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## Report on Press Freedom

Freedom of the American press is in danger, according to the Commission on the Freedom of the Press. The group does not see an immediate danger, but it cites a potential peril if present setbacks and practices continue.

This conclusion is the result of four years of study by 13 scholars, headed by President Robert M. Hutchins of the University of Chicago. Their study also included radio, movies, books, and magazines. Our chief interest is naturally in the findings in the field of journalism.

The commission found the chief perils to press freedom in such things as the "big business" aspects of newspaper ownership; too much sensationalism and too little public responsibility; news distortion through pressure, personal interests, or emphasis on "firstness"; and lack of "mutual criticism."

If freedom of the press is in danger, most newspapers will certainly want to know where the danger lies. And certainly they will be grateful for intelligent outside criticism in their own and the public interest.

But there is some doubt as to whether this criticism is as valuable as it is interesting. The doubt arises from the fact that the commission has made its report so generalized that it runs the risk of distortion and over-emphasis.

Perhaps many of its criticisms are true in individual cases. But we don't think they add up to an entirely accurate conclusion. For one thing, the report tends to make "big business" synonymous with evil. It is true that newspaper ownership is in fewer hands today than 30 years ago. The same thing is true of railroads and automobile manufacturing. But it does not hold that the railroads and auto industry serve the public less well as a result.

As for "sensationalism," that's a loose and tricky word. Many "sensational" exposures by newspapers have advanced justice and the public welfare. Furthermore, the normal is not always news.

The commission advocates mutual criticism and repeal of the "unwritten law" whereby newspapers ignore one another's errors, misrepresentations, and lies. Well, we don't think they do ignore them. If one newspaper reports the truth where another errs or lies, the shortcomings are not being ignored. The newspaper profession is by no means perfect. It has its share of publishers and editors of low taste and low standards. But we think they are the exception.

Perhaps the commission missed a bet by not taking a tip from journalistic practice and putting a finger on specific evils. If it had named names, cited cases, and said, "Such things are an affront to the public and a neglect of duty" any dangers to press freedom might be averted more readily.

## The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

By DREW PEARSON

JIMMIE BYRNES' SPEECH AT WESTMINSTER COLLEGE FOCUSES SPOTLIGHT ON TRUMAN'S AIDE. GENERAL VAUGHAN HAS FINGER ON EVERY PIE; INFLUENCES GREEK POLICY.

WASHINGTON—The speech which Jimmie Byrnes is making at Westminster college, Fulton, Mo., focuses the spotlight on one of the most interesting of President Truman's many unique friends—his blustering roly-poly military aide, Maj. Gen. Harry Vaughan.

When Winston Churchill took the long trip to Fulton, Mo., to make his famous speech proposing an Anglo-American alliance against Russia, the world pondered the mystery of why he chose Westminster college, an institution with only 200 students. The answer was that it is Harry Vaughan's Alma Mater.

And Jimmie Byrnes' first speech since retiring as Secy. of State is being made at Fulton for the same reason. In both cases, the president of the United States requested two

of the world's most eminent statesmen to speak at the Alma Mater of his military aide. All of which highlights an observation sometimes made around the White House that Harry Truman would do anything under the sun for his friend, Harry Vaughan. It also accounts for some of the extraordinary activity of the president's ebullient, irrepressible military aide.

In the opinion of seasoned Washington observers, no White House functionary in years has stuck his hand into various branches of the government with such vigor, and frequently with such disdain for the public interest, as the blunt-spoken, likeable ex-manufacturer's representation from Missouri who shot from \$75 a week to \$12,000 a year plus the gold braid, the private limousine, the flunkies and all the power that goes with sitting at the right hand of the president of the United States.

Meddlesome Harry  
General Vaughan has not merely sold wrist watches on the Russian black market and boasted about it; not merely turned a pig loose in the offices of J. Edgar Hoover and got a great kick out of the newspaper accounts of it; not merely told the D. C. district attorney whom he should prosecute, and told the Attorney General of the United States whom he should not prosecute. In addition, this indefatigable gentleman has also tried to tell the Secretary of Agriculture how to run his department and has stuck various monkeywrenches into state department machinery on behalf of his royalist friends regarding Greece.

Vaughan's attempt to dictate to Secretary of Agriculture Anderson is considered one of the most meddlesome of the various meddlesome moves which Meddling Harry has made backstage in the Truman administration.

Last year when Europe was starving and the American people were eating one slice of bread per meal, Secretary Anderson cut the quotas of grain allocated to distillers and brewers. He felt that with the entire American public asked to forego bread, the liquor and beer interests could forego part of their quota.

And as starvation in Europe continued Anderson also was under pressure to make still further cut in grain for distillers. At this point, Gen. Vaughan called up and asked Anderson whether distillers' quotas were going to be changed during the next quarter. Anderson replied that he did not think so.

Vaughan seemed satisfied and said no more. Shortly afterward, however, the grain shortage became even worse, and Anderson took another slice out of the distillers' grain quota.

Later that day he left town to fill a speaking engagement. While away, his assistant, Nathan Koenig, got a phone call from the president's military aide.

"What do you mean, changing the distiller's quota without informing me?" "I'm the one you are to deal with on that. I had assurances that the quotas would not be changed, and I want this order rescinded immediately. Is that clear?"

Vaughan was so vituperative and so emphatic that Koenig called Secretary Anderson on the long distance telephone. He even recommended that Anderson rescind his order and increase the grain quotas for distillers. The general, Koenig warned his chief, was in no mood to be trifled with.

"Tell the General," replied Anderson, after carefully listening to his assistant, "that he was not confirmed by the senate to act as Secretary of Agriculture."

Anderson's previous reductions in distillers' grain quotas stood.

Vaughan and Greeks  
Other officials have been more pliable. When Vaughan doesn't want a critic of the King of Greece to visit Athens, high state department officials refuse a passport. And the most pliable of all seems to be the president himself.

There seems to be almost nothing Truman will not do for his story-telling, poker-playing military aide. That undoubtedly explains why Truman granted an interview to Greek Royalist Archbishop Atenagoras and to Rev. Thomas Daniels, the Greek priest with the dubious reputation whom FDR had declined to see.

That also probably explains why the amazing John Maragon, Greek-American ex-Kansas City bootblack, has been tolerated around the White House, and why Brig. Gen. Wm. L. Lee was reduced to colonel and reprimanded because he roughed up Maragon in Italy.

Just a few years ago, Gen. Vaughan had a low-paying job as manufacturers' representative for the Hines company of Milwaukee, the T. J. Moss Tie Co., and the Heim Binder Co., also of Milwaukee. In 1939 he became secretary to Senator Harry Truman. Salary—\$4,200. Came the war years and the Truman committee hit the headlines. Vaughan then in the army, was assigned by the War Department to be its contact man with the Truman committee.

Franklin Roosevelt died, Harry Truman entered the White House. Now Vaughan, sitting at the right hand of the President of the United States turns pigs loose in the office of J. Edgar Hoover, influences our most important foreign policy—regarding Greece—and tries to tell the secretary of agriculture how much grain the American people should use for bread and whiskey.

It's a great life—if you can get away with it. And thanks to his old friend, Vaughan does. Under the Dome

Supreme Court Chief Justice Fred Vinson, attending the press club dinner for congressmen, spent part of the evening absorbed with Johnny McCabe, long-time chief of the capitol page boys—until the Republicans came into power last January. . . . GOP Congressman Thomas Owens of Chicago has added a new wrinkle for local campaigning. He used his letter-head in the recent Chicago election to urge voters to back his friend, Allen Weber, as alderman of Chicago's 50th ward. . . . Music

Czar James Caesar Petrillo is planning to corral the nation's radio disc jockeys—the high-priced performers who operate radio record programs interspersed with transcriptions and commercial plugs. The disc jockeys belong to AFRA and other AFL unions, but that doesn't faze Petrillo. . . . Petrillo is scared green for fear the new Lea Bill may be declared constitutional. . . . LOOK magazine has done a swell job on J. Edgar Hoover's book, "The Story of the FBI." With an introduction by Super-Sleuth Hoover, the book gives the inside story of the FBI round-up of enemy spies.

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## Legal Notices

A. L. Tidd, attorney for Plaintiffs  
LEGAL NOTICE  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF  
CASS COUNTY, NEBRASKA  
Fannie J. Talcott and Norris  
D. Talcott, Plaintiffs vs Byron E.  
Parlman, et al. Defendants.

To the defendants: Byron E. Parlman, B. E. Parlman, real name unknown, Martin A. Jones, Elizabeth J. Jones, J. V. Carnes, real name unknown, and Rhoda H. Carnes, Anna Scott and John W. Scott, Nellie Carnes Van Doren, and husband John Doe Van Doren, real name unknown, Alta B. Scott Polk and husband John Doe Polk, real name unknown, E. Y. Scott, real name unknown and wife Mary Scott, real name unknown, the heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives and all other persons interested in the respect to the estates of Byron E. Parlman, B. E. Parlman, Martin A. Jones, Elizabeth J. Jones, J. V. Carnes, Rhoda H. Carnes, Anna Scott and John W. Scott, each deceased, real names unknown, and all persons whose names do not appear of record, who appear to have or claim to have any interest in, right or title to, or lien upon the following described real estate, to-wit: Commencing 22 rods north of SW corner of SE 1/4 of Sec. 31, Twp. 12, N. Rge. 9, R. from thence run east 40 rods, thence north 9 rods, thence east 20 rods, thence north 40 rods, thence west to the center of Salt Creek, thence north along the center of said creek as located, July 7, 1903, to a point, near the north line of SE 1/4 of said Sec. 31, and 580 feet east of the West line of said SE 1/4, thence north to the north line of said SE 1/4, thence west 580 feet to the center of said Sec. 31, thence south along the center line of said Sec. 31 to the place of commencing, whose names do not appear of record, real names unknown. You and each of you are hereby notified that Fannie J. Talcott and Norris D. Talcott, Plaintiffs, filed their petition in the District Court of Cass County, Nebraska, on March 11th, 1947, the object, purpose, and prayer of which is to quiet title in the Plaintiffs against you and each of you and to enjoin you and each of you from interfering with the possession or title of the Plaintiffs in and to the above described real estate and for equitable relief.

You and each of you are further notified that you are required to answer said petition on or before Monday, April 28, 1947, or the allegations therein contained in said petition will be taken as true and a decree in favor of said plaintiffs and against you and each of you according to the prayer of said petition, will be entered.

Fannie J. Talcott  
and  
Norris D. Talcott,  
Plaintiffs  
No. 444, Mar. 17, 24, 31 and Apr. 7

Smith & Lebens, Attorneys  
LEGAL NOTICE  
Notice is hereby given of the incorporation of a corporation the name of which is: Sothan Body and Manufacturing Company, with its principal place of business at Plattsmouth, Cass

County, Nebraska. Its general business shall be the manufacturing and dealing generally in truck bodies, boxes and racks, and other articles made of wood or metal; dealing in processes, patents and designs; dealing generally in real estate; and borrowing money and pledging property as security, and all general corporate powers granted by law. Said Corporation is authorized to issue \$100,000 in capital stock, to be paid in money, equipment or services, of which \$20,000 shall be paid before commencing business, and the balance shall be paid when issued. The corporate existence shall commence upon filing of its articles, and shall be perpetual. The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors unless otherwise provided by amendment of the Articles or by by-laws.  
Henry E. Sothan et al,  
Incorporators  
Mar. 24, 31 and Apr. 7  
No. 448

Smith & Lebens, Attorneys  
In The District Court of Cass County, Nebraska.  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
In The Matter of the Guardianship of Hiram Edwin Alden, a Minor.  
Now on this 21st day of March, 1947, it was presented to the court the petition of Edwin A. Alden, guardian of Hiram Edwin Alden, a minor, for license to sell the undivided one-half (1/2) interest of said minor in the following described real estate, to-wit:

The West One-Half (1/2) of the North East Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section Eighteen (18), Township Ten (10), Range Fourteen (14), East of the 6th P. M., in Cass County, Nebraska; for the purpose of maintaining the ward and educating the said ward and managing his estate and investing the balance of the proceeds of said sale as provided by law until the principal is needed for the maintenance of said minor.

It appearing that it is necessary and would be beneficial that said interest of said minor in said real estate, be sold, and the proceeds thereof over and above the amount necessary to maintain and educate said ward and manage his estate, be put out at interest or invested as required by law, and it further appearing that an order should be entered requiring the next of kin and all persons interested to show cause why a license should not be granted to Edwin A. Alden, guardian of said minor, to sell the undivided interest of said minor in said real estate at public auction.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that all persons interested in the estate of Hiram Edwin Alden, a minor, and the next of kin of said minor, appear before the undersigned, Judge of the District Court of Cass County, Nebraska, at the District Court Room in the Court House in the City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, on the 24th day of April, 1947 at 10 o'clock A. M., to show cause if any why a license should not be granted to Edwin A. Alden, guardian of said minor, to sell the undivided interest of said minor in the above described real estate for the purpose of maintaining and educating said ward and managing his estate, and investing the balance of the proceeds thereof as required by law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order be served upon the next of kin and all persons interested in the estate of Hiram Edwin Alden, a minor, by publication of a copy of this order in the Plattsmouth Journal for three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing.  
BY THE COURT,  
Thomas E. Dunbar  
Judge of the District Court.  
No. 447—Mar. 24, 31, April 7

Smith & Lebens, Attorneys  
NOTICE OF PROBATE  
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF  
CASS COUNTY, NEBRASKA  
To all persons interested in the estate of Philip Forno deceased, No. 4002 Take notice that a petition has been filed for the probate of an instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, and for the appointment of J. E. Meisinger as executor thereof; that said petition has been set for hearing before said Court on the 18th day of April 1947, at 10 A. M.  
Dated March 18th, 1947.  
(SEAL) Paul E. Fauquet  
County Judge  
No. 451 Mar. 24, 31 and Apr. 7

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Egenberger Agency  
Plattsmouth, Nebraska  
No. 457 Mar. 31, Apr. 7-14

Smith & Lebens, Attorneys  
NOTICE OF PROBATE  
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF  
CASS COUNTY, NEBRASKA  
To all persons interested in the estate of Martin Maher deceased, No. 4005 Take notice that a petition has been filed for the probate of an instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, and for the appointment of J. E. Meisinger as executor thereof; that said petition has been set for hearing before said Court on the 18th day of April 1947, at 10 A. M.  
Dated March 18th, 1947.  
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