

# REDS PUSH CZECH CONTROL DRIVE

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IN Washington this morning, Henry Wallace appears (at his own request) before the house foreign affairs committee to oppose the Marshall plan and to offer a plan of his own to get Europe back onto its feet.

The Marshall plan, he says, will "take our nation down the road to World War III." He adds: "Wall street monopolists have transformed it (the Marshall plan) into an instrument for enslaving Europe."

OF his own plan, he says that "through adoption of it we would be relieved of the gnawing fear of war and atomic destruction which haunts us today." He uses 11,000 words in describing it. The Washington reporters, trying to boil down the 11,000 words to something we can get our teeth into, say he proposes:

1. A 50 billion dollar reconstruction fund.
2. This fund to be contributed by ALL nations "with appropriate means."
3. It would be administered by United Nations.
4. It would be spent on the nations that suffered most in the war.
5. It would have no political strings.

UNDER the Marshall plan, we propose to do the job ourselves—including PAYING FOR IT. We asked Russia to help. Russia turned us down. So we decided to go ahead on our own.

As nearly as one can get at it from this morning's dispatches, Wallace wants Russia to help with the job. At any rate, it is a fairly well-established fact that ONLY Russia and the United States have the necessary resources. Most of the rest of the nations will have to take out more than they put in.

We must assume that what he means is that if he is elected President he will be able to talk Russia into helping out with the recovery of Europe.

That is at least as near as this writer can come to arriving at an understanding of what he is driving at.

IF that is the case, this will be the issue:

- Shall we elect Wallace and take in Russia?
- Or shall we go it on our own?

IDAHO'S hillbilly singer senator, Glen Taylor, is apparently slated to be Wallace's running mate in the upcoming third-party campaign. At any rate, Taylor takes that for granted. In a radio talk in Washington last night, he said:

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What does he believe?

As to that, he says: "You've got to believe we can work with Russia—or give up hope and prepare for the end of the world. . . . I believe Russia wants peace. She has plenty of territory and material. She doesn't want markets."

SO that's it. We must work with Russia. Or ELSE.

Can we work with Russia? Well, Romania is working with Russia. Bulgaria is working with Russia. Czechoslovakia is obviously getting ready to "work" with Russia. Anybody can work with Russia who is willing to DO IT RUSSIA'S WAY.

THAT leaves the \$64 question:

Do we want to do it Russia's way?

## Land Drawing On Schedule

Plans for the homestead drawing on lands to be opened in the Coppock bay area are going ahead according to schedule. A. D. Harvey, in charge of the homestead office of the bureau of reclamation said today.

At the rate that appeals are being returned to the office, Harvey said it is hoped they will all be in by February 28. The appeal board in Sacramento will meet for a final session and according to the present outlook the drawing will be held March 15.

Details of the drawing will be announced as soon as they are completed.

## Anti-Trust Probe Ordered In Steel Price Boost Case

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP)—On White House instructions, Attorney General Tom Clark today sent FBI agents to 16 leading steel companies to inquire into last week's advance in steel prices.

Clark said that "simultaneous questioning of executives of leading steel companies by the FBI" began this morning and is continuing.

He added in a statement: "The purpose of the investigation is to determine whether the recent increase in steel prices is the result of any agreement among the steel producers in violation of the anti-trust laws."

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## Senator Taylor Kisses Demo Party Goodbye To Join With Wallace

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP)—Senator Glen Taylor of Idaho has kissed the democratic party goodbye to become No. 3 man on the Henry A. Wallace ticket.

"I am not leaving the democratic party," Taylor told a radio audience last night. "Wall street and the military men have taken over."

All the major parties offer, he said, is a choice between "a republican tweedle dum and a democratic tweedle dummer."

"Taylor said as far as he is concerned that leaves the third party as the place to fight for 'the principles in which I believe.'"

"I'm in this to win," the 43-year-old Idahoan told reporters at a news conference after his speech. "I have confidence and faith. I think I'll get to be vice president."

Crooning Cowboy  
The one-time "crooning cowboy" said he agrees with Wallace that "you've got to believe we can work with Russia—or give up hope and prepare for the end of the world."

"I believe Russia wants peace. She has plenty of territory and material. She doesn't want markets."

If Russia seems to be "trying to spread out," he said, it is because of "fear of the rest of the world."

Wallace, the senator declared, "is the only leader we can put forward who has the confidence of peoples everywhere."

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Without Fear  
"I can come out swinging for the things in which I believe," he said, "without fear of stepping on the prejudices or privileges of some unsavory associate. . . . no Pauleys, no oil, no Wall street, no generals, no privileged few."

In his home state of Idaho the democrats had harsh words for Taylor. The senator helped George Dart, Weiser attorney, win the 1946 democratic nomination for the senate. Last night Donart said: "I wish him lots of luck—all of it."

Reporters who asked Taylor to comment on talk that U. S. communists have sworn to the third party got this reply:

"I'm glad to have the votes of bank robbers if I can get elected to do what I think is right."

Taylor began drumming for congress in 1938 when he had his own theatrical road show.

He was beaten for the house in 1938 and for the senate in 1940 and 1942, but finally won the senate seat of Democrat D. Worth Clark in 1944.

"If the security council should decide that it is necessary to use armed force in maintaining international peace in connection with Palestine," Austin said, "the United States would be ready to consult under the charter with a view to such action as may be necessary to maintain international peace."

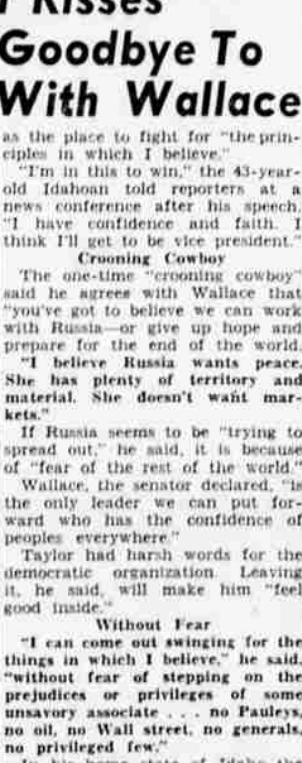
He declared that such consultation would be necessary in view of the fact that no agreements have yet been reached by UN members as to how armed forces should be made available for peace enforcement.

Austin then set forth a three-point program of immediate action. He said:

"Although we do not wish to place specific resolutions before the council at this early stage of the discussion, my government believes we should have in mind the desirability of the following specific steps which the council might take at once:

- (a) To accept the tasks which the general assembly asked the security council to accept in its recommendation of November 29, 1947, on Palestine subject to the authority of the security council under the charter;
- (b) To establish a committee of the council, comprising the five permanent members, to look at once into the question of the possible threats to international peace arising in connection with the Palestine situation and to consult with the Palestine commission, the mandatory power and representatives of the principal communities of Palestine concerning the implementation of the general assembly recommendations;
- (c) To call upon all governments and peoples, particularly in and around Palestine to take all possible action to prevent or reduce the disorders now occurring in Palestine."

## Ready For The Fishing Season



Verle Sagers of The Herald and News circulation department showed up the other day with this fisherman's cap, complete with a wide variety of flies, despite the fact the general fishing season in Oregon doesn't open until May 1. Anyway, Verle says he's waiting.

## CIO-PIRC Men Meet Here Today

Wage increase talks between a negotiating committee of the International Woodworkers of America (CIO) and the Pine Industrial Relations committee representing employers were begun this morning at the PIRC office in the Stewart-Drew building.

The union's delegation was led by Tim Sullivan, IWA-CIO business agent for this region, and Joe F. Clark, member of the negotiating committee.

The IWA has already announced a demand for a 32 1/2-cent increase in the present minimum pay for logging and sawmill work. The minimum now is \$1.36 an hour for sawmill and logging, \$1.27 for box factory work.

AFL Pay Up  
Recently the AFL lumber and sawmill workers settled with the PIRC for a 7 1/2-cent pay increase. The IWA-CIO organization represents the larger mill operations here and covers more workers than does the AFL lumber and sawmill workers council. IWA contracts expire April 1.

A health and welfare program bonus of 7 1/2-cents an hour is also in the union's demands, as well as pay for six holidays a year—New Year's, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

A series of "union shop" elections in mills employing IWA labor are starting now, in accordance with a provision of the Taft-Hartley labor law, and the union won its first test.

Joe Huber, international executive board member, announced that the results of an election yesterday at the Ponderosa Moulding company at Redmond went 43 votes for the union shop, 19 for an open shop.

Similar elections are now being held at Bend and will be conducted in all IWA mills in the next few weeks.

Teachers Out For Pay Boost  
MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 24 (AP)—Minneapolis public school teachers struck today for higher pay and a full school year.

The strike was called by the AFL Teachers Federation which represents about half the city's 2200 public school teachers.

Pickets were posted before some schools before the 8 a. m. strike hour. No attempt was made to hold classes. The city's 64 elementary, junior high, and high schools have a total enrollment of 65,000.

Last minute efforts of Mayor Hubert Humphrey, who arrived at midnight by plane from Philadelphia, and Superintendent Willard E. Goslin to avoid the strike failed. Half a dozen pickets posted around the city hall and courthouse, where school board offices are located, carried signs reading:

"On strike for good education," and "on strike for better education."

The federation asked that present minimum annual salaries be boosted from \$3000 to \$3600 and that the maximum for instructors with master's degrees be increased to \$6000 from its present \$4200 ceiling.

A bright sun bathed the Klamath basin today, in direct contrast to Sunday's wind and snow storm, and CAA forecast a temperature reading of at least 50 before the day was over. It was 43 degrees at 12:25 p. m.

The mercury slipped to 21 degrees early this morning and snow remained on the ground on northern exposures.

The state highway commission said today there is considerable packed snow on mountain roads, but it was all clear throughout the Klamath district. No new snow had fallen, stretches were well sanded and roads were termed in good winter driving condition. Roadside snow at Odell lake on the Willamette highway was measured at a depth of 90 inches while there was a roadside depth of 56 inches at Sun mountain on highway 97.

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Despite his blast, McGrath appeared to feel that he had made some headway against the south-land revolt.

He told a news conference he gained the impression that the meeting "resulted in good understanding."

He added that he hopes "it will 'lessen the split in the party.'"

During the get-together, McGrath said he, for one, appreciates the south's loyalty to the party.

## Army Gets \$606 Million, Mostly For Flood Control

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP)—Spending bills totaling \$737,574,151 were recommended by the appropriations committee today in two separate bills sent to the house floor.

The army was allotted \$606,558,766, almost all of it for river and harbor and flood control projects under the army engineering corps.

Of the balance, \$120,883,942 was earmarked for grants to states for vocational education, hospital construction and aid to dependent children, blind persons and the aged under federal security agency programs.

The combined total of both bills was \$131,274,405 below budget estimates submitted by the president.

The federal security agency funds, as well as other miscellaneous allotments in an omnibus deficiency bill, are for use during the remaining months of the present fiscal year ending June 30.

The army funds, for use during the new fiscal year starting July 1, are \$131,542,889, or about 18 per cent less than President Truman had asked.

Nearly \$8,000,000 also was proposed for work on 30 national cemeteries in this country and for new burial grounds for World War II dead in Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

Debate on the bill will start in the house tomorrow.

For the development of the 30 national cemeteries already in existence in the country, the committee recommended the full budget request of \$6,269,153. This includes \$2,997,888 to buy tombstones.

The memorial cemetery in Hawaii, locked in a mountain crater near Honolulu, would be known as the National Memorial cemetery of the Pacific.

For river and harbor work the committee recommended \$152,331,300, a cut of \$41,885,700 from the president's budget. For general flood control work it knocked off \$85,408,000 from budget requests totaling \$386,044,000.

Other recommended allotments included the full \$2,435,000 asked for the U. S. Soldiers' Home here and \$19,476,313 of the \$23,436,300 sought for maintenance and general operation of the Panama canal.

Wheat Straw Paper Near  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP)—It may not be long before you are writing those love notes on wheat straw.

The agriculture department said today its technicians have developed what promises to be an economical and practical way to convert straw into fine papers. Earlier processes have been too costly.

Most paper now is made from wood.

If put to use, the new method could make use of the more than 95,000,000 tons of wheat straw that is burned and wasted yearly.

That much straw would make about 20,000,000 tons of cellulose pulp, the raw material from which paper is made. The department said that would meet the country's annual needs.

There still is one hitch. A method must be found to clean the straw when it is collected from fields.

## Oregon Flood Abates Today

The brief Oregon flood subsided today in the face of fair weather, leaving only the Bayoceno peninsula still suffering much after effects.

The Willamette river crested this morning at Albany 3.2 feet beyond flood stage, but little damage was expected there.

Elmer Fisher, river forecaster in the Portland weather bureau, said the Willamette would probably flatten out below Albany, thanks to the rapid drop of the Santiam and Luckiamute tributaries.

"I don't think the Willamette will quite reach the flood stage of 20 feet at Salem," Fisher said.

Hardest hit by the weekend's high water were the 2500 residents of the Bayoceno peninsula in Tolamook county, who will not have a bridge to the mainland until Saturday. The flood washed out part of their span.

Food and supplies were being ferried across the Trask river to the peninsula inhabitants. A load of supplies was taken in by tractor across the only other bridge to the peninsula—a hump-backed span which cannot be used by cars.

Arkansas Town Torn By Blast  
POCAHONTAS, Ark., Feb. 24 (AP)—A terrific explosion levelled three business buildings and damaged another today leaving one man missing and feared dead. Two other persons were injured.

Firemen and rescue workers searched the debris to determine if others were trapped.

Fire, which followed the explosion, a block from the town square, was brought under control in an hour as a driving rain drenched the wreckage.

Pocahontas, a city of 4500, is in northern Arkansas.

Missing was Henry Taylor, negro employe of a hardware store.

Theft Victim Nose What To Do  
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24 (AP)—Hugh Wohlers nose what to do in an emergency.

When a robber bound him with shoelaces in his shoe store then took \$60 from the safe, Wohlers said he managed to knock a telephone on the floor, dialed "operator" with nose, called for help.

Police freed him later. Wohlers said the gunman overlooked \$6000 in his wallet.

These English Plays Are Rough  
BRIGHTON, Eng., Feb. 24 (AP)—"No Orchids for Miss Blandish" played at the Dolphin theatre last night.

In act I, Actor John Pagan, registering anguish by banging his head on the floor, knocked himself cold.

In act II, June Rose, the leading lady, was kayoed by a flying chair.

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