

Miners Spurn Actuaries, Pin Hope on Lewis

Back UMW Chief's Pension Proposal

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MONONGAHELA, W. Va., Apr. 2—Professional opinions of actuaries that the John L. Lewis pension plan won't work on the basis

demanded by Mr. Lewis do not impress miners here.

Accustomed to following Mr. Lewis in all things economic, they seem to believe he knows more about actuarial matters than do the men who make a business out of them.

Monongahela is a community where the pension scheme is particularly popular, according to Cecil J. Urbanik, acting president (by Lewis appointment) of the union's district 31.

The Monongah mine is one of the oldest in the state. Twenty years ago it was one of the largest mines, but now is approaching the end of productivity and employs only about 280 men.

Retire at 60

Hence, most of the present miners are above the average in years and are looking forward to retirement at 60 with the \$100 a month their leader has promised them.

In addition this town, which has more of an air of permanence than most coal communities contains a large proportion of miners already retired. They, having served 20 years or more in the mines, also want that pension to help out their present incomes.

"What's an actuary, anyway?" asked Peter White, one of the old-timers.

Definition of Acton

"He's a fellow who figures out how long people may expect to live, how many are going to die every year, and how many are going to live to certain ages, and things like that—a kind of life-insurance expert."

"Well," said Pete, "we've had too many experts mixing into the affairs of coal miners. John Lewis knows what we need, and he says the plan will work all right. We'll take his word for it."

Other benefits from the union's welfare fund, to be paid for by a production tax on coal, also are popular in this district, Mr. Urbanik said.

They include hospital and medical treatment, and at present a \$1000 payment to the widow or other heirs of every miner who dies from any cause.

Cite 1907 Disaster

One reason for the welfare fund popularity here is that the worst mine disaster in American history occurred in Monongah Dec. 6, 1907. The Monongah blew up and 361 men were killed.

The Johnstown (Pa.) Democrat recently printed a letter from Anthony Jacco, a local union official of Nanty Glo, Pa. Mr. Jacco used figures in an impressive way to support his claim that "those actuarians you (the Democrat) make so much of are people just like other people. There is nothing sacred about them and they know which side their bread is buttered on."

LEBANON WARS ON FLIES

Times State Service

LEBANON, Apr. 2—A "blitz" against the Lebanon fly population will be undertaken jointly by Boone district Boy Scouts and the Lebanon Chamber of Commerce May 22. The two organizations will spray a 5 per cent solution of DDT on the breeding places of flies.

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Chile Urges United Front On Red

Seeks Latin Backing for Bogota, Colombia

(UP)—The 21 American states today were asked today resolution which would the Western Hemisphere anti-Communist bloc the United States war" with Russia.

The text of a resolution by Chile to be presented to the Inter-American Commission on each nation to take measures "to suppress activities which threaten foreign individual interests to favor the states."

Chile was the charged Russia before Nations Security Council engineering the Communist Czechoslovakia.

The draft text of also called for a United American national communism, with information among the states adopted to suppress.

Chile, assisted by States, was trying unanimous approval before taking conference, but was opposition to pass resolution.

Argentina, Guatemala and Peru have been oppose any strong communist resolution. Nations would like other extreme and lution calling for relations with Russia. States simply was resolution.

The preamble of resolution states that of communism are foreign power, but tion Russia.

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