

# Exploratory Discussions Held In Phone Dispute

## Speeches Criticized

### Vandenberg Calls Wallace Talks In Britain 'Shocking'

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Senator Vandenberg, Republican, Michigan, today termed Henry Wallace's appeals in England "a shocking thing."

The Republican chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee offered this comment to reporters on speeches by the former Democratic vice President against President Truman's Greek-Turkish aid program.

"I think it is a shocking thing when an American citizen goes abroad to speak against his own government. I suggest that the important question is not what Mr. Wallace will do in 1948 but what he is doing in 1947."

Wallace's speeches during his present tour abroad also drew sharp criticism from Senator Robertson, Republican, Wyoming, who told reporters:

"I don't think that the British people are going to be foolish enough to be influenced by what he says."

Robertson said he thought Senator Pepper, Democrat, Florida, and other opponents of the Greek-Turkish aid plan had a "perfect right" to express opposition views in this country. But he questioned the propriety of a former Vice President

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and presiding officer of the Senate during his tour. Wallace has done.

"I think it's a hell of a situation when a man who has held high office in this country goes to another country and tries to persuade them against the policy of his own country," Robertson said.

Several other Senators were still seething over the Wallace speeches.

**SEEKING FOR HIMSELF**

Senator Lucas, Democrat, Illinois, told reporters that Wallace is "not understood in this country and throughout the world that he is speaking only for himself."

**LUCAS ATTACKS**

Later, Lucas, the Democrat Whip, told reporters that a "most unfortunate" Wallace has criticized the Greek-Turkey program "at this crucial hour."

"What we need is unity behind our bipartisan foreign policy and disunity behind it," Wallace said. "I am sure that the United States will have no contribution to that cause."

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In a joint statement, John W. Gibson, Assistant Secretary of Labor, and Edgar L. Warren, director of the U. S. Conciliation Service, said:

"Exploratory discussions with both sides are going on. We're exploring some angles in an effort to work out a solution."

The National Federation of Telephone Workers claimed an additional 15,000 workers are idle in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Northern California and Chicago, bringing the total off the job to 213,000.

There was no immediate comment on this from the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., parent firm of the struck Bell System.

"We're settling down for a long haul," said President Joseph P. Beine of the National Federation of Telephone Workers.

Administrative officials talked privately of possible seizure of the industry by President Truman under provisions of the Federal Communications Act, but they had little enthusiasm for this solution.



THE DIONNE QUINTUPLETS, all grown up, donned their finery to act as bridesmaids at the wedding of their twenty-year-old brother, Ernest, to Jeannette Guindon, a school teacher, at North Bay, Ontario, Canada. The five girls, who will be thirteen years old on May 28, wore floor-length dresses in pastel shades with hoods of black velvet. The wedding party is shown on the right.

the way to the private chapel of the Dionne home. One of the girls is almost concealed from view at the end of the procession. The newlyweds left for a week-long honeymoon and upon their return will live with the Dionne family. Ernest assists his father in operating the family farm. (INP.)

## Wallace Attack

### 'Imperialism' Is Charged To U. S.

MANCHESTER, Eng. — (AP) — Henry A. Wallace charged today that the U. S. had embarked on a program of "ruthless imperialism" and declared that the program must fail because "Americans will never pay the cost and they cannot pay the cost."

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In an attack on President Truman's aid to Turkey and Greece, prepared for delivery at a public meeting in this mid-Atlantic industrial center, Wallace said America's present program "if unmodified would stretch the American Empire from China to the Near East and from pole to pole."

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