

W. C. DOWD JR. Publisher

J. E. DOWD Editor

HARRY S. ASHMORE Associate Editor

FRIDAY, MAY, 31, 1946

When John Lewis Won, Who Lost?

Those who ponder the curious hold John Lewis has over his miners can find a complete explanation in the settlement of the coal strike...

But for every victory there must be a defeat, and there are many to share this one. As usual, the average citizen, who will pay an estimated 35 to 40 cents a ton more for his coal next winter...

The mine operators probably come next on the casualty list. Whatever their past and present sins they are justified in their complaint that they have been jobbed. The Government, seizing the mines after private negotiations for a new contract had failed to prevent the strike, made it clear that John Lewis was primarily at fault...

We have an idea a place on the casualty list must also be reserved for Harry Truman, and with him, the Democratic Party...

Byrnes Has Been Busy Too

The newspapers, even in their present undernourished state, have been devoting the usual amount of space in the international section to the Paris conference with Mr. Molotov...

Replying to Mr. Byrnes' charges that the Russians have consistently blocked all efforts at final peace settlements, Mr. Molotov charged in his turn that America and Britain have formed a bloc aimed at depriving Russia of her international rights...

Here's That Cloud Again

The slugging of a Republican poll watcher by an elderly Democratic official in Eastern North Carolina the other day may have resulted from any number of non-political causes...

There is a feeling of public disgust in the very air these days, and that feeling, as any politician knows, usually precedes a change in the political weather. The Democrats, having had their front feet in the Washington trough for fourteen straight years, can readily understand what the change means...

Another Voice

If One, Then The Other

If the Congress passes the President's emergency labor act, including the power to draft into the armed services those men who strike against the Government...

For the right to draft striking workers is defensible only if everybody else is be-

provide the President with the means of dealing with the strike left him only a limited choice. He could (1) permit the crippling strike to continue, or (2) meet the miners' demands...

It is hard to see how trucking to Lewis can restore the crumbling Democratic relationship with organized labor. Instead, it seems likely to promote a new wave of union demands that welfare fund royalty business is a new wrinkle...

If there is any comfort in this gloomy picture it lies in the knowledge that John Lewis' great triumph was a tactical victory. Strategically, it may well be organized labor's worst defeat...

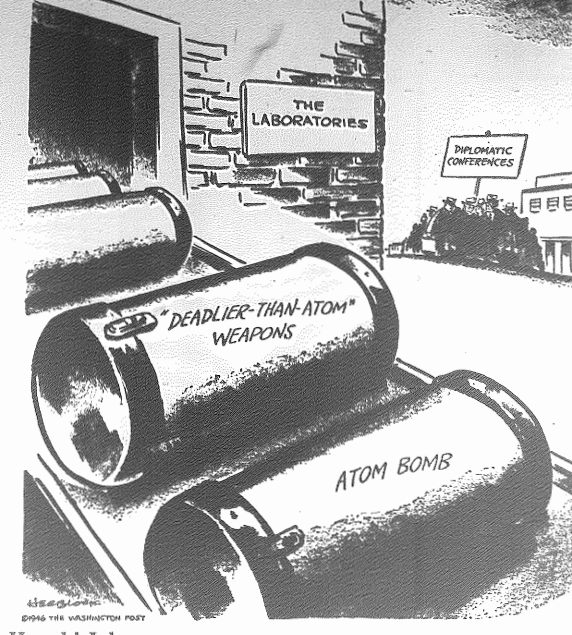
with Mr. Byrnes' recent firm policy in Paris aimed at preventing their accomplishment, has the effect of deflating the hopes of the Byrnesites...

But there is still no reason to abandon that hope. Messrs. Molotov and Byrnes have made it clear that for a time at least, we are to have two worlds, not one, but they are two worlds that may yet merge without mutual destruction...

will be a great shifting of Party lines in North Carolina comes the national revolution. We will continue, of course, to fill all offices with Democrats, but within that dome deflation there is room for a home-grown revolution...

And maybe it has already begun. There were signs of it in Asheville, where a "GI" Beikel made an impressive showing in the primaries...

These two actions are mutually inconsistent—Columbia Record.



DRAWN BY THE WASHINGTON POST

Harold Ickes

Hannegan's Mouth Trouble

THE latest exploit of Robert E. Hannegan, who as Postmaster General and Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, already has at least one job too many, has been to arrogate to himself the prestige and dignity of the President and of the Secretary of State...

Even if the conduct of our foreign affairs has sunk in such a low plane as to warrant the announcement of our diplomatic appointments in any night club that happens to be handy, it seems to me that a man of good taste would have given consideration to the feelings of Norway and her gallant people.

The Lower Levels

THERE is little that can be said in Mr. Hannegan's defense, except that his early training in the lower levels of St. Louis politics afforded him no experience which would enable him to see any difference between an ambassadorial appointment, and that of a custodian of the courthouse basement...

It cannot even be entered in Mr. Hannegan's defense that the heavy atmosphere of the place caused him to mislay his judgment since he neither smokes nor drinks. This is a good thing for it is appalling to think what might happen to our ubiquitous Postmaster General if liquor were applied to a tongue that is already too long...

And, in the language that no one could handle so expertly as the legendary Mr. Dooley, "By gosh, he war," although the official announcement was held up for a week or two after Mr. Hannegan's brain operation.

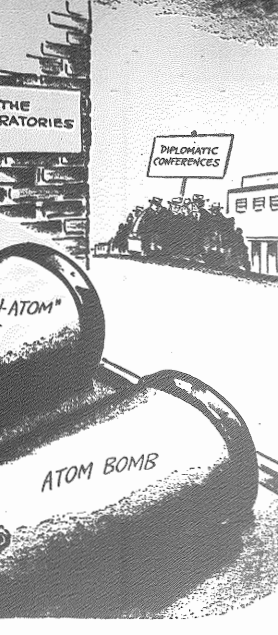
Shadow Of Integrity

WHY Mr. Hannegan should have taken it upon himself to announce this appointment in advance of a formal communication, true as National Chairman of the Democratic Party, he is a candidate for all appointments, great and small—but any man of powerful position should be doubly careful to observe the attitude of his job. Even if he is making the decision regarding our foreign policy in the privacy of the interest of administrative efficiency and official propriety, the presence of interested departments to preserve at least a shadow of independence and integrity.

Drew Pearson's McKellar Nears End of Merry-Go-Round

SENATE leaders have had several talks with Capital Physician George Caylor to see whether venerable McKellar of Tennessee will be able to continue as presiding officer of the Senate.

Dr. Caylor has told them that McKellar's trouble is in the primary of his mind, but that he is a man of great courage and that he is a man of great courage and that he is a man of great courage...



DRAWN BY THE WASHINGTON POST

Harold Ickes

Hannegan's Mouth Trouble

On this record, it would not be surprising to hear Mr. Hannegan announce the appointment of the new Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States in some such convivial as that of Toast Beer.

Of course Chairman Hannegan's addition to night clubs has been well known. The novelty of a "big show," to be bowed at and deferred to by all of the help from the deadwater room, should have worn off by now. There must be something not unpleasantly fulfilling in observing knowing nudges from elbow to eyebrows and sibilant whispers into neighboring ears as the great man is escorted to a table that has a high priority.

People's Platform

JUST as Mr. J. P. Long has wanted to congratulate W. E. Ostrom for his expressed opinion on the world food crisis, so do I find myself impelled to take issue with Uncle Sam's sentiment.

I do not recall ever having seen a more startling expression of man's inhumanity to man. How can that be, when through the murky accident of birth we are Americans, live and breathe and die as men, and must eat, even as they themselves, the bread of life?

Quote, Unquote

WE all know what Russia wants. We all know what Britain wants, and our Government knows what it can do. The only question is whether we will wait in vain for an answer to the all important question: What is this administration's foreign policy?—Sen. Kenneth S. Wherry (R) of Nebraska.

White House Teamwork?

IT is a matter of fact that the negotiations illustrate one of the important minus quantities around the White House—teamwork. It was not until Jimmy Byrnes went out of the United States that the State, War, Navy, and Treasury Departments and jumped into the ring picture that there was any real teamwork.

Why, the Senate is in session now and you are presiding, Mr. Byrnes?

Now, Lee, you know that's not so," McKellar retorted. He explained that he was really in his room at the Hotel Mayflower.

Truman Boils

WIDE fact is that when Byrnes and Vinson finally got into the strike picture they found their boss in the White House just about as cantankerous and upset as the rail leaders.

WASHINGTON COLLEAGUES of Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg are trying to persuade him that he must go to Paris when the Foreign Ministers meet again on June 15 in a second effort to come to terms with Russia on the peace.

On this record, it would not be surprising to hear Mr. Hannegan announce the appointment of the new Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States in some such convivial as that of Toast Beer.

Of course Chairman Hannegan's addition to night clubs has been well known. The novelty of a "big show," to be bowed at and deferred to by all of the help from the deadwater room, should have worn off by now.

People's Platform

JUST as Mr. J. P. Long has wanted to congratulate W. E. Ostrom for his expressed opinion on the world food crisis, so do I find myself impelled to take issue with Uncle Sam's sentiment.

Quote, Unquote

WE all know what Russia wants. We all know what Britain wants, and our Government knows what it can do. The only question is whether we will wait in vain for an answer to the all important question: What is this administration's foreign policy?—Sen. Kenneth S. Wherry (R) of Nebraska.

White House Teamwork?

IT is a matter of fact that the negotiations illustrate one of the important minus quantities around the White House—teamwork. It was not until Jimmy Byrnes went out of the United States that the State, War, Navy, and Treasury Departments and jumped into the ring picture that there was any real teamwork.

Why, the Senate is in session now and you are presiding, Mr. Byrnes?

Now, Lee, you know that's not so," McKellar retorted. He explained that he was really in his room at the Hotel Mayflower.

Truman Boils

WIDE fact is that when Byrnes and Vinson finally got into the strike picture they found their boss in the White House just about as cantankerous and upset as the rail leaders. Truman cursed and raged at A. F. Whitney and Alanby John in unprintable language.

Merry-Go-Round