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The President

DALLAS sheds its sharp cleavages of partisanship at noon today in extending the hand of fellowship to the President of the United States and his attractive wife. We are honored. The office he represents is the most powerful and respected in the world, and the Hon. John F. Kennedy is the youngest of 33 chief executives who have assumed its burdensome complexities.

He was only 43 when he took the oath that cold day in January of 1961 and sat down to the busy desk of duty which Dwight Eisenhower had just relinquished with relief. It is a desk even heavier with duties now because government has become so expansive in scope and America, in its role of world leadership, at times finds the involvement frustratingly intricate.

It is with that understanding and respect, we hope, that Democrats, Republicans and Independents unite today in a gentleness of welcome and cordiality. As Mr. Acheson of our editorial staff points out on this page today, presidential visits to Dallas have been rare in the 122 years since this city was born in the high grasses of the prairie.

IT IS QUITE A TOWN that Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy will approach from the air at 11:30 this morning. It is vibrant, optimistic, stylish, adventurous and growing phenomenally fast — which means it has frightening problems along with imposing strength.

Since the end of World War II, our population has increased from 650,000 nearly to a million. The buying power of Dallas, now approaching the 3-billion-dollar mark, has tripled in that postwar period.

The increase in workers employed here by manufacturing plants—just the increase—exceeds the entire total of manufacturing workers in New Orleans, and our gain in population—just the gain since the war—is equal to a city the size of Toledo.

This urban growth, as the President knows, brings headaches, but we have a tradition here of solving as many of them as we can in our own way; in race relations, for instance, the "Dallas Plan" of peaceful transition by gradualness and common sense has merited national attention.

DALLAS HOPES, Mr. President, that your brief interlude here will be pleasant. The News, along with thousands in this area, has disagreed sharply with many of your policies but the opposition is not personal.

In all good humor, we would remind you are in territory with a substantial Republican representation. But today the welcome is extended regardless of party and belief, along with the hope that the challenges that face us all will be met with a courage and course that are characteristically American.

In the battle with history's most evil conspiracy, our country's future is secure if, in the spirit that Milton described Cromwell, we meet each crisis with "faith and matchless fortitude."



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