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HENRY WALLACE is the voice of Russia

NO ONE WOULD have guessed a few years ago that by 1948 Henry Agard Wallace would have become the Russian-endorsed candidate for the Presidency of the United States. Few would have guessed that there would be a Russian candidate. Fewer still that Henry Wallace would be cast for the role.

A curious situation has developed. Not since George Washington was President and Citizen Genêt presumed to put French interests in the Revolutionary War above what President Washington regarded as American interests has any foreign power been so deeply involved in American affairs. The opposition between American ideas and Russian Communist doctrines, however, has become the principal cleavage in the world today.

In contrast to Russia, the United States is definitely the home of the free and the chief hope of all other people who aspire to remain free or to win freedom. Consequently, the issues being argued during this Presidential campaign are actually a world debate that is of concern everywhere. Henry Wallace, born sixty years ago this October 7th, has somehow come to be the Russian spokesman in this struggle.

Of the fact that Henry Wallace is the voice of Russia there can be little doubt. Communists claim him as their hope, and not without reason. Again and again he has made Russian opinions his own without even understanding the meaning of the words he used. His attack on Bernard M. Baruch and the Atomic Energy Commission was merely one example in a long record. In the atomic-bomb discussion Henry Wallace first agreed to correct misstatements he had made concerning the Baruch report and later refused to do so on the ground that the man who had written his (Wallace's) comment was in Europe and could not be reached. On many other occasions both in what he said and in what he refrained from saying Henry Wallace acted as a puppet for the Communists.

The Philadelphia convention that nominated him for the Presidency was manipulated by known Communists. Wallace himself frankly admitted that he would accept the support of the Communists. Not everybody who votes for Wallace in November will be a Communist, but up to now his campaign has been directed along Communist lines.

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This is indeed a strange development. Henry Wallace's father was Secretary of Agriculture in the Republican Cabinet of Warren Gamaliel Harding. Henry Wallace was born in Iowa, in rich country. He inherited a prosperous publishing business from his father. He was a lively editor in his own right. When he went to Washington in 1933, he was backed by Republicans as well as by Democrats.

Somewhere along the line Henry Wallace strayed from the common sense that is so abundantly distributed in Iowa. First he picked up with curious economic doctrines such as creating artificial scarcities, killing little pigs and what not, as a way of producing abundance and prosperity for the multitudes.

Then he fell into the habit of hating political opponents and rivals. Hate does not wear well, and soon by virtue of his hatreds and doubtless of his ambitions, Henry Wallace had shed his old friends and associates. By the time he finished his one term as Vice President he was the loneliest man in the Senate side of the Capitol.

Then came the disappointment of not being renominated as Vice-President and the feud with Harry S. Truman, senator, Vice-President and President. To oppose President Truman, Henry Wallace has had to oppose the American foreign policy approved both by Democrats and Republicans.

Henry Wallace became the spokesman of Russia because Harry S. Truman and Thomas E. Dewey united in expressing and in upholding a bi-partisan foreign policy which happens to be in the great American tradition.

It is tragic that a once so promising American should permit himself to be the spokesman of Russian Communist imperialism at such a time in world history. Henry Wallace is paying the heavy price of hatred and unrestrained ambition.

He will poll a considerable vote in November. Some experienced observers think he may get as many as 7,000,000 votes. But he will neither defeat Mr. Truman nor elect himself. If President Truman is not elected Henry Wallace will not have caused his defeat.

Meanwhile, Henry Wallace will have destroyed the remnants of faith in him and friendship for him that have survived from his simpler Iowa days. It is a dreadful thing to earn the contempt of a majority of one's fellow citizens. Henry Wallace is doing that by failing to think and speak and act as an American in a time of national and of world crisis. . . . W. L. C.

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