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LEWIS IS HOLDING A BOB-TAIL FLUSH

Yes, Mr. Lewis wants to be alone; he seeks solitude, but a luxurious solitude; naturally he should meditate; naturally at stock-taking time he should want to be excluded from newspaper men, and even the men who made him "near great," it is perfectly natural that in Miami, with the warm zephyrs of ocean breezes cooling his fervid brow he should seek solitude. The Miami Daily News on its editorial page passes on one of the nicest pieces of sarcasm it has been our privilege to peruse in many a day. The Journal does not agree, or think much of the last paragraph of this article, which says that being a "labor leader has its compensations," as far as it has a general reference. Of course it is well known that all leaders of organizations, both church, secret societies, business organizations, etc., has its compensation. The laborer is worthy of his hire, regardless of the line of endeavor but Mr. Lewis has played the game to the limit, and as it appears when called to show his hand he has been found to hold a bob-tail flush.

But, without further comment let's quote from the Miami Daily News:

MR. LEWIS WANTS TO BE ALONE

This job of being a labor leader has its compensations. For 11 months each year, John L. Lewis, beetle-browed, hard-boiled president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, battles for the downtrodden working man.

Then he relaxes.

Right now he is relaxing, and doing it magnificently, at the swanky Nautilus hotel, Miami Beach.

After rising this morning, and inspecting the very fine manicure he received yesterday immediately upon his arrival at the hotel, Mr. Lewis breakfasted about 11 a.m.

Outside, waiting to carry him to a sun-drenched beach, or whatever other spot he might select to spend the day, was a long, low-slung black limousine driven by a liveried chauffeur.

But before starting out on the day's round of pleasure, Mr. Lewis had business to transact with the management of the hotel. Perhaps he felt it his duty to report that certain persons—newspaper reporters and photographers, to be exact—were invading the sacrosanct precincts of the Nautilus and intruding on the privacy of the guests. Particularly the privacy of Mr. Lewis.

Now, normally, Mr. Lewis doesn't deprive the press of the pleasure of interviewing or photographing him. In fact, Mr. Lewis usually is very interviewable, and none will deny his is photogenic.

But Mr. Lewis is on vacation, and like Greta Garbo, who is also photogenic and on vacation, he wants to be alone. So, quitting his \$38-a-day room he went to the office of Manager Fred Abel to complain about the violation of his privacy.

It didn't matter to Mr. Lewis that the American Newspaper Guild, the union to which thousands of reporters throughout the country belong, the union to which thousands of reporters throughout the country belong, is a part of the C. I. O. Even one's union pals can get in one's hair at times.

**State Build'g Trades
Council Held Meet In
Charlotte On Sunday**

A well-attended meeting of the State Building Trades Council was held at the County Courthouse Sunday afternoon, eight cities being represented. An executive committee meeting preceded the regular meeting. High Point was selected as the next meeting place. Progress was reported all along the line, new contracts being made, and new members being added to the various crafts composing the Building Trades Council.

The meeting at High Point will be held on the second Sunday in April. H. L. Kiser, president, presided, and talks were made by P. E. Horrey, organizer for the Hoisting Engineers; Organized for Tom Clarey, and J. A. Moore, of Central Labor Union. One of the main objects discussed was the procuring of slum clearance projects in cities of North Carolina which have not already been granted slum clearance appropriations.

**Claude Albea Writes
Editor and Madam
From Vet. Hospital**

The Journal was in Atlanta when Claude Albea came up for a day or two from the Veterans' hospital, at Columbia. He dropped us a card and it was cheering news to learn that he was in good shape and that his knee was responding to treatment. He also spoke of the friends who came to see him, and of the weekly visits of "the Barrs," who now reside in Columbia but are Charlotte's contribution to the South Carolina labor movement, being of the Plumbers and Steamfitters contingent. Claude said "Give all the boys my best regards and tell them I will be with them soon." And here's hoping!

**BUT—DID "PAPA"
GO WITH THE WIND?"**

COLUMBUS, O., March 11.—A birth certificate filed here today listed only the mother's name.

In the space reserved for the father's name was written: "Gone with the wind."

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