

# Pressure Increases For Suppression Of Free News Coverage of The World

(By Associated Press)  
Pressures against the free flow of world news increased in the first six months of this year but there were some heartening victories over the foes of a free press.

This is disclosed in a survey of censorship and other conditions hampering the flow of news. Every six months the Associated Press asks its correspondents in all parts of the world to report on conditions. The latest survey covers the period since Jan. 1.

The Soviet Union and Communist China, and the countries that follow Moscow, choke off as tight as ever the flow of news from great areas of the world. In lieu of news comes a constant barrage of propaganda.

But this is a challenge to alert newspaper men, who patiently sift through thousands of words to find clues as to what is really going on.

In general, the survey shows no relaxation of censorship in countries where it is customarily employed. In some instances this censorship has tightened. Colombia and Venezuela in South America are examples.

A revolution in Bolivia April 9 brought about the death of the biggest newspaper in that country, La Roza. The new regime of Victor Paz Estenssoro padlocked the newspaper, owned by a representative of one of the country's tin-mining company owners. The president said he feared the newspaper's plant might be attacked. He promised to re-open the plant but June 4 the paper's management gave up and discharged its 300 employees.

In Hamilton, Bermuda the editor of the Royal Morning Gazette, Edward Thomas Sayer, defied an order of the Speaker of the House against publishing an account of a public debate on foreign exchange control.

In Chile, a successful campaign was waged by the press against the arrest of four newspaper men for criticizing a cabinet minister. The men were released and the cabinet minister resigned.

The Trinidad Guardian at Port of Spain launched a vigorous protest and succeeded in getting the government of Trinidad to withdraw an offending clause from a bill and substitute one which absolved newspapers from any liability if they printed fair and accurate reports of any proceedings of the Legislative Council.

In Manila, an amendment tacked on to an immigration bill would have made it possible for the government to deport an alien who might say or write anything which might discredit the president, members of the cabinet or congress. Senator Claro M. Recto discovered the "sleeper" and delivered such a stirring defence of the free press that the amendment was killed.

Italy June 20 ordered expulsion of a Soviet foreign correspondent in a decision that patently had more bearing on the question of Red propaganda than on censorship itself. The ejected correspondent, a 50-year old woman writer for Pravda of Moscow, was being kicked out of Italy, the government said, as the result of cumulative evidence of distortion in Pravda articles, speechmaking for Communism during her year in Italy, and, finally, her unwarranted Pravda attack on Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway when he visited Italy as NATO commander.

There has been some let-up in censorship of interpretative writing. Some criticism of the Soviet regime may be reported.

As for the satellite countries most of the news comes from official radio broadcasts or copies of the rigidly-controlled press which reach the outside world. This is true of Romania, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and Albania. The AP correspondent in Hungary, a national, is subject to "control" censorship—the practice of calling a correspondent on the carpet after his stories are in print.

In France the press is free and there is no censorship of outgoing dispatches. Four times in

May Communist or pro-Communist newspapers had whole editions seized on charges of inciting to public disorders. Newspapers were not closed.

Foreign correspondents and the German press are not censored in Western Germany. Occupations authorities have not exercised this year their right to ban publications which endanger the prestige and security of their military forces. In the past this was applied temporarily against some Communist newspapers.

In Eastern Germany the Communist-led government and the Soviet Control Commission enforce strict control of newspaper content along Communist lines.

Premier Tito's Communist regime in Yugoslavia employs no direct censorship of outgoing dispatches but it keeps a close check on what is printed abroad. Frequently foreign newspaper men who criticize government policy find themselves attacked in the official press for "non-objective" reporting. The domestic press remains under tight government control.

In Spain there is no censorship of outgoing dispatches but newspaper men are held responsible for what they send. The domestic press cannot criticize fundamental laws of the Franco regime or Franco himself, or the Roman Catholic Church. Provincial officials and cabinet members are not beyond criticism, however.

The United Kingdom, and the Commonwealth countries of Canada, New Zealand and Australia maintain their tradition of no censorship.

For the first time in the history of the 42-year-old Union of South Africa, a newspaper was shut down in May because of its political opinions. The Nationalist Government of Prime Minister Daniel F. Malan, in a political crisis stemming from its racial policies, banned The Guardian, a pro-Communist weekly. This was done under a 1950 Act for suppression of Communism. Editor Brian P. Bunting denied his paper was a party organ and five days later came out with a new weekly, The Clarion, which looked and read just like the Guardian. The government took no further action. There is no censorship of dispatches by foreign correspondents.

In India there is no censorship of outgoing or incoming dispatches and no attempt to control news at the source. Last year parliament approved a press law giving the government power to control news which is "an incitement to crime" but there has been no known application.

Dispatches of foreign correspondents in Egypt were subject to heavy censorship during the terror riots of last January, when the Anglo-Egyptian dispute reached its worst point. Dispatches are censored prior to transmission and correspondents are not advised of what changes are made.

In Argentina there is no direct censorship of outgoing or incoming dispatches. Communi-

cation companies are held responsible for transmission of undesirable news.

A recent bulletin from the Inter-American Press Association noted these events affecting the local press and newspaper men under the regime of President Juan D. Peron: In February the government decreed that all newsprint imports and deliveries would be made by the Argentine Institute for the Promotion of Trade, which has acquired all newsprint stocks in the country. Pedro Pena, reporter for the United Press and Time Magazine, was deported as an undesirable alien in March. Francisco H. Uzal, editor of the opposition radical paper El Ciudadano, was arrested after reiterating at a rally charges in his newspaper that the Social-Aid Foundation operated by Eva Peron placed an order for weapons.

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**VOTERS CHOOSE**  
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to 1801 for Mr. McRae — and although his advantage then was cut by three votes, he went into a 289-vote lead after absentee ballots were added.

**McRAE MOVED UP**  
On the transfer of Christie's

ballots, Mr. McRae moved within 35 votes of the newly-elected member, then dropped behind as transfer of second choices from Mr. Murray's ballots were made.

Mr. Hills, Mr. McRae and Mr. Murray were all in the Common Lounge at the Civic Centre when counting concluded short-

ly after 10:15 p.m., and Mr. Brett and the defeated member were the first to congratulate Mr. Hills, a Prince Rupert alderman and resident of this city since 1914.

Mr. Hills, who went to school here, is married to a daughter of George Casey, veteran alderman, and has three children.

His first move after receiving congratulations was to telephone his wife and although he had believed all along that he

would be elected, he beamed a sigh of relief as he realized the decision was finally made.

"I want to thank all my supporters and wish to say that regardless of their political beliefs or affiliation, anyone should feel free to contact me regarding any problem within the scope of provincial jurisdiction and I'll co-operate to the best of my ability."

**CONFUSED ELECTION**  
"I think we can all agree that

this was the most confused election B.C. ever had and the fathers of this alternative voting have suffered the most.

"I am still in favor of the old system, at least until the electors have said otherwise by plebiscite.

"I think it is the most vigorous election I have ever seen in B.C. and I believe the former coalition parties spent more money than ever before trying to win."

# Boat Service Petition

WHEREAS Union Steamships Limited has for thirty years provided a refrigerated boat service into the City of Prince Rupert on Sundays;

AND WHEREAS the said Union Steamships Limited has now discontinued the operation of a Sunday ship;

AND WHEREAS by reason of the said discontinuance various retailers and wholesalers of milk and vegetable products have now been cut off from their source of supply;

AND WHEREAS these various distributors serve an area populated by some twenty thousand people;

AND WHEREAS a critical situation with respect to the supply and distribution of food products formerly carried in refrigerated quarters now exists;

AND WHEREAS it is only possible under present circumstances to effect two days' delivery of fresh vegetables and milk by boat in a week.

NOW THEREFORE we, the undersigned wholesale and retail merchants and citizens of Prince Rupert seek and request the resumption of an adequate refrigerated boat service between the City of Vancouver and the City of Prince Rupert, and specifically desire emphatically to ask that such service be provided so as to arrive in the City of Prince Rupert on Sunday or on Monday mornings of each week.

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