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A Few New Starts

The Eisenhower Administration's announced relaxation of its seven-year-long policy of "no new starts" in natural-resource development is not impressive.

Furthermore, it obviously springs from no unshakable conviction of the value of developing natural resources but rather from a desire to win votes.

It has become increasingly obvious during the past three years that most voters do not want their Federal Government to be negative toward the construction and operation of power, irrigation, flood control and navigation projects.

IN THE 1956 elections that attitude played a part in the defeat of Douglas McKay in Oregon, Senator Welker in Idaho, and other lesser advocates of do-nothingism. Republicans were shocked.

They were shocked again, perhaps even more violently, when "no new starts" in a public works bill helped Democrats override an Eisenhower veto earlier this year for the first time.

We do not think, in view of the record of massive apathy that has been piling up for seven years now, that it will work.

New Approach Needed?

Staff members of the U.S. Forest Service and the Department of Agriculture, clear up to the Secretary level, are worried.

Many of them see, in various proposals now either before Congress or being publicly espoused by members of that body, a real danger to their domain.

No doubt, this last statement is true. And if such comes to pass the public will be the loser in many ways.

WHY, then, have these proposals been advanced? Why do all sorts of groups and individuals look to the National Forests for land to be set out from under Forest Service Management for all sorts of purposes?

There are reasons, of course. Perhaps the Forest Service and Department should do some study on them, if they are interested in retaining the public lands now under their jurisdiction.

PART of the pressure from various special interest groups and individuals—on the lumber industry side of the fence as well as the so-called conservationist side—comes from basic mistrust of the Forest Service.

Industry, if the off-the-record statements of its leaders can be believed, feels the USFS pays too much attention to the conservationists.

THIS poses a difficult problem for the Forest Service and the Department. But it should not be insurmountable. It should be possible, with the resources of the agency, to set forth some long range plans which can compromise the basic differences between the two silently-warring factions, which can be sold to the members of each.

Quotes From the News
Washington—Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.), after being asked which Democrat he believed would have the best chance of defeating Vice President Richard M. Nixon for the presidency: "I'm too modest to answer that question."

Athens, Ohio—Kermit Eby, professor of social sciences at the University of Chicago, stating that automation has made obsolete the principle that work is the most creative expression of man's daily life: "Most Americans want to work this morning hating it like hell."

Chicago—Judge Sigmund J. Stefanowicz, sentencing Mrs. Minnie Pearl Hinton to five days in jail and a year probation for slapping her son's third grade teacher: "We're going to stop this abuse of teachers. I think the parents should set an example for their children."

Tucson, Ariz.—Cary W. Moyer, describing the death of a woman in the explosion of a fuel tank that had dropped from an Air Force B-47 jet bomber into a Tucson street: "There was a woman riding a bicycle in the street. The next thing I saw, she was lying in the center of a 50-foot circle of flames."

In 1685 only 2,000 persons lived in Belfast, which is now the capital of Ulster or Northern Ireland, and has a population of 450,000.

Dennis the Menace



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Matter of Fact

CONNECTICUT: A CASE STUDY

Hartford, Conn.—This state provides a useful case study, showing all the reasons for Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller's sensible decision not to enter the Republican presidential race.

Until the big news came over the wire, the Connecticut Republican organization was eagerly planning to star the New York Governor's New Year with some thoroughly bad news.

There was one other way to play the game, to be sure. Governor Rockefeller could have gone in, not to win this time, but to lose and make a record.

THE Governor was admittedly tempted to play the game in just this way. One consequence, if he had done so, would have been a stirring and remarkable national debate.

It was plain here in Connecticut that no Republican would have forgiven Governor Rockefeller after this kind of campaign for the nomination.

THIS total absence of Rockefeller sentiment was the key fact in the Connecticut Republican situation, as it was clearly the key fact in many other state situations explored by the New York Governor.

THE Governor could only have done business with the state's bitter-enders for the late Sen. Robert A. Taft, who form a faction almost entirely outside the state Republican organization.

STUDENTS TO EUROPE
New York (UPI)—The entire junior class of Lake Erie college, Rainesville, Ohio, embarked on the French liner Liberte Monday for 11 weeks of study abroad.

Thanks People
To the Editor: I wish to take this opportunity, on behalf of the F. L. Somers Construction company, to thank the people who live along and near the city's new storm sewer on the east side.

FREE COFFEE
Red Bank, N.J.—(UPI)—Motorists on the Garden State Parkway will get more than the use of the highway when they pay their tolls New Year's morning.

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Recent Loan to Egypt Re-Emphasizes Tightrope U.S. Walks Between Nations

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign Editor

The recent 50 million-dollar World Bank loan to Egypt has served to re-emphasize the tightrope which the United States is on between Egypt and neighboring Israel.

The Egyptian loan was granted as a sign of the gradually improving relations between Egypt and the United States.

With the 1956 attack by Israel, Britain and France on Egypt as the exception, Egypt and Israel have lived in an uneasy state of armistice since 1949.

Communications
Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initials for publication is permissible.

Two Laws
To the Editor: The chief of police was only quoting facts of the law and the Bible says if one breaks the law of its land it is a sin.

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FBI Sweating Out Impossible Situation—Tapping Phones

By LYLE C. WILSON
Washington (UPI)—The FBI has been sweating out one of those impossible spots which add up to this: Heads you win; tails I lose.

Thus it is with the FBI and wiretapping. A constitutional rights lawyer has explained it all.

The facts are that wiretapping is illegal. You may bet on that, and win. More than 18 years ago, an attorney general explained the wiretap situation when there was uproar about the citizen's right of privacy.

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Russia Expected to Pull Further Ahead In Space Exploring

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Washington (UPI)—A U.S. space official says Russia's "clear lead" in rocketry will enable it to pull farther ahead of this country in the exploration of outer space.

This forecast is evident in a study of U.S. and Soviet space programs made recently by Dr. Homer E. Newell Jr., assistant director for space sciences of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

According to Newell, the two countries are running about even in scientific investigation of nearby space.

But "in deep space probe work," Newell said, "the U.S. S.R. has definitely taken the lead. This is directly attributable to their clear lead in vehicle technology."

Similar Advancement
Russia's rocketry lead has been variously estimated at 2 to 10 years. Newell mentioned no time figure. But he said: "The side that has the more advanced technology in the way of payload capabilities, guidance, etc., will have the distinct edge, and by virtue of the increased flexibility and capabilities provided by the more advanced technology will forge steadily ahead."

Thus, one may predict a time lead in vehicle technology will be transformed into a corresponding time lead in the exploration and investigation of outer space.

Newell said the two countries "appear to be at about the same stage of advancement in upper air research" and in scientific "studies of the earth's environs."

He said "their instruments are roughly equivalent." The Russians have "done far less on solar radiations" than the United States but have accomplished "much more in experiments with animals in space."

Sights Soviet Achievements
The United States may have a "slight edge" in close-in space investigations and in instrument designs, but the Russians are superior in rocket power, maneuverability, and size of their scientific packages.

U.S. exploration of the moon "is yet to begin" whereas the Russians have "already achieved significant steps" in lunar investigation.

As for exploration of the planets: The United States, Newell said, "has minimal capability in this area at present, and on the present schedule planetary work is proceeding at a very low pace."

The Soviet Union, on the other hand, "has an advanced capability in this area and has declared its definite interest in planetary research."

Business Boom Seen to Continue

Washington (UPI)—A substantial majority of some 200 economists attending a top-level conference here have agreed that the business boom will continue in 1960.

An informal poll of the economist's views was taken Monday after Paul W. McCracken, a former member of President Eisenhower's Council of Economic Advisers, predicted higher prices and a drop in unemployment in 1960.

Arthur F. Burns, a former chairman of the council, also warned the annual meeting of American Statistical and Economic associations that the economy may be in for long-range inflationary pressures, despite the administration's effort to hold down prices.

The poll of economists was taken by a show of hands, with no specific figures compiled. It was understood that the forecasts were contingent upon a settlement of the steel dispute.

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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

AN OBSERVANT LAD in Brooklyn accompanied his mom to the butcher shop. "Is that turkey you're wrapping?" he asked. "It's lamb," corrected the butcher. "You don't see any feathers on it, do you?"

"I don't," admitted the lad, but added, "I don't see any wool on it, either."

John Straley knows a bride who insists she gives her husband balanced meals. By that she means he has a 50-50 chance of recovering.

The husband has heavy marks on his nose from glasses. An oculist tried to persuade him to use contact lenses, but he refused: said they don't hold enough for him.

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