

Failing utterly in his attempt to break into the organization, he has secured memberships in a large number of cities by purchase - never, it will be noted, by election. So long as there were other members who were loyal in the same fields this constituted no serious menace to the welfare of the organization. He has now, however, secured control of three or more memberships in cities where his papers are the sole afternoon members, and in one city the only morning member. It seems to me our news service from those members is not in accord with Associated Press standards.

Defeated in every attempt to break the backbone of our organization, now, boring from within, he seeks protection from those he has assailed.

Using his acquired rights of protest to exclude applicants, he sells the excluded applicants his own news services.

Now then, in four such cases the members at the annual meeting of the Associated Press have elected members to the Association despite Hearst's opposition.

Our Directors certainly may be trusted by members somewhat remote from the situation, as we are. I ask you to remember that fourteen out of fifteen Directors of the organization - men who know the situation - men who must feel, as I feel, that the menace of Mr. Hearst's growing minority vote in the Association must be considered by all the membership - voted in favor of the applications of The Baltimore Evening Sun and The Rochester Times-Union. Isn't it, therefore, wise for us to follow them? And isn't it tremendously important not to let our ballots die in our desks in a crisis like this?

Sincerely yours,

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