

Wallace Fired, Starts 'Win Peace' Crusade

Truman Reiterates Support of Byrnes

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20—(AP)—President Truman today dismissed Secretary of Commerce Wallace for criticizing administration foreign policy and Wallace quickly took to the air with a plea for a popular crusade to "win the peace."

Mr. Truman, in ousting Wallace, gave an all-out endorsement to Secretary of State Byrnes and forbade all government officials to take public issue with the established foreign policy.

Private citizen Wallace then went on the radio tonight to declare that the policy is blind to "basic realities" which threaten "an atomic war." He served notice that he will "carry on the fight" and called on fellow citizens to support it "as a holy duty."

Mr. Truman determined upon his senatorial ouster of his disagreeing cabinet officer after plain indications from Paris, where Byrnes is battling in the peace conference, that a White House settlement of two days ago was not good enough. It provided for Wallace to stay in office but keep quiet temporarily.

After mulling on it overnight, the chief executive seized his telephone this morning less than half an hour before he was to receive reporters in a news conference and told the secretary of commerce he was out.

Then he announced his decision, and with it he wrote clear-cut assurances of "my full endorsement" for the embattled Byrnes. He wrote, too, that Wallace's views are not those of the administration, and that "no change in our foreign policy is contemplated."

Relieved of his gag, Wallace issued a statement to the commerce department employees explaining that he had resigned "in order that I may be free as a private citizen."

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

President Truman is really the one who should have been "fired." He is chiefly responsible for the mixup which eventuated in the forced resignation of Secretary Wallace. Truman asked Wallace for his own statement on foreign policy which the latter submitted weeks ago. He furnished the president a coup of his Madison Square Garden speech, so the president was doubly advised of his cabinet officer's views. Wallace said in his speech that Truman gave specific endorsement, at least to the paragraph in which it stood. At a press conference when reporters pressed him Truman expressed his approval of the Wallace speech, though later he retreated under fire and said his approval extended only to the privilege he had of making a speech and setting forth his views—a privilege which is certainly qualified by his membership in the cabinet. Later when Byrnes indicated his position was compromised by the temporizing solution of a short-term muzzle for Wallace, the president called for Wallace's resignation, which the latter promptly gave. For this debacle President Truman must bear the principal blame. In a government where the head of state was responsible to parliament the administration would have been forced to surrender its office and new head chosen to constitute a cabinet. Since our country operates on a fixed elective term plan Truman cannot be retired so readily—that task remains for his party or for the electorate in 1948. This is not the first major blunder on Truman's part. Secretary Lick resigned when the president tried to force through his nomination.

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LENGTHY VERDICT DUE

NUERNBERG, Sept. 20—(AP)—Circles close to the international military tribunal said today it probably would require at least two days to hand down the verdicts and sentences on the 22 high Nazi officials and seven Nazi organizations tried here on war crimes charges. The tribunal is scheduled to convene Sept. 30.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"He's right—a bow tie does make him look taller."

3 Salem Youths Killed in Truck-Train Accident

'Dear Harry—As You Requested'



WASHINGTON, Sept. 20—Henry Wallace pens his signature to his letter of resignation as he sits behind his "outgoing" mail box today. Wallace addressed his letter to "Dear Harry," wrote: "As you requested, here is my resignation." (AP Wirephoto.)

GOP, Democrats Okeh Removal of Sec. Wallace

By the Associated Press

Republicans joined old-line democrats yesterday in a loud chorus of approval for the firing of Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace, with overtones of complaint that it was not done earlier.

Reaction to President Truman's solution of the grave foreign policy split in his cabinet came more slowly from the quarters where Wallace had his chief support.

Harold L. Ickes, saying he was not "defending" Wallace and that the latter had "overstayed" in the cabinet, nevertheless led off on that side.

"Wallace comes out of this with more credit than Truman," he observed.

Later the national citizens political action committee issued a statement saying Wallace's ouster

LONDON, Sept. 20—(AP)—The first editions of London morning papers spread the story of President Truman's dismissal of Secretary Wallace over their front pages and the liberal News Chronicle carried the headline: "Truman Sacks Wallace at Byrnes' Demand."

"is a blow to the progressives forces of the country and to the cause of peace."

Senator O'Daniel (D-Tex.)—President Truman's firing of Wallace is exactly what the voters of this nation should do to every new dealer who seeks reelection."

Senator Capper (R-Kas) and Rep. West (D-Tex) were among those who thought the Wallace ouster was overdue.

Secretary of State Byrnes, in Paris at the European peace conference, had nothing to say "either now or later," an aide reported. Persons close to the secretary said he did not look displeased.

Senator Taft (R-Ohio) commented in Chicago that Mr. Truman's action "will strengthen Byrnes' hand" and added: "I don't see how he (Truman) could do anything else and have an administration foreign policy at all."

SUGAR STRIKE CONTINUES
HONOLULU, Sept. 20—(AP)—Prospects of settling the 20-day-old Hawaiian sugar strike were at the lowest ebb today as negotiations between union and industry representatives collapsed with no agreements being reached.

The Wallington, N. J., private, who had been sentenced to death last January and had his sentence commuted by President Truman, was sent to the hospital after swallowing two nails in the army's stockade carpenter shop, the announcement said.

Employment Office to Stress Placing Handicapped Persons

Needs of the physically handicapped for suitable employment and efforts to get them placed in proper jobs will be emphasized by the Salem office of the U. S. employment service during the day and still is at large, the U.S. Fifth army provost marshal announced today.

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The first full week of October has been designated by an act of congress as national "Employ the Physically Handicapped Week."

Assisting Baillie in the week's program will be Robey Ratcliffe, veterans employment representative; Carlton Greider, veterans counselor; and Albert L. Mallory, specialized placement officer.

Radio programs, posters and possibly a movie in a local theater, all on the subject of hiring of the handicapped, are planned for the week. Veterans' employment services, veterans administration, national and state rehabilitation and retraining representative, local veterans' organizations, labor unions, welfare

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CAFES TO IGNORE OPA

Vehicle Carried 3 Blocks

Three Salem youths met violent death last night when a south-bound passenger train piled into the truck at the Madison street crossing and carried the wreckage nearly three blocks to Shipping street.

Police early this morning had tentatively identified the three by drivers' licenses and social security papers as:

Richard Harold Albin, 16, of 1335 N. Cottage st.

Richard Allen Emmons, 16, of 1095 Norway st.

Norman Schofield, apparently about 16, of 1165 Cross st.

Police said the crash occurred about 11:46 p.m. The Madison street railroad crossing is unlighted.

Body Found Later

The boys tentatively identified as Albin and Emmons were pronounced dead by first aid crewmen who arrived on the scene shortly after the accident. The third body was not found until the train pulled out more than an hour later. Stripped and badly mangled, it lay in the middle of the tracks.

The demolished truck was identified by police as a 1946 Dodge pickup. It was carried by the Southern Pacific train from the point of impact at Madison street crossing to Shipping street, the third block south.

Police Investigating

Investigating police officials early this morning were checking listed addresses of the youths to notify parents and to confirm the tentative identifications. Deputy Coroner Virgil Golden and the police also continued their investigation at the scene of the accident.

Nations Back Trieste Plan

PARIS, Sept. 20—(AP)—The European peace conference upheld today the big four decisions on the Italy-Yugoslav boundary and the borders of the proposed free state of Trieste, beating down a series of amendments which would have given Yugoslavia a greater portion of the disputed territory.

Russia and the three western powers voted against all the amendments.

Deputy Premier Edvard Jarelj of Yugoslavia, after the balloting was concluded, directed that Yugoslavia could not sign a treaty which she considers "unfair."

He said "I regret the commission preferred the method of vote instead of conciliation."

E. E. Batterman Hurt in Wreck

E. E. Batterman, 39, Salem contractor of 1696 State st., incurred a fractured upper left leg and an eight-inch forehead gash when his car suddenly swerved out of control and crashed into a tree last night on East Turner road.

one-half mile north of Cottage Farm, according to the city first aid crew which took the injured man to Salem Deaconess hospital.

The hospital reported him in good condition early this morning. Batterman told first aiders that he was driving about 40 miles per hour and could not account for losing control of the car.

He said no other vehicle was involved. He was returning from a visit with a sister in Turner when the accident occurred.

McCurt to Get Voter Statement If He's Nominated

A statement in behalf of John B. McCurt, Portland republican who was appointed Thursday as Multnomah county district attorney, will be accepted for the voters' pamphlet if he gets the nomination to succeed himself, the state department announced Friday.

McCurt is expected to receive the nomination from the Multnomah county republican central committee. He would oppose State Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney, democrat, in November. McCurt was appointed to succeed the late Thomas B. Handley, republican.

Guam Base Ravaged By Typhoon, Damage High

By Douglas Lovelace

GUAM, Saturday, Sept. 21—(AP)—This mighty U.S. naval base in the far Pacific was raked today by a 100-mile-an-hour typhoon that wrought tremendous damage to military installations.

There was no immediate reports of casualties among navy, army and marine personnel on the 30-mile-long island—many sections of which were isolated by communications lines knocked down by the threatening winds. Most vehicles also were wrecked.

First reports to navy command headquarters said roofs were ripped off many large quarters huts, used by the military, and one USO unit fled its quarters to a safer place.

Many military men's wives and children were removed from small quarters to larger buildings as the typhoon, which had been expected to miss Guam, veered suddenly and bore down.

Weather central said the peak of the storm was past, but winds of destructive force still howled across the island.

Garrisons were placed on emergency rations. Several Guamian village were reported evacuated.

Commander S. W. Betts, staff aerologist, said the typhoon center passed 50 miles north of Guam, traveling west by north-west, and that Rota, Tinian and Saipan probably were hard hit.

Naval officers said Guam would be under emergency conditions for some days and it would be months before the damage could be repaired.

18 Survivors Reported in Plane Tragedy

GANDER AIRPORT, Nfld., Sept. 20—(AP)—Twenty-six passengers and crew members were killed and 18 survived—14 of them badly injured—in the wilderness crash Wednesday of a Belgian transatlantic airliner, a rescue team radioed today.

The team, including a U. S. army doctor, quickly set up tents to treat the survivors before they are brought to Gander, 22 miles northeast of the scene.

The U. S. coast guard, which dispatched an urgent request to the United States for a helicopter to expedite the rescue of the injured, said it expected two of the craft to arrive tomorrow.

Fourteen of the injured can be moved only by stretched, the rescuers radioed to a plane circling over the smashed and burned plane lying among broken trees.

The plane that established radio contact with the rescuers by walkie talkie said it was unlikely that any of the survivors from the big four-engine plane could be brought to Gander until tomorrow.

Supplies were dropped to the plane yesterday when the wreckage was located.

FIVE DIE IN A-26 CRASH

FORT KNOX, Ky., Sept. 20—(AP)—Officials at Godman field here said five soldiers were killed when their A-26 attack bomber crashed and exploded on an attempted take-off from the field at 10:24 o'clock tonight.

A suit seeking to enjoin Salem from obtaining its city water supply from the North Santiam river is on file in Marion county circuit court today.

Brought by Gardner Bennett, operator of the Stayton Power Canal, the suit charges the Salem water commission with encroaching upon Bennett's rights to 812 "second feet" of water right, with established priority over the Salem water right of 22 "second feet."

The suit was threatened a month ago in a communication from Bennett to the Salem water commission. The commission is represented by Carson and Carson.

Despite Bennett's claim that the city at times uses more than 22 cubic feet per second and at times draws its water share when the river is too low to provide more than the Bennett share, the water commission at the time of Bennett's original letter expressed doubts that the Stayton operator used at any time the full

To Keep Aug. 20 Prices

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 20—(AP)—At a mass meeting tonight 250 Oregon restaurant operators voted to ignore OPA-ordered price rollbacks.

The dictum was labeled as "an abuse of power by a government agency, and as an attempt at profit control and cost absorption."

Twenty-five restaurant operators from Salem, headed by Robert Lehman, president of the Salem Restaurant association, attended the meeting in Portland last night. Approval of the group's decision to continue August 20 prices in effect in the face of an OPA order to roll back prices to June 30 levels was voiced by Lehman on behalf of the Salem delegation, which represents over half of the local restaurant trade.

Proposals of closure and removing meat from menus were spurned.

A. W. Ellis, Portland, made the proposal to "sit tight" with prices filed with the OPA August 20. It was accepted unanimously.

The group also pledged a flood of protesting messages for Washington, D. C.

"Local OPA officials are sympathetic," Larry Hiltner, chairman of the OPA advisory committee for the Associated Restaurants of Oregon, said. "They do not write the law or interpret it."

The meeting was attended by restaurant men from as far away as Medford.

Sharp Rise in Unemployment Feared Soon

The possibility of a sharp increase in unemployment compensation claims at the end of the harvest season was under consideration today by the state unemployment compensation commission.

Commission officials Friday predicted a possible 100,000 persons on unemployment rolls that now carry a low total of only 12,000 throughout Oregon.

The commission also announced that a survey of persons who have been unemployed for more than 12 weeks this year shows that only 9.5 per cent of them are men between the ages of 20 and 44 and that more than half of the male claimants are between 54 and 70 years old.

The women, who numbered 46 per cent of the claimants, averaged slightly under 40 years old, the survey showed.

Back Broken in Accident

Mrs. H. E. Manning, 1235 S. 12th st., was severely injured at about 6:40 p.m. Friday when the car in which she was riding overturned on Turner road 1½ miles south of the state prison annex, according to the Salem first aid crew, which reported she incurred a spinal fracture.

Her husband, H. E. Manning, who was driving, said he swerved to avoid colliding with an approaching auto on a curve. Manning incurred possible rib fractures. Both were taken to Salem Deaconess hospital.

Milk Paroled From Controls

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20—(AP)—Milk and its by-products won another parole from price ceilings today, but the decontrol board warned it will keep a close watch on future price trends of butter and cheese.

After three days of discussion the powerful new independent board announced briefly that it "would not return dairy products to price control at this time."

Chairman Roy L. Thompson said today before the three-member panel indicates that dairy "prices are approaching a critical point" but failed to "provide sufficient grounds for action by the board at this time."

Four File for Silverton City Council Positions

SILVERTON, Sept. 20—Filing for reelection to Silverton's city council are George Christensen, now mayor, and Alfred Adams.

Others who have filed to date are Alvin Legend, service station operator; Clint Welby, department store manager; Legard and Welby hope to fill the vacancies left by Tom Anderson and James Byberg, who refused to seek reelection.