

NATIONAL NEWSPAPER WEEK

This week we are observing National Newspaper week. This occasion is an excellent time to serve a reminder to all Americans of a precious facet of the American heritage we enjoy --freedom of the press.

In our American Bill of Rights are these words hammered into the First Amendment by our Founding Fathers:"Congress shall make no law . . abridging the freedom . . of the press."

The statement calls for reflection on that amendment for a moment, and continues with "The language is simple; the admonition is stern, and it is negative." Precisely, they tell the government what it shall not do regarding a free press.

That is the American philosophy of freedom of the press which our newspapers have enjoyed since the adoption of the Constitution one hundred and seventy three years ago.

The 1960 celebration of National Newspaper Week comes at a time when the free press is engaging in a valiant struggle against the forces seeking to dismantle the press of truth.

In clear contrast to American newspapers is that of the Communist dominated press, which feeds readers the current party line, and only that which it wants them to read.

On the other hand, it is gratifying to know that the American newspapers have been alerting the people as to what their government is doing from the Boston Tea Party of 1773 to all occasions of present corruptness.

Truthfully, from the call of "Let's go to press" to the newsboys' cry of "Extra" to the many Americans who can be thankful they can "Read all about it!" in our newspapers, we take note of National Newspaper Week.

DID YOU KNOW?

The dollar was adopted by the Congress existing under the Articles of Confederation in 1785 as the official monetary unit of the U. S..

Legend says Damocles, a flatterer in the court of Dionysius the Elder of Syracuse, was seated at a royal banquet with a sword hung over his head by a single horsehair.

The first recorded patent for a typewriter was taken out by Henry Mill in 1714.

Booth Tarkington wrote "Seventeen"

George Washington was fifty-seven when he was inaugurated as President in 1789.

The fastest mile on record (3:54½) was run by Australian sprinter Herb Elliott on a track in Dublin, Ireland, on August 6, 1958.

Rhode Island, the smallest state in the Union, has the longest name. Officially, it is "The State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations."

Herodotus (480?-425? B.C.) is known as the "Father of History."

The cowbird and the European cuckoo are equal contenders for the title of the world's laziest bird. Neither builds its own nest.
