

Dateline Washington

Government Action Ignites Reporters

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As the vote on a crucial bill is announced in the Senate, a team of wire service reporters races up the stairs of the press gallery to write their bulletins.

The hasty exodus is all the spectators in the public galleries across the floor can see. Beyond the doors, the reporters have triggered a barrage of activity. Their hastily typed paragraphs are being relayed by a teletype operator to the bureau offices downtown.

Working opposite each other at the far end of the Senate press room, Associate Press and United Press International staffs race to send their rewrite men material which can score a "beat" for them.

These rewrite men, who do precisely what their title indicates, take the stories and quickly edit them for style and grammar, delete redundant phrases and incorporate additional information into them. The stories are then sent by teletype to subscribers throughout the world.

The congressional news staffs

do not spend all their time in the press gallery, however. They cover committee hearings, interview legislators, compile background on upcoming bills, answer queries from clients and write short articles from statements issued by the congressmen.

Likewise, the bureau office with which they are connected by teletype and telephone lines is not occupied solely with news from Capitol Hill. Washington is blanketed by reporters, who will admit their organization couldn't begin to cover the entire city adequately.

Some articles even originate from Washington which are run under the datelines of other areas. Such an article was on the capture of Discoverer XIV satellite capsule. A story was telephoned from the Pentagon, Washington, to the UPI bureau in the National Press Building, for example, but appeared in morning papers under a Vandenberg Air Force Base dateline.

The capsule was recovered at 7:14 p.m. in the Pacific and the story broke only moments later almost halfway around the world. From the Capitol to the Pentagon, this split second timing is essential to the two major news services. Speed, accuracy and writing skill determine whose stories "get the play" in papers that do not have their own Washington correspondents.

Vold Named Visiting Prof

Dr. George B. Vold, who has been serving on the faculty of the University of Minnesota for the past 33 years, has been named distinguished visiting professor of sociology and anthropology at the University for the period, Sept. 1 to Jan. 31.

He is a graduate of South Dakota State College with a bachelor of science degree in general science. His master of arts degree in sociology was conferred by the University of Chicago and his doctor of philosophy degree by the University of Minnesota.

His teaching experience also includes three years as assistant professor of sociology and psychology at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn.

Vold's research has been primarily with the problem of predictability of behavior in crime and corrections with much attention to the administration of programs designed to "correct" but usually somewhat less successful than might be wished. He is the author of numerous publications and reports in this field.

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Hexner was first appointed to the Penn State faculty in 1958 as visiting professor of economics.

A native of Czechoslovakia, he received a doctor of philosophy degree from the Royal University of Kolosvar in Hungary in 1918 and his doctor of juridical science from Bratislava University the following year.

Hexner came to the United States in 1939 and joined the faculty of the University of North Carolina at Capital Hill, N.C., as a professor of international affairs. He participated in the preparation of the international financial agreements signed at Bretton Woods, N.H., in 1943, which later became the International Monetary Fund. Hexner joined the Fund staff in 1946.

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McGrath Speaks--

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the curriculum often comes from outside groups such as alumni, practitioners, or employers, he said.

McGrath suggested that a sound principle might be to let the employers determine the general type of occupations for which the schools would prepare, but insisted that the educational programs must be determined by the faculty and deans.

"The school which responds to the immediate demands of the profession will relinquish its right to improve each generation, lacking flexibility to make adaptations to changes in society," he said.

The core of the curriculum problem, according to McGrath, is to eliminate the routine, the transient, the expedient and the trivial courses — things that can be learned in specialized graduate work or on the job.

"Collectively," he said, "the journalism schools have some distance to go before reaching this professional objective of a broad, theoretically grounded program of education."

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