

# TOP MOBILIZATION MEN



CHARLES E. WILSON

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Charles Edward Wilson was President Truman's first choice for the man to be put in charge of the entire economic mobilization program. White House insiders say the President had to shop around a lot to get satisfactory men into other key positions but that as soon as the Korean communists attacked and he saw that rearmament was inevitable, he told Wilson that he wanted him to be the production boss.

Wilson, who was president of the General Electric Co., resisted until the Chinese communists entered the fight. Then he went right down to Washington and took over the post of director of the Office of Defense Mobilization.

He had answered his country's call to duty twice before: in the depression of the 1930's, when he served as a deputy recovery administrator, and in World War II, when he worked in the War Production Board, eventually as executive vice chairman.

Some sun spots are believed to be 50,000 miles in diameter.



WM. H. HARRISON

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William Henry Harrison's job is to see that the armed forces get all the weapons, airplanes, tanks and supplies they need. His title is administrator of the Defense Production Administration. He ranks just below Charles E. Wilson, director of the Office of Defense Mobilization.

Harrison has been a legendary figure in the telephone industry for years. To telephone men he rates not far below Alexander Graham Bell, the telephone's inventor. With little formal education, Harrison for a generation has been a leader in a highly technical field. He was never graduated from school. He got his electrical engineering training by attending night classes at Pratt Institute, in Brooklyn.

### Honored By Engineers

At a meeting of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers in 1945 his associates recalled that in Harrison's time the industry had expanded four-fold.

George Washington had sandy hair and blue eyes.



CYRUS S. CHING

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Cyrus S. Ching's man-size job in the mobilization effort is to keep wages from rising too much and at the same time to keep labor happy and busy. He works through the Wage Stabilization Board, of which he is chairman.

Ching for decades has been one of the country's leading experts on relations between industry and labor. He was with the U. S. Rubber Co. from 1919 to 1947, most of the time as director of industrial and public relations. Since 1947 he has been the director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service—a job which the White House has announced he will return to as soon as he gets his new war agency started.

He is 74 years old—and an eye-fowl. He is 6 feet, 7 inches tall. He weighs 230 pounds. He has a vastly good humored face, usually wreathed in smiles from his ears to his double chin. His eyebrows are dark and bushy. Most of the and over it hangs a large nose.

The quick-growing banana plant produces its fruit within 15 months after the root-stock is planted.



ERIC JOHNSTON

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Eric A. Johnston has been emerging triumphant from difficult positions all his life. He has always done it with a certain sparkle and flair which left friends and admirers by the thousands in his wake.

Now he is in about the most ticklish spot in Washington — administrator of the Economic Stabilization Agency. His job is to keep the economy stable by preventing prices and wages from skyrocketing as a result of the mobilization program. Both labor and industry will be out for his scalp if he takes a false step.

But difficulties are old stuff to Johnston, who since 1945 has been president of the Motion Picture Association of America. In that job he has had a chat with Stalin and later with Molotov and has even persuaded the Russians to buy some American movies.

### Popular in Politics

He was born in Washington, D. C., in 1895, a city where residents don't have to vote.



M. V. DI SALLE

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President Truman looked a long time before he could find a man able and willing to take on the thorny job of director of price stabilization. Finally he signed up the popular, hard working young mayor of Toledo, Ohio—Michael V. DiSalle.

"Mike," as his friends call him, was grinning his customary big grin when he recalled that Mr. Truman had said he was looking for a man with guts to be the price administrator. He is a roly-poly 200 pounds, and only 5 feet, 6 inches tall.

"He's found him," Mike remarked, pointing to his big bay window.

Di Salle's appointment brought him a remarkable tribute—a compliment from Senator Taft, who seldom has a kind word for administration appointees. It came with special grace because Di Salle last summer tried to get the Democratic nomination to oppose Taft in the Senate race.



LUCIUS D. CLAY

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Many a time in the past 15 years when a brain of a very special quality was needed by the nation, Gen. Lucius D. Clay has been drafted.

Now he is helping C. E. Wilson organize his Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM). Clay, with the title of special assistant to Wilson, director of ODM, is concerned with the production problems of ODM.

Clay, a 53-year-old native of Marietta, Ga., is the son of a former U. S. senator and the grand-nephew of Henry Clay, early Kentucky senator known as "the great compromiser." A West Point graduate, Clay spent 31 years in the Army, retiring in May, 1949. Since then he has been chairman of the board of the Continental Can Co., from which he is now on leave.

Clay's Army career had its climax as military governor of the U. S. zone of occupied Germany and commander-in-chief of U. S. forces in Europe. He directed the Berlin airlift and returned to the U. S. to receive a hero's welcome from Congress, the President and the public.

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SIDNEY WEINBERG

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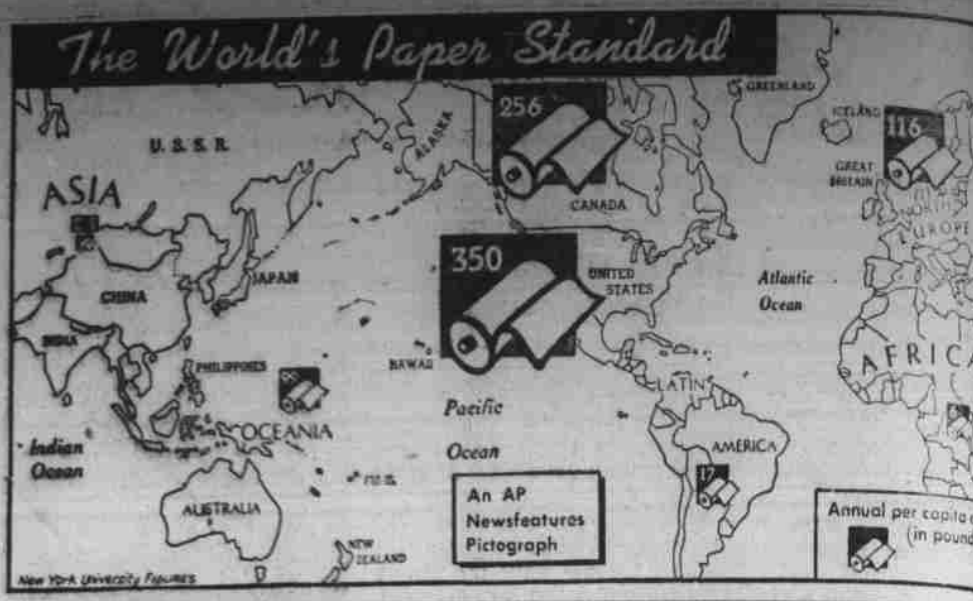
Sidney J. Weinberg pulls a big weight in the topmost echelon of the economic mobilization program.

A partner in the New York investment firm of Goldman, Sachs and Co., he is one of the two special assistants to Charles E. Wilson, director of the Office of Defense Mobilization.

Weinberg is said to be a wizard at administrative work and has a vast acquaintance among corporation executives who have done business with his company. His specialty is getting expert, top-flight talent for big government jobs. On the World War II War Production Board (WPB) he was procurer and shepherd of dollar-a-year men.

**He's Wilson's Neighbor**  
He worked directly under Wilson at WPB, and the two have been neighbors in Scarsdale, N. Y., and fast friends ever since.

**Nuremberg**  
Nuremberg was famous long before the War Trials of 1946. It was a former art center for Germany. Longfellow called it "the quaint old town of art and song." Wagner's opera, "Die Meistersinger von Nuremberg," portrays its famous master-singers of the 16th century.



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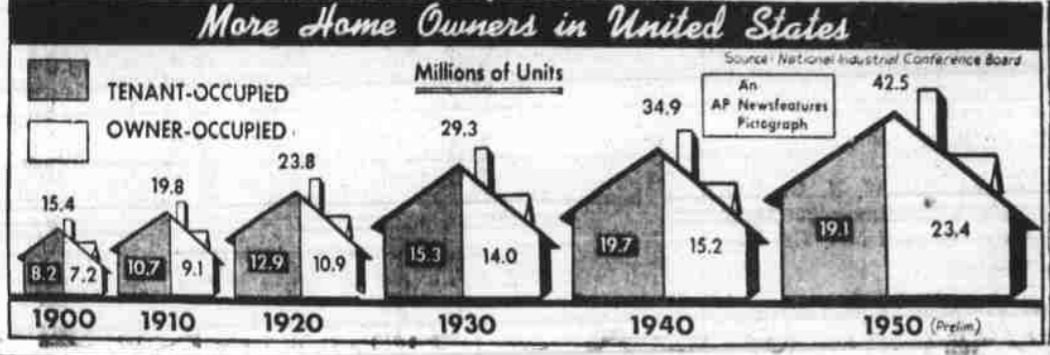
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