

Hartung Calls For Regional Increase In IWA Activity

Expressing "alarm" at the lack of organizational activity in the Southwestern Oregon on the part of the International Woodworkers of America, Al Hartung, vice president of the IWA-CIO, declared in Portland recently that "immediate steps" should be taken to increase such activities in this area.

Hartung was quoted in the International Woodworker, union publication, as saying, "I attended the executive board meeting of the Southwestern District Council, only to find that neither Harry Lee, president, or Ray

Lee, the secretary, had anything whatsoever to report on organizational activity or of any other activity for that matter.

"Employment seems to be holding up good and such bad weather as they have had in the district has not been severe enough to force a shutdown of the camps," he added. "However, I found a great need for increased organizational work in the area and for getting more information to the membership of the problems being faced by woodworkers today."

Hartung said he had visited Roseburg, where he met with Eugene Miller, business agent of Local 7307, and in Coquille. Most of the logging camps closed during the holidays are resuming operations, he said.

Ignore Wallace, Best Remedy For His Candidacy

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WASHINGTON — The best treatment of Henry Wallace's third party candidacy for the presidency is to ignore it. Give it the old brush-off of silence now given to Gerald K. Smith and Father Coughlin, and the first thing you know everybody will be unanimously paying no attention to Henry, and for all practical purposes he will be as dead as Huey Long.

But for the benefit of anybody who still takes him seriously, a few of Henry's precepts need to be nailed to the door and shut off of holes.

Wallace's top line seems to be that his will be the party of Peace and Prosperity. That listens well, but anybody thinking that Wallace has a monopoly on those two scarce commodities is wrong. Peace and Prosperity are the two things that everybody wants most. The point of issue, however, is how to get them.

Wallace calls for peace with Russia. Everybody is after that too. At the end of the war, it was thought peace could be had. There seemed to be some indication that the Russians were willing to live and let live.

Soviet Insincerity Bared
Every bit of American post-war international planning was based on the belief that there could be one world.

It was a beautiful prospect. But it took less than a month to discover that the Russians had no intention of cooperating.

As a means of maintaining peace now, Wallace calls for the creation of an international police force stronger than the military establishment of any nation, including Russia and the U. S.

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It so happens that this very proposal has been stymied in the UN military staff conference for nearly two years. Who has stymied it? The Russian delegation, which refused to allow the UN police force to have complements of aircraft or battle ships representing a threat to Russia.

Wallace also calls for outlawing the atomic bomb. The same point applies here. The U. S. has proposed internationalization of the secrets of nuclear fission, with international control and inspection to see that there is only peaceful application of atomic energy. Again it is Russia that has blocked our goal.

The USSR has destroyed democracy in Poland and Hungary. It has delayed making peace with Austria. In Germany and Korea, it has thwarted attempts to create democratic unification. In the face of constant rebuffs of this nature, the U. S. has no other choice than to look to its defenses.

Wallace calls for the UN to plan and administer reconstruction of Europe, as a substitute for Truman Doctrine and Marshall Plan. This idea was tried in UNRRA. It didn't work.

Furthermore, the Marshall Plan is already open to any European nation—not just the 16 nations thus far signifying their intentions to co-operate. Soviet Russia and her seven satellites are welcome. Again, however, it is the USSR that has blocked this union of Eastern Europe with the West.

Wallace may be on sounder ground—politically—in his blasts at high prices. But he is woefully weak on saying what he would do to bring them down. He names no names and he has no real answers.

He is only kidding himself when he says that U. S. now lives under a one-party rule, and that he aims to create only a second party, not a third. His trouble here seems to be that he imagines himself a reincarnation of Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln. How else could you explain his references to his new movement as being parallel to creation of the anti-Federalist, Republican-Democratic Party of 1800 in Jefferson's time, and the then-new Republican Party of 1860 in Lincoln's time?

As a philosopher, Wallace has his value. He represents a point of view that probably needs to be expressed. But as a political leader he has already shown his ineptness. And when he goes so far afield that Eleanor Roosevelt lambasts him, as she has done, he must be 'way off base, even to the liberals.

File For Terminal Leave Bonds, Vets Of Last War Urged

World War II veterans who have not yet filed for their terminal leave bonds are urged to take care of this matter now while service personnel "are still available to effect their payment," the State Department of Veterans' Affairs advises.

This warning came from the Army finance office in Seattle, which pointed out that more than one-third of Oregon and Washington—veterans still had not filed claims for pay for unused leave time while in service.

"Very few claims under the armed forces leave act are now being submitted," according to finance officials. Congress last July gave veterans another year, until Sept. 1, 1948, to apply for the bonds.

Those who filed prior to Aug. 1, 1947, should check on the status of their claims with the office where the application was mailed, if they have not received payment.

Also, a veteran should file a claim if he is not certain that he has a payment due him, according to the finance office, because "the finance officer will compute his leave and advise him if he has received all the leave he was entitled to."

Application blanks and assistance in completing them can be obtained from county service officers, veterans' organization service officers, or the Department of Veterans' Affairs, State Li. heavy Building, Salem, or 416 S. W. 11th Avenue, Portland.

American Air Field In North Africa Reopened

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—The reopening of a wartime American airfield in North Africa fits into a bit of strategy of expanding American strength in the turbulent Mediterranean area where Greece, Palestine and Trieste are focal spots for trouble.

The field, Mellaha air port, near Tripoli, is calculated to increase substantially the ability of the air force to operate the North African ferry route to the Middle East and keep American supplies and key personnel moving in and out of the troubled areas.

Beyond that, however, the move shaped up as the latest in a series symbolizing the intention of the United States to make good its commitments and to protect its interests in that part of the world which probably is getting more official attention than any other.

Portland Beavers Keep Park Three More Years

PORTLAND, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Portland's Beavers of the Pacific Coast Baseball League can continue to use the Vaughn Street Park for another three years, the city council voted yesterday.

The agreement, ending a long controversy that once threatened to turn the Beavers into a road team, provides that the club must take proper fire protection measures.

A sprinkler system, an increased number of exits and other improvements will be made. A new stadium is planned for completion in 1951.

SCHOOL CHILD RULING
SALEM, Ore., Jan. 15.—(AP)—A school district must provide education for children living in a children's home within the district, Attorney General Neuner has ruled for the State Department of Education.

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