

BLOOMINGTON CAN'T HAVE BURNSVILLE!

The Minnesota Municipal Commission has denied the city of Bloomington the right to annex the township of Burnsville, the Tribune learned on good authority Wednesday morning.

They have drawn proposed findings of fact, and conclusions of law, that the petition be denied. The report is signed by Commissioners Robert Johnson and Robert Edman. The other commissioner, Joe Robbie, is still under suspension.

Dave Grannis, attorney for Burnsville, who battled the issue at numerous hearings since Bloomington's petition since September of 1961, declared that Burnsville remains a township. It will stay that way, with no one having the right to claim it, while Burnsville's own petition for incorporation is pending.

This township action does not involve the Blackdog generating plant, which has fantastic value as tax base. The Blackdog plant was "grabbed" by Bloomington at the same time they petitioned for the whole township.

The Blackdog case is now in district court. Attorneys have filed briefs, and the Blackdog decision rests with Judge William C. Christianson, of Red Wing.

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