

Epochal Radio Speeches Reflect Courier's 'Double V' Theme

50,000 Hear Wallace

"Those Who Fan The Fires Of Racial Clashes--"

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VV DETROIT, Mich., July 29—From an imposing platform, bedecked with American flags, Vice President Henry A. Wallace convincingly answered millions of Americans who have been asking, "What will America be in post-war days?" here Sunday afternoon in the Michigan State Fair Grounds. His speech, broadcast over the NBC Red network, was carried by many stations . . . but as many more failed to make any mention of it. (The Pittsburgh outlet, Station KDKA, did not carry the speech.)

Fundamentally, Mr. Wallace echoed precisely the same sentiment which motivated The Pittsburgh Courier's now famous "Double V" slogan when he said: "We cannot fight to crush Nazi brutality abroad and condone race riots at home. Those who fan the fires of racial clashes for the purpose of making political capital here at home, are taking the first step toward Nazism."

Speaking before a meeting sponsored by Detroit labor and civic organizations, and to an overflow crowd of more than 50,000 breathless listeners, the Vice President declared that Fascism cannot survive World War II. Reaching fearlessly into the future, Mr. Wallace stated that revolutionary

changes are inevitable after the war.

The safety of the world depends upon satisfying ALL of the people who survive the great global struggle, in the opinion of Mr. Wallace. Also, he predicted that long lasting peace and universal understanding will grow out of the war. In the opinion of the Vice President, all people have the same general aspirations, whether they

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ON THE FRONT IN SICILY



Playing an important part in the invasion of Sicily are many colored troops of the American fighting forces, who have constantly driven the enemy from its highly touted fortresses on

the frontiers. War brings about strange happenings as is shown in the photos above. Top photo shows Lieut. General George S. Patton, Commander of the American forces, pointing out some-

thing to Sgt. Nathan Pruitt, an old employee, whom he hadn't seen for ten years. They met on the battlefield in Sicily during the invasion.

Lower photo: Troops advancing

ing on a beach about four miles from Gela after effecting a dawn landing. Perfect co-ordination of all American armed forces was responsible for the tremendous success in this push.—International News Photo.

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in all in these United States or in far-off Asia or Africa.

Commenting directly upon the fundamental right of every American to use the ballot, Mr. Wallace said:

"We cannot plead for equality of opportunity for peoples everywhere and overlook the denial of the right to vote for millions of our own people. Every citizen of the United States, without regard to color or creed, wherever he resides, wherever he was born, or whether he has moved to a great defense center or to a fighting front, is entitled to cast his vote.

"ONLY WHEN ALL PEOPLE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY"

"We cannot hope to reach the literacy of other nations," Mr. Wallace continued, "and fail to roll back the ignorance that clouds many communities in many sectors of our own nation. Democracy can work successfully for that future which is its predestined heritage, only when all people have the opportunity for the fullest education. We have learned that starvation in China affects our own security and that the jobless in India are related to the unemployed here. A year ago I cited the four duties of the Peoples' Revolution as I saw them. They were:

1. The duty to produce to the limit.
2. The duty to transport as rapidly as possible to the field of battle.
3. The duty to fight with all that is in us.
4. The duty to build a peace that will be just, charitable and enduring.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PEACE ERA OUTLINED

"Millions of our people from offices and factories, from farms, mines, oil fields and timber lands, have accepted those duties with typical American courage and fortitude. They are making heroic sacrifices to speed the victory. But if war has its duties, peace has its responsibilities. Three outstanding peacetime responsibilities as I see them today are these:

1. The responsibility for enlightenment of the people.
2. The responsibility for mobilizing peacetime production for full employment.
3. The responsibility for planning world co-operation.

"Labor is beginning to do its part in enlightening the public. It is beginning to make crystal clear that 97 per cent of labor has co-operated 100 per cent with our Government in the war effort. More and more in the future, labor will demonstrate that it can co-operate with both employers and with agriculture in those measures which lead to increased employment, increased production and a higher standard of living.

"The people of America know that the second step towards Nazism is the destruction of labor unions. There are midget Hitlers here who continually attack labor. There are other demagogues blind to the errors of every other group who shout, 'we love labor, but—'. Both the midget Hitlers and the demagogues are enemies of America. Both would destroy labor unions if they could. Labor should be fully aware of its friends and of its enemies.

"The second responsibility, that of mobilizing the peace for full production and full employment, will challenge the best brains and imaginations of our industries, large and small, our trade associations, and our financial institutions.

AMERICA'S ASSETS WHEN THE GUNS STOP

When the guns stop, America will find itself with the following assets:

1. Manpower by the million; skilled workers from war indus-

tries, military manpower and young people coming of working age.

2. The largest industrial plant capacity in the world.

3. The greatest resources, both natural and artificial, to make peacetime products and thousands of new inventions waiting to be converted to peacetime use.

4. The largest scientific arm plant in the world.

5. The largest backlog of requirements for housing, transportation, communications and living comforts.

6. The greatest reserve of accumulated savings by individuals that any nation has ever known.

"With such wealth, who says this nation is now bankrupt, if industrial management can bring the same wisdom for producing for peace, that it has shown on many production fronts in the supply program for war?

"The horizons we face are bright. Our industries, trade associations and lending institutions will open the gates of labor's participation wider. They have the choice of approaching the new world of greatly expanded production with new energies and foresight, or they can hold back and fearfully await the stimulus of their government to expand production and consumption.

COMMON MAN'S PEACE IN A COMMON MAN'S WORLD

"The day for victory for humanity will come just as the night of terror and desolation will pass.

"Nothing will prevail against the common man's peace in a common man's world as he fights both for free enterprise and full employment.

"The world is one family with one future—a future which will bind our brotherhood with heart and mind and not with chains—which will save and share the cultural past and which will work out the peace on a level of high and open co-operation—which will make democracy work for mankind by giving EVERYONE a chance to build his own stake in it. A challenge and opportunity to win the battle of the peace has joined mankind. Victory demands our best thought, our best energies, and our everlasting faith."