Unions giving British news people headaches—speaker

The greatest threats to the British press today are breakdowns in labor-management relations, according to British journalist, Rodney Bennett.

Bennett spoke to a group of journalism students and instructors Wednesday.

Since last January, every English newspaper has lost millions in revenue from strikes, Bennett said.

"It has become so serious that Times newspaper. . .," he said, "has threatened quite conclusively that unless settlement is reached by Nov. 30. . . The Times will cease publication."

He said this would have serious political implications because the loss of a national paper such as the Times would deprive the country of an essential mass communication channel.

He said another union refused to set the type on an editorial by the Times which said, "The unions are bringing the country to its knees." Management responded by saying this was a breach of contract and they could be

Deadlock results

The situation eventually resulted in a deadlock, and the Times had to suspend publication for a few days, he said. Also, he said, the typesetters sometimes will "maliciously" set a sentence or phrase incorrectly.

Bennett also described the training programs for journalists in Britain today.

He said there is no journalist in training in Britain today "who is not working in industry or guaranteed a

He said the training programs heavily emphasize onthe job training. Then, if the journalist wants to specialize in a particular field they can go through academic courses. He said there also is a pre-entry system which trains

'Bounced' by unions

persons who already have degrees to be journalists.

"We have this preposterous situation where the unions have bounced us about.'

Official denies Marienau's allegations

By Brenda Moskovits

Lancaster County Election Commissioner Bill Davidson denies telling ASUN President Ken Marienau that the reason he would not register voters on campus was because the League of Women Voters registrar would be unqualified.

"Nowhere did I say they were not qualified," Davidson said. "I was not going to use them or anybody else."

Marienau still says that Davidson told him that the women could not serve because they were not qualified.

Marienau contacted Davidson's office about setting up a registration booth and when Davidson refused to do so. he contacted the League of Women Voters.

League President Ann Bleed said about 30 women were qualified to register voters but that Davidson told her that if a booth were set up at UNL, one would have to be set up at other schools.

Davidson said he also received requests for registration booths from Nebraska Wesleyan University and a Lincoln high school.

Bleed said the league offered to register at all the sites.

Davidson acknowledged having deputized League of Women Voter members to register voters at the Gateway shopping center and in small communities in Lancaster County.

Additional registration booths outside the countycity building are at the election commissioner's discretion and were not in the election office's plans, Davidson said.

"I was not going to use the League of Women Voters or anyone else. . .as appointed election commissioner, that is my prerogative."

Davidson said the university deserved no special favors, pointing out that the election office, six blocks from campus, is open all year.

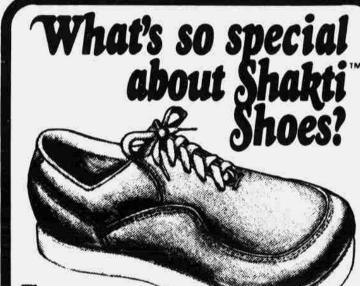
"I'm getting a little sick of you people down at the university telling us how to run our office."

He said a new election commissioner will probably be appointed under governor-elect Charles Thone and the university will have to work things out with him.

Davidson also said that illegal requests for absentee ballots submitted by ASUN from within Lancaster County have been turned over to the county attorney's office. No action has been taken on them.

For example, he said, an average reporter on Fleet Street would make between \$16,000 and \$20,000. An editor would make between \$20,000 and \$30,000. But, a printer, who according to him is an unskilled

worker, would make between \$30,000 and \$45,000. Bennett said many of these labor-management problems have been caused because management has been



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