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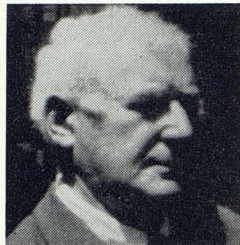
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1961 PULITZER PRIZES ANNOUNCED BY COLUMBIA

The 45th annual Pulitzer Prizes in journalism, letters and music were awarded on May 1 by the trustees of Columbia University. At the same time, a new Pulitzer Prize in general nonfiction was established, to be awarded for the first time in 1962. The new addition to the prizes in letters will be "for a distinguished book by an American which is not eligible for consideration in any other existing category," and will carry with it a cash award of \$500, the same amount bestowed in connection with each of the other prizes in letters.

The 1961 Pulitzer Prize in fiction was awarded to Harper Lee for her first novel "To Kill a Mockingbird," published by Lippincott, which has been a Literary Guild selection, Book-of-the-Month Club alternate, a Reader's Digest Condensed Book Club selection and a choice of the Book Society in England. Miss Lee's story of a small southern town is now in its 10th Lippincott printing. It has been bought for movie production by Alan Pakula and Robert Mulligan. Morton Foote will write the screen play and Gregory Peck will star in the film.

The Pulitzer Prize "for a distinguished volume of verse published during the year by an American author" went to Phyllis McGinley for "Times Three: Selected Verse from Three Decades," published by Viking Press.

The Pulitzer Prize "for a distinguished American biography or autobiography teaching patriotic and unselfish service to the people, illustrated by eminent example" went to "Charles Sumner and the Coming of the Civil War" by David Donald published by Knopf. Mr. Donald is a professor of history at Princeton University.

Herbert Feis received the Pulitzer Prize in history for "Between War and Peace: The Potsdam Conference," published by Princeton University Press. Mr. Feis has served in the State Department and was a special consultant to Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson and his successor, Robert P. Patterson. He is currently a visiting professor of history at Columbia University during the present spring term.

In addition to the regular prizes in letters a special citation was awarded this year to the "American Heritage Picture History of the Civil War" as a distinguished example of American book publishing. The volume was prepared by the book division of the American Heritage Publishing Co., with the narrative written by Bruce Catton, senior editor of *American Heritage* magazine, and winner of the 1954 Pulitzer Prize in history for his "A Stillness at Appomattox." Eight researchers, artists, and writers under the direction of Richard M. Ketchum provided the factual background and the pictures. "The American Heritage Picture History of the Civil War" was distributed to the book trade by Doubleday.

The Pulitzer Prize in drama was awarded to Tad Mosel for "All the Way Home," Mr. Mosel's first play, based, of course, upon the Pulitzer Prize novel, "A Death in the Family" by the late James Agee, published by Obolensky. This is the first time in the history of the Pulitzer awards that a play based on a Pulitzer Prize-winning novel has won a Pulitzer drama award. Mr. Mosel's "All the Way Home" is to be published in September of 1961 by Obolensky.