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About The Wayward Press

By SUSIE LEWIS

The American people do not learn the true image of the world from newspapers, Washington Post foreign news editor Philip Foisie told an audience of students and professors here Monday night.

Mr. Foisie's speech, "Unexplored Frontiers of Journalism," was sponsored by the International Affairs Committee of the YM-YWCA.

"Something happens to the news from the time it leaves the foreign country until it is printed here which gives a distorted

Many areas of the world are made inaccessible to reporters by geography, politics and culture, he said

"Another gap in foreign news is the over-reliance on the English language. We are a monolingual people. Many sources do not speak English, so the reporter must find a translator to depend on, but this always inhibits

"Our passion for the immediate is another reason for the imbalance in the news. This is called 'crisis reporting.' Reporters do not get to the scene before the blood begins to flow. This is too late.

"Using our conventional wisdom, we report things that we think people are interested in. Thus, we tend to overstress controversy and personalities.

'We have not examined our language. We use such phrases as 'left wing' and 'right wing' to try to be brief, concise and clear, but this really only dis-

Everyone wants to be first, so false datelines appear. Much of the material from overseas is rewritten in New York. In the process of rewriting, the writer often gets the facts wrong and paraphrases quotes inaccurately, thus completely losing the true meaning of the story.

"As far as stringers are con-cerned, some terrible situations have been discovered." Mr. Foisie cited three examples.

-One man worked under several different names for leading newspapers and periodicals all over the world, thus causing unanimity of opinion.

-Some stringers have been found to be employees of a foreign government -Sometimes the person doesn't

exist at all, but is simply a name which is passed from person to person, regardless of whether these persons are actually competent reporters.
"If I'm being harsh about these

things happening on other papers, then I'm being harsh about my paper, too, because we're all in this together.

"There are many newspapers

in this country which are very bad, but the best ones are the best in the world."

Mr. Foisie listed some improvements which the Pest hopes to make in the future.

'We want to conserve space. We want to provide the reader with all the news we can if he wants to read it, but we must tell it more simply. I believe many stories, foreign and local, could be told in one sentence.

"But when the time comes to tell a story in depth, we want to tell it even if its takes eight

There is plenty of foreign news that's never touched that we want to get. There are always men in Washington who have been abroad, as well as experts on college campuses and certain members of the AFL-CIO who are always willing to talk to reporters, and we want to tap all of these sources."

In an attempt to improve their papers, serious journalists are asking themselves two questions: -To what level of readership

would coverage be directed? -What is the true and proper role of newspapers in the nation-

"When I was younger, I thought mine would be a simple job. It seemed to be a matter of holding up the mirror of life and putting the reflections into print, delivering it to the doorsteps and not letting publishers and advertisers tamper with the truth-thus educating the American people for their role in the democratic so-

"But now I'm not sure we can afford to think of ourselves as educators. The Post has a circulation of about 500,000, but the readership of foreign news is only three or four per cent of the circulation. It is frightful to think of this being true in Washington, where large numbers work with foreign affairs.

"There are class distinctions in readership and all levels must be served at the appropriate time. I would like to get the foreign news readership to 10 or even 15 per cent. We could if we used more pictures, wrote more simply, or, like Time magazine, told the reader what to

"We can generalize and popularize the news without distorting. Occasionally we try to provide something of an elemental nature, but generally we write for the upper level thinking of a mythical freshman senator who is young, serious and will soon be influential."

Turning to the Post's role in the national society, Mr. Foisie questioned the ability of any paper to stir up the great mass of the reading public.

"I do not believe it is within the power of newspapers to generate widespread local discussion for reform," Mr. Foisie said, referring to the reform that he believes is needed in the Con-

'The times have dramatically changed the relation of the exe-cutive and legislative branches. The President now has a power far greater than the founding fathers envisioned, and Congress is envious of this power. It is my personal opinion that the legislative branch has not matured with the years as the executive and judicial branches have. "The Secretary of State and

the President spend most of their time working with foreign policy -not with Cuba, or Laos, but dealing with Congress.

"Congressmen realize that there is a need for reform, but they believe it will not come until the electorate decides the changes must be made.'

Mr. Foisie believes the Post or any other newspaper would be ineffectual in persuading the electorate to vote for these

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