

**Local 307**

# New Brunswick Typographical Union



**New Brunswick, N. J.**

64 James Street  
South River, N. J.  
July 6, 1959

Harry L. Billings, Editor  
Peoples Voice  
Helena, Montana

Dear Mr. Billings:

May I express my sincere congratulations on your winning one of the Sidney Hillman Foundation awards. I hope you and Mrs. Billings had a very nice time in New York City.

Would you and Mrs. Billings please autograph the enclosed picture that appeared in the ITU Journal, for me? Aside from my duties as President of No. 307, I collect autographs of famous people. I feel my collection would not be complete without yours. I assure you I shall appreciate it very much.

My very good wishes to you and Mrs. Billings, and many thanks.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

*Wallace McDermott*

Wallace McDermott, President  
New Brunswick Typo Union No. 307

October 1, 1959

Mr. Wallace McDermott, Pres.  
New Brunswick Typo Local 307  
64 James Street  
South River, N. J.

Dear Bro. McDermott:

For weeks and weeks yours of July 6 has lain on my desk demanding an answer. I have learned the cherished printers' art of "alibing" well, over the years in serving in both front and back shop capacities. And, each one of the numerous alibis I have conveniently at hand at this moment I could outline to you in 3,000 or more words.

I won't. Just mention in passing that this has been a busy busy time. Besides a sustained drive at remodeling our house, I'm chairman of Local 95's scale committee and we've been working. Looks like it's going to take a lot of that stuff to squeeze any decent raise out of the publishers this year. Also, I'm a delegate to Helens Trades & Labor, and, by the nature of the publication I edit (it's former-labor owned), and its location (across the street from State Capitol) there's a tremendous amount of time spent with people coming into Helens. THE VOICE is something of a "hub" and information exchange center in addition to being a publication.

Out. I was well on my way toward that 3,000-word possibility.

Please, your comments about "famous people" were most welcome, but, we don't look at it that way. We were lucky enough to win the award --something we never dreamed could happen. We had a wonderful 18 days in NYC, Phila, and D.C., but, were we a happy pair of grandparents when we put foot down on snow last May 4 when we returned to Helens. Actually, for all the financial problems this operation has all the time, Gretchen and I think we're probably among the most fortunate newspaper people in the country. WE DO NOT HAVE TO RESTRAIN OUR EDITORIAL OPINIONS FOR ANY REASON! Our freedom is not unlike that which Scoop White had as editor of LABORS' DAILY--except maybe we have even a greater latitude. And, let me assure you, we do get a hell of a lot of kick out of living under the circumstances, particularly with our sons all grown and our not having the \$\$ worries we did have, up to last June when the youngest finished college.

Thanks again for your letter. And, please accept my apologies for being so slow in replying.

Yours very truly

*Give to  
Gretchen*

July 8, 1959

Peoples Voice  
Box 838  
Helena, Montana

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Billings:

Enclose find check for \$3.00 for one years subscription for The Peoples Voice from 2-28-59 and pardon my delay because of being confined in hospital and at Home for the past few months.

I also want to congratulate you both on winning the award on a National extent on your editorials.

Both organised labor and the Farm Unions should back your paper financially to make it the best paper for all parties in the State.

I am 79 years of age and have been retired for 14 years and because of small retirement payments it takes much efforts to live on my income but I intend to keep up my subscription of the Voice as long as possible.

Thanking you both for your fine editorials, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*W.A. Haswell*

*(NOTE, 8/1/84 - Father of Chief Justice Frank Haswell - HLB)*

Plena Montana  
July 8, 1959

Dear Gretchen + Harry,

Congratulations on the Hillman award! Was so very impressed on the article in June 26<sup>th</sup> issue on Bakers situation. It means a lot to me little folks to get acknowledged in a paper as prominent as yours. Thank you very much.

Please find enclosed two subscriptions one for Mrs. Ed Sikarski Sr.

2.

Willard, Montana  
and my own over,  
overdue so long. I enjoy  
your paper very much  
and encourage others  
to get it as we here so  
far east have a hard  
time getting the "inside"  
information you folks  
are capable & brave enough  
to spill!!!

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs. Kermit Livengood  
Pluma, Montana  
Sec. Treas. Fallon Co. Demo.  
Womens Club.

July 15, 1959

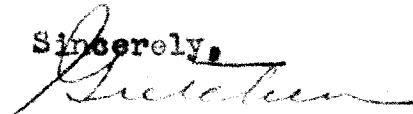
Mrs. Kermit Livengood  
Flevna, Montana

Dear Mrs. Livengood,

Thank you for the two subscriptions, and the  
congratulations.

I wish there was more we could do about the  
Baker situation, but at least we could give it a little  
publicity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gretchen G. Billings".

Gretchen G. Billings

July 15, 1959

Mr. James S. Umber, President  
MONTANA STATE AFL-CIO  
Box 1176  
Helena, Montana

Dear Jim,

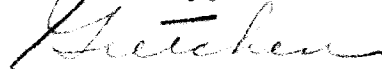
Harry and I want to thank you for the resolution you introduced at the AFL-CIO Convention a few weeks ago concerning our receiving the Sidney Hillman award for journalism.

We want to express our warm appreciation to you and to the members of the AFL-CIO.

We would like to add that while we have been basking in the warmth of these kind words from our friends, we are not so foolish as not to realize that if it had not been for these same friends and their devotion to the principles behind the VOICE the Hillman award would not have been possible for us.

Did you know the resolution was inserted in the Congressional Record by Senator James E. Murray?

Sincerely,



Gretchen and Harry Billings

Congratulations  
Gretchen & Harry!

We knew you were  
good. It took others  
a little longer to  
say it.

But your trip was  
a memorable one.  
Keep the good work  
up. Bob & Marie Cotton.  
(Valley County)



July 15, 1959

Dear Bob and Marie,

We sure appreciated your note congratulating us on winning the Sidney Hillman Award.

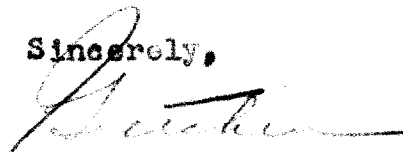
We received so many letters that I have had a hard time getting at answering all of them. I hope to get done today with those we have now, and then I will feel better about it, because we did so appreciate getting them.

Yes, we had a memorable trip. Didn't see any place that I liked better than home, tho.

One thing, we sure know, and that is if it hadn't been for wonderful people like you who have had faith in the VOICE and helped keep it alive, we would never have been able to win the Hillman award.

We wish all of you could have gone to New York with us. We told everyone about the VOICE and they could hardly believe it. I guess it is the only publication of its kind in the nation.

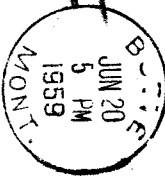
Sincerely,



Gretchen and Harry

Return to

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E. J. Goodrich Bulte  
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Montana's

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Independent State-Wide Newspaper

The People's Voice

for

"The Other Side" of the News

Box 838



Helena, Montana

MONTANA'S ONLY STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

*To the State Capitol Building*  
**THE PEOPLE'S VOICE**

Perkins

Enclosed see check for the price to  
May 22. 20: I see in our paper paper you're, I believe  
odd New York don't like subscription I have seen  
there I was glad to see you folks got the paper  
Money, E. A. Hines, 605 E. Front St. Butte, Mont.

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E. A. HINES  
605 E. FRONT ST.  
BUTTE, MONTANA

give to you  
the paper  
when done

July 15, 1959

Mr. E. A. Hines  
605 Front Street  
Butte, Montana

Dear Mr. Hines,

I imagine our girl has your subscription fixed up properly by this time, and may even have written you a note on it, but she put the note on my desk in which you mention our trip to New York to receive the Hillman Award for Journalism, and I want to thank you for writing.

We enjoyed New York, but were glad to get back to our old stamping grounds. It was interesting and different and just full of things to do. We did all we had time to do, because we figured we probably wouldn't be going back, and as long as it cost so much money to make the trip we thought we should make the most of it.

As always, those who play must pay the piper, and it seems we can't ever get caught up.

Sincerely,



Gretchen G. Billings

CLAUDE C. GRAY.

ATTORNEY AT LAW  
BIG TIMBER, MONTANA

Dear Mr & Mrs Bellings:

Enclosed find my subscription -  
I want to thank you for the  
copies giving the Legislative  
committee Highway report -

It was in demand and I had  
letters asking me for copies -  
I was also happy that the  
issue carried the story of  
your honor, in receiving the  
Killman award - I want  
to congratulate you.

The first time in Helena, I  
want a visit with you -  
of either one of you or both  
of you Travel East. Remember  
the Grays live on the Boulder  
River and would be  
glad to see you  
Sincerely yours

Claude C. Gray

July 15, 1959

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Gray,

Here I sit, all hot and weary, and read about the Grays on the Boulder River who would be glad to see us, and me, who would be glad to see them, chained to my desk.


You better beware, because at the first opportunity we are coming down. My whole summer has been taken up this year, as it was last, making speeches at County Farmers Union picnics. They are on Sunday, and what that does to my week-ends!!! But it is a wonderful opportunity for us to get out and meet the people from whom we must expect support for the VOICE, and we can't overlook any chances we have. We are just glad to be invited. I had six spots last summer. This summer Harry said only 3. However, one picnic was cancelled...we weren't told and made the trip anyhow...now we go back there the 19th. I think that will be all then for this summer.

When you come to Helena be sure and come and see us. Maybe we could spend the evening together--at our house.

The Republicans have something up their sleeve on this highway thing...don't know what...but I'm a little bothered about some activity that is going on. Be prepared for some counter attack.

It was good to get your letter and thank you for the congratulations.

Sincerely,



Gretchen and Harry

Great Falls, Mont.  
July 17, 1959

The People's Voice  
Box 838  
Helena, Mont.

Dear Mr & Mrs. Billings:

Inclosed is \$3.00 for renewal of my subscription,  
(past due since May 13th) I am extremely sorry for  
overlooking this and appreciate your continuing sending  
my copy since that date. I enjoy it very much and it is  
a political education in itself.

Would also like to add my congratulations on your  
winning of the Sidney Hillman Award.

Sincerely,

*Arnold Anderson*

2116 6th Ave. South  
Great Falls, Montana

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
CHAPEL HILL

SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM

August 5, 1959

Dear Gretchen and Harry:

What a pleasure it was to see your pictures in The Publishers' Auxiliary and read the story about you.

It recalled many pleasant memories, and interesting events.

Living in Montana was fun, and I miss it very much.

However life here is rewarding. It hardly seems possible that I have completed two years of teaching journalism where I taught geography for three years more than a quarter of a century ago. Many of my students have already done very well, and there is satisfaction in this.

Best wishes to you both and I hope our trails cross again one of these days.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ken', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Ken Byerly



FROM THE DESK OF  
SENATOR MONROE SWEETLAND  
DEMOCRAT - CLACKAMAS COUNTY  
HOME ADDRESS: MILWAUKIE, OREGON



OREGON STATE SENATE

Monday, Aug 10

Dear Billings,

Thought you might be able to use an extra clip on the Aux story --

I can't tell you how surprised I was to see the attention you and Mrs B. had from the Auxiliary -- but I'm sure my pleasant reaction was as nothing compared to the jolt it must have been to many of our contemporaries among the Montana press!

I know how rough it is to keep the VOICE going, and have felt that I keep posted on Montana affairs through it, just as I do on Texas through the Observer(Do you see it?)....

Warmest regards,

*Monroe Sweetland*

August 21, 1959

Mr. Monroe Sweetland  
Milwaukie Review  
Milwaukie, Oregon

Dear Editor Sweetland:

Thanks so much for those kind words, re Pub. AUX spread on us.

Yep, Montana is a hard place in which to keep an independent publication going. Except for a commercial printing plant and a number of old die-hard liberals who regularly contribute, I don't think VOICE would have ever survived its first year. As it is, we are now tottering toward the end of the paper's 20th year (Dec. 6).

All black crape aside...the PV is fun. We've always had financial problems, have grown used to them...but there's so much satisfaction in being able to write completely without fetters, whether those imposed by advertising accounts or by "angels". Having neither--except the limited adv. our bylaws permit us to take, and those hundreds of "faithful" who each year send in anywhere from two to a hundred bucks contribution and ~~and~~ our "angels"--life as newspaper people is most enjoyable.

Although much of the weekly press find it fit and proper to be hostile to opinions and crusades carried on by the PV--there's nothing any narrower than small town businessmen advertisers--we do have a number of good friends in the weekly field whom we help, and in turn, they co-operate with us on many things.

I do not see the Texas OBSERVER. Guess we'll have to send an "X" to them, along with a short letter.

We've been having a jolly good time of it pouring it on to that d.....d telephone company, and that x/box & highway commission. Both issues are pretty hot here. Time will show how successful we are in both cases.

We're not too enthused about 1960. Crop of Dem Presidential aspirants with exception of Stevenson do little to inspire. Landrum-Griffin won't help. Same goes for record of this Johnsonized Congress.

Thanks again.

Yours very truly



August 12, 1959

Mr. Dick Bjorklund  
THE PUBLISHERS AUXILIARY  
210 So. Desplaines St.  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dick Bjorklund:

Please accept Gretchen and my appreciation for the spread you gave us in August 1 AUK. Already we've had letters on it from as far away as North Carolina and Oregon.

Also, our thanks to you for the tearsheets. We have three sons--two in Seattle (married and fathers) and one in Washington, D.C., and they're pretty proud of Mom and Pop over that Hillman award. They'll want clippings. So will Gretchen's parents and mine.

I'm going you one better on sending "a copy of THE VOICE". I'm literally throwing the book at you. That is, I've picked at random a number of issues of it in 1959. These seem to give some idea of the scope of coverage of the publication. Also, there's a miniature PV in envelope giving a little of the background of this liberal publication which, although never far from the wolf, has managed to near the end of its 20th year (Dec. 6, 1939). We've been here since 1 March 1946. It's been rough at times--particularly when some of the American Legion sought to tack our hides on a wall. Many threats during 18-month battle to knock out one-armed bandits. Needless to say, we top the "unpopularity" rating among publications here in the state...BUT NOW WE DO ENJOY OUR OPPORTUNITY TO WRITE WITHOUT FETTERS!

In the main, we are supported (via subscriptions, commercial printing and outright contributions) by labor unions and Farmers Union people. Even though they're our "angels", every once in a while we have to crack down on some things they've done that are not in the general public interest. Its those times when the fur flies, but what must be done must be done.

Thanks for your good wishes. We're putting you on the mailing list so that you may get an idea of the publication, week in and week out. (Incidentally, this isn't a good time of year--always a quiet period around Statehouse across the street.)

(I've marked a number of papers to give you some general idea of issues we've been into just this year.)

Yours very truly,

*Harry L. Bickley*



Aug 1, 56

*Y ou're getting too damn respectable!*  
*Publshes Our V oice*

Editor of the Week

Montana's 'Peoples' Voice' May Speak Freely

HARRY L. BILLINGS and his attractive wife Gretchen have realized the great dream of all newspaper people on the People's Voice in Helena, Montana.

A cooperative corporation missing the boat, failing to capitalize on the opportunities presented them to assume an active leadership on the local level," he asserts.

Proof that Billings practices according to his own preaching is the Sidney Hillman award he won in 1938 for displaying courage in journalism and serving the highest ideals of a free press.

The Editor of the Week came into newspaper work naturally through his mother Edna Gannaway Billings, who published the Gannas Hot Springs (Mont. Ex-change).

He worked in his mother's print shop at 13 and went on to study journalism at the University of Montana, where he won a BA in 1931.

After a year or working on the defunct Western Progressive in Helena, Billings held the editorship of his mother's newspaper from 1938-42.

In 1943, he became editor of The Builder, a publication of the Technical Engineers Union in Tacoma, Wash., where he also worked on the Tacoma Labor Advocate until 1945.

It was in 1946 that he took over as managing editor of the cooperatively published People's Voice and got a chance at free-swinging editorializing to put his theories into effect.

Gretchen Billings, who was married to Harry when he was a young journalism graduate in 1938, took time out from raising three sons to join her husband in the writing and production of the active weekly.

Their boys are John and Mike, both married and living in Seattle, Wash., and Leon, who is a student at Montana State University in



...A crusading team

Missoula. Three granddaughters are also sources of pride to the busy newspaper couple.

When the People's Voice is stilled for the week and the Billingses can take time out, they go to a 40-acre hideaway near Thompson Falls.

At home, Harry works at cabinet making and carpentry while his wife escapes writing, bookkeeping, public speaking and radio broadcasting by being her own seamstress.

Both are union members; she of Builders Workers Local 101 and he of IUPU Local 85 and the Mont-

Dear Ed

Who's to Blame: Agencies or Weekly Papers?

**F. J. Newman**  
MANAGER

WESTERN NEWSPAPER UNION  
126 Pierpont Ave., Salt Lake City 10, Utah



August 14, 1959

Mr. Harry L. Billings  
The People's Voice  
Helena, Montana

Dear Harry:

In looking over the August 1 Publishers' Auxiliary I was very interested in reading the Editor of the Week article and seeing your pictures.

This brings to mind many pleasant visits in your shop and I just wanted to take this opportunity to say "hello" to you and Gretchen. I trust everything is going well with you and should your travels ever bring you down this way be sure to drop in.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

*Frank*

FJN:J



November 6, 1939

Mr. Clayton Parker  
Box 140, Route 1  
Anaconda, Montana

Dear Mr. Parker:

There are some very thoughtful people in Montana. Certainly, you are one of them.

This is way of extending our appreciation to you for that very generous letter in LADR.

You will be interested in knowing that we've had at least a half dozen new subscriptions come in, in addition to a letter from California asking information and samples of THE WICK. Two of the subs were out of state--North Dakota and Illinois. Balance, Montana. All of these we feel are directly chargeable to your letter.

We had a similar experience some months ago when Editor Levin was so good about giving Gretchen and I a substantial spread on our being one of the 1938 Sidney Hillman award winners.

Again, may I express our thanks to you. With a major national-state campaign coming up and with all of us of labor having so very much at stake we feel it quite imperative that THE WICK's circulation grow and grow and grow, that more people will be able to get detailed information on issues, particularly those confronting Montana.

Yours very truly

Harry L. Billings

cc Ruben Levin



# THE SIDNEY HILLMAN FOUNDATION

INC.

15 UNION SQUARE WEST, NEW YORK 3, N. Y. • PHONE: ALGONQUIN 5-7800

October 5, 1959

## M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Previous Sidney Hillman Prize Award Winners

FROM: Howard D. Samuel, Executive Director

I am enclosing a copy of our circular announcing the 1959 prize award contest. If anything notable in the way of a newspaper or magazine article, a book, a television or radio program, etc., has come to your attention during the past year, I would appreciate it if you would let me know.

I might add that one each of the winning submissions in 1957 and 1958 were first brought to our attention by a former winner, for which we are much obliged.



(Please Post)

# The Sidney Hillman Foundation, Inc.

15 Union Square, New York 3, N. Y.

## Prize Awards — 1959

The Sidney Hillman Foundation will award prizes of \$500 each for outstanding contributions dealing with themes relating to the ideals which Sidney Hillman held throughout his life, and which he expressed in the words reproduced at the right.

Such themes would include the protection of individual civil liberties, improved race relations, a strengthened labor movement, the advancement of social welfare and economic security, greater world understanding, and related problems.

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"We want a better America, an America that will give its citizens, first of all, a higher and higher standard of living so that no child will cry for food in the midst of plenty. We want to have an America where the inventions of science will be at the disposal of every American family, not merely for the few who can afford them. An America that will have no sense of insecurity and which will make it possible for all groups, regardless of race, creed or color to live in friendship, to be real neighbors; an America that will carry its great mission of helping other countries to help themselves."

SIDNEY HILLMAN, 1946

### AWARD WINNERS — 1958

JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH, for his book, *The Affluent Society*.

HARVEY SWADOS, for his article, "Myth of the Powerful Worker" in *The Nation*.

HARRY L. and GRETCHEN BILLINGS, for their editorials on civil liberties and public welfare in *The People's Voice* (Helena, Montana) (Weekly journalism).

RALPH MCGILL, for his editorial columns defending the public school system in *The Atlanta Constitution* (Daily journalism).

IRVING GITLIN for his supervision of CBS *Unit One*, particularly the programs, "Who Killed Michael Farmer" and "P.O.W. — A Study in Survival."

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SIDNEY HILLMAN, 1946

## AWARD WINNERS — 1959

HAROLD M. HYMAN, for his book, *To Try Men's Souls* (University of California Press).

HARRY W. ERNST and CHARLES H. DRAKE, for their article, "Poor, Proud and Primitive: The Lost Appalachians," in *The Nation*.

EDWARD P. MORGAN, for his news broadcasts over the ABC Network.

WNTA-TV, N.Y., for "The Play of the Week" programs.

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December 16, 1960

Mr. Howard D. Samuel, Exec. Dir.  
The Sidney Hillman Foundation  
15 Union Square West  
New York 3, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Samuel:

I wish I could pinpoint a fellow Montanan for consideration for the Hillman Award at this time. Unfortunately, there hasn't been anything particularly outstanding in the realm of reporting, writing or radio to come to my attention in the Treasure State this past year.

I would suggest that the finest piece of documented and thorough journalism I've read this year was in THE NATION. It was a recent complete issue of the magazine devoted to "Goulding, Inc." and I believe it was Fred Cook who did the job. The enormity of the issue and the depth of his analysis of that issue, in my book, qualifies him for favorable consideration for some journalistic award.

By the way, an earlier Hillman Award winner--Vic Rainoner (1954 ?) is receiving powerful support from out here in the west for appointment as Commissioner of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. We who know Vic well feel he would make an excellent man for the post. The Secretary-designate of the Interior, Rep. Stewart Udall, as I understand it, has this appointment authority. Should the opportunity present itself for you or the designated to put in a plug for Vic I am certain you could not place your confidence in a better man--even though my mind is somewhat hazy as to any direct relationship between New York City and our Indian people. There is this...your organization stands for people and their wellbeing. Vic, we are confident, with his background on Indian Affairs and his devotion to the needs of people, is in close intellectual harmony with the purposes of the foundation.

Incidentally, the offer is still open...if you ever get out into "Old's Country", please look us up. In our own primitive way we'll try to make your Montana visit enjoyable.

Yours very truly

Harry L. Billings.

P.S. Gretchen and I still reminisce over the wonderful trip that we had in April 1960, thanks to the Hillman award.



September 29, 1961

Mr. Howard Samuels  
Sidney Hillman Foundation  
15 Union Square  
New York 3, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Samuels:

I have your notice that the Foundation is now open for suggested 1961 award winners. I have a couple in mind as worthy of this high honor.

One of these, Fred J. Cook, whom I (among others no doubt) recommended a year ago and who received the 1960 award for "Gambling, Inc.", is again this year outstanding by virtue of his full-length documentation on the CIA. I presume, however, that you do not have "repeat" awards in consecutive years.

My other--and equal recommendation--is Hans Eng of the Santa Barbara (Calif.) NEWS-PRESS for his excellent series early this year on the John Birch Society. These were reprinted in the Congressional Record in April, I believe, and were valuable additional material for us to use for background as well as distribution to interested people--my supply of these reprints made available by another SHF award winner, Vic Richner, unfortunately is exhausted. I'm sure Eng has additional copies of the series.

On this John Birch movement, sorry to say, we have altogether too much of it out in this section. The extremist philosophy they espouse was evident throughout the 1961 Montana Legislature, and it wasn't until late in the session that we began getting info on JBS as the "control tower" distributing a-much of their anti-democratic propaganda. The Governor, Nutter (a fitting name), has adroitly sidestepped whether or not he is a Bircher in fact, although he has followed the extreme right-wing line of theirs consistently. His eastern Montana campaign manager, one Math Dasinger, is Montana coordinator for the JBS. The second district congressman, Rep. James Hutton, has spoken kindly of the Birch Society, and he, too, has a record in first session (his first) of following Rousselot, Utt, etc., with rare deviation. Out here they don't identify themselves as Birchers, but rather as: Montanans for Better Citizenship, Patriotic Christian Crusade, Farmers Anti-Communist League, etc.

Here I've gone and gotten off the subject, but, struck me you might be interested in some on-the-scene impressions of the "Know Nothing" parade as it has revealed itself in Montana the past number of months.

Yours very truly

(Please Post)

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## Prize Awards—1961

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SIDNEY HILLMAN, 1946

## AWARD WINNERS — 1960

DAVIS McENTIRE, research director of the five volume study prepared for The Commission on Race and Housing and author of the final volume, *Residence and Race* (University of California Press).

FRED J. COOK, for "Gambling Inc.," a special issue of *The Nation*.

SYLVAN MEYER, for his editorials in *The Daily Times* (Gainesville, Ga.).

WALTER PETERS and MARSHAL DISKIN, producer and director respectively of the program, "Cast the First Stone" *ABC-TV*.

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4. THERE ARE NO APPLICATION FORMS. Only a brief accompanying letter is necessary.
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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Billings  
The People's Voice  
1205 Dockey Street  
Helena, Montana 59601

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Billings:

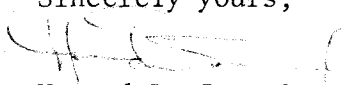
I am writing to ask your help in a matter regarding the Sidney Hillman Awards. Since 1950, the Foundation has been giving awards for newspaper and magazine articles, radio and television programs, and books. Unfortunately we have neglected to keep copies of all the newspaper articles which have received our award over the years. Now we are trying to complete our files and we find that among the missing articles are your editorials on civil liberties and public welfare in The People's Voice in 1958.

We would be grateful if you could secure copies of these editorials and send them to us. If, for some reason, no copies are available, please let us know.

There is a possibility that next year we will publish an anthology of material which has received Sidney Hillman Foundation Awards, but we cannot crystallize our plans until we have completed our files and have all the material on hand. I look forward to hearing from you, therefore, at your earliest convenience, and appreciate your efforts in this behalf.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Howard D. Samuel  
Executive Director