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To the Secretary Of:
Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.
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Dear Secretary

Permit to call your attention to the attached clipping of the N.Y. TIMES. SEPT-27th. issue, in which the last paragraph contains an adopted resolution to have Congress declare JAN. 30-th = the birthday of late President Roosevelt a NATIONAL-HOLIDAY.

Opposite the N Y Times clipping I attached a copy of my letter = published JUNE-16-1945 = in which I suggested also to make Franklin D. Roosevelt birth-day a national holiday by POPULAR-VOTE.

Please forgive me for taking up your valuable time; I hope to be on Earth yet when the national holiday resolution will become a law, because I am over three scores and ten. I am, dear Secretary,

Yours Very Respectfully.
Louis Bender.
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THE NEW YORK TIMES,

SEPTEMBER 27, 1946.

MARCANTONIO SEES NEW PARTY RISING

Tells TWU Convention Here That Wallace Dismissal Creates 'Historic Condition'

The dismissal of Henry A. Wallace from the Cabinet has set up an historical condition for the creation of a new major political party, Representative Vito Marcantonio declared yesterday in advocating intensified political action. He spoke at the fifth biennial convention of the Transport Workers Union of America.

Calling the realignment of political parties in this country in the last century after the "betrayal of the principles of Andrew Jackson," Mr. Marcantonio, sole American Labor party representative in Congress, drew a parallel with what he termed the bi-partisan move to disavow the program for peace and the program of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"The crisis—the firing of Wallace," he said, "marks the beginning of the disintegration of the two American parties. I don't know which will go, but the historic condition is present for the creation of a new party resolving the question of peace and progress on the side of the people."

Characterizing the Republican party as "definitely the war party in this country," he declared:

"The spokesmen of the Republican party—the Tafts, the Vandenberg and the Deweys—opposed the three-unity during the war and now insist on a policy of fighting the Soviet Union. Leaders of the Democratic party have bowed to their demands and are now crawling on their bellies."

In a raking broadside at Governor Dewey, whom he dubbed another Copperhead Governor, Mr. Marcantonio asserted his "miserable record as Governor is matched only by his silence on major national issues as titular leader of the Republican party."

"Five hundred thousand votes on Row C, the American Labor party line, will be the forerunner of leadership given to the great movement for a new political party in America," he said.

Throughout Mr. Marcantonio's speech, in which he charged the "interests" with seeking to destroy price controls, provoke strikes and promote a pro-imperialist war drive, the 850 CIO delegates roared their appreciation. They applauded loudly when he called for nationalization of the meat industry to end current shortages and the recall of Senator Tom Connally of Texas from the peace table.

Early in the day the convention interrupted the regular order of its business at TWU Hall, 153 West Sixty-fourth Street, to adopt unanimously a resolution demanding that the injunction and jail sentences in the power strike be vacated.

When it was announced late in the afternoon that such action had been taken, the union delegates, who maintain a utility division active in New York and elsewhere, staged a three-minute demonstration that was deafening.

Paul Robeson a Speaker

During the afternoon, the convention heard talks by Paul Robeson, who urged support for the drive to prosecute those responsible for lynchings; Dr. Gene Welfish of Columbia University, who appealed for financial aid for the Congress of American Women, which she heads, and the Women's International Democratic Federation, of which she is a vice president, and Harry Sacher, TWU general counsel.

Among resolutions adopted by the convention was one calling upon Congress to declare Jan. 30, birthday of the late President Roosevelt, a national holiday. Others urged streamlining of the Railway Labor Act, abolition of the poll tax, passage of the Murray-Wagner-Dingel health insurance bill and removal of Senator Bilbo and Representative Rankin from Congress for un-American views.

NEW YORK WORLD-TELEGRAM

Would Make Roosevelt Birthday a Holiday.

By Louis Bender, Telegram

George Washington led the colonies to union and independence, and Abraham Lincoln prevented the disruption of that union. We observe as legal holidays the birthdays of these two great men.

Our lately departed Franklin D. Roosevelt was also an outstanding figure in this young nation's history.

Franklin D. Roosevelt raised the self-respect of the workers with his Workmen's Compensation and Social Security laws. Congress should pass a law making Jan. 30—the day Roosevelt was born—a legal holiday.

I also suggest the bill should be submitted to popular vote; I am confident the vote would be overwhelmingly in favor of the proposed holiday.

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