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ANOTHER PUSHOVER

IT was significant that John L. Lewis, coach and star of the coal miners' team, didn't start his varsity against the government in their fall encounter.

Coach-star Lewis had every right to be confident as he came up to the big game in Washington. He had already won a couple of practice scrimmages, and there were indications that he hadn't shown all the plays with which he hoped to throw the opposition into vertiginous confusion.

First of all, the United Mine Workers boss tackled Interior Secretary Krug and threw him for a loss. In the first scrimmage the secretary had insisted that the Krug-Lewis contract of last May couldn't be reopened.

It should be said in defense of Secretary Krug, however, that he didn't have any interference. Nobody else on the government team tried to block John L. out of the play.

In the second practice session Coach-star Lewis easily penetrated the opposition to make an annual \$100 vacation payment to miners retroactive, even though they hadn't worked in the mines since the government took them over.

So it may be safely assumed that the UMW leader regarded the big game with about as much fear as Notre Dame would feel in facing Slippery Rock Teachers.

Already Mr. Lewis has the best contract he ever negotiated. It was so full of new and expensive clauses that the operators took one look and then took their departure.

parture. The government had to come in, sign the contract at Mr. Lewis' terms, and agree to run the mines in order to end the last strike.

Now, of course, Mr. Lewis wants more. He's not interested in any cost-of-living adjustment. He wants a five-day, 40-hour week instead of the present six-day, 54-hour schedule—at the same money, of course.

If past history is an indication, he'll get it. And if past history is to be trusted a bit further, he'll demand a new contract with more favorable concessions when and if he resumes negotiations with the private operators.

Whether the mine operators will be able to keep on meeting Mr. Lewis' demands and still stay in business is a question. But there is less question that Mr. Lewis, by getting what he wants from the government, will start a whole new cycle of wage and other demands in other industries.

Thus John L. Lewis continues to bend the United States government and the national economy to his will. It's no wonder that the American public, according to a recent Roper poll, considers him one of the most disliked labor leaders in the country.

WELL TIMED SING SING convicts recently staged a food riot in protest against the notorious recurrence of beef stew at mealtime. It is fortunate that they waited until the meat famine was over before staging the demonstration.

Members of the floating population say they would not exchange their present homes for all the deluxe skyscraper apartments in the world.

WHAT IT MEANS

Union Security

By MAX HALL WASHINGTON (AP)—The main quarrel in the strike of merchant marine officers was over this "union security."

Union security means anything in a contract between a union and an employer which makes a union secure, or protects its position in the plant.

Union security at its strongest requires a company to employ only members of the union. But there are all sorts of variations—things like the closed shop, union shop, maintenance of membership and checkoff.

Labor leaders argue for more union security on the ground that all workers who share the benefits of the contract ought to share the costs and obligations of the union.

Many employers have opposed union security because they feared they would lose the right to choose their own workers.

Here are the most common types of union security: 1. Union Recognition—This is about the mildest form. The employer agrees to recognize the

union as the exclusive bargaining agency for all the employees covered by the contract.

2. Closed Shop—You can't work in the plant unless you belong to the union. The employer agrees to hire only union members and to fire anyone who loses his good standing in the union.

3. Union Shop—Identical with the closed shop except that the employer is free to hire non-union workers, who then must join the union in order to keep their jobs.

4. Maintenance of Membership—Nobody is forced to join the union. But if he joins voluntarily a man must remain a member for the duration of the contract or be fired.

There is usually an "escape period" at the beginning of each new contract, during which present members may resign from the union if they want to.

5. Checkoff—The employer agrees to collect union dues by deducting the money from pay

checks and turning it over to the union. In some contracts the company agrees to the checkoff for all workers under the contract; in others, for only those workers who request it.

6. Preferential Hiring—The employer agrees to give hiring preference to union members. If no union member is available for the job, the employer is free to hire anyone he pleases.

These forms of union security, and others, are used in a great many variations and combinations. The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates 13,800,000 workers were covered by written agreements last year and that 77 per cent, or 10,600,000 workers, were working under union security provisions.

In one form or another these required union membership as a condition of hiring or continued employment, or both.

CAPITAL LETTER

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON — The capital has a floating population of about 1,000 persons — really floating. They live the year around on boats tied to docks three or four miles along the waterfront.

These residents on the Potomac include lawyers, plane pilots, Army and Navy officers, government clerks, radio people and writers.

Their "homes" range from small, dilapidated fishing craft to palatial yachts. They include sloops, motor launches, yawls, ketches and bigger sailboats.

Three or four yacht owners even rent rooms and little snaz apartments aboard. Most of the people own their own craft, but some rent the boats on the same basis they would an apartment—if they could find one.

One landlord who rents his yacht — the equivalent of a six-room apartment—for \$106 a month to a young newspaper couple, comes down from New York occasionally to pilot the thing on a cruise down the river.

Rent for dock space varies according to the size of the boat. Usually it's about 20 cents per foot. The young couple mentioned above pays \$18 a month dock rent.

Dock rent includes care of mail, a night watchman, and hot and cold running water. Electricity is separate and costs the couple about \$6 a month.

Their boat is kept warm with a thermostat-controlled heating system. They have an oil stove and an electric stove.

Many of the boats have telephones. When they take off from the dock on a cruise they just unplug the cord. Sometimes they forget the cord, sail away and break off the connection.

Shopping for food is fairly easy. One of Washington's biggest and best vegetable, fish and poultry markets is on the waterfront, most of the city's famed seafood restaurants are located down there.

The harbor police patrol the Potomac. Now and then they arrest a cruising resident for exceeding the speed limit—six miles an hour. This limit is maintained only until one passes a certain buoy, down the shore, where no boats are anchored.

Members of the floating population say they would not exchange their present homes for all the deluxe skyscraper apartments in the world.

Whenever they want to go traveling they don't have to pack. They have all their belongings with them—including the kitchen sink.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By PETER EDSON

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—(NEA)—With congressional elections over, all political attention now centers on 1948. Among the Republican senators, Vandenberg and Taft would seem to be in the lead, with Senator Bricker, Governor Dewey, Governor Warren and ex-Governor Stassen also in the running.

But in 1948 Senator Vandenberg will be 64 years old, Taft only 59. Harry Truman will also be 64 in 1948. Such a man would be 69 at the end of his term, and that's admittedly pretty old for a job as demanding as the U. S. Presidency.

Among the Democrats prominently mentioned to succeed him in case Truman does not choose to run, Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson now ranks top. He will be 58 in 1948.

Liberal-wing conspirators still think Henry Wallace can do a conjob, if not in 1948, then in 1952. But in 1948 Henry Wallace will be 80, and in 1952 he also will be 84.

As second choice the liberals think Justice William O. Douglas is likeliest. He will be 60 in 1948, only 54 in 1952.

Army Air Forces brass is still a little bit bothered by the flight of the Navy's Truculent Turtle patrol plane from Australia to Columbus, Ohio. What the air generals fear is that the Navy may be trying to muscle in on strategic bombing, in the same way that the Navy "took over" the atomic bomb for the Bikini tests.

If the Democrats were guilty of running Franklin D. Roosevelt in the 1946 elections, they were also guilty of trying to run Herbert Hoover. Said one campaign poster: "Republican prices and Republican rents can only lead to another Hoover depression."

The serious illness of Gov. Gene Talmadge of Georgia poses some queer political possibilities. If Talmadge should die before the inauguration in January, 1947, the state attorney general has given an opinion that the present and retiring governor, Ellis Arn-

all, would serve for another four years. If Talmadge should die after the inauguration, he would be succeeded by M. E. Thompson, who is now Governor Arnall's executive assistant.

What's more, under the new streamlined Georgia state constitution adopted during Governor Arnall's present term, all the important state commissions have been filled with Arnall-appointed progressives. Governor-elect Talmadge won't be able to remove them. He will, of course, be able to control the state legislature.

To get displaced Polish citizens started on their way back to Poland from the American zone of occupied Germany, U. S. military government officials have been offering them a grubstake. It consists of six weeks' supply of food per person—flour, fats and canned goods. It is shipped by the Army to Poland in bulk, then distributed by UNRRA after the DP's arrive back to their native country.

Before this offer was made, Polish refugees were moving out of the American zone at the rate of only 250 a week. Now the figure is up to 1000 a week.

The recognition of supervisory employes' unions is one of the big issues which have prevented return of the mines from government to private ownership. John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers' District 50 has been slow to demand National Labor Relations Board elections.

In addition to the original Jones and Laughlin test case concerning 75 supervisory employes, now going through the courts, only two other elections have been held. One is at Burkeley Coal Co. mines. Both are in Greene-co, down in the southwest corner of Pennsylvania.

Out of 47 eligibles in the first election, 25 voted for the union, 15 against. Out of 48 eligibles in the second case, 16 voted for the union and 16 against, and 16 were challenged. Both cases have been transferred to NLRB headquarters in Washington for decision.

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Yvonne, putting under her veil, won't admit that it's Carl Esmond. Just as the slaves are shoveling more charcoal and reaching for Yvonne, George Brent, Broderick Crawford, and a contingent of American seamen led by Andy Devine break down the door, clip the pasha on the chin, and rescue Yvonne.

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French Star To Be Accompanied By Strings and 1 French Horn

Jean Sablon, French singing star, will premiere his musical show at 7:15 p. m. Saturday over CBS. The Gaelic troubadour will sing songs in both French and English with an orchestra unique in that it consists entirely of strings, except for one brass—appropriately enough—a French horn.

Michele Morgan and Robert Cummings, stars of the new screen thriller, "The Chase," will re-enact that picture in its world radio premiere on "This is Hollywood," at 10:15 p. m. over CBS. It is the story of a young man who falls in love with a gangster's wife, and in a dream sequence he lives thru an episode which forewarns him of his fate.

The Cleveland Symphony orchestra, conducted by George Szell, will play the great Schubert "C Major Symphony No. 7," and the inimitable overture to "The Marriage of Figaro," by Mozart, on the broadcast at 6 p. m. over Mutual.

Strange and sinister doings in an exclusive school for boys call forth the detective talents of "Sherlock Holmes" in "The Adventures of the Dying Schoolboys," at 9:30 p. m. over ABC.

The beguiling operetta, "Bitter Sweet," starring soprano Marion Claire and Donald Dame, Metropolitan Opera tenor, with Bruce Foote, baritone, and Conductor Henry Weber and the orchestra, will be presented by the "Chicago Theatre of the Air," over Mutual at 10 p. m.

Stan Kenton, youthful leader of one of the country's up-coming big bands, will guest star with "the best small band in the land" on "King Cole Trio Time," at 5:45 p. m. over NBC.

RADIO GUIDE

SATURDAY, NOV. 9
Lima Time
1:15—Football, Army-N. Dame—nbc
2:00—Football, Play-Play—nbc
2:15—The Big Game, Play-Play—nbc
5:00—To Be Announced (L. H.)—cbs
Concert Time for Saturday—abc
6:00—Radio City News—nbc
6:30—Boston Tune Party—nbc
6:45—The Big Game, Play-Play—nbc
6:55—Songs from King Cole Trio—nbc
7:15—Cleveland Symphonies—in Hours
News Broadcast for 15 Minutes—cbs
Rhapsody from the Rockies—nbc
7:30—The Big Game, Play-Play—nbc
7:45—The CBS Workshop, Drama—cbs
8:00—The Big Game, Play-Play—nbc
8:15—Boston Tune Party—nbc
8:30—The Big Game, Play-Play—nbc
8:45—The Big Game, Play-Play—nbc
8:55—World News and Commentary—cbs
9:00—Labor U.S.A. & Guest Speakers—nbc
9:30—Our Favorite Polly, Talks—nbc
Sweeney and March, Comedy—cbs
9:45—Your Business, Discussion—nbc
10:00—The Big Game, Play-Play—nbc
10:15—Elmer Davis Commentary—abc
10:30—Drama at Curtin—nbc
10:45—The Big Game, Play-Play—nbc
11:00—Arthur Hale in Comment—nbc
11:15—The Court Masey, Variety—nbc
11:30—The Big Game, Play-Play—nbc
11:45—The Life of Riley, Drama—nbc
12:00—The Big Game, Play-Play—nbc
12:15—The Big Game, Play-Play—nbc
12:30—The Big Game, Play-Play—nbc

In Hollywood

HOLLYWOOD—They shot a hot scene out at Universal studio the other day. To get into the proper mood, cast and crew ate grilled frankfurters for lunch. (Director Charles Lamont swears it). "C'mon, everybody," he bawled, back on the set, "we're going to toast Yvonne!" Miss Yvonne de Carlo, the slim and shapely brunette from Vancouver, B. C., shuddered appropriately at the red-hot contraption that menacingly awaited her satin skin.

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Hal Boyle

By HAL BOYLE NEW YORK (AP)—Hit-and-run impressions from a world tour thru 50 countries: Japan—Feudalism democratized by the atom. Korea—A house divided, an unwilling landlord to two armed tenants. Manchuria—Chaos below zero. China—Menu for some time: "Solly, no rice. Alice same plenty political chop suey." Hong Kong—Her name sounds as a gong and her hills are beauty; an emerald reached for by two hands—but the white one holds it. Java—The Dutch in Dutch in their paradise regained. Bali—The land of forgotten delight, crumbled altars and legs. A THOUGHT For He maketh sore, and bindeth up; He woundeth, and His hands make whole.—Job 5:18. Heaven is not always angry when He strikes, But most chastises those whom He likes.—John Pomfret.

Impressions Gleaned In Tour of 50 Countries

that know no silken prison. A nylon salesman's hell. Siam—Ditto for shoe salesman. French Indo China—A hot place to earn enough money to go back to Paris. They take hashish—I'll still take Hoboken.. Singapore—Slow-eyes and slogg, romance and the Raffles hotel—they read well in Somerset Maugham. But you can get the same effect by making love to your secretary in a Turkish bath. Australia—A ribbon with a limey memory around an empire of sand. Manila—A little brown man trying on his first long pants. But will the pineapples explode? Burma—The neighbor boy who is mad because his stepmother won't let him wear long pants, too, and set up his own popstand. India—"Uncle Tom's Cabin" played with a British accent and no ice. Arabia—The harem has less Arabian night entertainment since hubby went prospecting for more oilfields that are re-lighting Aladdin's lamp. Palestine—The chosen people choose, the Arabs refuse.

Norway—The meat-short land of the midnight sun is weary of fish but still has fun.

Sweden—"We ain't mad at nobody. The customer is always right." Belgium—Authority forgets a flying king; Europe's baby hatfield becomes its workshop again as prosperity returns. Holland—Iron men on wooden shoes duplicating with muscle the miracle of Moses as they push away the sea. France—A faded beauty wearing rhinestones remembers the diamonds she peddled on the black market. Monte Carlo—Old ladies playing roulette in a 14-karal, plush-lined version of the corner poolroom. England—Greatness in grime, a fighting people feeding on promises as they work to convert a threadbare present into a future of plenty. Russia—"The world is too much with us." United States—"Getting and spending we lay waste our powers." The whole world—A great big apple with everybody looking for the worm.

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