

WALLACE

L.S. P.S. Monday, December 29th, 1947.

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~~tonight~~ In Chicago, in the course of a

fifteen-minute radio address, Henry Wallace announced

that

he will head a third party ticket for President in Nineteen Forty-Eight. Wallace to run on a platform whose main planks will be "a people's peace, and economic and social rights for the common man."

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Wallace says he's heading this ^(third) ~~this~~ party ticket for President because he believes the present ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~

~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ course of the United States is leading towards another depression and another war.

He told of having talked with half a million people in public meetings, with thousands in private gatherings, and finding everywhere confusion, uncertainty, and fear -- with people asking, "when will

the war come?" ^{He all of} which led him to say in ^{his radio} ~~the~~ speech

tonight, ^{that:-} ~~the~~ "the menace of war can be met and overcome by a new ~~is~~ political alignment in America which

requires the organization of a new political party." ^{Those} ~~were his words.~~ And then he went on:-

"To that end, I announce that I shall run as an independent candidate for President of the United States in Nineteen forty-eight".

Wallace told his radio audience that he had fought and would continue to fight any programs which give guns to the people when they wanted plows, ^{also} that he is fighting the Truman doctrine and the Marshall Plan ^{as} they are being applied, ^{as he put it,} because, [^] they divide Europe into two warring camps. He warned that those whom Uncle Sam buys politically with food would soon desert us and turn to hate us because our ^{policies} ~~initiatives~~ destroy their freedom.

Wallace emphasized ^{that he is} ~~he was~~ not for Russia and not for Communism. He said he wanted to make it clear to both Russia and the United States that peace requires real understanding by our peoples. In his opinion, Russia has as much to gain by peace as the United States; and, just as we have to fight against the spreaders of hate and falsehood against Russia, so the Russian leaders can make a great contribution by restraining those extremists who try to widen the gap between the two countries.

Shortly after the Wallace speech, the new

Republic released a statement by Henry Wallace
announcing his resignation as Editor because of his
third ~~party~~ party candidacy, ~~Wallace to~~ ^{of that publication} continue as a
contributing Editor, ~~and to write~~ ^{But he will} writing his usual weekly page for
the magazine.

~~Quite naturally~~ ^{TP} There ~~was~~ ^{already is} quick, and, very
considerable reaction to Wallace's announcement,
~~*****~~ of his entry into the presidential race.
Political observers -- those in the ~~know~~ know --
hail it as the most important development in the
Nineteen Forty-Eight presidential picture; saying that
perhaps the Ex-Vice President's announcement of his
candidature may rank in political importance with
Theodore Roosevelt's famous bolt from the Republican
party in Nineteen Twelve which split the G O P and
led to the election of Woodrow Wilson.

(General opinion is that with the backing of
numerous so called "progressive" groups and the
Communist Party, Henry's ~~candidature~~ ^{jumping into the} race can only
result in a substantial weakening of President Truman's

chances for re-election.)

Democratic National Chairman ^{Senator} Howard McGrath, said tonight in Albuquerque, New ~~Mex~~ Mexico, that Wallace's candidature will clear the atmosphere in the coming campaign but, in his opinion, there wouldn't be any ~~more~~ sizeable number of Democratic votes ^{deflected} ~~going~~

^{by} Wallace. "We may ~~not~~ not get ~~in~~ some Communist votes which might have been forced upon us if they

did not have a chance to get under a ~~the~~ roof of

^{said the Dem. Nat. Chair. And then he added} their own", ~~said McGrath charging that Wallace's~~ ^{purpose is, if he can,} ~~motive in becoming a candidate ~~to~~ to~~ defeat the

bi-partisan foreign policy of the United States."

"And, that," ^{continued:} ~~he said~~ "can have only one effect -- a ~~xi~~ victory for Communist foreign policy in Russia."

Representative Paul J. Kilday, Democrat of Texas, termed Wallace's announcement ~~as~~ as the greatest comfort Stalin has had since the end of the war; ^{but he went on to say} ~~saying~~ that Truman's re-election ~~is~~ ~~is~~ assured.

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Congressman
Representative, John A. Carroll,

Democrat of Colorado, points out that if Wallace develops any real strength he may put into the White House and Congress a new brand of isolationism that will ~~be~~ deprive America of world leadership.

"Wallace is only helping Taft" said
Carroll.

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Republicans in New York are speculating as to what effect Wallace's candidacy can have on the G O P internal fight for the Presidential nomination.

A prominent G O P Senator who refuses the use of his name predicts that Wallace's third party move may hurt the chances of Governor Dewey and aid those of Senator ~~Robert A.~~ Taft. Explaining that Wallace has the backing of the Communist party, the American Labor Party, and other left wing groups which in the past have ~~not~~ ^{(heavily} polled ~~many~~ ~~times~~ in New York state.

No word yet as to how the trade unions will react. The C I O and A F of L declined to make comment on the Wallace speech tonight. ^{But} It is well known that both these organizations have taken a definite stand against the formation of a third party in the past, A F Of L President William Green having said many times that his organization will not support Wallace or a third party movement.

The trade union leaders are perhaps remembering that in May Nineteen forty-six Henry himself told a New York meeting of the American labor party that he was opposed to any national third party ~~but~~ because it would guarantee the election of "a reactionary President by splitting the vote of the progressives." But the news is tonight Henry Wallace will be a Presidential candidate on a third party ticket in Nineteen Forty-eight.

MISSING BILL

In Washington, tonight, a mystery ~~at~~ the White House. ^{!T}he whereabouts of the original copy of the Republican anti-inflation bill. This original copy has mysteriously disappeared from the White House and nobody can find it. Absolutely no trace of the bill. Today, White House Press Secretary Charles ~~W.~~ ^{W.} Ross announced that ~~the White House~~ mystery has been handed over to the Secret Service, the G-men looking for the missing bill.

On hearing of the loss Mr. Truman acted promptly ordering ~~that~~ a substitute ~~be~~ drafted for his signature. The substitute signed today by Senate President Arthur H. Vandenberg, after which it has to be flown to North Attleboro, Massachusetts, for the signature of the House Speaker Joseph Martin Jr.

Meanwhile, inquiries are proceeding as to the whereabouts of the missing bill last seen on the desk of Clark M. Clifford, Counsel to the President, at five-thirty on Sunday afternoon. After that no trace

of it. Secret Service have canvassed every office, checked on the entire night staff of cleaners, but they haven't turned up a single clue -- all of which answers the many queries made by the press and radio as to why the President hadn't signed the bill. The answer being clear, Mr. Truman couldn't sign a bill that ~~was~~ wasn't there. And that's the inside story of today's White House mystery as far as it goes -- a unique case, the Republican anti-inflation bill missing and thus unavailable for the President's signature.

SPECULATION

(Secretary Anderson today made public the third list of ~~people~~ ^{those} who have been trading in the grain markets; and ^{there appears to be some excitement because} ~~much excitement is reported because the most~~ ^{one} ~~prominent~~ ^{this list} name on ~~it~~ is that of Brigadier General

Wallace H. Graham, personal physician to President

Truman.) General Graham was long on thirty thousand

bushels of wheat on September seventeenth, short on ^{The President's physician we are told} twenty thousand. ~~He~~ ^{has} has not been in the market since

October Seventh. His holdings represented contracts

amounting to some hundred-and-thirty-two thousand ~~dollars.~~

Being long thirty-thousand ^{bushels} and short twenty-thousand

~~bushels~~ meant that he was engaged in a transaction known

as spreading. ~~His~~ His total investment, being on

margin, ^{perhaps} ~~was probably~~ not more than ten thousand dollars,

~~and maybe~~ ^{less.} ~~again as little as three thousand dollars.~~

General Graham explained ^S that early this Fall

he was in the market just as ^{many} other people were, not

realizing its implications or its impact upon the

advance of prices. ^{He says that} ~~What~~ awakened him to the situation

was President Truman's statement on October Fifth, in

which he criticized people who were gambling in grain. Dr. Graham thereupon called his broker and asked him whether he had any holding in wheat or any other commodity. The broker replied that General Graham did have a small holding. Thereupon ^{the General} ~~Graham~~ told the broker to sell ^{ever} what [^] it was, whether at a loss or at a gain. ~~And that that~~ cancelled all his operations in the commodity markets.

^{TP} The White House refused to comment on the publication of General Graham's name, on the ground that it was strictly the General's own business.

Out west in Kansas City, Senator Taft pounced on the information with ^{the comment} ~~a scornful comment~~. He pointed ~~out~~ that Mr. Truman has listed grain speculation as one of the main contributing causes to the rise of prices, ^{and} ~~now adds~~ ^{Taft} ~~now, said the~~ Senator [^] the country finds that the worst kind of speculation has been going on right in the middle of the administration, [^] speculation on a certainty! Taft then used these words: "Like ~~is~~ every other substantial cause of rising prices today, the moving cause comes directly from the administration ^{itself} ~~xxxx~~"

~~staff.~~

Secretary Anderson's list also includes three employees of his own department, ~~however, none of them~~ ~~in workers in Washington.~~ One ~~is~~ a soil surveyor who bought ~~a thousand bushels~~ ^{a small amount} of wheat in ~~22~~ September; another ~~is~~ a soil conservationist, who went long on ten thousand bushels in the same month; another ~~is~~ a farm labor supervisor who bought five thousand bushels on ~~22~~ September Nineteenth. None of the ~~comes under the~~ ^{three would have been} ~~category of persons~~ likely to have inside official information.

All in all, today's list includes a hundred government employees who traded in grains. Among them ~~persons~~ ^{are people} in the war assets administration, the Veterans' Administration, the Post Office Department, and other Federal Agencies. Also officers in ~~United States~~ ^{the} Army and Navy; One ~~is~~ ^a Navy Ensign ^{who} was in the market for ~~1~~ forty thousand bushels.

~~It is just as well to remember~~ ^{We should bear in mind} that there is no law to forbid government employees trading on the markets.

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The Governor ~~Herbert May~~ of Utah ~~also~~ took a flyer in wheat, a brief one. He bought five thousand bushels September Seventeenth, ^{and} sold ~~them~~ the following day. A Chicago Police Officer also speculated, and a clerk in Uncle Sam's Bureau of Internal Revenue.

The name of Edwin W. Pauley, Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Army appears again, ^{with the word} ~~among the~~ ~~grain speculators. He has already explained to~~ ~~investigators of the Senate that when he took over his~~ ~~post as assistant Secretary, he began to get rid of his~~ ~~holdings. The~~ ^{that he bought} ~~that he~~ ~~bought as shown on today's list, was~~ to provide a bonus for his employees.

PALESTINE

(A taxicab today went speeding through the historic Damascus Gate of old Jerusalem, near which is one of the principal markets of the Holy City. That market was crowded this morning, and as the cab raced by the occupants of the cab shoved out a barrel filled with explosives, that went off with a roar, killing ^{eleven} ~~nine~~ Arabs and wounding ~~(thirty-two)~~ ^(thirty-two) more including three women and one child.

All of which was followed by a gun battle between Arabs and British police in the seething market place -- two British Constables killed. The men in the cab are believed to have been members of the so-called Black Squad of Irgun Zvai Leumi. They got away.

The British Foreign Office today made the charge that the Communist Governments of Romania and Bulgaria, are directly responsible for a large part of the running of Jewish immigrants into Palestine.

Two freighters, that formerly sailed under the American flag, are ~~now~~ reported to be trying to run the blockade -- ships with twelve thousand Balkan and

Russian Jews aboard - coming from Romanian and Bulgarian Black Seaports, with the full knowledge of the Bulgar and Romanian Governments. There is also a story that the passengers aboard those ships are persons specially trained by the Communists. But how the newsmen or the British know that I don't know. The spokesman for The British Foreign Office who gave out the story pointed out that the governments of both Romania and Bulgaria are working with the Soviet Union; therefore Moscow is at the back of any immigration from Black Sea ports to Palestine.



ADD PALESTINE

The British Authorities ^{now} have forbidden taxicabs, owned by Jews, to ~~use~~ ^{use} the streets of Jerusalem. ~~The~~ ^{An} official proclamation explains that this prohibition is to be enforced because so many Jewish owned taxicabs have been used for indiscriminate murderous attacks, ^{that} ~~which~~ have resulted in the death^s of innocent civilians and policemen. Bus service ^{also} has been suspended in other parts of Palestine, because of ~~several~~ attacks ~~upon~~ buses.

GREECE

A dispatch from Athens reports that (Greek government troops attacked a force of two thousand guerrillas in northwestern Greece, over the weekend, driving them from the positions they were holding.)

An infantry bayonet charge, supported by ~~fighter~~ ^{fighter} planes and bombers.

The Athenian government claims that the Communists have been driven back towards the Albanian Frontier.

All this along a thirty mile front, from Kōnitsa ^h and ^{Yah'nee-nah.} Jannina. The Greek General Staff claims its forces have ■■ saved Konitsa.

WASHBURN-REYNOLDS

Explorer and museum director Bradford Washburn has just been telling me about his plans for a flight into central Asia, a journey on which he expects to set forth almost any day now. A serious attempt is to be made, right after the first of the year, to find out once and for all, whether Everest is the highest mountain in the world or ^(whether) ~~whether~~ there is another almost unknown peak entitled to that ~~award~~ accolade.

All this ^{comes as} ~~is~~ a follow up to the rumors we had during the recent war:- American airman, blown off their course, returned with tales of a Central Asian Mountain several thousand feet higher than Everest.

It was fairly clearly established that the peak they saw was in the AmneMachin Range in a little known part of Central Asia, near the extreme northern border of Tibet and China.

Many airman and explorers, for more than two years now, have been talking about ~~making~~ solving

this enigma. But while others have discussed it, the ^{indefatigable Brad} ~~Bradford~~ Washburn has been making definite plans, -- he and Milton Reynolds, ~~the~~ Chicago ^(fountain) ~~(foundain)~~ pen manufacturer.

The plane used will be a giant C-87, specially equipped by Reynolds, with Bill Odum, as the chief pilot, the same ^{Bill} Odum who ^{recently broke} ~~the~~ Reynolds ~~the record twice for flying 'round the world.~~ ~~around the world not long ago.~~

^{The Reynolds-Washburn-Odum} ~~The~~ C-87 will take off from this country, ^{fly} ~~the Pacific and then~~ ~~in and~~ in Asia will make its base at ^{the} remote Chinese city ^{of} ~~called~~ Lanchow ~~xi~~ within two-hundred-and-fifty miles of the AmneMachin mountains. ^{Which} ~~the~~ will make it possible for the expedition to fly back and forth to AmneMachin, a number of times, if necessary.

Bradford Washburn, who is in charge of the scientific end of this fascinating expedition tells me that they also hope to explore the ^{(comparatively} ~~unexplored~~ unknown sources of China's greatest river, the Yellow.

There will be ten in the party including experts from Harvard, M I T, Boston University, Ohio

State, ~~the~~ backer Milton Reynolds, ~~ENGINEER~~ cameramen, and an
historian, in addition to Explorer Brad Washburn, and
Round-the-World Flyer
~~backer Reynolds and airplane~~ Bill Odum. Washburn has
spent most of his life exploring mountains. Only
recently he returned from a climb to the top of McKinley.

RESCUE

At Nome, Alaska, Bill Munz, a veteran bush pilot, ^{has} accomplished a ~~maxim~~ daring rescue [—] flying single-handed to the rescue of the survivors of ^{that} Army B-Twenty-Nine, marooned on an Arctic mountain-side for seven days. ^{Bill} Munz flying on his errand of mercy in ^{almost} the worst ^{possible} weather, [—] visibility practically zero.

The veteran pilot brought back four members of the crew of the crashed bomber, all suffering from exposure after ~~xx~~ seven days in sub-zero weather and a fierce Arctic blizzard. After handing ^{over} the four men for medical care at Nome, ^{Bush Pilot} Munz set off again ^{on} ~~his~~ ^{another flight} ~~hundred mile~~ [—] through the Arctic night;

~~A fearless bush pilot~~ flying "by the seat of his pants" [—] ^{to the scene of the crash,} over the Arctic wastes, ~~to rescue marooned airmen~~ ^{hoping to bring} back more survivors.

SNOW

The topic of the hour in these parts is still the big snow storm. It claimed another victim today; a man engaged in the tremendous job of removing the hundred million odd tons of snow from Father Knickerbocker's five boroughs.

One of the city trucks slid into the Gowanus Canal, in Brooklyn, and drowned the driver in twenty feet of water.

The way in which folks got together to dig each other out was something! For example, a wedding was scheduled for St. Joseph's Church, at Ronkonoma, Long Island. The bride, Theresa Haggerty, in the village of Holbrook, was completely snowbound. Not a wheel rolling in that village. But the Chief of the Holbrook Volunteer Fire Department is evidently a knight of the old school. What did he do but bring out the hook-and-ladder wagon, bang it through the drifts to the brides house, and take the entire bridal party to church and ~~back~~ back.

Another wedding was planned to take place at a church on Staten Island. The bride, Dolores Maher, at the Village of New Dorp, was snowbound. No gallant fire chief this time, but her father learned that one of the neighbors had a sleigh once owned by the late Pearl White. Remember? The one-time Queen of the silent movies? So, they hitched up a team to the sleigh and drove to the wedding even as birdal parties did a hundred years ago.

CBS Engineer Earl Janes had his portable equipment at his uptown apt. and he was scheduled to go by train to an out of town broadcast. Not a wheel moving! So, he hot himself a sled, loaded 100 lbs or more of gear on it + dragged it for miles thru snow bound NY streets to Gr. Cent. Station -- and then got macrooned all night on a local train.

L T SNOWED IN

My own experience with the big storm was, I ^{suppose,} much the same as that of a couple of million other people, with the slight difference ~~perhaps~~ that instead of trying to get home I was trying ~~to~~ to get ~~home~~ away from home. I was supposed to be ^(on) ~~my~~ my way to crown a King and Queen -- at the annual ~~King~~ Lake Placid Winter Carnival in the Adirondacks, -- a ceremony I have taken part in almost every year since the Nineteen Thirty-two Olympics.

The Queen this year was to have been newspaper columnist Dorothy Milgallen. But the Queen got lost in the snow, ^{along} ~~with~~ with Colonel Eddie Eagan, of boxing and bobsled fame. ^π Even such winter Olympic stars as those renowned ~~bobsledders~~ bobsledders ~~as~~ Hubert Stevens and Donna Fox were marooned, ~~in~~ ~~the snow, through~~ that first night of the storm, ^{on their} ~~all the~~ way from New York to Lake Placid.

Impressario Jack Garren of the Olympic ~~Arena~~ Arena wires me that they went through the ceremony anyhow, using a ^{six year old} ~~XXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ for the Queen.

Judging from the depth of the snow, here in the foothills of the Berkshires where I am still marooned, we must be in for a winter that our children and grandchildren will talk about long after the year two thousand.

You may have heard about James Melton, the radio and opera star who was so ^{completely} ~~completely~~ snowed in at his farm ^{only} a few miles outside New York City that he had to ^{call} ~~get~~ a helicopter, ^{to come to the scene --} ~~send~~ a State Trooper to fly in some desperately needed insulin for the crew chief ~~and~~ who looks after that famous fleet of Melton ancient automobiles. And radio listeners of course know how Jimmy Melton then flew out of his own back yard to make his radio date in New York.

And by the way Nelson were you marooned in the big storm?