

More of Editor's Attention Required on Privacy Rights, Attorney Tells Newspapers

Hollywood — More and more of the editor's attention is being demanded by a "lusty legal infant" which is called invasion of privacy, Tom Ackerman, attorney for the San Diego Union and Evening Tribune said Saturday.

Ackerman spoke at the first of three workshop panels held Saturday in connection with the fifth annual meeting of Southern California United Press editors at the Hollywood Knickerbocker hotel.

The attorney warned that truth is no defense against invasion of privacy suits and that retraction statutes do not apply. There is very little likelihood of encountering actionable law suits in any story that is strictly news, he said.

However, he warned the assembled editors to be especially careful of advertisements and feature articles which might shock the normal sensibilities of the public.

"The general trend across the nation is toward a broadening of the rights of privacy," Ackerman said, although he added that California seems to have the least strict laws.

"Good taste and reasonable caution will prevent litigation which costs a publication money whether the plaintiff wins or not," he said.

James Anderson, United Press bureau manager in Sacramento, told the editors in a second panel discussion that the United Press plans to concentrate heav-

ily on the coming California elections.

California is a political focal point in the nation and the elections here will have a far-reaching consequence, he said.

Jack McHenry, managing editor of the Ventura Star-Free Press, said his organization would like to see the use of more

texts of speeches or at least abstracts of texts so readers can make up their own minds about what a candidate meant to say.

Fellow panel member Ed Thomas, City Editor of the San Diego Union, said his newspaper wants straight, factual coverage of campaigns for secondary as well as the primary state offices.

Thomas called for more direct quotes from candidates and less paraphrasing.

The final panel was devoted to a discussion of how United Press can improve its service.



MEETING IN WHITE HOUSE, governors of southern states try to work out solution of school integration crisis. From left: Leroy Collins, Fla.; Luther Hodges, N. C.; President Eisenhower; Theodore McKeldin, Md., and Frank Clement, Tenn. (International)

Details Refused Byrd On Riot Training Halt

Washington — Army Secretary Wilber M. Brucker has refused to give Sen. Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.), details of a new cancelled riot training order sent to Army units after federal troops were sent into Little Rock, Ark.

"I am shocked and amazed at this arbitrary action," Byrd said in a statement Friday. "It indicates the purpose to conceal facts that every citizen has a right to know."

Brucker said in a letter to Byrd he had revoked the order a day after it was issued and before it was carried out. Byrd said he was the ranking Democrat on the Senate Armed

Services committee and knew of no previous case in which requested information was denied to members of that committee.

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University President Resigns Under Fire

Reno, Nev. — Dr. Minard W. Stout, president of the University of Nevada, Saturday submitted a "forced" resignation to the Board of Regents, effective July 1, 1958.

Stout's action ended a stormy five-year era at the school which included a public dismissal hearing of a faculty member, an investigation by the American Association of University Professors and a full-scale survey of the school ordered by the state legislature.

It also brought an end to a regime described by his supporters as more progressive than those "of all the former presidents."

Seven of the nine regents re-

fused to comment whether the resignation had been forced. But statements issued by the other two showed clearly that Stout, 49, had been told he had the support of only three board members.

Grant Sawyer of Elko said "it has become apparent to me that the president does not have the confidence and support of the regents, the faculty, the students, the legislature or the alumni."

The 1957 legislature, fearing recommendations to give the faculty a broader say in the school's administration would not be carried out, increased board membership from five to nine. At that time, Stout had the support of three of the five regents.

Stout himself refused to comment on his one-sentence letter of resignation which said simply "I wish to request that I be relieved of the duties of the president of the University of Nevada as of July 1, 1958."

Stout first came under fire in 1953 when Dr. Frank Richardson, head of the Biology department, was fired by regents following a three-day public dismissal hearing.

Richardson and the AAUP said academic freedom at Nevada was being threatened.

In 1953 the legislature appropriated \$25,000 for a top-to-bottom study of the university.

Dr. Dean McHenry of the political science department of UCLA was named to head a team of 13 educators who conducted the investigation and subsequently filed a lengthy report in which Stout's administration was labeled "quasi-military."

The report praised Stout for obtaining sharply increased funds from the legislature to boost faculty salaries and speed the campus building program.

But it was critical of Stout's program for a sharp increase in the number of schools and indicated Nevada was moving too fast and spreading itself too thin. The report said his "authoritarian" methods of administration had no place in a community of scholars.

Broadcast of Beeping Brings Query Of War

San Francisco — Radio Station KCBS got an immediate reaction Friday night when it interrupted a program to put on a live broadcast of the "beep" from the Russian satellite.

Announcer Don Mosely said a woman called the station and asked: "Does this mean war?"

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By EUGENE BURNS
Ranger-Naturalist

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In size they vary from the tiny one-third ounce pocket-mouse of the northwest to the 220-pound capybara (extreme weight, of course) of the South American jungle. In North America, the beaver is the largest rodent. It is unusual in that it never stops growing.

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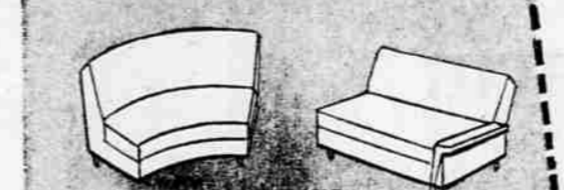
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