

LEWIS EARNEST LABOR LEADER, JOHNSON SAYS

Ex-Chief of NRA Ridicules
Contention He Seeks
Political Power.

(Gen. Johnson Writes Thrice Weekly.)

BY HUGH JOHNSON

BETHANY BEACH, Del., Aug. 20. —Many disturbed commentators regard labor's "non-partisan" league as a final political crystallization of class war. To some of them, it is the beginning of a movement that, according to Dorothy Thompson, may lead either to Communism or to the Italian corporate state.

To others it is John Lewis' bid for the presidency in 1940, on a program leading to a dictatorship and Red revolution. If anything leads to the candidacy of John Lewis for President, it would be o. k. with this writer, who does not believe in any change in our system. There would be at least one vote for him cast in confidence and considerable amusement.

We once drove back from the University of Virginia's Institute of Public Opinion at Charlottesville, where this writer had engaged in a debate on the New Deal with James Wadsworth. John Lewis had gone along for company. We both admired and respected Mr. Wadsworth, but John was on the other side of the argument. His contribution, he chuckled, was "sneering at the Senator's feet." It had undoubtedly been disconcerting, for he sat right in front of Mr. Wadsworth and glared continuously downward from under his shaggy eye-brows at the Senator's shoes. Boxers know that trick.

FOR the rest of the long drive home, we tried atrociously to barter-shop a collaboration on "Just a Song at Twilight," "Just Break the News to Mother," "Just Before the Battle, Mother," several other "Justs," and the whole gamut of Civil, Spanish-American and World War songs—and we had nothing more invigorating than soda pop and the rhythm of a motor.

Once when this correspondent was convalescing from a slight operation in the Walter Reed Hospital, Lewis came to visit unannounced. It was on the eve of the storm in the A. F. of L. He threw his broad hat on the bed, ran his fingers through his wiry mane and sat down without a word. "What's the matter, John?" "Well, sometimes," he said with a sheepish grin, "I think I take myself too seriously."

In a recent settlement of a big strike, referring to the difficulty of controlling new unions, he said to the management group: "This isn't like so many labor settlements, where I have sat in a room with one man and come to a binding agreement just like that (he snapped his fingers), because these boys are green. They'll learn." What he meant but couldn't say was what everybody who ever dealt with him in his own proper office knows. He is the most dependable man in the labor movement.

WHEN he said that he might be taking himself too seriously, he was recognizing the fact that he is a zealot for the industrial type of unionism in those industries in which it is compelled by the logic of circumstance, and that his high enthusiasm may sometimes run ahead of dependable developments.

You can't deduce subversive motives in a man like that. The "non-partisan" labor league may be a vehicle for the political aspiration of the ambitious George Berry, whose label labels, "Pick Berry," almost nominated him for vice president in 1924—an honor from which he was blocked then by no less an authority than Franklin Roosevelt. But the league is no accessory to any political ambition of John Lewis—only to his hopes for his labor ideals.

His logic on that was simple. It was the reverse of the suicidal tactics of the Jeffersonian Democrats, the Coughlinites, Townsendites, Longites and Lemkettes. By opposing Roosevelt they are contributing to the worst enemy they could conjure up. Lewis has more sense.

THE tow-row about John Lewis as a new Lenin or Hitler is ridiculous nonsense. He was a Republican up to 1932. He has been offered and refused Cabinet positions in that party. The most flattering gestures were made to him by Landon boosters before the convention. He is just a practical idealist, fighting for what he thinks is right and using such fair weapons as come to hand.

(Copyright, 1936, by United Feature Syndicate, Inc.)



Friday and
Saturday Special!

HALF
SOLES

59c

FAST while you wait service if desired! All work guaranteed! Only excellent quality materials and expert workmanship used! For men's, women's and children's shoes.

Block's
DOWNSTAIRS
STORE

BLOCK'S ^{AIR COOLED} DOWNSTAIRS STORE

ENTIRE STORE
OPEN SATURDAY
UNTIL **1** P. M.



\$5
Men's Suit
Trousers
\$2.95

MATCH YOUR ODD COAT
AND VEST

Wool trousers! To wear right now—this Fall—this Winter! Taken from our higher priced two-trouser suits! Plenty of WORSTEDS and TWISTS! Wide variety of patterns! Choice colors!
BLOCK'S—Downstairs Store.

**FINAL
CLEARANCE**
Summer Suits

For Men and Young Men

\$4.00
Qualities... **\$2.00**
1/2 Price...
\$5.00
Qualities... **\$2.50**
1/2 Price...
\$10.00
Qualities... **\$5.00**
1/2 Price...
Broken assortments of sizes and colors—just a few of a kind—every one represents extraordinary savings. Buy now for next season.
PRICE

**DRASTIC
REDUCTIONS**
Wash Slacks

For Men and Young Men

\$1.00-\$1.19
Qualities... **69c**
\$1.29-\$1.69
Qualities... **87c**
\$1.98-\$2.49
Qualities... **\$1.49**

Practically all sizes in the sale, but not at all prices. That is the reason we are making such drastic reductions on these fine, cool summer wash slacks. Buy now. Buy now for next season.
BLOCK'S—Downstairs Store.

Sale! "BEVERLY" SUITS

For Year 'Round Wear



ANTICIPATE
YOUR NEEDS

In the heart of the Fall and Winter season, suit values such as these will be out of the question! Plenty of medium and dark colors—in blues, browns, grays, tans, oxford grays and novelties.

Fine Worsteds
and Twists

Every suit tailored and styled in the famous Beverly manner! They FIT you perfectly! They HOLD their shape! They are suits of character! Single or double breasted! Sports or plain backs! SIZES FOR MEN OF ALL BUILDS!

Available on Our
TEN-PAY PLAN

ESCALATORS to Block's
Air-Cooled Downstairs Store.

\$13.95
For Men and Young Men

OVERCOATS

It's Our Advance Sale



Get Your Overcoat
and Topcoat Now!

These are extraordinary values! A small deposit will hold your selection! Our convenient TEN-PAY PLAN is available! By making your selection NOW you will save yourself REAL money!
For Men and Young Men

A WONDERFUL ASSORTMENT

- ★ Polo Styles!
- ★ Belted Styles!
- ★ Half Belt Styles!
- ★ Town Coats!
- ★ Raglan Coats!
- ★ Single Breasted!
- ★ Double Breasted!
- ★ Smooth Meltons!
- ★ Rich Fleece!
- ★ Worsted Curis!
- ★ Plaid Backs!
- ★ Plain Colors!
- ★ Checks!
- ★ Novelties!
- ★ Squares!

BLUES—BROWNS—TANS—GRAYS—
OXFORD GRAYS—MIXTURES

ESCALATORS to Block's Air-Cooled Downstairs Store.

\$11