

Writer Sees Red Move To Exploit Sentiment Against UMT

Prominent Americans Invited to Sponsor Youth Group's Fight

Non-Communist Opponents Open Counter Move, Warn of Possible Danger to Cause

By FREDERICK WOLTON, Scripps-Howard Staff Writer
NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Prominent Americans are being asked to back a Communist-organized plan to corral into the pro-Soviet camp sentiment in this country against universal military training, the World-Telegram learned today.

Despite their known opposition to the Communists, national figures on the list include William Green, Philip Murray, David

Dubinsky, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Walter Reuther, Sen. Edwin C. Johnson (D., Colo.) and Dr. Robert Hutchins, chancellor of Chicago University.

In a letter dated Jan. 12, they are being urged to serve as "adult sponsors" of the so-called National Youth Assembly against UMT, which will stage its big show in Washington Feb. 15 and 16.

"Dear Friend," starts the letter, "the sponsorship of distinguished Americans is desired for an assembly initiated by a group of youth leaders from various backgrounds . . . to express the opposition of American youth to UMT."

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couple move has been started against the assembly meanwhile, by youth leaders from non-Communist, anti-UMT organizations. It is led by William Luchtenburg, executive secretary of the Students for Democratic Action, and it is to be a youth division of the National Council Against Conscription.

In a letter to youth leaders throughout the country, the Luchtenburg committee warned last week that the pro-Communist assembly "is likely to damage the anti-conscription cause."

The shifting Communist party line and opportunistic tactics, together with the fact that the pro-Communists do not oppose conscription in Russia, prejudice their case against UMT in the minds of the public and Congress," said the letter.

Speakers Not Listed

Thus far, the Red-created National Youth Assembly has not announced its Washington speakers, although resolutions, lobbying and a parade are on the program. Nor has it made public the names of any prospective staff sponsors who responded to its appeal.

Most of such prospective speakers, however, are familiar and frequent Communist-front supporters. These include Paul Robeson, Norman Corwin, Canada Lee, Angus Cameron, Louis Adamic, Saul Mills, Johannes Riel and Ella Winter.

Fighting for the assembly as its chairman is the Rev. John W. Darr Jr., executive secretary of the so-called United Christian Council for Democracy.

This council occupies itself with defending the Communist Party against proposed anti-Red laws and individual Communists who run afoul of current laws.

Halleck, Knutson To Speed Tax Bill

Times Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27—Majority leader Charles A. Halleck (R. Ind.) and Chairman Harald Knutson (R. Minn.) of the House Ways and Means Committee both have promised to expedite his bill wiping out the amusement tax for hospitalized veterans, Rep. Edward A. Mitchell, Evansville, Rep.

Mr. Knutson was author of a law providing such exemption which expired Dec. 31, 1947. Mr. Mitchell introduced his measure last week when he learned that hospitalized veterans were now being assessed the 20 per cent tax to attend movies and other amusements.

The Mitchell bill also extends the tax forfeit to all hospitalized servicemen, as well as veterans in the Veterans Administration hospitals. It is expected to be passed promptly, the Indiana Congressman declared.

Dewey Asks Pay Boost For State Workers

ALBANY, Jan. 27 (UP)—Gov.

Thomas E. Dewey's 1948-49 budget will include \$20 million to cover emergency pay increases ranging up to 15 per cent for all state employees earning less than \$11,000.

Employees earning \$3000 or under will receive a blanket 15 per cent boost. Those earning more than \$3000 but less than \$5000 will receive an increase of 10 per cent on the first \$3000 and 10 per cent on the rest.

Those earning more than \$5000 will receive the 15 per cent increase for \$3000, 10 per cent for the next \$2000 and 5 per cent on all earnings in excess of \$5000. In no case will the increase be more than \$900.

Fire Almost Razes Town

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 27 (UP)—A fire which raged through the coastal community of Milpitas, Wash., last night destroyed about two-thirds of the town.

The state patrol announced here today. Police said they believed the only casualty was a fire-fighter who broke a rib.

Senator Capehart Back on Job

Times Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27—Sen.

Homer E. Capehart (R. Ind.) returned here today after a week's absence on business affairs.

Upon arrival at Capitol Hill he went at once to the Senate Banking and Currency Committee hearings. A member of the committee is hearing bills for the restoration of rationing and price controls. Sen. Capehart himself has one pending which would freeze all prices as of Dec. 12, 1947.

Because he was opposed to OPA, his bill provides no special means to enforce such a price freeze.

Suffering from colds and flu throughout this winter, the senior Senator is still not feeling up to par, he reported upon arrival at his office.

Today's Weather Fotocast

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Official Weather

UNITED STATES WEATHER BUREAU

Sunrise . . . 6:07 | Sunset . . . 4:58

Precipitation 24 hrs. ending 7:30 a. m.

Total precipitation since Jan. 1

Deficiency since Jan. 1

The following table shows the temperatures for other cities:

High Low

Atlanta

Chicago

Cincinnati

Denver

Evansville

Fort Wayne

Kansas City (Mo.)

Los Angeles

Minneapolis-St. Paul

New Orleans

Oklahoma City

Pittsburgh

St. Louis

San Antonio

San Francisco

Washington, D. C.

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TONIGHT AND TOMORROW—Snow will fall tonight through the Middle Atlantic States, the Ohio Valley and the interiors of the New England States. Rain is the outlook for the Gulf States and the Southeast. Snow is forecast for New Mexico and Texas. A cold high pressure cell moving out of Canada is expected to circulate frigid air into the eastern half of the U. S. Temperatures will register below freezing from the Rockies to the Atlantic—with the exception of Southern Georgia and Florida. No immediate relief is in sight from the cold spell that is dominating the nation.



Party Leaders Hint Truman Speaking Jaunt

Dislike 'Back Porch' Campaign Idea

By PAUL R. LEACH
Times Special Writer

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27—President Truman's hints that his campaign next fall will be a back porch affair are not taken altogether as gospel by his national Democratic strategists, although they realize world troubles could keep him close to the White House.

In the planning now is a series of short speaking jabs, with emphasis on the radio from Washington, for the preliminary brushes with his Republican and Gideone opponents.

But for the good-old-fashioned campaigning reason that the people like to see the candidates and wife and two children living in a hotel and the two other children in an orphanage.

He has an infectious grin. Congressional Democrats will want that grin registered.

At Least One Trip

The probability is that, if he's not too bedeviled by foreign upsets and overseeing Marshall Plan operations, there will be at least one cross-country trek.

If the President is nailed down more or less to that back porch balcony he wants built on the White House, his Democratic nominees will have to carry the heavy end of the log. That's just another reason why Truman will have to put the finger on a running mate at the July Philadelphia convention who can hit the way stations.

One of the goofiest political gossip fests of the year is getting a play now in the Washington cocktail hangouts. It says Henry Wallace and his Gideone third party will be bought off by Truman, by putting Henry back in the Cabinet.

Started as Gag

It was really started as a gag during the meeting here of the Republican National Committee last week. But when Truman and Alexander F. Whitney, chief of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, kissed and made up, it took on an entirely new complexion.

Whitney was the fellow who got so angry when Truman sent Congress his draft-labor bill in May, 1946, to break Whitney's railroad strike, that he said he was going to spend every cent of the 47 million dollars of his union's treasury to lick Truman.

He lowered that ante to \$2,500,000, but boasted Truman for his Pendergast Machine connections, and called Truman a one-term political accident.

And then Whitney not only

tore the hide off the President for firing Wallace from the Cabinet, but joined with the progressive citizens supporting Wallace.

Anything Can Happen

If that could happen, and then

Whitney could be persuaded to leave the Progressives, and call on Truman, and have Truman tell him "It never should have happened," why say peace with Wallace is impossible? ask the gossips.

The main reason, however, why Cabinet Democrats expect no reconciliation with Wallace is his back-handed support of Russia and his adamantine stand against Truman's Marshall Plan for European recovery, which Moscow does not want either.

If a Truman-Wallace peace

should come it would have to be at the cost of Henry's giving up just about all that he seems to stand for. And people who know

Wallace have no idea he will do that.

Reserves Coliseum

In desperation Mr. Springer has

reserved the Indianapolis Coliseum for every day between June 4 and June 11. One of those days, probably June 8, will be the convention day, he said.

Commenting on the prospect that the 1948 convention might last two days, Mr. Springer said he doubted that overnight hotel accommodations could be found for 2000 delegates.

"If that happens," he said, "we

may just have to go on through the night until the job is finished."

2 Circus Men Seriously Injured by Lion

MACON, Ga., Jan. 27 (UP)—A lion attacked a tamer and another circus man who entered his cage yesterday and the two men were saved from death only when another employee killed the lion with a shotgun.

Hospitalized today and in serious condition were lion tamer Joe Cook of Cincinnati, and Steve Fanning, circus man of Milton, Wis., both employed by King Brothers Circus which is in winter quarters here.

Enoch Bradford, of Gastonia, N. C., who was standing nearby, grabbed a shotgun and killed the lion.

Steam Wins Over Oil

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Two Boonville Mines Resume Operations

BOONVILLE, Ind., Jan. 27 (UP)—The Tecumseh and Sunlight coal mines resumed operations today following settlement of a "wild cat" strike which closed the mines Saturday.

Officials of District 11, United Mine Workers, and the operators announced they had cleared up "differences." Neither side disclosed the cause of the dispute which idled some 875 workers.

Cafe Thief Gets \$72—And Leaves No Prints

A neat burglar, who apparently left his shoes outside, got \$72 in cash last night from a restaurant at 2603 E. 10th St.

Edmund H. Wurster, owner-operator of the restaurant, reported to police he returned to his business place after closing last night and found the cash drawer rifled and the juke box broken open.

Police investigating the burglary found not wet footprints inside.

Landlord With Big Heart Lifts Ban on Children

Green Bay Owner Swamped by Bids From 80 Families 48 Hours After 'For Rent' Spreads

GREEN BAY, Wis., Jan. 27 (UP)—Henry Dufek is a small landlord with a big heart.

He had only four apartments to rent, but he offered them only to people with children.

Eighty families swamped him with bids for the apartments to day, less than 48 hours after the word got out that he was a landlord who liked children.

Selecting the most deserving applicants was quite a job, but Mr. Dufek said he had just about decided on which families would get the apartments.

One of the new tenants will be the wife of a soldier who has three children, Mr. Dufek said. He chose her because she told him that unless she could find a place to live she would have to give up two of her children for adoption.

Another of the new tenants will be the family of a truck driver, his wife and four children. They now are separated, with the man and wife and two children living in a hotel and the two other children in an orphanage.

But for the good-old-fashioned campaigning reason that the people like to see the candidates and wife and two children living in a hotel and the two other children in an orphanage.

Mr. Dufek said he bought the apartment house with the thought of renting it to large families because it had taken him three months to find a house for his own family of three children.

The news of his rental offer got out Saturday when he went to a newspaper to place an advertisement. The paper ran a story about it, and Mr. Dufek was besieged by persons who wanted the apartments before the ad ever got in the paper.

Use of 21 Major Highways Up 6 Pct.

Traffic counters of the state highway planning survey today showed a 6 per cent increase in the use of 21 major highways in the state last year.

The average number of cars tripping the automatic counters each 24 hours was 2480 for 1947 as compared with 2340 for 1946, the survey breakdown showed.

October showed the greatest increase of any single month with 12 per cent more cars counted on the 24-hour period than in the previous October.

Drum Co. Places Muffle on Drums