

WALLACE RUNS AS INDEPENDENT

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
HENRY WALLACE announces (not unexpectedly) that he is going to run for President as an independent candidate.

IF HE CAN GET ON THE BALLOT IN ENOUGH STATES, that probably insures a Republican victory next November.

THE political experts have it all figured out. They say:
1. Wallace has no hope of election in '48. His immediate objective is the defeat of Truman.
2. He expects the Republicans to MAKE A MESS in their four years of unchallenged authority, and hopes to ride into power in '52 on the backwash.

ON the basis of normal, cynical political thinking, that seems a reasonable assumption. But a MIRACLE might happen.
The Republicans, with success now practically assured, might turn statesmen. They might adopt this simple platform:

"DESTINY has placed in our hands an unparalleled opportunity to be of service to our country. In the years that lie ahead, we shall apply this test to every problem that arises. Regardless of our personal fortunes, WHAT IS BEST FOR OUR NATION AND ITS PEOPLE? We shall govern our acts invariably by our patriotic convictions and to what will bring the greatest good to the greatest number."

N that event Wallace would have become what in his fuzzy mind he doubtless imagines himself to be—which is an instrument of destiny.

He would have saved his country.

THIS non-political writer has a curious conviction of his own. It is this:

Sincere Americans (who make up the bulk of our people) want above everything else a period of genuine statesmanship. They feel that only unselfish devotion to the basic ideals that have made us great can pull us out of the mud we now seem to be sinking into. They want sincere, courageous leadership, and if they can get it they are willing to back it up. They are weary of "politics."

The politicians have been so busy politicking that they have failed to sense this strong, deep under-current of desire on the part of the people.

YOUTHFUL King Mihai of Romania abdicates his throne.
The dispatches tell us this morning: "The (Romanian) COMMUNIST-DOMINATED cabinet immediately declared Romania a 'popular democratic republic.'"
(In the Marxist dictionary, a popular democratic republic is a communist state in which the individual is nothing and the state, dominated by the party, is everything.)

NOTE that the erection of Romania as a communist satellite of communist Russia has not been accomplished by the open use of force from outside Romania's borders. It has been made to appear that it is a patriotic uprising of the Romanian people.

That is the communist program of world domination.
It is a SMART program.
We shall be very foolish indeed if we laugh it off as nothing much to be worried about.

KEEP on watching Greece.
The same program is being pushed there. This new "communist state," with the now embattled city of Konitsa as its capital, is not to be set up by means of open Russian military force.

It is envisioned by the Kremlin as a "patriotic" rebellion by Greeks. In that way, the Kremlin hopes, GREECE can be set up as a "popular democratic republic."

BULLETIN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—The interstate commerce commission today raised to 20 per cent the 10 per cent freight increase it authorized railroads to make in October.

Acting after long hearings on the railroads' plea for an increase of 30 per cent, the commission announced that for the present only a 20 per cent boost is approved. It is to be effective until June 30, 1948.

Herald And News To Carry Gallup Poll News In 1948

With the opening of 1948—a presidential election year—The Herald and News inaugurates a new and timely feature, the regular reports of the Gallup poll.

Throughout the coming year, this newspaper will carry information on the results of this leading poll of public opinion. All of the major issues of the day, including politics, economics, international questions, and the ordinary questions of American life, will be covered in this series of articles based on the scientific surveys of public thinking conducted by the American Institute of Public Opinion, better known as the Gallup poll.

The American Institute of Public Opinion first won nationwide attention in the 1936 presidential election, when it accurately predicted the landslide election of Franklin D. Roosevelt. It has since become widely accepted as the best of all opinion surveys. The decision of The Herald and News to carry this feature was based on:

1. The tremendous local and regional interest in national and international issues anticipated in the coming year.
2. The prestige and success of the Gallup poll.

The American Institute of Public

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Fire Crumbles Building Wall



Streams of water played on a flaming downtown Philadelphia warehouse from street and roofs across the street fail to keep a wall from crumbling. Debris damaged a fire engine and injured three firemen. Other firemen escaped injury as the falling wall hit a live trolley wire which fell across another piece of fire equipment, charging it with electricity. Some 300 firemen from 40 engine companies fought the 42-hour blaze which did an estimated \$1,000,000 damage.

Bitter Holy Land Rioting Claims Toll Of 47 Lives

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30 (AP)—The bitter rioting since the United Nations decided to partition Palestine erupted today in the Consolidated refinery at Haifa, where 36 Jews and 11 Arabs were killed. Bloody fighting among some 1000 Arabs and 400 Jews followed the bombing of a line of 100 Arabs before the employment office. At least 14 Jews and 47 Arabs were wounded. A Haifa informant said the bomb was thrown from a passing Jewish taxi, which sped away, covering its escape with gunfire.

Whisky Firms Go On Ration

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Anderson today put whisky makers on grain rationing in order to save grain for food.

Acting under authority of the newly-signed anti-inflation act, the secretary limited grain use by distillers to 2,450,000 bushels between now and July 31, 1948.

This quantity compares with an average use of about 5,000,000 bushels a month during the first ten months of this year.

The industry completed a voluntary 60-day production holiday December 24 in connection with the food conservation campaign inaugurated by the government early in the fall.

Reestablishment of controls in use during the war followed failure of the industry and the government to get together on a voluntary program of restricted use of grain after expiration of the holiday.

The order is effective at midnight tonight.

Each distilling plant will get a ration of grain. This will be 21 per cent of its average monthly use of grain during the four months from December, 1946, through March, 1947, plus 14 times the daily mashing capacity.

Anderson prohibited the use of wheat under the grain allocation.

Canal Ice Dam Busts

The city's plan for ice skating suffered a set-back this morning. Sam Smith, recreation director, said today that one of the dams set up to hold back water on the canal broke last night.

Two dams were set up on the canal near Klamath Union high school to keep water at a 30-inch level for skating. The broken dam was replaced this morning, two or three nights of below freezing temperatures are needed before the canal is frozen sufficiently for safe skating.

Smith urged that the canal not be used for skating where it is damaged off until his office announces that the area is safe.

Jacobs To Head Inland Radio

BAKER, Dec. 30 (AP)—Lee W. Jacobs, formerly of Klamath Falls and now living in Baker, has been elected president of Inland Radio Inc., it was announced here today.

The position was formerly held by the late president of the state senate, Marshall E. Cornett, who was killed recently in a plane crash. The corporation consists of radio stations KIBK, Baker, KLBH, La Grande, and KSRV, Ontario.

Gordon L. Capps, general manager of KSRV, also formerly from Klamath Falls and while here affiliated with KFI, was named to take Mr. Cornett's place on the board of directors and was elected vice president and technical director. Mrs. Olive B. Cornett, widow of the late senator, assumed a directorship and was elected secretary treasurer of the corporation.

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Greek Siege Broken

Demo Jeers And Fears, GOP Cheers Greet Third Party Move Launched By Wallace

By JACK BELL
Associated Press Political Reporter
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—Henry A. Wallace's "peace" crusading entry into the presidential race as an independent was tabbed by the republican high command today as marking the "disintegration" of the democratic party. But some democrats contended their party would be strengthened.

Chairman Carroll Reece of the GOP national committee led republican cheers for Wallace's attempt at the first serious third party effort since 1924. He said:

"Mr. Wallace's announcement should cause no surprise. It merely makes official the tragic disintegration of the once great party of Jefferson and Jackson—a process to

which republicans have been calling attention for years.
"The Moscow wing of the democratic party has now parted company from the Pendergast wing. The battle between the two factions will be highly interesting and, possibly, entertaining to the nation—and the nation will be the winner when both gangs lose."

Reece alluded to President Truman's former connection with the Pendergast democratic political organization in Kansas City.

Split May Hurt
While many democrats privately expressed fear that Wallace may take vital votes away from the president in key political states, Rep. McCormack (Mass.) assistant house minority leader, contended that the party Wallace bolted will be stronger because of the former vice president's third party candidacy.

"The votes we may lose," McCormack told a reporter, "will be more than offset by those voters who will vote the democratic ticket because of Mr. Wallace's attempt to create confusion."

Reece said in a statement that "actually Mr. Wallace's action does not change the political picture materially though it may increase the majority by which a republican president will be elected in 1948."

Truman Mum
At the White House, Presidential Press Secretary Charles G. Ross told reporters "there will be no comment" from President Truman.

Wallace's entry into the field as a third candidate propelled American relations with Russia into the race as an issue.

It apparently shook the political structure of the party he served as vice president and possibly reshaped the die from which the republican nominee will emerge.

Politicians are almost unanimous in their judgment that Wallace has an even smaller chance of election than the late Robert M. La Follette Sr., who carried only his home state of Wisconsin under the progressive banner in 1924. La Follette polled 4,822,000 votes, more than many observers think Wallace will get despite a vast increase in the electorate.

But the same politicians agree that Wallace's attack in his Chicago radio speech last night on what he called the "bipartisan reactionary war policy" will require answering by the two major party candidates during the campaign.

His Military Training
Wallace said that policy "is dividing the world into two armed camps and making inevitable the day when American soldiers will be lying in their Arctic suits in the Russian snow."

Similarly, the former cabinet officer's assertion that universal military training is "the first decisive step on the road toward fascism" (Continued on Page 3, Column 4)

Gas Blast Rips Boston

BOSTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—Twenty-five persons were burned or injured by flying glass last night when a series of terrific explosions exploded in the air, blew out fronts of a score of stores and windows of office buildings and left busy Dewey Square in the downtown section strewn with rubble.

Deputy Fire Chief William F. Quigley said half the injured were firemen who were burned prying open manhole covers after the first few of six blasts. None was apparently hurt seriously. Twenty were treated at City Hospital.

Quigley said the explosions apparently were caused by accumulation of gases in pipes under snow-covered streets. The nature of the gases was not determined immediately.

The deputy chief reported that bursts of flame shooting from the covers pried open by the firemen burned many of them on the legs. The blasts shattered windows as high as the eleventh story of office buildings and blew out every front window in one six story office structure.

Owl Doesn't Give Hoot For Anyone

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30 (AP)—A grey and brown speckled owl with apparent hopes of becoming a Christmas tree decoration gave Mrs. James M. Denny a bad half hour in her suburban Drexel Hill home.

The owl invaded the Denny home yesterday and perched atop the family Christmas tree—obviously not giving a hoot for anyone.

Mrs. Denny enlisted the aid of neighbors and police. For a half hour the owl led its pursuers a merry chase all over the house. Then Mrs. Denny opened a window and out flew the owl.

Cops Bowl While Crooks Lift Guns

DETROIT, Dec. 30 (AP)—While more than a score of policemen concentrated on strikes and spurs in their inter-precinct bowling league at a pin alley here last night, a thief walked out with the revolvers of five of the officers.

The red-faced patrolmen began a search for the intruders who apparently climbed over a partition between the main room and the checkroom while the attendant was away at lunch and made off with the weapons.

To Run



HENRY WALLACE

Truman Signs Inflation Bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—President Truman today signed a duplicate copy of legislation designed to reduce the cost of living while secret service men sleuthed the White House for the original.

The president's signature was penned reluctantly at 9:15 a. m. (EST) after a hurried scramble to copy the republican-sponsored measure, which disappeared mysteriously after reaching the White House.

Declaring the nation's economy faces a "grave peril," Mr. Truman said in a statement the bill is "pitifully inadequate" to deal effectively with the problem of high prices. But he promised its "meager authority" will be used to the fullest extent.

The copy, made at the time the parchment original was struck off by the senate clerk failed to turn up even a whereas or a sub-paragraph of the original. It was flown by army plane to Dedham, Mass., last night for the required signature of Speaker Martin (Mass.).

The president's staff still had no explanation for what Press Secretary Charles G. Ross called "something of a White House mystery." The original bill, last seen on the desk of Presidential Counsel Clark M. Clifford Sunday evening, was lost without trace.

New Guinea Oil Work On

BATAVIA, Dec. 30 (AP)—Three American oil companies have resumed operations in New Guinea in a project that may lead to discovery of great quantities of oil in Asia.

They are Shell, Standard-Vacuum and California. Texas companies which have consolidated for the venture under the corporate name of The Netherlands New Guinea Petroleum company.

All fields being worked were heavily bombed during the war. Three fields in Borneo—Tarakan, Louise and Sambodia—have resumed operations and by the end of 1948 are expected to be producing 100,000 tons of kerosene, gas oil, fuel oil and paraffine monthly.

This is in excess of prewar capacity. At Taraka, where repair and salvage work was begun in 1945, 313 wells have been restored.

At Balikpapan war-rummed wells have been brought to a point where they are producing 30,000 long tons of oil monthly.

Thirty-eight wells in Java have similarly been reclaimed, but the fields at Tjebu, Java; Pladju, Djambi and Pankalan Pradju, Sumatra remain in the hands of Indonesian republicans.

Courtright Says He's On Leave
Superintendent B. G. Courtright of the Klamath Indian reservation this morning denied rumors that he had been retired from the post and said that he was "merely on vacation at this time."

Courtright told The Herald and News today that he was vacationing and while on holiday that Joseph S. Monks, chief clerk at the Agency, was acting superintendent. This, Courtright said, is the normal procedure and Monks has frequently served in this capacity during his 10 years as chief clerk.

A check on jurisdictional policy at the Agency was made when it was noted in Klamath Falls that Courtright was either transferring or retiring from the office he has held the past number of years.

Texas Woman Has Long Beef List

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 30 (AP)—In Dallas yesterday a woman filed suit against a man, whom she said:

1. Promised to marry her, but didn't.
2. Accepted \$200 from her as earnest money on a home.
3. Moved into the house, for which she had made a \$1000 down payment.
4. Spent \$707.05 which she had given him to take care of incidentals.
5. Drove off to New Mexico in her \$1200 late model convertible, taking another woman with him.
6. She seeks to recover the gifts and \$10,000 for hurt feelings.

King Mihai Abdicates Romanian Throne, Reds Proclaim "Democratic Republic"

BUCHAREST, Romania, Dec. 30 (AP)—King Mihai, I, abdicated today and the communist-dominated cabinet immediately declared Romania a "popular democratic republic."

Parliament is now sitting for ratification of these acts.

The 26-year-old monarch returned only recently from a trip to London and Switzerland amid reports that he was seeking government permission to marry Danish Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parma.

Mihai attended the wedding of Princess Elisabeth to Prince Philip in London November 20.

It was reported, without confirmation, that Mihai left at 5 p. m. for an undisclosed destination. His father, Carol II, twice renounced the Romanian throne.

Mihai twice ascended the throne of Romania—the first time when he was only six years old. He became king then upon the abdication of his father. Carol renounced the throne rather than give up his love affair with red-haired Mme. Elena Lupescu.

'War Policy' Causes Bolt From Demos

CHICAGO, Dec. 30 (AP)—Henry A. Wallace says "I shall run as an independent candidate for president of the United States in 1948."

He announced he will campaign on a platform advocating "peace and prosperity" and said both democrats and republicans "stand for a policy which opens the door to war in our lifetime, and makes war certain for our children."

Asked if he hoped to be elected as an independent, Wallace replied "There's always hope."

Wallace made his announcement in a nationwide radio address (MBS) last night. A former democratic vice president and former cabinet officer under two democratic presidents, Wallace thus bolted the democratic party which he had joined despite the background of a staunch republican family.

He also ended speculation about his political plans—speculation that had been started when he resigned as secretary of commerce at the request of President Truman. The resignation followed Wallace's opposition to Secretary of State James F. Byrnes's policy of a firm hand in dealings with Russia.

At the same time, Wallace announced that he had resigned as editor of the New Republic, a weekly publication, but said he will continue as a contributing editor and will write a weekly page for the magazine. He became editor of the New Republic after resigning from the cabinet.

Taylor Name Up
Wallace's announcement brought a statement from Sen. Glen H. Taylor (D-Ida.) that he is considering the possibility of running for vice president on a ticket headed by Wallace.

The former vice president, who was elected with President Roosevelt in 1940 and then dropped in favor of Harry Truman in 1944, said "thousands of people" had asked him to "engage in this great fight."

The Progressive Citizens of America and the new Progressive party of Chicago had suggested that Wallace enter the race. In addition, a Wallace spokesman said this person from 18 states and the District of Columbia had made a similar request yesterday. The decision of the PCA to endorse Wallace last week caused resignation of two of the organization's top officers.

Terms Rejected
Announcing his decision to leave the democratic party, Wallace said in this address:

"To those who have come to me asking the conditions of my adherence to the present democratic administration, I have said 'Let the administration repudiate universal military training and rid itself of the Wall Street—military team that is leading us toward war.'"

"My terms to the democratic high command have been well known. By their actions and finally by their words, they have said 'Henry Wallace, we welcome your support but we will not change our policy.'"

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Primary Rule Bars Wallace

SALEM, Dec. 30 (AP)—The name of Henry A. Wallace as a presidential candidate can be placed before Oregon voters next November regardless of whether he runs as an independent or as a third party candidate, David O'Hara, chief of the state elections division, said today.

But his name cannot be placed on the primary ballot next May because the primary is only for republican and democratic candidates.

Wallace may enter the general election as an independent by having a convention of at least 250 voters make nominations for six electors pledged to support Wallace and his running mate.

O'Hara said if Wallace runs as a third party candidate, the party could win its place on the general election ballot by filing petitions with the secretary of state containing signatures of 5 per cent of the number of persons who voted in the 1946 congressional elections.

O'Hara said this method would be more difficult and costly, and that Wallace probably would choose the independent method.

If the third party is formed, then it would hold a convention to nominate its candidates.

The convention, either for the independent state or a third party ticket, would have to be held by next August 9.



DR. GEORGE GALLUP
He runs the poll.