

Rubbing Out the Rubber Tariff

* VICE PRESIDENT HENRY A. WALLACE in a letter to the *Daily News* (New York) warns that the adoption of a high tariff on natural rubber after the war, to protect the synthetic rubber industry, might lead within a few years to World War No. 3.

"Wise rubber statesmanship, looking to the future, will take into consideration . . . low cost to motorists, certainty of supply, promotion of security through friendly ties with our nearest neighbors in this hemisphere, and the wider international relationships that will help assure a peaceful world."

It is gratifying to know that millions of readers of a daily newspaper are made aware that the Vice President recognizes the value of tariff removal on one of nature's bounties placed here for all of us. But why only "wise rubber statesmanship?" Why not just "wise statesmanship?" If a high tariff on one commodity is detrimental to the maintenance of peace on earth, then surely all tariffs contribute to war.

World War No. 3 need never happen, if enough of us come to realize that the enemy is not a people or a nation, but "de old debbil trade restriction."

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