

Truman Mum On Wallace Criticism

WASHINGTON, April 14 (AP)—The White House turned aside today all questions as to what President Truman may do about Henry A. Wallace's speeches abroad criticizing U. S. foreign policy.

"No comment." Presidential secretary Charles A. Ross said when reporters brought the subject up at his news conference. Bombarded with further questions, he added:

"There is no comment on the Wallace situation in any way, shape or form."

An opportunity for Mr. Truman to talk the matter over informally with prominent senators was presented by a Capitol luncheon. He arranged to have lunch with a group of old Senate acquaintances there before going to Griffith Stadium to toss out the first ball for the Washington-New York opening American league baseball game.

Choice Offered

It is apparent that the developments are confronting Mr. Truman with the choice of (a) cracking down on Wallace, or (b) facing charges that the administration's foreign policy is not above politics.

Wallace, highly critical of the president's Greek-Turkish aid program, has been roundly criticized in congress for remarks during his current speaking tour of England.

Although they didn't put it just that way, some republicans made it plain they will have little patience with talk about bipartisan cooperation if Mr. Truman doesn't disavow Wallace despite the political effect such a move might have.

Quitting Movies



Blonde Jane Harker (above) has tossed aside her career as a movie actress in favor of one as a navy wife. She's gone to Honolulu to live with her husband, Lt. Cmdr. Sam L. Lanier, navy flier and veteran of the Pacific war. —AP wirephoto.

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Friends of Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.), said the chairman of the senate foreign relations committee will be mightily disappointed if Mr. Truman doesn't disavow Wallace despite the political effect such a move might have.

Safe Driving Campaign Set

Pointing to Klamath county's 16 traffic fatalities in rural areas during 1946, County Judge U. E. Reeder announced today that he was joining other county officials in a campaign for safer driving and walking during the summer months.

"Rural accidents accounted for 73 per cent of the traffic fatalities in Oregon in 1946," Judge Reeder reported, "and only one of the traffic accidents in the last year in Klamath county was not a rural accident. This is an exceptionally high accident rate for this county when we consider that only four years ago, both in 1942 and 1943, Klamath was awarded first place in the state for recognition in reduction of accidents."

Judge Reeder stated that most rural accidents are preventable, as proven by a study made by the secretary of state, and that pedestrians were nearly as much to blame as drivers.

In making his announcement, Judge Reeder pointed to the campaign's keynote, "If you drive, don't drink. If you drink, don't drive."

FRATERNAL RESCUE

COLUMBUS, O., April 14 (AP)—Firemen rescued a party of 12 from a hotel elevator which slid to the bottom of the shaft when its brakes failed. The trapped passengers included five visiting fire chiefs and their wives. The chiefs were here to discuss state safety legislation.

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Boyle's Column

"Professional Southerner" Is A Thing Of Dying Past

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK, April 14 (AP)—The hardest thing to find in the south today is a "professional southerner."

I just came back from a seven-week trip through several southern states—my first—without meeting a single one of the celebrated gentlemen who make a career out of the fact they were born below the Mason-Dixon line.

In his native land the "professional southerner," that strange vehicle of dying prejudice and outworn enmity, is becoming a museum piece.

"Most of them hang out in New York bars, making themselves ridiculous before the damn Yankees there, because nobody here will listen to them anymore," said a friend I met in Raleigh, N. C.

Bad Name

"They give the south a bad name by creating the impression everybody down this way is still fighting the war between the States."

"They talk about the fine life their families used to live on the old plantations! Most of

them never owned anything bigger than a peanut patch."

The typical inhabitant of the "honeychile and you all" land today is anything but a white-moustache-and-mint-julip character.

The southerner is made up of a series of concentric circles of pride and patriotism. The core circle is himself, and each man is loyal to his own worth. That is why there is little fawning on wealth. A southerner has too much self-respect to admit his neighbor with a larger bankroll is any better man.

Highest Tribute

Next comes the circle of family, the tradition of the clan, much stronger than the northern metropolitan cities. When a southerner greets you with a friendly, "Hello, cousin," he's symbolically paying you the highest tribute he can—taking

you into the family. Only in China have I seen closer knit families—but in China ancestor worship is a religion. In the south ancestor worship is a pleasure. Thus the son of "Big Tom" Wilson, North Carolina's famous bear hunter, hung up his rifle when he was one bear short of his father's record, because he didn't want to take any luster from "pappy's" name.

The courtesy so noteworthy to visitors isn't hypocritical. It is solidly based on each man's sense of individual dignity. You have the feeling that the people who didn't learn to respect the other fellow have long since died off—suddenly.

"One thing sure about the south," a South Carolinian told me, "our worst scoundrels at least are polite."

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RCA Victor Plant Strike Settled

CAMDEN, N. J., April 14 (AP)—Less than four hours before a strike deadline at the RCA Victor plant in Camden, a settlement was announced last night by Commissioner James Crockett of the U. S. conciliation service.

Crockett said terms of the agreement were worked out jointly but that they would not be disclosed until they are submitted to a mass meeting of the union.

The union had demanded general wage increases of 29 cents an hour, while the company had offered two and one-half cents.

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No Excuse For Continuing Telephone Strike

Telephone Company Has Repeatedly Offered To Arbitrate The Basic Question . . . Wages

This strike could be settled quickly and in fairness to both telephone user and telephone employee.

The telephone company has repeatedly offered to submit the major question of wages to an impartial test before arbitrators to be selected from a panel named by the U. S. Department of Labor—with the arbitration decision to be binding on both the company and the unions.

But the unions have refused arbitration and are still striking.

Arbitration Is The Fair Course

We believe that the wages telephone people get are good. We want them that way. We are willing to prove them good to any fair-minded person. And we believe arbitration is the only course that is fair to the customer who pays the bill and the employee who does the work.

Why won't the unions agree to arbitration and get this strike settled?

Union Demands Total \$100,000,000

Telephone unions claim that telephone people aren't paid enough. They have demanded contract changes which would add \$100,000,000 a year to the cost of providing telephone service on the coast. This is equal to a . . .

\$45 PER YEAR INCREASE IN EACH TELEPHONE BILL . . . 40 PERCENT INCREASE IN TELEPHONE RATES.

Company's Arbitration Offer Still Open

We could not justify, to our customers, agreement to union demands which would be equal to an average of \$45 a year added to each telephone bill. But we want to take the fair and reasonable course . . . arbitration.

Our offer to arbitrate still stands.

We can see no reason why the unions are not willing to submit wages to the impartial test of arbitration and settle this strike.

We appreciate the cooperation the public has shown during this strike. It has enabled us to give all the attention we can to emergency calls. Thank you.

The Public Interest Must Come First

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company