

American Labor Titan, John L. Lewis, To Quit

WASHINGTON (AP)—John L. Lewis, a titan of the American labor movement, announced today he will resign as president of the United Mine Workers early next year.

Lewis, who will be 80 next Feb. 2, said a letter to UMW members published today in the un-

Lewis will be succeeded automatically by Thomas Kennedy, UMW vice president and former lieutenant governor of Pennsylvania. Kennedy, 72, a widower who married again just a few weeks ago, is honeymooning in Europe.

On retirement, Lewis will be eligible to continue at full salary of \$50,000 a year. He did not set a specific date for quitting, saying only it would be shortly after the new year.

Lewis, a familiar figure for years in newspaper headlines, is responsible more than any other labor leader for organizing workers of the nation's biggest industries into labor unions.

With the country on its economic knees in the great depression, Lewis capitalized on the National Recovery Act and the Wagner Labor Relations Act passed during former President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal.

This established the rights of unions to organize and obligation of employers to bargain with them on wages and working conditions. Lewis formed the CIO and drew millions of workers into union membership.

A man of iron will, Lewis fought the captains of industry and on many occasions the government itself in unrelenting battle to obtain bargaining rights and wage-benefit gains for workers in one industry after another.

In the past decade, although still vigorous and willing to fight if need be, Lewis conducted his union affairs in peace with the politicians and his old and favorite foe, the coal mine operators.

In his letter today to UMW members, Lewis displayed again his lifelong flair for rolling, sonorous language.

"The years have been long and individual burdens oppressive," he wrote. "Yet progress has been great."

"Today, because of your fortitude and deep loyalty to your union, your wages are the highest in the land, your working hours the lowest, your safety more assured, your health more guarded, your old age protected, your children equal in opportunity with their generation, and your union strong, with material resources."

The mine workers, who earned about \$2 a day when Lewis became UMW president in 1919 and worked long hours, now have a \$24.25 basic daily wage and a 6 1/2 hour working day in most cases.

Lewis said his successor, Kennedy, is "amply qualified by training, character, executive ability and a lifetime of devoted and loyal service to function with credit and distinction" as UMW

chief. Lewis said he commended Kennedy to UMW members "in every official and personal sense."

Lewis considers his greatest achievement the creation of the UMW's health and welfare fund. It collects and pays out nearly 150 million dollars a year in doctor and hospital bills and pensions for coal miners and their families.

Among people Lewis couldn't get along with through the years were fellow labor leaders. He led a parade of unions out of the old American Federation of Labor in 1935 to form the CIO.

In 1940 after breaking with Roosevelt, when Lewis felt Roosevelt wasn't supporting labor's cause enough, Lewis endorsed Republican Wendell Wilkie's unsuccessful

try at unseating FDR. Lewis pledged to quit as CIO leader if Wilkie lost, and he did so. Later he went back into the AFL only to quit again in 1947 in a scrap with AFL leaders over compliance with the new Taft-Hartley labor relations law — a "slave law" Lewis called it.

Harry S. Truman, on succeeding Roosevelt in the White House, had his troubles with Lewis too. They were enemies during much of Truman's regime, but became fast friends near the end of Truman's last term.

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Warden Barred As Mail Censor

PENDELTON (AP)—Warden Clarence Gladden of the Oregon State Penitentiary is barred from censoring only the mail of Clarence E. Helms, Circuit Judge William W. Wells said Monday.

Judge Wells issued a ruling recently that the warden was barred from censoring mail between Clarence E. Helms, a prisoner, and his court-appointed attorney.

Warden Gladden said after hearing of the decision that he assumed it applied only to Helms and that he would continue censoring the mail of other prison inmates.

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JOHN L. LEWIS

John's journal that the time has come to step aside. Aides said he is in excellent health.

"Mister Eyebrows," as millions came to know the fuzzy-browed union chief in his flamboyant organizing and bargaining days of the 1930s and 1940s, has headed the UMW for 40 years. Few men have had greater impact on American economic life.

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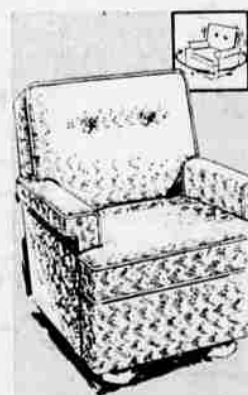
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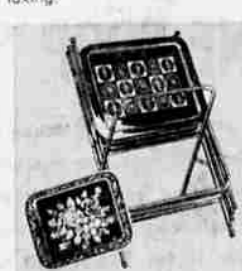
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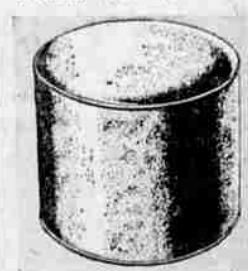
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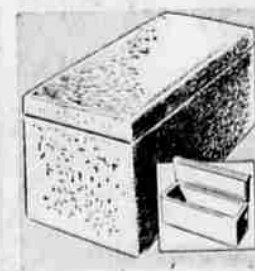
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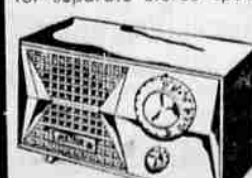
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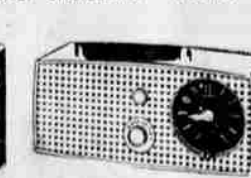
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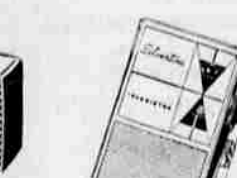
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