

Slants on News

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heavy shipping losses suffered by Japan, not to mention the bombing of the Nipponese homeland.

Chiang Kai-shek made an attempt to arouse the flagging spirit of the Chinese war effort this week. He appointed T. V. Soong, brother of Mme. Chiang Kai-shek, president of the Executive Yuan. Formerly, Chiang had held this position himself.

Less than one week after he took office, Edward R. Stettinius, Secretary of State, informed both Britain and Italy that the United States expected Italy to form her own government without outside influence. In all probability, this statement is President Roosevelt's stand on the matter. The new Secretary has not been in office long enough to set policy.

This "hands-off" statement brought back a sharp reply from Britain's Foreign Secretary, Anthony Eden. He asserted that Great Britain was entirely within her rights in trying to shape the government of liberated countries. This turn of events means that the United States and Great Britain are entirely at odds on the very vital question of the postwar government of liberated countries. The separation on this question may prove to be a stumbling block at the peace table where cooperation is all-important.

The most interesting development on the homefront in the past week was the all-important shake-up in the State Department. The move was promoted by the new Secretary, Edward R. Stettinius, Jr. Joseph G. Grew, the last United States Ambassador to Japan, was appointed Undersecretary. William L. Clayton, world's largest cotton merchant, from Texas, was made an assistant secretary. Nelson Rockefeller, grandson of "John D." and Archibald MacLeish, Librarian of Congress, were also appointed to the posts of assistant secretaries. The significance of the change is the emphasis placed on economic affairs in the United States foreign policy. The only assistant secretary remaining from the list of Hull's administration is Dean Acheson.

The list of changes in the State Department was sent to the Senate for its approval. The Senate asserted its authority and recommitted the nominations to the Foreign Relations Committee. The reason was given by the Senators that they did not know enough about the nominees yet. They blamed the Foreign Relations Committee for not investigating Grew, Clayton, Rockefeller, and MacLeish more thoroughly in order that more might be known about how these men felt on the current problems with which the State Department must deal. The Senate was not intentionally slurring the nominees; it merely wants to feel certain that they are good men for the important posts they are to fill.

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By Sheffield Liles

With the brightening berries on the holly trees in the square, the bustling in downtown stores, and the shoving through "Bookstore" aisles comes that rushed realization that you have to buy those last few Christmas gifts. In selecting gifts this year, let practicability lead you by the nose—listen for hints, even ask for them! Let your giving be more inclusive—don't forget the little boy you taught in Bible school and do remember the maids, if even with only a Christmas card. For out of town gifts, Uncle Sam says make your deadline December 20th to assure delivery by Christmas.

Don't give your roommate that strongly-scented soap that is new to her—it probably will remind her of Fido's special lather! Why not get her a pair of pastel angora-topped socks—or a lushly printed fayon kerchief (both at Sosnik's)? Earrings, especially plain gold-plated ones (Anchor) are a "must" for any girl on your list. A strand of dainty "baby" pearls (Ideal) will be a lovely compliment to her pastel sweaters, and a set of gold-backed combs (Montaldo's) make for a thrill. That new book she has mentioned wanting, perhaps *Immortal Wife* (Salem Book Store) will be welcomed.

Next comes the family. Try to select a simple extra for your mother that she probably wouldn't otherwise buy for herself. Delicately scented sachets are nice to tuck in

gifts of lingerie (both at Sosnik's). Dusting powder and cologne in matching odours (Montaldo's) are lovely. Dads all go for leather boxes to tuck their odds and ends in. (Arden Farm Store). If the silver barette fad hasn't hit the hometown yet, little sister will "swoon" over a personalized silver barette (Salem Book Store). Of course, the kid brother would love a spare tire for his jolopy, but a ping-pong set will prove almost as much fun (Bocock-Stroud).

For the boys in the camps natural leather writing port folios (Arden Farm Store) will be nice for now as well as later. Leather cases containing two decks of cards will be doubly appreciated (Bocock-Stroud). He'll cherish your picture above all, and to guarantee safe keeping, tuck it in a leather folder (Arden Farm Store) perhaps stamped with his initials. If he's a Yankee and you're an original "Rebel" and tie a miniature pickaninny manikin onto the name tag.

Since so many of the subjects of our daydreams will be hanging up their stockings in fox holes this year, let's remember that making War Bonds and War Stamps our most popular gifts will help fill that empty space over our mantel or someone else's sooner.

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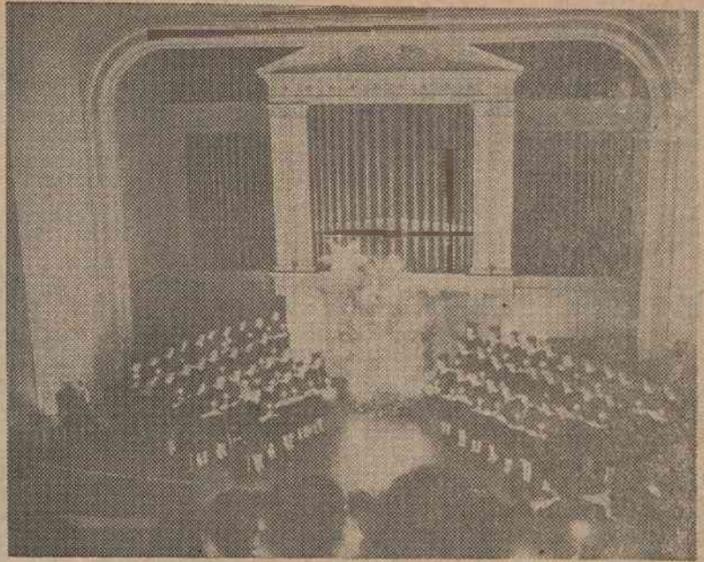
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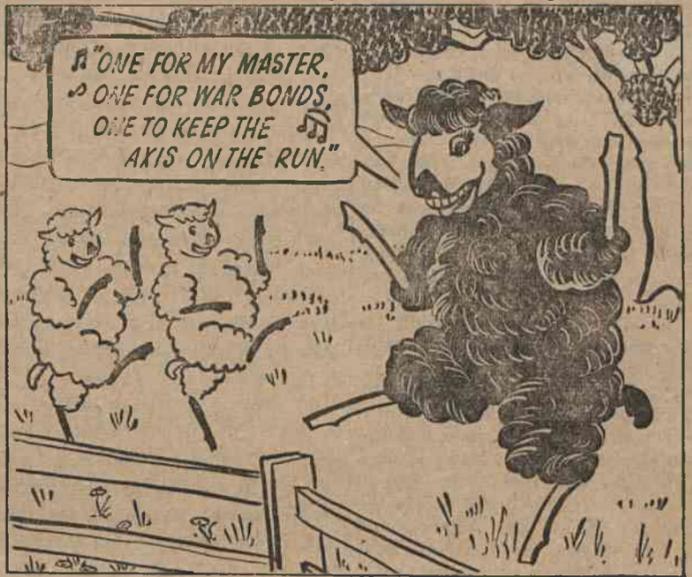
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