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### Reason Should Rule Annexation Talk

THERE was a twofold 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 directed a planning study to determine what mutual benefits would flow between the city and any territory taken in That the city's tax base needs to be broadened to slow the spiral of taxe is obvious. So is annexation the obvious and tracted to a base the broadened to slow the spiral of taxe is obvious. So is annexation the obvious and tracted in Chalotte contribute somewhat mutual base to be recteded. The clear need is for selective extension of city limits with the assurance that newly incorporated areas would benefit, as well as the city, from annexation. Talk of payroll taxes as a threatened alternative to annexation assumes that suburbanities will resist annexation and that while earning their living in the city they contribute little to its tupkeep. Both assumptions are generalized and arguable.

### Dixie's Caught In A One-Party Trap

CAN Disse stage a comeback as kingmarker of U. S. politice?

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.

These rumblings add up to little more than wishful thinking Dixie's influence is negative rather than positive. It is the product of discontent, not rejuvenescence.

To regain its position of honor and importance the South will have to climb out of its shell and adopt an entirely new political posture.

Dixie still exerts some influence on the national scene—particularly in Congress. But this influence is minor compared to the region's strongly positive role in the past.

Of the 33 men who have been president of the United States, nine can be classified as southerners. They are Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monvo, Tyler, Jackson, Polk, Johnson and Taylor. Wilson, Although born in Virginia, was serving as the governor of New Jersey at the time of the election Eisenhower, a free was a gradual decline in south-order the second of the Civil War not constitute the product of the substance of the material of the construction period. Elysing the political position of honor and importance the southerners to occupy the White House during these stormy years, Toler, Jackson, Polk, Johnson and Taylor.

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LESS than two years ago in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Linder 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.

When a private museum scraped to gether some American items anyway and rushed them south in a valiant attempt to save the nation from embarrasment, the State Department siffed in disgust. The U. S. ambassador neither appeared nor sent a duly authorized delegate to stand with and formalize a receiving line at the opening, as his collegues did with great show for the other leading nations of the world. One Brazilian cynically remarked: "He's probably playing golf. Ispit that what Americans in public life door."

This was perhaps the low point in a kind of official Philistinism that has marked our relations with other nations.

The Reds gleefully made the most of it. "America is interested only in follars and materialism," they propagandized "They believe they can 'buy friendship and alliances."

There was a reason for this diplomatic blunder. Shortly after World War Ilssome embittered patriots in Congress saw modern art as a tool of Moscow. They didn't seem to realize it that both political camps were allied in the 1949's by their similar demands for realism.

But when the State Department in 1946 sent a moderately 'modern' exhibition abroad (containing some abstract art) Congress subjected members of the department to a virtual inquisition.

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Cultural Diplomacy: A Happy Turnabout



# Seen From Independence: The Vital Need For Planning

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### Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

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