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'Peace Offensive' Goes On

STALIN'S REPLY to Wallace's "open let-STAIN'S REPLY to Wallace's "open letable" of a Russian-American settlement strengthens the impression that the Soviet's gestures toward peace may be a part of a propaganda campaign, a new phase in the diplomatic and ideological competition between the two big powers. That impression doubtiess will prevail until Moscow makes concrete demonstrations of a change in policy, demonstrations of a change in policy.

Nations. In quickly answering Wallace's letter, the Soviet Premier goes over the head of President Truman to speck to the American people. He hardly expected that this conspicuous recognition of Mr. Truman's political rival would inspire more White House confidence in the master of the Kremlin. The Stalin-Wallace exchange will also the Communist maneuver to bring popular pressure on the Administration for two-power talks, which Washington already has firmly rejected.

The letters will also be widely regarded

firmly rejected. The letters will also be widely regarded as propaganda designed to portray Russia before the world as the peace-secker and the United States as the obstructor of a settlement. This aspect of the current diplematic duel between the powers is discussed in alarming accents by 3 um ner. Welles, former Undersecretary of State, in restriction assessed in adaptive columns. weiles, former in in adjoining columns. As sized up by Welles, F. D. Roosevelt's one-time diplomatic trouble-shooter, the Rus-sians are embarked on a peace offensive to throw the United States off guard prepara-tory to a military showdown in the Fall.

Mr. Welles' warning makes it clear

enough that we should proceed with extreme caution at every step in this strange approach to "peace" and accept nothing at face while for superior of propaganda, or of counter-propaganda against the Russian peace offensive. His evidence of Soviet intentions may be exaggerated by auspicion and fear. None of his observations can be discounted entirely but we should have something more in the way of absolute proof that the Russians are engaged in an elaborate deception before we abandon the "Any attempt on our part to proceed an over-all settlement before the Polithuro knows that American rearmanent has taken place would be a fatal mistake." Mr. Welles writes. That is a sound point which none will dispute.

"The Soviet Oovernment will only conclude the kind of a settlement that can reconvinced that the strength and tenacity of the West are equal to its own," the exuluderscreatery adds.

A significant fact is that there already is much about the situation which supports the thought that Russia now is "convinced that the strength and tenacity of the West are equal to its own," and that's why Slain is pounting for peace that will decreaded like a direct response to recent statements by Secretary's facts that the Soviet dictator asserts that he shares our Secretary's facts that "Cereating Mrs." Any rate, it seems too early to call off this exciting diplomatic game.

GOP Exploits Red Hunt

STASSEN and Dewey, in their radio debate Monday night on the question of outlawing the Communist Party, succeeded mostly in proving that the Republican Party is directing America along a mistaken and dangerous course in its big Red hunt.

By our scoring system, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey won the first fall with his showing that the proposal to out law a political party is unconstitutional and undemocratic, and that driving the Communists underground simply increases revolutionary activity.

ary activity.

Stassen threw Dewey in the second clutch when he made the point that the Republican Congress right now is engaged to the congress right now is engaged to the party with a measure known as the Mundt Bill. The New York Governor tried to squirm out of this one, but the former Minnesota Governor had a hammer lock on him and won handily. As he said, the Mundt bill would go even farther than Stassen's own proposal to outlaw the Communist Party.

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The Mundt bill would make potential outlaws not only of Communists but also of

so-called fellow-travelers. It provides pow-ers so sweeping that it could be used to drive trade union members and liberals underground too

Both Presidential candidates questioned the constitutionality of certain features of the Munti bill but Devey stradide when challenged to give a clear-cut indorsement of the measure. He went down insisting that it would not outlaw the Communists, and that it would not outlaw the Communists, and the communists of the communists of the communists of the communistic which sponsored this measure. That left him considerably short of a firm stand on the principle which he had so eloquently exposed of fighting Communism with democratic means instead of to-tallitarian clubs.

talitarian clubs. The great match ended as a draw when both wreatlers knocked themselves out in the third fall while trying unsuccessfully to prove that the Communist internal menace to America is big enough to justify all the excitement and fear which the Republicans have worked up over it. However, the interest in the show provided impressive evidence that the Red scare is constributing mightily to the political aggrandizement of the GOP.

Who Murdered George Polk?

A GREEK Government spokesman de-clares that it is "1,000 per cent cer-tain" that Communists murdered George Polk, American correspondent whose body was found in Salonika Bay three days ago. That statement, made while an official in-vestigation of the mysterious slaying was just getting under way, suggesis that some people in the Greek Government know at least 900 per cent too much about the crime or nothing at all. It also indicates they are more interested in making politi-cal propaganda than in solving the mur-der.

Polk. Columbian Brandeasting System correspondent in the Middle East for two years, was reported to have told friends that he was seeking an interview with a Communist Greek Querrilla leader shortly before he disappeared. Such an assignment would have exposed him to danger but not only to danger from Communist terrorists. It also could have made him the object of attack by rightlus terrorists who object to the attuggle in Greece.

It is known that Polk incurred displeasure in Greek Government circles with his

ure in Greek Government circles with his frank and objective dispatches describing

the reactionary character of the Greek regime, the indifficient administration and black market operations.

There have been persistent reports that the Greeks have used various forms of pressure, including attempted intimidation, in an effort to influence American newsian experience of the control of the Communists.

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This bold and fearless American reporter, George Polk, told the unpleasant facts
about the Communists and the Greek
reactionaires. Long before his death, Polk's
dispatches and the reports of other correspondents had made it all too clear that
our Greek ally is ruled by an authoritarian
regime which has nonponeed ceruni, and our Greek ally is ruled by an authoritarian regime which has pronounced corrupt and terroristic features. The shock created-by this murder should bring action for a demi-oratic house-cleaning in Athens at the same time the United States and Greek Governments are taking energetic steps to clear up the mystery and bring the criminals to justice.

From The Rocky Mount Telegram

'Dixiecrats'

CREDIT The Charlotte News with a new expression which is so catchy that it may stick. It's "Dixterata" and it applies to that group of Democrats I's hit ing against President Truman and his civil rights prografi. After Ture News, like other papers, had struggled along with such phrases as "States Right in Democrats", "Bottlee Democrats", "Bottleen Democrats", "Bottleen Democrats", "Bottleen Democrats", "Dixterats" occurred.

Perhaps the average reader fails to consider the tremendous difficulties facing such folks as the men and women who write headings on newspapers. Each headline, whether it be one-column width or extends over the full eight columns in the standard newspaper, must fit into a given space. Matters are complicated further by the fact that there are many different

styles and sizes of type and each must be considered by the headline-writer who must strive to find not only words that will fit a specific spot, but also words that convey the proper meaning.

vey the proper meaning.

Headline-writers grow greyer when they run upon an important public official with a long and unweldy name because they know they're going to have trouble fitting the name into the headlines. The Rossett Administration saw a creat availanche of shortening of everything, from all the abbreviations of the various Federal bureaus to the shortened 'FDR' for the Chief Executive.

So "Dixiecrats" will mean, if adopted, fewer headaches for the unsung hero who writes the heads. In addition, it's a good term, too.

'I Won't Touch It Again-I Just Want Some On Hand'



Backfire On Peace Feelers

Rumors Revive Fear Of Soviet

By SUMNER WELLES
Former Undersecretary of State
NERVOUS tension is sgain mounting in Western
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People's Platform

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—HOYLE C. GRIFFIN.

(NOTE: The editoria, "In Our Governorship
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Democratic candidate for Governor, Eds. The
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The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount if Communications possible, and on only one side of the paper. Libel and obscenity will be deleted-otherwise anything ones. Each letter must be signed always with the control of the control of

Joseph Alsop

Oregon: The Men

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Drew Pearson's : Gas Lobby Scores Parliamentary Victory Merry-Go-Round

To LOOKS as if the nation's gas bill as agoing to be boasted after all. After first taking a defeat the gas lobby. by some slick parliamentary used to be secret a victory which may affect every housewife using natural gas.

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Battle Of Maine Senators

A roll call vote was taken and to everyone's surprise Chairman Wallace White, Maine Republican, ided with Meres Stunned Bresser, also a Maine Republican, burted oil. "You gave me your word this morning?"
"When you taked to me yeer beliefly over the telephone this morning at my house. I was not fully conversant with the facts," explained White, who has a reputating for up-holium the public interest. "I assume the blame for the minutoristantiant."

Parliamentary Tricks

WHITE sided that Buchanan "shouldn't be opposed on with snother partiamentary trick—a motion to rule out sometime partiamentary trick—a motion to rule out crast for Sens Tom Stewart of Tennessee and Ernest Meraland of Attoman, the would have given Brewier a majority. However, all his tricks to sidetrack the nomination were overthem-interporations.

Now Martin claimed he had been "approached by several Senators from other states" who wanted him to "talk to several proofs" as possible efficiences. In other words, admitted that Buchaucan clasking for witnesses Martin admitted that Buchaucan is a "man of integrity," but opposed him hourtheless.

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Bisking up Martin, Indiana Republican Homer Cape-hart resurrected Bleaster's motion for a special subcom-mittee to study Buchanan's pomination and to object to Capital in this dilemma, Myers agreed a line limit of two secks was set for reporting out Buchanan's momination, He wrung out this concession from Brewster, but the utility-mided Senator from Maine won the final round. He was

able to load the subcommittee with two Moore-Rizley sup-porters-Homer Capehart of Indiana and Albert Hawkes of New Jersey.

Rootin' Tootin' Rankin

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