

ASNE Refusal of TV Coverage for Castro Talk Hit

Washington — (UP) — The American Society of Newspaper Editors, a champion of free access to the news, was embroiled today in a brisk dispute with broadcasters over the application of that principle to coverage of its own annual meeting.

The controversy, one of the sharpest in the ASNE's history, blew up around the feature attraction of the society's three-day program, an appearance Friday afternoon by Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro.

Ban Protested
Broadcasters protested an announcement by ASNE president George W. Healy Jr. banning television coverage of Castro's speech and the question-and-answer period following it.

Healy said radio networks would be permitted to cover Castro's appearance, over a single pooled microphone, either for live broadcast or transcription for later broadcast. But TV cameramen will be restricted to taking pictures of Castro in an anteroom before his speech begins.

The Radio and Television Correspondents Association of Washington protested to Healy that this decision was "an arbitrary suppression of freedom of access to the news"—the very kind of suppression which "the ASNE has so long fought valiantly against."

Shocked by Refusal
Harold E. Fellows, president of the National Association of Broadcasters, wired Healy that, "We are shocked and bewildered by your refusal to permit television coverage... we cannot conceive of your taking this position in view of your historic struggle to preserve and maintain free access to the news."

John F. Lewis, chairman of the Freedom of Information Committee of the Radio-Television News Directors Association, said, "The news industry cannot stand as a house divided. Equal access for all editors to uphold, whether they tell the story in printed words or in front of microphones and cameras."

Society Stands Pat
After reviewing the issue with the full ASNE board of directors, Healy said the society is standing pat on its decision.

He told a reporter "it simply would not be feasible" to allow television cameras and their bulky accessories inside the Presidential Ballroom of the Hotel Statler where Castro will speak.

YMCA Government Program Conducted

The 12th annual Young Men's Christian association's youth and government state legislature got under way in Salem last Thursday.

Miss Barbara Tyler, speaker of the house, of Medford, called the house to order, and Roger Hamar, Portland, president of the senate, opened the senate session Friday morning.

Friday afternoon, YMCA committees met to discuss and vote on bills assigned to the groups. Committees voted on the bills according to their priority.

Gov. Mark Hatfield spoke at a dinner Friday night, after which members attended the Governor's Ball at South Salem High school. A king and queen were elected to reign over the ball.

Members of each house Saturday morning discussed and voted on respective bills. The first part of the afternoon session was spent in passing and rejecting bills and later Gov. Robert Ott called a joint session at which he reviewed bills he had signed.

Operetta Scheduled At Hedrick Friday

The operetta, "The Fortune Teller," will be presented by Hedrick Junior High school at 8 p.m. Friday at Hedrick Junior High.

The operetta features music by Victor Herbert and is directed by Carroll Graber, vocal music instructor. Assisting is Jerry McDougall, speech instructor.

Students participating in the cast include Mike Gannon, Tom Deakins, Dennis Brumback, Harold Reid, Mike Higgins, Mike McCullough, Fred Thompson, Kathy Allen, Chuck McNair, Vicky Enders and Sherry Lambert.

A matinee performance was scheduled to be given this afternoon at Hedrick.

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