

Iowa Honors Wallace, a Native Son

By a Staff Writer

AMES, IA. — The late Henry A. Wallace was honored here Wednesday, the fifth man to receive the Iowa Centennial Memorial Foundation's Iowa Award.

The award was accepted by the former vice-president's widow, Mrs. Ilo Wallace of South Salem, N.Y.

President Robert Parks of Iowa State University spoke during the ceremony of Wallace's career as U.S. secretary of agriculture and vice-president under President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"Few men in this nation's history have taken high public office possessed of greater intellectual capacity or more thorough technical preparation," Parks said.

"That preparation," he continued, "began during those early years Mr. Wallace spent on the Iowa State campus, while his father was a student and staff member here."

"At an age when most boys were struggling to master the three R's, Henry A. Wallace was learning lessons in plant life from another distinguished Iowa State alumnus, botanist George Washington Carver."

Parks said no incoming secretary of agriculture ever faced graver crises than Wallace did in 1933.

"A man who regularly walked the four miles to his office, who went to a lunch-hour tennis session in his stocking feet, and who tended a corn-and-tomato patch on the Swiss Embassy grounds, was obviously a man with no inhibiting reverence for orthodoxy," he said.

Food and Freedom

Parks said that Wallace, throughout his life, "dedicated himself to this proposition, that men and women cannot really be free until they have plenty to eat and time to read and think and talk things over."

"He did as much as any man to bring about the technological revolution in agriculture."

State Treasurer Paul Franzburg, representing Gov. Harold Hughes, said:

"Truly a son of our rich Iowa soil, Mr. Wallace devoted a lifetime toward improving the lives of farmers everywhere."

"His accomplishments as a geneticist will continue to benefit mankind to the end of time."

Former Gov. Robert D. Blue presided at the award ceremony.

The award was in the form of a print of a Wallace portrait by Grant Wood. The original, painted for a Time Magazine cover in 1940, hangs in the office of the Pioneer Hi-Bred Corn Co. in Des Moines. James W. Wallace, brother of the late vice-president, is chairman of the board of the company.

Iowa Farm Boy

Henry A. Wallace was born on an Adair County farm in 1888,



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Winner of Iowa Award

Mrs. Henry A. Wallace is shown beside a print of a portrait of her late husband in Ames Wednesday. Mr. Wallace, an Iowan who became vice-president of the United States, served as secretary of agriculture and was a candidate for President, was posthumously presented the Iowa Award, an honor given every five years by the Iowa Centennial Memorial Foundation. The original portrait was done by Iowa artist Grant Wood for a 1940 Time Magazine cover. It will hang in the Iowa State Center under development at Iowa State University.

graduated from Iowa State in 1910, was associate editor and editor of Wallace's Farmer in Des Moines until 1933, U.S. secretary of agriculture until 1941, vice-president of the U.S. until 1945, U.S. secretary of commerce in 1946, editor of the New Republic in 1947. Progressive Party presidential candidate in 1948, retired to a small farm near Salem, N.Y., after the 1948 election, and died in 1965.

Previous winners of the Iowa Award were the late former President Herbert Hoover; the late Jay N. (Ding) Darling, cartoonist of The Des Moines Register; James Van Allen, University of Iowa space physicist; and Frank Spedding, director of the Institute for Atomic Research at I.S.U.

Thailand Plea For Helicopters

BANGKOK, THAILAND (AP) — Thirteen helicopters believed to be carrying Communist terrorists from Laos landed in Thailand recently, Deputy Prime Minister Praphas Charu-sathien said Wednesday.

He called on the U.S. government to speed delivery of 20 helicopters promised to Thailand.

"The other side is sending in helicopters daily, while ours are still coming," he told a news conference. "It may be too late. We cannot build helicopters here ourselves. We have to wait."

Denies Charge of M-16 Casualties, Photo Curb

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP)—The Marine Corps has denied charges made in a letter to Representative James J. Howard (Dem., N.J.) concerning heavy casualties and alleged suppression of news photographs involving the M-16 rifle in Vietnam.

Howard read the letter to the House last week. The writer, an unidentified Marine, cited Marine casualties in last month's fighting and said, "We left with close to 1,400 men in our battalion and came back with half."

"Practically every one of our dead," he continued, "was found with his own rifle torn down next to him where he was trying to fix it . . . There was a newspaperwoman with us photographing all of this and the Pentagon found out about it and won't let her publish the pictures."

Howard made public Wednesday a letter from Lt. Gen. L. F. Chapman, jr., chief of staff of the Marine Corps, replying to the congressman's request for an explanation.

Chapman said he assumed the unidentified Marine who wrote to Howard was referring to the fighting over Hill 861 and 881 and the ridges to the west.

"Neither of the battalions had casualties, killed and wounded, approaching those reported by the Marine," the general said.

He alleged suppression of

pictures of casualties with M-16 weapons disassembled beside them has no foundation in fact," he added. "By mutual agreement between the press and the Department of Defense, the press does not release pictures of identifiable casualties until after the families of the casualties have been notified."

CONCLUDE VIET WAR A MISTAKE

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND (AP) — An unofficial international conference called Pacem in Terris (Peace on Earth) ended Wednesday with the conclusion that the war in Vietnam is "at best a mistake."

Neutralization of Southeast Asia, an end to the cold war and the admission of Red China to the United Nations also were among the points summarizing the four-day session. They were listed in the closing statement made by Robert M. Hutchins, president of the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions of Santa Barbara, Calif.

This was the second conference sponsored by the center. Harry S. Ashmore, its executive