

Ill-Advised Policies Bring Downfall

Lack of 'Political Sense' Leads Wallace to Oblivion

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WASHINGTON. — Unless some strange shift in the tide of national affairs takes place between the time these lines are written and when they appear in print, the name that once bristled in the headlines, made the Paris peace conference shudder and completely confounded the Truman administration will be filed under "W" and forgotten by most people who aren't subscribers to the New Republic.



Baukhage

I refer to the name Henry Agar Wallace.

I have talked with a great many men who knew Wallace well. Most of them who liked him still like him. But many who supported him in the past follow him no longer.

One of them said to me:

"Henry Wallace has been drowned at last in a sea of ideas. He has gone down for the third time and there is nobody with a lifeline handy."

I think of two other men, one an experienced government official, a trained politician; another an ardent New Dealer who happens to be equipped with a mathematical mind sharp as a steel trap—each of these men followed Henry Wallace a long way. "But each man at one point in his career suddenly stopped aghast at one of Wallace's self-created misadventures, shrugged his shoulders and regretfully turned away."

One of the first criticisms you hear from Wallace's political friends is that he has no political sense.

As head of the department of agriculture, Wallace, according to most disinterested observers, was a success as a policy-maker and an administrator. (Don't bring up the little pigs—he did that against every one of his natural predilections.)

As secretary of commerce he was a dismal failure.

Wallace did understand agriculture, agriculturists (farmers) and agronomy. He believed that he had (and has) the correct formula for solving the economic (business) ills of the country. But what he didn't realize was that he was handicapped by what is incorrectly called an "inferiority complex" when it comes to dealing with human beings who made the wheels of business go round. He had a strange and deep suspicion of the business world. Perhaps that wasn't so strange for it reflects the natural attitude of the farmer toward the "city slicker." Perhaps it was another phase of that "shyness" which characterized Wallace.

Let's look at this "suspicion" business:

On one of several occasions, Wallace as secretary of commerce addressed a prominent group of conservative business men. His colleagues watched the event with considerable trepidation. They knew the group was unsympathetic to Wallace and that Wallace knew it. However, it provided an opportunity to create a friendly atmosphere, if nothing more. Wallace made a swell speech. His colleagues were agree-

ably surprised. His audience was almost captivated. In fact, as the speech went on, one after another of the listeners showed that Wallace's views were well received—were anything but inimical to business. Many of the ideas he advanced were accepted as sound, sane and sensible. So far—so good. Wallace reached the end of his prepared script and then, suddenly overcome with this strange defensive complex, this "suspicion," said something to this effect: "Tonight I have probably wasted your time and mine, for I realize that you couldn't possibly agree with me nor I with you." The whole effect was ruined.

Intimates Admire Wallace's Integrity

Men who know Wallace best agree that he is absolutely honest, that he is unselfish, that he can be a very deep student of a subject which interests him, that he has a powerful ambition to be a leader of the forces that will preserve old-fashioned American free enterprise and competitive capitalistic endeavor. But he is willing to adopt strange methods to achieve this. (Remember the little pigs.)

In making clear to his friends that it was his ambition to be secretary of commerce he convinced them of his belief in five propositions. They were that:

1. He believes the capitalistic system cannot survive another war.
2. He believes the capitalistic system cannot survive another financial depression such as we went through in the early 30s.
3. He is convinced that the country is headed for another such depression.
4. He believes that this catastrophe can be avoided if certain simple measures are taken.
5. He believes that this end—the perpetuation of free enterprise — justifies almost any means.

As soon as Wallace became secretary of commerce he attempted to reorganize the department along lines which had made the department of agriculture so successful insofar as co-operation between government and farmers is concerned. One of the first steps was to try to establish a system of "field agents" (similar to agriculture's county agents). Good men were hard to find; it takes time to build such a system. The personnel recruited under such conditions and within so short a time would be bound to include many incompetents and thus open the system to immediate attack by an unfriendly congress. Nevertheless, Wallace pushed the idea as far as he could during his tenure of office. This, his critics say, showed his inability to perform in a field with which he was unfamiliar, showed his lack of "political sense" (or, if you will, his failure to grasp the complexities of inter-personal relations).

Like many other men who have been thrust into high government offices without sufficient political experience, he attempted to absorb that experience vicariously. The very fact that he lacked an understanding of political and personal relations caused him to accept advisors and counselors who frequently led him astray. Perhaps if he had been less advised his conduct would have been less ill-advised.

Jealous Eye on Antarctica

Adm. Richard Byrd is about to take off again for Antarctica with a horde of anxious nations worried to death lest he run away with the five million square miles of ice-capped rock which covers the south polar regions as the dew covers Dixie (but different!).

The foreign claims are legitimate enough, for daring explorers have been nibbling at that piece of frost-bitten plateau (bigger than Europe) ever since John Briscoe actually discovered what was given the name of Enderby land in the early nineteenth century. Many others followed, but few took the keen interest in the Antarctic waste that Admiral Byrd did, although he didn't turn in that direction until after he had flown over the North Pole.

Which reminds me of a dull Sunday, May 9, 1938. I was keeping watch in the Washington office of a feature syndicate which had the rights to Byrd's adventures. We knew he was going to hop off for the pole from Spitzbergen with Floyd Bennett soon, but we didn't know when.

Messenger boys had a habit of dropping unimportant messages on the particular desk which I occupied and I hardly glanced up when one, still soggy, was tossed within my reach. I finished the last episode of the comic strip I was studying and opened the envelope. It contained one word, "polaris."

That was the code word that meant that Byrd had flown over the

North Pole and was back alive.

On November 29, three years later, he flew over the South Pole. The flight was only a small part of extended explorations made on two separate expeditions.

Now Byrd is off again, with jealous competitors watching him with jealous concern. His expedition probably will be met with mixed emotions by the penguins who are the only human-looking inhabitants of Antarctica.

LACK WARTIME IMPETUS

Savings Mount; Pace Is Slower

WASHINGTON. — Accumulation of savings, both by individuals and business, has continued to increase during 1946 but the gain has been "moderate" compared with the wartime increase, according to a report released by the Federal Reserve board.

Personal holdings of liquid assets—cash, bank accounts and government bonds—increased by \$4,600,000,000 in the first half of this year to a total of nearly \$132,000,000,000, but the gain was described as "moderate" compared with the wartime increase.

Expenditures Rise. The slower rate of saving was attributed to "reduced consumer sav-

ings as the rise in consumer expenditures for goods and services, many of which had not been available during the war, exceeded the increase in consumer incomes."

Although individuals' time deposits grew almost as fast as during the late war years, growth of demand deposits slowed and that in government bonds ceased as cashings of Series E bonds outstripped new purchases from February through September.

Business holdings of government securities declined \$4,600,000,000 in the first half of 1946 as large tax liabilities were paid and funds were sought for capital expenditures and other production and distribution

needs, the reserve board reported.

Deposits Stationary. Business demand deposits increased somewhat, but time deposits and currency showed almost no change; leaving business liquid assets at the high level of about \$70,000,000,000 at midyear.

The broad regional pattern of more rapid growth in bank deposits in the West and South than in other parts of the country has continued this year, but the difference has become less sharp.

The swifter wartime deposit expansion was attributed to concentration of special military camps and depots and relatively greater expansion of industrial facilities.



PARADISE FOR BIRDS . . . We can't count them but we are told that there are 1,263,000 gooney birds on Johnston island, which played an important part in U. S. operations during the war in the Pacific. The birds take off en masse when an airplane lands or departs from the island, setting up an ear-splitting squawk.

NEWS REVIEW

Occupation Probe Killed; Disarmament Gets Boost

U. N.: Move to Disarm

The war-weary old world seemed headed for substantial disarmament as Russia took the lead in the United Nations to force a reduction in militarization.

In the first U. N. step toward disarmament, members agreed to report on the strength of their armed forces at home and abroad by January 1. Originally, the Reds had asked that the report be confined to the number of Allied troops on foreign soil, but the U. S. and Britain were quick to call for count of forces at home as well.

Continuing to dominate the disarmament spotlight, Russia then proposed the creation of an international commission to supervise disarmament, reversing previous Soviet objections to such control. Favor for the proposal, however, was qualified by misapprehension over the Russian provision that such an international commission would be subject to the veto power of the security council.

ARMY:

Buck Occupation Quiz

Acting upon the urgings of Secretary of State Byrnes and Senators Vandenberg and Connally, his foreign policy advisers, the senate war investigating committee killed the projected inquiry into the conduct of U. S. occupation forces in Germany.

The Democratic majority acted even after George Meader, committee counsel, had sharply criticized the war and state departments for occupation irregularities following a



WELL-NAMED BABY . . . Topping the story of the Seattle man who had 17 Christian names, Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Henning of Denver baptized their baby Mary Ann Bernadette Helen Therese Juanita Olivia Alice Louise Harriet Lucille Henrietta Celeste Coralia Constance Cecile Margaret Rose Eugene Yvonne Florentine Lolita Grace Isabella Henning.

month long study of conditions in the reich. There have been recurring reports of the disorderly conduct of U. S. troops, widespread black market activities of military and civilian personnel, and economic chaos occasioned by political differences among the major occupying powers.

With German civilians already looking askance at U. S. troops, military authorities have opposed an official inquiry for fear of losing further face in the reich and among the other occupying nations. As the governing force in the American zone and the pivot of the western allies in Europe, the U. S. must command the respect of both the vanquished and Russia.

TEXAS:

Landlords Sit Down

No rental property owner herself but a Gold Star mother who lost a son over Germany, Mrs. Frank Morris of Dallas took over command of a landlords' sit down in Texas to abolish rent control and restore owners' rights to manage their own holdings.

As 3,000 dwelling units in Dallas remained empty because of landlords' refusal to let them and vets walked the city's streets in search of housing, Mrs. Morris termed rent control a violation of traditional American rights.

Two World War I vets were in the forefront of the landlords' movement. Abed with heart trouble resulting from German shell fire in 1918, Joe H. Blann held one five-room cottage and 18 flats vacant after OPA had obtained a \$289 judgment against him in a price squabble. Bemedaled Capt. John R. Lowery kept 63 apartments empty because he charged owners possessed no control over destructive tenants.

WORLD TRADE:

Draw Blueprint

Representatives of 18 countries—except Russia—have been meeting in London with the signal task of drawing up a blueprint for world trade to be considered at an international conference to take place in the fall of 1947.

As the delegates in London sweated over their labors, a recommendation for full employment emerged as one of the No. 1 accomplishments of the parley. Recognizing the inter-relationships of nations in economic affairs, the conferees agreed that all countries are responsible not only to their own people but to all others to maintain purchasing power and a high demand for consumer goods.

Methods for working out this principle were left to individual countries. In cases where one nation was selling more to another and thereby developing an unfavorable trade balance, the creditor country was given discretion to determine what steps to take to even out the exchange.

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