

Brief Review Of State, National And World News During The Past Week

HENRY WALLACE NOW BACK IN AMERICA

Shannon Airport, Ireland—Henry A. Wallace, who has been telling Europeans for the last two weeks that a \$50,000,000 reconstruction program will dissolve international distrust, is now at home to tell Americans about his ideas in a coast-to-coast speaking tour.

He left Paris at 11 a. m. (5 a. m. e. s. t.) aboard the Trans-World Airways Constellation transport, Star of Madrid. The plane stopped here briefly and six passengers were put off so extra fuel could be taken on.

Just before he left Paris, he was asked about the refusal of Hollywood Bowl authorities to let him speak there on May 19.

"I have been telling the people of Europe that free speech is not dead in the United States and I still think so," Wallace said.

G. E. GIVES WAGE BOOST FOR EMPLOYEES

New York—The General Electric Company has fallen into line with the new wage pattern set by major auto and steel companies, agreeing to a 15-cent-an-hour wage increase for its 125,000 employees in 23 states.

An agreement embodying the new wage boost was announced by Albert J. Fitzgerald, general president of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (C. I. O.), who said the raises would cost the company more than \$40,000,000 annually.

Company officials could not be reached immediately for comment.

SIGNED AGREEMENTS MAY CURB STRIKES

Chicago—A repetition of the crippling strikes staged throughout the nation last year appeared yesterday to have been forestalled by the signing over the week-end of four major collective bargaining agreements covering more than 250,000 workers.

The agreements followed the general pattern set recently when the U. S. Steel Corporation, two electrical manufacturers, and an auto-maker signed with C. I. O. unions.

The most far-reaching of the new agreements was announced Saturday by the General Electric Company, which granted a 15-cent hourly wage raise to 125,000 employees. Westinghouse Electric and the General Motors Electrical Division already had agreed to such an increase.

Marshall Home From Conference

Washington—Secretary of State Marshall flew home from Moscow and took off almost immediately for a quiet Carolina resort to draft important reports to Congress and the nation on the Foreign Ministers' Conference.

These reports are expected to bear heavily on relations with Russia. And with the attitudes made clear at the Moscow meeting, which ended largely in disagreement.

President Truman interrupted a river cruise to meet Marshall. "I am most happy to receive you back with us," Mr. Truman told his top cabinet officer at the airport. "I am very well pleased with what you have been doing. I know when you make the report to the country, the people will also be pleased."

That report was broadcast from 8:30 to 9 p. m. (e. s. t.) Monday night, 24 hours after a private report to the President and Congressmen at the White House tonight.

After a round of handshaking with Marshall and members of the delegation who returned with him, Mr. Truman resumed a Potomac river cruise aboard his yacht, the Williamsburg.

Marshall conferred at the State Department for 20 minutes with Undersecretary Dean Acheson and then flew off to Pinehurst, N. C., for a reunion with Mrs. Marshall.

Thus Marshall's account of his interview with Premier Stalin and his estimate of the results of the seven-week conference of Foreign Ministers was given to the Congressmen at the same time the President himself heard it.

By this unusual procedure Mr. Truman apparently seeks to bolster the bipartisan foreign policy. He has called in Republicans with Democrats before for policy discussions, but not before going over the ground with his advisers himself beforehand.

OWNER OF BIG HOPE DIAMOND PASSES AWAY

Washington—Mrs. Evalyn Walsh McLean, 60, Washington social leader for many years and owner of the famous "hope" diamond, died Saturday night.

She had been ill for several days with pneumonia. Death occurred at 8:15 p. m. (e. s. t.) at the family home in Georgetown.

She was the widow of Edward Beale McLean, heir to the Washington Post and the Cincinnati Enquirer, and the daughter of

Price Cut Plan Gets By Scattered Retail Support

TO SPEAK SUNDAY



Dr. Louie D. Newton, who will be heard over stations WPTF, WWNC, WSOC and WSJS Sunday on the nationwide Baptist hour.

Dr. L. D. Newton To Speak Sunday

Dr. Louie D. Newton, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of the Druid Hills Baptist church of Atlanta, will be the speaker on the Baptist hour at 8:30 e. s. t. over stations WWNC, WSJS, WPTF and WSOC.

Dr. Newton's topic will be "Life's Greatest Question."

Thomas Walsh, who founded a huge fortune on the free milling gold of the Camp Bird Mine in Colorado.

New York—The Newburyport plan of 10 per cent across-the-board retail price cuts is receiving widely scattered support, an Associated Press survey showed.

Meanwhile, President Truman's pleas for price-cutting received some industrial support, but the General Electric Company, the nation's largest manufacturer of electrical appliances and equipment, announced it would increase prices an average of seven per cent, following a wage increase.

In Newburyport, Mass., where the anti-inflation experiment originated, retail merchants reported Saturday's sales were 40 per cent above a normal Saturday, and attributed it to shoppers flocking in from surrounding communities.

The 10 per cent cuts originally were scheduled to run for 10 days in that city, but sponsors of the idea are considering indefinite continuance. Action on continuing the plan will be taken at a meeting today.

Charles E. Wilson, president of General Electric, which announced its new price policy Saturday after agreeing to raise its employees wages an aggregate of 15 cents per hour, said he did not "have much faith" in the Newburyport plan.

"Inflation is here," Wilson declared, "and prices will go higher

Surviving are two sons, John who lives in Texas, and Edward Jr., who makes headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colo., to manage his mother's mining interests.

Another survivor is Mamie Spears Reynolds, 4, daughter of former Senator Robert A. Reynolds and the late Mrs. Evalyn McLean Reynolds. The mother, daughter of Mrs. McLean, died last Sept. 20 from an over-dose of sleeping medicine.



BAZOOKA COLT . . . Bob Burns, bazooka-playing philosopher, got the surprise of his life when this little colt was born on his Casoga Park, Calif., ranch. For, as the photo shows, the youngster has a perfect design of Bob's favorite instrument—the bazooka—on his forehead. He has been named "Bazooka Monarch."

which farmers could participate in a campaign for cleaner, safer, and more attractive farms, Perkins suggested that attics, basements, barns and other buildings be thoroughly checked for old rags, boxes, paper, and furniture that may present fire hazards.

Chimneys and flues might be inspected, too, Perkins said, for efficient operation next winter. Dead vines, brush, and weeds along fence rows and near farm buildings are also on his list of things to do, now that Spring is here.

Buildings not already protected with fire extinguishers might be supplied with them, he said, pointing out that Spring is a good time to check extinguishers that are a part of the farm's fire fighting apparatus.

"Clean farms seldom burn," the agent said. "A clean farm is also generally free from disease, is safer, has a healthier atmosphere, and is a nicer place to live."

Red Cross Sends Aid To Texas City

Special Contributions For Disaster Are Now Being Received

Voluntary Red Cross contributions for the relief of the Texas City explosion sufferers will be accepted by any of the organization's 3,754 chapters, Chairman Basil O'Connor said today. The chairman pointed out that already a number of inquiries have been received from persons interested in supplementing the initial Red Cross appropriation of \$250,000 to lessen the distress, even though many local chapters

regardless of the Newburyport experiment. We have industrial strife and economic upsets beyond anything we ever had before. A wave of wage increases is sweeping the country. With increased costs, prices are bound to go up."

Few Clean Farms Seldom Burned

"Give your farm a good Spring cleaning!" is the advice of D. R. Perkins, Yadkin county farm agent for the State College Extension Service, who this week reminded Tar Heel farmers that a clean farm is the safest and most profitable farm. Recommending several ways in

are still at work on their 1947 Fund appeal. Word of this announcement was being forwarded to Red Cross area offices and chapters throughout the United States this afternoon. Earlier Governor Beauford Jester of Texas formally placed the Red Cross in charge of relief in its role as the nation's official disaster relief agency.

Mr. O'Connor explained that in accordance with its traditional practices the Red Cross is fully prepared to meet the relief needs of the disaster victims.

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