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## TO THE STAFF

We regret that five of our photographers have elected to go on strike instead of attempting to settle differences through negotiation.

The strike is the first in our 44 year history and the first in more than 20 years of negotiating contracts with Unions.

We especially regret the fact that the photographers went on strike without waiting for a meeting with federal and state mediators--whose purpose and function are to resolve labor disputes. It is unfortunate that the photographers did not have faith in this process that allows men to continue working while discussions go on.

It should also be pointed out that the photographers have been offered and have refused the same benefits accepted by other Unions representing groups employed by the Company.

I know all of our Staff share my hope that this strike will be settled amicably at the earliest possible date and that all of us will soon be working together in harmony.

## STATIONS, COURANT TO REPORT ELECTION

WTIC-TV and Radio will again join forces with The Hartford Courant to report election returns on Tuesday night, Nov. 4.

WTIC Radio will broadcast returns from Hartford and other Connecticut cities and towns beginning at 8:05 p.m. The broadcast, originating at The Courant, will include reports

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## DRUG PROBLEM RECEIVING NEWS, EDITORIAL ATTENTION

Connecticut's growing drug problem, especially among teenagers, has been receiving a great deal of attention on WTIC-TV and Radio.

On October 23, President Patricelli broadcast an editorial that urged teenage drug users to take advantage of a new law that permits them to receive medical attention without the knowledge or consent of their parents. Requests for copies of the editorial have come from high schools and junior high schools in every part of the state, from hospitals, PTA groups, city and town government officials, doctors and college administrators.

Ralph Blum, a magazine writer from Norfolk, Conn. who has written on drugs for "The New Yorker" and other national magazines, took 50 copies of the editorial to Washington on Oct. 27 when he testified before a Senate Committee.

The Connecticut Bank and Trust Co. requested 60 copies for use in its Education Center. There were also many requests for copies and comments from parents of teenagers.

The News Department has also received unusual reaction from coverage of the drug problem, notably from Jean Tucker's interviews with the family of a West Hartford high school student who was killed by an overdose of drugs. The boy's mother reported that she had received many calls from people who wanted drug information as a result of the news interview. She also said she planned to organize West Hartford area housewives to do what they can to combat the drug epidemic among teenagers.

The News Department also recently concluded a series on the subject that was filmed at the Housatonic Valley High School in Connecticut and reported by Jean Tucker. Joe Crowley has done several stories from the police point of view and other newsmen have also been involved in covering the drug story.

## ATWOOD A FINALIST FOR PFIZER AWARD

Frank Atwood is one of 10 national finalists in the 1969 Pfizer Agricultural Communications Awards Program, sponsored by Chas. Pfizer & Co.

Frank was one of 10 farm broadcasters nominated for  
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LETTER FROM  
THE WHITE HOUSE

(At the annual convention of the Radio Television News Directors Assn., Herbert G. Klein, President Nixon's communications director, asked stations to send him copies of editorials, with the following result:)

Dear Mr. Patricelli:

Thank you for sending me some of your recent editorials.

While each of them was effectively presented, I was particularly impressed by your editorial on campus radicals because of the original way you approached the subject. Your English language lesson was very enlightening, and by calling attention to some of the words used by youthful dissenters, you proved to me that some of the words have lost their meaning.

Your editorials are helpful, and I hope you will continue sending those which are pertinent.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Herbert G. Klein  
Director of Communications  
for the Executive Branch

ELECTION COVERAGE  
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by Bill Mill and Joe Crowley and analysis by The Courant's Jack Zaimen. The principal election report will be broadcast from 8:05 to 9 p.m. and there will also be brief, special reports at 9:25 and 9:55 p.m.

As Connecticut returns become available after the polls close at 8 p.m., they will be printed on the bottom of the television screen while regular programming continues on Channel 3.

There will be complete election round-up on Channel 3 from 10 to 10:30 p.m., with detailed reports on the races in Hartford and the state's other principal cities and towns. Larrye de Bear will be the TV anchor man, assisted by Paul Hayes and John Ferguson.

Election coverage will be under the supervision of George Bowe and Tom Eaton.

JOE GIRAND  
PICKED METS

It should be noted that Joe Girand was one of a very few Americans who picked the New York Mets to win the World Series in five games.

Bob Steele, another of our resident experts, picked the Orioles, but then, he also picked the Red Sox and the Cincinnati Reds for the American and National League pennants.

INFORMATION OFFICER  
HERE FROM UGANDA

WTIC News is again cooperating with the State Department's Multi-National Foreign Journalist Project.

This year's visitor is Robert D. Kasumba, who is an information officer with the Ministry of Information in Uganda. Mr. Kasumba arrived in Hartford on Oct. 26 and will be with us until Nov. 15. He will later spend a similar period of time at the Portland Oregonian.

DAUGHTER BORN  
TO RICHMONDS

A daughter, Sheri Lynn, was born at 3:48 a.m. on Oct. 29 in St. Francis Hospital to Bob and Nancyann Richmond. Sheri Lynn weighed six pounds, 12 ounces.

CAROL EDWARDS  
ENGAGED TO WED

The engagement of Carol Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Edwards, to James Mikulski has been announced. Both are seniors at Southern Connecticut State College. No wedding date has been set.

Marian Edwards is still flying for United. Recent passengers included Gordon MacRae and Mayor Sam Yorty of Los Angeles as well as 130 college freshmen heading for school in Nebraska.

ROBERT E. SMITH TO LECTURE  
MANCHESTER TEACHERS ASSN.

Robert E. Smith will discuss "Two Centuries of Music" during Teacher Convention Day in Manchester on Oct. 26.

He will illustrate his talk with a selection of records. The program is being sponsored by the Professional Education Assn. of Manchester.

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the top award by a jury of broadcasters newspapermen and leaders in agriculture and what is know as "agribusiness,"

Finalists were selected for their "outstanding service to American agriculture through communications."