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Lewis Won On Big Gamble By Operators

Contract Based on
Lesser of 2 Evils

By FRED W. PERKINS
Sports-Howard Staff Writer
WASHINGTON, July 10.—The

United Mine Workers' new contract—designated by John L. Lewis as the best ever negotiated in any industry—was the fruit of what some call "the world's greatest industrial and economic gamble."

From sources close to the big industrialists—who gave Mr. Lewis practically everything he wanted—it was learned that United States Steel Corp. and associated con-

cerns made the "master contract" in the belief they were choosing the lesser of two evils.

These evils were seen as:

ONE: The risk of a coal strike greater and longer than any heretofore. This, by throttling steel and other manufacturing, could send the United States into a depression.

TWO: The risk by raising production costs of starting an inflationary spiral that might get out of control.

The economists who work for big business advised its leaders that the second choice was less risky.

Put Rate at \$5.54

Hence the bituminous-coal miner gets today a clear \$1.20 a day more working one hour less. He also gets other benefits which Mr. Lewis says come to a total benefit of \$3.45 a day for the average miner.

Despite the Taft-Hartley law, which started out to control such catastrophes as nation-wide coal strikes, "Big Steel" leaders were convinced that Mr. Lewis could close down the coal industry.

They regarded him as resentful over his defeat and federal courts' previous strike.

They were sure he would stop at nothing to reassert his position as the country's dominant union leader.

Convinced of Support

They were convinced, also, that he could count on full support from his half-million followers, in both the soft-coal and anthracite mines.

One reason for this belief was that many miners had been whipped by their leaders into a frenzy of resentment against the Taft-Hartley law. It was believed the miners were of a mind to use their economic power in a fight to the finish against that statute.

Bullitt Making Tour of Orient

HONOLULU, July 10 (U. P.)—William C. Bullitt, former U. S. ambassador to Russia, stopped over at Honolulu today en route to China where he will "look around and see what's going on."

Mr. Bullitt, who arrived here last night, said he was going to the Orient as a private individual with no official status. He indicated he would write magazine articles after he returns.

He will fly to Tokyo on an ATC plane carrying 10 news and press association executives visiting Japan and Korea on a war department inspection tour of occupied areas.

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RIVERSIDE PARK
FISH HATCHERIES—
(INDIANAPOLIS CASTING
CLUB)
SUNDAY, July 13th—
10 A. M. to 4:30 P. M.
TROPHIES FOR
INDIVIDUALS AND TEAMS

No advance registration is necessary—casters from all over will be coming to place the bait in the allotted space—[Last year's event] bore out—what we strongly suspected—that here, in Marion County—are some of the most adept casters in America. Spectators are welcome.

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FILL MEN'S SHOES—These two girls in uniform, work on streetcars in Weimar, Germany. They help splice out Germany's slim pool of manpower, depleted by war losses.

Quit Politeness and Kimono, Japanese Sage Tells Nation

By ERNEST HOBRECHT
United Press Staff Correspondent
TOKYO, July 10.—The Japanese should stop being so polite. They should quit wearing kimones and build a few modern apartment houses with communal kitchens.

Then they would be able to govern themselves as well as some western nations in two or three generations. This is the opinion of Yukio Ozaki, Japan's 80-year-old parliamentarian.

Their health would improve, too, he thinks.

Bandits Get \$200 In Three Stickups

Gunmen in Indianapolis last night netted more than \$200 in three holdups.

Two men, one flashing a pistol, took \$100 from Fenton Hoosier, 34, Milner hotel, early this morning, as he parked his bus at a garage at 801 S. West st. Mr. Hoosier is driver for the Indianapolis-Vincennes bus line.

About the same time Robert Burge, 38, attendant at a Gaseteria station, 1009 E. New York st., was held up by a man who entered the station and drew a gun. The bandit took \$30 from Mr. Burge.

James McNeal, 28, 1902 Boulevard pl., was held up and robbed of \$83 by a hitch-hiker he picked up at 1000 White River pkwy. west dr.

In Indianapolis

MARRIAGE LICENSES
Nanette Meriman, 2210 Pleasant; Marie Banks, 2210 Pleasant;

Helen Maxine Johnson, 2056 Hobrook; Muriel Jasper Minnis, 3030 Central; Mar-

joy Rose Meyers, 311 E. 45th; William E. McMillan, 1408 Epler; Dorothy Marie Starr, 1904 E. 45th; N. Jefferson; Helen Margaret Johnson, Dallas, Tex.; Josephine Clegg, 209 W. 32d; Elizabeth Horan, 754 Epler.

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