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PRESIDENT FIRES WALLACE FROM CABINET

Conference Upholds Big Four Agreement On Trieste Borders

Held For Forgery



Detective Roland Sanders (right) listens intently as Henry G. Goss, 65, a former cement mixer of Los Angeles, Cal., shows him samples of his "work." Police say Goss, held on suspicion of forgery, admitted taking a correspondence course in printing, then bought a hand press and type and started making checks, taking in \$75,000 in 18 months time. (International)

Big Section Of Niagara Falls Drops

City Is Shaken By Rock Collapse As In Earthquake

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Sept. 20.—(AP)—A huge portion of the brink of the American falls collapsed today, shaking this city with earthquake intensity as it tumbled down the 163-foot space of the cataract.

Witnesses said a section of the rock wall 120 feet in length at the top and about 20 feet across at the bottom of the falls tumbled into the gorge shortly with a terrific roar.

They reported it was on this side of the V-shaped section which broke off in 1942.

Tonie Gumbata, a member of the Niagara Falls Gazette staff, said the blast "shook hell out of the city. Our building shook like a maple leaf in a breeze."

Purge Is Opened Of Violators In Red Farm System

Moscow, Sept. 20.—(AP)—Soviet Russia declared today a "liquidation of violators" in the collective farm system, the backbone of this country's agricultural economy, with prosecution of various officials for theft and other crimes, is underway.

Prime Minister Stalin and Col. Gen. A. A. Zhdanov, secretary of the communist party's central committee, signed the decree, the latest in a series of measures affecting Russia's post-war affairs.

(On June 26 officials dissolved the autonomous republics of the Crimea and Checha-Ingush had been reduced to the status of provinces and other parts of Russia for war time treachery. Action has been taken against local party leaders in the Ukraine attempting to revive "bourgeois-nationalist conceptions," and against composers, writers and editors who incur the Kremlin's displeasure. The release of Maxim Litvinoff, former ambassador to the U. S., as a deputy foreign minister August 24 has also aroused speculation abroad.)

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Considerable cloudiness and little temperature change, intermittent rain over central and east portions this afternoon, and over northern portion tonight. Saturday, cloudy and warmer.

Come to The Parting Of The Ways



Shown here in a recent photograph are the three key figures in the current foreign policy dispute. Left to right are Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, President Truman and Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace, whom Mr. Truman today asked to resign.

England Abandons Secret Air Pact

Political Interest Increases

By LYNN NISBET, Daily Dispatch Bureau.

Raleigh, Sept. 19.—As state officials and employees get into the regular swing of routine activity following the summer vacation period and with formal opening of the by-election year fall campaign imminent, there is increasing interest manifested in the general subject of "politics."

Visitors around capitol square, including lawyers attending supreme court, legislative nominees checking on seals and hotel reservations, and the usual number of professional visits to state departments, evince growing interest in who may be the next governor and who will run for the United States Senate in 1948.

Activity among most frequently mentioned potential governors has been confined lately to Charles M. Johnson, state treasurer; L. Y. (Slag) Ballentine, lieutenant governor, and D. L. (Libby) Ward, former speaker of the house and currently state senator, of Craven county. In the background and being closely watched are Frank Hancock of Granville, former national Farm Security Administrator and former congressman; William B. Umstead, former congressman and currently state chairman of the Democratic party; Brig. Gen. Kenneth Royall of Wayne, now serving as under-secretary of war, and half a dozen others.

The current status of the 1948 race for governor and senator was accurately expressed the other day by a visiting lawyer who sought some inside dope and failing to get it, "Somebody is asking; nobody is telling anything."

Veteran observers of state political campaigns agree that right now accurate analysis is impossible and most of them expect this condition to prevail until near the close of the next general assembly.

Louis Shows Tami He's Boss



A hard right slides up Tami Mauriello's face as champion Joe Louis drives him into the ropes during an exchange of blows in their battle at the Yankee Stadium in New York City. Moments later, Louis disposed of the challenger when he dropped Tami in a corner for the full count 2 minutes and 9 seconds after the bout started. (International)

Truman Reaffirms Support Of Byrnes

Chief Executive Says Wallace's Views And U. S. Foreign Policy In Conflict

Washington, Sept. 20.—(AP)—President Truman today fired Henry Wallace as Secretary of Commerce in a dramatic reaffirmation of this country's stand at the Paris peace conference.

Wallace bowed out of the Cabinet with the terse announcement that "I shall continue to fight for peace."

His aides told reporters, however, that he "will make no campaign speeches this fall."

While solidifying American foreign policy abroad, the cabinet upheaval was viewed as presenting a possible split in the Democratic party's fight for congressional seats this November.

Mr. Truman said his removal of the last of the late President Roosevelt's "new deal" secretaries was done in friendly fashion.

After a telephone conversation with Mr. Truman, Wallace addressed a letter to him as "Dear Harry" saying simply:

Capital Very Surprised.
"As you requested, here is my resignation. I shall continue to fight for peace. I am sure that you will approve and will join me in that great endeavor."

This turn of events caught the capital by such surprise that no one would venture a guess immediately as to Wallace's successor.

Until one is chosen, the department will be in charge of Undersecretary Alfred Schindler, who is now on the west coast.

Bruce Catton, Wallace's director of information, told a news conference that his chief will not participate in the congressional campaign but has not decided whether he will take to the radio in furtherance of his fight for American policy changes.

No Immediate Plans.
Catton said that so far as he knows Wallace has no immediate plans. He said he did not know whether Wallace will remain in Washington or go to his sister's farm in Dutchess County, N. Y.

The resignation, Catton said, is effective immediately.

"I am sure he is not going to make any speeches today or tonight and I don't think he will tomorrow," Catton said. He added that he was sure that Wallace will not take an active part in the fall political campaign, does not mean he will remain quiet indefinitely on foreign policy.

The President said that there was a "fundamental conflict" between Wallace's views on foreign policy and those of the administration.

"We could not," he said, "permit this conflict to jeopardize our position in relations to other countries."

Standing before a jammed news conference, Mr. Truman read his latest statement slowly. It climaxed a week of furor over foreign policy which began when Wallace proposed some "peace" extensions not only to the people of this country but to the nations of the world.

"The people of the United States may disagree freely and publicly on any question, including that of foreign policy, but the government of the United States must stand as a unit in its relations with the rest of the world."

Truman's statement:

"The foreign policy of this country is the most important question confronting us today. Our responsibility for obtaining a just and lasting peace extends not only to the people of this country but to the nations of the world."

"We would not permit this conflict to jeopardize our position in relations to other countries."

Deeply Regrets Action.
"I deeply regret the breaking of a long and pleasant official association, but I am sure that Mr. Wallace will be happier in the exercise of his right to present his views as a private citizen."

"I am confirmed in this belief by a very friendly conversation I had with Mr. Wallace on the telephone this morning."

"Our foreign policy as established by the Congress, the President and the Secretary of State remains in full force and effect without change."

"No change in our foreign policy is contemplated. No member in the executive branch of the government will make any public statement as to foreign policy which is in conflict with our established foreign policy which is in conflict with our established foreign policy. Any public statement on foreign policy shall be cleared with the State Department. In case of disagreement the matter will be referred to me."

Confidence In Byrnes.
"As I have frequently said I have complete confidence in Mr. Byrnes"

Tokyo Folk Shocked By Crime Wave

Robberies, Assaults And Sex Slayings Are On Increase

Tokyo, Sept. 20.—(AP)—A wave of sex slayings almost unprecedented in Japan—plus a wild, rusty, jack-knife plot against the premier, unsolved kidnappings, and a rising tide of robberies and assaults are keeping shocked Tokyo folk indoors at night.

A pardoned murderer with a grisly sense of humor, who paired bodies of recent girl victims with skeletons of earlier dead, confessed today to five sex killings.

Police sought vainly for two kidnapers, one of whom had vanished with the young daughter of one of Japan's richest families.

One Man Arrested.
In custody was a man who was arrested Wednesday while climbing the fence of Premier Yoshida's official residence. Waving a rusty jack-knife, he told officers that "my original plan was to kill the premier if he did not agree with my ideas."

After that, he added, he thought he would rob the place—although the residence is barren of loot.

Ex-convict Yoshio Miodaira, 42, known to the Tokyo press as "the murdering devil," confessed five of the sex slayings—a type of crime heretofore very rare in Japan.

U. S. And Britain Seeking To Speed Japs Out Of Asia

Washington, Sept. 20.—(AP)—An Anglo-American decision to speed the return home from southeast Asia of more than 100,000 Japanese reportedly is in the making today.

Its objective obviously is to pull the rug from under any possible Russian contention that this country has sanctioned the use of "slave labor."

Officials familiar with the discussions now going on told a reporter that an announcement probably will be issued in a week or so, depending on the shipping situation in the Far Pacific.

These officials said it was the shipping situation, now improving—plus the task of corraling the scattered Japanese—that has been responsible for the delays. They added that they expect the task to be completed by year's end.

In line with the Potsdam Big Three declaration calling upon Allied governments to permit prisoners of war to return home, the State Department stand has been taken in the face of a strong desire by some former occupied countries to use the prisoners for reconstruction work.

Red Cross Overseas Clubs To Continue

Washington, Sept. 20.—The War Department and the American Red Cross have entered into new cooperative arrangements for continuing Red Cross overseas club service for occupational troops. Red Cross Chairman Basil O'Connor has announced.

Under the new plan the Army will continue to provide club quarters and maintenance personnel and will operate club canteen at which food and non-alcoholic beverages will be sold.

The Red Cross will provide trained workers to conduct recreation programs and furnish refreshments without cost at special entertainment events. In addition to members of the armed forces, club facilities will be available to families of servicemen and War Department overseas personnel.

THAT'S ONE WAY.

Vienna, Sept. 20.—A young Austrian couple yesterday pleaded guilty to murder after decapitating Joseph and Anna Schwartz with an ax so they could have their apartment.

Ickes Raps 'Resignation' Of Wallace

(By The Associated Press.)

Harold L. Ickes, who also served in the original new deal cabinet, said today in Washington that Henry Wallace "comes out of this with more credit than Truman."

Ickes left the cabinet several months ago after a row with President Truman over the nomination of Edwin Pauley to be undersecretary of the navy.

Ickes told reporters "I don't think it is very brave for Mr. Truman's part" to oust Wallace. He added that Wallace had "over-stayed himself in the cabinet" but said the President "humiliated himself in agreeing to the speech on foreign policy and then throwing Wallace to the lions" when "all this row was kicked up."

In Chicago, Senator Taft (R) of Ohio, a Senate GOP leader, said: "I don't see how Truman could do anything else and have an administration foreign policy at all."

Senator Hoey (D) of North Carolina, speaking from his home in Shelby said: "Secretary Wallace failed to recognize that he was Secretary of Commerce and was not charged with the responsibility for the direction of foreign policy. In this critical time it is important for the full administration to support solidly our foreign policy."

Senator Bailey (D) of North Carolina, who is ill at his home in Raleigh, said "I think the action is most appropriate."

and his delegation now representing this country at the Paris peace conference. Mr. Byrnes consults with me often and the policies which guide him and his delegation have my full endorsement."

Wallace was in his office in the Commerce Building when Mr. Truman made his announcement at the White House. Wallace's secretary said he was going over a vast accumulation of mail that has been received since his Thursday address on foreign policy which stirred up the conflict.

It was understood Wallace probably would have an announcement later, but there was no immediate comment. Meetings business went on as usual in his office although the President's announcement hit the department like a bombshell.

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NEW YORK COTTON.
New York, Sept. 20.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 15 cents a bale higher to 25 cents lower. Noon prices were 10 cents a bale lower to 75 cents higher.