

WALLACE - 1. C.I. - *Sumner and P. & G. April 11, 1947.*  
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( In London today, Henry Wallace launched his campaign  
to rally Europe against <sup>the</sup> Truman Policy of checking Communism. )

The former Vice-President of the United States, in an address at  
the Central Hall of Westminster, urged Great Britain to ~~appe~~  
oppose the program that is now in process of being enacted by  
the American congress. -- ~~the program of aiding Greece and Turkey~~  
~~Turkey against totalitarian aggression.~~ Wallace declared that

the Truman policy was a step on the road to another world war.

"<sup>I am</sup> and thoroughly alarmed," said he, "by the spirit that is being  
stirred up in America as a result of, and in behalf of, the  
President's program." <sup>TP</sup> He thinks it will lead to war. <sup>TP</sup> We hear

that in private talks, in London, <sup>Wallace</sup> ~~Roosevelt~~ has been telling about  
the last talks he had with the late President Roosevelt, repre-  
senting F.D.R. as being confident that he could "do business with  
Stalin." ~~In any case, Wallace's public appearance today was a~~

~~call for doing business with Stalin.~~ <sup>TP</sup> As against the Truman  
policy, <sup>Wallace today</sup> ~~he~~ presented a program of his own. He demanded reconcilia-  
tion with the Soviets -- appeasement. Also -- Wallace called for  
the internationalization of such strategic areas as the Dardenelles

-- on which the Soviets have their eye, and the Panama Canal -- which happens to be the property of your Uncle Sam. The London word is that the Wallace campaign against the Truman program is increasing British opposition to the labor government policy of

collaboration with the United States.

*TP In passing Wallace said today he wouldn't promise to support the Dem. Party in the election. TP*

In Washington, this new Henry Wallace crusade against

American opposition to Communism was denounced by Democratic

Senator Eastland of Mississippi, who ~~has~~ declared that the former

Vice-President, in the Senator's words -- "is not serving the

best interests of his country." He said - "Wallace is trying to

induce Great Britain and other war-time allies of the United States

to desert this country now. *The* Mississippi *an* added that it looked

as if the views of Wallace were patterned after the Communist

Party in France.

Whereupon, Senator Eastland gave his full support to

the four hundred million dollar bill to aid Greece and Turkey

against Communism, and stated that - "war between the Soviet Union

and the United States is inevitable unless *the* Soviet domination *drive for world*

is checked." He spoke on the Soviet aim in these words -- "chaos,

revolution, and aggression."

Moscow today took its first notice of the American short wave program ~~as being~~ beamed to the Russian people -- and the notice, as you may expect, is not favorable. It <sup>is</sup> a blast in ~~a magazine that is the official organ of the Red propaganda service, an article written~~ by Illya Ehrenbourg, <sup>who</sup> the Soviet publicist made a headline visit to the United States not so long ago. <sup>He</sup> denounces the American broadcasts in Russian as being in his words -- "not the voice of the American people, but an echo of reactionary voices." He says they give a false picture of life in the United States, and stress anti-communist angles. In other words, those short wave programs beamed to the Russians tell of the blessings of freedom and not the horrors of liberty.

Ehrenbourg even goes so far as to correct the versions of American history given by the broadcasts, -- ~~the historical~~

<sup>These</sup> picture ~~of~~ George Washington, for example, That Red propagandist declares that the short-wave programs picture the Father of his ~~country~~ as a Virginia landowner, and in Ehrenbourg's words --



"make him sound more like a Kulac<sup>le</sup> from the middle west, than a revolutionary leader." That contemptuous tone should please *those* *Midwestern Kulaks,* ~~those Kulacs, namely,~~ the farmers of Iowa and Illinois. As for the incorrectness<sup>of</sup> representing Washington as a Virginia land-owner, what about those broad plantations he owned and over which he presided with all the dignity of a traditional Virginia gentleman? And, as for Washington being a revolutionary leader -- the Soviet pundit doesn't seem to understand that the American Revolutionary War was very different from the Bolshevik revolution in Russia or the World Revolution that the Reds dream of.

However, there is one of Grenbourg's criticisms *with* which we can sympathize, without having a single Marxian thought. He denounces the descriptions that the short-wave programs give of what he calls -- "barbarous American customs." Now, what are these? It would seem that the programs have been telling of -- beer shampoos for girls' hair. ~~I personally have never heard of~~ *Which* ~~any such thing -- but I am told that~~ ~~it~~ does sound barbarous -- but I am told that in beauty parlors they use beer to set a hair-do.



Krenbourg also mentions ~~metalized initials for fingernails~~ --

~~and~~ bubble gum. I am afraid we will have to admit he is right

on that point.-- There is such a thing as bubble gum -- to be

*with beer shampoo* --  
included in what the Soviets call -- "barbarous customs."

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Over in England they report a complete British change of mind about American movies. A chain of theatres has made a survey, querying six hundred thousand British film fans -- the first survey of this sort to be held since the beginning of the war -- 1939. That previous time, eight years ago, the British public voted overwhelmingly for American films, but now it's the other way around.

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story about the Royal Air Forces ~~is featured~~ -- "The Way of the Stars."

TP Nor did Hollywood actors fair any better than Hollywood pictures.

In the last survey, just before the war, Ingrid Bergman and Bette Davis were the most popular movie actresses with the British public. Today, their first choice is -- Margaret Lockwood. Of twenty actresses picked as favorites, only two are Hollywood stars -- Barbara Stanwyck and Claudette Colbert, who take 12th and 15th place respectively.

As for actors, Alan Ladd and Gary Cooper were tops in Britain eight years ago. Today the first choice is not an American at all, ~~--~~ *-- he is cat lover* James Mason. In 1939 Britons voted Frank Capra of Hollywood as top director, while today a Britisher is picked -- Alfred Hitchcock.

All of which represents a rather remarkable rise of British motion pictures, -- in the eyes of the British public, at any rate.



## SUBSTITUTE TELEPHONE STRIKE

In the telephone strike, company officials announce this evening that the zero hour for their offer to the union is -- midnight. We don't know what that final offer is, save that it is a kind of compromise for a settlement with the long distance operators -- the key union in the federation of telephone workers. ~~There is no word from the union leaders about their attitude toward the compromise -- but~~ a spokesman for the company, while announcing the deadline at midnight, stated late this afternoon -- "I'm in hopes that something will happen before that time." Word from the government side is that federal conciliators are working secretly on a plan of their own, still another version of compromise. The Washington dispatch states that their early optimism has been shaken, after five days of telephone strike. But ~~that~~ they worked all day today on their new scheme for a settlement.

The latest is a minor item stating that in upper New York state a small group of strikers have gone back to their jobs. Their union, though not a part of the Federation of Telephone Workers, joined the walkout -- and now has made a settlement.

## EXECUTION

In California's grim prison of San Quentin, a woman walked today to the lethal gas chamber, and died there in the fumes of cyanide. Mrs. Louise Peete, sixty-four years old, grey-haired, matronly - like a placid home-loving grandmother. The state courts, the Governor, Supreme Court of the United States ~~and~~ had refused to intervene and stop the execution. The story of the grandmotherly woman is the following:

Back in Nineteen Twenty she and her first husband moved in to keep house for Jacob Denton, a rich mining man in Los Angeles. He disappeared, and she began drawing checks on his bank account and pawned his jewelry. That aroused suspicion and the police found ~~Denton's~~ Denton's body sealed in a cement crypt beneath the house. The <sup>woman</sup> ~~man~~ was tried and sentenced to life ~~in~~ imprisonment. Her husband ~~had~~ who had known nothing about her crime, killed himself later on.

She served eighteen years in prison. Then was released, and married again, ~~her~~ her second husband not knowing of her criminal past. The pattern of crime was repeated, once more. The woman and her husband moved in to keep house for Mrs. Margaret Rose Logan,

who became their benefactress. Then ~~Then~~ Mrs. Logan disappeared.

Her body was found later ~~today~~ <sup>on</sup> in a shallow grave in her garden -- she had been murdered. Mrs. Logan had an aged ailing husband who was committed to an insane asylum, at the behest of the ~~woman~~ woman who had been taken in and befriended. He died there, ~~and~~ in consequence.

Once again Mrs. Louise Peete was tried for murder and convicted. Her second husband killed himself, as did the first. Thus she was responsible directing or ~~indirectly~~ indirectly for the deaths of five people -- the sixty-four year old woman who was the picture of a placid home-loving grandmother. This time no mercy was shown. And today she went calmly to the lethal gas chamber.



We Americans revere our Supreme Court -- which knows all about the law. We revere our Supreme Court Justices, who are the final authorities on ~~questions~~ legal questions of statutes *And* legislative enactments. So we won't be prepared for the following story from Washington, which pictures a Supreme Court Justice in a juridical argument with a cop.

In the national capitol, Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy was riding in a car, which was driven by Miss Louise Steinman of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The lady committed a traffic violation, ran through a red light or something, and up ~~stroled~~ *stalked* a ~~copy~~ cop -- Patrolman R. V. Taylor. He told her to come along -- around to the police station.

Whereupon Mr. Justice Murphy spoke up, and said the cop had no right to do this. Frank Murphy was the more positive -- because in addition to being a Justice of the Supreme Court, he was at one time a Municipal Judge in Detroit. So his tone was authoritative, as he laid down the law to Patrolman Taylor -- informing him that the law does not provide the power of arrest for a misdemeanor. He said the cop could give the lady

a ticket, but he couldn't arrest her -- not for a ~~misdemeanor~~  
misdemeanor.

Whereupon Patrolman Taylor <sup>whipped out</sup> ~~put down~~ his copy of the  
Washington <sup>police</sup> ~~police~~ manual, which gives the law, and to Supreme  
Court Justice Murphy he read the following: "In no case may  
the arrest be made without a warrant for a mere misdemeanor,  
unless the offense has been committed in the officer's presence."  
The offense had been committed in the officer's presence -- and  
so a Supreme Court Justice notwithstanding, the lady accompanied  
the cop to the police station -- where it cost her ten bucks.

~~Here's a classic for the book of impudent robbers.~~

<sup>and told</sup>  
In Boston today a man walked into a Back Bay Hotel, ~~telling~~ the  
employees <sup>e</sup> ~~that~~ he wanted to look things over <sup>as</sup> as he was negotiating  
for the purchase of the hotel. The employees <sup>e</sup>, eager to please a  
prospective new boss, showed him everything that was to be seen.  
They did so well, the inspection ~~was~~ so satisfactory, that later  
on the individual returned with the announcement that he had  
bought the hotel. Whereupon, <sup>he</sup> ~~he~~ ensconced himself in the private  
managerial office, which the employees had dutifully shown him.

<sup>P</sup> Hours went by and he failed to emerge. ~~From the private office.~~  
Finally, the hotel clerk went in and had a look -- nobody there.  
The room was empty, and so was the safe -- twenty-six hundred  
dollars missing. An open window showed how the supposed new  
purchaser had got out. The hotel staff certainly had shown him  
around -- <sup>including</sup> ~~had shown him~~ the private office, the twenty-six  
hundred dollars, and the ~~open~~ window.



The world of bobby-soxers will be thrilled to know that a punch in the jaw by Sinatra is estimated at being worth two hundred fifty thousand dollars -- <sup>tho'</sup> Frankie may not be so thrilled. That's the sum for which he is being sued for smacking newspaper columnist Lee Mortimer.

All of which grows out of the fracas in Hollywood the other night when the crooner socked the columnist. Sinatra claims that Mortimer greeted him with an insulting epithet -- hence the knockdown. The newspaperman <sup>says</sup> ~~claims~~ it was all because of

unfavorable criticisms he had written about the "Voice." And <sup>also that</sup> ~~also that~~ <sup>somebody held him while</sup> Sinatra hit him from behind. <sup>and</sup> So now he is suing for damages, <sup>and</sup> today sets his claim at a quarter million dollars --

demanding that the delight-of-the-bobby-soxers be made to pay

that much. <sup>If Sinatra should have to fork over 250,000</sup> ~~It should come to pass,~~ we might have the

unexpected treat of seeing Frankie squeal and faint, instead of the bobby-soxers.

We have had many a story of husbands who preferred to go to jail -- in preference to life at ~~his~~ home with wifey. And today we have that same sad story all over again -- not quite. A prison cell preferred to wedded bliss -- almost.

Here in Chicago a Judge told Harry Arand he would have to go back to his wife -- or go to jail. Harry said he would rather go to jail. So off they took him to a prison cell. Half an hour later he sent word to the Judge that he had changed his mind, and soon thereafter was on his way home -- arm in arm with his wife.

I suppose that some of you ~~experienced~~ cynics about marriage may remark <sup>it must</sup> ~~be so~~ have been one awful prison cell. Or a sentimentalist may nod and smile benignly and say -- marriage is better than jail.

And now back to you, Nelson.

~~Political~~  
~~Practically all the~~ news from New York State shows  
Democratic State Chairman Paul Fitzpatrick <sup>giving</sup> ~~getting~~ official  
reassurance <sup>to</sup> ~~from~~ President Truman. The Chairman tells the  
President that in 1948 -- "New York State will be safe." Safe,  
that is, for the President running for re-election.

This declaration was made at a Testimonial Dinner  
for former Senator Mead, who ran for Governor on the Democratic  
ticket in the election last November. So what does Mead say  
about the prediction that New York State will be safe for the  
Democrats next year? The former Senator was asked, but  
declined to make any comment. Well, you can't blame Jim Mead,  
seeing <sup>Gov.</sup> ~~in~~ how he lost out to Dewey last November to the tune  
of nearly seven hundred thousand votes. As for New York being  
safe, Jim might well ask -- safe for what?