

The Eggs And Henry Wallace

THE nation was not deprived of any historic words when Henry Wallace's hysterical mood him down here yesterday. Everybody knew what Henry was going to say, anyway. But it was still a disturbing, and foolish, demonstration.

most were guilelessly playing right into his hands. Henry Wallace is smart. He knows exactly what he is after. He was not seeking votes in Burlington, or Greensboro, or Charlotte, or Hickory. He knows that, under the most favorable conditions, his vote in these cities would be both unimportant and negligible. But the eggs tossed at him by Southern whites have made him thousands of votes in the Harlems of Detroit and Chicago and New York City, and among the whites of the North who don't like Southerners anyway. That's where he wants them, where they count the most.

Continue The War On Polio

RALEIGH Correspondent Lynn Nisbet reports that the tourist trade alone in North Carolina lost forty million dollars this year because of the polio epidemic. Forty million dollars, of course, small change to the loss of one child. But within the state's economy it is more than noticeable.

lo. The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has sought a method for early diagnosis of the disease and has not found it; it has also tried to find a cure. This it has not found either.

Another Raleigh informant, State News Bureau Director Bill Sharpe, points to the economic effect of polio. Says Sharpe: "distressing economic conditions have resulted from the polio epidemic."

We must remember however that great medical discoveries are achieved through continued research. No doubt the Foundation will be able to continue its research without assistance if he does return, hope that Mecklenburgers will give him the silent treatment that he has, so richly earned.

A Change In Our Electoral System

THIS BEING the year of the Great Unrest, it is not surprising that complaints are being made about our archaic and cumbersome system of choosing a President by the electoral system.

pipe a particular tune. But of even greater importance to the South is another important result — it would encourage both parties to go into every hamlet of the nation with a vigorous, hard-hitting campaign.

His main argument is that the change would place in the balance of power now exerted by small minorities in states where the two major parties are about evenly divided. One of the left-overs from the New Deal era, a generally accepted plan on minorities in the American scheme of things, Roosevelt made it popular. Truman carried on with his civil rights proposals, which apparently stem directly from a brazen effort to keep Negro vote in a few close states rather than sincere concern for the Negro's welfare.

But the South casts a good many votes, and it could gain anything there. In 1944, twelve Southern states cast 3,385,514 Democratic and 1,183,985 Republican votes for a total of 4,569,499. That year, Roosevelt edged Dewey by 3,598,514 popular votes. In the 1940 election, these same states cast 3,429,067 Democratic and 947,743 Republican votes for a total of 4,376,810. That year, Roosevelt led Wallace by just 324,743 votes to the whole country.

Senator Sparkman thinks his plan would remove the premium label from the minority and place it on the majority, so that it belongs. It would also improve things at the national conventions, and candidates would doubtless be chosen because of their universal appeal, instead of their ability to

But the mathematics involved are frightening. Dewey by 3,598,514 popular votes, or 87.2 per cent of the North Carolina vote, or 8.673 of the state's 13 electoral votes. Conceivably a national election could be settled by three ten-thousandths of an electoral vote.

From The Greensboro Daily News

Headed Toward Suicide

UNITED STATES Department of Agriculture reports that cotton exports have hit a 76-year peacetime low in the crop year just ended. Decreased shipments are blamed on dollar shortages and the large cotton stocks these countries had on hand at the start of the season and delay in starting the Marshall Plan foreign aid program.

as true or not, to us it seems equally obvious that there would be vastly more cotton consumed in this country if prices of cotton goods were reduced. It is true there has been no announced buyers' strike as in the case of housewives hither and yon as to meat; but can't we make a similar appeal to the Republicans who would want to whittle it down. Net result would be that we'd be courted more ardently by both parties.



Editors' Roundtable

Farm Price Supports

In the late 80th Congress, regular session, the House accepted Sen. Aiken's new farm bill on condition that the wartime 90 per cent of 'parity' level at which the Government would support farm prices would continue until Jan. 1, 1950.

Joseph & Stewart Alsop

Is Decision In Order?

THE American evacuation of the Korean peninsula was quickly voted by the National Security Council and the State Department.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

THE long-stemmed political kettle has reached the boiling point. On the national stage, the cooking will start next Monday when Harry Truman and Thomas Dewey formally square off before Labor Day.

Badger Melee

RAJIB JOHNSON is making things equally unhappy for the old, tired GOP bosses in Wisconsin. A tall, striking veteran of both world wars and life-long Progressive, he has what looks like a winning grip on the Republican gubernatorial nomination.

Colorado Rodeo

THE Colorado crusader is Eugene Cervi. A stocky, bustling ex-newspaper man who was born in a miner's cabin, Cervi has set the state on its ear by his slashing campaign against Sen. Ed Johnson.

Marquis Childs The Fabulous Kaiser

IN a chaste and chocolate-brown office as modern as any after someone has been there, Marquis Childs looks like a great, big, happy fellow on a great, big holiday. It's wrong to say that Marquis Childs is happy because he has a great, big holiday.

THE Kaiser produces more cement than the total produced by the pre-war cement trust. This Kaiser was producing more aluminum ingots than the total production of the country in 1937.

THE Kaiser really only a small part of what he said. Memory reads before him a catalogue of his own drama, pantomime, all interspersed with long distance telephone calls from his various offices.

THE Kaiser is a man of the most modern concentration of power in the United States. He has repeatedly defied all the gods of business and finance who are said to be his gods.

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Not Worth Holding?

THE conclusion that Korea was not worth holding was reached on three grounds. The occupation costs in the American zone of Korea are running at a rate of \$300 million a year. The Army can afford to hold the 24,000 American garrison duty in Korea.

Bi-Partisan

THE bi-partisan campaign should be confined solely to foreign affairs. The one-time Wall Street banker, Joseph P. Kamp, said:

Political Shorts

MRS. WENDELL WILLKIE, widow of the 1946 Republican Vice President, is with a New York bank over the handling of her husband's estate.

Reminder: In a call on Sen. Arthur Vandenberg, Rotterdam's Burgomaster Oud spoke of Holland's pride in prominent American, Dutch descent.