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Hugh Boyd to chairman of FoI center

A 28-member Advisory Council has been appointed for the Freedom of Information Center at Columbia, Missouri. Hugh N. Boyd, president and publisher of the *Home News* in New Brunswick, New Jersey, is Council chairman.

The announcement was made by Dwight E. Sargent, president of the Center. Sargent said, "We are fortunate indeed to have so many distinguished people in Canada and the United States willing to assist in achieving the goals associated with the free flow of information. It is a pleasure to announce that Mr. Boyd will be the chairman. He was one of the founders of the Center in 1958 and since then has been one of its most enthusiastic supporters."

The Freedom of Information Center's objectives are to gather, collate, file and disseminate materials that would contribute to a more enlightened citizenry. Since the Center was founded, it has answered more than 2,000 queries annually from many nations. It also published special reports on press councils, shield laws, open meetings, compulsory publication and dozens of other topics. Files are maintained on hundreds of subjects.

Council members

In addition to Boyd, members of the Council are the following:

ROBERT B. ATWOOD, president & publisher, *Anchorage Times*

RODERICK W. BEATON, president, *United Press International*

BARRY BINGHAM, Sr., chairman, *Courier-Journal* and *Louisville Times*

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Archibald To Direct Right-to-Know Office

COLUMBIA, Mo.

A program to help newspapers, broadcasters and the general public obtain fuller access to federal government information has been developed by the Freedom of Information Center of the School of Journalism, University of Missouri, Dean Earl F. English of the journalism school, announced.

He said the Freedom of Information Center has established an office in Washington, D. C., as the first step in the program. The office will be under the direction of Samuel J. Archibald, former staff director of the House Government Information Subcommittee. Dean English said Archibald's work on the problems of government information was instrumental in the development of the federal government's new freedom of information law.

Archibald will serve as a consultant to the Freedom of Information Center and as a part-time assistant professor for University of Missouri journalism students in Washington and Columbia, particularly graduate students working on FoI projects in the nation's capital. He is executive director of the Fair Campaign Practices Committee, a non-profit, bi-partisan committee which investigates and publicizes unfair tactics in national and state political campaigns.

Extension of Center

"No one knows better than Sam Archibald the techniques for penetrating the secrecy drawn around some government information," Dean English said. "Sam Archibald's knowledge and abilities, combined with the resources of the Freedom of Information Center, will permit a practical extension of the Center's 10-year efforts in behalf of the people's right to know the facts of government.

"While the public and the press run into the barriers of secrecy in the thousands of federal bureaus and offices in cities and towns throughout the nation, the solution to the specific case of refusal is frequently in Washington."

"Any cases," Dean English said, "concerning the denial of federal information which come to the attention of Dr. Paul Fisher, director of the Freedom of Information Center, University of Missouri, will be referred to the Center's representative in Washington, Mr. Archibald, who also will analyze and report upon government information trends."

The new freedom of information law, in effect since July 4, 1967, provides for the inspection of federal records, some categories of which are exempted. Upon complaint, the federal district courts have the power to enjoin any agency from withholding records and to fine responsible officers for contempt if they fail to comply.

Archibald supervised the investigations and wrote the reports published by the House Government Information Subcommittee after it was established in June, 1955, under the chairmanship of Congressman John E. Moss (D., Calif.). In August, 1966, Archibald took over direction of the Fair Campaign Practices Committee.

Archibald graduated from the University of Colorado School of Journalism and did graduate work in political science there and at Columbia University in New York. He worked for the Associated Press, United Press and International News Service in Colorado and was a political reporter for the *Sacramento Bee*.

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Press Freedom Index Prepared In 115 Nations

COLUMBIA, Mo.

An international project to measure press freedom in 115 nations is being undertaken by the Freedom of Information Center at the University of Missouri.

Called the Press Independence and Critical Ability (PICA) Index, the project is enlisting the aid of newsmen, broadcasters and journalism educators throughout the world. The journalists and educators will be "judges" for the index.

Goal of the undertaking is to establish an accurate index that will also reflect socio-political freedom within each nation.

The Center hopes to distribute results of its first measurement on Jan. 1, 1967. Thereafter, the Center will re-measure world press freedom each year, giving journalists and social scientists what the Center hopes will be an accurate annual chart of press freedom trends in 115 individual nations and in the world as a whole.

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McNamara Hit On Press Policy

Editors' Group Raps 'Control' of News

By the Associated Press

A freedom of information committee charged today that Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara and his information chief "confuse the Defense Department's public information policy with the public relations program of the Ford Motor Co."

The criticism was delivered by the Freedom of Information Committee of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, in its annual report delivered to the opening session of the society's three-day convention at the Washington Hilton. McNamara is a former Ford executive.

"It has not been an encouraging year for freedom of information," said the committee headed by Creed C. Black, managing editor of the Chicago Daily News.

Memorandum Cited

Still on the books, the committee said, is a 1962 memorandum issued by McNamara and Assistant Secretary of Defense Arthur Sylvester, the department's information chief, requiring that a monitor be present at all Pentagon interviews. The rule apparently is not being vigorously enforced now, the committee said.

"Meanwhile, however, their 'one-voice' philosophy has been extended from the halls of the Pentagon to some military installations in Viet Nam," the report went on.

The committee said it shares the objections voiced by Wes Gallagher, general manager of the Associated Press. Its report quoted Gallagher:

"Barring correspondents from free access to air bases and other military installations and providing an 'escort' for every correspondent is clearly aimed not at security matters but at controlling what American fighting men say.

"Such control exceeds anything done in the darkest days of World War II."

The editors were told that a recent incident illustrates "the extent to which the American people can be misled by a policy aimed at stifling dissent."

Sylvester Directive

One year ago, Black said, a Sylvester directive came to light ordering all three services to join in a "public affairs plan" to build up the controversial TFX fighter plane. He said Sylvester instructed the services to describe the TFX as meeting the fighter plane needs of the Air Force, the Marine Corps and the Navy's carrier force.

"But just this week it has developed, from heavily censored testimony before Congress, that the plane is so far above its predicted weight that Navy spokesmen have strongly expressed new doubts that it will ever meet their needs.

"Presumably, Mr. Sylvester's order to tell the public that everything is coming up roses remains in effect."

The committee reported that "the federal bureaucracy is still opposing" bills introduced by Sen. Edward V. Long, D-Mo., and Rep. John E. Moss, D-Calif., to guarantee greater access to information about federal agencies.

"Again we call on ASNE members to counter that opposition by interesting themselves—and their own senators and congressmen—in this effort to enact an open records law at the federal level," the report said.

Its signers, besides Black, were Robert P. Clark, managing editor of the Louisville (Ky.) Times; Eugene Patterson, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, and Charles S. Rowe, editor of the Fredericksburg (Va.) Free Lance-Star.

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