

Wallace at the End of a Long Trail

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LOS ANGELES, June 6—Politically spent and thoroughly dispirited after a dozen unsuccessful years of campaigning for the Presidency, Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama made one final, feeble foray onto the hustings this weekend.

The American voter, he said, will not again see him in the role of Presidential candidate.

There remains, of course, the July trip to the Democratic nominating convention in New York City, where Mr. Wallace will try to deal a bit with the 170 or so delegates he has accumulated thus far.

But for all practical purposes, the George Wallace that most Americans have come to know—the pugnacious standard-bearer of the fed-up—will be gone after a final plea or two tomorrow for support in Tuesday's California primary.

The Governor seemed almost relieved at the prospect that the long journey that began in 1964 was almost over.

Much of his conversation in California has been about "my duties" back in Alabama. A good part of his time here has been spent before television sets in his hotel room, hardly the accustomed style of one of the most compulsive campaigners of American politics.

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ifornia late Thursday night just in time to learn that the latest poll by the respected Field Research Corporation was projecting that he would get only 2 percent of the vote. That was down from 5 percent projected in early May and 9 percent projected in late March.

Nevertheless, the Governor bravely asserted to the half-dozen or so supporters who greeted him at Los Angeles In-

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 Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama waving to supporters as he arrived at airport in Los Angeles on Thursday.

Wallace Is at the End of a Long Trail in 4th Quest for Presidency

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Mr. Wallace, the ex-vice-governor of Alabama, arrived in Los Angeles late Thursday night for his fourth quest for the Presidency. He was greeted by a half-dozen supporters who had gathered at the airport.

Mr. Wallace, 67, was wearing a dark suit and a white shirt. He was waving to the crowd as he walked through the airport terminal.

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 Arriving in Los Angeles, Mr. Wallace appeared tired.

Had he or any of his people been in contact with Mr. Wallace, he would have been shot back. He boasted that he had "cleared" the way for a South-Atlantic States Party candidate, whom he said he could emulate like Mr. Carter to be "so-called" as a genuine President.

He blamed a "Republican-sectarian war" on the Democrats for his political demise. When he said, "There are no longer any real differences between the two major parties," he asserted that the Democrats had become a "segregationist party" and that the Republicans were the only force that would ever run for President.

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voice, none of the old exiles in the crowd as he spoke of "exotic nationalism" for the first time on his California tour.

In the end, he dropped political, turned to prayer and pleaded for Americans to start a "spiritual revolution" in this bicentennial year.

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