

Looking at WASHINGTON

Truman Hits Communists in Second Report To Congress

In his second report to Congress, Mr. Truman dropped general terms about the \$400,000,000 program of aid referred to the Communists in Greece and Turkey, rectly, warning that this country will President Truman minced no words not stand by passively if hostile in-

in referring to the situation in Greece.

intervention in Greece increases.

He said: "If the guerrilla menace should increase as a result of greater outside assistance, a new situation would be created which would have to be dealt with in the light of circumstances prevailing at the time."

The views expressed are not new, but they serve to emphasize what threat might exist to peace through the determination of this country to back the Greek government and the apparent eagerness of various Communist states to assist the rebels in their fight against the Greek government.

Russians In Vienna Ban Byrnes "Speaking Frankly"

From Vienna, Austria, comes news that Soviet soldiers have confiscated copies of the book recently published by ex-Secretary of States James F. Byrnes.

The newspaper correspondent says that the Russians have likewise confiscated copies of the British army's German language newspaper and that the Russian-controlled radio station in Vienna censors practically every statement that would create goodwill for the United States.

With this kind of business going on, the United States might use some of its money to erect a powerful radio station on the European continent and thus be in a position to give its views and its news to those who care to listen in.

Wallace's Surprising Victory Raises Political Storm Warning

The surprising victory of Henry A. Wallace's candidate in a New York Congressional District election has given the politicians something to talk about.

The American Labor Party nominee polled more than fifty per cent of the votes cast in the district, although the candidate of the same party, in 1946, received only 27 per cent of the ballots cast.

The outcome of the election does not mean much nationally, although it indicates that Mr. Wallace has considerable strength in the metropolitan area of New York. This has been the Democratic stronghold in that state and the loss of votes in the metropolitan area will hurt the Democrats in any state-wide contest.

The election has raised the suspicion that Mr. Wallace may attract greater strength throughout the country than the experts have considered likely. It is not yet entirely certain that the following of Mr. Wallace will be composed entirely of dissident Democrats. He will probably attract a considerable number of pacifists, regardless of their party affiliation.

There have been a few signs to indicate that the Democratic national leaders are beginning to take seriously the prospect of political trouble in the South. The Wallace vote will emphasize the importance of Southern support for the Democratic ticket next November, but President Truman has gone so far out of his way to placate the radicals and minority elements that it is difficult to see how he can readjust his position to win the approval of the Southern States.

Committee Advocates Use Of Treasury Surplus For E. R. P.

Some months ago it became apparent that the Federal government would end the fiscal year 1948 with a surplus and the size of the surplus has increased with the passage of months.

The fiscal year for the Federal government ends June 30 and it was assumed that the Federal debt would be reduced by the amount of funds left after expenditures for the year had been made. This belief seems to have been premature because the Senate Foreign Relations Committee has recommended that \$3,000,000,000 of the surplus be used to finance the Marshall Plan during the twelve months beginning April 1.

This, of course, will prevent the use of the \$3,000,000,000 for debt retirement. More important, it will relieve the fiscal year 1949 of the \$3,000,000,000 charge which, being interpreted, means that the fiscal year 1949 will probably develop a surplus of such size as to encourage those who would cut taxes. After all, this seems to be the idea of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

May Extend Statehood To Hawaii And Alaska

There are some prospects that the present Congress will grant statehood to Hawaii and a probability exists that the same status may be given to Alaska.

Alaska is twice the size of Texas with a population of about 90,000 people, one-third Eskimos. Hawaii, much smaller in size, has 500,000 people.

The extension of statehood to these areas will create some problems for Congress. It will hardly be possible to apply all the legislation adopted for the Continental area to the outlying states. Obviously, there must

be recognition of the need for greater appreciation of the rights of the people of the various states to govern themselves.

Situation In Greece Causes Concern In U. S. And Britain

The situation in Greece seems to be developing, with the announcement that the chiefs of both the American and British military missions have become members of the Greek National Defense Council.

The development followed a conference with the Greek government, during which the American and British (Continued on Page Eight)



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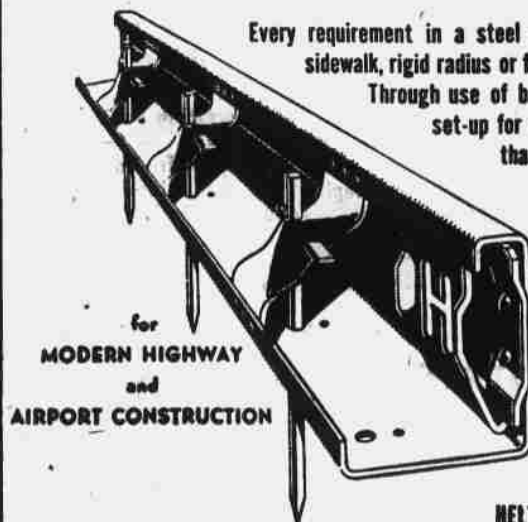
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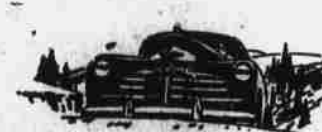
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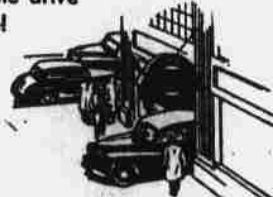
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