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#### Lull Before The Storm

The participants in tonight's "Town Meeting of the Air" looked peaceable enough when this picture was made this morning before Senator Glen H. Taylor—the fourth speaker—arrived. George V. Denny Jr. (left), moderator on the ABC network, was broadcast from the Army tonight, chats with two anti-Wallace speakers and one supporter of the Third Party. Left to right, they are James Stewart Martin, chairman of the Maryland Progressive Party; Author and Publisher Dwight D. Macdonald; and Dorothy Thompson, veteran newspaper woman and foreign correspondent.

New Staff Photo by Tom Franklin Smith



#### Hot Session Promised Here Tonight

## Sparks Fly As Speakers Needle Foe In 'Town Meet' Preview

By RALPH GIBSON  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

"That was Dorothy Thompson's answer this morning when asked to say something starting for a lead in an interview. Ten minutes later, it was evident that she had other starting words in her vocabulary, especially when she talked about Henry Wallace.

"I'm here on a white hunt and red-baiting trip," she confided as she chain-smoked and glared balefully at James S. Martin, champion of the Wallace Progressive Party.

Wallace and Dwight Macdonald—Senator Glen H. Taylor had not yet arrived—were sharpening their claws at the Hotel Charlotte for tonight's "Town Meeting of the Air," at the Army, where they will discuss the question, "Will a Third Party Bring Us Peace and Prosperity?"

If tonight's talks are only half as heated as the preliminary radio program, sparks will fly as people who attend the coast-to-coast broadcast are in for a warm evening not altogether because of atmospheric conditions.

#### OUTNUMBERED

Youthful Mr. Martin was at a disadvantage this morning. Wearing a necktie of the Wallace clan tassel, the Maryland Progressive was literally pinned in a corner as Mike Thompson and Dwight Macdonald, his Van Dyke beard bobbing as he talked, fired questions at the lone defender of Wallace.

Senator Taylor rode into town this afternoon and will, with Mr. Martin, speak on the affirmative side of the query tonight.

As the trio waxed warmer and warmer in their arguments, George V. Denny Jr., the North Carolina boy who turns the Yankee custom into a highly colorful radio program, smiled contentedly. The former Carolina Playmaker will act as moderator tonight. Watching the participants this morning, he was preparing himself for a busy time in keeping for tonight's session orderly.

Random opinions of issues and people were flying thick and fast. "You're just a bunch of liberals," said Thompson. "Henry Macdonald is an inflexible ass, and you're just a bunch of liberals," said Macdonald to Martin in a discussion of monopolies.

#### REVEALS UNBORN

In a rapid-fire exchange on ERP, Mike Thompson charged that Wallace wants to revive UNBRIA, and said that Russia would not accept the relief organization.

Macdonald said that the relief organization would not be hesitant to do the same again.

Mr. Martin came back at the

with the accusation that she was blaming the Progressive Party as if it had been in power for the past ten years.

Banging her fist on the table, Miss Thompson replied to that: "God help us all if the Pro-

gressive Party had been in power."

Dressed in a gray flannel suit and wearing a bright green turtleneck, the first American cor-

respondent to the question, "Will a Third Party Bring Us Peace and Prosperity?"

#### Pennsylvania Primary

## Stassen Write-In Drive Spurs Vote

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Last-minute campaigning to pile up write-in votes for Harold E. Stassen enlivened light balloting in Pennsylvania's Presidential preference primaries today.

Boys trickled into polling booths in most sections of the state during early hours as Republican Presidential aspirants' matched strength in this politically important industrial stronghold.

Activity in behalf of Stassen was undertaken by three committees in Pittsburgh. Voting, however, proceeded at a slow pace both in the steel city and across the state.

On the Republican side of the ledger, a blank space on the ballot was expected to provide a sampling of voter sentiment on the party's leading candidates although the balloting will have no pre-convention effect on the state's 73-member electoral college.

Democratic votes, at the same time, were selecting their 73-men-

ber convention delegation which already has been pledged to support the candidacy of President Truman.

Only about 30 per cent of the state's 2,675,972 registered Republicans and 1,779,066 Democrats were expected to vote, the polls, open from 7 A. M. to 8 P. M.

#### LIGHT VOTE

A light vote was anticipated partly because of a lack of statewide contests and partly because none of the Presidential candidates had campaigned actively in Pennsylvania prior to the primary.

A similar write-in vote four years ago gave Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York a majority that propelled his later nomination at the Republican national convention.

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## Wallace-ite Backs Chief

By DONALD MACDONALD  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Senator Glen H. Taylor, Wallace's left-hand man, arrived here at noon today, not visibly tired from the grueling speech tour he has made in North Carolina since Sunday.

The tall Westerner, wearing a "peace" button in his lapel, will blast out in behalf of the Third Party radio broadcast here tonight.

Asked about his stand on the Third Party radio topic, the Senator said, "There is in the main no Third Party, because for all practical purposes the two old parties have merged."

Immediately he began to speak for the Presidential candidate, calling Wallace the only man for the time being. "I don't say that co-operation is the best way to prevent war," he said, "but I say that co-operation is the only way to prevent war."

Our cartels are picking up where the German parties failed, and are determined to conquer Russia and to exploit the whole world economically. That's the cause of the difficulties in the world right now.

The Idahoan said that never before have Americans been so afraid to speak for themselves, to speak their own minds and to take part in politics. "It's a definite symptom of the totalitarian approach."

"Top-flight people can speak for themselves," he said.

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## Program Tonight To Originate At Armory

Doors To Open At 6:30 P. M.

Cowboy Sen. Glen H. Taylor, tall in the saddle behind Henry A. Wallace, joined with visiting guests of "America's Town Meeting of the Air" in Charlotte around noon today in preparation for the scheduled ABC broadcast from the Armory-Auditorium tonight.

The man from Idaho, who is Wallace's running-mate on the Progressive slate, met for luncheon at the Hotel Charlotte with Columnist Dorothy Thompson, Publisher James Stewart Martin, Publisher Dwight Macdonald, and New York Moderator George V. Denny Jr. All but Senator Taylor arrived from New York by train this morning and (with Taylor) they will be the principals in the Town Meeting debate of the controversial Third Party question.

Senator Taylor, naturally, a "yes-man" in tonight's broadcast, came here from Chapel Hill where he addressed a University audience sponsored by his happy hosts, the Wallace-for-President Club, last night.

Tonight's broadcast, featuring debates and audience participation on "Will a Third Party Bring Us Peace and Prosperity?" will begin at 7:30 P. M. The broadcast, which will be a re-broadcast at 8:30, is joint host to the Town Meeting with The Charlotte News.

A welcoming committee composed of Co-chairman George W. Dorey, Belk's Department Store executive, and J. E. Dorey, general manager of The News, with Mayor H. E. Barker as honorary chairman, welcomed the radio guests to Charlotte today.

The scheduled 15:15 P. M. address by Senator Taylor was canceled at the eleventh hour because of the weather.

C. Smith University, Negro university here.

Thos. Macdonald, chairman of the University's Wallace-for-President group, said that the address had been canceled because of a lack of time to make arrangements.

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William E. Traub, business manager of the Charlotte News, said that the broadcast would be a "substantially" reduced teacher load in the public schools next year.

The board unanimously adopted recommendations of its finance committee to "substantially" reduce the teacher load in the public schools next year.

Under the present regulation, six school teachers are allowed on the basis of four teachers for each additional 30 pupils.

See TEACHER LOAD on page 8-A

## Production Genius

## William Knudsen Dies In Detroit

DETROIT (AP)—William S. Knudsen, World War II co-ordinator of America's industrial might, died today following a long illness.

Death came to the 69-year-old former president of General Motors Corp. at 4:48 A. M. (EDT).

The white-haired Danish immigrant was known by fellow industrialists as "the greatest production genius of modern times."

He gave up the Presidency of General Motors, the country's largest producer of automobiles, in 1940 to head the mammoth rearmament program initiated by the late President Roosevelt.

Knudsen was commissioned a lieutenant-general in the United States Army and moved directly to that high military office. He frequently admitted his embarrassment, remarking "I'm not a military man."

His wife, Mrs. Clara Elizabeth Knudsen, and their four children were called to his bedside. Doctors Charles E. Lemmon and A. C. Brantner were in attendance.

It was believed that an extended tour of the battlefronts

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## Indifferent To Injury

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AKRON, Ohio (AP)—Year-old Beverly Smith never cries about little hand on a hot stove.

Mrs. Smith added, "She didn't cry then, either. She just looked at me and laughed."

After Beverly cut her finger on a nail, Mrs. Smith said, "She just looked at me and laughed."

They say she was born indifferent to pain. A pin prick brings a laugh. Bumps and bruises never bother her.

Aside from complete indifference to pain, Beverly is a normal active child. She cries when hungry or angry, for example.

Right now the daughter of Mrs. Smith is in the children's hospital for treatment of a fever. Her 4-year-old mother says they probably will take her home tomorrow.

Mrs. Smith first noticed Beverly was immune to pain when the child, during the 40-year-old labor leader's last calm control of the CIO United Auto Workers.

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## Weather

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