## That 'Insult' From Henry Wallace

HENRY WALLACES speeches in Europe against the Truman Administration's foreign policy are characterized by the Veterans of Foreign Wars as 'an insult to the citizens of the United States." We would not be surprised to hear that Mr. Truman rifet that Mr. Wallace was getting a little too personal but it is more difficult to understand the affront to the Veterans. The VFW wants the Federal Government to gag Henry if he attempts it again, Meeting in New York last Saturday for their annual encampment, the Veterans asked Congress to pass bestilities.

ing in New York last Saturday for their annual encampment. the Veterana saked Congress to pass hegislation providing for court action against any organization which directive many patients of the country in opposition to the foreign policy of the United States."

Perhaps we are duller than usual today, but we don't get it. Where is the crime here, and why should we feel insulted? It can't be that the VFW feels it is wrong or illegal to influence United States policy, since the Veterans themselves adopted a flock of resolutions telling the Preferra fairs, including those touchy foreign affairs, including those touchy foreign affairs. Does this mean that it is proper to influence American policy from New York but improper to discuss it in Paris or London? That can't be so because the VFW makes it clear that it would have found no fault with Mr. Wallace if he had been on their side of the question.

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If VFW felt that Mr. Wallace had been guilty of any crime more serious than dis-putatiousness it would have been compelled to use a stronger word than "insult" to ex-

press its reaction to his speeches. Since it did not do so, it has recognized the fact that this critic of the Truman Doctrine observed all the laws covering the conduct of an American citizen in a foreign land. It does not charge that there was anything disloyal in his utterances. He was merely repeating abroad what he has said at length in this country and VFW has not yet asked that he be gagged in this country.

The whole objection is based on the fact that the criticism was offered in a friendly foreign land and that, it seems to us, is a thin pretext for an effort to limit debate and punish Henry Wallace for his contrariness.

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Does this mean that American citizens must change their opinions, before they go abroad or that their Constitutional rights end or diminish when they step outside our continental borders? Can we make an expension to curtain the freedom of speech of any citizen anywhere without violating the principle on which this democratic nation in the word struggle for democracy by sending our citizens abroad under restraints that are peculiar to the totalitarian police state?

We don't think so. It seems to us that the moment, as are many other individuals and groups, in the heat of argument over a foreign policy that still is being evolved by the democratic process. Meanwhile, we welcome further contention over it so long as that discussion stays within the limits well defined by the Constitution and our laws.

## Congressman Jones On Taxes

CONGRESSMAN HAMILTON C. JONES has lost none of the enthusiasm for a tax cut which he exhibited in the last session of Congress by voting for the Republican-sponsored measure to slash income taxes, which President Truman vetoed with the explanation that debt reduction must

Since no Democratic measure for tax reduction was offered then, Mr. Jones naturally felt there was nothing else for him to do but vote for the Republican bill. He hopes and believes his own party will offer a bill at the next session which will meet Mr. Truman's objections that the Republican relief aboved the high home brackets at the expense of the low income class.

ets at the expense of the low income class. It is a pleasure to talk with Congressman Jones as he is perhaps the nation's most cheerful champion of relief for the Federal taxpayer. He not only thinks we can have a tax cut and a more equitable one than the GOF has ling mind, he also believes we can have debt reduction at the same time. He bases his case on the estimated Peder which he would divide up, as \$3:1-2 billion for tax relief, the remainder on the debt.

We hate to mention it here, but someone going to have to do something more sout cutting the Federal budget if all less beautiful prospects are to work out, the painful fact is that we can have no tax

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cpt without reduction in Government expenditures and that means curtailing Government services. The limited budget cuts which were made this year would have permitted no tax cut worth mentionals. Our surplus was made by the passent Our surplus was made by the passent of the passen

real services for the home cloks if we are to cover a services for the home cloks if we are to Our expresentatis may not find the Republicans on enthus ast for this kind of economy in 1948 since they already are settling poor reactions from some of the volers, particularly the farmers, over the 1947 slashes in appropriations for Federal aid. However, we do not mean to suggest that this will discourage Congressman Jones. We expect him to stand by his promises of both a tax cut and a reduced budget and we will watch with interest to see what happens, when he goes back to Washington filled with determination to slash appropriations right and left without fear or favor. Good luck, Ham.

# The 'Machine' And Public Apathy

SOME of these days North Carolina may wake to find that is has produced a Bilbo or a Huey Long or a Boss Crump and the people of this enlightened and progres-sive State will wonder how it happened.

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R. Mayne Albright, candidate for Governor, directed attention to this possibility when he spoke before the Civitan Club in Charlotte a few days ago and raised the machine issue in connection with a discussion of the public's political group and in-difference of the voters are two conditions which contribute most to the rise of reactionary boss regimes or demagogues. The alarming extent to which the popular political will have declined was emphasized by Candidate Albright, who clied results of a recent check of 18 municipalities where only 27 per cent of the registered voters cast ballots and only 35 per cent of those qualified to register were on the books. Charlotte, Mecklenburg and the consort of the feet that only a small part of the electorate is exercising the right of franchise, upon which our democracy rests.

American cities and states have been American cities and states have been

cursed with so many machines chiefly be-cause the public is never aroused to the danger of boss rule until the organization is well entrenched and its abuses have be-

is well entrenched and its abuse have become outrageous. North Carolina has not worried much about the growth of a Raleiph machine because, by and large, it has had first-rate State Government. Perhaps that is partly because of the Old North State's long and progressive (almost truly liberal) tradition, and partly because modern machine politicians are of a higher type than the operators of the past, which is generally true.

In any event, there hasn't been a riffling of the stream of political power and influence in North Carolina since 1936, when a school teacher named Ralph McDonald almost defeated Ciydé Hoey in the race for the Governorship. Asdé from that the organization has met no real challenger. There has been and there is nothing vicious about it. Our working officials have been and are decent fellows. Our Governors heach the good executives. But we have been and are decent fellows. Our Governors hack this business of 'aipointed' Governors and other State officials cannot go on forewer without producing some highly undesirable results. on forever without producing some highly undesirable results.

## Another Voice

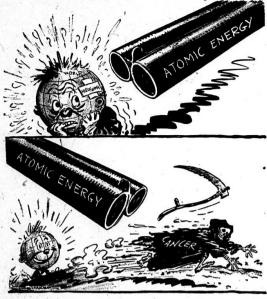
## With Many Tongues

ONE OF THE tragic, yet hopeful, facts of our civilization is that religious, ractal of our civilization is that religious, ractal for the present of the world of the parents and their home councilization. They are not how with them, if all the children of the world could, from the time they come into the world. live and play and work with each other, without the differences of skins and features and religious and political divisions being called to their attention by their elders, they might grow up believing that there were no fundamental differences among human beings. Then we really would have one beings. Then we really would have one beings. Then we really would have one the proposed school on Long Island for children of employees and attaches of the United Nations Organization should have, if it is a property organ-

tion should have, if it is properly organ-ized; such a Utopian climate. It is planned that the youngsters there from three to eleven years will live, work and play with-

those languages.

The expected enrollment of a maximum of 800 children is not large when it is projected against the millions of children of the world. But it can be a leavening into the world. But it can be a leavening of the control of the cont



## People's Platform

# Wrong Note By Democrats

Editors, The News:

If I am able to analyze the present situation, I would say that this is no time for inflammatory or incendiary appeals on the part of office holders or candidates for office. The direct holders are candidated for office. The direct holders are the say time since its early history. It would not require much incitation to develop a major revolution. The thinking element in both major parties are saily when the bind comes, as it must. And it's a real danger with labor's present reckless and irresponsible leadership.

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But labor has no monopoly upon reckless and irresponsible leadership. The Democratic warm-upon the leadership and the Democratic leadership and the leadership and the Democratic leadership and the leadership and the Democratic leadership and the leadership and th

can be no lar sind noness objection, as no slowed, as no longer the other contracting party is bound, that is, he wants no underhold.

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-JOHN W. HESTER.

## Warding Off The 'Purge Man' CHARLOTTE

Editors, The News:

O'E of the most graitfying results of this country's belated sawareness of the Red menace is the way some of our former so-called "liberals" have started to backtrack and fear for their hides now that fellow-traveling is beginning to become unpopular.

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Only last week Senátor Pepper threw over Henry Williams's third party and the provided the provided of the senate of the senate

# Marquis Childs The Ruhr Problem

the commission needs office space.
ABOVE ROYALTY.
But the very fact that Frau
Krupp could make such a request
indicates the mentality of this
required family, as a Ditable put
year that the commission of the co

reverence accorded the Empergo of Japan.

Recently, one of the daughters returned to inspect the family home. The Krupp servants, who home the Krupp servants who have been indicted as war criminated of the family, and his son Aifred have been indicted as war criminated that the servant of t

trast could not be greater.
The air-raid bunkers were built near the mine shafts so that shifts going on or off duty could take shelter there. The mines themselves are so deep that they were safe except when a hit on the surface destroyed the machines providing air and light to the men

THE KUHR PRODIEM

JUST outside of ruined Easen is massive concrete structures built and the most remarkable private home to the most remarkable private home to a slight misuse of the Ruine family. As electric the private home is a slight misuse of the Ruine family, former masters of the Ruhr industrial empire. It has been occupied for two years by the North German Coali Commission, the North German Coali Commission, the North German Coali Commission, or a coal production. British coal experts have their offices in the barronial adona, the bedrooms coal production. British coal experts have their offices in the barronial adona, the bedrooms when the coal production. British coal more coal production in the barronial adona, the bedrooms the coal production of the coal production of the coal production. British coal more coal production in the barronial adonated the coal production of the coal production. British coal more coal production in the coal production of the coal

another bed, an older child was sick.

13 IN TWO BOOMS

During the war. temporary barrackes were built to house mineral country of the countr

# Samuel Grafton Approach To Crisis

T REMINDS ME of the bull sestions in good old Fannish of war been reconomically more powerful now. If only we'd have stayment to the fight, for evenders are still; it was Mike Blankful and the would talk about the world. And when Ernest Been asy that the tinned States ought to save the United States ought to save the

way college boys save the world, just before they go to sleep.

But there is something frightening in a grown and able man having a buil session idea. It bespeaks a kind gh chipkessnes, as if the has come to the bottom of his barrel. Bevin's suggestion is for mind the reason scarier than even the British coal strike.

The golden circle of Fort Kind, while a shift of the save and the save and

Mr. Bevin's plan isn't cuite as bad as Mr. Herbert Hoover's scheme for saving the world by staying, out of the last war. That, too, reminds me strongly of the kind of thing we might have said in 21 Franklin, in the late twentles. (As a matter of fact, I think we did say it.) It inn't a very constructive, or limitediately practical many of the more did not be supported by the same of the force of the same of the

# Drew Pearson's : Army Discovers Soviet Plot To Take Italy Merry-Go-Round

robution in Italy.

The U. S. Army has discovered hidden stores of Comunits arms, and an underground Italian-Slav army ready
seise northern Italy as soon as the American Army evacues. U. S. agents in disguise have attended Communist
seetings and now have the names of the leaders plus full
tails regarding the size, location and arms hidden by the
mmunist army.

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The chief aim of insurrectional action: says the secret War Department report, "is to build a bridgehead for the command of the c

tion of this wedge would impede the afflux of (U. S.) troops and equipment from the Lechorn replacement depot loward central Europe. This would practically locale Allied occupation troops in Germany, because similar disturbances mould be carried out on French terrifory by similar semi-military organizations of the Communication special properties of the Communication and less well organized than the one now used from Leghorn. To further the Italian insurrectional sims, the occupation wedge would be acted of subotage on highways and rathways, ambush, and other generally according to the control of the Covernment troops sent to crush the insurrection.

A New Mussolini
THE preparation is perfectly worked out at Modena, Boat Toligna, Reggio, and Parma, but less so at Poill, Perrara, and Ravenna (except at strategic coastal points like Oomsacchio), either because the province of Modena, Bologna, Reggio and Parma have been more than the province of Modena Bologna, Reggio and Parma have been more than the province of the province of the province of the province of the key to the position, while the other provinces are concerned only with the coastal strip where help would be received from the Dalimatian coast.

"Having started in the heart of Emilia, the movement would immediately extend into aurounding regions 'like an oil appot,' either through disorganizing and finanting operations of the militarily less organized Red elements of those districts or by direct armed action, aiming at a new Marcel.

"The action is based particularly on surprises and ferceity in the early hours so as to gaffi a few days of insurrectional autonomy in order to mobilize."

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surrectional autonomy in order to mobilize.

"The movement will be preceded by a St. Bartholomew's Night' during which the most fearless anti-Communists and the several directors of the offices not won over to the movement will be eliminated by specialized gappist groups, so that on the following morning the political and administra-

Russian Officers In Italy
Of direct Soviet aid given to the Italian Communists, the

The Russian officers residing at the Soviet repatriation e at Salsomaggiore are the technical advisers of the onal Command.

Regional Command.

"A Russian marshal and another officer, not otherwise identified, who arrived in Italy together with Bottomator vice-secretary of the Community Together with Bottoman, have tossell and a certain Cottard Memo are oversumed to belong the staff of the Regional General Command.

"The Bolorms identification card office issues false documents to the Sist of the S

supplies.

"The whole organization of the Communist Party is presided over by a very small hierarchy of leaders, upon which depends the civil organization and the semi-military organization of the party.

"The military organization is modeled under the direction of foreign advisors, Russians or Slavs, following the Sövet system of organization. Therefore it is identical in all the provinces, and it can be said that there exist a semi-military organization even in the largely and-Communist provinces."