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Rushing Upon The Spears

John Lewis Carries Labor Toward a Fight Which Is Sure To Bring Repressive Legislation, May Bring Ruin

The action of John Lewis in summarily rejecting the possibility of the Defense Mediation Board intervening in the case of the strike and the coming steel strike - his flat refusal even to consider having the CIO men continue at their jobs while the hope of an acceptable settlement is explored - raises questions of the most serious moment for the nation.

Any fair evaluation will give John Lewis credit for having rendered great service to the cause of union labor in the past, though sometimes he has also done it grave disservice to his country as the very best of men.

The facts are plain enough. On the one hand there is a little group of hardball manufacturers who hate the Wagner Act and are bent on defying it directly or indirectly, even though it is the law of the land.

But the primary responsibility in coal and steel rests on the shoulders of CIO. And above all upon those of John L. Lewis in person, who ruled with an iron hand.

One thing that Lewis has clearly demonstrated upon is to take advantage of the national crisis to organize all the hold-outs. That is his right under the law.

But the method he proposes to use is not the best. And the organization strike, it happens, falls Aid-to-Britain and national defense.

And there is more than a little ground to believe that he also proposes to use these strikes deliberately to frustrate the foreign policy of the United States - to make his own favored policy of isolation and appeasement prevail in spite of the Government and the majority of the people.

That raises the question as to which is the greater, as to which is the real danger to the people - John L. Lewis and the Government and the whole people. There is only one possible answer.

When old Gene Cox of Georgia and Howard Smith of Virginia yell "Red Revolution," John Lewis can afford to sneer. He knows the Government is for professional labor-haters. But when man after man, who has fought for labor before to talk of anti-strike legislation, when the House votes - as it voted yesterday - with only one dissenting vote to have such anti-strike legislation and draw up anti-strike legislation, it is time for Lewis, if he is not a Senator, to be a Senator.

A Censor

Who Sets Up An Odd Rule For Literary Criticism

Boston has developed the finest redudic ad absurdum of censorship yet seen in America. It is that city, which has long maintained its reputation as the center of dramatic and dramatic in defiance of the American Bill of Rights, Cardinal O'Connell is up with a demand that the city authorities ban from sale John Marquand's "H. M. Pulham, Esq." Ground is that it is "essentially Boston wamwam."

Marquand is in fact one of the mildest of modern novelists, affecting the grand style of earlier Bostonians and being almost flinching in his treatment of subjects that other novelists wade into with a splash of jets.

Apparently it is Cardinal O'Connell's conviction that all Boston women must be represented as holy vessels. If so he had better fall to work on Nathaniel Hawthorne and William D. Howells, not on the immortal Mary E. Wilkins Freeman.

Coercing Labor

By Hugh S. Johnson

WASHINGTON—There is considerable agitation in Congress for a law permitting the Government to take over any industrial plant in which labor trouble interferes with the production of goods or which is not producing satisfactorily.

Propponents of "taking over" can't have given the subject much thought. "Take over" means, as it appears to be intended to mean, seizing private property for public use.

CLAIM IT WOULD END STRIKES The only catch in it is that our Constitution in the Bill of Rights says "nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation."

While most of this country is resolute and impatient about rights and unnecessary strikes, and while there has been some talk of "controlling" labor, there certainly is no great sentiment for compulsory labor and, thus far, no necessary for it.

GOVERNMENT HAS ALL POWERS NEEDED Another group of "overactors" reasons from just the reverse angle. It wants to take over to "control" private management with whatever it wants from political management.

It is high time for Government to get busy with the job of building up the structure in both management and labor but "taking over" plants is a better way than could be assigned to do it.

Government is not manned or equipped to manage factories. It does not follow, however, that because Government is not manned or equipped or empowered to manage factories that it is already equipped to manage the management of factories.

Under a single war powers of priorities, price-fixing, commanding and control of communications and supplies, and industry is at the mercy of Government if it does not perform satisfactorily of national defense.

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That's the Way It Is With Timetables, Adoll



Letters to the Editor: Sees Hitler On A Spot

Dear Sir: Hitler, the king of might, At the drop of the hat he is ready to fight. He has conquered nations with no opposition. And left their people in a serious position.

England, he said, will be our next stop. With control of Europe, I'll be on top. This was his dream as he looked beyond.

But since his arrival on the English Channel His war machine begins to knock and then to rattle. With only a few more miles to reach his goal.

Not only with money, but also with men. And about that time, Russia will move in. But she knows, as he hangs his head.

Sees Sundry Movies As Darning Souls Dear Sir: It takes a magnanimous authoritative group to be strong enough to force the repeal of the Sunday laws in Charlotte. I feel that in Mayor Ben Douglas and his co-workers you people of Charlotte have done it.

The building up of your prestige rather than its degradation, the increase of church-going rather than its decrease, the multiplying of souls saved rather than of those sent to hell, is your objective. This alone is enough to force you to stop and think to wonder if all the money secured from Sunday amusements - baseball, football, movies, etc. - is comparable to the damned souls. A pile you'd be! Soon there will be thousands of airmen in your midst, and what a glorious harvest of souls saved for the Lord you can reap out of that group. If you prove you are bigger than the temptation to swell the city pocketbook. Yes, it is true many improvements to the city could be made and many individuals would profit by it, but can you afford to make money at the expense of their souls, their spiritual and moral life?

Some compromise with ain. Compromise with wrong always backfires. Would you mothers of Charlotte want your boys to go into camp and become a drunkard? No, a thousand times no. Yet these

Sunday amusements are splendid training grounds for becoming a sot. Judas betrayed Christ for a measly thirty pieces of silver; And as will you betray Christ if you permit Sunday amusements. Any person spending a single red cent on a day of any amusement is a traitor to Christ. And each sin entails more and more sin, until finally the city becomes a dangerous place of crime, a modern Sodom and Gomorrah - a pleasure-mad city whose morality will be of the worst. Do you want that condition?

Mrs. MARY TALLEY MULLINS 402 S. Railroad Avenue, Kings Mountain.

Monday Lou Roundtree over from the gloomy depths of Brooklyn. The lifeless gas, the chilling fog, the banter and the laughter!

My eyes were not shut, and what I saw was a grave and grizzled Attorney General drawing a tiny square box from his pocket. He took out a dark-colored pill containing, he explained, a mixture in which the strongest giving element was nicotine acid. Something the medical and chemical scientists had worked out recently, and really an excellent bluff-try. Maybe I would like to try it? No, I replied, the villain tablets had been recommended to me by a distinguished physician, and I would stick to them - for a while, anyway.

I produced two glasses half filled with water. We held them up to one another, and in a sort of melancholy devotion, and I washed down his pill and I washed down my evening's revelry.

The News and Plenty Of Flying Rumors Pamflet Correspondence, Fairman (Conn.) Observer Many people sickened on two pillars of illness of various kinds. Things are bad but be thankful they are not worse, they say.

Not much excitement around except at mall time; lots of news reported but it has to be checked and double checked and by that time it's nothing but rumors. We had Uncle Henry's cousin's brother died one week, but the next day he was seen dashing about and the neighbors were so overjoyed they gave him a whole lot of party. That mistake turned out to great advantage luckily for us. They had had your correspondent dived, but for the land asked, give us a chance to get married first. This time of year rumors are traveling faster than a grass fire.

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT Riches and honor are with me; yet, durable riches and righteousness.—Prov. 11:16.

Side Glances



Convoy Is Next

By Raymond Chapin

WASHINGTON—The government is preparing to send a convoy of merchant ships to Australia. The ships are to be escorted by the United States Navy. This is the first time since the beginning of the war that a convoy of merchant ships has been sent to Australia.

Selmer over the last week-end of some 60 Italian, German and Danish merchant ships in American ports is only the latest and most spectacular of the revealing actions. This is the kind of action President Roosevelt had in mind when he said in his Jackson Day address that it had become more than ever clear that the time called for "courage and more courage" - action and more action.

SHIPS WATCH JAPAN FROM AUSTRALIA Recently we sent cruisers and destroyers to Australia. Presumably they are remaining for the time being to maintain the eastern of the Pacific and to the meaning of their presence, as the out-owners of the great U. S. Pacific Fleet which in the judgment of experts is the mightiest array of naval force ever assembled in one unit.

Furthermore, the sea-land power is not only the strongest in England's island defense but are capable of bracing Yugoslavia and Greece, and are permitting the British to pursue with more daring the Mediterranean and African campaigns which are on the point of inflicting decisive defeat upon Italy.

COULDN'T NOT WEARNESS WILL WIN PEACE But it is probable that President Roosevelt was forthcoming some time more than this when he told the country in the Far Pacific and to the meaning of their presence, as the out-owners of the great U. S. Pacific Fleet which in the judgment of experts is the mightiest array of naval force ever assembled in one unit.

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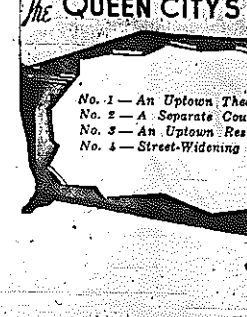
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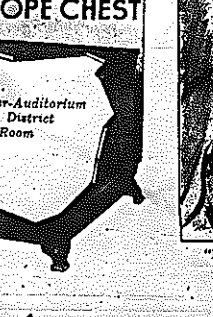


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Visitin' Around

Off Hand (Special Item, Daily Record) And Mrs. J. H. Hilde have invited Trip our community. (Duff) (Queen Item, Transylvania Times) Chris. Fisher and his whole family have been down with influenza during the past week, with not one of them able to administrate to the others a drink of water.