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In his message to the President, Wallace especially decried what he calls "the new policy of arming to the teeth". Says the man who once was Vice President of the United States, *- and might have been President -* "this country's huge armament program must ~~xx~~ make it ~~xx~~ look to the rest of the world as if we are only paying lip service to peace at the conference table".

NEW LEAD WALLACE

~~More tragic bungling in Washington tonight~~  
~~concerning the Wallace affair.~~ <sup>Tonight</sup> ~~aggress~~ ~~Now~~ we are presented  
with the <sup>somewhat startling</sup> ~~startling~~ picture of a cabinet member going  
over the head of his President, ~~and~~ making provocative  
statements, giving out press releases on his own.

Tonight, Secretary of Commerce Henry Wallace,  
<sup>contrary to</sup> ~~without~~ President Truman's <sup>wishes,</sup> ~~approval,~~ made public a  
long letter which he said he wrote to the Chief  
Executive nearly two months ago. <sup>Q</sup> ~~The~~ letter contains  
Wallace's views on current American foreign policy,  
especially his belief that the United States should  
ease up on Russia.

The publication of the Wallace letter is  
certain to provoke a further cabinet crisis.. ~~It~~  
~~wasn't supposed to have been released.~~ Tonight, White  
House Press Secretary Charles Ross told reporters  
that the President disapproved publication of the  
letter, but that word of his attitude did not reach  
Wallace in time.

Right now, Ross, the President's Secretary,

is taking the rap for the blunder. He says that Wallace apparently believed the "go ahead" signal had been received from the White House. None of ~~the~~ <sup>which</sup> ~~of course~~ changes the fact that there now has been put on public display ~~an incomprehensible, perhaps~~ <sup>a serious</sup> ~~and~~ disagreement on foreign policy among the President and his chief advisers. <sup>And it's all</sup> ~~lay~~ out in the open for America and the world to see.

The most remarkable thing of all is the commerce department's explanation of why the Wallace letter on foreign policy, presumably written to Mr. Truman in the utmost secrecy, was released to the press today. The Department says that the letter was given out only after the discovery that a copy of it had been stolen and was now in the hands of ~~XXXX~~ a newspaper columnist.

The department blamed no one for the theft, but no sooner had the charge been made than one well-known Washington commentator announced he would sue Wallace for libel if the charge were not withdrawn.

Wallace's letter to the President cannot be summed up in brief, it ran twelve single spaced typewritten pages. But this much can be ~~st~~ said about it; it was a reply to the President of the United States who had asked a member of his cabinet for an opinion. And now that, letter may have tremendous domestic and international repercussions.

## WALLACE

Acting Secretary of State Clayton said today that he assumes any future Wallace pronouncements on foreign policy will be cleared by the State Department.

This however, means nothing really decisive. Suppose the State Department should refuse its okay. Suppose the diplomats running our foreign policy should read a speech that Henry Wallace is to give, and shake their heads and knit their brows in most intense disapproval - ~~then~~ what could they do about it? Acting Secretary Clayton made it clear today that, as things now stand, they couldn't do anything about it. Until the President straightens out Henry, the State Department could only moan in pain with Henry going right ahead with his speech - going right on undermining the work of Secretary of State Byrnes at the Paris Peace Conference. Or will Wallace resign? We may know tomorrow.

U N

At the session today of the Security Council of the United Nations, an attack was made on the recent ~~declarations~~ declarations made by American Secretary of State Byrnes - the Stuttgart address outlining an American plan for the recovery of Germany. Today's blast was hurled by Polish delegate Lange - who assailed the Byrnes proposals, especially the one that suggested a possible future revision of the present German-Polish border, ~~that~~ ~~is~~ Poland not to get such a huge lot of German territory. Lange declared that Poland would never accept any alteration of the present border - would never ~~in~~ yield an inch.

~~The present Polish government being a satellite of Soviet Russia, the Polish delegate is usually considered to be a mouthpiece of Moscow. Anyway, you don't expect delegate Lange to say anything that might get him into a row with delegate Gromyko. The Soviets, in fact, have already declared themselves against the Byrnes proposal; and, today brought the first official rejection, from Poland.~~

CLASH

Now about that!

~~The~~ American - Soviet clash in Berlin. It represents a kind of thing so dangerous that it's worth scanning the details of what happened. In the occupied city, our G I's are in constant contact with Red Army soldiers, and in some instances Americans and Russians work together. This was the case in the episode of trouble that has now occurred.

A joint detachment of United States and Soviet military police arrested a man and a woman, he a Pole, she a Ukrainian. The two were taken to an American military police station, and there a Soviet Major demanded that the two be turned over to the Red Army. He said they were "Russian traitors".

This touched upon one of the ticklish things over there - the way the Soviets and their satellites demand the return of people who do not want to live under Communist dictatorship. Moreover one of the two individuals picked up in Berlin was a Pole - and it was difficult to see how he could be a traitor to Russia and the Soviets. So the American M P 's

refused to hand over the prisoners - pending further orders.

Whereupon the Red Army Major called up a detachment of Soviet M P's headed by a Lieutenant - and ordered them to get the prisoners. The Lieutenant, Morosov by name, got another refusal whereupon he shouted: "Americans ~~are~~ are unworthy of being Allies of the Red Army" and he ordered his soldiers to take the prisoners by force. The Russians immediately leveled their tommy guns, and covered the Americans - headed by Lieutenant Colonel Cheal of San Francisco. The Red Army had the drop.

However, an American M P, Captain named Feldman, called up a party of American riflemen and machine gunners. They came in an armored car and surrounded the M P station - covering the Red Army men with their guns. Morosov howled that he would call up a company of Red Army troops and fight it out.

For a moment it looked as if a pitched battle might break out. Today's report by American Army



Intelligence declares: "It was the most serious rift thus far between United States and Russian Army personnel".

Then right at the climax, a telephone bell rang. Word of the trouble had got to joint Allied headquarters which now ordered Red Army Lieutenant Morosov to take his men and get out.

Today the ~~X~~ Americans were still holding the Pole, but they turned the Ukrainian woman over to the Red Army. She is a Russian, and was in Germany all through the war. The latest is a Berlin dispatch stating that the American command in Berlin is going to demand that the Red Army Major and Lieutenant be disciplined for their belligerent attitude.

This brings to an end an incident that threatened what observers in Germany have long feared - a sudden armed clash between Americans and soldiers of the Red Army.

## MARITIME

At American harbors, ships were being loaded today - a big break in the Maritime strike. A.F. of L. sailors and longshoremen, having settled their walkout, ~~xxx~~ went back to work - putting cargoes aboard. In this they defied the C I O and made their defiance stick. The C I O unions, on strike, picketed the docks of shipping companies that had contracts with the A F of L. <sup>But</sup> The Federation Unions declared they'd break the picket lines. So the C I O withdrew, removing their pickets from the A F of L docks, while keeping them on patrol against companies with C I O contracts.

## AUTOMOBILES

~~But there are~~ More strikes and threats of strikes, —  
the latest news ~~coming~~ <sup>is</sup> from Detroit, ~~where~~ <sup>where some</sup> ~~forty-~~  
seven thousand United Auto Workers, among them  
twenty-eight thousand Chrysler employees, are idle  
tonight. Their walk-out has closed the Chrysler plant,  
the Briggs ~~Manufacturing Company,~~ <sup>plants</sup> and ~~the~~ Packard,  
~~Company.~~

It all began with a strike of eighteen  
hundred workers in one of the Briggs plants. As a  
result of the work stoppage by these key employees,  
Chrysler workers, Packard workers, and other men at  
~~the~~ Briggs, ~~Corporation~~ had to quit.

The President of the United <sup>Auto</sup> workers union  
local at Briggs says the walk-out was authorized  
and was called because of "numerous grievances".  
Meanwhile, the Chrysler Company is flatly charging  
the U A W with ~~the~~ violation of the no-strike  
agreement in its contract.

## SHORTAGE

And, ~~the~~ headline <sup>again</sup> tonight is - the meat shortage.

In Chicago, the National Association of Retail Meat Dealers estimates that at least thirty-six thousand of the nation's butcher shops have closed down since the return of the O P A. The National Association has sixty thousand members, and has conducted a survey of these - a survey that shows between sixty and seventy-five percent out of business for the time being. And still more meat shops will have to close their doors - according to the Association of dealers.

This is the latest in a crisis that also shows the hospitals of the nation making an emergency appeal for meat supplies. The shortage, <sup>they say,</sup> is threatening the recovery of patients. At Chicago, the American hospital Association declares that a plea will be made to the Department of Agriculture and the O P A.

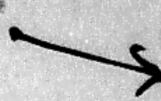
~~At Dodge City, Iowa, there's an open revolt against the O P A - a revolt of the restaurants.~~

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Well, the latest from Washington is that the ~~Agriculture~~ <sup>of Agriculture,</sup> Department is halting the allocation of meat for export. The Department, taking a look at empty butcher shops and vacant refrigerators says it will not, for the present, ~~the~~ assign any more meat supplies for overseas shipment.

During the week ending September fourteen, meat production skidded to a near record low of sixty million pounds -- that compared to ~~2~~ two hundred-and-thirty-five million pounds for the corresponding week a year ago.

Until the meat situation changes for the better, and there is no immediate sign that it will, no more meat will be available for export.



*at Dodge City, Iowa, there's an open revolt.*

Virtually every eating place in Dodge City has closed down in protest against the O P A order to roll back restaurant prices for meals containing meat. The leader of the embattled purveyors of food declares that if any Dodge City restaurant tries to stay open, it will be picketed. And he threatens in these ~~was~~ words: "If it takes violence to close them, there will be violence".

## CONNECTICUT

In Connecticut today, the Democrats picked a candidate for Governor - and it wasn't Chester Bowles, former head of the O P A. <sup>TP</sup> Bowles made a strenuous contest for the nomination, but the State Convention of ~~the~~ Connecticut Democrats turned him down. In the balloting today, there was never a chance for the man whose name at one time virtually stood for O P A.

The State Convention gave its nomination to Lieutenant Governor Snow - a former College professor. Wilbur Snow taught English at Wesleyan, and, he's a poet too. His Republican opponent is James L. McConnaughy, who at one time was President of Wesleyan. So the Democratic Candidate will run against his former boss - ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Prof versus Prexy.

## GOLD

A few nights ago, I told about the new gold rush in northern California, a modern gold stampede with automobiles and trailers replacing the wagons, and burros of old.

Responsible authorities in and around ~~xxxx~~ Crescent City, California, where the new strike was reported, at first played down the news. They said: Let's wait and see.

Well, tonight, an independent assayer declares that there is gold in the hills northeast of Crescent City. The Assayer, one Ernest Hey, says that the Myrtle Creek discovery looks like the real thing.

Hey's announcement has <sup>excited</sup> ~~excited~~ prospectors, both amateur and professional. For the last two days, they have been swarming into his office with samples for him to assay in his ovens and crucibles and on his assayer's scales. What do I know about assayer's scales? Ah that's one subject on which, once upon a time, I was something of an authority. For I



was once the furnace man in an assay office in a famous western gold camp.

But to get back to Assayer Hey at Crescent City, he promises to test the samples of all comers, and tonight, keeping his promise, he is sleep less and weary. But he ~~xxx~~ reports that the new gold field is not a phoney.

More than seven hundred prospectors from California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, and Canada, have arrived at Myrtle Creek. They have arrived in jeeps and jallopies, and a few brand new Nineteen Forty Six cars. All hoping that Myrtle Creek will be their eldorado.

ALPHABET

Here's illuminating information, just what you've been waiting for. The clear transparent facts were printed in the New York World Telegram today, a lucid, simple editorial, which comes like a flash of light, <sup>— well, maybe.</sup> It's an explanation of the Maritime Strike, and goes as follows:

"The N.M.U. and other Unions associated with the C. M. U. won a wage increase from the A. M. M. I. The W. S. B. approved. Then the S. U. P. and the S. I. U. negotiated a bigger wage increase, which was okay with the W. S. A. but not ~~x~~ with the W. S. B. <sup>And</sup> there were demands that the H. S. T. do something. But the W. S. B. stood firm; so, the O. E. S. moved in."

<sup>And</sup> there you have it, as clear as A. B. C. -- and now, ~~P. D. Q.~~ I'll turn this ~~C. B. S.~~ <sup>"mike"</sup> ~~stereophane~~ over to

~~W. S. B. you might~~ N. C., meaning U,  
Nelson.

# TRUCK STRIKE

There's a break in the New York trucking strike <sup>too.</sup> Today, the union made settlements with two trucking companies, and teamers <sup>+</sup> will go back to work for those two concerns. That means a renewal, to some extent, of normal truck deliveries - and it is believed that the settlement with two companies will lead to agreements with others. <sup>S</sup> The trucking tie <sup>^</sup> ups of New York looks about over.

## ABBEY

The news from England today tells of an approaching climax in a controversy they <sup>are</sup> having over there, a dispute concerning one of England's great and venerable relics of the past - Fountains Abbey. This great ruin, in Yorkshire, is regarded as the most imposing and best preserved relic of the monasteries of medieval England. There's a plan now to revive Fountains ~~fountains~~ Abbey, and make it once again a thriving monastic institution. That's what causes the controversy.

The Abbey was built eight hundred years ago, in eleven-thirty-five, by the Cistercian Monks - an offshoot of the Benedictines. For centuries it was one of the richest monastic establishments <sup>in</sup> of England. The end came when Henry-the-Eighth abolished ~~the~~ all monasteries, and seized their lands and wealth. Thereafter Fountain Abbey fell slowly into ruin.

Now the plan is to restore the Abbey, and make it a Cistercian Monastery all over again. A syndicate has been formed to buy the property, a

syndicate of English Roman Catholics headed by the Duke of Norfolk, the Premier Duke of England. Until recently, Fountains Abbey was part of the manorial estate of the Marquess of Ripon. Now, ~~through~~ though, it has another owner - and he is willing to sell.

But there's opposition - though not, however, *as you might suspect,* from the Church of England. The Duke of Norfolk states that the Anglican Bishop of Ripon has given his approval. The opposition is headed by artists - who argue that restoration would ruin ~~Fountains~~ <sup>Fountains</sup> Abbey as one of the great architectural antiquities of England.

To this the Duke of Norfolk replies that the restoration of the monastery would be under the direction of the best architects and scholars - so there would be no artistic loss. (Moreover, it is pointed out that right now the ruins of Fountains Abbey are being badly damaged by continuing decay, and the havoc of wind and weather.)

So England, *where they* ~~which~~ thinks of tradition so much,

is divided - whether to retain the mournful poetic beauty of the ruins or whether to have Fountain~~ne~~ Abbey come to life again, with Monks in the grey robes of the Cistercians, walking in procession through medieval halls, ~~with~~ and with chorused anthems ringing through monastic arches.

include<sup>d</sup> some remarks critical of the Stalin regime. That got him into trouble - he was hissed and booed, heckled and howled at. The beat-Dewey crowd was so much ~~of~~ the color of red and pink, that it wanted the Soviets to be appeased with bouquets only, nothing but flowers. They didn't want appeasement merely - they wanted unconditional surrender.

Now who is the Chairman of the Independent committee of the Arts and Sciences and Professions, which sponsored the Beat-Dewey rally? He's none other than former Secretary of the Interior Ickes. That's interesting, because, when he was in the Cabinet, Ickes ~~was~~<sup>had</sup> a long feud with his teammate Wallace. ~~Today it's a Wallace-Byrnes battle in the cabinet. Then the match making was Wallace versus Ickes.~~

~~And today~~<sup>And today</sup> Ickes had something to say ~~today~~ - Honest Harold often has. He attacked the address that Wallace made at the meeting sponsored by the group of which he himself is Chairman. The audience at the Beat-Dewey rally howled its wrath when <sup>the</sup> Secretary

of Commerce spoke in criticism of the Soviets. But Ickes is different - Honest Harold often is. He characterizes the Wallace appeasement proclamation as "unfortunate". He says it must make the statesmen of Europe wonder - who speaks for America, Wallace or Secretary of State Byrnes? And Ickes adds wistfully - "When I was in the Cabinet, I always understood that no member was to talk of anything affecting ~~with~~ another Department without at least discussing it with the other Department".

One seems to recall that that rule was imposed by the late President Roosevelt to put the lid on various governmental brawls - like the Wallace-Ickes feud.



WALLACE

Here's a late bulletin in the Wallace affair. The Secretary of Commerce declares that he gave President Truman an outline of the Wallace policy of "ease up on Russia" -- gave it to the President nearly two months ago. Wallace declares that President Truman asked him for his views on foreign policy, and Wallace wrote a long report, ~~twelve~~ twelve pages of closely spaced typewriting, setting forth his belief that a change of our policy toward Soviet Russia was necessary to avoid a war.