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Democrats To Use Kid Gloves On Civil Rights Issue

By DORIS FLEESON

WASHINGTON — For days committee experts pored over the record since 1953. Their end product was a hard-hitting, tightly-organized policy statement falling into several distinct parts.

First, it recalled in detail the progress made in civil rights since 1953. Butters then there was that President Roosevelt and Truman had created a public climate out of which economic, social, political and judicial gains have more or less naturally flowed.

Widely apart from parliament, many people will feel that such progress reminders are salutary and timely.



PAUL M. BUTLER
The South Wasn't Mentored

Butler also jabbed at "the Republican proxy here tonight" to the delight of the audience.

EXPOSED FLANK
An ironic skit demanded rebuttal time and swung at the exposed Democratic flank with quick questions as Mr. Butler, will you make that speech with the South? Mr. Butler, when is your appointment with Sen. Eastwood for Eastland in the Mississippi whom seniority has elevated to chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee?

Butler retorted that his remarks had been handed to the press associations for nationwide use. He turned back the other Scott taunts by repeating that he would gladly debate his fellow champion, Hall, at any time, in any place, but would not take on "Republican proxies."

CALCULATED RISK
Butler's refusal to be drawn out on the South represents considered policy. It is Adlai Stevenson's policy, too.

In that regard, Negroes have not held the South against the national party management or President Eisenhower. Whether or not prosecutions will alter that situation is a risk Democrats feel they must take.

Annexation: Remove The Invisible Line

ANNEXATION too long has been a ludding child in our metropolitan community. In the city, annexation has been urged to walk all of grace. Outside in the suburbs, it has been widely shunned on its backside and told to be quiet.

As a result, annexation has been bad to fall, given to temper, and getting exactly nowhere.

Walk it must, however, if the metropolitan area, to reap the benefits of its destiny in commerce, industry, the arts, education and recreation. The invisible city limits line does more than create a tax and insurance differential, stop the fire and garbage trucks and police cars, put out street lights, and cause educational inequalities.

It divides one community into two groups attacking the same problems and the same goals in a wasteful, uncoordinated effort. The city limits line is the starting point for frictions that have no reason for being except that the line, being drawn, makes people who are inescapably tied together think and act as if they were separate groups with different problems.

It isn't so. As Charlotte goes, so goes the suburbs—in all things. And they can go together toward common goals so much more economically and efficiently than they can be divided by the invisible line.

That logical point must be recognized if any annexation proposals are to be put across satisfactorily. Legislative bills that might achieve annexation legally but they inevitably lead to solidifying the assumption of "difference" between

urban and suburban residents, and rural depeens.

Councilman Herbert Baxter's proposal for a series of town hall meetings is the best method yet advanced for explaining the necessity and advantages of annexation. The city will have from its planners by April 11 statistical facts on what annexation would mean in tangible cost factors to residents in 21 suburban segments. At various meetings with suburbanites, the city officials could lay the facts on the line, answer questions, and comment on the intangibles as well.

We don't know how the facts are going to add up. In some segments, annexation unquestionably will mean higher costs to the homeowner. In others reduction in insurance and water rates might completely offset the hike in property taxes. But whatever the cost factors they would better be laid out for people to see and discuss, rather than have them accept the exaggerations and simplifications that inevitably accompany a contested annexation proposal.

It's entirely conceivable that a straight-from-the-shoulder discussion of annexation would convince suburbanites that annexation is not an ego, but an opportunity for one community to grow together, unified, willing and effectively.

There is more involved in annexation than costs. There is progress in its best aspects and with ultimate benefits for all.

What Mr. Baxter basically is proposing is:

"Come. Let us reason together." Let's do.

After Coonskin Caps—Duck Blinds?

EVERYBODY knows that a "revenue" is persona non grata in North Carolina's hill country—and that the stigma is easily transferred to any type of lawman. It is, therefore, easy to understand an Asheville highlander's natural urgency concerning the State Highway Patrol.

In a letter to the governor, Gordon Ramsey suggested this week that patrolmen be equipped with duck blinds in automobiles painted forest green because they spend so much time "hidden behind bushes" trying to trap "unwary motorists."

Fair enough. It is open season on "unwary motorists" anyway—if they are violators of the law.

And motorists who violate the law are indeed unwary when it comes to observing the rights of others.

It is reason enough to drive motorists to play according to the rules of safety, fear of detection might.

When a motorist violates the law he deserves to be arrested.

If it takes whammies, coonskin caps or even duck blinds, that's all right too. The psychology behind such devices is not new. Society has been using burglar alarms and plain clothes squads for years.

Besides, if a motorist doesn't violate the law he has nothing to worry about.

Soul Saving

BREVITY is obviously no virtue in Marxist ideology.

Soviet officials were so impressed by the long, windy speeches at the 20th party congress in Moscow that they ordered them printed in one 300,000-page volume. It will be the New York Times, or some of Khrushchev's Mezz Kamra.

Clearly, the Reds put no stock in that old church maxim that no guided U.S. preachers for years:

"No souls are saved after the first 20 minutes"

Her Grace Needs No Hot Trumpet

WE TRUST that the Grace Kelly-Prince Rainier wedding party will bear up courageously under the solemn news that Louis Armstrong may be able to bring his hot horn to Monaco after all. The jazz star had been booked to lend a little foot-tapping jollity to the goings-on, but now may have to serenade them Australian cats' instead.

Our appreciation for Satchmo's harmonium knows no bounds but we surely could quite imagine him being at home in the frigid, high-toned splendor of a royal wedding anyway. To begin with, the wedding field is not his cup of tea. The Armstrong brand of free-wheeling disband is more suited to funerals—the joyous New Orleans variety of course.

We mean the kind where the band marches reverently to the cemetery playing FLEE AS A BIRD, sheds an appropriate note or two while "Old Brother Gate" is lowered into the grave, then bustles merrily back to the ball swinging Dixie's He Raminie. The tempo is invariably up and so are spirits in general.

If Her Grace must have American jazz in the nuptials, we suggest something in the new "cool" school to suit the emotional temperature of all that mused regality—perhaps Jack Montrose, Charles Mingus, Lee Konitz, Jimmy Giuffre or the Modern Jazz Quartet. After all, the newweds will have their loss to keep them warm.

From The Richmond News Leader

WHEN THE BABE CALLED HIS SHOT

LEGENDS have a way of growing on their own. George Washington probably never threw a silver dollar across the Rappahannock or the Potomac either. Sherlock Holmes surely was never heard to say "Quack, Watson, the needle!" Gen. Lee never offered his sword to Gen. Grant at Appomattox, nor did Gen. Grant refuse it. But the legends say each one of them did, and in the face of legends, the facts have little impact.

That is exactly what the old Chicago Cub right-hander, Charlie Root, learned last week when he undertook to challenge the story that Babe Ruth called a home run against him in the 1932 World Series, and then hit it.

The story is well known. Ruth had gone homerless against Cub pitching in the first two Yankee victories that year, and he came to Chicago to face a hostile, jeering crowd. In the first inning, with two men on base, he hit one out of the park. This put the Yankees ahead, 3-0. He failed to hit his second time up and the Cubs tied the game up at 4-4.

Then up came the Babe with the crowd booing and jeering. He missed a pitch. Strike one. He held up one finger. He missed another. Strike two. He held up two fingers. The crowd hissed and jeered like mad, and the Cub bench joined in.

At that point legend takes over and fact is obscured. The legend declares that Ruth, then, and there pointed his bat toward the flagpole in center field, deliberately informing Pitcher Root, the Cub team and bench, and the whole Chicago crowd what he was going to do.

And he hit the hot pitch out of the park. This is the legend. Did the Babe actually do it? No, says Charlie Root. "I got two strikes on him." Root asserted, "and each time he turned to our bench and held up first one, then two fingers. He knocked the third pitch over the fence. But he didn't point any but if he had, I'd have knocked him down."

It was all imagination, Root says, and there is this to support his side of the argument: Neither Paul Mickelson, covering the nuptials, we suggest something in the new "cool" school to suit the emotional temperature of all that mused regality—perhaps Jack Montrose, Charles Mingus, Lee Konitz, Jimmy Giuffre or the Modern Jazz Quartet. After all, the newweds will have their loss to keep them warm.

Tom Meane in his authoritative Babe From The Big Moments Of The Big League (New York, 1947) writes that "after the game it was unanimously accepted by writers, fans and players that Ruth had called his shot against Root." Frank G. Munke in his Encyclopedia Of Soccer says flatly that the Babe did it. Bob Condit, in the glowing Tom Rawls Bruh Story, makes Ruth declare he called the shot.

The probability is that Ruth did it. Certainly so observant a writer as Frank's Root would never have failed to mention it. He showed Tom Rawls Bruh Story, makes Ruth declare he called the shot.

But then again, maybe Ruth did. Certainly it is that, we shall never know for sure unless perhaps some forgotten note or mention of the incident is turned up. Certain it is, too, that baseball fans by the millions will go to their graves insisting that he did.

He had to, you see. He was the Babe.

'How Do You Do'



The Moderate Approach

Adlai's Waltz On The Tightrope

By CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY

WASHINGTON — ADLAI E. Stevenson has chosen the potentially troublesome tightrope of moderation to tread toward his second try at the White House.

The month of March can determine the former Illinois governor's political future. He is not an active candidate in the March 13 New Hampshire Democratic presidential preference primary, but a full slate of delegates favorable to him is entered in the race. A resounding defeat by liberal plebeian Sen. Estes Kefauver, D-Tenn. could create a psychological hazard when the winner of the vote goes before the voters again one week later.

But the flaring of the civil rights issue in the South brought on by the Supreme Court decision against segregated schools, Stevenson has come out against the use of federal troops, has abstained to work out the problems.

Stevenson said the Supreme Court decision was the law of the land. He said he favored the decision, but added, "we have to proceed gradually in these matters. You do not upset the tradition of generations overnight."

His criticism of the Eisenhower administration has been along the same lines. In various speeches he has emphasized that he agrees with the family mental administration, foreign policy, which he says the GOP took from the Democrats. But he says there have been big mistakes in the execution of the policy by the Republicans.

ing the bill merited consideration, but that he doubted it provided enough protection for the consumer. When President Eisenhower vetoed the bill because of what he termed "poetic" pressures for it, Stevenson said the veto was "right but for the wrong reasons."

On agriculture, Stevenson has said he feels a return to price supports of 80 per cent is desirable, although not the entire answer to declining farm prices.

Another place where Stevenson has advanced his moderate approach is taxation. Earlier this year, in discussing whether there was need for an income tax reduction in 1956, he said "we cannot talk intelligently of reducing about any tax reduction until we have made some assessment of our national needs, as well as the problem of reduction of the national debt."

The Stevenson philosophy of moderation is found also in disagreement with the Eisenhower administration—and some Democrats—on emphasis rather than policy in such fields as foreign aid, federal insurance programs, education, internal security and labor legislation.

OPEN COMPETITION

There is an open competition, with Stevenson given the advantage because of support by most of the party organization leaders. A showdown in election delegates could soon be a damaging prestige blow for Stevenson.

His aspirations have been built on a policy of moderation. Most political observers feel this policy has been the backbone of the Eisenhower administration. From party polls purport to show the policy is approved by the bulk of the American people.

For Stevenson this policy may be one of politically acute timing, but it has its dangers. Several important votes in his own party, including Governor President Harry S. Truman and Gov. G. Mennen Williams of Michigan, have indicated their disagreement with Stevenson's decision. Nevertheless, Stevenson has stayed on course.

Stevenson, he announced his 1956 candidacy. Stevenson delivered the neo-conservative, lecture-like political speech on the need for moderation, which drew criticism from Williams and Gov. Averell Harriman, D-N.Y., himself a potential Democratic candidate.

Stevenson's supporters, reiterated the moderation case for the continuing presidential primary path throughout the country. He chose only those he said, which would allow voter expression on his candidacy.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON — US officials aren't advertising it, but Drew Pearson has given to two editors and six destroyers of the U. S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean to join with units of the British Mediterranean Fleet in standing off Israeli-Arab ports during the next few weeks.

Israel In A Bind
These reports are based not only upon glowing Arab journalism, but on the fact that the Arab nations now have the small state of Israel in a bind where, in case of war, Israel could probably be wiped out. The United States, in a land from which it will be extremely difficult if not impossible for Israel to get help.

Official Bungling
Delaying procrastination general bungling has put us in a cross-ways which we jeopardize one or the other of the

War Expected In Near East In April

Following objectives in the Near East:

1.—The future of the tiny state of Israel which we have long championed as a national policy.

2.—The tremendous oil reserves of Saudi Arabia, considered the greatest in the world.

3.—Air bases in Saudi Arabia, which are within striking distance of Moscow.

4.—Air bases in North Africa, located among other Arab peoples, all sitting with hatred of Israel and resentment against the West.

5.—S. Lives In Jeopardy
In case of war or even the use of U. S. troops around Israel to prevent the lives of American women and children at these far-flung North African bases would be in jeopardy.

What's happened to change the balance in the East? It's John John Giabb from Jordan, thereby making it

Put Democrats In Every Slot

Charlotte — I GET A lambasting by the madam, as to who should be selected for judge of Superior Court in Mecklenburg, the 20th District, I shall continue to say Campbell for judge. The savings of others will not stretch \$ 6. Vaughn in the least. This I will say. I am for clearing the Tenth District and turning it back to the Democrats. Also, let's have someone on the County Board we want and should have. With out question, four men for the North Carolina House, that is, Democrats who would be an improvement over the past.

We do not need any bull, some in the North Carolina House, so let's have four full-fledged Democrats. We do not need any Republicans in our City Hall, County Court House or State House or

People's Platform

Capitol of North Carolina so let's clear the Tenth District and go us through to Raleigh.

Charlotte — What has the tenth printed in the Republican news except that on what the Democrats laid the foundation for? What was the condition of the nation from 1921 to 1933? The 12 years of idleness and almost bankruptcy, the loss of 15,000 banks in 12 years.

Do you Democrats who voted the Republican way feel you are due any credit? No. For the prosperity that has been in action for the past three years no credit is due the Republican administration. All it has done is hand all it could get away with over to the top rank and file. You Democrats got just what you were. So why walk away who could? You cannot spend billions and that is all the Republicans have for you. All they want of you is your vote. After that you can take a walk to the bank in four years.

— S. C. VAUGHN

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Israel is so minute that, faced with this kind of strength, it probably could be wiped out before American/British troops could intervene.

There was a time, last summer, be-

Fumbling And Delay

The State Department has been torn between Arabian oil and Jewish Israel. The secretary of State Herbert Hoover, in a power up in the State Department, has been torn between Arabian oil and Jewish Israel. The secretary of State Herbert Hoover, in a power up in the State Department, has been torn between Arabian oil and Jewish Israel.