

SUB LEAD

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At Pittsburgh tonight a John L. Lewis lieutenant declared that his chief will ignore the injunction granted by a federal court in Washington late this afternoon. The court order was not, of course, a Taft-Hartley law injunction - but an order requested by the National Labor Relations Board - all having to do with a question of illegal demands made by Lewis and collective bargaining.

Actually, there are likely to be two injunctions - since the fact finding board is reporting to the President that there is no chance of negotiating a settlement. Which opens the way for the White House to ask for a Taft-Hartley court order to send the miners back to work.

John L. Lewis may be defiant tonight - but the last time he flouted an injunction, he and the union had to pay more than a million dollars in fines.

Among the coal miners tonight, the injunction news was received with expressions of

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bitterness. Angry declarations that, injunction or no injunction, they won't go back to work until they've won their demands.

RAILROAD STRIKE

Railroad workers have voted to authorize a strike - so announced by the brotherhoods of trainmen and conductors. (Union officials give the result of a strike vote, that has been in progress for the last several weeks, and say that there is a ninety-five percent majority in favor of a walkout - if demands are not granted. There is no call for an increase in wages, but for a change of rules - which would actually mean more money.)

However, there's no chance of a railroad strike within the next two months. Under existing laws, President Truman can delay a walkout for sixty days, after any date set for a strike.

POSTAL RATES

The House of Representatives has passed a bill to boost postal rates - for a total of some one hundred and thirty million dollars a year.

President Truman asked for a hike to bring in an extra four hundred million. ^{he} But gets only about a third _{of what he asked for.}

The increase applies to various classes of mail. Postal cards, for example, are doubled from one to two cents. ~~xxxxxxx~~ Special Delivery, now fifteen cents, raised to twenty. ~~But the Postmaster General may raise or lower the special delivery rate, if he sees fit. Parcel Post is affected, and so are other sorts of mail - second, third, and fourth class.~~ The bill now goes to the Senate.

HOOVER

There was a remarkable ovation in New York tonight. The speaker -- General Eisenhower. The audience -- an assembly of scientists, a group called the "moles". An organization of top ranking engineers. The subject of the talk -- Former President Hoover. General Ike called Herbert Hoover -- "one of the great Americans of our time." He said he always felt a thrill when he hears the former President raise his voice to defend the great American ideas. This brought the audience to its feet with a long fervent cheer that lasted minute after minute.

TRUMAN

President Truman says that, if we received only a little cooperation from Soviet Russia, we would be able to establish world peace. He confirms statements by Secretary of State ^{Dean} Acheson that we ~~are~~ ^{are} not going to try any new methods of dealing with Moscow. ~~But~~ ^{we} will continue right along with our present policy - standing firm ~~on~~ ^{our} American demand for iron clad atomic controls.

BERLIN

From Berlin - a report that the Russians have called off a march on western Berlin by Communist youth. This is in spite of the fact that the Red Mayor of East Berlin, Soviet Zone, made a ^{menacing} ~~menacing~~ speech today, in which he virtually ordered the Communist police to seize west Berlin on the occasion of that march of Communist youth. ~~For days, there have been alarming surmises that the Red organization, scheduled to meet toward the end of May, would stage a~~ ~~putch.~~

~~Earlier~~ Today, the outlook seemed ~~to be~~ ~~was~~ threatening, ~~that is~~. But now American officials declare ~~that~~ they have received word, ~~apparently reliable,~~ that the Russians have decided to call the whole thing off, because the ^{is} scheduled march of Communist youth might be too risky. Might provoke - a "grave incident" between ~~Russ~~ Russian and western soldiers. Might provoke - war.

MISSIONARIES

The United States makes a formal demand on Red Czechoslovakia - what about those two Mormon missionaries? They disappeared nearly two weeks ago, and haven't been seen since - Stanley Abbot of Lehi, Utah, and Aldon Johnson of Idaho Falls. ~~(The American Minister at Prague has been asking about them - no response. So now there's~~ a formal written demand ^{has been} sent to Prague [^] by the State Department. ~~in Washington. What has happened to the two Mormon missionaries - and are the Reds making any charges against them?~~

The Mormons ^{have} ~~^~~ conduct^{ed} ~~^~~ missionary work in Czechoslovakia for ~~some~~ years, ~~have groups of~~ ~~believers there~~ - and ~~^~~ Now, apparently, there ~~is~~ Communist action against the Latter Day Saints, ~~as against other churches.~~

MIRACLES

The Reds of Czechoslovakia have a new problem to plague them - miracles, wonders of religion. A news dispatch from Prague tells of a wave of apparitions of a highly significant sort. Indicating, at least - a ferment in the popular mind.

In one village there's a miracle of the cross. They say the symbol of christianity acknowledged the supplications of the congregation - and leaned to the west. The political implications are obvious, the story relates that, in the village church, the parish priest was preaching - and, pointing to the crucified Savior, he cried: "He will help us." Whereupon the cross responded - with a movement to the west.

The same thing happened several times thereafter, with hundreds of people watching. The villagers insisted the miracle occurred, and even local communists admit - that they saw the cross move. Excitement spread through the countryside, and the Red authorities at Prague felt they had to do

something about it. They sent an investigating committee, trying to prove that it was all a trick worked by the village Priest. But the best they were able to do was to close the church, and keep the people out - away from the miracle of the cross.

This is only one of a number of similar incidents - as, for example, a religious vision in the sky seen by passengers in a bus. This is the more remarkable, because it was a bus load of red sympathizers - and the Communist bus driver is said to have fainted. So overcome by the apparition that he had to be taken to a hospital - where he still is.

At another place, the villagers beheld a sight remarkable indeed - a vision of the Virgin Mary waving an American flag. Which certainly was something to make the Reds see red - the moreso as the villagers also beheld an army of American tanks moving along in the sky, as a background for the Madonna with the Stars and Stripes.

The Communist party line in the matter is

to attribute the wave of miracles to the trickery of the Priests, faked up stunts. They might, of course, explain them as mass hallucination - but that wouldn't do so well. Because ^{that's} ~~is~~ would indicate what's in back of the minds of the people, a psychologic association of religion and their liberties with the cause of America.

KOREA

The House of Representatives reverses itself on Korea - and now passes the bill to grant sixty million dollars in economic aid to the government of the southern half of that far eastern country.

The White House presented cogent reasons why southern Korea must get American aid - or fall to the Reds. So the bill was revamped a bit, and got a good majority today, two-hundred-and-thirty-nine to a hundred-and-thirty-four.

JAPAN

In Tokyo, General MacArthur sent an invitation to the Japanese government - suggesting that they open unofficial consulates in New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, ^{and} Honolulu, to which the Japanese Premier ~~has~~ responded at once: "We gratefully accept the invitation."

In Washington the word is that the United States is encouraging other nations to follow the American lead - in inviting Japan to establish unofficial consular offices to promote trade and handle various problems.

TRUCULENT

Here's the scene at a British Naval inquiry today - when a young Lieutenant, being court-martialled, entered the room. On the table of the President of the court lay a sword, the Lieutenant's own sword which had been taken away from him when charges were preferred. So now the ~~xx~~ sword lay, with its point in the direction of the Lieutenant. That, according to ~~ai~~fual, meant - he was being found guilty.

Lieutenant Charles Bowers commanded the Submarine Trubulent, when that undersea craft was rammed and sunk with a loss of sixty-four lives, and today he was found guilty of what is called - "hazarding" his vessel. The court-martial decided that, running on the surface, he took a risky chance, and failed to signal, as he ~~xxxx~~ crossed in front of the freight steamer that hit the sub. The punishment - a severe reprimand.

BERGMAN

The word from Rome is that Ingrid Bergman and Roberto Rossellini will get married within the next ~~xxx~~ forty-eight hours. La Bergman was granted a Mexican divorce this afternoon, one of those mail order affairs.

But a prominent lawyer in Mexico City questions the legality of the divorce - raising a doubt about ~~whether~~ whether the local judge at the border town of Juarez had sufficient authority for one of those hurry up decrees.

This legal authority at Mexico City raises the same doubt in the case of Faye Emerson, who ~~she~~ divorced Elliott Roosevelt in Mexico recently - another quickie.

MONOPOLY

Here's news of the theatre - although it comes from Congress - and also has to do with steel, chemicals, newsprint and airlines. Today Congressman Celler of New York had a talk with President Truman, and then announced plans for an investigation of monopolies. He named a list of industries to be quizzed, and one of them was - the theatre. Particularly - the Shuberts.

Congressman Celler declared that the Shubert interests control sixty percent of the legitimate theatres in New York and ninety percent elsewhere. He said they allocate ~~XXXXX~~ theatre tickets to brokers and speculators, and get kickbacks. (Which, said he, has an income tax angle - no tax paid on excess price of tickets. "You can get all the tea in China" declared the Congressman, "that no income tax is paid on those South Pacific tickets which sell for twenty-five dollars plus.")

BUS

There was a busload of excitement in Times Square today, - that ^{renowned} center of New York ^{activity.} ~~activity.~~

A bus, crowded with passengers, made a stop at a street corner, and a giant climbed aboard - a huge fellow, six feet four, and muscular in proportion. Getting inside the vehicle, he drew a huge knife, a murderous eight inch blade, and shouted: "Everybody out, everybody out!" So everybody got out, including the driver.

Whereupon the giant slid into the seat at the wheel, and drove off - the bus rumbling down Broadway. After a couple of blocks, he stopped at a corner, jumped out, and started running.

The police grabbed him, and took him to a station house for questioning, but at last reports there was no explanation of the strange fearsome event - a giant with a huge knife capturing a bus in Times Square. *Sounds a little like a wild press agent stunt for a new movie. I wonder?*

BILLY ROSE

New York police say they ^{have} ~~was~~ solved the jewel robbery at the home of Billy Rose, night club ~~impresario~~ impresario. They ^{have} ~~was~~ arrested two longshoremen, and are looking for two other individuals. The story is that the robbery came about through the indiscretion of the Billy Rose butler, who struck up an acquaintance with a young fellow in a tavern, and invited ~~xx~~ him over to the Billy Rose home for a visit - when the family was away. Invitation accepted - only to result in a hold-up. The butler was just too friendly.

PLANE

The news tonight tells of a daring parachute jump by six army men, including a medical officer - who bailed out to reach ten survivors of a plane wreck. This was in the bitter winter of the Yukon, and the parachute jumpers had to come down on a mountain shelf a mile high. Two Americans and four Canadians - taking food, medical material and other supplies to the survivors -- several of whom are injured and need help.

EAGLE

There was a rare display of eloquence, not to mention logic at a Congressional hearing today. The kind of eloquence and logic you are likely to find when the subject is- a patriotic symbol. In this case - the American Eagle, C. R. Snow of Alaska, who testified today, wants to shoot the national emblem.

In the states, the bald eagle is protected by law, and a bill is being considered to extend that protection to Alaska. - ^{Alaska} ~~which~~ pays a two dollar bounty for the killing of eagles. So, today, the gentleman from ^{up Tuleau way} ~~Alaska~~ declared that the great feathered flier with powerful beak and talons is eating up all the grouse, the spawning salmon, the rabbits - and ~~they~~ even devour house cats. To which he added: "The bald eagle has nothing to ~~merit~~ merit being idolized, and made the totem of the American people."

That brought a flight of eloquence from Mrs. Rosalie Edge, Chairman of a Conservation committee, who referred to the fact that Alaska wants to become the forty-ninth state. "It is ~~incongruous~~ incongruous"

she cried, "that Alaska should ask to be admitted, to statehood while engaged in this extermination of the national emblem. The American Eagle, "she exclaimed, "is a sight to stir the patriotism of every loyal American."

The Alaskan answered that by arguing that the eagle, while considered the symbol of American independence, never had anything to do with American independence. "The United States", he proclaimed "has become the nation it is, because of men, who on the battlefields, in Congress, and in the courts, have fought to establish and preserve the rights and liberties we now enjoy. The eagle, "he added, "had no part in these activities."

How true.

INCOME TAX

None of us love the income tax, I suppose - but there can be a limit to one's lack of affection and fondness. At Detroit, James Korepta works in a local income tax office, and today he showed up in a sad state- bruised and battered. He said a taxpayer walked up, hauled off, took a swing at him, and gave him a beating. He explained he was doing it - "just to get even." ^R I know how he felt, but just the same..... Nelson, ~~at that moment~~ ~~will you~~ will you take the miles while I-----