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John Lewis' Extravagant Gesture

BPRESENTATIVE RENVES, Republican of Missouri, calls the mourning period decreed by John Lewis for the victims of the Controlls mine tracety "a Linky velled assessment of the Controlls of the Co

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But it seems to us this is an oversimplification. In the first place even the members of the UNW are going to realize sooner or later that the loss of a week's pay is a pretty high price to pay for bolstering their leader's ego. And other labor leaders must realize that there is certain to be a pay-off for Lewis' defiance's sooner or later—very mobably in the form of resistance lateriations featured.

realize that there is certaint to be a pay-oif for Lewis' deflance' sooner or later—very probably in the form, of restrictive legislation that will apply to responsible union bosses just as it does to the great John Panal hara Lewis east of the great John Panal hara Lewis had been great John Tan Lewis had been than loyally. The explanation of the "mourning strike" probably lies in John L Lewis' egocentricity. The excledent at Centralia came at a moment when he was licking his wounds and it provided a perfect opportunity for the old man to shout defiance in reasonable safety. He could rely upon the Supreme Court's sense of decorum to guarantee against official notice of his gesture. No comparable sense of his own would restrain him from exploiting the tragedy that befell a hundred members of his unlong.

ion.

All of this, however, is beside the point—the point being that Lewis has once again demonstrated that present labor laws do not provide the public with sufficient protection against unscrupulous union bosses. And he has done so at a moment when any change in the labor code is more likely to be punitive than constructive.

A Topic For Jefferson Day

THE Democrats in the 80th Congress are The Democrats in the sold Congress are Considerably more loyal to their Party than were the Democrats of the 79th, but they still do not approach the discipline displayed by the Republicans. Part of this, we suppose, may be attributed to the nat-ural erosion of long years in power, but the voting record still indicates a fundamental changes are not the Democrats. a division. voting record skill indicates a indicate action cleavage among the Democrats, a division between the conservative wing, largely Southern, and the main body.

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This is demonstrated graphically by a study of the voting record for the first three months of the current Congression. There were 34 straight partisan roll-calls in the Senate and nine in the House. Republican discipline in the House. roll-calls in the Senate and nine in the House. Republican discipline in the House was almost perfect; 90 per cent of the GOP members followed the Party line on 100 per cent of the roll-calls, and only a single Republican fell below the 75 per cent level. However, only 40 per cent of the Democrats voted with their own Party 100 per cent of the time, and 22 per cent voted Democratic on less than 75 per cent of the roll-calls. In the Senate 57 per cent of the roll-calls in the senate 57 per cent of the Republicans followed the line on 30 per cent of more of the roll calls, while only 48 per cent of the Democrata gave their Party leadership comparable loyalty. There Democratic Senators voted with the Republicans more often than they did with their own Party All three are South the Republicans more often than they did with their own Party All three are South the Republicans when the property of the 15 per cent. Four of the six Democratic Representatives who cast a majority of their votes with the GOP also hall from one-party states.

The percentage of Democratic votes re-corded by members of the North and South Carolina delegations

	80th	79th
Senate	Congress	Congres
Hoey	76	67
Umstead		
Johnston	96	73
Maybank	88	82
House		
Barden	78	20
Bonner		38
Bulwinkle		60
Clark	100	67
Cooley		45
Deane		
Doughton		34
Durham		- 52
Folger		85
Jones		-
Kerr		60
Redden	56	
Bryson	89	- 64
Dorn		444
McMillan	86	47
Richards	88	68
Riley	67	64
Rivers	75	52
None of this, of co	urse, can be	e of mor

than academic interest so long as the South than academic interest so long as the South maintains only a single political party. It is worth noting, however, that only five out of the 22 Caroliniang in Congress find it possible to go all the way with even so conservative a Democratic Administration as Mr. Truman's has become in the past except the constraint of the past teresting tople of conversation for the Democrats when they gather on Jefferson Day to voice their eternal loyalty to the Party of Jeff erson, Jackson, and Roosevelt.

Mecklenburg's Donation To York

IN 1946, South Carolina's retail liquor deal-ers earned, if they charged the maxi-

I era earned, if they charged the maximum prices allowed under the law, a gross profit of \$10,694,588. This makes the liquor business a major trade in our neighboring state and provides a disturbing commentary on the state of public morals.

But before any citizen of Mecklenburg attempts to cast stones across the border, it might be well to examine the figures in more detail. Only three counties in South Carolina topped the million dollar mark in gross retail liquor profits in 1946—Charleston, Richland (Columbia) and York.

ion, Richland (Columbia) and York.
The liquor stores of our neighboring county sold enough the staff to guarante a few dealers a gross nrofit of \$3,026,721,101 at these tainted dollars come out of the pockets of the good citizens of York? Not. The grident, by a good many justful. York has a population of \$3,653, and the gross relail lagoor sport in a South Carolina county of comparable size (Orangeture County of comparable size (Orangeture).

with a population of 63,767) was only \$233,-261.

The other \$793,460 showing black on the The other \$793,460 showing black on the books of York's fliquor dealers is angannual donation from the citizens of McKelenburg. And this, of course, represents only the profits of the legal trade, the whisky purchased by Tar Heels over the counters at Fort Mill and Rock Hill and hauled back a gallon at a time with the blessing of the North Carolina courts. Certainly the gross profits of the even larger bootleg trade in Charlette, which does not obtain its stock through retail outlets and which has no limit on mark-up, is many times \$793,460.

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These are the cold figures that lie behind the emotional arguments sounding new in Meckfenburg on the eve of another ABC election. They tell a clear story of the utter failure of prohibition, and amphasize again the high cost of maintaining the fiction that Mecklenburgers do not drink liquor pecause the law says they shouldn't.

Another Voice

Nepal, Pole And Peleliu

A STATE DEPARTMENT mission is go-ing to Nepal, in the eastern Himala-yas between India and Tibet. It will set up a legation and discuss development of Ne-palese resources which, besides Mount Everpalese resources which, besides Mount Ever-est and Gurkha soldiers, include gums, drugs and jute. Indubitably the mission will also do a little good-neighboring near the Soviet border; perhaps be a strategic listening post after the British evacuate

ia.

Army Air Porces B-29 has flown over
North Pole and inaugurated routine
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or in uncoded messages for all listeners.
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In such manner a few days have seen United States agencies active in the farth-leading the seen of the

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Trained men for foreign assignment, polilicians who can discuss bases in Greenland or trade with Baluchistan, we must
have. The average voter is well-advised
to buy a globe. He is going to need it.—
51. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Our radio programs beamed at the Soviets are devoid of commercials, as it was feared the chant of the tobacco auctioneer might mean something in Russian.

'I Call My Men Out Every Month'



People's Platform

Phantoms Of Unreality

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Senator Soaper Says:

NO 1948 candidate so far proposed is the combina-tion of Galahad, Solomon, Van Johnson and a certified public-accountant which the times require, or any three thereof.

Marquis Childs

Behind Centralia

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Samuel Grafton

Defending Democracy

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temocratic way of light coupren in They fly into a tizzy of parental sultation when the democratic skinny little Communist; but they show no nerves at all when the democratic way of life is menaced by, for example, widespread labor to revent the sun to the state of the state of

craite way of life into a brawl with inflation, that killer of order, Yet there is something curious about this defense only at they experiphery, only at the outer edges; periphery, only at the outer edges; rather than of a living organism. The emotions involved seem strangely like those that go with a defense of one's property, either defense of one's property, either defense of one's property, either with a defense of one's family, with a defense of one's family.

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Drew Pearson's: Centralia Center Of Lewis' Civil War

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Note—The Washington Merry-Go-Round, as its contri-bution to mine safety, will publish the names of future mine operators who flout Federal inspection recommendations.

Backstage In Moscow

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at use some some so have win now one chough 10 ways. The conversation revorbed around, what are was industries? While it was agreed that steel plants contribute to war, it was also agreed that steel is indispensable to peace. Remarked one delegate:
"Even an aspirin factory is a war factory, since a modern army cannot fight without aspirin. Carriages is also a war and as plant manufacturing clark contrader of U. Stoccupied Germany, "because it helps the infantry."

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Radio Censorothip

To ast the full picture of William L. Shirer's exit from
Columbia Brondessting you have to go back to the days
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critic toward war. Now, after "we yearn of service, Bill is

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owns seeims some unpresent struus about the conouct of the Meanwhite, the two most ferriess champions of air freedom are the American Broadcasting Co. and Mutual. ABOY courage is well known and long established. But though Mutual is partly dominated by the Chicago Tribune's Colonel McCornick, it was his network which took not Coell Brown Mutual is partly dominated by the Chicago Tribune's Colonel McCornick, which was his televier which took not Coell Brown he may murder the news in the Tribune, Colonel McCornick seems to believe that all sides should be given a chance to be heard over a radio network, and lets Mutual's capable chief, 2d Kolska, Operate accordingly.

Oil Refinery To Russia