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Wrap Annexation With Bright Ribbons

"You haven't sold it," said Sen. Jack Blythe to City Council. The long-awaited run on City Council's annexation plan had produced the sadly anticipated result.

For Sen. Blythe and the representatives, it was a comfortable decision as well. There have been protests in the perimeter area. There has been nothing approaching a groundswell of favor within the city.

N. C. Assignment Law Need Not Fail

The fate of North Carolina's 1955 pupil assignment law is not necessarily hitched to the tottering Virginia system to maintain public school segregation.

Judge Hoffman declared Virginia's assignment act "unconstitutional on its face." At a first gasp, this would seem to cast a dark shadow over placement legislation enacted in Raleigh nearly two years ago.

Some mixing is theoretically possible in North Carolina's system, Col. William T. Joyner, vice chairman of the North Carolina Advisory Committee on Schools, a principal architect of the Pearsall Plan, said in a prominent law firm attorney, said only a few months ago.

"I think that the North Carolina plan is constitutional. I think that its operation will stand up in court if its operation is honest."

"But what, in Col. Joyner's opinion, will be required to keep the operation honest?" "I think that some mixing in some schools is inevitable and must occur," he said.

A Half-Completed Job Is Half Enough

FROM crossline to City Hall, there was no discernible dissent yesterday to our Monday morn about a half-finished civic chore.

From The Manchester Guardian

PASSING MIXTURE

ENGLAND should be grateful to Sir Vincent Tewson for an example of what today seems to be almost a lost art—the mixing of metaphors.

fair to say that City Hall has been too shy about the whole matter. Mayor and Council's unwillingness to get out and talk it up has given their annexation plan something of a conspiratorial flavor.

It is going to take above-average leadership by mayor, council and the legislators to put annexation across—a willingness to consider it and to wrap it in the bright ribbon of a better future for the whole community.

Those are not the true dimensions. Mayor and Council know it. Are they going to do anything about it?



New Military Bosses Needed

Ike's Most Critical Decision

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WHILE the Eisenhower team is going into the second half with the same old faces in the lineup, there are changes ahead which will pressure the President with perhaps the most critical decision of his second term.

One of the forthcoming changes is unavoidable. Adm. Arthur W. Radford will complete in August his second term as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

WILSON LEAVING?

At about the time Radford steps out, Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson also is expected to resign. He by then will have gotten through Congress the 1958 military budget calling for expanded defense spending of \$3 billion or more.

ALTERING THE BALANCE

It is this development that confronts the next secretary of defense, and it is the intention of the Joint Chiefs of Staff with such momentous responsibility. They cannot for long escape the necessity of altering the balance of the services to fit the new look in weapons.

mit China, telling several groups that he felt the United States should maintain a status of war, either hot or cold, against China for 50 years, if necessary, to bring down the Communist regime.

ADM. ARTHUR RADFORD He Leaves A Job

His departure, along with that of Sen. William F. Knowland of California, one of the most ardent advocates of returning Chiang Kai-shek to the mainland from his Formosa stronghold, could mean a gradual alteration of America's strategy in the Far East.

CHANG RESTLESS

It is impossible that before his term ends another critical decision will come before him, since reports persist that Chiang means to test his strength against the Communists and thereby involve the United States by reasserting the British-imposed view of his close relationship with Secretary Wilson. Last September he put forward a directive which the three service chiefs charged would have bypassed them and given the chairman sole authority over all the armed forces.

HAYS IN RESERVE

Radford was chosen as chairman of the JCS when he sold himself to Gen. Eisenhower and Wilson while the President-elect was on his tour of Korea following his election in 1952. He came in with strong policy convictions, particularly on Asia and Commu-

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

THERE was more than just a burst of temper behind the walkout of Congressman Wayne Hays (D-Ohio) from the Dulles secret hearings before the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Actually, the committee chairman, Thomas S. Gordon of Chicago, is new at the job, isn't skilled in holding impromptu hearings. Gordon, a Pole elected from Chicago, has excellent intentions, speaks English with an accent, has seldom made a speech, sat silently on the Foreign Affairs Committee for years, and through serenity finally became chairman. Affable, but insecure, he's arbitrary in order to give the appearance of being strong.

Dulles Filibusters

Committee members do not get full rein to cross-examine Dulles, despite the fact that a commitment to threaten war is at stake. They are given five minutes each in the morning, five minutes in the afternoon. And the secretary of state, being an astute lawyer and former senator, filibusters. He answers the question at some length, so that before he finishes one or two questions, the chairman says: "Your time has expired." The astute Mr. Dulles also read a long statement which blanketed the news-

Dulles Smothers Questions With Talk

papers on the first day. This newsman wrote little about his cross-examination. On the second day, he requested a closed-door session, and Chairman Gordon bowed. This was when Hays of Ohio protested.

No Objection

Hays—"Well, this plan might not operate as well as it should. It would be (wisecracking)—"Well, if it wouldn't operate, perhaps there would be no objection to the request for a closed-door session." Hays—"What's the use of passing something to take care of a situation that doesn't exist?" Dulles—"I don't know what you are talking about. Maybe it's just as well I don't."

Kentucky Huron

Sen. Thurston Morton, Kentucky Republican, has a sense of humor; which sometimes gets the better of his discretion. Morton was talking to a friend about his recent election. He said: "I'm not a political supporter who came down from the Kentucky mountains to see him during the campaign."

Sour Grapes Fall As Senate Shakes A Political Plum Tree

By DORIS FLEESON

WASHINGTON THE relations of northern and western Democrats in Congress with their southern brethren have been further embittered by the new committee assignments in the House and Senate.

The outstanding example of the bold use by the southerners of their powers in this important field is the nomination of Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

SHAPING THE TICKET

The Democratic cloakrooms describe the Johnson maneuver as the opening gun of an effort to put across a Johnson-Kennedy ticket at the Democratic national convention in 1960. The shape of this new effort emerged clearly in the 1957 convention and its progress will be political news for the next four years.

It is still only a sidebar to the big story which is the struggle for the soul of the Democratic Party. The northern and western liberals had it rubbed in last November what it means in this day and age to carry on their shoulders a congressional record favored by the southerners whose share of Democratic victories nationally is always control of the major committees.

DIDN'T DROP DEAD

The liberal rebellion took shape in the refusal of the new Democratic Advisory Committee to drop dead because the congressional action has had to be taken by the southerners have now had their inning.

In all major committee assignments the southerners and big city Democrats in whom they discern potential allies got the best of it.

LAUSCHE LAVISHED

For example, in addition to the prize plum falling to Kennedy, Sen. Lausche, the liberal conservative, got two major committees. The tough and outspoken Sen. John Carroll of Ohio, who has had House experience, was refused Judiciary and got



SEN. ESTES KEFAUVER He Lost A Seat

only Interior. Interior is important as usual, but it is especially important. Lausche got two committees nationally important. Westerners generally got no plums in the House either though some of them cracked districts which have never before sent a Democrat to the lower chamber.

NEW PRECEDENT

Washington is always conscious of precedents, but it is especially so when the stakes are high. Some of them are ready to discuss whether they want to go on with their terrific election battles every two or six years against the Republicans in order to establish a congressional rule by the Democrats.

THE COMMONERS

"When we get to Washington we find always that the southerners are the dukes, the viccounts and the rest of the peerage in Congress," one put it. "We're strict—the commoners."

"They get the top committee posts and the big offices. We are elected to do the dirty work. But when they want to throw seniority in the ashcan, as in Kefauver's case, they do it. We need three parties around here."

After The Valiant Years Eden Lost His Wager

By WALTER LIPPMANN

AS Anthony Eden goes into retirement, he can take with him the knowledge that his life has been a multitude of ups and downs of the ocean. For them, the end will not wipe out what went before, those valiant years of the world war era. For them too, the last word has not been spoken to explain the disaster at Suez.

It was Eden's fate to have to do what Churchill once vowed he would never do, to preside over the liquidation of the British empire in the Middle East. Had everyone concerned been much wiser and more reasonable than he was, there might have been a happy transition from empire to a new order of things between East and West. It did not be. There has not been the wisdom in the West, that is to say in London, Paris and Washington, to use that remained of the declining power to propose a new order to replace the old. In the East there has been resentment and hatred, to discourage and to frustrate statesmanship.

The intervention at the Suez Canal has been a last desperate gamble to recover a power and an influence that had in fact already been very nearly lost.

What little of power and influence remained was wagered and was lost in the disaster.

There is no denying the fact that the Anglo-American partnership in world affairs has been affected. This partnership really began with Churchill and Roosevelt in the world war. Its essence has been consultation and agreement of the highest levels of the partnership in advance of any great decision in foreign affairs. There has always been, certainly for more than a century, the British-American connection. This has meant that in case of war the interests of the two countries would cause them to be on the same side. But the partnership which Churchill and Roosevelt established is a comparatively new thing in British-American relations.

This partnership has been, if not dissolved, then at the very least suspended in the Suez affair. The official American view has been that it could never again trust Eden after his failure to stand firm in October. The corresponding view in England has been that after its experience in negotiating with him over Suez, the United States never again trust Eden. So Washington is relieved that Eden has retired, and London will be relieved when Dulles retires.

Actress Visits

Former Congressman Helen Gahan Douglas of California, now a concert singer and actress, came back here last week while her husband, Melvyn Douglas, was playing the lead role of Clarence Darrow in "Inherit the Wind," a history of the Scopes monkey trial in Tennessee which ended the career of William Jennings Bryan.

Whipped By Nixon

Mrs. Douglas visited with old friends, did not go up to Congress where she had once fought so hard for alum clearance, against inflation, and in the end was defeated for the Senate by Richard Nixon. She never again trust Nixon. She never again trust Nixon. She never again trust Nixon.