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HENRY WALLACE

The repudiation of Vice-president Wallace by the Democratic party brings sorrow to many. Granted his serious faults as an administrator, he is, by general admission, even among those who are opposed to him, acknowledged to be idealistic and honest beyond most men, a tireless worker, one of the finest public servants, perhaps the finest, in the ranks of either party.

It is an unhappy portent of the future that in both parties the most idealistic, the most internationally-minded men should have been set aside in favor of "practical politicians". The Republican repudiation of Willkie appears little short of suicidal, a political mystery of the first order. That of Wallace is perhaps more understandable.

There are two possible explanations. The one most frequently mentioned is that the Administration is not sure enough of the approaching election to risk on the ticket such a highly controversial figure as Wallace. There is no doubt that he is a rock upon which the party might be split. The other explanation is less clear-cut and far less innocuous. It is that an aging administration has lost its crusading spirit, is playing close to its chest and turning away from idealism. The driver who hitched his wagon to a star is content now with less celestial motive power.

The right answer is probably a mixture of both. And all who believe in Wallace and what he stands for must hope that the former reason is predominant. For to admit that idealism has been cast aside is to kill the hopes of millions of people the world over. What will be needed in the next few years, both at home and in the international field, will be the very qualities which Henry Wallace so glowingly personified: imagination, courage, vision, vital enthusiasm, unselfishness. Without them no lasting peace that is worthy the name can be devised.

Thoughtful people the country over will be hoping that, among the statesmen who will be chosen to draw up the plans for peace, a place will be found for Henry Wallace.

Public Speaking

Editor of THE PILOT: I am proud that The Pilot has taken its place along with the best tradition in journalism and shown its strength of conviction thru its editorial columns. There has been a serious tendency in recent years for a newspaper to fear offending its readers and advertisers by expressing views contrary to theirs so they have sought refuge in ambiguous and hypercritical editorials attempting to hide the true policy of the paper, if it had any! To make a show that the policy of the paper was really "broad", columnists who expressed two opposing points of views were subscribed to and thereby the readers could choose what they wanted to read and see for themselves how "fairminded" the paper was, it expressed all shades of opinions! If this practise had been in vogue long we should never have built up great newspapers of bold leadership with such editorial writers as William Allen White and many others.

A reader has never been asked to agree with an editorial whether it be in the New York Times or the Chicago Daily Tribune but it gives him confidence and fills him with respect to read opinion well expressed and honestly given. We want news, opinion, and information in our papers. This is what I have found in The Pilot and I am grateful for it.

READER

Editor of The Pilot:

Is it really surprising that there is more or less of an "atmosphere of futility" over the Republican party? Informed people, and politicians of any caliber are certainly informed, know that it was the "bought vote" that carried the election in 1936 and 1940, and that to win this year this "bought vote" must be neutralized, this vote, bought with taxpayers' money and corralled by a \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000 fund, forced from Labor. I think it was Will Rogers who said, "You can't expect anyone to shoot Santa Claus."

All political conventions leave much to be desired. The Republicans at least nominated two men who can be interchanged without harm. How about the Democratic ticket? Would not even the Pilot prefer either Dewey or Gov. Bricker to a man as Pres-

answer an editorial like "Straws in an Evil Wind"? It is only an example of the heart running away with the head, the same as those well meaning people who at one time were attracted by the Liberty League and America First.

The size of a paper of course has nothing to do with the soundness of an editorial. But is it not true that an editorial, to be sound, must be written without prejudice and based on the pertinent facts? Should not the "awful wallops" be left to the stump speakers?

Again was it quite fair to try to twist Mr. Stevens' excellent letter into a request that The Pilot adopt a namby-pamby attitude on the questions of the day?

As a born and bred Democrat I can no longer find such a party. To my mind there is no more a Democratic or Republican party. The real alignment seems to be working towards what we call the American Way of Life as against the Russian Ideology.

Are not the real questions—do we want to be governed by laws or by bureaucracies?

To those who still believe in the individual and want to be governed by laws, a review of the history of our Supreme Court and Mr. Roosevelt's connection with it will prove sufficient reason to desire a change in the administration. For those who need added reasons, I would suggest an unbiased study of the Labor Unions, the playing of class against class, and the attempt by the Federal Government to usurp State Rights. The Commander in Chief appeal—bunk. The Army and Navy will take care of the war. It is the administration's job to take care of the Home Front. Have they not made a poor job of it so far?

WALTER C. MACNEILLE

The Passing Years

BY CHARLES MACAULEY SECOND WEEK OF AUGUST 1943 Mrs. E. V. Hughes resigns as county chairman of Surgical Dressings. Property valuation in Moore County is set at \$22,000,000. Tax levy is \$162,106. Tax rate 75c. Dr. Vida V. McLeod returned the early part of last week from Saluda, where she has been attending the Southern Pediatric Seminar.

1939 Mrs. George London returned Sunday night from Elizabeth City where she spent two weeks with her parents. E. C. Stevens returned Sunday from a two weeks' trip to New York and Boston.

1934 Earl E. Merrill and J. T. Overton have leased the store adjacent to the A. & P., and plan to open a drug store on September 1st. Miss Helen Hartgrove expects to leave Friday for a vacation in Maine.

1929 State's largest peach orchard being dug up. Manice orchard near Jackson Springs has been finally abandoned. Will be set to pines. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie T. Ruggles and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Saunders of Waterbury, Conn. are visiting at the home of Mr. Ruggles' brother, A. S. Ruggles.

1926 Max Backer and E. C. Boddy have been chosen as delegates to represent Sandhill Post at the Legion convention at Hickory. The Girl Scouts will give an ice cream Social at the Municipal Park next Tuesday night. Everybody is invited.

1921 Joining at last with Great Britain, France, Italy and China, Japan has accepted the invitation of the United States to enter with

big turtle goes crawlin' round here. It's skeered of him too." "What does he do, Annalulu?" "He whistles at the snakes." "I told her that I'm a little deaf, so I often miss the high overtones in Nature's grand orchestral theme. But I thanked her kindly for the lecture on Long Island's fauna. In these frightful days I can't help admiring a person who is afraid of blacksnakes; especially in a county where only four have been seen in the last forty years.

Now that the campaign's on, our political leaders are saying funny things too. Among the most comic are Tom Dewey's attempts to white-wash Governor Bricker. Tom is all fussed up because some of the Gov's political enemies are calling him an America Firster. The Gov, says Tom, has never, never, never associated his name with that bunch of political punks. So the Gov echoes the echo, like a Vice Presidential candidate. "Do not in any way connect my name with that of Reverend Gerald Aplatet Smith," he says in effect.

Okay, Candidate, we won't. About two years ago you must have been shouting for something else, but it sounded a lot like . . . oh, well. Ham Fish is bringing libel suits against everybody that calls him anything but a 100 per cent patriot, so I ain't going to start nothing against nobody.

Anyhow, the war's going all our way as I write. Now I'm on safe ground. We'd better consolidate our post-war planning into something definite, and do it soon, or the Nazis will give up before we know what to do with G. I. Joe, coming home. He'll want a job, and he'll deserve a good one. To put him to work without displacing the loyal laborer who had given his best to win the war, will be a headache for the industrialist.

That's something of a puzzle for the patriotic employer. If private industry is to furnish employment, the Pegler school of vendetta must be retired to the background with America First. No, the unions haven't been all lily white. There's that Philadelphia fracas that makes my honest old blood boil; it indicates a Fascist tendency among the workers themselves. But on the whole labor has backed industry wonderfully in furnishing the weapons that have thundered through France, Italy and the South Pacific.

I don't believe that we should try to settle anything in a narrow spirit of revenge. Not either in peace or war. But I wish I had brains enough to make a really constructive suggestion. Maybe Governor Dewey, in his secret heart, wishes the same thing.

How's the weather down there? If it has been hot as Long Island, I'd suggest that we all move down to New Guinea and cool off.

great powers of the world on the subject of the limitation of armaments. Mr. and Mrs. John Powell and Miss Mary are spending the month of August at Washington, D. C.

1914 The report that Oak Hall has changed hands is not correct. The property still belongs to Mrs. Mary L. St. John and is available to a suitable tenant for next season. "Rexall 'Skeeter Skoot' will keep mosquitoes away from you—just rub a little on the exposed part of your body, and they won't come near you. Broad Street Pharmacy." Adv.

1908 One of the best known residents asks us to call attention to the awful nuisance of the unnecessary whistling and other noises by thoughtless or careless trainmen. The Commissioners have ample charter authority to abate unnecessary noises.

Rev. E. W. Souders, of Fayetteville, the new pastor of the Congregational Church, has rented the McAdams house.

1904 F. H. Weaver, for many years a member of the firm of F. A. Ordway & Co. has leased a business stand

from Judge Locey, next to the post-office, and is opening a new line of shoes, dry goods and gentlemen's furnishings.

1899 All the preliminary arrangements have been made to establish the new Potter School of Music, Arts and Eloquence at this place. The large structure known as the D. A. Blue Building has been secured and is being refitted and newly furnished for the boarding pupils and practice rooms.

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