centralia to call the strike *that* ~~was~~ they had originally planned -- using the mine disaster as a way of getting around the no-strike order issued by the Supreme Court. The Judge, moreover, blamed the union in the matter of mine safety -- stating that the union had failed to do its share in the enforcement of safety measures in the mines.

In this, Judge Goldsborough echoed <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ scathing retort made by Secretary of the Interior Krug today. John L. Lewis had assailed Krug in bitter terms, blaming the Centralia tragedy on the Secretary of the Interior and on the Federal Government. Krug's reply today was that the



John L. Lewis union had not lived up to its <sup>duty</sup> ~~dealing~~ in promoting safety  
in the coal mines. <sup>He</sup> ~~declared~~ that they were largely responsible for conditions  
that brought about the Centralia disaster. Lewis <sup>had</sup> ~~accused~~ Krug of --  
"criminal neglect." Krug's retort charges the Lewis union with what he  
calls -- "an almost unbroken record of neglect."

Meanwhile, there was another fatal mine <sup>disaster</sup> ~~explosion~~ today at  
Exeter, Pennsylvania. In a small coal pit there a blast occurred, <sup>another</sup> ~~explosion~~  
<sup>explosion,</sup> ~~and appears to have~~ <sup>ing</sup> ~~killed~~ nine out of 18 miners at work -- and the other  
nine were ~~in~~ injured. At last reports, rescue crews were digging in  
search of victims.

## TELEPHONE STRIKE

Hope for a quick ~~and~~ end of the telephone strike grew pale tonight when Union Leaders rejected a proposal for a compromise with the Long Distance Operators Union - a key group of telephone workers. Turning down the compromise, the strike leaders declared they would counter with <sup>a</sup>~~the~~ proposal of their own.



It has been mightyseldom that any private individual has been paid such honor, in death, as Henry Ford was paid today. Not only did the Ford Motor empire, <sup>and its</sup> ~~some~~ with all its plants, <sup>^</sup> ~~in~~ great numbers of employes, close down for the day, in memory of its founder -- but the entire automobile and rubber industries came to a halt for a moment this afternoon. So ~~did~~ virtually all industry in Michigan. In Detroit all busses and street cars stood motionless, and the City Council asked all motorists to pause, as well. <sup>P</sup> All this -- at the start of the funeral of Henry Ford, who played so great a part in the development of the automobile that his name stands a symbol of the motor age. Yesterday more than a hundred thousand people filed past his bier, <sup>and</sup> today his last obsequies were <sup>solemnized simply and quietly</sup> ~~splendidly and solemnly~~ in the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul.

~~Tonight the eyes of the automobile world are on Henry Ford's successor, his grandson, a young man of 29 who inherits control of the billion dollar Ford empire. There are four <sup>grand</sup> ~~more~~ children ~~there~~ who~~

In the realm of international affairs, the news today has aptly been summarized by Harrison Salisbury, Foreign News Editor of the United Press. He begins his dispatch as follows: - "President Truman's foreign <sup>debated</sup> ~~new~~ ~~firm~~ policy doctrine was ~~defeated~~ today in the World forum of the United Nations Security Council and the National Forum of the U. S. Senate. "

In other words, simultaneous debate -- international and national.

Before the Security Council of the U.N., the Truman policy of aiding Greece and Turkey against communism, was angrily assailed by Delegate Langé of Poland. <sup>Polish</sup> The Delegate would do that, Poland being a Soviet puppet. He said the Truman policy was what he called - "political dynamite, linked with talk of war." The Polish Delegate asked the question:- "President Truman has talked of the totalitarian threat to Greece and Turkey -- what totalitarian threat?" (~~"We have indeed heard,"~~

said Langé, "that the independence of Greece is threatened -- but we have not been told by whom." He said he had heard ~~proposals or suggestions~~ that ~~the~~ America should drop atomic bombs on somebody. -- On whom? The Polish delegate, speaking really as <sup>for</sup> ~~a~~ mouthpiece of the Soviets, seemed to be in doubt about the totalitarian power the new Truman policy was supposed to ~~check~~ <sup>check</sup>.)

Well, that question was answered in the other debate today -- the one in the U. S. Senate. There the matter was discussed by Connelley of Texas, who spoke in defense of the President's program. He said: "One of the motives that prompts me to support this measure is the resistance to the aggressive expansive doctrines of Soviet Russia." <sup>If</sup> stronger words were needed, Connelly of Texas used them too, saying: <sup>u The</sup> "Soviet mad march towards world domination must be arrested." ~~(He charged that, not only Greece and Turkey threatened, but Italy also.)~~

~~He told the Senate that Marshall Tito, the Jugo-slavian puppet, was red, in the senator's words -- "Ready to jump on Italy as soon as the opportunity arises."~~

~~(The fact that the Truman policy is directed at Soviet Russia was also averred by Senator Pepper of Florida -- though in a different way. He is against the program for checking Communism in the Near East, said it amounted to what he called -- "undeclared war" against the Soviets.)~~

And now from our National Forum of the U. S. Senate, back to the International Forum of the United Nations. Langze of Poland was answered by American Delegate, Warren Austin. <sup>who</sup> ~~He~~ called upon the Security Council to back the Truman doctrine as a way to build up what he called -- <sup>"economic</sup> ~~tranquility and security" in Greece. The American argument, as presented~~



by Warren Austin today, <sup>that</sup><sub>1</sub> was the checking of Communism in the Near East,

the building up of tranquility and security in ~~the~~ that strategic area -- would be a boon to the United Nations and to world peace.

~~(The latest from the Senate Left of Ohio announces that~~

~~he will not see the Truman program)~~

*Extra*

ADD UNITED NATIONS

Senate action late today shows the advocates of the Truman policy in full control. Senator Vandenberg proposes an amendment to give the United Nations a limited veto power over the anti-communist program. This was passed unanimously.

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In Washington the Atomic Energy Commission got going today, headed by ~~this~~ its new chairman, David Lilienthal -- confirmed by the Senate after so long and bitter a fight. Lilienthal said today: "The important thing now is to get on with the job. It is an important job."

~~As if to underscore that statement,~~ The War Department today disclosed a vision of new and more frightful <sup>atomic</sup> perils. A news dispatch from Washington <sup>gives</sup> ~~states~~ the following <sup>description:</sup> ~~warnings~~ "A new and deadly atomic weapon that can spread radioactive particles over vast areas, and without an explosion."

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## BASEBALL

The uproar in the baseball world features a contrast of personalities. For a long time, especially today, ~~xxx~~ it has been noted how completely different <sup>are</sup> ~~our~~ Branch Rickey and Leo Durocher. The owner of the Brooklyn Dodgers would seem to be the least likely of personalities to be tied up with the noisy and flamboyant battler called Lipy Leo. ~~The paradox of personalities is so vivid that I, though not a sports Commentator, thought I'd try to get some closer idea of it.~~

I happen to know Branch Rickey, and always thought him ~~to be~~ a singular character to be in baseball at all. The game of hits runs and errors is an uproarious kind of sport, symbolized more or less by the rough and lusty figure of the tobacco chewing ball player. Branch Rickey, though one of the most successful of all baseball operators, is the type ~~as~~ that has caused the sports writers to call him -

the Deacon.

He has always seemed to me to be just about the kind of fellow you'd expect to find as Prexy of a college somewhere -- a wise, shrewd, tolerant manager of youth and education, smilingly idealistic and cannily practical.

I asked Branch Rickey about Durocher, trying to get some line on how the Deacon and Leo the Lip were able to get along together. It was typical of Rickey that he shyed off the more personal side of the Lip's gaudy and raucous career. All he mentioned was Durocher's qualities ~~as~~<sup>as</sup> manager of a baseball team. He said that Leo was a first rate ~~player~~ <sup>tactician</sup>. But, more than that, Rickey spoke highly of Durocher's sense of responsibility. He said <sup>that</sup> in a ballgame, the Lip insisted on running everything, ordering every play. Then, if a play went wrong Durocher assumed full responsibility. If there was any question of a mistake, ~~in a play he directed~~, Durocher took it as his mistake. He never blamed the player - the responsibility was his own.

So There's an angle in the question of why the Deacon has stuck it out with the Lip - in spite of an abundance of trouble. But now Durocher has been exiled from baseball for a year.— Baseball Commissioner Chandler



having acted because the Lip got so lippy about Yankee owner McPhail. And Branch Rickey will have to get a new manager for the Brooklyn Dodgers, for a year at least. Who will it be? That's what the Sport pages were trying to figure out today.

Here is the latest about the Brooklyn Dodgers -- something

along a different line altogether. The Brooklyn team has signed Infielder

Jackie Robinson, procuring that ball player from the Montreal Royals. <sup>He was</sup>

<sup>the</sup> last season's hitting champ of The International

League. The headline fact is, of course, that Jackie Robinson is a negro -- and this <sup>is</sup>

becomes the first negro to get a place on a major league club.

that way, opened a whole string of possibilities. In Hingham, Texas

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They are hailing a hero in the tornado stricken area of western Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle. He is a telephone official, L. L. Aurell, wire chief of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. He lives at Woodward, Oklahoma, the largest of the towns devastated by the twister. (In its path of 150 miles, <sup>the</sup> a cyclone, as they call it down that way, smashed a whole string of communities. In Higgins, Texas every building was leveled except one -- a school-house. At Woodward, Oklahoma, with a population of seven thousand, the residential section of one hundred blocks was ripped to bits -- accounting for a large proportion of the <sup>latest</sup> reported death list of ~~252~~ 160)

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restoring the electrical circuit, ~~and~~ <sup>that</sup> that enabled a phone call to be put through for help -- help <sup>that</sup> speedily arrived.

While Wire Chief Aurell was at the top of that telephone pole, holding the severed ends of wire together, the storm was still raging with a deluge of rain -- and with the roar of thunder and flashes of lightening. Telephone men out there say that the Wire Chief was in 'eminent peril of his life. Lightening has a way of striking telephone wires -- and, if that had happened while he was holding the ends of wire together ~~for a telephone circuit~~, he would have been electrocuted. ~~He~~ might have been the martyr in the story of the tornado; -- but he is just the hero.

The twister down there in the southwest was a violent focus of a large area of weather disturbance. On this I can add some personal testimony. Last night ~~we were~~ <sup>we were</sup> driving from Denver, ~~on way to~~ <sup>bound for</sup> Chicago -- and got caught in ~~some of the stormiest weather I have ever seen.~~ <sup>that same weather disturbance.</sup>

Blinding sheets of rain, a pandemonium of thunder and lightening, and

blasts of wind that seemed as if they might sweep the car from the highway.

~~I have seldom~~ <sup>I have seldom</sup> seen the elements in a more violent mood, ~~but it~~ <sup>But what we encountered</sup> was all a

mere nothing -- compared with the maelstrom the tempest was creating farther

to the south, the tornado ~~that was brewing on the flat plains~~ <sup>spinning across the flat</sup> lands of

Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle.

FIRE

ADD TORNADO

The latest news from the tornado stricken section is  
ugly - looting . A word from Woodward, Oklahoma  
pictures <sup>highway</sup> ~~any~~ patrolman in charge, ~~xxxxxx~~ with orders  
to use drastic measures to stop petty thieves from  
committing robberies in the wreckage - get tough  
with looters.

## FIRE

San Francisco this evening was having a spectacular fire -- Treasure Island ablaze.

One time scene of the World's Fair and now a Navy Base. It has a lot of wooden structures, which roared in flames late this afternoon, and produced a dramatic scene of towering smoke and fire. Six blocks of World's Fair Buildings burned. Damage -- Five-million dollars. A tremendous job of fire fighting before it was put out.



## CAGNEY

What shocks me about the James Cagney story tonight is, not that they hardy navigator and his sea-faring companions failed to fix the motor of the Cagney Yacht - but that they didn't know how to hoist the sails. The motion picture star, known for his rugged gifts for adventure, was out on a cruise. The engine went hawire, and you can't expect a nautical hero like Cagney to be a Motor Mechanic. But the Cagney yacht was equipped with a mast for sails; but alas and alack -- not one of the motion picture jack tars aboard knew how to raise a spread of canvas. So the final humiliation occured. They had to call on the Coast Guard and be towed in.

And now let's tow in -- I mean tune in my colleague in New York -- so back to you, Nelson.

~~four children, who~~ share in the ~~Rxxx~~ Ford inheritance;  
but the eldest, Henry ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> Second, was picked by ~~the~~  
~~elder~~ <sup>the First</sup> Henry ~~Ford~~ to take over the ~~Rxxx~~ Ford control. <sup>now</sup>  
<sup>fact</sup> for several years he has been the active directing  
head of the great motor corporation.

*What is like, young Henry?*

He is progressive and a liberal, as he has  
shown in his dealings with labor. The elder Henry  
Ford, a man of dominating will, fought grim battles  
against Wall Street, against patent monopoly and  
against labor unions. It is <sup>perhaps</sup> typical of the times that  
he won out against Wall Street and patent monopoly --  
defeating <sup>the</sup> financial giants. But eventually, he yielded  
to <sup>the</sup> labor unions. <sup>the elder Ford's</sup> It was ~~his~~ way to do nothing by  
halves. After having refused implacably and for  
years, to let his tens of thousands of employees be  
unionized -- he turned around and accepted the union  
completely. The Ford Motor Company was the last of  
the big auto firms to sign up with the United  
Automobile Workers -- but, in doing so, Ford was the  
first to ~~grant~~ grant a full union <sup>(shop)</sup> ~~job~~ and a check-off

of union dues. <sup>R</sup>The younger Ford continues that transition of labor policy, taking an exceedingly social view of labor relations. He is on record as being determined to build up the Ford concern to new heights of greatness. To which he added <sup>Si</sup>~~ed~~ "our post-war plans must be of a social nature". <sup>TP</sup>The business philosophy of Henry Ford Second is expressed in the following words: "It seems to me " says he, "that the job of the automobile industry after the war is, not only to build up a worthwhile product, but also to provide its employees with a secure existence and to educate them to further progress."

I happen to know Henry Ford Second, became acquainted with him toward the end of the war -- *spoke to some thousands of employees* when I made a ~~speech~~ at the Ford plant. After that, *he took me to dinner,* ~~we went to lunch~~ at the Detroit Athletic Club where I made it a point to study the young grandson of the great motor builder. <sup>R</sup>Henry Ford Second had been on ~~2~~ war-time service ~~in~~ in the Navy, a Junior Grade Lieutenant. He had wanted overseas duty, but the



death of his father Edsel Ford, had called him back to become his grandfather's helper in the giant war production tasks of ~~the Ford Motor Company~~ -- the mass production of bombers <sup>at Willow Run,</sup> I noted, first of all, the physical contrast that Henry Ford Second showed with reference to his ~~in~~ grandfather and father -- both of whom I had known. ¶ The elder Henry Ford was a small thin man, whose lean aristocratic face, known nationwide, commanded attention -- with its expression of hawk-like accuteness. Edsel Ford had been small and unobtrusive, a shrinking figure, that seemed to lose itself in a group. ¶ Henry Ford Second, on the contrary, ~~was~~ tall and large -- ~~he had~~ <sup>he</sup> inheriting stature from his mother's side, I supposed. ~~He was~~ Not the athletic, but rather the thoughtful type. ~~He had~~ ¶ A genial open face with a broad smile that alternated with an earnest and studious air. He made me think of Nelson Rockefeller. Though they are quite different - ~~but they~~ both represent inheritors of great fortunes, who are the utter opposite of the

traditional empty-headed, squandering sons of wealthy families. ~~Nor~~ <sup>And</sup> are they of the narrow-minded ~~in~~quisitive type; ~~hard~~-shelled and heavy-handed -- the way big business is caricatured. ~~Often~~ <sup>Often</sup> justly, by the way.

Talking with Henry Ford Second, I got an impression of earnest intelligence and a lively sense of

~~responsibility~~ responsibility -- first rate assets in the young

man of twenty-nine who ~~now~~ inherits the Ford Motor *Empire*.

~~Company~~