

GUIDELINES - L.T. Quirk, Fisher. Mon. Aug. 8 - '66.

The President's wage-price guidelines - which have set the pace for labor and industry over the past few years - apparently headed for some drastic revision.

This the seeming consensus today of two cabinet members - Commerce Secretary ~~John~~ Connor and Treasury Secretary ~~Henry~~ Fowler; following separate talks - with the President himself.

While Both ~~men~~^{were} playing down the ~~the~~ impact - of recent steel price increases, Commerce Secretary Connor ⁵predicting, ~~however~~, that in the future - there will be less emphasis on retaining the three-point two percent wage increase formula; and more on relating wage boosts - to productivity gains in specific industries.

Treasury Secretary Fowler, for his part, asserting that Presidential guidelines - are essential to "the general economic scheme of things." But "whether the figure should be three-point-two percent - or whether there is one magic figure for all industries - these are questions ~~which~~^{now} are receiving consideration" - said he.

VIET NAM

Two major ground actions today - in South Viet Nam. American troops fighting ~~back with courage and~~ ~~daring~~ - to overcome a pair of Communist ambushes.

In the first - American air cavalymen advancing through dense jungle in the central highlands, ~~when they~~ were surrounded - by a large enemy force. The Americans - ^{were} vastly outnumbered - supposedly cut off from all help.

~~AM~~ But American air power - again saved the day.

Helicopter-borne reinforcements - turning the tide of battle ^{with} Rocket-firing American jets - completing the rout.

More of the same - about forty-miles from Saigon. American G I's caught in another ~~Communist~~ ambush - only to fight their way out with the help of pinpoint air support.

The ^{Viet Cong} ~~Communists~~ losing at least seventy men - in the two clashes. American losses - called "moderate" ^{and} ~~but it~~ could have been - a lot worse.

CAMBODIA FOLLOW VIET NAM

~~Meantime, a potential sign for the better in~~

The latest public pronouncement from Phnom Penh in neighboring Cambodia, Long-time sanctuary - for the ~~Communist~~ Viet Cong, ^{came} ~~This~~ from ~~Cambodian~~ Prince Norodom Sihanouk - who severed diplomatic relations with the United States last year.

The prince today declaring there is still hope - for a resumption of relations between Phnom Penh and Washington. Especially if roving American Ambassador Averell Harriman - should ~~he~~ wish to come to Cambodia on a peace mission - as part of his Asian tour next month. If so - said Sihanouk" then we accept to talk with him."

The Prince's statement all the more ~~■~~ remarkable - in that it follows an alleged American air raid last week on Cambodian territory. (Earlier alleged U. S. violations of the Cambodian frontier ^{were what had} ~~having~~ caused the break in the first place.)

RIFT FOLLOW CAMBODIA

Could this be a possible explanation? for the foregoing -

in a second dispatch today from Phnom Penh. A Cambodian correspondent for the official Yugoslav news agency - which has frequently ~~proven~~ proved right in the past - reporting ^S~~ing~~ signs of a growing rift between Red China and North Viet Nam.

The evidence said to include China's recent assertion - that the Geneva agreements of Nineteen Fifty-Four are no longer binding. This in the face of Hanoi's much-publicized "four points for peace" - predicated on the Geneva agreements. China also having denounced recent peace ~~■~~ efforts - by India's Prime Minister, Madame Indira Gandhi, While Hanoi - has carefully refrained from doing so.

"It is increasingly evident" - said the Yugoslav correspondent "that Hanoi ~~xx~~ values the concrete aid in arms and ammunition" it gets from Red China. But the North Vietnamese are "obviously" determined - said he -- to take "a logical stand~~point~~" where their own future is concerned.

INDONESIA

At Jakarta - U S Ambassador Marshall Green conferred for half-an-hour today - with Indonesian Foreign Minister ~~Adi~~^{Adi} Malik. Topic A: The question of possible resumption of U. S. economic aid - to the new government of the near-bankrupt country.

Ambassador Green - later refusing to discuss details of the meeting. Adding, however, that "the U. S. government was very careful" - as he put it - "not to make any promises."

Australian External Affairs Minister Paul Hasluck -- a later arrival at Jakarta. ^{Which} Further pointing^s ~~ing~~ up efforts of the new regime - to achieve better relations with western nations.

But like Green - Hasluck refusing any definite commitment. "I did not come here as Father Christmas" - said he.

MCNAMARA

The possibility of Red Chinese atomic blackmail -
is a threat that must be faced by her Asian neighbors -
says U. S. Defense Secretary Robert McNamara. But ^{in his opinion} ~~as~~
~~an empty threat, - says he.~~ This is a copyrighted article in
the Japanese magazine Chuokoron - published today in
Tokyo.

McNamara asserting that China's costly
development of nuclear capability - is certainly not "for
defense against her neighbors." Which suggests "the
reasonable presumption" - he went on to say - that
China is developing nuclear weapons "for an expansionist
purpose."

McNamara declaring, however, that it would be
"a serious mistake" - for Japan ~~or~~ any other Asian
nation to join the nuclear arms race - solely in the interest
of self-preservation. ^{And he added: -} The reasons: One - said he - because

Chinese use of nuclear weapons in the face of U S

retaliatory power - would be nothing "less than suicide."
And two - said he - because "the Chinese understand this."

BOY

Twelve year old Giorgio Corsini of Florence, Italy ^{is} enroute to the United States tonight ^{— on a} ~~His~~ trip ~~that is~~ literally a matter of life and death.

Young Giorgio - struck down by a car last fall - in his native Florence. Doctors later discovering a kidney condition - which has failed to respond to treatment. The only hope - a kidney transplant from either his mother or his father. The operation to be performed in a Denver hospital - through funds contributed by Florence newspaper readers.

Why here - rather than at home? Because - we ^{are} ~~are~~ told - such an operation is illegal in Italy.

FRANK SMITH

A few times on this program, but not often,
I have referred to the passing of some close friend, or
associate. The most recent was that fabulous World War
One Sea Raider, Count Luckner, who was such an unusual
human being that he had almost as many friends in ~~the~~
country ^{we} ~~that~~ that had been a war-time enemy ^{-he had} as _^ in his own land.

And now over the past weekend, I lost my
closest and most intimate associate. My work for
a half a century or so has brought me in touch with the
great and near great of our time. ^{Which of course} ~~that~~ is not unusual
if you are a journalist, connected with newspapers,
magazines, radio, television, motion pictures and so on.

And its ~~this is~~ one of the reasons why it is such
stimulating, interesting and ~~often~~ exciting work. I say
all this merely by way of preamble, because I want to
pay my highest compliment to ^{my colleague} ~~Frank~~ Smith who was a genius
if there ever was one.

All of Frank Smith's friends knew he was a phenomenon when it came to the world of business. But this young man out of the hills of Tennessee had more *down to earth* wisdom than most of us are endowed with; and, to go along with it, he had a ~~priceless~~ *priceless* ~~authentic~~ genius for friendship, for *making life seem to be fun - for* making people happy wherever they were, and no matter who they were.

Although he avoided publicity, he was known from coast to coast, and everybody, literally everybody, thought there was no one quite like ~~him~~ *Frank Smith*, Chairman of the Board of Capitol Cities Broadcasting.
And now, Warren.