

Representative... leader... possibly joined by Joseph T. Sharkey, the Proctor-Keller... to get a commitment from Mr. Wagner...

States must continue to stand by the United Nations, to make it work for the good of mankind and to resist on the East River, as we do on other rivers and shores, the effort to weaken or destroy civilization.

The chances are good Tracks in the Woods... that hikers and campers will run into these animal residents...

now-emerging alternative of submitting the Laos crisis to the United Nations. When the conditions of combat logistics and terrain were very bad, he said, and the people and armed forces of a country showed little interest in preserving their independence...

ness with religious fervor. George Lansbury, one of its revered leaders, journeyed to Berchtesgaden and returned with the glad tidings that Hitler had assured him he, too, wanted peace.

The Times of April front page story... Nations... Planned by... reported that States is continuing diplomatic relations with Mongolia...

If such pressure is being applied it has the implication that if Wagner does not accept Lawrence E. Gerosa again for Controller, and Abe Stark for City Council President, he is likely to have a primary contest on his hands for the Democratic nomination...

The Recovering Economy

The month just ended was abundant in signs that the economy is recovering from what will go down in economic history as the recession of 1960-61. This newspaper's Weekly Index of Business Activity, for example, closed the month at its highest level in almost a year.

Under Other Circumstances On all these counts, said Senator Fulbright (John F. Kennedy made the same points in a Senate speech in 1964, he opposed any such undertaking in Laos. But in South Vietnam, Thailand and Burma these factors were in reverse.

Everybody knows the outcome of pacifist sentiment in the West, unparalleled by similar manifestations in Germany, contributed to Hitler's decision to resort to aggression to achieve his goals. He calculated that the mood expressed by openly defeatist groups in France, "Better slavery than war," would reinforce the natural tendencies toward appeasement of those who feared that gas warfare would exterminate all

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The story continues... would be a free and equal membership or would be controlled from Russia. The only nations with domestic ties with Hitler, and, by the same token, an "independent state" were U. S. India, Communist Soviet satellites, India, Indonesia.

The price being asked of Mayor Wagner is high. He did of Mr. Gerosa only a month ago. The basic trouble with the Controller is that he is a man of limited ability and less knowledge on the one hand, and with no limit, on the other, to his ambition. How can he, as a matter of principle, disavow this analysis, and accept the boss-dictatorial nomination of Mr. Gerosa to run with him in November?

It was a mild recession—in terms of total output of goods and services—from which we now appear to be recovering. From the high point reached in the second quarter of last year to the low point in the first quarter of 1961 the annual rate of production declined barely more than 1 per cent. But the decline was largely concentrated in such areas of heavy industry as steel and automobile production, so that the recession—taken together with the increasing number of job-seekers and the steady increase in labor productivity—produced a record high level of unemployment, near the 6,900,000 mark, for the period since Pearl Harbor.

Many place names in the park attribute their origin to the animal world. Follow Wildcat Mountain and you will find a variety of wildcat creatures seen by campers. The masked raccoon. This nocturnal prowler follows the scent of food straight into the cooking tent. It will pry the metal cover off a garbage pail in its investigation.

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The Liberal party also stands at a crossways. Last year about this time Alex Rose, one of its top leaders, was saying: "The Liberal party will continue, as it always has, to be above narrow party politics; to consider candidates of all parties with a deep sense of responsibility and to serve the public interest above everything else." Will we shall see how the party lives up to this fine code as the unusually complex maneuvering of this political season develops.

The great danger immediately ahead of us in the economic field is the possibility that further signs of recovery will induce complacency for which there is no real justification. If one looks back over most of the past decade, the basic trend apparent is that of relative stagnation, stagnation reflecting itself in a low rate of economic growth which is markedly inferior to the rates achieved in Western Europe, Japan and the Communist bloc.

Hours of fox mating study may be spent in the Beaver Mountain Inn, which is dedicated to the park's most industrious resident. Beavers were brought to the Highlands in 1920 by the Federal Interstate Park Commission. The original colony of three has grown since to about 300, spread over a fifty-mile radius.

A Profile in Courage But Senator Fulbright gave an even more impressive demonstration of his conviction that the times call for candor without regard to politics or persons. He is a Democrat, one of the President's strongest supporters, and his intimate counselor and friend.

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There are many nations seated in the United Nations that are not nations; I meet any of the qualified by the Charter. Most obvious are the so-called Soviet Socialist Republics, East and West Germany, Cuba, and the United States. If our nation's foreign policy is based on expediency, pressures exerted by our Communist enemy, it may lead to a weaker position and to the power of those who are our destruction. I believe in the principles of the Charter and support that organization to see whether our own national interests are based on a free and peace.

The 'Socialism' of Cuba

The description of the Cuban revolution by Premier Fidel Castro and his associates as "Socialist" hardly comes as a surprise. The revolution had been evolving in this direction almost from the beginning, slowly in its first year, 1959, and rapidly last year. This is a form of socialism different from the democratic socialism of Europe. It is not doctrinally Communist though by this time under heavy Communist influence.

Minimum Wage Compromise

The compromise version of the minimum wage bill which emerged from conference late yesterday will, we hope and expect, be approved by both houses of Congress tomorrow.

Because visitors show great curiosity about these wild-stream engineers, the museum has put up a chart with this vital information: The beaver cannot make a tree fall the way he wants. He does not use his tail as a ferry to carry building materials. He lives on a vegetable diet and doesn't eat fish.

The statements of the Western world are just as devoted to the cause of peace as the demonstrators against nuclear armament—but not responsibly, for they wish to preserve with peace our heritage of freedom.

The only effect their propaganda will have is to erode the will to resist in the West, and to strengthen Khrushchev's hope that the free world will drop its guard, thus freeing him a clear field to carry out his Communist program. In his speech in Moscow on Jan. 6, before a general meeting of Communist party organizations, Khrushchev made crystal clear that he is relying upon the growth of "peace fronts" in the West to facilitate the task of achieving world communism.

Secretary of the Communist Party, William Z. Foster, said in a speech in New York, April 21, 1961: "The Communist Party is also willing to support that organization to see whether our own national interests are based on a free and peace."

The Cuban revolution early developed the thesis that there had to be strong leadership and centralization of authority and the economy. From this it was a short step to make a virtue of what was considered a necessity. About a year ago the Cuban leaders began arguing that totalitarian methods of achieving social and economic changes were best for the problems that Cuba was facing. The trips being made to Russia and Red China, the trade relations that came from them, the sympathy and political backing from the Communists as relations with the United States got worse, all inclined the Cubans toward a communist sort of totalitarianism. Nevertheless, the Cuban revolution has always retained a certain Cuban flavor.

As anticipated, this compromise is much closer to the Senate version—and therefore to President Kennedy's proposals—than to the much more limited House bill. It still denies coverage to almost a half million employes of automobile dealers and of large laundries. The prospective increase of the minimum wage to \$1.25 an hour, as provided in the conference bill, is fully justified by the erosion of rising prices on the real value of the present \$1-an-hour minimum, as well as by the desirability of helping the poorest paid workers in our economy. Past experience has shown that no serious unemployment effects are to be anticipated from this rise. And coverage should be extended to the maximum number of workers practicable on the basic principle that all Americans have the right to equal protection under our laws.

A nature lover asks Deer Are Pleasant... to see a deer flitting among trees or standing in a clearing. Virginia, or white-tailed, deer has become so plentiful in the park that it may be spotted at any time while eating or traveling not far from roads. Warning signs are placed where the graceful animals cross paths as they follow their beaten paths through the hills.

The likelihood that the Kremlin will accept such proposals is inversely proportional to the strength of the peace movements in the West. Since the pacifists urge that the West should disarm unilaterally, why should Khrushchev accept reasonable proposals of multilateral disarmament if there is hope that the increasing clamor of pacifist agitation will undermine the will to resist of the free world?

The tragic aspect of the situation is that it is the pacifist movement that tends to limit our choice of peaceful alternatives of surrendering to the war. The stronger it becomes, the greater will be the temptation of the Kremlin to embark upon adventures which may provoke war. For it is unlikely that if and when the Kremlin strikes at a vital part of the Western world the freedom-loving peoples of the world will choose the infamies of survival at all costs to heroic resistance.

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U. N. as an Executive

At the very moment when the Russia's are trying to paralyze if not destroy the United Nations an American Assistant Secretary of State, Harlan Cleveland, argues convincingly for pulling more strength into the United Nations and for making more positive use of it. This country has been involved recently in three serious international crises. In two of these—namely, those affecting Cuba and Laos—Mr. Cleveland reminds us, "we have had to move backward or sideways." The test may be how far we move but whether we move unilaterally or in cooperation with friendly states. In the Congo, as Mr. Cleveland said in an address a few days ago to the American Society of International Law, "the presence of a field operation maintained by the international organization has enabled us to move forward." We could do this precisely because the world community can "intervene in the name of intervention" and a single nation cannot. This is the beginning of at least a rudimentary society of free nations. The United States lost no prestige in the

Pulitzer Awards

The Pulitzer Prize Awards count for a great deal in this country, even though they may not predict what poetry will say. This year there is poetic justice in the drama award to a play that nearly failed: "All the Way Home." Tad Mosell's dramatization of the late James Agee's novel that won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction three years ago. Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mocking Bird" has one of the most intriguing titles of recent years. Two wars are commemorated in the history awards to Herbert Feis, who wrote "Between War and Peace: the Potsdam Conference," and to David Donald's "Charles Sumner and the Coming of the Civil War." Phyllis McGinley's verse collection has delighted many readers, and Walter Piston's Symphony No. 7 many listeners. In Journalism American newspaper men will note with pleasure the choice of their colleagues, Lynn Heinsinger of The Associated Press for foreign reporting, Sanebe de Gramont of the New York Herald Tribune for local reporting, and Edward R. Cony of The Wall Street Journal for national reporting. The prize for editorial writing reflects the new energy of Puerto Rico, going to William J. Dorvillier of The San Juan Star.

Sometimes, in moonlight, a ghostly shadow is seen gliding from tree to tree. On close inspection it is identified as the big-eyed flying squirrel. Its flattened tail helps it swing from perch to perch. In setting food, it lets out a squeal: its jaws work vigorously and its tail wags in joy. A visitor leaves the park with many impressions. Uppermost is a feeling of gratitude in knowing that the flying squirrel may roam as he pleases, even to within sight of the Empire State Building; that the raccoon and fox may go their busy ways without fear of traps.

2. The means are readily available to the President—the special program facilities of television and the printing press, and the regular White House news conferences, for "educational talks" in which the President is uniquely effective. 3. The Central Intelligence Agency blundered enormously in the anti-Castro landings in Cuba. And henceforth the agency should be confined to collecting intelligence and excluded from an operation of policy.

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THE FOXGLOVE

The spire of foxglove hung with bells Swings in the light till day is done. Unknowing whether her function is Man's bene or benison, Uncaring whether her essence kills A rat or any other child, Shee the worn-out heart of a saint. Of the sot or the self-reviled.

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