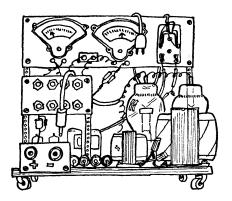
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the intensity of a voter's feelings," is a key to the error. Representative government, both in election of candidates and in legislative deliberations, works because intensities of feeling can be expressed (1). Failure to recognize that basic fact leads Savas to management solutions and evidently led Crowe (2) to despair.

Despite the 19th-century hamstringing of legislative power (at the state level) and the 20th-century strengthening of executive power (at all levels), the system can make collective choices only through the legislatures. Pole (3) has elegantly detailed the origins and consequences of this Whig heritage. EDWIN T. HAEFELE

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Chichagof Island, Alaska

For 2¹/₂ years we have been attempting to establish a wilderness area on Chichagof Island, a large island just to the north of our island here in southeastern Alaska. Chichagof has much to recommend it-mountains, sheltered coves and bays, lakes, and forests. It is the home of brown bear, bald eagles, swans, ducks, land otter, and sea otter, just to name a few species. Unfortunately it belongs, as does all of the southeast, to the Tongass National Forest.

We have repeatedly asked the U.S. Forest Service for help in establishing this area, and have been told it is impossible. Alternate sites in our area which incorporate representative scenery are severely limited. Howard Johnson, the regional forester, has informed us that 98.4 percent of all marketable timber (in the Tongass Forest) has been sold and will be harvested.

In attempting to document our contention that surely some small part of this magnificent country should remain a wilderness, we have discovered we are limited by our backgrounds. In our small community we have no scientists to give us answers to such questions as: What are the effects of clear-cut logging on steep hillsides, especially with reference to salmon-spawning streams? Do spruce seedlings really



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choke out older growth after clear-cut logging? What of the pH factor? In other words, we badly need some documented answers and references.

Is there anyone who would be willing to help us? We will be glad to send any further information, including a copy of the wilderness proposal.

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Surmounting a Crisis

Harry A. Ackley's letter (26 June) regarding events at the department of pediatrics of the University of California, San Francisco, needs clarification. On 7 May Governor Reagan requested that the university be closed until 11 May. The closing, plus events in Cambodia, Kent State, Augusta, and elsewhere stirred this campus as never before in its history. "Informal" faculty, staff, and student meetings were held continuously. All of the meetings were emotionally charged, and countless resolutions were passed. The entire campus community was searching for a rational response to what many perceived as a campus and national "crisis." During the official closing, the pediatrics department met all of its patient-care responsibilities, and when the campus reopened, it met its responsibilities to students, patients, and research.

On 11 May when the Academic Senate was able to resume official meetings, it stated: "The current nationwide and University crisis makes normal conduct of courses difficult if not impossible and these circumstances place a special obligation on faculty members to insure that the educational and personal needs of students are protected." Ackley stated later: "I have no knowledge as to whether research was interfered with or stopped during this period of time. Specifically my education was not interfered with; the University was officially closed 7 May through 10 May, and I was on vacation from 11 May through 25 May."

These were trying days. The campus was not "taken over" for use as a "political machine." The fact that patientcare responsibilities were met is an everlasting credit. . . .

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