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NATIONAL LABOR IMPASSE

TWO working days have passed since John L. Lewis "ordered" his miners back to the pits, but the mines are still idle. For the first time in recent years, the men who dig the coal have refused to obey an order from their boas. The inference is that Mr. Lewis issued his directive merely to comply with the terms of the law, and that the word was passed along by other means to ignore it.

It doesn't really matter whether that is the case, or whether the miners are finally rebelling against Mr. Lewis' authority. The plain truth is that they have not returned to work, and that they show no signs of doing so.

doing so.

You can argue the fine points of the
Tait-Hartley Act until doomsday, you can
criticize Lewis for his arrogance and dicstorship, you can charge the miners with
bringing hardship and privation to many bringing hardship and privation to many innocent people, you can rail at the pro-ducers for being stubborn. None of that gets coal out of the ground. Yet, somehow, coal mining must be re-sumed. The nation cannot exist without

This supreme test of the Taft-Hartley Act points up certain axioms about labor

act points up certain axioms about labor regulation.
You can't make men work, and you can't put them in fail for not working, unless you impress them into military service. Despite President Truman's recommendation for just that in the railroad strike, it would not be possible in peace time. There has been much that of many them to the possible in peace time. There has been much that of many that the possible in peace time. There has been much that of the complex of the possible in the peace of the possible in the possible in the peace of the possible in the peace of the peace

ABUSES OF THE GI BILL

IT IS a very good thing that so many veterans of World War II have taken advantage of the provisions of the "GI Bill of Rights" to educate themselves.

Many thousands of youngsters who would never have seen a university campus have gained degrees from this program of Cov-ernment-supported education for veterans. This opportunity to learn has been of great benefit to the country aiready in the young men who have gained training for working and luving after having served in this armed forces during the war.

out the administration of the "Bill of hts" is not without fault.

There have been many abuses of the bill, articularly in the vocational training

Fly-by-night schools have sprung up to each everything from law to shoe-repair-

The anti-trust and monopoly laws might bring about negotiations employer by em-ployer, instead of industry-wide, but judgproyer, instead of industry-wide, out judg-ing by experience in the automobile indus-try, for example, where individual bar-gaining is—the practice, that remedy would work no miracles.

Overnment mediation, voluntary or compulsory, is no answer. The Govern-ment, being a political agency, knows only one kind of settlement: the kind which one kind of settlement: the kind which pleases the most voters. Besides, if the Government found the courage to bring in a decision unfavorable to the strikers, is there any assurance that it would end the strike?

It appears that we have accepted in this country the principle that a man has pro-It appears that we have accepted in this country the principel that a man has proprietorship over his job even if he throws it up for a period of months and years, and that this is what has given organized labor such a strangle-hold. If the authorities were to start enforcing the common, ordinary laws against trepass, assault, mob violence and destruction, maintaining order for those who wanted to see that the strangle hold, and the strangle hold, and the produce some bloody battles, which no cne wants to see, but as matters stand now we're vielding strikers the right to strike and then yelling at them when they assert it.

It would seem to follow, locically, that the Government rannot indulge labor unions with its left hand, and with its right, make futile threatening sestures. Either labor unions must control their memberships, showing a promot and readv compliance with the law and a sense of responsibility commensurate with their enjoyment of privilege, or the Government, with have to be used to break the strangle-hold of labor unions. It would seem to be as simple as that.

ing. Thousands of veterans have entered these schools without desire to learn, concerned only with the subsistence slow-ances paid them each month in many cases the schools have cared only for the tuition paid for the veteran by the WA. These abuses—and other—are being investigated now by members of the House. President Truman has called for a tightening-up of the law on "blind-alley" vocations achoics.

tional schools.

It is probable that restrictions will be placed on this training. That is as it should be Congress and the Veteran Administration should establish a uniform standard for these schools and students and deal persuasively with those schools and students which do not meet the standard.

"The GI Bill of Rights" was not a bonus act: it was designed for readistament and must be employed for that purpose.

DEATH OF A STORY-TELLER

CUITASSES flashed in the tropic sun.

Incoheats echoed among the hills, strong men grappied on the brinks of swirling rivers and blood glowed in the light of romantic moons in Rafael Sabatini's 40 swashbuckling historical novels.

He was the old master of that popular new literary school whose trademarks—the bulging bosom and the stalwart war-tor—grace the shelves of almost every bookstore.

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It is to Sabatini's credit that he was an innovator in the field; and that as, in the past five years, the historical novel became literary laughing stock, the old master refrained from turning out pot-boilers. And, just as Henry Ford cannot be amed for the abuse of the automobile

Shahimi cannot be held responsible for the low estate to which the historical novel has sunk.

An historian can read the Ancio-Italian's fiction and find every detail in place. Nor did his prose ever sink to the hackneyed level of the dime novel. It was coussily free from excess purple patches. While Sabatimi may not rank with the master artists, he was a master story-teller in his field.

When he died this week in a Swiss hospital, victim of an allment (stomach ulcer's which would have embarrassed one of his heroes, the 75-wear-old writer was university, a virtue which is sorely lacking in his literary imitators.

From The St. Louis Post-Dispatch

FOR CASH AND JUSTICE

THE Treasury wants to collect regular corporation taxes on the outside business profits of educational institutions, charitable organizations and labor unions. Such a request to Congress had been all but inevitable because it indicates an obvious opportunity to bring in a sizable part of the money needed to balance the hole through which more and more people are evading their fair share of the cost of government.

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Exemption of churches and schools from taxation has become traditional in the United States. The privilege probably mere would have been questioned had it not been abused to foster a racket.

And is it not a racket when a university virtually selfs participation in its tax exemption? It may take title the secretary of the second of the school, but it is a fraud on the people.

people. Even when real estate or a going business is given to some educational or charthable institution in good faith, it is questionable whether the income should be tak-exempt. Should a university-own depark plug factory have a tax advantage specific production.

Real estate or other property used di-rectly for educational or charitable pur-poses is, of course, a different story, Neither the Treasury nor any local tax-collectine agency, in our oninion, is easer to levy directly on a church, a hospital or a school building.

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The inclusion of labor unions in the Treasury's request seems to have caused some surprise. It is hard to think of a union with an "endowment" Some, however, have been in the banking business for years, Others are beginning to build radio stations Insofar as such enterprises may earn profits from activities not directly connected with union affairs, they also ought to be subject to taxation.

untaxable trust funds which are being set up under present laws. These estensibly have charitable purposes, but they are not compelled to pay out any cash for these purposes at any given time. So the members of a family or the directors of a corporation can put money beyond the reach of the tax collector, and still retain control. This makes possible all sorts of profitable manipulations.

Quite aside from the Government's re-quirements, these leaks ought to be care-fully inspected out of simple justice to those who do not take advantage of them.

The Little Red Schoolhouse



Financial Song And Dance

This Is Not Fiction

(An Eillerial from The Circiand Pain Dealer)
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In this case Congress is the banker. If it makes the loan, Borrower Truman's note will have to be signed by the taxpayers, which is to say by all the people. Who, in his right mind, would voluntarily sign the note of such a profiligate spender?

People's Platform

Appeal For Dog Guides

CHARLOTTE

Editors, THE NEWS

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The Other Lewis

Credit goes to his new public relations expert, Justin McCarthy, who has convinced Lewis that the way to make friends and influence people is to be nice to the photographers.

Johnson's Efficiency Comes At Expense To U.S. Defense

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

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By MARQUIS CHILDS

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Bomb Cost Remains Unknown Quantity Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Remaking John L. Lewis

no way to determine the cost of the frightful H-bomb until is built. It is built in the place further settling that the new bomb would cost a lot less than original estimates, which ran not billions of dollars.

This is because a great deal of equipment now use for making atom bombs can be reused or easily converted to the common that the common the committee behind tolded doors that the hydrogen bomb can be made for considerably less than the estimated \$2,000,000 cost of the continue to t

Taft Applauds Truman

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Truman's Bibles

WASHINGTON'S rough-and-tumble news photographers, who have seen about everything, are flabbergasted at "the new John L. Lewis."

In the old days when Lewis was asked to pose for a pleture, the answer was a snarl or a view of his back.

But today, when the boys clamor "just one more." Lewis is as sweet as a fairy godmother. He will even make gestures.

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