



Hobby Sweepstakes



VALIANT 4-DOOR SEDAN

**a highlight
of the
National
Newspaperboy
Convention**

Carrierboys who attend the National Newspaperboy Convention at Disneyland will have an opportunity to win a Chrysler Corporation Valiant 4 Door Sedan, a mountain of Revell model kits, and other prizes in an exciting Hobby Sweepstakes competition. Delegates will build a Revell kit model of the Valiant and then "pilot" their completed model in an actual race. Among the other spectacular awards to be made at the Convention are two trips around the world via Qantas Airlines; trips to the Seattle World's Fair; a Family Trip to Brazil via Varig Airlines; Encyclopaedia Britannica sets; and deluxe American-made bicycles.

The National Newspaperboy Convention at Disneyland!



Editors of the Observer-Dispatch and Press hear news of Pulitzer Prize; from left: Mason Taylor (seated), Gil Smith, William Woods, Neal Bintz.

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newspaper exposés, selected car salesman Frank Dulan as reform candidate.

The machine took no chances and attacked the newspapers in below-the-belt fashion.

Mason Taylor, said the hatchmen, was anti-Italian (Utica has a large Italian population); he also was anti-Jew, anti-Catholic, anti-Protestant, depending on who was listening. The newspapers had "perverted the truth, influenced jurors, defamed innocent persons."

Whether the campaign, waged by whispers and a pre-election party "newspaper," was effective was impossible to gauge. Only ballot counting could tell.

The voting was quiet and heavy. First returns showed it would be a close election, and the loser could pretty well be sure his influence in Utica was ending. Taylor admits to being a little nervous as he drove back to work that evening. Suddenly a bulletin flashed over his car radio: "Latest returns indicate that Frank Dulan has won an upset victory . . ."

THE EDITOR stopped his car and sat for a few minutes savoring the news.

Dulan's victory was partial, a 3,500-vote plurality with the city council still in control of the machine. But the cleanup campaign had been endorsed by the people, and the war was no longer one-sided. Over a period of three years, 23 indictments and 21 convictions were obtained by Fischer. The resource of civic pride, particularly in the long-dormant League of Women Voters and the new Citizens Association of Greater Utica, brought about a redistricting of city wards and an end to gerrymandering.

The upheaval started cleanups in both political parties; young insurgents, for example, began to campaign to oust the machine bosses who had disgraced their organization, and just recently succeeded in electing Lawrence T. Gilroy, a 38-year-old insurance executive, as county chairman.

AS FOR the *Observer-Dispatch* and the *Daily Press*, they won journalism's highest honor, the Pulitzer Prize, "for disinterested and meritorious public service."

When votes were counted in the November, 1961, election, Utica showed it liked the new look. Dulan was re-elected by a large majority, and his party took control of the city council. "Sin City" was yesterday's news.

So was citizen apathy. The local Chamber of Commerce now offers a practical-politics course. In three years, more than 350 persons have completed it—and put the lessons to use.

Civic vigor brought business vigor, too. John Grier, a Utica executive, says: "When a community is well run, it keeps the cost of doing business down. This makes it possible for industry to compete, and this, in turn, creates more jobs."

As for editor Taylor, he looks back on the campaign like this: "No newspaper wants to stir up dirt about its home town, but in most cities the newspaper is the only protection people have when local law breaks down. We hope we never win another Pulitzer Prize if it means putting certain aspects of our city in a bad light. No editor would—but no editor would hesitate, either, if corruption were driving out honest business and honest citizens."