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Guest
Column

WALLACE DEMANDS
FAIR PLAY FOR
HIS NEW PARTY

Henry Wallace today telegraphed Governor Clarence W. Meadows demanding that he take "immediate and vigorous action" to halt what Wallace said was a "campaign of coercion, intimidation and violence being used to keep the Progressive Party of West Virginia off the ballot."

Wallace supporters are now circulating petitions to place the Progressive Party's presidential electors on the state's general election ballot. The petition must be filed this week.

Wallace said that circulators had been threatened with arrest and violence by local peace officers, petitions confiscated and Wallace supporters arrested.

"In addition, a number of meetings of the Progressive Party have been broken up by violence," Wallace charged.

Although the facts have been presented to the governor and he has assured the Progressive Party the full protection of the law, "no steps have been taken to prosecute the offenders or even to institute the investigations which would readily establish their guilt," Wallace told Governor Meadows.

Wallace urged Governor Meadows to order an immediate investigation "and to insist upon the prosecution of all individuals guilty of intimidation and violence."

A series of violations of the state laws by local peace officers and others who have attempted and coerced both petition circulators and signers has been brought to the governor's attention, Wallace said.

"In one case a constable illegally confiscated both the petitions and the credentials of a circulator. In another, local peace officers attempted to induce a circulator to surrender his credentials by the offer of a bribe. In one instance five supporters of the Progressive Party were arrested on the false charge of illegally circulating

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An Open Letter for ACTION Mr. Reader Do Your Part - Don't Leave It to John - For John Will Leave It to John

Dear Friend: May 12, 1948

I am writing to you again about H.R. 29, my bill to abolish the poll tax in Federal elections, because the time has come for action to assure the passage of the bill in this session of Congress. All of us who believe in representative government which is guaranteed by our Constitution—but which is denied by the poll tax in seven states—should make our voices heard now.

My bill to abolish the poll tax has been passed overwhelmingly by the House of Representatives. It has now been favorably reorted by the Rules Committee of the Senate. It is on the Senate calendar, ready for consideration at any time. It has the support of a majority of the members of the Senate. It will be passed by the Senate and enacted into law when the Senate comes to a vote on it.

To make sure that the Senate does vote on it, two things

petitions and released only when the sheriff refused to issue a warrant". Representatives of the Democratic party in many parts of the state, as well as peace officers, have attempted "to intimidate signers of petitions into withdrawing their names," Wallace said.

are necessary. First, the bill must be called up for consideration and not permitted to be lost in the last minute press of business before the summer adjournment. Second, two-thirds of the Senate must vote for cloture, the motion to limit debate and stop a filibuster, so that a vote can be taken.

No matter how often you have communicated with your Senators on anti-poll tax legislation, will you remind them that NOW is the time for them to act? Ask them to do everything in their power to get the bill up, to support the bill and, especially important, to support cloture. You can also help by writing to Senators Robert A. Taft and Alben W. Barkley asking the to see that the bill is scheduled. They are Chairmen of the Republican and Democratic Policy Committees in the Senate. All Senators should be addressed at the Senate Office Building, Washington.

Sincerely yours,
George H. Bender,
Congressman at Large, Ohio.

COOPERATIVE VENTURE
The successful publication of the second Negro Heroes is the result of an unprecedented gesture of cooperation on the part of Delta Sigma Theta, one of the two oldest national sororities of Negro college women. The sorority selected the magazine to help implement its national project on Job opportunities.

"We believe," stated Dorothy I. Height, Delta Sigma Theta president, "that boys and girls will be thrilled and inspired as they read of the lives of Negro Americans who have been successful in various fields. We are very glad to cooperate with the National Urban League in presenting Negro Heroes, a significant invation in education and race relations. We hope to place many more issues of Negro Heroes within the reach of youth, for we know they will enjoy reading them. More than that, we hope they will get some ideas that will help them make up their minds to show their teachers, parents and their friends that they, too, can be among the heroes in American life."

Plans are already in operation for a Fall release, and will be announced later by Guishard Parris, National Urban League Director of Promotion & Publicity.

If copies of Negro Heroes are not available in local communities, they may be secured from the National Urban League offices, 1122 Broadway, New York City 10.

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Mrs. Charlotta A. Bass has been appointed national co-chairman of Women for Wallace and secretary of the credentials committee for the Wallace new party convention to be held in Philadelphia July 24-25. She is publisher of a Los Angeles, Calif., newspaper.

Senator Taylor Greet Populist Leader



Vice Presidential candidate on the Wallace ticket, Idaho's Senator Glen H. Taylor, was one of the keynote speakers at the founding convention of the Progressive Party of North Carolina. He is shown congratulating Richmond B. Garrity, old time Populist leader in the state, who had just been presented with a charter membership in the New Party.

KENNETH S. WHERRY RETURNS BILL TO THE COMMITTEE

Following the action of the United States Senate in sending the Hollar Bill for the Southern states back to a committee for further consideration, Senator Kenneth S. Wherry of Nebraska who engineered the floor strategy which returned the Bill to the committee received the following Advancement of Colored People:

"On behalf of the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People, please accept our very sincere thanks and appreciation for your vigorous, courageous and uncompromising opposition which brought about defeat of segregated regional college plan today."

(Signed)
Leslie Perry
Legislative Representative

BOYS' TOWN'S GREAT LOSS

BOYS TOWN, NEBR.

Boys Town, Nebr.—Boys Town was stunned last week when a cablegram arrived reporting the death of their beloved leader and benefactor, Monsignor Edward J. Flanagan, from a heart attack in Berlin, Germany.

Father Flanagan's death occurred at 2 a.m. Saturday (Berlin time) while he was resting from a busy day shortly after his arrival in Berlin from Frankfurt, Germany. He had just completed a mission in connection with the youth program being developed under the direction of U. S. Army officials in Austria, and was about to undertake a similar mission in Germany.

Throughout the country more than 5,500 men and youths, former citizens of this "City of Little Men," also deeply grieve the loss of Father Flanagan. To these thousands of young Americans who had here found a home, the privileges of an education, and were given sound moral and spiritual training, Father Flanagan represented more than a priest; he was parent, teacher, counselor, guardian and builder of their characters as useful God-tearing American citizens.

All of the youthful citizens of Boys Town, members of the faculty and the administration staff attended a solemn requiem high mass at 7:00 o'clock Saturday morning, celebrating by Monsignor P. A. Flanagan, brother of the deceased Boys Town founder and director. He was assisted by the Rev. Leo Kuhn and the Rev. John Farrald, both former citizens who are now members of the Boys Town staff.

A message from Patrick J. Norton, general manager of Boys Town, who accompanied Father Flanagan on his youth mission to Europe, stated that the body of Father Flanagan would be returned to Boys Town by army air transport. Arrangements for the funeral services here await more detailed information.

For the Catholic clergy, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Nicholas Wegner, Chancellor of the Archdiocese

of Omaha, in the absence of Archbishop Gerald T. Bergan, now in the Orient, paid tribute to Father Flanagan:

"All the clergy of the Archdiocese are deeply grieved over the sudden death of Monsignor Flanagan, the most beloved priest in the Archdiocese of Omaha," Chancellor Wegner said. "His memory will ever be a glorious example, not only to the present day priests, but also to all future priests of the Archdiocese."

"He was a true priest in every sense of the word. One of Christ's own, with Whom he now enjoys eternal glory. The work he accomplished for the homeless and unfortunate boys will be an everlasting monument to him."

years old, in the middle of his 31st year as the founder and director of Father Flanagan's Home with five homeless



boys in a house at 25th and Dodge streets in Omaha on December 12, 1917, he had cared for some 5,500 boys and was now directing the care and education of 450 boys at Boys Town. The Rev. Edmond of the Home, is now acting director of Boys Town.

Born in Leabeg, County Roscommon, Ireland, July 13th, 1886, Edward Joseph Flanagan was educated in the Roscommon public schools and at Summerhill College, Sligo, Ireland, before coming to America in 1904. Here he entered Mount Saint Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Md., in the fall of

1904, was graduated in 1906, and entered St. Joseph's Seminary, Durwoodie, N. Y. that fall.

In the fall of 1907 he entered the Gregorian University in Rome, Italy. His studies were interrupted by ill health in the spring of 1908, and he returned to Omaha, working at a local packing plant for a year until his health was restored, when he entered the Jesuit University at Innsbruck, Austria. He was ordained at Innsbruck on July 26th, 1912, and celebrated his First Solemn Mass at the Holy Angels Church in Omaha, where his brother, Msgr. P. A. Flanagan was pastor of St. Patrick's church, O'Neill, Nebraska, in the fall of 1912, and a year later he was transferred to Omaha as the assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church.

The inspiration that later led to his work for homeless boys came to the young priest during his assignment at St. Patrick's parish. In 1913 he opened a working men's hotel to help "down and out" men in the city's slum district. Three years of this work proved discouraging, for few he befriended were more than temporarily rehabilitated. He therefore decided on helping homeless and unfortunate ouths. This led to the opening of his first home for boys, financed by a \$900 loan from a friend with three homeless waifs and two who were turned over to his care by the juvenile court.

Enrollment at Father Flanagan's Boy's Home grew rapidly and larger quarters were needed within six months. He moved it to a larger building in Omaha, but by September, 1919, it was again overcrowded.

In the fall of 1921 the home was moved to Overlook Farm the original tract of the now largely expanded campus and farm of Boys Town. The firsting was completed in November, 1922.

Boys Town today comprises more than 900 acres and 50 buildings, valued at several million dollars. It is a home (Continued on page 2)

CO-CHAIRMAN OF WOMEN FOR WALLACE

Mrs. Charlotta A. Bass, California newspaper publisher and prominent in Negro organizations, has been appointed National Co-Chairman of Women For Wallace, it was announced by Mrs. Elinor Gimbel, National Chairman of the Wallace Women's organization.

Mrs. Bass has also been named Secretary of the Credentials Committee of the New Party convention which will meet in Philadelphia, July 24 and 25 to adopt a national platform and plan the campaign to elect Henry Wallace, President, and Senator Glen H. Taylor to the Vice-Presidency.

She is believed to be the first Negro women's leader in American history named to such posts in a major political party. Mrs. Bass said the party platform would include demands for complete elimination of discrimination and segregation from American life, and end to poll-taxes and lynch law, government supervision of polling places where Negroes are denied the right to vote, a permanent FEPC and similar measures.

"I feel that Henry Wallace, and he alone, can inspire faith in the American people which will lift us out of the quagmire of depression and racial bigotry into which we seem to be sinking," Mrs. Bass said.

Mrs. Bass, a resident of Los Angeles, California, is a leader of the Independent Progressive Party recently formed there to support Wallace and progressive Congressional candidates. She is the publisher of the California Eagle.

AN INSTITUTE FOR VACATION WORKERS

Friday, May 21
7:00 Registration, 50c
7:30 Opening Session
Mrs. A. D. Stevens, Presiding
Worship, Rev. Henry J. Goede
Member Christian Education Committee, The Omaha Council of Churches and Director of Christian Education for the Synod of Nebraska, The United Lutheran Church in America.

Address—"How to Set Up and Promote a Vacation Church School"—Miss Ruth Elizabeth Murphy, The International Council of Religious Education.

Discussion.
Visual Resources
..... Rev. George Fiske
Saturday, May 22
1:30 Afternoon Session
Admission by registration tag.

Mrs. Bert Popowski, Presiding
1:30 Worship, Miss Murphy
1:45 Presentation and discussion, Miss Murphy. Theme to grow out of needs arising Friday night.

2:15 Departmental conferences.
Beginners—Mrs. A. D. Stevens and Miss Winnie Arganbright.
Primaries—Mrs. P. D. Marvel.

Juniors—Miss Murphy.
Junior High—Mrs. Joe Reeves and Mr. Herman Crowell.

3:45 Dedication service—
..... Mrs. Popowski
4:00—Adjournment.

The Vacation School Com.:
Mrs. Bert Popowski, Chairman, Mrs. A. D. Stevens, Miss Winnie Arganbright, Mr. William Payne.

SENATOR TAYLOR COMES TO OMAHA



SENATOR GLEN H. TAYLOR

Glen H. Taylor hard hitting senator from Idaho, will be in Omaha Saturday. As the running mate of Henry Wallace on the new Progressive Party ticket he will hold conferences with labor, business and youth groups, and with Negro leaders. Then at 8:00 p. m. Saturday May 22, 1948 he will address a mass meeting in Central High school Auditorium.

Taylor is the man chiefly responsible for preventing the seating of Senator Theodore Bilbo by the 80th Congress. All will remember the Senator's recent challenge to racial discrimination in Birmingham Alabama. And only a few days ago he cancelled his speaking engagements in Oklahoma because the local authorities were demanding segregation.

Mr. Taylor was the leading Senator opposing the Taft-Hartley anti-labor law. He talked on the senate floor for a solid 8 hours against the measure, and has sponsored a bill for its repeal.

On February 23rd, Senator Taylor told a nationwide radio audience "I, no more than Roosevelt, could remain in the arty which has betrayed the principles in which I believe. Happily in 1948 we have a place to go where we can actively carry on the fight. I am going to cast my lot with Henry Wallace and his brave and gallant fight for peace. . . Now I will be free to fight this bipartisan coalition and all its works: Taft-Hartley—Universal Military Training—this drive toward war, high rices and racial discrimination and suppression of civil liberties."

Mrs. Taylor and their two boys will accompany the Senator.

Tickets (\$.25, \$.50, \$1.00) are on sale at:

Royal Clothiers, 2410 N st. Market 9518
Ann's Cafe, 2729 1/2 Q St.
Johnson Drug Company, at 2306 North 24th St., WEBster 0998

Yes, Yes, we are glad to have Sister Alberta Hall back from her vacation in the sunny south where the green grass was growing and the pure water flowing.

To the people of the city and community, we extend you a hearty welcome to attend our Sunday School reunion beginning May 23rd, conducted by our state Sunday School superintendent, Elder C. C. Cooper, from north side service beginning at 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Elder A. E. Johnson, Pastor



A training institute for vacation Bible School workers will be held by the Omaha Council of Churches May 21 and 22 at Calvary Baptist Church, 39th and Cuming St. Visiting specialists will be Miss Ruth Elizabeth Murphy, Director of Vacation Religious Education of the International

Council of Religious Education, Chicago, and Mrs. P. O. Maryel, acting Director of Religious Education for Nebraska Christian Churches, Gilmer, Nebraska.

The opening session will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, and the institute will close at 4:00 o'clock Saturday.



To Huberta Nicholson of New Boston, Texas, goes the distinction of being the first Pepsi-Cola scholarship holder in the United States, Negro or white, to graduate from college. Miss Nicholson received a bachelor of science degree from Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, last Monday, May 10th.

This outstanding student has been attending Tuskegee on a four year college scholarship which she received from the Pepsi-Cola Scholarship board in 1945 when she graduated from New Boston High School. At that time, she was chosen from among 561 of the South's most able Negro students to win the scholarship which has for four years paid her full tuition, all incidental fees, and a \$25 a month allowance—a total of \$1,515.70.

To date, 488 students, of whom have been awarded Pepsi-Cola Four Year College Scholarships throughout the United States, Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. These boys and girls are attending 157 Amer-

ican colleges. Miss Nicholson is the first of this select group to complete her college work.

Studying under an accelerated program, Miss Nicholson has completed four years' work in three. She has foregone all summer vacations to win her degree with a major in physical education and a minor in the social sciences. In her senior year just completed she was elected to the honor roll at Tuskegee, which marks her as one of the Institute's outstanding scholars.

Miss Nicholson, who has not definitely decided on her future plans, has returned to her father's farm near New Boston, Texas for the summer.

The 18 Negroes winners of four year college scholarships in the 1948 Pepsi-Cola scholarship program, which is financed by the Pepsi-Cola Co. as a public service are the awards which are set aside specifically for Negro students of the South's separate school systems.