

Philadelphia Calling—

Wallace Party Short On High Brass Noise

Songs Don't Run Along Popular Lines; Taxicabs Stand Empty Outside Hall

By the Staff of the Scripps-Howard Newspapers
PHILADELPHIA, July 23—They try to recapture the old Roosevelt spirit and following, but in this new party convention crowd the top-flight New Dealers are only two. Wallace and Tugwell walk alone, followed by a varied crew.

The Commie crowd is moving in to take charge of the convention's new youth organization. They plan to denounce the draft, ERP and other things Moscow doesn't like. New youth body expected to supplant American Youth for Democracy which succeeded Young Communists League in 1943. "Daily Worker" said recently AYD had outlived its usefulness.

Same was said by two old line Pennsylvania Democrats worried about "these young people taking up such strange ideas."

There are hundreds of these young people, girls and boys in shirts and slacks, some not old enough to vote.

A sample: Victor Ulmer, only 20, but a war veteran, who drove in from Denver with three other wholemoms looking young fellows.

"I'm for Wallace," said Victor, apparently speaking on his own. "Because he seems to offer the best hope for our future."

Best Bet for Name
BEST BET on name for new party—Progressive. Many state branches already have adopted name and Progressive Citizens Association is charter member of third-party movement.

(Note: Communists have been using "Progressive" label widely of late, Comies and their fellow travelers to label their forces in fights for control within unions and other organizations.) Rex Tugwell wanted to call it the Good Neighbor party—that didn't click. "New party" also ruled out, seemed to lack "air of permanence." According to National Chairman "Boss" Baldwin, who will propose the real name in tonight's opening session.

Strangely missing: The feather-lunged orators using loud speakers outside the headquarters hotel. New party has a traveling exhibit, showing both Republican and Democratic donkey on a merry-go-round under command of ringmaster labelled "Wall Street."

This outfit, advising people to "get off the merry-go-round and on the handwagon," was performing in front of the headquarters hotel when an aged and eccentric gentleman

stole the crowd for his act. He was preaching atheism and he got rid of a few pamphlets at a small charge.

Color is different in this convention. There's an absence of brass, both in bands and officialdom. No special limousines assigned to distinguished guests if any, no police escorts, no free buses for newspapermen. Many of the delegates are comfortably attired in T-shirts.

Songs Are Different
SONGS are different, too. Instead of "Four Leaf Clover," "Dixie," "Old Kentucky Home," etc., this convention sings "Songs of Social Significance." They were provided by Peoples Songs, New York Communist-front organization which turns out party-line anthems.

Sample of lyrics: "One of these mornings bright and fair, Harry Truman won't be there. . . . Dewey was a washout in '44. In '48 he ain't much more."

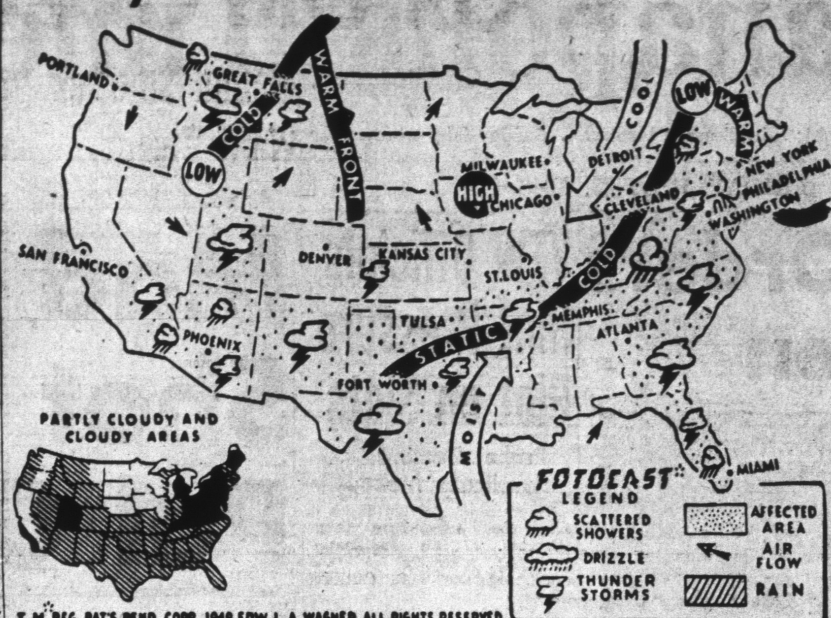
The old wobbly anthem "Hallelujah, I'm a Bum," has been revised into "Hallelujah, I'm a Traveler," an anti-Jim Crow hymn. Publishers refer to its origin chastely as "Old Hymn Tune."

Unlike previous meets, no pre-convention crowds jammed hotels and public places. Wallace doesn't have that much money, besides there are no deals to be made—tickets' picked.

Sweating convention attendees worked overtime to remove "welcome" stickers which had been placed on the chairs just before the Democratic convention. They pasted over them signs making it clear that these delegates are attending the "founding convention of the new party."

Taxi drivers, hardly recovered

Today's Weather Fotocast



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TONIGHT AND TOMORROW—Much of the nation will enjoy cooler weather tonight and early tomorrow, the weather bureau reports. Cool winds from Canada are expected to drop temperatures into the 60's along the Great Lakes, Ohio Valley and Central Plains area. Both the Atlantic and Pacific seaboard will have cooler weather, forecasters predict. Hot, sultry weather is expected to continue in the Gulf States. The dotted affected areas of the fotocast picture where government forecasters say showers and thunderstorms will occur.

Convention's 'Clare Luce'
 ACCEPTANCE speeches will be in Shibe Park, baseball field, because admission fees can be charged there, and not in Convention Hall which is city-owned and donated. "Lastest report: 11,000 of 33,000 tickets sold."

Norman Thomas, perennial Socialist candidate for President, hired here to give his views for 18 newspapers, is being referred to as the "Clare Luce of this convention."

Press badges given to reporters are red. No significance, says Ralph Shikes, campaign publicity man.

Rockwell Kent, president of the International Workers Order, the Communist Party's fraternal organization, and six other witnesses consumed nearly two hours of platform committee time.

But James Loeb, anti-Communist Americans for Democratic Action man, was asked by Prof.

Rex Tugwell to please cut it short.

"You had your say in the newspapers," Tugwell said. "Loeb in 15 minutes was hissed audibly several times. No other witness got hissed."

Heavy on Quotations
 JEFFERSON, Lincoln, Franklin Roosevelt, the late Sen. George W. Norris and Henry A. Wallace—these are the patron saints of the third party movement as reflected by huge reproductions of quotations and pictures.

Mr. Wallace is quoted for: "When old parties rot the people have a right to be heard through a new party." "This must be the century of the common man."

Sen. Norris is hailed for saying he'd "rather be right than regular." Jefferson for "educate and inform the whole mass of the people." FDR for "the thing we have to fear is fear itself." And Lincoln for his "of the people by the people and for the people."

Tomorrow We Tell . . . About GORDO

Cab Ride Costs Driver \$248

Reports Dawn Robbery To Police Here

Police said an armed bandit robbed a cab driver of \$248, took his taxi and left him at Cold Spring Road and Road 29 early today.

The cab driver, James Payne, 23, of 2409 Kenwood Ave., told police he picked up two men at North St. and Indiana Ave.

After one of his fares got out of the taxi at 25th St. and Northwestern Ave., he said the other man pushed a gun in his back and ordered him to drive north.

Mr. Payne said the holdup man commanded him to stop at Cold Spring Road, where he robbed him, then forced him out of the cab and drove off. Police later recovered the abandoned vehicle.

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