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Economic Highlights---

Henry Wallace's open letter in which he called for an agreement between this country and the Soviet Union to end the cold war and promote disarmament and a permanent peace, was hardly a bombshell. It was just another version of what he has been saying ever since he left the Truman cabinet, and with increasing frequency since he started his third-party campaign. But a first-class bombshell, with international repercussions, exploded when Premier Stalin replied to the letter in the most friendly possible terms, and said that he believes the U.S. and Russia can settle their differences and that the co-existence of these two diametrically different systems of government in the world is both possible and necessary.

Stalin, as did Wallace, listed a number of specific points for arbitration. The main ones are: Arms reduction and the prohibition of atomic weapons; final peace treaties with Germany and Japan and the evacuation forces; removal of foreign troops from China and Korea; world development of international trade; defense of democracy and guarantees of civil rights in all countries. So far so good. There can be no question that these are the issues which have divided the world into opposing camps, and which must be settled if war, both cold and hot, is to be eliminated. But that does not mean that the representatives of the two greatest powers are soon going down around a conference table and fix everything up. The difficulties that lie in the way are great, even if they no longer seem so insurmountable as they once did.

First of all, the Stalin letter seemed to confine the proposed discussions to this country and the U.S.S.R. Secretary Marshall has said flatly on innumerable occasions that we will not consent to this—that every nation, large or small, must have a voice in settlements which affects its interests. In other words, he wants truly international agreements—rather than policies imposed from without by virtue of Russian or American power and prestige.

The next obstacle may be tougher than the first. The government, along with England and France, definitely feels that Stalin sold them down the

river in the past. It is their view that the Soviet-aided coup d'états in Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and elsewhere were a direct and cynical violation of clear agreements. So, the Western powers will be chary of any future agreements until they are dead certain that ways and means can be agreed upon to make it impossible for any conferring power to reverse itself and break its word. As the distinguished historian, William Henry Chamberlin, has put it, "... While not slamming any doors in the face of possible Soviet offers of reasonable adjustment on this or that disputed point, we should keep our powder dry, literally and figuratively."

Certain specific points mentioned by Stalin have their own special obstacles to settlement. The ban on atomic warfare is one. This came up before the United Nations in its early days of life. All the powers leaned toward it in principle. But it was the Soviet Union which blocked action, by refusing to agree to any kind of effective supervision which would make it certain the agreement was kept.

The evacuation of foreign troops from Korea is another. If that happened, the country would be in the power of a large South Korean army which has been trained, equipped and guided by the Russians. Every foreign expert is convinced that the country would at once become a Communist satellite, of grave potential menace to our position in the Pacific, and the Russians would get what they want without trouble or expense.

The matter of insuring civil rights is still another. It's easy enough for Stalin or anyone else to favor this in principle. But, as we all know, the first act of the communists on coming to power anywhere has been to destroy the free press and radio, to ban practically all civic liberties, to take over the schools and universities, to liquidate the democratically-minded, and to establish police states complete to the last detail.

That is what the record shows, and we must remember it before thoughtlessly coming to the conclusion that the way is now open to a relatively easy settlement of the terrible problems confronting the world. In some circles, it is felt that Stalin's dramatic announcement might have been inspired, at least in part, by the hope that it might delay or reduce the extent of our preparedness program—a program which has obviously caused concern in Kremlin circles. But there is small chance of that happening. Congressional reaction has been one of hope and encouragement—but the leaders have been careful to say that the arms program is going ahead as planned and that they will have to be shown before they will consent to cut it.

Fair guess is that there may be a

meeting between the Russian and Western statesmen sometime after the President election. We will then know who is to run the government for the next four years, and we will be in a position to deal on a long-term basis. In the meantime, about the best we can hope for is a lessening of the cold war—something that began to happen two months ago.

Not Too Late Yet To Plant Gardens

Spring garden plans took a beating this year from the weatherman so that the majority of gardeners never had a chance to get their early seed and plants in the ground, but there is still time to get the job done.

R. Ralph Clark, O.S.C. extension service horticulturist, says there are three garden crops to avoid planting in June, yet a whole host of others may be planted now with assurance they will do well. Crops to avoid planting now are peas, radishes and spinach. The latter two, may bolt and go to seed if planted in warm weather while peas are just not a warm weather crop, Clark states. All three do best in cool, moist weather.

Commercial vegetable growers have had the same difficulty this year that backyard gardeners have experienced in getting their crops planted. Rain postponed or eliminated planting of a good deal of acreage in the state that normally goes into processing vegetables. Obviously, this will result in a comparatively short supply of processing crops.

Prices for garden truck are high now and there is every reason to believe they will stay up or even go higher, Clark predicts. This fact makes the backyard garden even more valuable.

For planting now, avoid the early season varieties of vegetables, Clark advises. However, he says summer varieties of any of the following vegetables will do well if planted now: carrots, beets, corn, beans, tomatoes, pepper, eggplant, cabbage, celery, chard, lettuce, cucumbers, squash and pumpkins.

Vegetable crops planted now will grow rapidly, Clark points out, but as a result of excessive spring rains it will be necessary to watch for signs of low soil fertility. Yellowing

and stunted growth are good indicators, he says. An application of nitrogen fertilizer will correct this soil condition. Continued watering of vegetable crops is also important as soon as dry weather starts, Clark adds.

Historical Plaque To Be Unveiled At Yreka Celebration

One of the many events on the Yreka Gold Rush Days program that will be held June 24 through 27 is the unveiling and dedication of the historical plaque commemorating the discovery of gold in the Yreka area in 1851. Then known as Thompson's Dry Diggings the city name was later changed to Shasta Butte City and finally to Yreka. The unveiling program is in the hands of the Siskiyou County Historical Society of which Mr. J. H. Wales is president.

Other features of the Gold Rush celebration will be the Golden West Girl and her attendants; an up-to-date Gold Way; parades with a mammoth Historical Parade on Sunday, June 27; old-time and modern dancing; sheriff's posse competition; gold exhibits and other features that will round out a four day program.

The celebration is being sponsored by Ross Nelson Post No. 122 of the American Legion with the assistance of other civic and fraternal groups in Yreka. Fred M. Gardner and Pete Rowberry are joint chairmen of

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NOTICE OF 1948-49 BUDGET MEETING

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Budget Law (Sections 110-1201 to 110-1215, O.C.L.A.) notice is hereby given that the budget committee of Central Point, Oregon, in compliance with said law, prepared and adopted on May 17, 1948, the budget estimates for Central Point, Oregon for the ensuing year, July 1, 1948 to June 30, 1949, as set forth in the accompanying schedules I, and III. All persons are hereby notified that on June 17, 1948 at 8:00 p.m., in the City Hall, Central Point, Oregon said budget estimates may be discussed with the City Council, the levying board for Central Point, Oregon, and any person subject to the tax levy or tax levies will be heard in favor of or against said proposed tax levy or tax levies or any part thereof.

The outstanding indebtedness of The City of Central Point, Oregon as of June 30, 1948, consists of the following:

Central Point Water Department bonded debt—\$113,000.00.

SCHEDULE I—Summary of estimated expenditures, receipts, and tax levies for the fiscal year 1948-1949

1948-49	Total All funds	General Gov't.	Public Safety	Social Welfare	Education	Public Works	Emergency	Misc.
Total estimated expenditures	\$22,525.00	\$ 5,075.00	\$10,400.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 2,950.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 50.00
Cash on hand	18,000.00							
Estimated Receipts	3,550.00							
Tax levies inside 6% limitation	5,337.10							
Tax levies outside 6% limitation	3,607.90							

SCHEDULE III—Expenditures

Actual for Fiscal Year July 1, 1944 to June 30, 1945 (1)	Actual for Fiscal Year July 1, 1945 to June 30, 1946 (2)	Actual for Fiscal Year July 1, 1946 to June 30, 1947 (3)	July 1, 1947 to June 30, 1948 Actual for first Six Months (4)	Budget for Total Year (5)	Fund and Classification	Estimated for Fiscal Year July 1, 1948 to June 30, 1949 Approved by Budget Committee
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
\$ 1,800.00	\$ 2,130.00	\$ 2,380.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,400.00	Recorder	\$ 3,000.00
180.00	180.00	180.00	90.00	200.00	Treasurer	240.00
80.00	150.00			250.00	Attorney	250.00
13.50	30.00	49.62	30.00	100.00	Elections	100.00
			250.00	300.00	Audit	250.00
54.35	83.40	45.90	74.20	150.00	Advertising and Printing	150.00
29.00	54.68	83.74		75.00	League of Ore. Cities and C. of C. dues	75.00
47.50	57.50	52.50		80.00	Surety Bond Premiums	60.00
97.16	960.98	32.18	28.03	250.00	City Hall, Jail & Fire Hall	250.00
26.75	44.92	142.74	29.93	100.00	Fuel for City Hall & Library	150.00
58.94	82.71	51.43	39.32	100.00	Telephone Service	100.00
164.70	297.26	709.18	330.63	1,000.00	Insurance, Fire & Liability	450.00
			413.23	1,000.00	PUBLIC SAFETY	
1,221.18	842.97	2,070.26	1,959.86	5,000.00	Car expense	1,000.00
1,419.13	2,174.44	3,591.73	874.32	7,500.00	Police Department	6,100.00
141.33	135.76	149.05	130.55	300.00	Fire Department	3,000.00
					State Industrial Accident Commission	300.00
					SOCIAL WELFARE	
					City Parks	750.00
					EDUCATION	
148.38	267.64	256.80	129.52	500.00	Library	300.00
					PUBLIC WORKS	
1,171.40	2,914.92	7,552.33	721.64	1,000.00	Streets and Drains	2,000.00
386.37	272.05	755.10	167.75	1,500.00	Truck and Grader Service	500.00
277.62	289.59	301.18	153.51	750.00	Street Lights and Bulbs	400.00
3.74	2.10	4.00	6.50	500.00	Dump Grounds	50.00
					DEBT SERVICE	
3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	Principle on Bonded Debt	00
577.50	412.50	247.50	82.50	165.00	Interest on Bonded Debt	00
					Emergency	3,000.00
	115.00		32.71		Taxes	00
		2.00			Donations and Miscellaneous	50.00
		30.83	3,500.00	1,500.00	Due other funds	00
\$10,908.55	\$14,505.46	\$21,791.87	\$13,285.12	\$31,870.00	TOTALS	\$22,525.00

BUDGET COMMITTEE

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the entire affair and Mrs. Grace Cousineau is general chairman of the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion participation. Chas. J. Turre, Jr., chairman of the finance committee; Lloyd Johnson and Fred VanVleet joint chairmen of the parade committee; Dick Thompson, chairman of the publicity committee and Rox Cousineau is handling the Helldorado Camp.

Nine Members Added OSC Summer Faculty

OREON STATE COLLEGE—Nine visiting faculty members will be added to the resident staff for the summer quarter here starting June 15. As usual the summer work will be divided into two sessions, the first from June 15 to July 23 and the second July 24 to August 27.

Home economics will have three visiting instructors, industrial arts two and education four. Two of the latter will participate in the guidance and science workshops.

Work will be offered in every school except pharmacy and forestry this summer. In science elementary and advanced work will be available, and in engineering special schedules

are announced to help students make up required courses they have missed.

The school of business and technology will offer courses in three fields, including both Gregg and Thomas shorthand training in secretarial science. A wide variety of courses will also be available in non-major departments of liberal arts, journalism, music and others.

Advance requests for information indicate an increased attendance over last year, says Dean M. Ellwood Smith, director of the summer work.

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