

There's No Time For Debate

HERBERT HOOVER has never been a man of great eloquence, and when he rises to speak now he recalls for many Americans the words of a man who has been bitter. But when he spoke to the nation last week he literally forced attention of his great and troubled audience. Never in his career had he launched a more dramatic appeal. The very scene of the disaster he sketched for his listeners was stark. He did his level best to convince us that one of the great crises of history was upon us.

He didn't suggest the results of our refusal to send aid, beyond the fate which awaits the hungry of Europe and Asia. That question is by no means settled in all American minds; here and there angry voices cry that we should allow Europe to starve, saying that we would feed them only to nurse them back to health as full-blown enemies.

Can't We Recognize A Monopoly?

DAY by day as Government reveals areas of its helplessness to defend the national economy against the devastating effects of industrial strike pressure, for immediate settlement of the many controversies. It is of course to be expected that it will bring about settlement, on any terms that it is likely to be harsh and intemperate, unfair, unwise and dangerously temporary.

It is not to be expected that it will bring about settlement, on any terms that it is likely to be harsh and intemperate, unfair, unwise and dangerously temporary. Our problem is not to settle the hash of John Lewis or Caesar Petrillo or to get the rights of the workers. It is to halt this whole rash of strikes so crippling to industry in every part of the country.

The Klan Presents Its Pedigree

THE reborn Ku Klux Klan has at least one sensible message for us, and the South would do well to tune in. Atlanta's Dr. Samuel Green, Grand Dragon, passed it on last week. He was warning that the Klan shouldn't be denounced too loudly. He said that the Klan is respectable and respectable people are wearing the white sheets. He vigorously defended the charge that his Klan was made up of riff-raff, hiding beneath the robes.

holding will flourish again. It may mean that the doctrine of burning crosses on Stone Mountain elicited fewer snorts of indignation than we imagined. Something like that is happening. Grand Dragon Green says. Soon after the hooded mob gathered on the mountain letters began to pour in to his headquarters. The Green showed reporters a stack of them more than a foot high. He examined three at random: they came from Chechem, Wyo., Arlington, Va., Nashville, Tenn. If the Klan's spirit still lives in those hundreds of towns and cities, and reputable leaders in all corners, before a man is accepted his character has to stand a rigid examination. We're particular who we let in.

Another Voice

John L. Lewis has a monopoly of the labor supply in the coal mines of this country. He has this first, because he is a labor leader as ruthless as he is able. He has it, second, because he maintains a personal leadership of his union broad in some part, on brutal methods but, in the most part, on the miners' lively attitude for the gains he has won for them in wages, hours and working conditions.

fact that the Government embedded the principle of collective bargaining in the law and thereby promoted its application. The U. I. P. has always had one advantage. But we do resent Mr. Lewis' harassment and extremely dangerous abuse of the power he has won, and we submit that his case proves again, vividly and frighteningly, the danger of a monopoly in any industry.

How To Fix John L. Lewis

Monopolies are odious, contrary to the spirit of free Government and the principles of commerce and ought not to be tolerated. — Maryland Declaration of 1776

When we say that the Lewis monopoly is dangerous, we do not mean that the answer is to smash it. That would be a fatal answer, neither for the operators nor the miners. There are two ways to fix this. One is to let John L. Lewis be a labor leader as ruthless as he is able. He has it, second, because he maintains a personal leadership of his union broad in some part, on brutal methods but, in the most part, on the miners' lively attitude for the gains he has won for them in wages, hours and working conditions.



WASHINGTON
THE harassed, overworked man who has been in the Senate, Kentucky's Alben Barkley, has set out a schedule for his colleagues in the chamber. He would like to take them up to the campaign road, which is expected to begin in mid-September.

It is a crowded schedule. It includes the urgent issues that have been in the headlines from the greatest war in history to the greatest boom in history—extension of the draft, preparation of the future of the armed services, labor legislation.

People's Platform Help The Miners & Spank Lewis

CHARLOTTE
I WOULD appreciate it if you would publish this article for me at this time because I believe it is timely and important.

on their feet again. Just so soon as we will have them to fight for, they are making ammunition new instead of food.

Write-In For Ervin?

CHARLOTTE
I MAY be that Representative Sam J. Ervin, as you suggest, feels free to write his convictions in Congress. I am not sure if he would do so anyway, even if he were running again for office.

Advice On Marriage

CHADBOURN
ON the feature page of your paper for May 16, 1946, in the feature "Mirror Of Your Mind" by Lawrence Gould, the following question is asked: "Are there books people should read before marrying?"

Let 'Em Starve

LINCOLNTON
I HAVE just wanted to congratulate E. T. Ostrom for the article that he wrote for the People's Platform, and published in your paper May 16th.

Quote, Unquote

"Though there is no actual mass starvation so far this winter, there is widespread hunger and malnutrition.—UNRRA summary on Europe.

Dr. W. Pearson's : Byrnes, Molotov In Frank A. Timmer Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON
THE abortive Paris peace conference was one of the most recent ever held in a city steeped in the tradition of the French Revolution.

to giving up their demand for complete control over Tripoli, the Italian colony which still sits almost astride the British Empire.

Headless Horseman Samuel Crafton

MONROE
"How's this?" Eds. "The News" It's fine, thank you. The devilization was genuinely funny and produced a good, lasting laugh—rare in these days.

Note Of Thanks

CHARLOTTE
ON behalf of Midwood School and the PTA, I wish to thank your paper for the fine publicity you have given us during the past school year.

TOUCHING SCENE

The second between the two parties on these features is the most touching instances of post-war co-operation on record: the two parties, in other words, are sitting together on these flops with an inspiring air of mutual understanding.

TIME FOR SEARCH

We are in a true period of lag, or sag, of political consciousness, but running so deep that it is hard to see a party has a single major affirmation to lay on the table and make a case for.

Byrnes Counters

AT this point, Byrnes took his first negative stand. He said that the United States could never agree to heading the predominantly Italian city of Trieste over to Marshall Tito.