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War, Appeasement Or Peace?

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

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Washington announces that Gen. Lucius
Clay, American Milliary Governor in
many, has been summoned home for
subtations along with his political
actives. Robert Munich with the political
facts are but two for many headline deopponent this week proclaiming that the
Germany and Western Europe between
Communist and democratic forces
aded by Russia and the United States,
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THE BERLIN showdown is the climax of I and under 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. Western the Comman government of the Western zones was reached after Russis repeatedly had refused to agree to a plan for a unified Germany, combining the Eastern zone which the Soviet occupies with the Western zones, except on conditions which were unacceptable to the democratic states. They feared that the strong central government which Russis proposed would give the Communists control of all Germany and the Ruhr with its vast war potential.

The Berlin blockade is Russia's answer to our move for Germañ partition. Berlin stie in the Eastern zone, entirely surrounded by Russian forces. The Allies occupy sectors of the city under a four-power agreement for Joint administration of the conquered German for Joint Administrati

the city under a four-power agreement for joint administration of the conquered Ger-man capital. The situation is one which gives the Soviet an advantage which it has exploited to the full. Declaring that the Allied partition step in the West violated the Potedam agreement and gave Russia a free hand in Sastern Germany, Russia has the Prench, British and Americans out of Berlin.

with Russia in new four-power talks on a united Germany before Russia lifts the Berlin blocksde.or, two, the Allies must go to war to break the Berlin sleen.

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 propagands drive to win the Germans to her aide, and also might prevail on the faltering French and the service of the second alternative would mean going to war on ground and at a time selected by Russia, a war in which we would bear the odium of aggressor. Moreover, we would, have very questionable support from our European Allies in this military budget is another warning of Allied unpreparedness for this emergency.

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military budget is another warning or Allied unpreparedness for this emergency.

LITHER WAY we turn, it seems that disaster stare up in the face at the end of our attempt to keep Germany out of guess's hands. At least that its the chole as Russia wants us to see it, and as some of our Allies see it. However, we are blind indeed if we do not perceive that this is a supreme test of the spirit in which the West will lose only if it falls to face up courageously to the threat.

America can, must and will provide the resolution and decision which will raily the democratic world and compel the Russians fearlessness we may discover that there is a third alfernative, and one which Russian and one verything in her power to prevent us from seeing and using. That is the course of the United Nations.

For two years the Russians have waged an uncessing campaign to destroy confidence and hope in UN, with the result that Western statement discount the moral power of this peacemaking agency and neglect voportunities to use it more effects and the statement discount the moral power of this peacemaking agency and neglect voportunities to use it more frechance to win with the United Nations, and thins the western to fall.

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Wallace and his leftlat followers are reminded again that they are missing the
substance of the result of the result of the
spottlaght turning to Washington for the
spottla session of Congress while the New
Party is gathering in Philadelphia. There
is little expectation that the special session
will accompilah anything for the country
or improve the Democratic Party's chances
in November but it makes sense as a formidable bid to increase the liberals' influence in the Democratic Party.

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came as a complete surprise to the conser-vative leadership in the party and was en-gineered by the leftlist Americans for Dem-ocratic Action and Clark Olifford, the New Dealer who now seems to be Mr. Truman's favorite adviser.

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The call to Congress serves two prime purposes of the liberals. One, by putting Congress on the spot to get action on housing, price contest and other measures popular with laborites and progressives, it is meant to bring back to the party the metamonths of the prime progressive and the property of the party the metamonths of the party the party of th

meant to bring back to the party the met-ropolitan masses whose votes kept Roose-velt in office. Two, it widens the breach between the Truman Administration and the Southern Democrats, making it easier for the liberals to take control of the party

Wallace Misses The Big Fight New Deal liberals which made such a splash at the convention.

THERE still is talk that Henry A. Wallace may abandon his Third Party race for President and return to the Democratic fold before the November election. This speculation grows even while the Wallace cohorts are assembling in Philadelphia for the New Party's first and perhaps last national convention. It thrives on the same circumstances that point to a collapse of the boit of the Didecrats, who held their convention in Birmingham last week and placed a Presidential ticket headed by Governors Thurmond and Wright in the field.

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machinery.

It now seems clear that the special session of Congress will serve the second aim of the Democratic left, that of driving conservative Southerners out of the Democratic Party, rather than the first purpose of railying the labor and liberal elements that have described to Wallace or are now Republicans. It int'l likely that Congress will pass the legislation which the ADA wants but it is probable that the seasion will produce a drive for civil rights laws which will further aggravate the Dixlecrat revolt. From The Louisville Courier-Journal

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 inolence. Until given benefit of Federal labor legislation. John L. Lewis was a flop as a labor leader.

Lewis' union membership has grown from about 125,000 ill-paid men in 1932 to more than 600,000 well-paid men at pres-nt! Thanks ads due chiefly to Section 7a of the National Industrial Recovery Act of end. Thanks age due chiefly to Section 7a of the National Industrial Recovery Act of 1933, which established the right of collective bargaining, and to the Wagner Act of 1935, which confirmed it. In, other words, it was a beneviorin Government that enabled Lewis to create the tight monopoly of coal mining labor supply which he control to 1935. And now that he has perfected that the company of the coal mining the company of the coal mining the

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In any event, the Taft-Hartley Act (which is an amendment of the Wagner Act) is not going to be repealed. And Republican Presidential Nominee Dewey is not going to come out for its repeal, as Lewis withfully suggests that he do. It is ironic to see Lewis trying to find a way to support the party which accepts responsibility for the Taft-Hartley Act. He is not impressed by President Truman's record of opposition to plank advocating its remember. It is not the party which accepts me the party man is a proposed to the party which accepts meaning the party of the fact of the party which accepts the party in the party which accepts the party of the party which accepts the party of the party which accepts the party of t



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Editors' Roundtable

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-Edited by JAMES GALLOWAY.

People's Platform

Peaches From Niagara

Joseph And Stewart Alsop

Two-Prong Policy

rce. Step 2. If the blockade is not ted, the Soviet action will be re-

Marquis Childs

Failure Means Death

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Letter Suggests Peaceful Use For B-29s

In other words, while making a demonstration of our latent force, they can also make a demonstration of our latent friendship.

In brief, they can help to tell the Russian people the real truth about the peace-desiring people of the United States.

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

death. We can reverse the process with balloons of friend ship.

During the war we spent millions of dollars dropping leafiets, cakes of soap, packages of tea over other nations in order to convince them that we were friendly to them as people (though not to their dictators). This expense was fully justified on the ground that it shortened the war and saved lives.

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 few in Russia and probably only a fraction of the people ever hear our propaganda.

So here is my suggestion.

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THE 60 giant B-26s von have sent to Europe will have I their effect on the Kremin. Let's also make them felt we the Rousson people—in a friendship.

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