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The Annexation Drive Must Not Fail

CITY COUNCIL had its ears to the ground for months before finally choosing a strategy to extend the city limits.

We sincerely hope its hearing is good. Selective annexation must be accomplished for the future benefit of both the city and its suburbs.

Council's decision calls for two votes of confidence—one by Mecklenburg legislators and one by a majority of voters in the city and in the areas proposed for annexation.

There seems little doubt annexation will carry if the legislators come through with a special act for a combined vote on the issue.

Reckless Drivers & Aged Frustration

THERE IS a tremendous difference in time and money between two months and \$100 and two years and \$2,000.

The first set of figures represents the present maximum penalty for reckless driving.

At first glance, the proposal seems excessive because the gap between the figures is so large. But there also is a large gap between the purpose and the effectiveness of present traffic laws.

We remember one detailed in THE NEWS in 1954. The record began 10 years earlier when the subject paid one-

is strong enough to encourage them to favor the act.

Presumably Council feels that such is the case. But if there are any doubts no time should be wasted in activating a vigorous campaign to sell annexation to the disbelievers.

The important thing is that the benefits of annexation be stressed, whether in town hall meetings or garden club talks. The issue is too important to let it be confused by uninformed opposition.

The city confesses its need for new strength from suburban areas. At the same time it can be proud—and should show its pride—in what it offers its neighbors.

half the court costs and a fine of \$4 for driving without a license. The record ended, after 12 additional arrests on multiple charges of traffic law violations, including six counts of reckless driving.

All the fault here was not with laws, of course. There was a failure to impose fully the penalties provided. The same lack of toughness on traffic counts still prevails in many courts, on the part of both judges and juries.

The Recorder's Courts proposal is one of an increasing number of appeals for stiffer laws on traffic offenses. So far as they reflect an intent of judges, juries and the public to equate traffic offenses with lawlessness instead of with indifference, the pleas may be significant.

If they represent nothing more than waving a club that is not to be used firmly and consistently, they are empty gestures against an aged frustration.

delighted to share our notebook with you.

For instance, when you want to say a particular jazz musician is good, say he's hot. (He's terrible, he plays some awful horn!)

Here are some other examples, from ax to wig:
AX, n. Musical instrument.
Bean, n. Dollar.

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When we were, of course, crushed. We had always prided ourselves on our ability to keep up with the times and here we were labeled a "moldy fig," which turns out to be some kind of horribly dated old fogey.

What we learned about the new cant of the hip is truly amazing and we are

Joint Chiefs Disturbed By Radford Role

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON

ADMIRAL Arthur W. Radford, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has issued a directive which in the view of the three service chiefs, Army, Navy and Air, will result in bypassing them and giving Radford virtually sole authority over all the armed forces of the United States.

The debate was launched by Senator Styles Bridges, chairman of the Republican Policy Committee. While he did not mention the present chairman of the JCS by name, Bridges said:

It is, however, a direct falling of the Republican Party that they do not offer a full slate of candidates. This deprives all who would join their ranks of the privilege of expressing partnership to the fullest.

Subtle indications

But Humphrey went further to state that he was surprised by subtle but alarming indications that (Radford) is exerting increasing influence if not authority over the Joint Chiefs of Staff in their deliberations and their findings and the manner in which their views are presented or given to the civilian officials of the Department of Defense and to Congressional committees.

Under this directive, they would form here on out report to the Joint Chief, which is appointed and controlled by Radford. The result would be, at least two of the chiefs have put it, to relegate them to an ivory tower where they would be talking only to each other.

Many of those who oppose Radford believe that instead of abolishing the committees on which the service chiefs have depended for implementing their views and concepts.

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People's Platform

A Challenge To Republicans

Charlotte

FOR many years I have enjoyed your paper and, God willing, I intend to for many, many years to come.

The non-partisan attitude in People's Platform these days is indeed a source of keen delight.

Let me say, then, that in my opinion Mr. Jonas has many spoken boosters who obviously have no knowledge of his past voting record in the House of Representatives. Let me say also that I believe I can prove this.

With election day drawing near, let us make People's Platform constructive as well as lively. I offer a challenge to one and all. For 10 consecutive days I will take a cross section of bills, on domestic economic policy, foreign anti-Communist aid, social welfare legislation and housing that Mr. Jonas voted on, should have, but did not vote on and how he voted on each ranging from 1947 through 1954.

For 10 days let us have a Jonas supporter justify his champion's vote on each.

Emotions are fine in their place. However, a man's past record is like money. It talks. Now, come on you good Republicans. Any takers?

—J. C. JAMES

Gen. Eichelberger's 'Partisan Diatribe'

Charlotte

I AM a bit amused by the apparently "spontaneous" furor raised by certain individuals concerning their inability to mark a straight Democratic ticket and then crossing and voting for several Republicans. This, they cry, is manifestly unfair, and that all good people who "vote for the man" this appears to work quite a hardship.

Let me hasten to say that I am sure the fine public spirited citizens who sponsored and planned this meeting were surprised and embarrassed by what

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their speaker said. I am quite sure they did not plan it that way. It is regrettable that their distinguished visitor either misunderstood the purpose of the meeting or purposely abused his invitation.

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SEN. PAUL DOUGLAS AN Illinois Orator

Plain Talker Raps Dirksen For Democrats

By DORIS FLEESON

CHICAGO

ILLINOIS Democrats have not stark contrast into the race against Sen. Everett M. Dirksen, the mellifluous orator from Pekin who embraces President Eisenhower now with the same ardor he expended so dramatically upon the Taft cause after the 1952 GOP convention.

His consistent performance in four terms in the state senate, where he resisted pressures on all sides, won him all kinds of nonpartisan applause. He is not, however, well-known in Chicago, and much is being made of his lack of broad exposure by his Republican opposition.

What happens to him will depend in large part on what Mayor Daley gets out of the Democratic wards of Cook County. The Chicago mayor is currently the ranking GOP county official, Herbert Paschen, for governor. It was a slate of new names and half of it disappeared from public view fairly soon after Paschen had to answer questions about the management of a "flower fund" in his ward.

This, it was realized, was no way to capitalize on the Republican state administration's candidacy which have headed three men, including deceased State Auditor Orville Dodge, in the jailhouse. Paschen quit the race. Asan Daley held out as a candidate against former National Chairman Stephen Mitchell, who was not only well-known but well-known for his aggressive honesty.

Daley's choice was a judge and former prosecutor, Richard Austin of Chicago, whose reputation for force and integrity is good. A federal grand jury in the state capital, Springfield, and a Senate committee are helping to underlie the million-dollar state scandals on which Democrats heavily rely. Chairman J. William Fulbright of the Senate Banking Committee has announced he will bring the convicted trio, including Auditor Dodge, from their prison cells to testify in Chicago Oct. 8.

Stengel has barnstormed long and hard in his native downstate. He believes he will do well there, helped by the scandals, farm depression, farm income depression and tight money. He has just begun to tackle Illinois. He is taking a straight Stevenson line. Stevenson's candidacy has ripened so much Illinois money from the party that both Stengel and Austin are suffering. Stengel does not even have a campaign manager and much of his help comes from young volunteers who passively loathe Dirksen.

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