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## Record Year For Parks

State parks in Michigan are experiencing their best year ever. The Department of Natural Resources, which administers the parks, announced yesterday that the state parks already have passed the year-end attendance and camping totals for 1968, which were the highest on record, and there still are nearly two months remaining in this year.

More than 18,000,000 day visitors were recorded at the 72 state parks and recreation areas through mid-October, topping last year's final mark by about 400,000. Up to the same time, 410,000 camping families had registered at the parks, breaking the record total of 389,400 camper groups that was registered during the entire year of 1968.

The 1969 totals aren't expected to increase much during the remainder of November and December, but they will be swelled somewhat by deer hunters during the season that starts a week from today. Nearly all state parks with camping facilities are open to deer hunters for camping. Some in the Lower Peninsula will offer them such comforts as heated toilet buildings and hot running water. Baraga State Park is the only one in the Upper Peninsula where deer hunters will find heated campground conveniences this season, but most other state parks in the Northern Peninsula will continue to provide basic facilities for outdoor living, such as cold water and pit toilets.

(Incidentally, deer hunters again may camp free this season on state forest lands in the northern part of the state, including 144 established campgrounds which offer 2,300 sites with rustic facilities.)

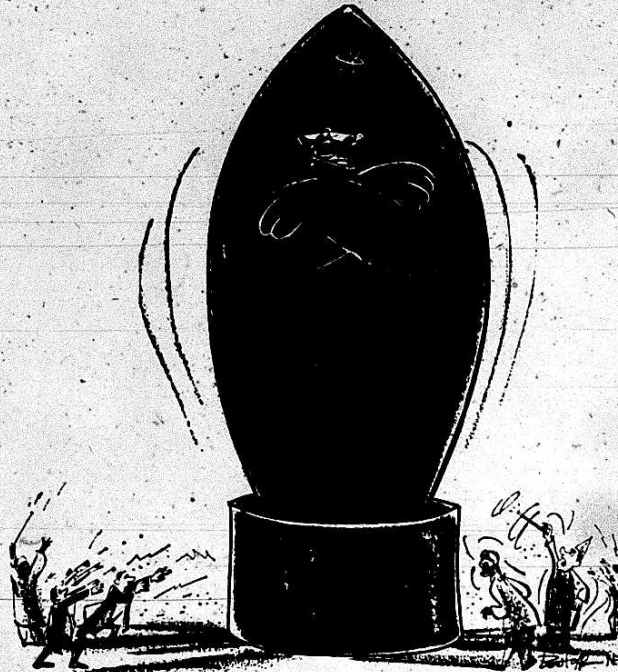
The Upper Peninsula shared in the statewide boom in state park attendance and camping this year. State parks above the Straits were visited by 2,100,000 day users by the middle of last month, surpassing the year-end mark of 1968 by 233,770 visitors. Camper registrations in Upper Peninsula parks through mid-October totaled 93,300 for a dramatic increase of 11,630 over last year's final figure.

One of the state parks in the Upper Peninsula, Tahquamenon Falls, led all others in Michigan in campground registrations with 14,539. South Higgins Lake State Park in the Lower Peninsula, which perennially was the leading favorite among trailerites and tenters, finished second to Tahquamenon Falls this year with 12,867 camper families. Another Upper Peninsula facility, Straits State Park, was third with 12,495.

Department of Natural Resources officials said last summer's generally favorable weather — particularly during July and August — had a big bearing in attracting recreation seekers to state parks in unprecedented numbers.

But other factors also played a big part. One was, simply, the rising population. Another was the pronounced trend toward outdoor recreation that has manifested itself steadily in recent years. And another was

'Abracadabra, Hocus-Pocus . . . Get Lost!'



Andrew Tully:

## Smut Peddlers' Complaints

WASHINGTON — One of the more felicitous utterances reported in some time is the complaint by mail order purveyors of pornography that they will be put out of business by a law which gives individuals the right to stop companies from mailing advertisements to their homes.

To me, the complaints mean the law is working, since it was written to stop the flow of smut. That is to say, the more filth factories we close the less filth will be available through the mails.

Nevertheless, the Supreme Court properly has agreed to review the constitutionality of the law, on the argument of 15 California companies that it violates the right of free speech. A hint as to the court's finding may be discovered in the fact that for the past several years it has encouraged Congress to find ways to keep offensive material out of the hands of the young and others who resent

his constitutional prerogative to be the "sole judge" — as the appeal puts it — of what advertising he admits to his home. Reaffirmed By Lower Court

If it matters, a lower court already has reaffirmed these individual rights. Two of the three judges sitting said the individual's right to privacy outweighs the mailers' claims of free speech and press. The third said the law was no danger to the mailers' rights so long as it safeguarded their right to appeal.

Sure, one man's smut is another man's kick. Postal people note that one individual stopped the flow of catalogues to his home by saying he was aroused by pictures of such merchandise as lingerie, bed sheets and

girdles. But that is irrelevant. The point is that within the sanctity of his home the individual has the right to protect himself against any variety of invasion. It is a right that applies even to the dope pusher with a closet full of merchandise who may be visited by a company of cops lacking a search warrant.

Two Ironic Aspects  
There are two ironic economic aspects to the lawsuit. One is that every taxpayer helps to subsidize smut mailings through his deficit-ridden Post Office Department. The other is the purported high cost to the mailer of conforming to the law.

According to the appeal papers, it costs \$5 to remove a name from the average mailing list. This seems high, but I accept the figure in the spirit of wishful thinking. It indicates that the smut merchants are suffering from a severe case of bad management.

## Business Mirror:

# Voluntary Restraints Questioned

By JOHN CUNIFF  
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NEW YORK (AP) — One of the problems with the Nixon administration's policy of voluntary restraints on wages and prices is that it asks business and labor not to sin but it doesn't define the nature of sin.

"How do you know you're sinning if you don't know what the sin is?" asked Walter Heller, who was chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers under John F. Kennedy and for a while under Lyndon B. Johnson.

Heller's views on the techniques of economic control were solicited because doubts are growing among some economists—perhaps a minority—regarding the effectiveness of the Nixon program.

Crescendo of Criticism  
In Heller's days in Washington there was little question about the definition of sin. Both wage and price increases were tied by a formula to increases in productivity, which at that time averaged about 3 1/2 per cent a year.

The guideposts, it was felt, would give unions and management a measure of the boundaries within which they could bargain. They worked, seemingly between 1963 and 1966, but were broken badly thereafter.

They did, nevertheless, have an impact. Whenever a union or a company violated the guideposts it risked a crescendo of criticism from Washington. More than once, price increases were rescinded. And, in the public's eye, the offender was held up to scorn as a violator of the national interest.

At Center Stage  
This usually put the White House at center stage and made of its chief occupant the leading character, a role that President Nixon seems reluctant to assume but which Heller believes is a perfectly sensible one.

"You have to use the White House as a prism to focus public opinion," he said. "I don't think the Nixon administration has made nearly enough of its leadership role."

Asked what he would do if he were in office today, Heller replied: "I would issue a call to labor and industry to come in and talk together. I would put the problem to them at the same time. I would make them confront it."

Mail Campaign  
The important thing here



(Contributions are invited. Letters should be limited to less than 300 words. Only signed letters will be considered for publication. Personal attacks or innuendos will be eliminated.)

## 'Operation Speak Out'

Sir: Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3165 of Negaunee is calling on all community organizations to join with the VFW in "Operation Speak Out," which is a program designed to encourage the "silent majority" to show their support of the government on the Vietnam question the week of Nov. 9-15, which includes Nov. 11, Veterans Day.

Vietnam Moratorium Day last Oct. 15 has given the world and especially Hanoi a distorted view of the true feeling of the majority of the people in this country. It is the belief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars that the majority of the people in this country do support our men in Vietnam and the position of our government.

It seems tragic that there are those in this country who support the position of Hanoi while American servicemen are daily being killed by troops of Communist North Vietnam and the Viet Cong. It is time that the silent majority let their will be known publicly. For this program to be effective and reflective of the community mind, it is my hope that all other civic, fraternal, patriotic, labor, religious and other organizations here will join with us and make this a true community effort.

Raymond A. Gallagher, VFW commander-in-chief, is calling on all other national organizations to join with the VFW in this undertaking.

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## Agnew's Moratorium Remarks

Dear Sir:

On Thursday, Oct. 30, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew gave each of us another look at his fine qualifications to assume the role of President should anything happen to Mr. Nixon. Agnew's comments were elicited by the recent Vietnam Moratorium. He wants the people of the U. S. to reject the so-called militant leaders of the anti-war protest "before the witch hunting and repression set in."

Part of his reason for ostracizing these people is that the American people are supposedly being exploited by anarchists and Communists. Agnew expands on the idea, thus: "Yes, I say Communists because a member of one of the committees is an avowed Communist and proud of it." His argument is based on the idea that because one of the moratorium organizers is a declared Communist, they all are. He is making a sweeping generalization which is neither valid nor pertinent in this situation and is making a highly emotional plea to the American citizens by employing a much over-worked, highly loaded, descriptive bomb — "communism!"

By advocating the repression of the moratorium organizers, Agnew is precipitating more dissension among them. He is strengthening his opponents' loyalty to one another and thus is reinforcing their position. He is also depriving U. S. citizens of a basic right guaranteed them — the freedom of peaceful dissent. Doesn't he realize that stifling this freedom could produce a decrease in any feeling of nationalism we now have?

I also wonder where the voice of the pro-Vietnam war supporters is. Why aren't they making themselves heard as loudly as the anti-war supporters? It could be that there just aren't as many supporters of the war or the people in favor of the war don't have the strength of their convictions that seem to characterize the demonstrators.

I think it is evident that Agnew has gone astray somewhere. And the fact that this man, with such a poverty of intellect, could attain the responsibilities of Vice President is deplorable.

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## The Journal Files

60 Years Ago

will have from 35 to 40 pupils at the start. Mrs. Anderson