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Once Again, Lewis Comes Out on Top

—By DAVID LAWRENCE

WASHINGTON—To the headline reader, the story is that Lewis "backed down." To those who follow the maneuvers of labor politics, the story is just the opposite—the administration "backed down" and surrendered again to Lewis. The chronology is important and significant. Last Monday, the administration found itself divided from within. War Labor Board members said it wasn't necessary to renew the "truce." Secretary Ickes wanted to ask Lewis to renew it.

The upshot was that Ickes was compelled to remain silent, and the administration waited. Lewis, true to form, said the miners wouldn't work without a contract, and on Tuesday 530,000 miners were idle and the nation began losing a huge supply of coal production.

MEANWHILE, as no request was forthcoming to Lewis to resume work, he and the operators went on bargaining collectively. Then the War Labor Board stepped in and said it wouldn't tolerate any collective bargaining while the miners were out on strike. The War Labor Board ordered bargaining suspended.

Then Lewis became vocal. He pointed out that nobody can suspend collective bargaining except Congress or a federal agency empowered by Congress. And he was right about it. The War Labor Board doesn't have any statutory power and in the executive order creating it the point was made that its powers in no way conflicted with those derived from the National Labor Relations Law governing collective bargaining.

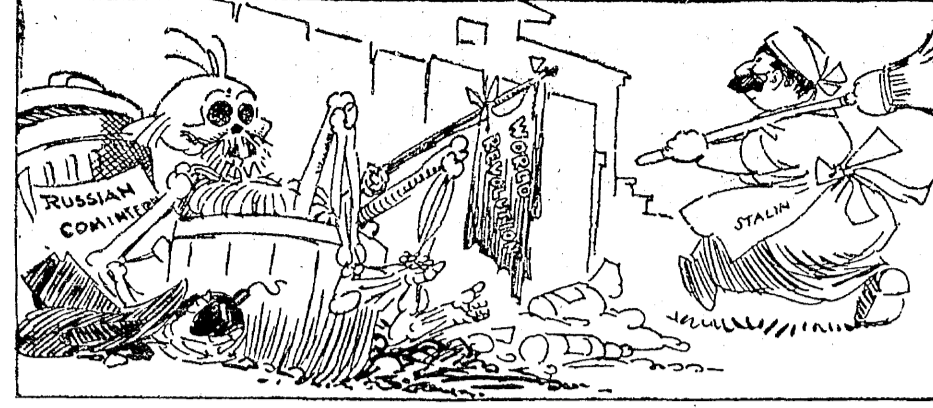
But Lewis didn't challenge the War Labor Board's order. He merely sat and waited. He knew the Roosevelt administration had bungled and that sooner or later it would look at the situation realistically and make another move.

And that move came. It was in the form of a request at last that the miners' union chief order his men back to work. It came, not from the War Labor Board at all, but from the fuel administrator, Mr. Ickes.

Promptly Lewis acceded to the request of what he terms the government's "duly constituted agent."

But Lewis noted again that the President and Ickes had given assurance that collective bargaining would be resumed. Likewise, it was noted that the fuel administrator, as custodian of the mines for the government, ordered an extension of the old contract, plus the benefits which the War Labor Board's panel of week before last had recommended.

NOW LET US LOOK IN OUR OWN CLOSET —:— By Carlisle



Nazis Putting Everything into Russ Drive

—By CONSTANTINE BROWN

WASHINGTON—Whether the continuous bombing of the Reich's industrial areas will be sufficiently devastating to impair the Nazi offensive power this year is the most important question the Allied strategists are asking themselves.

Advocates of the "win the war by air power" theory have apparently won a temporary victory. Reports brought back by airmen from the bombed areas are so satisfactory that even those who were most skeptical about the efficiency of that type of warfare are inclined to give the air arm its chance.

No effort will be spared henceforth to make the American-British squadrons as effective as possible by replacing with utmost haste the losses they are suffering in the raids over Western and Central Europe where the main Nazi war industry is located.

In the meantime, there is real anxiety over the forthcoming Nazi operations in Russia, where there is that ominous silence which usually precedes a tornado. According to the calculations of those who believe the Nazi offensive is near, the storm will break before the middle of the month.

A careful study of the enemy's air power indicates that Reichsmarschal Herman Goering has at his disposal a force of about 8,000 first line planes. About 75 per cent of this force, which includes the most up-to-date machines the Nazis have built in the last few months, is concentrated against the Russians.

HOW much importance the Hitleries are placing on their third summer offensive against the Red armies is illustrated in the fact that practically the entire German aviation has been withdrawn from Southern Europe and the Mediterranean, where the Germans have left only older type of planes which could not be very useful on an active front.

Weather Report

Table with weather data for various stations including Seattle, Minneapolis-St. Paul, New Orleans, and others. Columns include Station, High, Low, Precip., Temp., and Wind.

SALUTE TO THE SERVICE MEN

Fred M. Fueker Writes Of Army Life in California

Long active in Seattle military affairs, Lieut. Col. Fred M. Fueker, writes that he is now stationed in California, "where there is green grass, fog and fresh air." Colonel Fueker formerly was state adjutant of the American Legion. He was grand chef de suerze of the Forty and Eight, fun organization of the American Legion.



LIEUT. COL. FRED M. FUEKER

Such a Sorry Showing For People of a Fighting City

THE display of American flags in Seattle on the two days devoted to the Memorial Day observance was most disappointing. The windows of The Times look eastward toward a wide hillside of homes and apartment houses. The rooftops bristle with flagpoles, but in all that expanse, scarcely a flag was visible.

Under Cover of War Program

MORE generators at Grand Coulee will be utterly useless without huge increase in the volume of impounded water. Such is the substance of expert testimony recently at a House appropriation committee hearing.

We don't know about that; but further expert testimony at the committee hearing strongly suggests that public power development is being pressed far beyond actual and prospective needs under the cloak of the war program.

ON top of this, Lewis gets an opportunity now to negotiate for more money for his members. He has inability to work without a contract. He had received a formal request from the government to reopen the mines, he had reestablished the situation precisely where it was when the first and second "truces" were granted.

Ethiopia's Revenge

ETHIOPIA asks a favor. It is one that the high command of Allied forces in the Mediterranean area should not find hard to grant. All the Ethiopians ask is the privilege of place in the vanguard of the invasion of Italy. They want the first crack at the homeland of the Fascists, by whom their own country was all but destroyed.

Occasionally we hear preaching that anti-Axis forces should be animated only by sense of righteous duty, and not in the least by the spirit of revenge. The Ethiopians do not accept that doctrine, and there is little enough reason why they should. Ordinarily a peace-loving people, their grievance against Mussolini and his legions is too weighty to shake loose without some measure of reprisal in kind.

Italy may collapse and curl up under continuance of the treatment that the Allied air forces lately have been giving her. Unconditional surrender may obviate a land invasion. But if there is to be one, the Ethiopian Commandos, now well trained and armed, should be given the chance they seek.

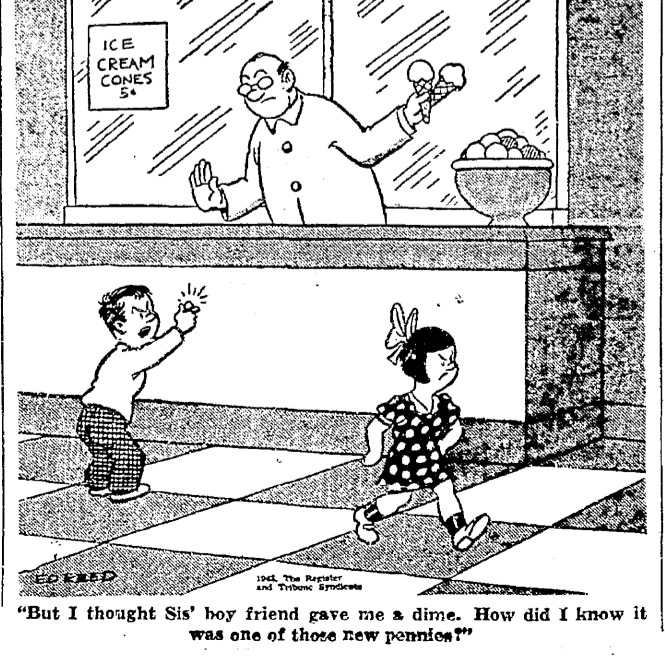
Guessing on the Grand Scale

ISSUING statements is just about the most intensive activity in national government these days. No doubt that is why official demand persists for more and more typists and typewriters. The statement-production army keeps swelling in numbers and equipment.

Northwest Showing California How To Get Along Without Jap Farmers

WHEN California laments that it will be unable this year to supply the nation with delicacies produced on that state's fertile lands, because of the manpower shortage, the impression goes abroad that the root of the evil is the Jap-power shortage.

OFF THE RECORD —:— By Ed Reed



Dinner-Table Rule Books Outdated After This War

—By HENRY McLEMORE

LONDON, England—First you lay a foundation of mashed potatoes, then, using your knife as a trowel, you stipple it with green peas until you have roughly the same effect as a dowager's emerald lavaliere.

This creek is the signal for you to try to get all this food into your mouth before the three tipples it back into your plate again. This is a sample of what your forces abroad are going through in an effort to show complete cooperation with the British, even to the extent of adopting their table manners.

because he understands such things as stress and strain as well as other constructional and building problems. But not so I. Here are some of the problems that still face me as I try to eat the green peas and lima beans which a quarter-inch dab of mashed potatoes support securely? Will roast beef stay on a fork because of centrifugal motion?

TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle section including the puzzle grid, definitions (e.g., 1-Rodent, 2-Killer whale), and solutions for previous puzzles.