

# Associated Press Finds 1958 Heavy With News

NEW YORK (AP)—Directors of The Associated Press said today that during the past year the AP had met the biggest challenge of world news events since World War II.

Reviewing events, the directors said:

"The cold war continued. There were political upheavals and crisis on every continent. France underwent a fundamental change in government under De Gaulle. A divided Berlin keeps Europe in turmoil.

"The datelines from Iraq, Lebanon, Quernoy, Tibet and Cuba remind us of the scope of the news coverage problem.

"There were obstacles to fair and factual news reporting the world around including restricted access to public information in the United States."

"The Associated Press has a strong position in meeting its responsibilities," the directors said.

"It is a cooperative world-wide news organization answerable to no government, no group of stockholders or to any special interest."

"It bears a great obligation and equal opportunity to serve its members, its readers and listeners everywhere. The need for a cooperative news service, owned and controlled by its users, has never been greater."

The report was read at the AP annual membership meeting in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

The program included election of six directors, because of expiring terms, and action upon regular membership applications from 18 associate member newspapers.

Tabulation of the vote for directors will not be completed until late tonight.

Looking back to 1939, the directors said:

"The board recognizes a significant anniversary: it was 20 years ago that the membership instructed the board to make Associated Press news available to qualified radio stations for commercial broadcast."

Recalling that this action had followed years of debate as to whether The Associated Press should serve newspapers exclusively, the directors commented:

"While both the printed and broadcast services develop specialties peculiar to themselves, there is a community of interest in the basic news report."

"Radio not only pays for its own distribution and overhead costs, but makes a substantial financial contribution to the general service which has been increasingly important in financing necessary expansion during the past two decades."

"Radio members now provide news from almost 600 communities in which there are no member newspapers. In increasing numbers, television members are contributing spot news pictures to the Wirephoto network."

The directors said the AP staff recorded notable achievements and that the AP also "went outside its own staff for some unusual material which was widely used."

"With our own staff barred from Communist China, we obtained an excellent series on conditions there written by Dr. Sripati Chandrasekhar, Indian scholar and authority on population problems," they said.

Also, the report said, Dr. Paul Dudley White, who wrote of President Eisenhower's heart attack in 1955, summarized what has happened in heart research since then.

"The Associated Press continues to pioneer in teletypewriter delivery of news," the report said.

"This summer for the first time teletypewriter transmission of complete tabulated stock market lists will be extended to afternoon members. Delivery will be over high speed circuits at the rate of 265 words per minute."

The directors reported "a moderate growth in newspapers membership in The Associated Press," continued gains in broadcasting outlets at a gratifying rate and continued expansion overseas on a sound basis.

# Here's Why This Editor Stayed Home

WASHINGTON (AP)—Kansas editor Clyde M. Reed has given his colleagues some useful advice on why editors—especially Republican editors—should not run for office.

Reed described himself as "a living example of an editor who ran for office and has to be content with the experience."

The editor of the Parsons, Kan. Sun was defeated for the governorship by Democrat George Docking.

"I can say without qualification that as long as political conditions are as they were last November, I know of some excellent reasons why Republican editors should not run for office," Reed told American Society of Newspaper Editors.

One of the reasons, he explained, is that editors are forever going on record as advocating or opposing something, whereas veteran politicians contend the most successful candidates are those who take fearless stands in favor of mother, God, home and country, and against all taxes.

For instance, Reed went on, he had long advocated editorially a severance tax on oil and gas production in his state. He soon learned that a 5-year compilation of his editorials on the subject was being circulated in the oil and gas industry in the state.

"The truckers were aware, he said, of his editorials on big trucks on the highways and:

"The Democrats got into the act by reprinting a critical editorial about Secretary of Agriculture Benson and I take a rather dim view of him."

**DISASTER MAP**  
RED BANK, N.J. (UPI)—A new map of the Garden State Parkway is being prepared today with a special panel for distressed motorists. Designed to be displayed through a car window, it says in big bold letters: "Send help."



"Before you wash off those paintings you'd better have them appraised."

# Hertzer Likely To Receive Uncontested Confirmation

WASHINGTON (AP)—A trickle of complaints to its Foreign Relations Committee seemed unlikely today to delay Senate confirmation of Christian Hertzer as secretary of state.

# Hatfield Says Dems Divided

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Oregon's Gov. Mark Hatfield told a group of Republican leaders here Saturday night that the Democrats are "demoralized, defensive and divided."

Addressing the California GOP State Central Committee, Hatfield said Republicans must argue their differences honestly, then close ranks when the decisions are reached.

Never, the governor said, has the Republican Party been in such an advantageous position this long before a presidential election.

Getting down to everyday politics, Hatfield said, "Do not be bashful or timid or too proud, or too hesitant, to write letters to the editor, or ask for equal time, or make a speech, or call a bluff, or put on a bumper strip, or wear a pin, or ask for campaign funds, or talk politics to your neighbor."

# Heart Ailment Kills Director

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Death has ended the 50-year theatrical career of Irving Cummings, 70.

The actor and director died Saturday of a heart ailment.

While on the stage he was a leading man for Lillian Russell, Ethel Barrymore and Alice Brady. He wrote and directed the first film starring the original Rin Tin Tin. He directed many of Shirley Temple's pictures in the 1930s.

Surviving are the widow, former actress Ruth Sinclair, and a son, producer Irving Cummings Jr.

# Improved Care Of Patients Given By MDs, Hospitals

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What has the phenomenal progress in medicine and surgery meant to you and me as patients? The best answer, perhaps, is the sentence that opened this series: "We have added 20 years to our life expectancy since the turn of the century." About five years of this has been in the last decade.

We now have more than 6,000 hospitals, a gain of nearly 10 per cent in the last 10 years. And where 16,821,000 patients were treated in 1948, 22,993,000 were admitted last year, a rise of 36 per cent.

And 123,000,000 persons have hospital insurance. Those having surgical insurance rose from 36,000,000 to 111,000,000 in 10 years, and those with medical insurance from 12,000,000 to 74,000,000. Catastrophic insurance, started only 10 years ago, now has 15,000,000 customers.

Most of our larger hospitals and many small ones today have labor rooms for expectant mothers, recovery rooms and constant care rooms for patients undergoing major surgery.

The average American consults a doctor twice as often as he did 30 years ago, or five or six times a year.

One of our most fantastic gains has been in maternal health. Childbirth is almost safer than walking across the street today. We also have made great gains in saving our newborn.

Our work with premature babies is a great lifesaver. With moderated oxygen, humidity and temperature, great gains have been made. Formerly many infants died due to RH blood factor complications.

This is the rather rare situation when infant and mother have competitive blood relationships. Gradually withdrawing the blood from the infant and replacing it with blood of the proper type now saves the lives of these children.

Good nutrition and prenatal care from a competent physician are the best prescription for an expectant mother.

Early discovery still is the best guarantee of a cure for cancer. Breast self-examination by women has caught many cancers before they had time to spread. Cancer of the cervix in women over 40 can be virtually eliminated if they all would have physical examinations each year.

Better operative techniques in orthopedic surgery have reduced permanent chipping, especially injuries of the hand and hip.

Plastic surgery can repair hare-lips, cleft palates and facial injuries so they hardly can be noticed.

Every year improvements are made in artificial hands, arms and legs. They look and move more naturally and can accomplish more tasks in a lifelike manner.

We have seen, too, the rise of industrial and preventive medicine and consequent saving of thousands of lives in our factories, mines and homes.

Last year our public health experts were warned of a flu epidemic sweeping Asia. The U.S. public health experts called for specimens, got them, tested them, found them to be a new type virus. Our virologists were put to work and produced a vaccine before the epidemic hit this country.

Result: While a fairly large number got the disease, it had been robbed of its impact.

We know today that overweight and smoking are two of the dangers for many of our citizens. This is especially true in diabetes, coronary artery disease, high blood pressure, atherosclerosis or circulatory ailments.

And while the evidence so far is largely statistical, there is not much doubt that excessive cigarette smoking increases the danger of lung cancer considerably.

TV today has shown surgical operations in color to medical groups more than 150 miles away. A specimen has been presented to the watching groups and the diagnosis of the disease made by one of the doctors at a distance. This today is a showmanship.

Major problems, of course, are heart, cancer, mental illness and accidents. The last is chiefly up to us.

Major roles for the scientist probably are in the fields of virus research and in mental illness.

But be assured of these facts: The best hospitals in the world are in America.

The best medical schools in the world are no longer in Vienna or Germany, they are here in the U.S.

The best medicine in all the world is practiced in this country.

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