

Cleveland

There may be more good newspapers in Ohio than in any other state. There are a large number of impressive newspapers whose circulations would fall below the quarter million we set as a criteria for regional press. They give the Plain Dealer vigorous competition and tend to confine its circulation area. The Plain Dealer has always been outstanding in its national and international coverage. Its retired Washington correspondent, Jack Leacacos, seemed to be on hand for almost 20 years whenever a war broke out in the world. His anatomical description of how the State Department deals with foreign policy in the book *Fire in the In-Basket* is one of the most useful guides to that institution.

The Plain Dealer uses most of the conventional outside services but has an enviable group of its own columnists and a distinguished editorial writing staff.

The Scripps-Howard outlet in Cleveland, the Press, is reminiscent of the Scripps-Howard papers of old: solid, predictable, somewhat set in its ways. Both papers are well aware of their region's proximity to Canada and bothered by the modest degree of coverage Canadian events receive.

Incidentally, the Greater Cleveland Growth Association points out to potential investors that "within 500 miles of Cleveland are 50 per cent of the populations of the U. S. and Canada...."

Philadelphia

In probably no region in the United States is there less of an adversary feeling between news sources and the press than in Philadelphia. Despite a controversial mayor, W. C. Fields' famous cemetery remark that "I'd rather be in Philadelphia," would still hold for those seeking more tranquility than in the nearby cities of New York and Washington.