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COAL MINING CAN BE MADE SAFE

JOHN L. LEWIS' initial reaction to the West Frankfort, Ill., disaster was typical. Lewis bitterly criticized the U. S. Congress for its failure to pass laws giving the U. S. Bureau of Mines more enforcement power over safety regulations.

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INTERNATIONAL RANSOM

IT WAS typical of the American people, I feel, that they should succumb to the Communist's Communist propaganda, blackmailers' and, at the same time, fall over themselves offering to raise money privately to pay the \$120,000 fine assessed against the quartet of American fliers.

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MR. TRUMAN PLAYS A TRUMP CARD

PRESIDENT TRUMAN has played a trump card in the international game of diplomacy by selecting George F. Kennan as Ambassador to Moscow.

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MAN'S BEST FRIEND BETRAYED

TODAY we take exception to our usual practice and print as a letter material which normally should appear in the classified advertising section.

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BUSY BLARNEY STONE

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Negotiation Down On The Communist Level



People's Platform

Letters should be brief, written on one side of the paper. The writer's name must be signed, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editor. The News reserves the right to condense.

Lost Dog

OUR little dog is lost, and we have advertised in both papers, and on the lost and found column in the paper. When we see the dog, please call at Fourth and College S. streets, while she was left alone for a few minutes.

An Infamous System

THE recently released report of the investigation of the National Education Association into school conditions at Mars Hill in Madison County, North Carolina, merely confirms what Madison County citizens have long known, but have been helpless to correct, namely, that the school system of the county is up to its neck in the most debased and sordid type of machine politics.

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Exploitation And Incompetence

COTTON production in the United States above that required for domestic use has resulted in a glut in the world. This has been true for more than 150 years.

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Groundwork May Be Laid For Real 2-Party System In S.C.

By HENRY LESSENE
The New York Herald Tribune COLLEGE... South Carolina, which has reformed its election laws substantially in the last two years... Within two years South Carolina has scheduled its first two-party election... Until the "secret" ballot was provided by the Legislature, political parties were compelled to hold their own ballots at the polls. It was an impossibility to vote a split ballot, that is, to vote for one official and a hanger-on that he was not intending to vote a straight Democratic ticket.

If Women Ran War No Holds, Or Bombs, Would Be Barred

By ROBERT C. RUARK
WASHINGTON
THERE has always been the old thing about the species being dearer than the male, but it still brings you up sharply to hear a couple of delicate creatures, long-misnamed the weaker sex, dropping bombs and dicking recipes for direct and drastic action. Two such tenderly nurtured ladies were talking war on the train en route to the state capitol in Raleigh. One of them, a young woman, was not only a member of the Girl Scouts, but she was also a member of the Girl Scouts. None of this stupid Marquis of Queensberry foolishness. They were coming here to Washington, but death and danger to their sons and lovers, while solving nothing, would do if you would an enemy? One lady said, "I would shoot him again, on the off-chance he is still willing, or maybe he wouldn't be in him. The object of war, if there is an object, and the way you win is fast to kill me, but you can't kill you. I don't know how you got in this mess, but we're in it and if the women were running it they would have no false blue rules and no sentiment."

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

ONE of the most amazing things about "mystery man" Henry Grunewald is the way he has been able to ingratiate himself with those in high places. Henry is able to slip in to see the Vice-President, has a letter of introduction from President Truman for campaign contributions, drops in to see GOP Senator Brewster of Maine who calls him "Henry," and got GOP Senator Bridges of New Hampshire to help him pull out on tax fraud case. He has three limousines, a Winter house in Miami Beach, a Summer house at Spring Lake, N. J., and uses the Washington Hotel apartment of former Secretary of War Harry Woodring.

Grunewald Has Friends in High Places

Mr. Grunewald. His record is entirely satisfactory to the Custodian. Perhaps what Crowley wanted to cover up was Grunewald's record as a Government prohibition agent. This showed he was demoted from \$4,000 to \$1,800 a year on Jan. 12, 1922, and finally was picked out of the Government on Oct. 3, 1922, after being indicted by a grand jury in connection with the "illegal removal and disposition of liquor." After a year and a half application, Grunewald gave this version of his indictment: "In October, 1922, while I was general agent assigned to the New York prohibition office, I was indicted by a grand jury in the Southern District of New York for conspiracy to violate the Federal prohibition law. The indictment named a number of individuals, including Mr. Roswell A. Saver and myself. The case against me was dismissed after a verdict was indicated to the jury by Federal Judge Winslow... In 1915 as an bookkeeper for Western Electric in New York City. His first job as an investigator came in 1917, when he was appointed by the old FBI. In 1919, he served as confidential investigator for the Republican National Committee at \$6,000. In 1921 he got a \$4,000 job with the Commission on the Prohibition Question, which ironically, came under the Internal Revenue Bureau. It was his relations with ex-Commissioner Schoenman and ex-Custodian Dilphanti of Internal Revenue which recently brought Grunewald to the attention of the FBI. Grunewald also developed some interesting contacts in the liquor business, and as late as 1944 he was under investigation by the Alcohol Tax Unit for alleged black-marketing in liquor. Grunewald also spent from 1928 to 1942 as a personal secretary for Henry Woodring, the former Secretary of the Interior, at a stated salary of \$12,000 to \$14,000 a year. Note-In his tax returns Grunewald does not give the source of large chunks of income. This column is still mystified by the source of this money, and would like to think the mamas may be right.

Christmas Gifts

RAFT scandals have made government officials go jittery that Christmas packages from business friends were scrutinized. Some officials returned opening looking like "influence" gifts without even asking the package to see what was inside. However, the wife of a Navy Department employee, who was given a large, ornately wrapped box brought by the mailman. Inside was a year's supply of Boy Scout calendars for her husband, an Arlington, Va., scoutmaster.