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WANTED: A President.
WANTED: A Secretary of Commerce.

Harold Ickes
The Presidency has reached a new low. The people can overlook a mistake — even such an egregious one as that of President Truman's deliberate approval — in aid of Secretary of State Wallace's Madison Square Garden speech. But they cannot overlook the humiliating conduct of President Truman in attempting to extract himself from an impossible position by weasel words. President Truman's written explanation of the circumstances surrounding his blessing of the Wallace speech explains nothing except that the President was willing to torture

(This special column by Harold I. Ickes, who himself resigned from the Truman Cabinet on Feb. 26 after a dispute over the nomination of Edwin P. Taylor as Secretary of the Navy, was written before Mr. Truman announced he had asked Secretary Wallace to resign.)

the English language in an attempt to explain the inexplicable. Instead of taking refuge in a fog of words he did not know what he was doing and asked for the understanding and further indulgence of a generous and people.

THE RECORD
At his press conference on the morning preceding the disturbing speech there was quoted to the President's press secretary the Wallace press release: "When President Truman read these words they said that they represented the policy of this Administration." Mr. Truman affirmed that this was correct. The correspondence of the Secretary of State to that paragraph or to the whole speech? Mr. Truman replied that he approved the whole speech. Then Raymond P. Brandt, chief of the St. Louis Post Dispatch queried: "Mr. President, do you regard Wallace's speech as a departure from the Byrnes policy toward Russia?" The President said: "They are exactly the same."

Who spoke did not even seem offered to the State Department for clearance, but forwarded a copy found its way back to the office of the Secretary of State Clayton. He telephoned Charles G. Ross, the chief of the press section, at six o'clock, which was still several hours before the speech was delivered. Mr. Byrnes said it would be very embarrassing to Secretary Byrnes. So it appears that not only did the Secretary of State approve the speech in her own right, but she permitted Wallace to deliver it after ample warning from the State Department.

And now he asks us to believe that "it was my intention to express my disapproval of the speech" on the right of the Secretary of Commerce to deliver the speech. He did not say "my disapproval" or "my disapproval" or "my disapproval" of anyone's speech. He childishly weak justification was that "the question was not whether the speech was good or bad, but whether it was in the interest of the country." Mr. President, delivered by you, Mr. Byrnes, at 6 o'clock? There was nothing extemporaneous about that. If you had not uttered those words, the speech itself said, if you had given one of your customary "off-the-top-of-the-head" answers, that telephone call certainly put you on notice in ample time that the speech was likely to be embarrassing to Secretary Byrnes.

PEOPLE NO FOOLS
The people of the United States are not fools. Mr. President, the Chancelleries of the United Nations are not staffed with fools. Mr. President.

And how about Secretary Wallace who presumed to thrust himself into a delicate situation and to speak as though he were Secretary of State? I do not undertake to pass upon the question of the Byrnes foreign policy vs. the Wallace foreign policy. I have not been too sure of the Secretary's varying positions were either reconcilable with each other or with the Roosevelt policy that

**At Rock Hill
Two Taxi Drivers
Shot And Thrown
From Their Cars**

ROCK HILL, S. C.—The body of Oliver Benjamin Powers, young Rock Hill taxi driver, was found on highway five miles from Lancaster this morning. He had been shot to death and apparently pushed from his taxi, which still was missing this afternoon.

Rock Hill police were convinced that Powers' killers were the same persons who shot and wounded J. Stogner, a Charlotte, N. C. taxi driver, on a street here last night.

The officers believed this strongly because they found Stogner's car in the neighborhood, and they surmised that the attackers of the Charlotte man, falling to catch a taxi, hired Powers to drive them to Lancaster.

The body of Powers was discovered by two Negro farmers about five miles from Lancaster on the Great Falls Highway about 9 A. M. Powers had been shot above the right ear. His pockets had been

turned inside out indicating, police said, that robbery was the motive.

Report of the discovery followed closely upon the heels of the attack on Stogner, which Detective Chief Fred Wolfe said was committed by a Negro man and Negro woman Stogner had brought from Charlotte.

According to Wolfe, Stogner picked up the couple in Charlotte and brought them to Brice St. in a Negro quarter here, where the man, in the back seat of the taxi, shot the driver in the neck. The two then drove away in Stogner's cab.

The Charlotte man was taken to a hospital here where his wound was found not to be serious, and was discharged this morning. He returned to Charlotte.

Powers, 28 years old, formerly lived at Fox Mill. The body was taken to a Lancaster mortuary. No funeral arrangements had been announced this afternoon.

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**Divorce Mill
Case Nears
Conclusion
Judge Explains
Law To Jury**

By TOM WATKINS
Charlotte News Staff Writer
The jury in Mecklenburg Superior Court which since Monday has heard evidence in the "divorce mill" trial retired at 12 o'clock today, after a two-and-one-half hour charge by Judge Frank Armstrong, to reach a verdict as to the guilt or innocence of Ward M. Blanton and W. T. Shore.

At 7 P. M. the jury sent word to the judge that it would like to study the transcript of the testimony offered by Evelyn Barr of Rock Hill, S. C. star witness for the State.

After consulting attorneys for the State and defense, Judge Armstrong permitted the court reporter to read to the jury a record of the testimony offered by the Rock Hill woman.

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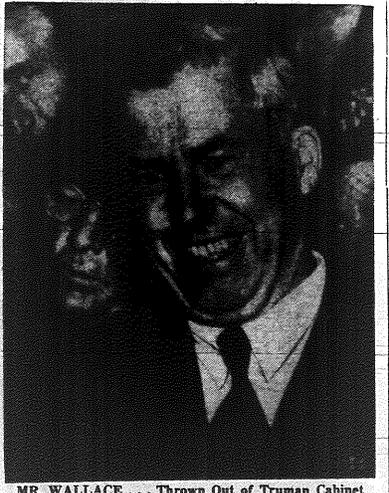
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MR. WALLACE... Thrown Out of Truman Cabinet

**Byrnes Mum About
Wallace's Ouster**

PARIS—(AP)—Secretary of State Byrnes will issue no statement "either now or later" on the ouster of Henry A. Wallace as Secretary of Commerce, an associate said tonight.

"He hasn't said anything since the whole affair started, and he is not going to say anything now," Byrnes' son, Walter D. Byrnes, said.

But persons close to Byrnes replied "he didn't look displeased" at the news.

Was Byrnes surprised? "Well, yes and no," was the answer. "If he was expecting anything like this, he didn't show it last night or today."

Byrnes' son said that Senators Connally and Vandenberg, his advisers, who were attending Peace Conference committee meetings, were left immediately for Byrnes' hotel, where the Secretary of State handed them the statement from Washington which he had read.

The Senators indicated they would consult with Byrnes before deciding whether to comment.

Both Connally, Democrat, Texas, and Vandenberg, Republican, Michigan, had issued statements Saturday supporting Byrnes in the controversy.

It was generally doubted here that Byrnes had requested President Truman to ask for Wallace's resignation. The best information available here was that Byrnes had explained to the President "what the Secretary considered the best basis for a clear-cut statement from the White House, and had advised the President of uncertainty affecting the American position at the Peace Conference. They conferred yesterday."

WEATHER
Considerable cloudiness, with occasional light rain this afternoon. Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday. Little change in temperature this afternoon and tonight. Warmer Saturday.

Temperature at 2:30 today — 73-83
High and low last 24 hours — 71-83
Sunset tomorrow — 6:18

James Roosevelt's Wife Injured In Fall At Home
SHERBORN, S. Calif. — Mrs. James Roosevelt was confined to her bed today after a fall yesterday at her home here. She is expected to have a child, Mrs. Roosevelt, the former Belle Schneider, said. Formerly Miss Trumbull, her condition is not believed serious.

Ouster Comment
"Mr. Truman's part" to oust Wallace. He added that Wallace had oversteered himself in the Cabinet," but said the President "humiliated himself in agreeing to the speech on foreign policy and then, throwing Wallace to the lions when all of this row was kicked up."

**Byrnes Backed
Up In Foreign
Policy Dispute**

Wallace Announces: 'I Shall Continue To Fight For Peace'

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman today fired Henry Wallace as Secretary of Commerce in a dramatic reaffirmation of this country's stand at the Paris Peace Conference.

Wallace bowed out of the Cabinet with the terse announcement that "I shall continue to fight for peace." His aides told reporters, however, that he "will make no campaign speeches this fall."

Mr. Truman gave his "full endorsement" to the policies being pursued at the Paris Peace Conference by Secretary of State Byrnes and the American delegation.

"Our foreign policy as established by the Congress and the President and the Secretary of State remains in full force and effect without change," the President declared.

While solidifying American foreign policy abroad, the Cabinet upheaval was viewed as presaging a possible split in the Democratic Party's fight for Congress next this November.

Mr. Truman said his removal of the last of the late President Roosevelt's "New Deal" secretaries was done in friendly fashion.

After a telephone conversation with the President, Wallace addressed a letter to him as "Dear Harry" saying simply:

"As you requested, here is my resignation. I shall continue to fight for peace. I am sure that you will approve and will join me in that great endeavor. "Respectfully,"

This turn of events caught the Capital by surprise, that no one would venture a guess immediately as to Wallace's successor.

Until one is chosen, the Department will be in charge of Undersecretary Alfred Schindler, who is now on the West Coast.

Since Cabinet members serve only at the pleasure of the President, a request by the latter for a Secretary's resignation automatically ousts him—there has no choice in the matter.

Bruce Catton, Wallace's Director of Information, told a news conference that his chief will not participate in the Congressional campaign but has not decided whether he will take to the radio in furtherance of his fight for American foreign policy changes.

Catton said that so far as he knows Wallace has no immediate plans to resign. He said he did not know whether Wallace will remain in Washington or go to his sister's farm in Dutchess County, N. Y.

EFFECTIVE NOW
The resignation, Catton said, is effective immediately.

By Mr. Catton, he is not going to make any speeches today or tonight, and I don't think that he will make any. Catton, however, added that he was quite sure that Wallace will not meet the press.

Catton explained that just because Wallace will not take an active part in the Fall political campaign does not mean he will "remain quiet indefinitely on foreign policy."

Previously, the Administration had been relying heavily on Wallace to corral large sections of the labor and "left wing" vote in this Fall's campaign.

At a news conference which was held here today, Wallace said that he was resigning from the position of Secretary of Commerce and was not taking on the responsibility for the conduct of our foreign policy. "It is most comforting and reassuring to know that the people of this country will have a Cabinet which will make for a more secure and more stable security of America and the world."

Anyway A Little Left Of Center
WASHINGTON — (AP) — Senator Wallace, who was ousted from the Truman-Wallace cabinet today, said today: "Secretary Wallace failed to make a statement on our foreign policy. I think this is carrying that out. It is most comforting and reassuring to know that the people of this country will have a Cabinet which will make for a more secure and more stable security of America and the world."

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**Plan To Ask Federal Aid
City To Seek Funds
For Use At Airport**

The City of Charlotte will attempt to obtain a share of the \$650,000 in Federal funds allotted to North Carolina for airport aid, City Manager Henry A. Yancey said today.

Mr. Yancey said he has been informed that applications will be accepted in Washington after Oct. 1 from cities which wish a portion of the Federal Airport Aid funds. He said that he will discuss the matter with the city's regional headquarters here.

The \$650,000 allotted to North Carolina will be divided among cities of the state which need assistance in improving or enlarging their airport facilities. The money is not expected to be made available for these facilities when Congress meets early next year.

The money must be used entirely for capital outlay, Mr. Yancey said. Applications for the Federal funds must outline definite projects to be carried out with the money and Mr. Yancey said that he will discuss plans with the airport authority here during the next several days to determine what is most needed at Morris Field.

Mr. Yancey said that he is continuing to "become acquainted" with local municipal installations here. He said he has been "looking into" garbage-dumping areas, this morning.

**Red Army Is Now
'Soviet Army'**

BERLIN—(AP)—The name of the Red Army has been changed to Soviet Army, and the Red Navy to Soviet Navy, the Russian military administration advised the American Military Government today.

The Russian army has been officially known as the Red Army since Lenin raised forces to defend the Soviet regime in the civil war following the Bolshevik revolution of October 1917. The Navy and Air Force have been known as the Red Star. The Navy paper is called the Red Fleet.

As he finished, the conference came to an end with a shout "thank you, Mr. President."

Reporters raced for their telephones. No other subject was mentioned. No question was asked.

White House police clocked 197 persons through the door to the White House today. In addition to many White House officials, that compared with a record turnout of 347 and Mrs. Truman's first news conference on April 17, 1945. The average is around 150.

**Niagara Falls
Wall Collapses**

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**'Thank You,' Ends Session
No Questions Asked
At Press Conference**

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The news conference today at which President Truman announced he was firing Secretary of Commerce Wallace was his first general meeting with the press at which not a single question was asked.

Mr. Truman was bantering gaily with reporters in the front row who had filled up. Then his voice became firm and a trifle severe as he launched into the reading of a foreign policy statement in which he said he had asked Wallace to resign.

**Vets' Housing
Ruling Issued**

WASHINGTON—(AP)—OPA ruled today that veterans who have no other housing for their own use must wait four months before evicting present tenants in cities where non-veteran owners must wait six months.

In the few areas where the waiting period for non-veteran owners is three months, veterans must wait two months, OPA directed. Formerly a record turnover of houses could wait part or all of the waiting period for a veteran owner under special circumstances.

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