

Wallace Gives France Advice In Final European Speech

PARIS—(AP)—France "must remain a democratic republic—free of dictatorship aspirations — not only in the interests of her people but in the interests of the world," Henry A. Wallace told the French people Thursday night.

The former vice president of the United States, in the last public speech of his European tour—prepared for delivery at the famed Sorbonne, said France had "a mission to fulfill as a link between

the United States and Russia." DeGaulle Unmentioned
Wallace, in referring to France's future political role, did not mention the name of Gen. Charles De Gaulle, wartime French leader who recently re-entered the limelight with an attack on France's political system, drawing from his enemies the charge that he was seeking personal power. The charge was echoed by commentators in Moscow.

"What is needed," he continued, "is to call hundreds of thousands of meetings all over the world, proclaiming indefatigable attachment to peace and order, to world co-operation and to the unity of the Allies."

In the United States, Wallace said, "by far the overwhelming majority of the people have the deepest and most sincere desire for peace and want to no part in any adventure against Russia."

Train-Truck Crash Kills 3

FULTON, Kan. — (AP) — A speeding Frisco passenger train and a gasoline transport truck collided Thursday at a crossing in Fulton, killing two trainmen and the truck driver.

The truck and locomotive were enveloped in flames following the crash. Firemen summoned from Fort Scott, nearby, extinguished the fire.

T. W. Moreland, chief clerk for the railway at its Fort Scott headquarters, identified the dead trainmen as S. A. Jackson, engineer, and Ray Tippen, fireman, both of Kansas City.

The body of the truck driver was not immediately identified. Moreland said first reports indicated that none of the passenger cars were derailed.

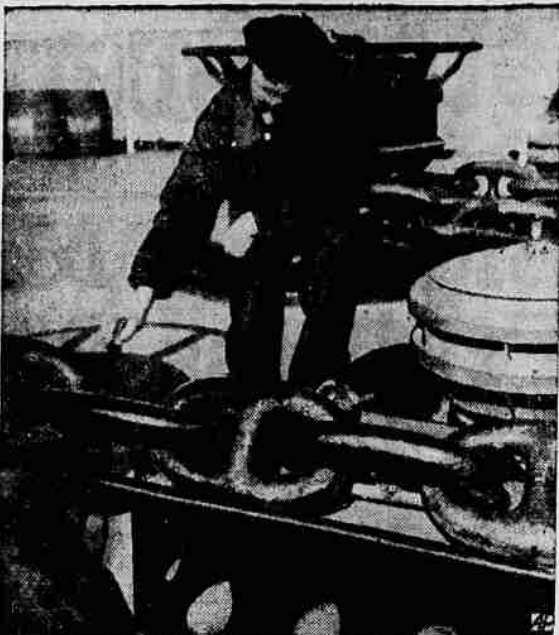
The wreck happened shortly after 6 a. m. a few blocks beyond the Fulton railroad station. The train was reported en route to Kansas City.

Dow-Jones Averages

Dow-Jones closing bond averages:
40 bonds, 103.78, off 0.02.
10 higher grade rails, 110.97, up 0.08.
10 second grade rails, 91.64, off 0.10.
10 public utilities, 107.97, off 0.07.
10 industrials, 104.54, up 0.03.

RATIONS INCREASED

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Restaurants, hotels, hospitals and similar institutional types of sugar users Thursday were granted a 25 per cent increase in rations for May and June to match recent increases given to housewives and industrial users.



CHAIN PAINTER—An Italian workman paints the anchor chain of the 35,000-ton battleship, Vittorio Veneto, tied up in the harbor of Augusta, Sicily.

Lumber Industry Interest Seen Among Other States' Bankers

Bankers of the Middle West, the South, the East are interested in Oregon, aware of Eugene's development, of the Willamette Valley Wood Chemical Co. plant at Springfield.

They believe the Northwest timber supply actually is at the point of exhaustion and their favorite question is "What about reforestation?" Next they want to know when lumber prices can be expected to drop.

This is a thumbnail sketch of the impressions of L. S. McCready, president of the First National Bank of Eugene, who, with Mrs. McCready, has just returned from a two-week trip east, during which he attended a three-day spring meeting of the executive council of the American Bankers Assn., at French Lick, Ind., as the representative of Oregon bankers.

Price Drop Seen
Middle Westerners, McCready said, seemed more certain about the economic future than the Easterners.

"They feel that there is a definite trend toward lower prices," said McCready. "The 'long pull' looks good to them but as to the immediate future they seem somewhat in doubt."

He reported that the recommendation of the executive council was that every section of the country, regardless of its basic industries, should make every attempt to get its "economic house" in good order.

Outstanding Talks
Outstanding talks at the sessions

were made by A. L. Wiggins, former president of the ABA, now undersecretary of the Treasury, who spoke of the Treasury's plans on fiscal policy, and by Lt. Gen. Collins of Gen. Eisenhower's staff, who suggested that the people should keep their eyes open in regard to foreign affairs.

Mr. and Mrs. McCready spent two days at Toledo, O., and two at Chicago.

"It was snowing at Chicago," said McCready. "I told them it was spring in Oregon, but they wouldn't believe it. I was glad to see the Columbia River, the Willamette Valley and Eugene again." He returned to the bank Tuesday.

Tycoon Gets Jail Term

NEW YORK — (AP) — Serge Rubinstein, 38, millionaire international financier who escaped wartime military service by three times winning a reversal of a 1-A classification, Wednesday was sentenced to serve two-and-one-half years in prison and pay a \$50,000 fine for draft evasion.

Rubinstein, whose widespread financial holdings have been estimated to total more than \$5,000,000, was found guilty on five counts of falsifying his draft status in the nation's most sensational case of its kind of World War II.

His sentencing followed his conviction by a jury Tuesday at the close of a 36-day trial. U. S. District Judge J. F. T. O'Connor said the sentences would be served concurrently.

Walsh Opens Basin Hearing

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clearing and straightening channels and for holding the banks." A total of 158,000 acres would be affected at once by the initial drainage action as now planned, Walsh said, and when local owners build their own lateral drainage ditches and tie them in with the project, an estimated 245,000 acres will be benefited.

Other Benefits

"Dam construction produces benefits other than flood control," Walsh told his audience, "and it also presents problems which must be solved. The power which can be produced from these Willamette Basin dams would complement the Columbia power development, because the flow of the Willamette is high just when the Columbia flow is down."

Power dam sites are tentatively set for Detroit, Green Peter, Meridian, Fall Creek, Cougar and possibly Paradise, he said.

More Flow

The increased flow which will be available from reservoirs during low water periods will assist navigation materially, Walsh pointed out. A potential of 2,000,000 tons of freight could move on the river from Oregon City to Albany with the increased flow contemplated.

A total of 730,000 acre feet of water would be stored for irrigation purposes, in addition to the navigation reserve, Walsh said, and together, this reserve flow would aid in abating stream pollution, thus aiding the fish interests as well.

Recreation Aid

Benefits to recreation were cited by Walsh, who told his listeners of access roads planned to serve both sides of reservoir areas, picnic grounds, camping, swimming and boating possibilities.

"The principal disadvantage to the project," he admitted, "is in relation to the fishery and recreational interests."

The dams would block migration of some fish and eliminate certain spawning areas, he said, but added that the Engineers had provided additional hatchery facilities, holding ponds and feed storage facilities for commercial as well as game fish.

Benefit Fish

Flood reduction also would benefit fish life, he pointed out, as floods which scatter fish and take them out of the main channel to leave them high and dry when waters recede are one of the fish's worst enemies.

"Facilities to provide for fishery interests have added \$17,000,000 to the cost of this project," Walsh stated, "and consequently have cut down on the amount available for flood control."

Maxey's Views

Elmer Maxey of Springfield, member of the three-man governor's Willamette Basin Commission, stated that the Willamette Valley "cannot continue to grow and sustain itself as one of the great valley developments of the nation if floods damage it to the extent of \$7,000,000 annually."

County representatives from

Linn, Benton and Lane presented reports in favor of flood control, (a few of them asking restudy by the Engineers of certain potential dam sites).

There are almost a million fewer farms in the United States than there were 20 years ago.

Dance at Vida

VIDA — The Community Club will sponsor a dance at the Vida Hall Saturday evening. Everybody is invited. Proceeds will be used to further the entertainment of the children of the Vida community. Good music and refreshments will be furnished.

Mrs. E. L. Van Orden, president of the Community Club in the Sacred Heart Home where she underwent surgery last Tuesday. Her friends greetings and good wishes will be furnished.

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