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COAL MINING CAN BE MADE SAFE

JOHN L. LEWIS initial reaction to the West J. Frankfort, Ill. mine disaster was typical. Lewis bitterly criticined the U. S. Congress for its failure to pass laws giving the U. S. West Congress and the constant of the state of the congress indepthetly merits a part of the hame. Shortly after the disaster at Centralis. Ill., which claimed III lives in 1947, legislation was introduced in Congress to put teeth in the Federal mine safety code. Nothing was done under the Republicans, however, and nothing has been done under the Democrats since they regained control of Congress.

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Even so, Mr. Lewis cannot evade his share of the blame. He not only failed to throw the weight of the UMW leadership behind the proposals before Congress, but he also failed to give supports to Governor Adial Stevenson modern mine sately code for the Sate and never enacted into law.

Thus the blame would seem to be spread several ways among Congress, the Illinois State Legislature. Lewis and the UMW, and the Chicago, Wilmington and Frankin Coal Co. and the Illinois Department of Mines & Minerals. The company, for its part, knew that it was operating a gaseous mine but, according to the St. Louis Post Dispatch, dismissed Federal recommendations as "contiversial". And the State Department of Mines had inspected the mine as recently as Dec II and found nothing amiss.

Finally, the American people as a whole

must assume some of the blame for the explosion that took 119 lives. It is incredible that public opinion should be so lethargic as to permit a continuation of the mine disasters that occur with deadly repetition year

asters that occur with deadly repetition year after year.

Coal mining is a hazardous underlaking, but it can be made safe. Under the present system, which gives the individual states power to fix safety standards and inspect the observance of them, there is a total lack of uniformity. Moreover, a mass of lack of uniformity. Moreover, a miss of the provent of the property of the property of the provent of the property of the property of the provent of the property of the property of the provent of the property of the property of the measures sometimes require heavy expendi-tures, there is a tendency to get by with half-way protection.

tures, there is a tendency to get by with half-way protection. A good case can be made for state regula-tion and for the preservation of states' rights without further impingement by the Federal Government. But states rights also demand states' responsibilities, and when the states fail to meet their responsibilities.

the states fail to meet their responsibilities they invite Federal intervention.

Perhaps there is some way to combine state regulation of mines with Federal enforcement of uniform safety measures. In any event, the tragedy at West Frankfort lass dumped the problem squarely into the lap of the 82md Congress which convenes for a new session in January. The chain of coal mine disasters reaches way back into our history. It is ensueless and inhumane to let it stretch longer.

INTERNATIONAL RANSOM

IT WAS typical of the American people, God bless them, that they should cuss the Hungarian Communists as "international blackmailers" and, at the same time, fall all over themselves offering to raise money privately to pay the \$12,000 fine assessed against the quartet of American filers.

And it was quite in character for the U. S And it was quite in character for the U. S. Government, despite a reluctance to suffer further humiliation at the hands of the Communists, firmly to reject offers of private help and use public money to pay the fines. The main consideration was to get the filers freed. Any other procedure would have been illegal and improper.

U. S. reaction to the high-handed methods U. S. reaction to the high-handed methods of the Hungarian Government stemmed from the heart, rather than from the mind. Democracy values the lives and fortunes of its citizens. Had they been Russian fliers who landed by "mistake" in the United States. Moscow would have left them to shift

emotional indignation, which is at once the greatest strength of our democracy and the greatest strength of our democracy and the greatest weekness of our foreign policy, we would like to point out one other things-effect seems to have escaped comment, i. e., the Communist themselves appear to have done some backing down on this issue.

At first, it was announced by Soviet U. N. delegate Andrei Vishinsky, that the filers would be accorded "millitary justice". A few years, or even a few months ago, before the free world became arrayed as solidly against Communist attocklies and indignities, "millitary justice" would have meant sterner "millitary justice" would have meant sterner handed out to Robert Vogeland with the millitary listic would have been higher. In the international scale of things, the sum of \$120,000, or a fairly modelst amount. The Communists might well have made it \$120,000, or even more.

That they did not do so may be a sign that they are not so bold and not so brazen as they were before the U. S. strengthened its moral and milltary might.

MR. TRUMAN PLAYS A TRUMP CARD

PRESIDENT TRUMAN has played a trump card in the international game of diplo-macy by selecting George F. Kennan as Ambassador to Moscow. The appointment has several obvious ad-

annages:

1. Kennan is a career diplomat, and his romotion from the ranks should improve the norale of the State Department, which has been been badly shaken by Congressional pumneling on the one hand and the appointment is ambassadors of men like ex-Mayor James Dawyer on the other hand.

Kennan speaks fluent Russian, and long-time student of Russian affairs he will be extraordinarily well-equipped

his new post.

Kennan is also given credit for first
ming the policy of containment that has
the basic framework for U. S. foreign
y since 1947. As Ambassador to Moshe-should be better able to assess the
ess of the policy he evolved.

Beyond that, the appointment of "Mr. X", s Kennan is known from his famed anony-tous article in Foreign Affairs, has put the

RUMP CARD

Kremlin on the spot-II was quite apparent from the critical blasts leveled at Kennan by Russian publications prior to and after his selection became known several weeks ago that the appointment was received with displessure in Moscow. In all probability, the Kremlin would have preferred to refuse processes to the several properties of the processes o

youngsters dogs are almost members of the family. Our correspondents who lost their

"Peewee" on Christmas Eve have voiced the concern which most youths and many adults feel for their canine friends.

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It would seem that a person who muti-lates dogs has sadulte tendencies which can be extremely dangerous to human buring as well. For this reason, as well as the Jesser but demanding need to apprehend the per-son or persons who have cruelly betrayed the trust of man's best friend, every effort should be bent to find the responsible party.

MAN'S BEST FRIEND BETRAYED inconceivable. Certainly in the eyes of most

TODAN we take exception to our usual practice and print as a letter material which normally should appear in the classified advertising section. One of the letters in the adjoining "People's Platform" comes from two boys, whose Christmas was marred by the loss, the day before, of their dog "Peewee".

This letter arrived along with news of the second recent dog atrocity in this section of

second recent dog atrocity in this section of the state A family dog died shortly after being found partially skinned, with several stab wounds. A few weeks ago another dog

had its tongue cut out.

The willful mutilation of dogs is almost

From The Milwaukee Journal BUSY BLARNEY STONE

IN CORK, IRELAND, the charge for kissing the Blarney stone—a rite which presumably gives the kisser the gift of gab—has been raised from 14c to 21c, or from one shilling to 1 shilling sixpence.

Observers report that the "kissing" fee boost is a result of inflation. We prefer to look upon it as simply supply and demand.

lips puckered for a smack at the Blarney stone for the next twelve months.

A philosopher says every person should be allowed three faults. Like every other allowance, this is not enough to get by on.— Ellaville (Ga.) Sun.

with an election year as hot as 1952 promgoes back on his word without consulting
these so be, politicians ought to be queuing up,
his lawyer.—Pittaburg (Tex.)—Gazette.

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 Biltor. The News reserves the right to condense.

CHARLOTTE

Lost Dog

Editors, The News:

O'IR little dog is loot, and we have advertised in both papers, and on the lost and found column of radio programs. She got out of our car saturday at Fourth and College S treets, while she was left alone for a few minutes.

She's a small mixed breed female, black, wavy hair — her name is Peewee. We are offering a reward for her return. We were so fond of her add he loved us so much. Our phone number is 2020, the state of the second of the control of the second of the

We thought maybe if you would have any room in your paper to print this, it may let the one who has her know where they can get in touch with us. Sure was a sad Christmas here.

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— EDDY AND RUDY (Twins)

(See Editorial, "Man's Best Friend Betrayed'
elsewhere on this page. The Editors.)

Exploitation And Incompetence QUANAH, Texas

Editors, The News:

COTTON production in the United States above that required for domestic use has resulted in a reduction in price throughout the world. This has been true for more than 10 years, as the 1786 cotton sold in the United States for 4 fair 1786 outons sold in the United States for 4 fair 1786 out of the consumed in the United States, the average price was 34 cents per pound. In the decade 1800-09 with one-third of the crop exported, the average price per pound was 23 cents. In the decade 1800-09 with surplus for export increased and amounted to 80 per cent of that consumed in this country. The average price dropped for the control of the contro

U. S. price. This has been true for a century and a half.

The Northern exploifer has during this period, bought a bale of cotton at about one-third value, spinning it for domestic use. At the same time he has bought abouter bale at the same low rate for experie-shipping it to England and Europe in the North rests on too-cheap-cotton—cotton sold for far less than previously obtained by the Chinese. Indiana and Explains.

This condition has not benefited the South. Contrarivise this over-production has brought hard-ships to 60 million people in these four cotton growing areas — reducing them to the world's lowest standards of living.

I safe force of able and willing abort. This force has never been put to its most profitable use. The South also has the most incompetent ruling caste to be done anywhere.

B. H. McHARG

Editors, Titte News:

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I reckon I'll go duck shootin' again this year. Season opens soon. Years ago I used to go for the purpose of shootin' ducks. Now my main idea is to its sheepskin britches, wool lined innersoles, altor's sheepskin britches, wool lined innersoles, alman's boots and gloves lined with rabbit for. But I still sit there in the duck blind before dawn's active growth of the still still sit there in the duck blind before dawn's active light and cuiss myself for bein' such an idiot.

An Infamous System

MARSHALL

evince state authorities, who can remedy this decision is at hand:

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The property of the control of the control of the store has held its nose and looked the other
way when the decent people of Madison County have
sought relief. The members of the County Board
of Education, who run the school system, are appointed by a Democratic controlled regislature and
are not responsible to the parents of children whose
ties who administer the educational system of the
county are responsible to the people of the county,
they can and do operate the schools as a virtual
political dictatorship. Conditions like those at Mars.

To unshackly the teachers and create an attill are an investigation of the county of the county
and the control of the county of the county
of the Board of Education should be elected
by the people of the respective counties — preferably in a non-partisan election.

All political leaders, all intelligent veters, and especially all teachers about of Education be a plant
in the platform of every candidate for the Legislature whom they support. Good schools and wellinformed noblide option are essential to a democracy. Confidence in the school system in many of
our counties has been destroyed. This preferring
the schools to the people whose children they
serve.

—JOHN FREEMAN.

Quote, Unquote

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

In the New York Berald Tribuse COLUMBIA, S. C. South Carolina, which has referred its election laws substantially in the last two years and whose Governor, James F. F. South to diaregard the labels of political parties in electing a President next year, may take the final step in the coming months toward laying the real groundwork for a two-par. Within two years South Carolina has abolished its poll tax. Long a boliotot state against Negro suffrage, it has now permitted Negroes to qualify on the same bargoes to qualify on the same bargoes to qualify on the same bargoes to guidly on the same bargoes of "while" Democratic primary. The last state to provide some semblance of a "secret" ballot, it has provided for the Australian ballot in general elections hence-fault the "executiva liber as not provided the same and the same control of the same co

has provided for the Australian ballot in general elections henceforth. Bellot in general elections henceforth the "secret" ballot was produced by the Kegislature, political-parties were compelled to furnish it was an impossibility to vote a spilt ballot in secrecy. When a voter called for a Republican balveter was a minute of the secret with the secret was a minute of the secret with the secret was not intending to vote a straight Democratic ticket.

Dudot the near the secret was the secret with all parties and candidates listed. This goes a long way toward making a two-party system possible. However, there is still a drawback. If one votes in the Democratic process of the secret was the party and the secret was the s

mary in the general election.

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This eath is known as the party's framous "Rule 22." long a center of the framous that the framous fra

that, since there was virtually so openition to the Democratic Party everything and been settled when that party picked its candidates in the primary. The scalled eath was just so many and the primary of the primary in the primary

South Carolina was one of the South Carolina was one of the four Southern states that voted for its Governor, J. Strom Thurmond as the Dixicerat Presidential nomi-nce in 1948. This was accomplished by the Dixicerat party merely be-coming, the Democratic Party in

by the Dicheral party mertit becoming the Democratic Party in the state.

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

WASHINGTON
THERE HAS always been the
dold thing about the female of
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male, but it still brings you up
sharply to hear a couple of delicate creatures, long-mismaned you
washing to the species of direct and
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Two such tenderly nurtured ladies were talking war on the train
en route here, and I am sure I
would never like to go against an
la-grid rmy. They advocated the
atom, immediately, as a hurry-up
to peace in Korea. They were shrilby indignant over the shilly-shallying in the "police action" in Keep,
which seemingly had brought nothing but death and danger to the
sons and lovers, while solving
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"What are never on the solving of the so

sentiment."

LADIES USED BAD WORDS

I mentioned shyly that this bloodhirstiness did not seem entirely in
keeping with the Yule spirit. nor
he qualities of gentleness and
tenderness for which ladies are
famed in song and story. The ysounded more like Bull Halsey discussing Japs than dewy flowers to

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Grunewald Has Friends In High Places

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Henry Grunewald is the way he has been able to in
gratuate himself with those in high places.

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Committee.

However, strangest of all connections was with the former Alien Property Custodian, Leo Crowley-despite Crowley's denials, Grunewald had such a close friendship of the control of space friendship and the control of the space of the light alien corporations in wartine and the big alien corporations in wartine control of the control of the

Grunewald's Past

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"THE Office of the Custodian has investigated Mr. GruneT wald," Crowley's office stated on Aug. 23, 1942, "and
because of the nature of the work to be performed by this
man for the Custodian, it is requested that the Civil Service Commission refrain from making any investigation of

50 Years An Alien

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"In fairness to myself," Grunewald explained, "I believe that I should add that the whole indictment was
a more in a political battle ranging in New York at that
time, and the prohibition unit was simply a pawn."

Here are some more things which the mystery man
might have told the King Committee but didn't:

Grunewald was born May 19 1882, a fort tellirabeth.

South Africa, but neglected to become naturalized as an
American citter unjil Peb. 3, 1942. This was two months
after Pearl Earbor and after he went to work for the
For years, san alien, Grunewald worked for various
branches of the Government. He served in the U. S. Navy
from 1900 to 1914, worked as a desk clerk at the Naval
Young Men's Christian Association in Brooklyn, got a job

in 1915 as a bookkeeper for Western Electric in New York City.

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His first Job as an investigator came in 1917, when he secured a temporary apointment with the fold FBL. In 1919, he served as confidential investigator for the Republican National Committee at \$6,000. In 1210 he got a \$4,000 a year Job with the Commissioner of Prohibition which, invoically, came under the Internal Revenue Eutran and ex-Counsel Oliphant of Internal Revenue Sunan and ex-Counsel Oliphant of Internal Revenue which recently brought Gramewall in the Illimation of Countries of the Countr

Christmas Gifts

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GRAFT scandals have made government officials so

Jittery that Christmas packages from business friends
were scrutilized this year as never before.

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