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Wallace and 1948

Washington correspondents say that the Truman administration is alert to the fact that Henry Wallace is drawing big crowds on his tour about the country. As his as 20,000 people in some cities have paid admission fees to get in to hear. The PCA (Progressive Citizens of America) is usually the sponsoring organization and takes up a collection at the meetings to aid its cause. What gives administration brigadiers concern is the evidence that Wallace has a following and realization that if he heads up a third party the splintering will wreck Truman's chances of reelection.

The continuance of Wallace's tour, now that the Greek-Turkish aid bill has been passed and signed, must have as one purpose a tub-thumping to rally the left wing. While Wallace continues his crusade against the Truman policy he doubtless is trying to reorganize the followers of the Roosevelt new deal behind his own banner. He even has given stronger intimation of a third party next year than he has hitherto; and perhaps the outcry of "Wallace in '48" has been music to his ears.

There are two reasons for the Wallace crowds. One is the very considerable body of left wing sentiment, farther to the left than is than even the position of the late FDR. Also there is much more opposition to the Greco-Turkish aid than debates in the senate would indicate. Many people feel that the by-passing of the United Nations was a grave mistake, and entertain fears, which Wallace proclaims, that the Truman policy is one that may lead to a third world war.

Admitting all that it does not look at the moment as though elections in 1948 would turn on issues of foreign policy but rather on domestic issues and personalities. Voters will be passing judgment on the candidates themselves and their appeals, on the kind of job republicans in congress have done, on matters such as cost of living, labor troubles, how tax or appropriation cuts affect their pocketbooks. Unless Wallace can swing his following into action on domestic issues it seems improbable that it will emerge as a third party in the next campaign.

What we are apt to see now is a leftish shift in the Truman policy on domestic matters: a veto of the labor bill, a veto of the wool support bill if it undercuts the reciprocal trade agreement act, perhaps, though less likely a veto of the republican tax cut bill. Those moves would be designed to hold the labor and liberal vote behind Truman, in spite of its dislike of the Truman doctrine on aid to Greece and Turkey and opposition to Russia. Wallace and his PCA may be able to salvage this from their present agitation.

Price Cuts on Tires

Have you noticed the tire ads, quoting prices and announcing price reductions? A sort of blowout in tire-making seems to have occurred.

What has happened is that with the increasing flow of natural rubber to market the supply of raw materials has outrun demand. Rubber prices have fallen.

In addition tire factories have been running at full capacity for many months. They had virtually no reconversion problem and labor troubles were not as severe as with some other basic industries. The factories have been turning out tires in record quantities and so have been catching up with the accumulated demand of wartime. So it becomes possible to reduce prices now.

With supplies of natural rubber fast returning to normal what will happen to the synthetic rubber factories? The present price on synthetic rubber is a few cents a pound under natural, but the latter is preferred for tires, which is the greatest outlet for rubber. Synthetics never seemed to overcome their tendency to heat, particularly on truck tires. The public will call for natural rubber tires if they have free choice.

What we may get is some blending of synthetic with natural rubber, for government policy calls for keeping a domestic rubber-producing industry in operation. In certain specialty items synthetic rubber is preferred, but they do not consume heavy volume. It would seem as though some of the stuff would need to be worked into tires if we are to keep a substantial plant for production of rubber from domestic materials in operation.

Rubber consumption has been running far in excess of pre-war rate. The previous peak was in 1941 with a total usage of about one million tons. Last year the total ran to around a million and a quarter tons. About half of this was synthetic, and over 200,000 tons reclaimed rubber, the remainder was natural rubber. The capacity of synthetic plants in this country is about 700,000 tons a year, of which it is recommended that 250,000 tons be kept going and the remainder be maintained in good stand-by condition.

Thus the price cut you note on tires hooks into a very important matter—the renewal of rubber imports, the future of synthetic rubber, the insurance of future supplies. The car owner may roll along merrily now on better and cheaper tires, but this rubber business will cause some headaches over readjustment to peace conditions.

Voting on Tax Reduction

Now what is all the shouting about that brings Senator Morse downstage in the senate, real two-gun westerner, with both barrels blazing? The debate is not over the bill to reduce taxes, only indirectly. The question to be voted on Monday is a motion of Senator George to postpone action on the tax reduction bill until next month. Republicans have made it a party issue, and party harness rests lightly on our junior senator, so he proceeds to lecture party leaders on economics.

Senator Morse is inclined to go slow on this tax reduction business. Friday he urged republicans to get a fresh report from the economic commission before they put the axe to the present tax structure. He is afraid of a bust coming up so that anticipated revenues will not be realized. Moreover he wants action on other legislative matters, some of which will cost money, before the tax question is settled.

Just why the drive by Senator Millikin, chairman of the finance committee for an early decision on taxes? There may be two reasons: first party leaders have been stung by criticism that they haven't done anything; second, they may want to drop the tax bill on Truman's desk about the same time.

Senator George, a democrat, long chairman of the finance committee, thinks the tax bill should wait till the spending bills are in and passed. He thinks the chance of cutting the president's budget by six billions as the house proposes or four and a half as the senate talks is all hokey. He figures on a cut of about two billions.

In this instance the logic seems to be on the side of Morse and George. The tax-cuts should be geared to the latest showing as to receipts and expenditures, leaving the margin of \$2,600,000,000 already agreed to in the senate for debt reduction. This last is more vital than immediate reduction of taxes.

As for Wayne the party corral doesn't seem to fence him in at all. At least this is true he might well bear the name he has given one of his fine horses: Spice of Life. He certainly throws in plenty of spice (chiefly red pepper) on republican deliberations.

The weather being a perverse element, there should be no more trouble about getting rain now that the county has scheduled its road-oiling program to start Monday.



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in the United States." He traces the origins of this difference: "Oregon was settled by New Englanders in the first instance, and has a native primness, a conservatism, much like that of New Hampshire or Vermont. But Washington—in acute contrast—is a gold-rush state, explosive, articulate, intractable."

While there was a second wave of immigration to Oregon from the middle south, "of middle-aged people who wanted to settle down," Washington state "got proportionately a more adventurous and vital stock, though Oregonians will assassinate me for saying so." Also Washington got more Scandinavians, more radical in political inclinations.

Washington pays high old age grants, supports its schools very generously and very high wages. Oregon "is one of the lowest states in financial aid to schools", is less liberal in regard to civil liberties than Washington. Gunther attributes part of Oregon's conservatism to British influence, "still strong in parts of Oregon, particularly Portland."

Washington has been stimulated by its three transcontinental lines of railroad, while Oregon's one touches only the margin of the state. He thinks the Roman Catholic church tends to conservatism in this state, while Washington is mostly Lutheran and freethinking. Also the labor movement is comparatively weak in Oregon. But he puts in a saving clause: "Beyond all this there are, one might add, elements mysterious and unknown. No listing of simple facts can wholly or satisfactorily explain why communities differ, or why their specialized characteristics may be unique."

A few Oregon personalities are appraised and half a chapter is given to Senator Wayne L. Morse. The author's characterizations necessarily reflect the judgment of those he consulted in Oregon.

Well, there is a great deal of truth in Gunther's report on Oregon. We are more conservative than our neighbors, north or south. But we have finally done something for our common schools, so Gunther's criticism in that respect is not valid. Oregon has certain virtues which he ignores:

1st. Clean government, both on state and local levels; remarkably free from graft and inefficiency and insidious politics.

2nd. An excellent highway system under expert, non-political management.

3rd. High ratio of attendance in institutions of higher learning with two meriting very high rating: Oregon State college among land grant colleges and Reed college among private colleges of liberal arts.

4th. Better newspapers than Washington, with more forceful editorial policies and higher literary standards.

5th. Less disparity in wealth than in some other states. Very little real poverty, few "slums" in normal times; few millionaires; more people of median-grade incomes.

6th. Probably more satisfactions in living because of the slower pace, a pleasant climate, quick refreshment in nature's wonderland of oceans and mountains. Oregonians have a tendency to be self-satisfied, so the Gunther book may stir us up by holding a mirror in front of our faces. But it will take much more than this to blast Oregon out of its conservatism. That will require a new immigration or fresh leadership.

TO INSTALL TILE

Permission to lay two 4-inch drainage tile lines across county road 630 near its intersection with county road 728, was granted to Edward Dunigan, route 7, box 337, by the Marion county court Saturday.

MAY MOVE CATERPILLAR

A permit to move a caterpillar over county or market roads was granted Lester DeLapp, 115 N. Commercial st., by the Marion county court Saturday.

Public Records

JUSTICE COURT
Dick B. Alexander, Salem route 3, box 642, charged with lewd exposure of person, preliminary examination set for May 29, bail set at \$500.

MUNICIPAL COURT
Eldon F. Farrow, 220 D st., unnecessary use of horn, found innocent.
Ray W. Jones, Woodburn, violation of basic rule, posted \$7.50 bail.
Bonnie M. Earle, route 4, Salem, reckless driving, fined \$50.
Ralph Hayden, Mercer, route 8, Salem, reckless driving, fined \$50.

Wilbur L. Hampshire, Valley Packing company, violation of basic rule, fined \$10.
Theodore R. Ahlberg, Portland, violation of basic rule, posted \$7.50 bail.
Robert D. Evans, route 1, Hubbard, violation of basic rule, posted \$7.50 bail.

Marvin A. Green, route 1, Albany, operating a motor vehicle without license plates, posted \$5 bail.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Floyd Lee DeLano, 25, fuel business, and Sana Jane Millett, 24, clerk-typist, both of Salem.
Frank Herman Barney, 21, logger, and Martha Adeline Clark, 18, student, both of Lyons.

Edward Tracy Porter, 22, chemical engineer, 3720 Silverton rd., and Betty Jean Stabb, nurse, 1525 B st., both of Salem.

CIRCUIT COURT
Howard J. Nontell vs Lisa L. Nontell: Suit for divorce charging cruel and inhuman treatment. Married Oct. 1, 1919, at Prince Albert, Canada.

C. M. Williams and Iva Williams vs Charles H. Leonard and others: Answer of defendants admitting and denying.
Lena M. Hildebrandt vs William F. Hildebrandt: Defendant files motion to strike.

Charles C. Fugman vs Rose W. Fugman: Suit for divorce charging cruel and inhuman treatment asks for custody of a minor child. Married Oct. 2, 1927, at Hamilton, Ont.

PROBATE COURT
John Gardner estate: Mabel Marie Butte appointed executrix and Harold F. Donnellia, Wilfred G. Fisher and Leo G. Page appointed appraisers.
Marjorie Ann Munk guardianship estate: Pioneer Trust company appointed guardian.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Why, it's a fan letter from a man who says as long as his wife is listening to us, she ain't out spending his money!"

CAP Schedules Practice Search

Fifteen Salem civil air patrol members, two amateur radio stations and two light planes will participate in a practice search and air-ground rescue at 2 p. m. today at the Brooks air strip. Carl Lindstrom, executive of the Salem CAP squadron, announces.

Lt. James Cannon, commanding the local squadron, will fly one of the planes and amateur radios W7PBN and W7LBV will participate.

City Briefs

MAY MOVE BUILDING
Permission to move a building across a market road about two miles west of West Stayton was granted to Kay Simmons & Co., 2235 Trade st., by the Marion county court Saturday.

SCHNEBLI KIWANIS SPEAKER
William B. Schnebli will be the speaker at Kiwanis club Tuesday noon. Schnebli is superintendent of the Childrens Farm Home at Corvallis.

RICKEY TO GRADUATE
Graduation exercises for the Rickey school eighth grade will be held at 8 p. m. Thursday at the school, east of Salem.

PTA PLANS PARTY
Students of the eighth grade at West Salem school will be guests Friday at 8 p. m. at a party sponsored by the school's Parent-Teachers association.

ASSEMBLIES SLATED
Final assemblies before the Memorial day holiday are scheduled Thursday for Grant school at 9 a. m., Englewood school at 1 p. m., and Richmond school at 1:15 p. m.

CAB SERVICE FILES
Royal Cab Co. of Silverton is the assumed business name certificate filed with the Marion county clerk Saturday by Emery J. Jackson, Beaverton.

MAY LAY PIPE
North Santiam Lumber Co., Mill City, was granted a permit Saturday by Marion county court to lay a 4-inch pipe line across market road 84.

Boy Scouts on Last Camporee

Boy Scouts of the Cascade area council are participating this weekend in the last of a series of 10 camporees put on this spring in the various districts. At these programs the scouts learn and demonstrate skills and vie in contests.

One final session is for Polk district at Black Rock, in which eight troops comprising about 100 boys are under the direction of Ted Cooper of Dallas, a scout commissioner. Lyle Leighton, area executive, is representing the council office.

About 75 scouts in eight troops in the Marion district are camping at Whitewater forest camp near Idanha. They are in charge of S. T. Moore of Detroit. Harry Michelsen, field executive, is representing the council office.

Spanish Club Honors Three

A special program was given by the Salem Spanish club last Friday evening at the YWCA honoring Mr. and Mrs. John Macaulay, Jorje Chocano and Emil Paul of Portland.

C. A. Gies presented colored slides of Guanajuato, famous silver city and former home of Mr. and Mrs. Macaulay. Mrs. Macaulay described the famous church in Guanajuato, built in 1558 by the owner of the world's richest silver mine. The mortar of the church was mixed with imported French wine and gold and silver dust.

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Mary Margaret Helsel, 17, brown-eyed brunette of Woodburn high school who has been chosen first member of the court which will rule the Salem Cherry Festival July 17, 18, 19. Elected by students at the school, Miss Helsel is a senior and secretary of the student body and daughter of Mrs. Marion Helsel, 426 Bradley st., Woodburn.

Peruvian consul in Portland who is now studying science at the University of Portland, spoke on Peru, apt Sr. Emil Paul from Mexico told about his country in Spanish. Mrs. Marjorie Leithin, accompanied by Mrs. Lillian St. Clair, sang two songs, "LaRosita" and "Solamente Una Vez". Mrs. W. W. Chadwick, and Mrs. Clara Poland, president of the club, were in charge of refreshments. Ivan Martin provided the program and Mrs. Belle Brown conducted the language drill.

The bays and islands of New York harbor have a combined shore line of 771 miles.

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Death Takes

John McKeag

John McKeag, 76, of 410 Morgan ave., Salem, died in the Veterans hospital, Portland, Friday. He came to the United States from Ireland, where he was born June 16, 1870.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a. m. Tuesday at the A. J. Rose funeral home in Portland.

Surviving are his widow, Lola Myrtle McKeag; three sons, Cecil Desmond of Wood River, Neb., Maurice Donald of Richmond, Calif., and John Alexander McKeag of Sacramento, Calif.; a daughter, Mary Colleen Kaitenbach of Buffalo, Wyo.; two brothers, James McKeag of Osceola, Neb., and William McKeag of Shelby, Neb.; two sisters, Jane McKeag of Ireland and Mary Sullivan of El Cerrito, Calif.

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