

Wallace Reverts to Truman Terms U.S. Stand 'World Threat'

NEW YORK, March 18—(AP)—Henry A. Wallace declared tonight President Truman now has expanded his foreign policy "to a point where it threatens the life of every human being in the world."

The third party presidential candidate also said in a prepared radio talk, (ABC) the "men who are running our government... hope to use the bodies of our young men to stop the demands of the people everywhere."



HENRY A. WALLACE
"Human Life Threatened"

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Travel Letter No. 2

EAST ORANGE, N. J.—Sunday we drove over to Princeton where I had the privilege to renew acquaintance with a college classmate who has returned to reside in America after some 28 years residence in the middle east. In his last position he was general secretary of the YMCA in Cairo, that crossroads of the world. He was there during the war, when his institution was able to serve soldiers of many nations.

I asked my friend, Dr. Quay, if he had known the late Lt. John Creech of Salem who lost his life a year ago in the crash of a military plane in Ethiopia. He said that he had not, but that at the request of the government he had conducted the memorial service for the men in that tragedy, in Cairo. He explained how the wreck probably occurred. The country is very mountainous; planes fly up the canyons which are apt to fill up suddenly with fog. There is the constant danger of crashing into a mountain, which is what occurred in that case.

I asked Dr. Quay about Britain's position in the middle east and its evacuation from Egypt. That, he said, was the result of Egyptian nationalist aspirations. Now the Egyptians want the British to evacuate the Suez and yield control of the Sudan to them. He went on to remark:

"I believe that the decline of the British empire is one of the great tragedies of history. I have fought the British on many occasions, have found them often snobbish and superior; but I respect them. They (continued on Editorial page).

Blast Flattens Building; Toll May Rise to 8

CENTRALIA, Ill., March 18—(AP)—Three persons perished and at least five others were believed trapped tonight in the rubble of a two story building flattened by an explosion.

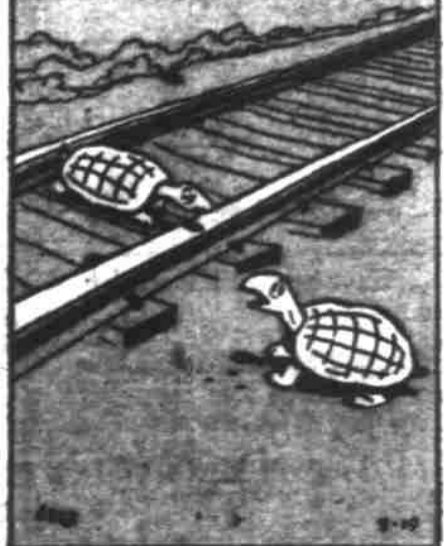
One of the victims was a woman who was removed soon after the blast. The other two dead, their bodies charred beyond recognition, were removed about three hours later.

Police said between 25 and 30 persons were injured in the blast. The building in downtown Centralia contained a tavern and pool hall.

The explosion, of unknown origin, was heard for several miles. It collapsed the entire structure, wrecking several automobiles parked in front of the building.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Please hurry, Payson, there's a train due this week!"

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Boost in Armed Forces Ceiling Sought

Train Service Cut 11% Due to Mine Strike

Petrillo, Radio Networks Agree on Pact

Television to Present Live Music Talent

NEW YORK, March 18—(AP)—The American Federation of Musicians and the radio networks agreed today on a new three-year contract that includes a provision permitting live music for television.

The agreement came after many weeks of negotiations between the networks and James C. Petrillo, president of the AFL Musicians' union.

It insures that there will be no interruption of radio network musical programs on March 31 when a 60-day extension of the old contract expires. The agreement also means that television will be able to carry live musical programs, including symphony orchestras, operas, musical comedies and popular bands.

The new contract provides for the same salary schedule as the old contract and does not call for any increase in the number of musicians employed.

The union has asked for a wage increase and for employment of more musicians.

The ban on live music for television was put into effect in early 1945. Since then television has had to depend on recordings for instrumental music.

Earlier in the negotiations, last January 29, the union lifted its ban on duplication of musical programs on both standard and frequency modulation radio. The negotiations did not concern the union's ban on the making of recordings and transcriptions in effect since January 21.

Snow Pellets Fall in Salem

Three showers of snow pellets—defined by the weather bureau as a mixture of snow and hail—fell in Salem Thursday, and may thump down again today.

The pellets fell briefly at about noon, 2 p.m. and again about 4:15 p.m., but melted almost immediately. Weather forecasters at McNary field predicted scattered showers today and cooler temperature tonight.

Meanwhile the state highway commission said six inches of new snow in the Cascade mountain passes have made roads slippery. Roadside snow at Santiam Junction near the pass was 117 inches Thursday. Motorists were advised to carry chains in all mountain roads.

Solons Refuse to Reduce Oleo Tax

WASHINGTON, March 18—(AP)—The senate today beat back an effort to repeal the federal taxes on oleomargarine. The proposal was offered as an amendment to the republicans' \$4,800,000,000 income tax cut bill.

The oleomargarine amendment, backed by senators from the cotton-seed oil producing south, lost 45 to 33. So did an effort to reduce the tax on colored oleo.

Off-School Grounds Religion Classes Allowed; Church Official Backs Ruling

Oregon public schools may not be used for religious instruction during regular school hours but religious classes may be held during school hours off school property, it was ruled Thursday by Attorney General George Neuner in an interpretation of the March 8 U. S. supreme court decision banning religious classes in Illinois public schools.

Following Neuner's announcement, Oregon churches which sponsor the religious classes in many cities were urged by Dr. Chester Hamblin, local pastor and Oregon Council of Churches president, to comply with the ruling, to move the classes into churches where possible and to re-emphasize Christian education at home and at church.

In Salem itself, where the Ministerial association sponsors classes at the public elementary schools, it is indicated that such programs are unconstitutional. The association's secretary, neither ministerial nor school officials commented immediately, but the Salem district school board was expected to discuss the matter at its meeting Tuesday night.

Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction who re-

Communist Congress to Form German Republic

BERLIN, March 18—(AP)—A communist-controlled people's congress met here today with the avowed purpose of setting up a German republic.

Herman Matern, Berlin leader of the Soviet-sponsored socialist unity party, said the "republic" should be ready to take over power from the present four-power government of all Germany.

Anti-communist forces held a rival demonstration a mile away before the burned-out Reichstag on the hundredth anniversary of the 1848 revolution which failed to bring democracy to Germany.

Jacob Kaiser, Christian democrat, told the rival throng "the erection of a totalitarian system in the Soviet zone is in full swing" and the communist coup in Czechoslovakia was "the last signal for all those who still believed themselves able to halt, through understanding, the brutal striving for power."

The people's congress met to set up a people's council which would design a constitution for the "republic" and act as its executive body. About 2,500 delegates, some from the western zones, but most from the Russian zone, attended. The council would consist of 300 delegates from the Russian zone and 100 from western Germany.

Taylor and his wife and three other occupants of the plane were in a hospital tonight with injuries. He is the chief United States counsel for the Nuernberg war crimes trials.

One of the injured, a member of the plane's crew, was in a critical condition. All nine who made the jump suffered some shock and bruises in their rainswept and windblown descent which carried them into the French and Russian occupied sectors of Berlin.

Two of the aircraft's 11 occupants, the pilot and co-pilot, remained with the plane. They made a safe emergency landing at the RAF's Gatow airfield in the British sector of the city.

Mrs. Taylor said she was "half pushed and half jumped" as one of the plane's two engines failed. She landed on a roof in the French sector and skidded to the ground. She was hospitalized with cuts and bruises.

Taylor of Chevy Chase, Md., suffered a back injury. Doctors said he would be laid up for about four weeks. Telling of her experience, Mrs. Taylor said:

"When I pulled the rip cord and the parachute ring came off in my hand I thought I was going to die. I didn't know it was supposed to come off."

Truman Hears Russian Choir, FBI Watchful

WASHINGTON, March 18—(AP)—President Truman, who yesterday asked congress for the resources to stop Soviet aggression, spent this evening listening to a Russian choir, the Don Cossack chorus.

His surprise visit to Constitution hall with Mrs. Truman and their daughter, Margaret, set off a burst of applause from an audience which filled about half the auditorium.

Many rose to cheer the presidential party.

Secret service men assured newspaper reporters that the singers were "all white Russians," and are naturalized American citizens.

Before the president attended the concert, the secret service had the true names, the stage names and the birthplace of every member of the 28-man chorus.

Scandinavians Plan United Front To Aggression

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, March 18—(AP)—The premiers of Sweden, Norway and Denmark tonight jointly affirmed their decision to defend, with all means, the freedom of their countries against any outside aggression.

The three premiers spoke before an audience of 2,000 in the Stockholm concert hall after a day-long confidential conference. Well-informed sources said there was no doubt they had discussed President Truman's warning of yesterday that "pressure is now being brought to bear on Finland to the hazard of the entire Scandinavian peninsula."

The three premiers in their speeches deplored "fear of a new war" and all pledged cooperation in the Marshall plan.

Dr. Hamblin continued:

"In most cases it will be possible to find a church building near at hand to the school where classes may be held. We must use creative imagination, our will and energy to adapt the program so that it complies in every way with the law."

"All who believe in undergirding democracy by sound Christian education should be stimulated in working to improve the Christian teaching that is conducted in the home and in the church Sunday school. After all, there is no substitute for the character values developed in the Christian home."

"The weekday religious education committee of the Oregon Council of Churches is ready to assist any local committee in solving its problems as it faces this new situation."

The Rev. Gilbert Christian, executive secretary of Oregon Council of Churches, 215 S. E. 9th ave., Portland 14, Ore., will answer queries on behalf of the religious education committee, Dr. Hamblin said.

SHS Tops Astoria To Gain Basketball Meet Semi-Finals

McARTHUR COURT, Eugene, Mar. 18—(Special)—The Salem high Vikings scampered into a semi-final game in the Oregon state high school basketball tournament here today by eliminating the Astoria Fishermen by an impressive 58-37 score. A strong Salem surge near the end of the second quarter and all during the final two stanzas carried Coach Harold Hawk's team to the important victory.

The victory today carries Salem into a semi final mix tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock, against St. Helens High, coached by Doug Olds, former of Willamette university, St. Helens today advanced by virtue of a 47-38 victory over Tigard.

Should Salem come through with another win tomorrow night, the Vikings will play for the state championship at 8:45 o'clock Saturday night. (Additional details on sports page.)

Coal Exports Banned; Blast Furnaces Cool

WASHINGTON, March 18—(AP)—Coal mine closings today brought about a government order cutting passenger train service about 11 per cent.

In other moves:

1. The government banned foreign shipments of soft coal. These have been running smaller than usual.
2. Steel companies began closing their blast furnaces, which are run on coal.

John L. Lewis again was the central figure in the now familiar picture of springtime mine closings. His United Mine Workers to the number of 350,000 stayed home from work in support of union pension demands.

Of the two government orders, the train curb is by far the more important.

The office of defense transportation ordered a 25 per cent reduction of coal-burning passenger train service. Since about 45 per cent of passenger trains are coal burners, this figures out at about 11 per cent of those in total service.

The order will have little effect in the northwest where coal is not used as fuel to any great extent.

Under the order, railroads may not switch oil burning engines to coal burner runs. However, most "name" trains run diesel oil and are not affected.

The order is effective Sunday at midnight.

Good Friday Union Church Service Set

Union Good Friday services will be conducted this year at the First Baptist church, from noon to 3 p.m. on March 26, a committee from the sponsoring Salem Ministerial association announced on Thursday.

The services, based on Christ's seven last words from the cross, will be divided into 25-minute periods of worship and meditation. Choral selections will be presented by groups from First Baptist, First Christian and Knight Memorial Congregational churches.

Speakers are to be the Rev. Brooks H. Moore, Dr. Seth Huntington, the Rev. Lloyd G. Uecker, the Rev. Gustav G. Rausser, the Rev. Gustav G. Rausser, the Rev. W. H. Lyman, Dr. Chester W. Hamblin and Capt. R. B. Leshner. Arrangements were made by the Rev. Louis E. White, chairman, and Rev. Dudley Strain and the Rev. Lloyd T. Anderson.

Truman Backs 'Security Loan'

WASHINGTON, March 18—(AP)—President Truman tonight asked united support for the "security loan" savings bond drive starting April 15 because "if we don't win the peace we have lost the war."

The president made a brief appearance at a rally of drive leaders from the 48 states in the Statler hotel here. The campaign starting April 15 is "vital" in the fight against inflation, he said.

Politics on Parade . . .

Who's Running for What in the May Primaries!

(Editor's note: Comments in this series are made by or for the candidates without restriction, and may not reflect the policy of this newspaper.)

Today's Subject: Sigfrid Unander (R), candidate for STATE TREASURER

A young veteran qualified by training and experience for state treasurer is Sig Unander of Portland, candidate for the republican nomination for that position. His interest in good government, coupled with educational and family background, indicates his ability to serve as an efficient public servant.

Sig Unander—A member of one of Oregon's outstanding pioneer families, Unander was born in Portland on Aug. 3, 1913. His grandfather, Simon Benson, was well-known as a far-sighted civic and political worker as well as a successful and philanthropic logging operator in the early Oregon country.

His educational background includes studies in political science and business administration, having received degrees in both from Stanford university. His interest

and training in political affairs led to the position of executive assistant to former Gov. Charles A. Sprague, which he held before entering the service. While in the governor's office he became familiar with functions of the state board of control, as well as responsibilities of the state treasurer. During this time he conducted a number of extensive research projects on state institutions, agriculture, forestry, and public employee retirement.

Unander spent 39 months overseas with the army and participated in six major campaigns, receiving two U.S. and four foreign decorations. He is a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Military Order of World Wars, of which he is senior vice commander.

On return to civilian life Unander continued to take a vital interest in public affairs. He has been precinct committeeman and until announcing his candidacy was vice president of the Oregon Republican club and treasurer of the state central committee. His leadership in the Young Republican federation has been recognized by a national office, chairman of the state affairs committee.

Unander is a protestant and a member of the Masons, Eagles and Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Hall to Order Pre-Legislature Work on Bills

Gov. John Hall Thursday declared he hoped to help shorten the 1949 legislative session, meeting in January, by insisting that all state departments under his jurisdiction have their bills ready for introduction on the opening day.

Even if defeated for nomination at the primary election Hall would serve until his successor is inaugurated probably the first day of the legislature. The governor said the 1949 session lasted 83 days, "which was too long."

Governor Hall attributed the lengthy 1947 session to "the fact that most of the legislators were thinking men and women who refused to be rushed off their feet by consideration of important legislation."

"The governor said he would receive support of many legislators in his program to have state departments prepare their bills well in advance of the legislative session."

Butter prices in Salem will be boosted two cents a pound today as a result of price hikes in the eastern and the Portland wholesale markets.

The raise will send grade A prints from 87 to 89 cents a pound. On the wholesale market the price went from 79 to 81 cents a pound.

Andresen is chairman of a special house committee charged with investigating speculation on the nation's commodity markets.

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Congress Told Need Imminent

WASHINGTON, March 18—(AP)—America's military chiefs revealed today their plans for building a mighty striking force to back up President Truman's new stop-communism stand.

They endorsed his call for a draft. They came out for raising the armed forces' manpower ceiling. They said a strong, mobile fighting force is being developed.

They put the whole thing up to congress, which has the final say. And there was no indication whether congress would say yes or no. Many on Capitol Hill were saying: "Wait a while. Give us the facts and let us think them over."

Diplomatic officials openly weighed the possibility that Russia may try to extend its control over new areas of western Europe while the draft and other military measures are still in the talk stage in this country.

Official dispatches reported three soviet-backed "international brigade" divisions, numbering some 30,000 men, were poised in the Balkans for a threatened push into Greece.

And the state department said Russia's recent "denial" moves apparently mean "no change at all in the number of troops in the soviet army"—estimated by American military experts at 4,050,000 men.

And the total of our armed forces: 1,392,000—\$40,000 below authorized strength.

So far as our military strength goes, Secretary of Defense Forrestal said flatly today that if Russian forces should move into Germany or other parts of Europe, U. S. forces there could not stop them.

Forrestal told the senate armed services committee he believed an increase from 670,000 to 900,000 would be recommended for the army, along with undisclosed manpower boosts for the navy and air force.

The army, he said, now has about 560,000 men—110,000 less than its authorized strength—with less than 30,000 "usable" combat troops in this country.

Forrestal said his department is working full speed to industrial mobilization plans, in case they should be needed. He said a "strong mobile striking force" of balanced land, sea and air components is being developed.

Lebanon Pair Hurt in Wreck

LEBANON, March 18—(Special)—James Talbert, 35, of Lebanon, was reported in fair condition Thursday night in a Portland hospital where he was taken early Thursday morning when his car struck a trailer here, veered into a tree and had its steel top sheered off by one impact.

At the same time Good Samaritan hospital in Portland said Talbert had undergone surgery for a fractured skull. His wife, Nadine, a passenger in the car, was admitted to Lebanon General hospital with less serious injuries. Her condition was reported satisfactory Thursday night.

Police said the crash occurred about 5:15 a. m. on Main street, Roy John Weninger of Lebanon was driving the vehicle which is owned by the Silver Wheel Freight company, police said.

Gen. Hershey Against Blanket Deferments

PORTLAND, Ore., March 18—(AP)—Major Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, national selective service director, today spoke against blanket deferments—such as for farmers—in any future draft law.

In a session with Gov. John H. Hall of Oregon and Brig. Gen. Thomas E. Riley, state adjutant general, he said he favored a universal military training law that is "as nearly universal as possible."

Washington Bans Guard Resignations

OLYMPIA, March 18—(AP)—Brig. Gen. Enaley M. Llewellyn, state adjutant general, today banned resignations from the Washington National Guard, effective today.

He said he issued an order to that effect today in view of President Truman's message to congress yesterday.

No resignations will be accepted, he said, except where individual hardship or emergency is involved.

JAPAN RELIEF BILL
WASHINGTON, March 18—(AP)—An administration bill to provide \$275,000,000 to aid the natives of Japan, Korea and the Ryukyu Islands, was introduced today by Senator Gurney (R-SD).