

LABOR

Tues, Apr, 9 - 57.

In his speech before a Union convention in Atlantic City - the head of the AFL-CIO devoted most of his time to corruption inside labor. George Meany did not name anybody - but he obviously had Dave Beck in mind. ~~George~~ Meany, stating frankly that labor's biggest problem is corruption in the Union - violation of the Union's moral code.

Meany mentioned a number of things that Dave Beck refused to testify about - for example, borrowing money without the knowledge of the Union. Meany also mentioned the Fifth Amendment. Saying, anyone who takes the Fifth Amendment to avoid saying what he has done with Union funds - has violated labor's code of ethics.

WISCONSIN

The Supreme Court of Wisconsin rules - a Union does not have to accept Negroes as members. The case involves two bricklayers, Randolph Ross and James Harris, who have been trying for four years to get into Local Number Eight - of the Bricklayers International. The Union replying that Wisconsin has not made this compulsory. The Union, claiming it has the right to choose its own members.

Now the Wisconsin Supreme Court upholds the Union on this by a vote of six to one. The majority decision, based on the fact that Wisconsin has not declared racial discrimination in employment to be illegal.

One dissenting justice, Thomas Fairchild - supports the two bricklayers. He claims the majority opinion is in opposition to the Fourteenth Amendment to our Federal Constitution.

AVALANCHE

The avalanche that killed two men near Empire, Colorado, - had an ironic twist. The avalanche was started deliberately. They were shooting a film for Walt Disney. The ~~man~~ cameraman, John Hermann of Salt Lake City. His companion, Wayne Whitlock of Empire, ^{also,} They were trying to get pictures of an avalanche of snow in the Rockies.

The avalanche was touched off by a maintenance crew. They fired three rounds of howitzer shells - at a big mound of snow near one of the peaks. They got their avalanche all right, only it was much bigger than they expected.

The snow, hurtling down on the men operating the camera. Before they could run, they were buried under twenty feet of snow. Rescuers dug frantically - in an effort to save the two men. But they were too late. The body of Wayne Whitlock - recovered last night. The body of Cameraman John Hermann, recovered today. Both ~~men~~ victims - of an avalanche they deliberately started.

MILITARY

The Senate approves President Eisenhower's reshuffle of our military high command. There was hardly any debate after Democratic Leader, Lyndon Johnson - commended Mr. Eisenhower for his selections.

Senator Johnson's colleagues put their okay on all of the names submitted. You know them:- General Nate Twining to succeed Admiral Radford as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs. Donald Quarles, Deputy Secretary of Defense. He in turn to be succeeded by James Douglas as Secretary of the Air Force. General Tom White as the new Air Chief. Fred Bantz of Quaker Hill, New York, as the Assistant Secretary of the Navy. Admiral Arleigh Burke remains on for another two years as Chief of Naval Operations.

MARINE

A court martial sitting at Parris Island, South Carolina - orders a Marine lieutenant ~~to be~~ dismissed from the corps. Lieutenant William Conroy of New York City - found guilty of punching an enlisted man.

Lieutenant Conroy pleaded guilty. And the court martial gave him the equivalent of a dishonorable discharge - dismissal from the corps, with ~~the~~ loss of all benefits.

However the ~~Lieutenant Conroy's~~ *still* sentence is ~~not~~ final. It will

be reviewed by the commanding general of Parris Island - and by the judge advocate general of the Navy.

POST OFFICE

A member of the House Post Office Committee calls for the prosecution - of Postmaster General, Arthur Summerfield. The demand, made by Democratic Congressman Charles Porter of Oregon. Porter saying that Summerfield should resign at once - and then he should be prosecuted - for spending in the second and third quarters of the fiscal year - funds which Congress ear-marked for the final quarter.

The attack on the Postmaster General was joined by another Democrat, Clarence Cannon of Missouri. Cannon charging that Summerfield has acted in an arbitrary way - by threatening to curtail the mail service. ^{Democrat} Cannon claiming that Congress stood up to Hitler, Mussolini and Stalin - but has been stampeded by the Postmaster General.

BUDGET

The economy drive in Congress continued today - with the House voting a big cut in President Eisenhower's budget. The President, for the Commerce Department, had asked for eight hundred million. Now the House votes to slash two hundred million from that - a reduction of twenty-five per cent. Bringing to over a billion - the total the House has cut from this new Eisenhower budget.

BRITAIN

The new British budget is intended to regain prestige for the Conservative Party. That's the view of most observers in London - after noticing how Prime Minister Macmillan has allowed cuts in taxes ^{on} everything from theatre tickets to household goods.

At the same time, this British budget ^{boosts the cost of} ~~increases~~ a lot of things - including ~~the tax on~~ TV sets. That tax goes up by one-third. ~~And~~ Chancellor of the Exchequer, ~~Peter~~ Thorneycroft, ^{telling} ~~said in~~ Parliament - his Party must make this budget work - or Britain will go into, what he called, "a drab decline."

SUEZ

Cairo repeats that Israel will not be permitted to use the Suez Canal. Nasser declaring that Egypt and Israel are still at war - which gives Egypt the right to bar Israeli ships. According to ~~extraneous~~ the Cairo Information Office - Israel has been creating incidents along the Gaza border - which might lead to more fighting.

At the same time, Nasser is trying to induce other nations to use the canal. ~~The great waterway is now open to big vessels following a statement that the channel is "completely cleared."~~
— now that the all clear sign has gone up.

Today a convoy of six ships went through from Port Said ~~— south~~ bound for the Red Sea terminus at Suez. The ships, led by a Belgian tanker, ~~were all unloaded,~~ *While* at the other end ~~of the canal,~~ *more* five ships lined up at Suez - for the run north to the Mediterranean.

All these ships paid their tolls to Egypt. ~~That's~~ one of Nasser's conditions, - ~~apparently. We won't be sure until next week - when the official Egyptian document on the~~

CANAL FOLLOW SUEZ

Our government is still asking American ships to avoid the Suez Canal. So announced by StateDepartment press officer, Lincoln White. ^{who} ~~he~~ told ^a ~~the~~ news conference that the question of the canal's operation is still under discussion. And our State Department hopes that American ships will take a different route - by-passing the canal, until the Suez problem is settled.

ARCHBISHOP

~~The leader of the Greek Cypriots,~~ ^{AP} Archbishop

Makarios, on his way back from exile, is now in Madagascar.

He arrived at that huge French tropical island off the southeast coast of Africa, aboard the tanker that picked him up in the Seychelles last Saturday. When he drove to the Greek quarter of the Madagascar city of Tananarive - he found the buildings bedecked with Greek flags. The Archbishop, receiving a tumultuous welcome from the Greeks of Madagascar.

He was also met by a British M.P., Noel Baker, the Laborite who acted as an unofficial mediator between the British authorities and the Archbishop.

Makarios will be in remote Madagascar for two days, and from there will fly in a French passenger liner to Athens - before going on to London. Although still forbidden to enter Cyprus, he says he'll continue his campaign for union of Cyprus with Greece.

HUNGARY

An American military attache' in Budapest - ~~has~~
~~been~~ expelled by the Kadar government. The American -
Captain Thomas Gleason - ordered to be out of that Communist
dominated country - within forty-eight hours. The charge
against the American officer? "Open espionage." Which,
however, the Reds don't explain.

Probably a follow-up to an incident last Saturday.
The American attache' was stopped by Soviet troops - and
accused of taking photographs of their barracks. He denied
this - and was allowed to return to our Budapest Embassy.
Now the Hungarian Reds expel him.

DOCTOR

In London, the Attorney General announces that Dr. John Adams will go free. The doctor will not be prosecuted for the death of another of his patients.

This announcement followed the decision of a British jury - that Dr. Adams is innocent of murder, innocent in the death of the elderly Mrs. Edith Morrell - with an overdose of narcotics.

The trial took ~~xx~~ seventeen days. The longest trial in the history of London's famous court - old Bailey. Longest - but it only took the jury forty-four minutes to make up its mind that Dr. John Adams was not guilty.

NIGHT CLUB

Today, in Los Angeles, several witnesses identified the man - who threw that bucket of gasoline into the "Club Mecca," with six persons burned to death.

Today in a police line-up, witnesses picked out Clyde Bates, an ex-convict. He was identified by all of the witnesses, including the Club Mecca drink purveyor, and the service station attendant who sold the gasoline.

Tomorrow, a grand jury will ~~be~~ be asked to indict Bates and three other suspects for arson and murder. If found guilty they are likely to get a death sentence.

QUEEN

Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh sailed in triumph down the Seine today - thru a vast historical pageant. French actors and singers in costume - portraying scenes from ages past. Much of the history - concerning wars between England and France; from Joan of Arc - to Napoleon and Waterloo.

A crowd estimated at half a million lined the banks of the river - to cheer the visiting royalty. Fireworks overhead. Buildings gleaming in the glare of spotlights, and the pealing of the bells of Notre Dame.

During the day, the city of Paris presented the Queen with an electric model of the Paris subway. Said she: "It looks a little complicated - but it will certainly amuse my husband."

SKELETON

In Madison, Wisconsin, the State Crime Laboratory ~~has~~ ^s turned ~~a~~ [^] a supposed murder victim over to the anthropologists. A skeleton, discovered at a construction site - the skull battered in. Although it looked as if the workmen had unearthed the remains of a murder, the skeleton puzzled them and was sent to the State Crime Laboratory.

Tonight we have the explanation. Probably a casualty in an Indian war - perhaps long before the Pale Face ever saw Wisconsin. The skeleton, that of an Indian Brave - killed with a tomahawk. Oh yes, the Crime Lab says it was done some eight hundred years ago. So that was many hundreds of years before any white man ever saw the region made famous by Milwaukee which in turn was made famous by something, I can't remember what it was. Oh yes, the present day Braves!

MAGAZINE

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A famous magazine ^{is no more -} ~~has ceased publication~~ - because Americans don't go in for playing the piano, as they used to. The magazine - "Etude" - once known as "the Bible of the musical home."

"Etude" was started in Eighteen Eighty-Three - as an aid to music instructors. At its peak of circulation - "Etude" sold a quarter of a million copies. For some time now - circulation has been dropping - dropping, dropping down to fifty thousand. We are told there no longer are enough customers - because Americans have stopped playing the piano. Instead, they turn on the TV and watch Liberace, or they switch on the radio and listen to Crazy Otto. And so, *Henry,* "Etude" follows "Colliers" - into limbo! Ah me!

END

ANNOUNCER: And now Lowell Thomas recalls.

L.T.: A year ago today - the President of the Soviet Academy of Agricultural Science - resigned. Lysenko - Stalin's pet biologist - was caught in the campaign to discredit Stalin. Lysenko - who used the Communist Party line to interpret Nature. He denied the Mendelian theory of genetics - considered the cornerstone of biological science.

A year ago today Lysenko resigned under pressure. Now he seems to be back in the fold. Praised by Khrushchev.