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Blueprint

An Uplown Civic Building Will Answer Our Many Needs

We applaud the aim of the Charlotte Planning Committee to erect a big civic building...

There are some obvious items which are to be considered:

- 1. The building should be placed in the downtown area, easy of access. 2. It should not only care for large conventions, as suggested, but should also be suited for use by the local symphony orchestra...

If only these simple suggestions are remembered, we believe, the proposed building will be of inestimable benefit to the community.

A Correction

We May Win China With Repeal of Exclusion Act

Officially, Britain and the United States have given little evidence of their intention to change the status quo...

The lifting of the prohibition against Chinese immigration at this moment can do a great deal to win China's devotion and help her fighting men forget how slow the delivery of active aid has been.

There will be those who will resist, who will object that this country should ban all immigration, that we should not allow China's coolies to overrun America.

An Opening

As Jap Air Power Fades, Our Offensive Is Expected

General Nathan Twining, apparently confident that the people back home are able to take news good and bad alike, declares that the Japanese air force is at the tail end of its power.

trouble with Jap airmen. These stories say that there is virtually complete Allied control of the air in the South Pacific.

That, despite this evidence, cannot be the joyous news it seems to be. It is certain that the Jap air force is still to be heard from in the battles ahead.

However, the forthright declarations of declining Jap strength by commanders in the active theaters is an indication that military news may be shaping in the Pacific. Now, with the advance of air mastery, ground forces and task forces will feel freer to strike at will, and the offensive will speed up.

This phase of the conflict advances Allied hopes, for the next stake will not be the outer fringe of the Jap bases, but the key bases themselves. If there is not enough enemy air power left to defend them, they will be shaken down, and converted into bases for attack on the inner lines of the stolen empire.

The Monitors

A Pair of Senate Birds Sound Like Magpies, On Lend-Lease

Senator Hyde, Republican, and Senator Ellender, a straying Louisiana Democrat, want to fight the President and the majority of Americans on Lend-Lease.

The Senators, who want an investigation despite the President's assurance that Lend-Lease was well-run and his plea that this was no time to stir up bitterness, are miscellaneous nature.

These Senators, somehow, cannot understand that the lives and properties of Americans are being sacrificed to have been saved, by the contribution of our Allies made possible by Lend-Lease.

These Senators, stalling Lend-Lease under some quaint New Deal pretext, and not a life-saving, life-giving horse trade, are doing the nation a great disservice.

Who remembers war before it became global, when a small neutral could stand out as a safe distance, approved by underworld, and watch history being made?

From Hollywood, 'Variety' reports fears that further draft demands may make film production impossible. But says they can't cut off necessities of life, like Orville.

The Merry-Go-Round

By Dean Pearson

ON top of senatorial revelations regarding British use of Lend-Lease goods, a secret negotiation regarding further concessions to the British has just leaked out.

The British would also secure a pledge from the United States not to infringe on British areas of competition during the war, and if we surrender that trade after the war.

To understand the full story it is necessary to go back to Sept. 10, 1941, when Ambassador Winant and Foreign Minister Eden drew up a Lend-Lease White Paper, which provided, in brief, that Britain would not export commercially Lend-Lease goods or other materials released because of Lend-Lease except under certain circumstances.

Almost immediately thereafter, this agreement was suspended. It was then provided that exports were to be surveyed case by case, also that the British were free to export their own goods, some of them increased because of Lend-Lease, to any part of the British Empire or to Allied countries in the Eastern Hemisphere.

This also meant that the only area where the British agreed to stay out was Latin America. Recently, however, the British have sent a message to the State Department proposing—as

related above—(1) waive the White Paper agreement, which would open to Latin America (2) agree that the United States set no limit on established British areas of trade, or (3) to interfere with the sale of the war; (4) and Lend-Lease through most expeditious channels, but not interfere with established channels of trade.

Note: Many Senators, though strong supporters of permanent British co-operation, believe that recent revelations in the Senate came just in time to stiffen the State Department's give-away policy. They believe that this policy, carried too far, would have caused a revolution of American opinion and permanently hurt British co-operation for peace after the war.

Patents To Germany

The Justice Department has just announced a new and unique case of selling U. S. patents to Germany before Pearl Harbor. In this instance, however, one important U. S. firm, the du Ponts, strongly opposed giving the patent to Germany.

The patent in question was for manufacturing nitro-ethyl lead for high octane gasoline and was owned by the Ethyl Corp. This company in turn is owned by Standard Oil and General Motors. In Germany, the Ethyl Corp. had set up Ethyl GMBH in partnership with I. G. Farbenindustrie.

So the Ethyl Corp. consulted the U. S. Army Air Corps, telling the Army that the patent was not secret. Ethyl also said that even if the patent was secret, an equal or compelling reason was the widespread property interest the company had in Germany and that making this patent available in Germany would help the Ethyl Corp. Go the Army said OK.

Looks Rather Healthy

By Dorman Smith



Barriers Of Color

By Raymond Clapper

HOWARD no people do Americans feel more kindly than toward the Chinese. Their spirit in resisting the Japanese and especially their willing and good-humored submission to Chungking, at a time when this money cannot be repaid, they regard, when they glare in anger at the British, will be universal approval by American public opinion for President Roosevelt's recommendation to repeal Chinese exclusion legislation.

Mr. Roosevelt agrees this repeal is correct on substantial justice and to silence established Japan propaganda. Yet this action should not be anticipated. It will not open the gates to large immigration. American opinion would resist vigorously any suggestion for resumption of heavy immigration from China or from any other place.

The Chinese are the only people excluded by name from America and we wish to remove that discrimination. Most of us have no idea of how the Chinese are the only people excluded by name from America and we wish to remove that discrimination.

Five Explorers Speak

By Dorothy Thompson

IT is obvious that the five Senators, just returned from a two-month junket around the world, covering all war fronts, are stirring things up considerably in Washington.

They apparently agree, by and large, that our war strategy is satisfactory, that the fighting forces are being increased and well-belivered. But they are worried about the British, and suggest that a good deal is being put over on us. The British are, for instance, better treated than we are for the Russians, our Lend-Lease isn't fully appreciated by the Russian people.

They're not alone in the rest of the world, either. The British Empire has been a going concern for more than two centuries. Until after the last war it was a free-trade union, with a rather than domestic trade, together with marine insurance, the kind of competition that some of our non-Isolationist-imperialist friends are thinking of, is one of the historic causes of war.

offensive that discrimination is in Chinese. Admiral Yarnell, retired commander of the Asiatic Fleet, recently told the House Immigration Committee that repeal of the Exclusion Act would have an effect in the Far East at least equal to the effect among the United States of the repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act.

Japan has made much capital of Western interference in the Far Eastern affairs. Asia for America may be a desirable slogan but it is ineffective. It has been effective partly because the Chinese themselves have so much resented interference from Western powers.

We and the British have waged out extraterritorial rights. That removed one of the deepest causes of irritation. Others remain, one of the most important being the British determination to hold Hong Kong and other strategic possessions. In Chungking a year and a half ago, Madame Chiang Kai-shek told me China intended to have all of her big coal ports free from foreign control.

In the last hundred and fifty years, the United States has been concerned with building up an empire between the Atlantic and Pacific and developing domestic resources and trade in a continuous, continental, free-trade area, bound by one language and living under the same political system.

Unlike the British, who are over forty million people on a small island, relatively poor in resources, we are three times that number of people on an enormous continent, and unlikely to concentrate on settling Tanganyika when we still have half the continent of America to be developed. What the Senators seem to want is to do it to enter into competition with the British everywhere on earth.



TRY TO DO MY HOMEWORK, MISS JONES, BUT YOU KNOW HOW FATHERS ARE—MY DAD'S ALWAYS TURNING ON THOSE BLOOD-CURDLING RADIO SERIALS!

Everyday Counselor

Birthdays

By Rev. Herbert Spangh

I HAVE just passed another birthday. Yes, I know there won't be as many as there have been, but many thoughtful friends would let me forget it, if I had been disposed to do so.

Birthdays are much more individual than other anniversaries. Your birthday is your own individual new year. The first of January marks a new year in the calendar, but your birthday marks a new year in your life.

Each birthday is a fresh new page in the Book of Life for you. May each one of its close be filled with a record of joy and triumph. May each one tell of joyous days. May smiles each chapter bring. And may your Book of Life each year be bound with happiness.

Someone sent me these lines sometime ago, and I'd like to share them with you. Perhaps you have a birthday today, perhaps next week. It can be a great day of opportunity for you. God and you may have mutually precious communion on this day.

With what joy and eagerness you may turn to your new year, knowing that the death of all things was, and that, if you are a Christian, you may claim every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

The Watchwords for my birthday in my daily text book are good. Each year when I come to them they bring me fresh gratitude and enthusiasm in the way that I take them. When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

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The Attack

Anti-England

By Samuel Grafton

NEW YORK

I SUGGEST that a wide search is underway in this country to find an anti-English book. A number of anti-administration forces are probing in this field with their long, delicate fingers, looking for a weak spot.

We hear that the English are burning up our oil in the war, but hoarding their own. We are not reminded that the English burnt up their foreign investments long ago to fund this war. While some of us view this war as a chance to acquire new foreign investments.

We hear that the English report our Lend-Lease goods, in private phrases, as a profit. We hear that English diplomats are "amateur" than ours, and that they "work themselves" into occupied territories better than we do.

Any Englishman who attacks an English diplomat is "anti-England." It has been one anti-administration campaign, Mr. Arthur Koestler, to write two articles proving that there is no attack on England under way in anti-administration circles.

At this point several strange thoughts occur to me. That the attack on England, which seems so irrelevant, really is irrelevant. That the motive behind it isn't even anti-England, but anti-Roosevelt. That the search for spectacular anti-administration issues has involved, imperceptibly, into this area. That we have all been misled by accepting a serious debate on foreign policy, and by a serious debate on anti-English feeling, something that is only a spurious character, in a political-political.