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War, Appeasement Or Peace?

FROM THE HAGUE comes word that the leaders of five Western European nations view the Berlin crisis as "extremely grave" and advise utmost caution in dealing with the Russians.

Washington announces that Gen. Lucius D. Clay, American Military Governor in Germany, has been summoned home for consultations along with his political adviser, Robert Murphy.

THE BERLIN showdown is the climax of a duel over Germany which entered its final phase months ago with the decision of six Western powers to set up a separate German government in the Western zones controlled by the United States, Britain and France since the defeat of Hitler.

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Wallace Misses The Big Fight

THERE still is talk that Henry A. Wallace may abandon his Third Party bid for President and return to the Democratic fold before the November election.

The discouraging fact faced by both sets of insurgents is that by continuing their guerrilla war against President Truman they are placing themselves entirely out of the picture of the Democratic campaign.

Wallace in recent days has been given more than \$5,000 in aid by the Democratic Party. He must have reflected sadly on his isolation last week when he watched a leaderless Democratic convention romp off to the left, as evidenced in the program of the conservative on civil rights and states' rights issues.

Taft-Hartley Act Here To Stay

JOHN L. LEWIS' demand for repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act and the Wagner Act along with it has a special kind of insolence. Until given benefit of Federal labor legislation, John L. Lewis was a flop as a labor leader.

Lewis' union membership has grown from about 25,000 men in 1923 to 1929 to more than 600,000 well-paid men at present. Thanks go due chiefly to Section 7a of the National Industrial Recovery Act of 1933, which established the right of collective bargaining.

with Russia in new four-power talks on a united Germany. The Allies must go to war to break the Berlin siege.

Acceptance of the first alternative would give Russia a great diplomatic victory. She could use the four-power talks as a sounding board for a new propaganda drive to win the Germans to her side.

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America, must and will provide the resolution and decision which will rally the nation in what are now unimpeachable places. If they do, it will be a long time before steel customers at distant points are benefited.

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Joseph And Stewart Also Two-Prong Policy

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Marquis Childs

Failure Means Death

THE struggle now going on in Berlin is defined in the new terms of naked power. Almost all the Communist political forces that may actually weigh as heavy in the scales as the hundreds of thousands of Soviet troops are a precarious link with the West.

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When the Moscow radio tells the Russian people that all the great buildings and bridges in the USA were designed by Russians we can laugh it off. But when the Moscow radio declares us warmongers threatening to invade Russia, then it's an obvious build-up for a war which

the Russian people don't want but which the fourteen ships in the Kremlin have to justify.

During the war we spent millions of dollars dropping leaflets on the cities of Europe. It is not friendly to them in order to convince them that we were friendly to them as people (though not to their dictators). This expense was justified on the ground that it convinced them that we saved lives.

How much more important, and how many more lives could be saved by the dropping war in the first place, using the heads of the Kremlin and getting to the Russian people.

The State Department of course is trying to do this in a routine sort of way through its Voice of America. However, radio sets are left in Russia and only a fraction of them are ever heard our propaganda.

THE 60 giant B-29s you have sent to Europe will have been by the Russian people—in an entirely different way—by having them drop messages of friendship.

Actually the planes will not fly over Russia, so the messages couldn't be dropped direct. But they will fly a mile from the border over Germany, and the messages will be such that small balloons released from the B-29s will drop over Russia.

That's how the Administration informs me that it is using a million small balloons left over from the war, previously used for weather soundings. The Government has been using these for 27 years and it's worth about \$3,000 a piece in good will and in war preparation. It's worth about \$3,000 a piece in good will and in war preparation.

Can you imagine the difficulty the Kremlin would have in explaining away these balloons?

During the war, the Japanese took advantage of the weather balloons that the Allies were dropping over the Pacific Ocean carrying explosives. They were balloons of

death. We can reverse the process with balloons of friendship.

FURTHERMORE we can reverse the process with no expense to the Government. F. W. Danner of Akron, Ohio, has written me about this. He has written me about this. He has written me about this.

One of the surest ways to head off war is to show the Russian people the way to peace. Let's make them see the fourteen men in the Kremlin say we are.

As long as the Kremlin knows that 180,000,000 Russians are not going to be exposed to the Government's propaganda without criticism, and without knowing anything about the issues—then war can be just around the corner.

I repeat that all sorts of people, including the underground, are interested in this. It's not just the Government's ear. It can't hurt them. It can't hurt them. It can't hurt them.

Very sincerely yours, DREW PEARSON.