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ON STAGE, MR. LEWIS!

IT IS possible to be concerned over, yet tolerant of, the latest grand flourish of the most unpredictable of all labor leaders, John L. Lewis.

That beetle-browed Barrymore of organized labor trod upon the boards last week to announce, with his usual flair for the dramatic, that his miners would take a two-weeks holiday for a double purpose: (1) to mourn their fellow workers who were killed or maimed while working in the mines last year, and (2) to protest the pending confirmation of John Boyd, appointed director of the Bureau of Mines in 1947 but not yet approved by the Senate.

A CONTEMPTIBLE TRAITOR

SOMEHOW the revelations made in the long trial of Mildred E. (Axis Sally) Gillars did not do the deed that most of us hold for traitors. Rather, they stirred a kind of scorn, of contempt, of disgust, of contempt.

THEY'RE ALL CITIZENS

A BILL introduced last week by Senator Claude Currier of Durham proposing that the State take over the maintenance of all city streets and rural roads not on the maintenance list hasn't a ghost of a chance to pass.

THE EGG AND HIM

INTELLIGENCE that the brittle-thighed curlew is a species of the snipe family is currently nesting on the frozen wastelands of Alaska did not arouse us one bit when we received it.

the working man, but that right does not extend to political objectives. We can not have government by intimidation.

2. Lewis' intense antagonism toward Boyd directs attention away from the real trouble spot — notoriously weak state inspection laws, and corrupt state officials, many of whom are entirely under the control of the powerful coal companies.

3. Of even greater concern is the chance that this act will back-fire to the detriment of all labor. It has happened before. In the past, more than any other one thing, were responsible for the growing anti-union sentiment which found expression in the Taft-Hartley Act.

We make a mistake when we measure all organized labor by its worst example, John L. Lewis. But all too often they bullsh*t, domineering, and they will receive the same opportunity to destroy the considerable gains labor has made in the last generation.

Story Of An Experiment Britain's Health Program

(This is the first of a series of articles on Britain's sweeping experiment in socialized medicine, with free medical and dental care for all. The comprehensive health care will be a model program, with particular emphasis on how it is working out.—Editors, The News.)

Most Britons have crossed "doctor's bill" off their family budgets. That was the first result for 45 hospitals of the National Health Service in Scotland since Britain's revolutionary socialized medicine became effective last September.

There is free medical and dental care, medicine, eyeglasses and surgical appliances for all. But only in the sense that the patient doesn't get a doctor's bill. Instead, the Government foots the whopping bill of \$852,520,000 out of taxes.

Nearly all 7,000 opticians and 14,000 of 16,000 druggists joined. The Government took over 2,387 hospitals which were staffed by 128,000 doctors and 228 hospitals which continue to operate privately.

The present program was inspired by Lord Williams Beveridge, a liberal, who produced a "cradle to grave" social security report for the nation during the war.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

JOHN L. LEWIS recently wrote some notes in which he likens most—the right of injunction to halt strikes against the public interest.

Study In Contrasts



AXIS SALLY FACING DEATH OR PRISON FOR TREASON

EXTENSION OF OLD AGE BRITAIN'S NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE IS A REFINEMENT AND EXTENSION OF THE 1911 HEALTH INSURANCE ACT.

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Stewart Alsop The Crystal Ball

WASHINGTON NEVER since the war ended has there been such widespread pessimism about the economic future of this country.

The curious fact is that the Government economist, peering into his crystal balls and pouring over their statistics, find remarkably little solid, factual evidence to support these fears for the future.

Moreover, they point to other signs which baffle the untrained eye. The market for new construction this year has been nearly equal to that of last year.

In brief, says the Government economist, there is no real reason for pessimism. The economy is on an upswing, and we are now in the midst of a boom.

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give a misleading picture of the facts. This is a hard, irreducible core of unemployment in this country of somewhere between a million and two million people.