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'TO STUDY' IS NOT PROCRASTINATE

LET US ASSUME that the several Councilmen and Commissioners who were quoted in Thursday's News as saying they believe consolidation needs more study are completely sincere. After all, the word is a fairly flexible one, and within its widening meaning, more study is undoubtedly necessary before any overlapping departments or functions of the city and county governments can be consolidated.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ON THE WAY OUT

IF NORTH CAROLINA continues to modify its attitude toward capital punishment, it won't be long until Central Prison's gas chamber is out of business. Four years ago, the General Assembly enacted a law permitting a jury to recommend life imprisonment for a person convicted of first degree murder.

A NEW BRAND OF GOP LEADERSHIP

IN AN EDITORIAL last October 8 endorsing Mr. Eisenhower for the Presidency, this newspaper took note of the fact that "there are men in the Republican Party with whom The News has done battle over the years, but who have shown a new sense of responsibility and authority will temper the irresponsibility and negativism that are usually the trademarks of a party too long out of power."

COURAGE IN A SMALL PACKAGE

BY CHICAGO standards the Western suburb of Downers Grove in Du Page County, is a little town—but it isn't afraid to do big things. Chicago (pop. 3,620,000) could learn a lesson in moral courage, freedom and adherence to high principles from Downers Grove.

This may turn out to be the wisest procedure. After all, the charting of a course, once the facts are at hand, is a matter of opinion, and has little to do with debate and disagreement. Because of that, we would suggest that alternate plans of action be given full consideration. One has already been suggested—to submit to the people, in an election, a consolidation plan that would combine those city-county functions most amenable to merger, and leave the others separate.

People's Platform

LETTERS should be brief. The writer's name and address must be given, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editors. The News reserves the right to condense.

More Public Housing Needed

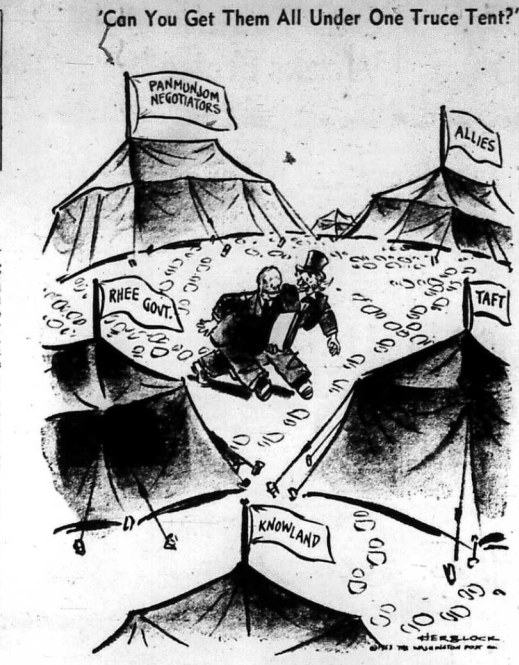
LAST week I attended the annual meeting of the Southeastern Regional Council-National Association of Public Housing Officials at Daytona Beach, Florida. To me this was one of the most enlightening conventions I have had the pleasure of attending.

Ike's Position On Seaway

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Political 'Production' On TV Tend to Oversimplify Issues

THE CHANGES in public life brought about by television are hardly being better illustrated than in the preparations leading up to the "debates" between Eisenhower and his opponents. The showmen and four members of his Cabinet over the TV networks.

From the first, the White House show was in the hands of professionals skilled in the business of popular presentation. Here is the sequence that led up to the moment when the all-star cast flashed on millions of television screens across the country.

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Hospital Comes Before Cabs

Editors, The News: I am not suffering for the need of additional taxi service, if there be one, but they are dying a natural death on account of the lack of adequate medical care and hospital facilities.

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Editors, The News: I am sure that if all members of Congress could have been on hand, there would be no question about their voting overwhelmingly for the \$5,000 additional public housing units for fiscal year 1954.

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Speller's Execution An Atrocity

Editors, The News: Raleigh Speller is dead. The people of North Carolina sent him to his death May 29, 1953, at 10:07 A. M. The throng came to watch him die, and as if the crown of death was an honor to view bestow.

Tariff On Democracy

Editors, The News: The important thing to note about the Knowland terms is that they represent, not a truce, but a victory. The California Senator does not desire a mere agreement to stop the fighting in the Far East.

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