

the press is the same. These changes since the World War and the aftermath of revolutions and crises have profoundly influenced all international relationships. Chiefly in the Western Hemisphere may the people view these changes and their implications with some degree of objectivity because the resources and the high professional standards of the press have kept the world news routes leading to this hemisphere open to all nations, open to all ideologies, open for the future of humanity. It is our hope that these new prizes will serve to increase all forms of journalistic communication to and from the peoples of this hemisphere.

As all world news routes today lead to the Western Hemisphere the archives of the press in the New World have become the chief repository of world information. By cable, wireless, and air mail every European and Asiatic capital and center of activity or international interest is directly connected with the newspaper offices throughout this continent. News flows ceaselessly and in a far greater volume from Europe and Asia to the Western Hemisphere than to any other area on the earth's surface. Except for the insatiety of public opinion throughout each of the twenty-one American republics and Canada the opinion of the world could be cornered by a combination of powers determined by means of aggressive propaganda to dominate or control the world's news channels and become the dictator of world opinion.

The press of the Western Hemisphere has been one of the important contributing factors to the changes in the international perspectives of the peoples. News is the agency of changed perspectives, the accelerator of the intellectual progress of mankind. The press of this hemisphere has been a participant without becoming a party to the events which have been so largely responsible for the enlargement of the international horizon of the American republics. News follows the pioneer and is itself a pioneer. Beginning with the World War and continuing without interruption to the present day the receptivity of the peoples of this hemisphere has been in direct relation to the increase in the facilities for the reporting, the transmission, and the publication and distribution of world news. The result is that today all news routes lead to the Western Hemisphere where the press is the recorder and interpreter of world opinion.

At present every news channel from Europe and Asia to the Western Hemisphere is free from governmental control. At present Berlin, Rome,