

Former CBS President Leads Panel Discussion

by Cindi Greenawalt

Does freedom of the press extend to top secret government documents given to a journalist by an anonymous government-employed source? Is the first amendment absolute?

Should executions be broadcast on television?

When does the fourth amendment stop protecting the rights of people to secure their property from unreasonable searches?

In "Celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the Constitution of the United States," Fred Friendly, the Edward R. Morrow Professor Emeritus of Broadcast Journalism at the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, was the first speaker in the Susquehanna Valley Lyceum series Friday, October 16, at Messiah College, Grantham.

Friendly drilled eight panelists for 90 minutes with questions of constitutionality in three hypothetical situations. One scenario closely resembled the Bay of Pigs invasion of 1961. Friendly, former president of CBS News, said CBS knew about the invasion but chose not to run the story. The *New York Times*, on the other hand, chose to run a watered-down version of the proposed invasion. Afterward, President Kennedy said he wished the *Times* would have run the



whole story- it would have saved the country a great embarrassment.

The participants on the panel were:

Mr. Jeffrey T. Bitzer, Esq., attorney and Legal Brief reporter for WGAL-TV 8, Lancaster, Pa.

Dr. Dean C. Curry, chairman of the Messiah College Department of History and Political Science

Ms. Laura Forde, Messiah College Class of 1989, and currently enrolled in the pre-law curriculum

The Honorable William Goodling, Congressman from Pennsylvania's 19th District

Professor Christine H. Kellett, Professor of Law at Dickinson School of Law

Mr. Peter Kelley, reporter from Newhouse News Service whose "Washington Watch" column appears regularly in the Harrisburg *Patriot News*

Ms. Julia Kline, Messiah College Class of 1989, currently enrolled in the pre-law curriculum

Dr. Richard J. Morrison, attorney and Assistant Professor of Business at Messiah College

Friendly has lead classes for 20 years at Yale and Columbia through an intensive course about decision-making and the Bill of Rights, covering such topics as libel, invasion of privacy, protection of confidential sources, fair trial/free press, grand jury secrecy, professional ethics, temporary restraining orders, and national security. He, in conjunction with Martha J. H. Elliott, is author of *The Constitution That Delicate Balance* and the originating force behind the media and society seminars, which created the award-winning public television series, "The Constitution: That Delicate Balance." Friendly and his partner, Edward R. Murrow, were responsible for television's *See It Now* and *CBS Reports*.

Other speakers scheduled in the Susquehanna Valley Lyceum are Zbigniew Brzezinski, expert in foreign policy, November 13, 1987; Chaim Potok, author of the best selling novel, *The Chosen*, February 4, 1988; and Carl Rowan, syndicated columnist for the *Chicago Sun Times*, April 8, 1988.

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invisible black, brown, and female faces that are not getting the opportunity they deserve."

ON INTERNATIONALISM:

"Our cultural and linguistic ignorance is a national shame, and to completely blame our lack of success in Japanese markets to Japanese insularity is disingenuous. The Japanese have a deep attraction to everything American. Witness the reaction to the Michael Jackson concert tour, or for that matter, the groups of Japanese tourists all over this country.

"We need to rid ourselves of some cultural baggage and start learning Japanese instead of expecting orders for goods to drop into our laps in perfect English."

ON THE FUTURE:

"Some of our sharp young MBA types are going to have to stop thinking about maximizing the quarterly profit sheet and think about improving the product. Moreover, in some cases our young (and not-so-young) wizards are going to have to think about making the product, period. We have perhaps one manufacturer left in the U.S. of completely domestically-produced color television sets. I know the conventional wisdom is to say we shouldn't try to compete in industries that are thought to be the province of the Japanese and the Pacific Rim producers, but do we really want to abandon such a lucrative market as color television sets? We need to think hard-headedly about producing real goods and services, and less about

complicated mergers, leveraged buyouts, corporate raiding, and Japan-bashing."

ON WOMEN:

"Business is the future of America, and we cannot compete in the future if we leave half of the team at home changing diapers. It's now the 20th century, going on the 21st, and if we still have 10th century stereotypes of women as we go into the second millenium, we guarantee ourselves of a second-rate nation, out of the action, and as isolated as South Africa."

ON IMMIGRATION:

"Immigration is still helping the growth of America and helping to fuel our present prosperity. Apart from the rank-and-file immigrants coming for work, freedom and opportunity, we are getting many of our top scientific researchers from abroad. Currently available statistics show that more than 42 percent of first-year graduate physics students in the U.S. are non-Americans. That is not the only department showing such figures. Almost half the graduate mathematics students are foreign born. Roughly half of these students stay in the U.S. after they acquire their doctorate degree, following the path of the refugees from Hitler's Germany such as Albert Einstein."

ON EDUCATION:

"Learn how to learn. There has been a trend in education to make higher education a mere servant of the market place. This is a short-sighted view and damaging in the long run. For instance, languages have been given short-shrift

for a long time now and that has been a real disadvantage for American business and politics.

"Ignorance is unprofitable. I would recommend courses in science - math, physics, biology, and chemistry. Scientific literacy gives one the ability to think about facts, spot trends, to reduce a situation to its very essentials, and make an informed decision about results. A business person who has the adequate science and math can make a better informed decision about the possibilities of a long-term investment.

"Along with science, math, language and business courses I would not hesitate to recommend liberal arts courses. They will make one's understanding of the languages more profound and deepen one's appreciation of the miracle of the sciences."

IN CONCLUSION:

"Opportunity, immigration, and freedom in America are still present; they are not just issues for historians. The present climate may be more regulated than the raw opportunity of the frontier days, but the complexity of the modern economic world offers its own set of challenges."

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Enrollment

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"We are attracting quality black students," said Zerby. "We are hopeful they will have a good experience while at Capital College and become 'Happy Alumni,' going back into their communities and talking to their friends."

The Penn State strategic plan calls for an enrollment of 3,500 students by 1991. In implementing the enrollment portion of the plan, admissions targeted the number of students needed per year to meet the goal. At this time, according to Zerby the 1989 goal is almost satisfied, putting the college ahead of schedule.

With the increase of students at Penn State Harrisburg, changes will occur. "The university will have to make a commitment by adding faculty and resources as needed," said Zerby.

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