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The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

By DREW PEARSON

WASHINGTON—Two weeks ago this column told how John L. Lewis had paid out around $800,000 of miners' dues to a Springfield, Ill., mine owner, Carl Eishoff, to keep his mine closed.

It is now possible to reveal that since publication of that column, the treasury department has taken the John L. Lewis united Mine workers income tax return out of the files and is studying it with a view to possible prosecution.

Back in 1945, the treasury had probed this payment to Mine-Owner Carl Eishoff, but despite the urging of Secretary Morgenthau, experts finally decided not to prosecute.

The facts in the case are that Eishoff closed his coal mines on May 12, 1937 and remained closed for nearly two years, during which he received around $300,000 from Lewis, who [illegible] was trying to throw out of work a [illegible] union employed by Eishoff which had [illegible] an election under the Wagner Act. Since he couldn't win out under the Wagner Act, Lewis closed the mine.

Later he reported the expenditure of the $800,000 in his tax return, but Eishoff failed to report the $300,000 as income.

Thus the Treasury appeared at first to have a case against Eishoff and not against Lewis. However, when Lewis discovered that the Treasury was probing the matter, a series of notes were sent by Eishoff to Lewis to make the transaction appear as a loan. However, the Treasury claimed it had evidence that the notes were predated and that this loan was pure afterthought to cover up the fact that Eishoff had failed to pay taxes on the money.

It was—this will be—the contention of Treasury experts that Lewis was guilty of conspiracy in helping Eishoff avoid income taxes. This was the ground on which the treasury in 1945 wanted to prosecute. It finally decided not to on the grounds that it would be interpreted by a jury as labor persecution.

Now that the treasury has dusted off the case and looked into it again, the decision may be different—if the statute of limitations has not run.

NOTE—Some very big tax scandals will leak out of the Treasury-Justice departments soon. Certain big war contractors who knew the right people got off scot free. It will be the worst scandal yet of the Truman Administration.

Steel Troubles

CIO President Philip Murray is worried about the coal strike for many reasons.

For one thing, tens of thousands of steel workers are being laid off. More important, the coal strike is threatening to wipe out the 15 billion dollars in profits big business built up during 1946.

Murray was hoping to base new wage claims on these profits so as not to cause new price increases. If the strike continues until after January 1, the CIO may have to remap its whole wage-increase drive.

Showdown Over U. S. Ambassador

It isn't being whispered outside the State Department, but Assistant Secretary of State Spruille Braden is laying it right on the line before Secretary Byrnes that George Messersmith, U. S. Ambassador to Argentina, must be fired.

The roly-poly Braden has long contended that Messersmith was too friendly to Argentine President Peron and disloyal to the State Department's anti-dictator policy. Now, however, Braden has secured about fifty secret letters written by Messersmith to American newspapermen and State Department officials denouncing Braden personally together with State Department policy toward Argentina.

Braden, who looks soft but is tough, will use these letters in a final showdown with Jimmy Byrnes. If Byrnes doesn't act in regard to Messersmith, Braden will resign. This, of course, would be a stupendous victory for Dictator Peron, who made it quite clear in his letter to Andrew Jackson Higgins, the New Orleans boat builder, that he was conspiring to get Braden removed.

Andy Higgins' Taxes

People who know the real inside regarding Andy Higgins are wondering how come he is commissioned to trot around South America as a sort of unofficial ambassador.

Eyebrows are especially arched among those who know how Andy Higgins got behind in paying about a million dollars income taxes during the 1944 election campaign.

At that time Higgins was chairman of the Business Men for Roosevelt Committee, and was slated to make an important speech in Philadelphia introducing FDR to a big campaign crowd. Night before the speech, however, Higgins got word that Henry Morgenthau's tax collectors had been going through his New Orleans plant and found him behind in taxes to call off his treasury dogs for the time being, the tax collectors were getting quite ugly about payment.

At this point Uncle Andy nearly burst. Calling in Roosevelt friends, he told them that next day, instead of introducing Roosevelt, he would come out publicly for Dewey.

Finally Henry Morgenthau was persuaded to call of his treasury dogs for the time being, and Higgins made his Philadelphia speech. Later he retained the law firm of Hugh Fulton, former counsel to the Truman committee, to help handle his tax matters. It is understood the taxes are being paid up on the installment plan.

NOTE—Hugh Fulton, once one of the closest men to Harry Truman, accompanied Higgins on his unofficial Ambassadorial tour of Argentina.

From the Diplomatic Pouch

Bernard Baruch is urging President Truman to appoint his brother, Herman Baruch, as ambassador to England. Herman is now U. S. Envoy to Portugal....Spanish dictator Franco sent an emissary to Portugl last week to ask Don Juan of Spain to come back and take over the Spanish throne—whereupon Franco would step down. The plan fell through, however, when Don Juan refused even to see the emissary . . . Scretary of State Byrnes has decided to hold up once more the $40,000,000 loan to Poland until the Polish government gives some guarantee of free elections in January....Top U. S. decisions on handling of the dangerous Greek situation, which this columnist predicted on March 31, 1946, are being made exclusively on the basis of information furnished the State Department by British intelligence....The Greek government has secretly jaild or eiled all the top leaders of the left-wing EAM movmnt. This is the very group that fought hardest for the Allies during the war. Many of those jailed were honored and decorated by top American and British Commanders in the Mediterranean....President Truman has authorized Secretary Byrnes to ask the Republican Congress to appropriate 400 million dollars for relief work in Austria, Greece and Italy during 1947. There will be no American money available for relief work of Soviet dominated countries....The Foreign Ministers' conference and the current session of the United Nations General Assembly are now scheduled to end about December 15....The first announcement will be made shortly of an Anglo-American agreement to combine the United States and British occupied zones of Germany into a general unit. This is an important step in the Byrnes policy of unifying Germany.

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Louisville

Mrs. Bessie Core

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Rentschler and family of Omaha, spent Thanksgiving at the home of Leons parents Mr. and Mrs. Ad Rentschler.

Mrs. Dorothy Davis spent Friday in Omaha shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Runyon were in Omaha Friday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicklerson Springfield spent Thanksgiving with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Schlater.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wirth of Leigh and Mr. and Mrs. Gale Wirth of Lincoln spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. William Wirth.

L. C. Isaac and Hazel LaVonne visited Mrs. Isaac in the Lutheran Hospital Saturday.

The Eager bus line between Omaha and Pawnee City began operation Wednesday morning, after all the difficulties had been ironed out. Mr. Eager had planned to begin these trips two weeks ago but had to wait until the court gave him permission. This line will give daily service from Pawnee City to Omaha every morning leaving there at 6:45 a.m. and arriving in Omaha at 10:10 a.m. and return in the evennig leaving Omaha at 5:15 p.m. Stops will be made at most of the towns along the way.

Mr. Eager has been operating a bus line between here and Omaha for the past three years.

Tommy Boardman has the honor of being the first boy Scout in Louisville to wear the Weblos badge. This badge is the highest honor in cubbing and the only cub insignia worn officially on the Boy Scout uniform.

The Louisville Lions High School Basket Ball team will open its 1946-47 season with a game on the home court, Tuesday evening of next week, when the Ashland team ill be the visiting team. Coaches Runyon and Pickeral has a squad of about 20 boys who have been working out the past two weeks.

Saturday evening the members of the Mayfield-Shafer wedding party were entertained at dinner at the Gingham Grill in Auburn. Mr. and Mrs. John Shafer of Nemaha were hosts. About 20 were present.

Sunday afternoon at the Cedar Creed Aid Hall, four aunts of Mrs. Boyd Group entertained at a showam Meisinger of Papillion, Mrs. J. R. Pullis of Omaha, Mrs. William Misinger of Pappillion, Mrs. Harry Meisinger of Plattsmouth, and Mrs. Henry Thierolf of Cedar Creek.

Mrs. Group was formerly Irvene Meisinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Meisinger. The guest of honor received many lovely and useful gifts to help her remember the ocassion in years to come.

The Hostesses served a delicious lunch at the close of the afternoon.

The Masons and Eastern Stars are invited to the Fremont Home, Sunday December 1 from 2 to 4 p.m.

There will be a program and refreshments will be served.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gruber, and Ernie of Manley, Mr. and Mrs. John Gruber, Jr., and Mrs. Robert Frederickson of Louisville attended the Hockey game in Omaha last Tuesday night.

George Ossenkop who has been trapping, Friday got a beaver in his traps. It was not a very big one weighing only about 40 pounds. It was caught at the west Lake.

Douglas Iverson broke his wrist Thursday while playing at school He was taken to Omaha for hospitalization and treatment.

Dr. H. W. Worthman has just installed a new X-Ray. It is a fine machine and should be a big help to Dr. Herberts practice.

Friday for treatment.

Dr. E. H. Worthman and family, Mrs. Erickson and two children of Broken Bow, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McShane and sons, Bob and wife and Willard all ate Thanksgiving turkey at the home of Dr. H. W. Worthman anf family.

Manley

Marguerite Stohlmann

Thanksgiving day guests at the Harold Schliefert home were: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kupke and family of York, Mr. and Mrs. William Lau and family of Murdock, Mrs. Bertha Schliefert, Miss Hulda Schliefert, Dwight and Maynard Schliefert of Manley.

Leonard and Marguerite Stohlman who are working in Papillion spent Thanksgiving at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Stohlmann.

Mrs. Harley Meisinger and family of Weeping Water visited at the Fred Brand home on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Neuman were Thanksgiving Day guests of John family spent Thanksgiving at the home of Mrs. Minfords parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rohrdanz.

Thanksgiving day guests at the Theodore Harms home were Mrs. Mary Peters and Leta of Talmage, Miss Evelyn Peters of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Birkman and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Birkman and family of Talmage, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brehm and family Mr. and Mrs. Edward Flake, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peters and daughter all of Nebraska City.

Wilmer Rhoden of Omaha spent Sunday at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Rhoden.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rau of Lincoln were calling on friends in Manley on Tuesday.

Theodore Harms was a business visitor in Lincoln on Tuesday.

Mrs. Martha Neuman accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Emil Haas of Omaha to Lincoln Tuesday where they visited their brother Emil Lau at the Tabitha home. He has been rather poorly for several weeks but they found him much improved at this time.

Mrs. Herbert Keckler and baby Marilyn Coleen came home from the hospital Thursday.

Miss Dorothy Group was visiting with Miss Evelyn Peters at the Theodore Harms home on Thursday.

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Elmwood

MRS. GRACE PLYBON, Correspondent

Mrs. Gertrude Davis spent Thanksgiving and the two following days in Lincoln with Mrs. J. T. Liston. Pauline Liston visited relatives at Kansas City.

School resumed Monday after the Thanksgiving holiday. Now we can be especially glad that the building is gas heated.

Charles Ferguson came down from Lincoln on Monday and spent the time with friends after his business interests were attended up to date.

Mr. and Mrs. Schlictemeier and children Beverly, Ronnie and Bertie, were Thanksgiving holiday guests at the Bert Reber home. Gerald Reber and family of Alvo, were also there, and they furnished a large turkey from their fine flock.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldro Patton returned the first of the week from their trip to Albuquerque, New Mexico. They like the country very much but on account of the housing shortage they could not be employed there for the winter.

Miss Hattie Coe is making her home for the present with her sister, Mrs. Harry Arnold.

Mrs. Carrie Larson of Lincoln visited Sunday and Monday with her aunt and uncle Amy and Frank Hoffman.

Mrs. Everett, the mother of Mrs. Brinton, passed away on Sunday at her home in Avoca at the age of 83 years. The Brinton and Phillips families will attend the funeral services there Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Backemeyer motored from Shreveport, La., and are visiting relatives and friends in this community and in Grand Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Schneider were Thanksgiving visitors in Fremont, taking with them Mrs. Mary Williams, L. F. Langhorst an d Ethel Langhorst.

Mrs. Edna Enterline was an Elm wood visitor Tuesday. She is now employed in Lincoln.

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