

make a new political appointment to the post - especially as no suitable (or wealthy enough) career officers were at that time available.

Mr. Bennett therefore appointed his wealthy Conservative henchman, (a brother-in-law by marriage only a month ^{later} ~~earlier~~), Mr. W.D. Herridge, M.P., as new Minister to Washington. This was so obviously a "political" appointment that it was virtually understood (as in the case of Mr. Ferguson in London) that the appointment would terminate on any future change of government. (When the Bennett Government was defeated at the General Election of 1935, Mr. Herridge immediately resigned. There was no question of Mr. King retaining his services.)

The Washington post was left vacant for the better part of a year, with H.H. Wrong acting as Chargé d'Affaires. Then in 1936 Mr. King transferred Sir Herbert Marler from Tokyo to Minister at Washington. Marler had a Liberal background, but in a sense might also have regarded himself as a non-political career diplomat.

In view of the action taken in 1930 and 1936, therefore, it could be concluded that the Washington post, like London, had a political character. This was confirmed by the appointment of Mr. McCarthy, a Liberal supporter and an especial friend of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

But the tendency has been reversed by the emergency appointment (on Sir Herbert Marler's illness