## Free Enterprise Means Competition

"A S is stands at the present moment, the American people do not have control of their economic destiny and as time goes on they may lose their freedom of opportunity, if the trend to concentrate is not

That's Wendell Berge, assistant Attorney General of the United States, speaking, Mr. Berge should be, and probably is, the nation's ranking authority on anti-trust laws, and he is deeply concerned over the continuing tendency toward concentration of economic power in a few giant corporations. The trend was inevitably speeded by the war, for a nation in a hurry for production naturally turns to established manufacturers. The big boys to established manufacturers. The big boys came out of World War II bigger than ever.

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We think of monopolies and corporate glants usually in terms of basic commodities—steel, oil, aluminum, etc.—with a buffer of competition in between. But the trusts are not so far removed from the consumer as all that. Here are a few libertonia for the consumer as all that. Here are a few libertonia for the second of the consumer as all that Here are a few libertonia for the second of the consumer as all that Here are a few libertonia for the second of the consumer and second of the second of the

That's the look of monopoly, incomplete but growing, from the standpoint of the consumer, Here's the way it looks in the matter of employment: In 1929, 48 per cent of all wage carners were employed by 3.8 per cent of the employers; in 1937 the same 3.8 per cent of employers had 51 per cent of all American workers on their payrolls; by 1944, under the stimulus of wartime concentration of economic power, 62 per cent of the workers were employed by two per cent of the employers.

All of this has come about at a time when there is more talk of free enterprise than ever before in our history. But, under any definition, free enterprise cannot survive without the competition that is our tradiwithout the competition that is our tradi-tional spur toward more efficient produc-tion, better goods, higher wages, and lower prices. Old Adam Smith, an economist who

raise prices.

That's the threat of monopoly, and it stands before us now, bigger and darker than ever before, at a moment when we are trying to demonstrate to the world the superiority of our system. If any handering ever appears on the Capitol wall it will read like this: Free Enterprise and Competition Are Inseparable; With our Competition Three Can Be Neither Freedom Nor Enterprise.

## Henry Wallace And The World

HENRY WALLACE, the political ex-HERRY WALLACE, the political experience of the partial partials, has taken up his new stand on the editorial page of The New Republic, the weekly journal of opinion which he hopes will become the rallying point of liberal opinion—and action. In a lengthy opening editorial Mr. Wallace argues that both the major political parties are now in the hands of the conservatives, and sets forth his ideas of what at least one of them, logically the Democratic, should stand for.

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Mr. Wallace's domestic views are generally familiar, and little is added to them, or subtracted from them, in his opening piece. But he has, it seems to us, clarified his previous criticism of the nation's current bi-partisan foreign policy. His last general statement of principle in this field—the famous Madison Square Garden adviese that led to his expulsion from the Cabinet—was vague and subject to wide and gleeful misinterpretation. Here's the way Mr. Wallace, after some three months of reflection, now states his position:

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which this nation founded.

It seems to us the country is in bad need of a constant, even a nagging reminder that the bi-partisan coalition that now shapes our foreign policy has reversed its field in these past twelve months—abandoning the original theory of collective security in favor of a limited internationalism that is rapidly dividing the world into two armed camps. It may be that Russian attitudes and actions have forced this course upon Messrs. Byrnes and Vandenburg, But this is the point that should be, and is not being debated; there is no political party, but only Henry Wallace, to take the negative.

We doubt if Mr. Wallace, now reduced to the status of a lone voice crying in the intellectual wilderness, can change this. Buf certainly he deserves an A for effort, and a respite from the senseless effort to shut him up by painting him red.

# Keep Your Guard Up, Santa a helpful reminder to the rest of us that Santa Claus is a ready-made fall guy, who can be used to take the rap for all those absent-minded promises we have all been tossing off for the past three months.

CHRISTMAS is a wonderful season—a time of good cheer, unabashed sentistality, generosity, and deep religious ing. We are for it, without reservation.

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But it must be admitted that Christmas also a season of loose talk. There is a nedericy among parents, aunts, uncles, nedericy among parents, aunts, uncles, and the season of loose talk. There is a nedericy among the formation of the standard pre-oblishy question, "What do you want for hristmas?" is put to a member of the oungest generation, the questioner is likely be thinking of something else by the man his petitioner completes his description of the electric train, doil, Buck Rogers ty gun, of diver's belmet that is near to is heart. Cautious parents come back with qualified promise to see what can be one, but many a recliess citizen plunges one, but many a recliess citizen plunges that the parents of the sacerion that Old Saint of the sacerion that o

servey sizes care of good little boys. is a particularly true of both profes-el and smateur Santa Clauses. The first size is something of an obligation for man in the red suit who spends his smalling strange children on his knee, so is likely to be an occupational of, as a fire-pear-old demonstrated ther day in a New Britain, Conn., de-sured sizer. This worthy walted up to sured sizer. This worthy walted up to say on his whistered is ye, spinning.

When a slurring reference was made to Yale, in an old Princeton show, several tramps arose in the audience and stalked from the theater. We had looked for this gag ere now, in some U. N. meeting.

Parties rise and fall; yet the Supreme Court carries serenely on. However, it may again have to ask itself, in the months to come, "Well, boys, do we follow the elec-tion retarns?"

One learns from Pravda that Americans are "politically immature," a crack which in turn may explain the suavity and adult charm of the U.S.S.R., mellowed during 29 years as a nation.

Moscow authorities find there are shysters among Soviet lawyers. As usual, we feel slightly better, knowing that paradise has its shady element.

Billy Rose complains that the comedy on the air isn't very funny. In this connec-tion, radio might put on that other show— the one the studio audience is laughing at.

'Gee-A Home Of My Own!'



### People's Platform

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I wish that the great power of the press could be used for attacking the evils of liquor, instead of advocating its legal use! -INEZ FLOW.

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