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A List For Voters

*Intended To Give the Puzzled Independent a
Reliable Appraisal by Which To Mark His Ballot*

The typical independent voter—the man or woman who doesn't take much interest in politics, who goes to the polls from a faint sense of duty rather than because he is hauled there and given a marked sample ballot for guidance in filling out his real ballot—must be pretty confused when it comes to making an intelligent, discerning choice of eleven Council candidates from among the 28 who are running.

Some of them, maybe, he never heard of before, probably never saw and indubitably knows nothing much about. Three or four personal and business acquaintances are running, and he is going to vote for them, surely. But as for the rest, he's in the dark.

This independent vote is important and needs to be exercised for the best possible government. And so, for what it may be worth, *The News* is going to list herewith a number of candidates, without regard to slates, factions or anything except confidence that from them a reasonably good Council could be formed, who are entitled to consideration on their known merits. The list by wards:

- WARD 1
W. N. Hovis
- WARD 2
Manley R. Dunaway
- WARD 3
John Ward
- WARD 4
Jake Martin
- WARD 6
Claude L. Albee
Chas. H. Daughtry
Jerry B. Wood
- WARD 7
C. C. Beasley
C. B. Ross
- WARD 8
J. A. Baker
A. B. Fitzgerald
A. Z. Price
- WARD 10
E. W. Haight
Lester W. Slye

We are not prepared to contend that these men are, without exception, the very best in the race, or that some of those omitted would not make equally good Councilmen. Furthermore, we have recommended three men in Wards 6 and 8, whereas no more than two from any ward can survive the primary and get into the election proper.

All the same, this list is put forward as representing a conscientious appraisal of the candidates on their merits and demerits as reached by research

previously supported by their families and who got on relief because the Depression made that no longer possible. It ought to be possible to reverse that process now.

Nobody proposes that anybody shall be left to starve or that fairness as between groups of citizens should be abandoned. Nevertheless, there is manifestly a vast lot of room for rigorous cutting down. And we aren't getting it.

Half Convoy

*It Involves All Risks of
Full Convoy Sans Advantages*

Mayor La Guardia is too close to the White House for his indication that convoy (disguised as naval "patrol") of supplies to Britain to a line a thousand miles at sea is to be undertaken, to have been an uninformed guess. And the speeches of Secretary Hull and Secretary Knox yesterday bear out the impression that something of the sort is planned.

But about all that can be said for such convoy is that it would be of some value as a stop-gap until the so-called Neutrality Act could be repealed.

Obviously, it would aid Britain to some extent. Just as obviously, it is virtually certain not to give her the aid she must have to survive. The news from Europe grows increasingly gloomy. The infamous Vichy regime is plainly getting ready to go all out for the Nazis, probably with Pierre Laval in command. There is evidence that Weygand is already co-operating with the Nazis in Tunisia and allowing supplies and perhaps troops to pass to Libya.

More, Hitler appears to have about brought Spain to joining the Axis.

The result of all this is likely to be that we shall swiftly see the Nazis in control of North and West Africa, with the French fleet joining the Nazi and Italian fleets in such an all-out attack on British shipping in the Atlantic as will dwarf anything which has gone before.

The Washington Merry-Go-Round said flatly yesterday that the new trade pact between Germany and Turkey contains secret clauses allowing the Nazis to use Turkish railroads for the transport of troops to Syria. If that is so, then Hitler has an excellent chance to seize the oil fields of Mesopotamia and to attack Suez from the east while his army in