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Welcome To Henry Wallace

ABOUT this time," says the monk of Padua in his chronicles of the year 1280, "when all Italy was filled with cold... men of noble and ignoble birth, old and young, traversed the streets of the city naked, yet without shame. Each carried a scourge in his hands, with which he drew blood from his own body, and amidst sighs and tears, singing at the same time penitential psalms."
Asceticism, the desire to mortify the flesh and to subvert the will to the spirit, has flourished since Christianity began. Unhappy mortals have flogged themselves like the men of Dark Ages Italy above, have tortured themselves ingeniously, have eaten human excrement, have lived in filth and fertilized a crop of flourishing ears all over their bodies, have denied their tongues speech and their abusive stomachs nourishment, all to shove themselves and perhaps to engender admiration for the lengths to which their zeal would take them. There was even that early flagpole sifter, Simon Stylites of ancient Antioch, who established a cult among hermits that lasted for many centuries.
Simon (to simple of the same name, no kin) built himself a pillar eighteen feet high and three feet wide at the base. The pillar raised eventually, as his attendance continued good and competition sprang up, to 60 feet, and there he lived just doing his duty, his hands clasped in prayer, for 37 years, although there is testimony to the effect that many times at night when things were quiet Simon would climb down and go about wretched street-level business.

In private, alone instead of covering whole continents in exhibition of it. It would be all right if he had not so proudly only himself instead of mortifying his country.
Here is a man who once believed in his country, though it cannot be said conversely that all of his countrymen have already in him. He ho'ed onto the national scene at a time of great distress, a state of affairs in which he thrives, and he thrived. His special assignment was to better the lot of the farmer, and he bettered it directly, immediately, and ascetically. He invoked and imposed the power of a Bureaucracy to kill the little pigs, the poor little piggies, and to plow under the corn, to get the farmer standing, and to require that before a man—an American man—could sell the produce of his labor in his fields, he had to have a ticket on it. A red ticket, and perhaps the color was symbolic of what was to come.
For in the rolling interval Henry Wallace has become almost a traitor to his country, and his authority and the liberal principles which he once professed to have. He has become a duff of sinister—quite sinister—interests which have, capitalized upon his doubt and uncertainty and confusion, and his authority and the liberal principles which he once professed to have. He has become a duff of sinister—quite sinister—interests which have, capitalized upon his doubt and uncertainty and confusion, and his authority and the liberal principles which he once professed to have.



Compaigning Is Big Business

Millions Spent On Elections

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Political Oddities

STRANGE things have happened in this country's political history.
Two years ago a man was elected to the Senate and the House of Representatives in the same election. The man was John Sparkman of Alabama and the date was Nov. 5, 1946.
In 1932, John Nance Garner of Indiana was elected to the House of Representatives and the office of Vice President of the United States in the same election.
James A. Garfield of Ohio was a member of the House, a Senator, Vice President of the United States—all one and the same time.
Garfield resigned from the House, declined the Senate seat, became Vice President and was assassinated four months later.
Joe T. Robinson of Arkansas, who was elected to the Senate in 1913, was a U. S. Representative, Governor of his state, and U. S. Senator.
For an entire year, James M. Curley was Mayor of Boston and a U. S. Representative at the same time.
It is not unusual for politicians to be elected to one office while holding another. But unlike Curley they usually resign before assuming the duties of the second office.

Beer & Wine To The Bootleggers

EVER since the inauguration of the county option system of controlling alcoholic beverages, N. C. Dry has been fighting an uphill battle. Their objective, a state referendum which, they believe, would result in total prohibition in this state. Recent Legislatures have thwarted the efforts of the bootleggers, but the 1947 General Assembly finally threw them a sop in a little-publicized law with a joker in it.
The law extended the county-option system to provide for a referendum on county election upon the presentation of a proper petition. The joker was a provision that a county which outlawed beer and wine would receive no share of the constitutional tax proceeds.

Gaston. Previously they had won five. Their batting average so far has been perfect.
These big majorities are impressive. In none of the counties had the ABC system for selling liquor been tried, but all had experienced the legal sale of wine and beer. Obviously, the voters didn't like what they saw, and out went beer and wine.
There is no doubt that these two alcoholic beverages, mild as they are, can cause a lot of trouble. But there is considerable doubt that, simply by holding an election, they can be banished from the very haunts and the abuses eliminated which brought beer and wine into low repute in the first place. It has been proven to anybody's satisfaction that prohibition is not necessarily prohibitive. The end result of the Dry victory can thus far be simply to deny another little privilege to the orderly people in these communities and to turn the trade over to the bootleggers, with the loss of tax revenue and the acute police problems that such a system entails.

Quote, Unquote

The Russians claim they caught a U. S. naval officer receiving some spy material. For fear he would jump out of a window they sent him home with it. —Fort Myers (Fla.) News-Press.
Politics is so warm in Georgia that newspapers are checking on the number of soft drinks sold at each polling place to see if the heat is raised. —Greenville (S. C.) Piedmont.
Kids' will always find new ways for excitement and danger. Jeeps seem to afford considerable fun with them. They have been seen to go off on a road or take the two boys who were racing on Western Ave. Wednesday noon, each riding a two-wheeled scooter. Their parents were notified by a compromise wide open and each boy was trying to push or pull the other from his perch. —Mattoon (Ill.) Journal-Gazette.
A local man says that the oldest gag upon married folks is the one about a wife going through her husband's pockets. He figures the ancient saw must have been given off by a bachelor. A married man would know, only too well, that she'd never let him keep the money in his pocket long enough to get his clothes off and go to sleep. —Lanes (Mo.) Herald.

Dr. W. Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Dr. W. Pearson's Merry-Go-Round is on a brief vacation, the Washington Merry-Go-Round is being written by his old partner, Robert S. Allen.
WASHINGTON LEADERS of the House Un-American Activities Committee are being scolding secreted to over the confiding, His-Chambers testimony.
The wrangle took place after the concluding, day-long interview of the former New Dealer and his associates. The Congressional probers barked more angrily at an another time they had been heard.
Cause of the dispute was the question of instituting proceedings. Rep. Ed. Hebert, a Louisiana Democrat, angrily demanded immediate prosecution. Rep. Carl Mund, R. S. D., and Rep. Nixon, R. Calif., but as angrily insisted on further public hearings. Each side accused the other of playing politics and grand-standing.
Hebert declared, "Either His or Chambers is lying, but it's not for us to decide who is guilty. We have presented the evidence, and it's now up to the Justice Dept. to determine who committed perjury and to prosecute. I am strongly in favor of continuing the investigation, but the His-Chambers phase of it is finished. It's time we went on to other things."
The Justice Department wants to shut off the probe entirely, while you Republicans want to keep this His-Chambers pot boiling. Both sides are playing politics. I'm a Democrat, but I say you are both trying to drag this matter out until after the November election."
The Justice Dept. took the evidence, let it step by step and take over. That's what the Department is for.
That's your opinion, snapped Nixon. "We don't think

Tax Collections

WASHINGTON — Tax collections by Federal, state and local governments figured out to an average of \$94.6 for each of the 144,000,000 Americans during the year ended June 30, 1947.
The figures are reported in this today that the Federal Government, as usual, got the lion's share, with \$48,600,000, or 51.3 percent of the total. Total tax collections of the Federal, state and local governments were \$144,000,000, or 100 percent of the 1947 national income of \$320,500,000,000.
The figures are a record for the fiscal 1948's record high tax total.
The bureau put the Federal Government's share of the total at \$51,400,000,000 from 1943's record, high, chiefly because of repeal of the income tax on the profits of corporations.
State and local government taxes partly offset the Federal tax decline by climbing to new peak totals of \$45,400,000 for the states and \$3,700,000,000 for the local governments. This upward trend has continued since 1943.

Tradition Gets A Keel-Hauling

YON Admiral has a fat and plaid look; such men are lazy; they sit too much. That might be the bard have phrased Rear Admiral Thibaud's motto in a broad-brimmed brass in our nation's Navy.
Admiral Thibaud, the Navy's Inspector-General, has broken all standing Navy tradition with his assertion that something has to be done about "over-fed and under-healthy" Naval officers. As any ex-Navy man knows, health is, along with wine-glasses and cigars, a distinguishing mark of top-ranking officers.
Returning from a tour of five Naval districts, Thibaud—in a masterful bit of understatement—declared that the officers he saw "exhibit the impression of vigor, bounding good health in the sense of being 'up' on their toes and ready to go." It was his opinion that these

officers ate too much, drank too much, smoked too much and sat too much.
Well, he is interested in what the inspector-general has to say. He is interested in what he can do to replace their whiskey ration with cod-liver oil? Will vitamins be prominently displayed in ship's service stores? Will he have an orderly appointed to wake each officer in the middle of the night, by turning down his blanket, at 9 A. M.?
Any such action by Thibaud will be protested bitterly by enlisted men who won't know who to salute.
If Admiral Thibaud should succeed in making his ship-shape in the upper ranks you couldn't tell, at fifty paces, a commander from a coxswain.
We suspect that there would have to be a "red check" at Annapolis if Thibaud has his way. The "red check" (the eating and snuff) would be dropped from the curriculum.

Committee Wrangles Over Testimony

The Committee has uncovered all the evidence. Until we do, we would not waive our rights to the justice Dept.
The committee finally effected a compromise. On Nixon's motion it was agreed to hear several other witnesses after which the case would be turned over to the Justice Dept.
Cured
CLARK CLIFFORD, handsome young ghost writer for President Truman, has a favorite story for how a certain speech was prepared for the JED.
He read it carefully and then concluded that the original draft was "too long and too wordy."
Hopkins summoned James Rossmore and Playwright Robert E. Sherwood, who usually prepared the speeches. After the trio had read the draft, there was a long silence.
"Has Sharwood said 'the best thing is to put this aside and start fresh from scratch'?"
The next day, Hopkins handed the new speech to Roosevelt. He read it carefully and then exclaimed, "This is fine. Just what I wanted."
Clifford related that Roosevelt never asked about his original draft and never again wrote another speech.
Secret Test
THE U. S. public doesn't know it, but it's being secretly "tested" on reaction toward one-time Jap collaborators.
The capy problem is being done on a group of powerful Filipino politicians who would like to stage a compromise. The group's premier of the wartime government, now at liberty under an amnesty order of the State Dept., Roxas, Laurel has his eye on the Philippine Presidency.
No Vacancies
THE Army is no-beavy with generals. It has so many there are no vacancies for those on the general-officer promotion boards. Because of this overloaded situation, Army promotion boards next year will start from the lower ranks and work up instead of from the top down, the usual procedure.
The testing of U. S. sentiment is being done in this manner: Prominent ex-collaborators are being quietly sent to Washington on short visits to circulate among officials and to give the public a "feel" for the "new" idea that if no "squawks" develop, then others will be sent to the Philippines. If that proves successful, then Laurel himself will come over.
Latest of these trial balloons was Jorge Vargas, who spent the last few years in the Philippines. He was the Executive Committee of the puppet government and was captured by the Americans in 1945. He was imprisoned in the Manila Jail and later in the U. S. Army. He was released in 1947.
Vargas was freed under the Roxas amnesty.
The other ex-collaborators are the shorty, they are Camillo Osias and Emilio Tirona, who were active in the Jap set-up. If they get by without outcry, the plan is to make full use of the group as members of the Philippine Embassy.
The other ex-collaborators in the puppet government. The job slated for him is Information Officer of the Embassy. And his assistant would be Leon Quinsac, who was Jap broadcaster of the Jap-controlled Manila radio.
Strike
THE President's home state is chalking up a strike record for the year. The famed Mineour "lead belt" has been on strike for the past few weeks. The strike has cost hundreds of employees of the St. Joseph Lead Company have been on a wage-demand walkout. No settlement is in sight. The strike is being led by the U. M. W. and Smelter Workers, a leftist-controlled CIO union.

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Queer Tactics

WHEN a try union meeting packed by followers of Henry Wallace votes a policy in line with the new Third Party, that decision should not be allowed to stand. Particularly should it be reviewed when the union membership totals over 17,000 and a vote, which divided 46 to 29, included only 75 members.
Yet this curious twist has just developed in Local 201 of the United Electrical Workers, CIO, in Lynn, Mass. It happened in the big General Electric plants there, it is the largest labor union in New England. Its position in politics has lately become of public importance because it is the home union of the Third Party's principal labor leader in the Wallace Progressive Party, Mr. Fitzgerald is the General President of the United Electrical Workers, third in size in the CIO. He presided as permanent chairman of the re-