George Wallace: freedom casualty

The shooting of Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama in Laurel, Md. on May 15 as he campaigned for the Democratic Presidential nomination made a freedom casualty of that doughty politician.

A Southerner, a former paglist, with no connections, social, financial or political, with the Great Eastern Establishment, he vigorously asserted in 1968, "There is not a dime's worth of difference between the Republican and Democratic parties". He was drawing increasing support for his views when he was struck down by a person who did not believe in freedom of speech or freedom in politics.

He denied with vehemence that he was opposed to integration, and he pointed to the presence of Negro assistants on his staff as Governor of Alabama. He was opposed to any kind of forced busing to achieve integration. But he had other planks in his platform. He decried control of the Democratic party by "intellectual snobs" who were for big Government with a cradle-to-grave philosophy of commitment. He advocated:

Superior military strength, second to none, to maintain ability to negotiate.

No engagement in no-win wars.

Cooperation between the Federal Government and the States in maintaining order and reducing crime. All cities should be made safe to walk in.

A balanced Federal budget, with curtailment of spending. Foreign aid programs only in the national interest. No aid to Communist countries or those who help them.

A tax system that does not spare the huge foundations. A reduction in taxes of individuals and businesses, and the taxing of alleged evaders.

A reduction in Social Security taxes on individuals whose incomes are low. Greater protection of the Social Security trust fund, for the purpose of increasing pensions.

A welfare program for the elderly, disabled, blind and otherwise handicapped; a curtailment of welfare programs that are alleged to be designed to pay persons not to work.

George Wallace advised appointment of judges to the United States Supreme Court who were strict constitutionalists.

All men of good will wish the Governor a speedy recovery from his grievous wounds.—Contributed

Sensing the news

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Income Redistribution

A healthy society is one in which the laws are designed to assist the energetic, productive members of that society to develop their potential to its fullest. A sick society is one in which the laws are devised in such a manner as to favor the non-productive elements in the population.

From the beginning, American society was soundly conceived. This was a land of opportunity for people who wanted to work. Ours was a dynamic, growing society that appreciated the value to the creative, enterprising individual. He was encouraged to acquire property and build up the nation. In more recent times, however, the character of American society has altered. The focus of attention has shifted from the self-reliant citizen to the under-achiever and welfare recipient. Political movements catering to the less energetic have been fashioned around such slogans as New Deal, Fair Deal, New Frontier and Great Society.

The latest call to lavish favors on the non-productive comes from Sen. George McGovern (D-S.D.). He hasn't produced a new label for his scheme but he openly urges a massive "redistribution of income" in this country. He wants Congress to take from the productive and give to the welfare element.

This is a revolutionary design that strikes at every enterprising citizen. Sen. McGovern would eliminate the $750 a year exemption that every taxpayer now gets for himself and each of his dependents. In place, he would substitute a minimum income grant of perhaps $1,000 a person. But there's a catch to this. Only the welfare class, the free-loading element, would get this kind