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Hays Fights Admission of Journalist

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Chairman Wayne L. Hays, D-Ohio, of the House Administration Committee says he will fight against the admission of a member of radical press to the Senate and House press galleries.

Hays last night termed "absurd and ridiculous" the 3-2 vote of the Standing Committee of Correspondents of the U. S. Congress to admit Thomas King Forcade as Washington correspondent of the Underground Press Service.

Forcade, a self-styled revolutionary, obtained national attention in May 1970, when he threw a cottage cheese pie in the face of Otto Larsen, a member of the U. S. Commission on Obscenity and Pornography, to protest the commission's existence.

The Standing Committee of Correspondents, composed of elected representatives of Capitol Hill newsmen, voted last Thursday to admit Forcade to membership after wrestling with his application for weeks.

Hays, an outspoken critic of the press, said Forcade's past conduct should disqualify him from membership. He will put the issue on his committee's agenda, he said.

Repeating views he has expressed during committee consideration of House press facilities, Hays said the action of the standing committee lends support to his feeling that maybe Congress shouldn't supply the facilities that it does to the press.