

Reason Should Rule Annexation Talk

THERE was a two-fold rightness in Mayor Van Every's reaction to a new surge of annexation talk. The mayor rejected use of threats as weapons to achieve annexation, recognizing their probable opposite effect, and what mutual benefits would flow between the city and any territory taken in.

Annexation Talk

There is no reason to believe that suburbanites will fight annexation if the city makes, as it can, a good case for it, including the factors of highly organized police and fire protection and lower insurance rates on property.

Dixie's Caught In A One-Party Trap

CAN Dixie stage a comeback as king-maker of U. S. politics? Some pundits believe that conditions are indeed ripe for the South to return to its position of leadership on the national political scene. There is even talk here and there of a southerner, no less, at the head of the Democratic Party ticket in 1956.

One-Party Trap

There was a gradual decline in southern influence in the two decades preceding the Civil War. This period was marked by a steady rise in sectional controversies over the issues of slavery and states' rights. The presidency began to go with increasing frequency to men in pivotal states above the Mason-Dixon line.



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Seen From Independence: The Vital Need For Planning

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THERE is a thing alive in cities that bears no exact name. Call it spirit, attitude or outlook. It is a conglomeration of forces—geographic, economic and personal—that shapes the face and future of a city.

It is to remain in healthy and productive contact with burgeoning suburbs. For traffic—by foot or vehicle—is the economic blood of a community. What traffic cannot reach withers.

Once drawn, it will include areas for homes and shopping centers, schools, churches and playgrounds, residential and industrial streets tied to thoroughfares, industries and office buildings, nurseries and baseball diamonds. These lines will not be idle doodles. They will emerge from careful studies of population shifts, the kinds and requirements of industries, the trend of industrial patterns, the changing needs of neighborhoods.

'Not Yet, But Save It'



Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WHILE President Eisenhower talks about being the best friend of the Negro, his top officials seem to make it a practice to fire prominent Negroes.

Another Negro Fired By Administration

natural gas from federal regulation, had received \$10,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Clint Murchison, the big Texas gas-oil tycoon, during his election campaign. He also received \$5,000 from Jack Porter of Texas.

Cultural Diplomacy: A Happy Turnabout

LESS than two years ago in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Uncle Sam neatly reinforced accusations that Americans are "cultural barbarians" by refusing to send a U. S. entry to the largest and most important exhibition of modern art ever held in the Western Hemisphere.

A Happy Turnabout

talked to him about it last year. So did Nelson Rockefeller. And the President was reportedly impressed by an eloquent radio talk on the subject by actress Lillian Gish.

People's Platform

Charlotte Is Indeed South's Queen City, God Alone Can Bring Peace To The World. Editors, The News: I AM sure many heard and saw the President make his talk about world peace and of so many other things.

Aimed At Ruling

The gas bill is aimed at overruling the Supreme Court's decree that natural gas shipped between states must be subject to regulation by the Federal Power Commission just as railroad rates between states are regulated by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Walking Papers

So the other day, despite his 18 years in government, Horne got his walking papers, effective Aug. 31. The official reason given was "budget trouble."

Lobbyists Hog-Wild

What Washington needs more than anything else today is a good invention of lobbyists.

Gas Lobby

The natural gas lobby at times was more devious, also more effective. It had at its disposal a slush fund of \$1,500,000, and it operated both in the grass roots and by direct contribution to the political campaigns of senators and congressmen.

One Woman

Committees were to be formed of prominent citizens belonging to service organizations. The bill would influence the public and the Congress and the local press, the Shell representative explained.

She Refused

Mrs. Smelser is a civically-minded lady who does not believe in setting up committees to increase the price of gas to her fellow housewives. She refused to cooperate.