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Britain's Gift At Long Last A Supreme Production Chief Is Named

It looks very much as if our distinguished visitors from Britain were able to teach President Roosevelt more about the organization of the American war effort in a fortnight than he had been willing to learn from his domestic advisers in more than a year.

For months there had been a popular clamor for the need to bring order out of the chaotic management of the arsenal of democracy. The call went up for one man with complete authority to make policies and enforce decisions on the vital matters of production.

It was not until Winston Churchill brought Lord Beaverbrook to Washington and paraded the dynamic little British production boss through the halls of the White House that President Roosevelt saw fit to appoint an American equivalent to the Beaver.

It has been said that only those whom the President admires greatly can influence him readily. Certain it is that he is a great admirer of Winston Churchill and his dynamic little production boss.

Whenever it was that brought President Roosevelt to the White House on a blessed circumstance. Better late than too late.

Now we can really get to work. And those who have been hiding their unwillingness to co-operate behind the convenient excuse of confusion in "Washington" will have to seek elsewhere.

"It is what we had all been praying for," said Vice President Wallace. And although it is now obvious that Mr. Wallace does his praying in almighty prayer, we may all be thankful that the prayer has been answered.

Almost five years have swept by since William Lendrum Mitchell died. The doctors pronounced the cause of death as coronary occlusion, which is as good as a medical name as any for a broken heart.

have been substantiated in blood, even in American blood. The Senate Military Affairs Committee proposes that he be returned posthumously to the rank of Brigadier General. There's no harm in it, we suppose, but this recognition, like most of our awakenings, comes also too late.

No Rivals The President Takes Care Not to Divide Linelight

Wendell Willkie deserves a great deal better of the White House at War than the offer of an appointment, a wholly minor appointment, as one of a large parcel of umpires and arbitrators at the disposal of the new War Labor Board.

Instead of using him, the President apparently has sought to subordinate him. The incident of last night, with the appointment of Nelson as announced with some haste two hours before Willkie was to go on the air with the demand for such an appointment (the White House had an advance copy of his speech).

Hindsight Where, Indeed, Are Jesse Jones' New Rubber Plants?

There has been a sort of a press campaign in some sections against Old Jesse Jones, whom his enemies call Jesse James. A good many people have been asking, indignantly, "Where are your synthetic rubber plants?"

Anyway, it is perfectly true that Old Jesse didn't choose to finance the construction of synthetic rubber plants in time to avert the rationing. He has had to have allocated the money at least a year ago, and plenty of it. And if, in February, 1941, Jesse Jones had dished out nearly half a billion dollars for building such plants, the people who now lambast him would have said that he had been saving crazy hat money.

"The rubber plants weren't ordered. We must not let ourselves, a nation taken by surprise, fall into the error of abusing those in authority for not seeing the thing coming in the exact form which it took. The American people were not alarmed. They were only uneasy.

Everything in the world situation has now become fairly clear except the peace-loving Irish.

On show in Australia is a black gladiolus. There is probably nothing in a story that Hitler breathed on it.

If Emperor Hirohito is truly a son of heaven, let us pray as if there are problem children everywhere.

Friction In Berlin

By Paul Mallon

WASHINGTON

THE official line of information in Berlin that Hitler is still confident of the suggestions that Hitler's regime is ready to crack.

Disputes appear among the Nazi leaders, but there have always been personal competition and friction among them.

Underlings favor for Hitler's cause.

The Foreign Office, the Ministry of Propaganda, the Army and others have been scrapping among themselves, as usual, but largely in respect of Hitler's former consul general at New York.

Hitler encourages this by the way he works. When an appointment is to be made, he calls in his chiefs, admirals, departmental heads and lets them fight it out.

Recall of Von Back from the front may mean that this leading offensive general is being fired, or that he is to be appointed as chief of the air force.

The Nazi Army is too closely tied in with the Nazi Party to lead any more here to independence, even if Hitler decided to step out.

Most harassed of all defense organizations is the amplification division of the Bureau of Industrial Conservation.

Layoffs for business firms will not allow them to cooperate in the first order in the program of steel.

OPA's fire is rising, however, and it is likely that you will shortly see the first order in the program of steel for beer and requiring sale in bottles only.

Gangway for No. 1 Christians The Cardiff (Wales) Western Mail

"Too Much National Unity" "Out Of The Heart"

By Amy C. Bassett

(Our Yankee Correspondent)

SOUTH BOUND BROOK, N. J.

STANLEY HIGLEY'S letter in the New York Herald-Tribune of Jan. 2, stating that a sudden change there is to be "too much national unity," has brought forth considerable discussion.

MANY HAVE WONDERED AT DISSENT FROM OUR AFFAIRS. Now is it a job for you trying in the wilderness of doubt and even suspicion.

WANTED: A VISIBLE SIGN OF PENITENCE. However, the thing that appears to bother Dr. Huch, and which we do not seem altogether without sympathy in, is the fact that the situation, as it stands, is not what they would like to see.

As the simplest, quickest method of our aid training, we will be difficult to obtain again. There is a general rush to equip the industrial position you are in.

Senator Souper Says: There is talk of putting New England under the control of the air and letting the enemy overtake, as part of the war effort.

As too often happens, the difficulties are not what the story hanging. Having been informed by Emperor Hirohito that a war was on, what did his ancestors reply?

Because he was off to a party instead of on the job, the Nazi general, Rommel, escaped certain death or capture. There is probably a moral in all this.

Waste Paper Collection in Germany. All right, Roosevelt, keep moving!

Visitin' Around Yes, Go On (Tyrö Item, Lexington Dispatch) We are especially interested in the marriage of one of Tyrö's most popular...



Stanley Higley's letter in the New York Herald-Tribune...



Amy C. Bassett, Our Yankee Correspondent

It was too late—we were brought up landing and ready for action, and we were not.

TIME FOR CIVIL STRIFE HAS NOT ARRIVED

There is going to be plenty a headache some day for the heads of our American people, when the war is over and we begin once more to live ourselves in.

Letters To The Editors: About Air Raid Sirens. I enthusiastically endorse the excellent coverage in the Charlotte News of the purchase of air raid sirens.

It Pays To Be Prepared. When I was just a little tot, and went to grammar school, we had those things called fire drills.

Argentine Minister Is Opposed To Entering War. Most of the small Central American Republics have declared war on the Axis.

Today's Bible Thought. Control your wrath, be prudent. A man's wrath is presently kindled, but a prudent man coucheth down.—Prov. 12:16.

Waste Paper Collection in Germany. The outward picture of the situation with which our Secretary of State Sumner Welles, the American delegate to Rio, must deal.

That Were Their Customer Need Not Mean Much. There are good reasons why some of the South American Governments have to walk a tightrope in respect to public commitments.

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