

The first awards will be announced early in 1939 for journalistic public service during the previous calendar year. Prizes will be awarded at Columbia University in April in order that the prize winners may have an opportunity of meeting publishers and editors of the United States at the time of their annual meetings in New York and Washington, D.C. This will also make it possible for publishers and editors in the United States to become personally acquainted with the leading journalists of South and Central America. The visitors will have an opportunity, also, of lecturing at Columbia University and at other educational institutions. Dinners in honor of our guests will be given in New York City and Washington. The directors of the American Society of Newspaper Editors voted at their recent semiannual meeting to invite one of the winners of the Maria Moors Cabot Prizes to address their convention which meets at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., the third week in April, 1939.

While our Latin-American guests are in the United States they will be invited to cooperate with the Graduate School of Journalism in planning an International Committee of Award for the second year in order that the future recommendations to the Trustees of Columbia University may represent the judgment of South, Central, and North American journalists and educators.

By making all journalists in all of the American republics and Canada equally entitled to recognition, the University and the donor hope that from the beginning this project will be considered all-American rather than North American. Due to the broad basis for the awards journalists in any country may be recognized for their public service as between two neighboring countries, as for example, between Brazil and Chile, or between San Salvador and Mexico, or between Venezuela and Colombia, or between Canada and Peru, or any other groups of nations, providing the service rendered advances sympathetic understanding among the peoples of the Western Hemisphere.

The Maria Moors Cabot Prizes will be awarded on the basis of professional and educational excellence and achievement without regard for politics or political and economic ideologies. Neither Columbia University nor the donor has any financial, commercial, or political interests or obligations anywhere in South or Central America nor any political ax to