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Indianapolis' DPs—

Lack of Policy On Annexation Cramps City

Fringe Residents, City Officials
Say an Issue Vital to Future

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Outside the crazy-quilt fringes of Indianapolis city boundaries live some 90,000 residents who are neither bona fide city-dwellers nor country residents; neither wholly urban nor suburban.

They live off the city, but not in it. They live in the county, but not from it.

They are Indianapolis' own DPs.

True, the vast majority are DPs by choice. Many of them are DPs who live in white-pillared mansions with three-car garages. But displaced persons they are... earning from one side of the tax ledger and paying into the other.

These are the city's fringe area residents. They create a problem that only a few farsighted city planners care to think about, a problem that city officials prefer to forget while they pursue a do-nothing policy of acting only when action is unavoidable.

The problems they create are as

'Annexation' Unpleasant to Officials

To city officials, "annexation" is a vaguely unpleasant word. It suggests tumultuous battles, drawn-out court fights with residents who moved to "get away from the city" and who don't intend to be enveloped by it.

It also suggests a string of dollar-signs marching out of the city's coffers. While the major objection of fringe dwellers to annexation is the increased tax rate, the city's biggest worry is that it must immediately expend a greater sum to annex than it realizes in taxes for years to come.

If annexation is an unpleasant word to city officials, it is considered almost profanity by the fringe dwellers. It's a word to send blood pressure soaring, civic leaders scurrying out with petitions and thoughts turning to increased taxes.

That's why Indianapolis should start to think about its own DPs... before it becomes a displaced city.

(Tomorrow: Who are Indianapolis' DPs?)

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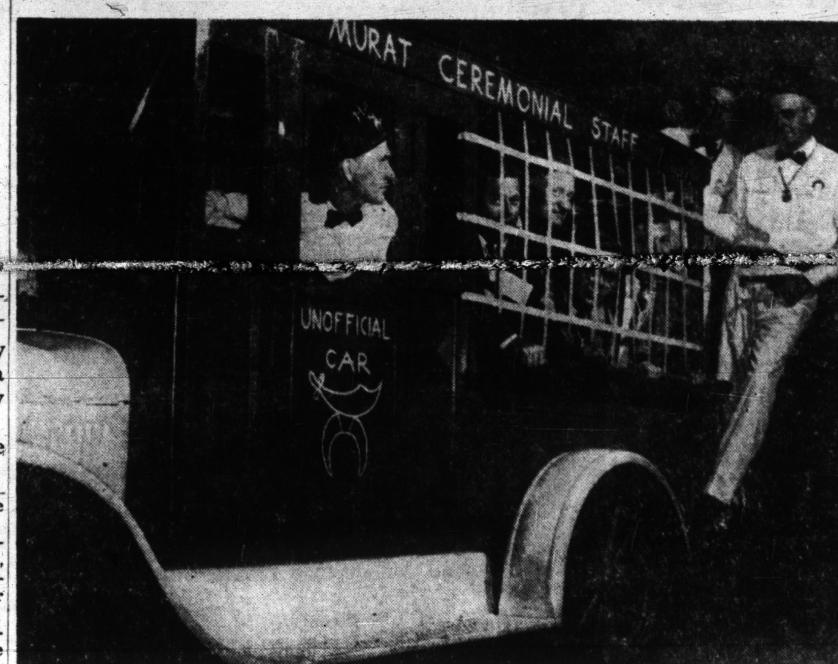
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Dressing the "Potentate" for the Shrine ceremonies is almost as much of a ceremony as the ritual itself. Clarence T. Drayer hides behind the shrubbery and impersonates the Potentate, while C. Arthur Landes (left), adjusts the headdress and George Weiser trims the whiskers.

Denies 'Green' Yanks in Fighting

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 (UPI)—The Army, in a reply to criticism that it sent green troops into combat asserted tonight that no soldier serving overseas had less than 14 weeks of basic training.

The Army made this statement as Gen. Mark W. Clark, Chief of Army Field Forces, issued a long report on the kind of training he said it is "most arduous" being given to enlisted men.

There have been published charges that U. S. troops thrown

Gen. Clark in his report said:

"I would like to emphasize that each Army trainee is now subjected initially to 14 weeks of the most arduous individual training in the United States."

The first six weeks are devoted to basic subjects, he said, while the final eight weeks consist of marching, bivouacking, security, cover and concealment now are taught in combination with tactical problems, Gen. Clark said.

Finally, Gen. Clark said, the ultimate goal of Army training is success in battle. Since there are no "push-button" methods by which wars will be won in the near-future, he said, final victory will be won by the well-trained infantryman "who slugs it out face to face with the enemy and takes and holds ground."

Stassen Urges Production Czar

Wants U. S. General For Europe's Defense

HASTINGS, Neb., Sept. 9 (UPI)—Former Minnesota Gov. Harold Stassen said tonight the security and "well being" of America called for the immediate appointment of a "general" of the economy to oversee all production and economic mobilization.

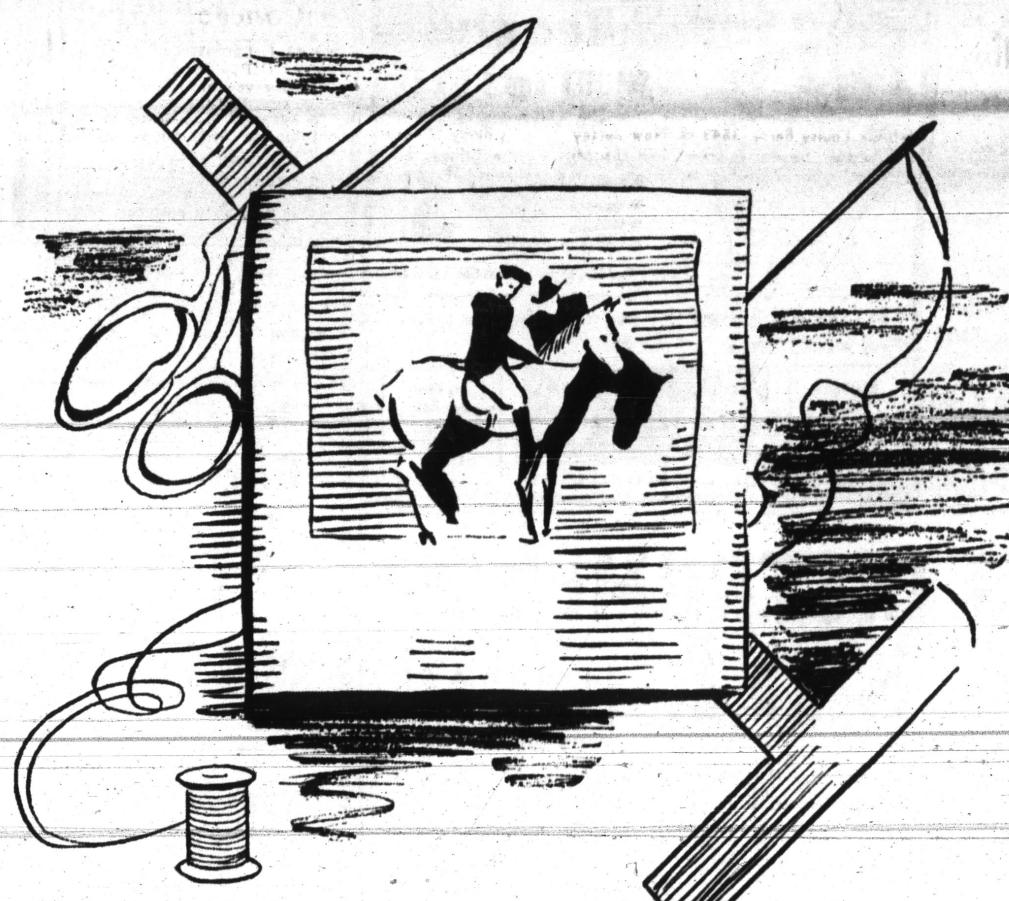
Mr. Stassen, in a speech before the Nebraska Republican post-primary convention, said citizens will "receive their money's worth for huge sums that must be spent for armament" only if an experienced director is named.

The task of economic mobilization can "never be done by scattering it among the politically appointed active members of Presidents' cabinet and official family," Mr. Stassen said.

Urges GOP Congress
Mr. Stassen also recommended appointment of a commanding general for joint defense of Western Europe, a general for American military strategy in western Pacific areas, and an "administrator for an American economic program in non-Communist areas in Asia.

A Republican-controlled Congress would "insist" these appointments be made, he said, "just as the 80th GOP Congress is responsible for Paul Hoffman's appointment as ECA director."

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