VOICE Editors Presented One of 1958 Hillman Foundation Awards

NEW YORK CITY—Wednesday—Harry and Gretchen Billings of the Montana PEOPLE'S VOICE today were presented one of the five 1958 Sidney Hillman Foundation $500 awards for outstanding "editorials on civil liberties and welfare . . ." during that year.

The awards were presented at a luncheon in the Hotel Roosevelt by Jacob S. Potosky, foundation president, and president of the international union once headed by the late Sidney Hillman, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America.

In addition to the cash prize, award winners received all-expense trips to New York City for the presentation ceremonies. The ceremonies were broadcast over a number of New York area radio stations.

The four other 1958 award winners are:

John Kenneth Galbraith, Harvard University, for his book, THE AFFLUENT SOCIETY;

Ralph McGill, for his editorial columns on integration in the ATLANTA (Ga.) CONSTITUTION;

Harvey Swados for his article, "Myth of the Powerful Worker" in THE NATION, and,

Irving Gitlin for his supervision of CBS Radio "Unit One," particularly the program on Korean POWs and "Who Killed Michael Farmer".

NOTED NEWSMEN SERVED AS JUDGES

Judges for this year's Hillman Foundation awards are two nationally-known radio newsmen and a former book critic of the New York HERALD TRIBUNE. They are:

Eric Sevareid, chief of the Columbia Broadcasting System's Washington News Bureau;

William L. Shirer, long time radio commentator and author of BERLIN DIARY, and;

Lewis Gannett, former New York HERALD TRIBUNE book critic.

ONE OTHER MONTANAN SO HONORED

Prior to the 1958 award to Harry and Gretchen Billings, the Hillman prize had been accorded another Montanan, Vic Reinemer, Reinemer, raised on a farm near Circle and also a graduate of Montana State University School of Journalism, won the coveted award in 1954, New executive secretary to Sen. James E. Murray, Reinemer at that time was an editorial writer for the CHARLOTTE (N. C.) NEWS.

The Sidney Hillman Foundation prize awards were established shortly after Mr. Hillman's death in 1946 "in recognition of outstanding published or produced contributions dealing with the general subjects of trade union development, race relations, civil liberties, world peace and related problems", according to Foundation President Potosky.

Sidney Hillman, who came to America as a young man from Lithuania in 1907, was a needle worker by trade who early showed exceptional leadership ability and a determination to end the deplorably low wages and equally deplorable working conditions under which he and his fellow craftsmen labored in the garment industry.

Following an active role in the first great strike of men's clothing workers by his union, the United Garment Workers, Hillman rose rapidly in the Chicago area labor movement. He died in 1946 as the men's clothing workers split off from the UGW and formed the Amalgamated Clothing Workers. Hillman became the new union's first international president—a post he held until his death on July 18, 1946 at the age of 42.

FIRST CIO-PAC HEAD

Dedicated to the importance of establishing the dignity of the wage earner socially, economically and politically on a basis of equality with other segments of the American body politic, Hillman was an inspirational as well as actual leader in the American labor movement for more than three decades. Firmly committed to the absolute need for working men and women playing an active, intelligent role in politics, he was a "natural" to head up the then CIO Political Action Committee when it was organized in 1943 following labor's having taken a number of severe drubbings in the 78th Congress.

Hillman headed CIO-PAC until his death and during those years it helped bring a realization not only to labor, but the general public as well, that political activity is fully as important an economic activity if laboring people, union and non-union, are to achieve equality of opportunity in our democracy.
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People’s Voice Wins High Award

NEW YORK CITY—Harry and Gretchen Billings, who edit and publish the weekly People’s Voice in Helena, Mont., have received a 1958 Sidney Hillman Foundation award for their outstanding editorials “on civil liberties and welfare.” The People’s Voice proudly accepts no ads, except from co-ops.

Others similarly honored recently are John Kenneth Galbraith for his book, The Affluent Society; Harvey Swados for his articles, “Myth of the Powerful Worker” in the Nation; Ralph McGill for his editorials defending public schools in the Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution; and Irving Gitlin for his supervision of CBS Radio “Unit One,” particularly the programs “Who Killed Michael Farmer?” and “POW—a Study in Survival.”

Amalgamated Clothing Workers and the clothing industry established the foundation in 1947 to honor the union’s former president. Its awards are “in recognition of outstanding published or produced contributions dealing with trade union development, race relations, civil liberties, and world peace.”

Billings Receive $500 Sidney Hillman Award

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Billings of Helena, son-in-law and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Garber of Plains, are the joint winners of a $500 Sidney Hillman prize award for their editorials on civil liberties and welfare.

Mr. Billings is publisher of the People’s Voice, published in Helena. Mrs. Billings assists him as a writer.

In addition to the cash award, the Billings received an expense paid trip to New York City to receive the money. Other Hillman award winners are John Kenneth Galbraith for his book, “The Affluent Society”; Ralph McGill, editor of the Atlanta Ga. Constitution for his editorial columns on integration; Harvey Swados for his articles “Myth of the Powerful Worker” in The Nation; and Irving Gitlin for his supervision of CBS radio “Unit One,” particularly the programs on the Korean War.

Judges were Lewis Gannett, Eric Sevard and William L. Shirer.
Honor Railman's Daughter
And Husband for Crusading

GRETCHEK AND HARRY BILLINGS, co-editors of militant Montana weekly paper, who recently received the coveted Hillman Award.

Sidney Hillman Foundation Citation Goes to Couple Editing Progressive Weekly in the West

OUT in Helena, Mont., congratulations are still pouring in here on a husband-wife editorial team, honored recently by the Sidney Hillman Foundation for "outstanding editorials on civil liberties and welfare." The team's composed of Harry L. and Gretchen Billings, editors of The People's Voice, one of the West's leading progressive and hard-hitting weekly papers.

Both are widely known to railmen in the West—and Mrs. Billings, particularly, because she comes from a long line of railroadmen. Her father, John Garber, now retired, served as a vice president of the Train Dispatchers, as assistant to the president, and as editor of the organization's official magazine. Formerly, he was general chairman on the Northern Pacific.

Also, her grandfather was a conductor; her uncle, a freight conductor and her mother, a telegrapher, all on the NP. As she puts it, her family "was all wrapped up in railroading."

To top matters, their eldest son—John Garber Billings—is a member of the Railway Clerks, employed on the Northwest Airlines in Seattle.

The Billings were presented with a $500 award from the Hillman Foundation for their courageous editorials, and got an all-expense-paid trip to New York for ceremonies at which they received the award and a framed citation. The foundation was established in memory of the late Sidney Hillman, head of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and during World War II, co-chairman of the War Production Board.

The Billings were among five winners of the foundation's 1958 awards and they were selected by a board of judges composed of Eric Sevareid, Columbia Broadcasting System commentator; William L. Shirer, noted author, and Lewis Gannett, former book critic of the New York Herald Tribune. LABOR also received an award from the foundation several years ago.

Both Billings are natives of Montana. He's had a varied career as a labor journalist, draftsman, architect, civil engineer and printer. Harry holds membership now in the Typographical union and formerly belonged to the Technical Engineers and DraXtmen's union. Gretchen holds a card in the Bookbinders' union. They married in the depression, and during World War II both worked in the Seattle-Tacoma shipyards.

They established The People's Voice in 1946, and it has been consistently an aggressive and liberal farmer-labor weekly, fighting on the progressive side of all issues. The paper has been an independent beacon light, particularly because nearly all dailies in the state are owned by Anaconda Power Co.
Voice Wins Hillman Prize

Harry and Gretchen Billings, editors of The People's Voice since 1948, won international recognition April 22 when they received a Sidney Hillman Foundation award for outstanding editorials on civil liberties and the public welfare.

Award certificates and $500 prize checks were presented at a gathering of 300 persons in the grand ballroom of the Hotel Roosevelt in New York City.

With Mr. and Mrs. Billings in New York were Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Holtz of Floweree. Mrs. Holtz is president of The People's Voice Publishing Company, and Mr. Holtz is a veteran State Representative for Cascade County. After their New York visit, the two couples were honored by the Montana Congressional delegation at Washington, D. C.


The Sidney Hillman Foundation was established in 1947, in memory of the late president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. Jacob S. Potofsky, foundation president, and Mr. Hillman's successor as head of the clothing workers, presented the award ceremony.

"The progress of our democracy," he said, "depends in part on the free flow of information to our citizens, so that they can be informed on the leading public issues, and thereby make enlightened decisions. To maintain this free flow we must depend on the press, on magazines, on books, on radio and television, etc. It is to encourage these media to perform this vital function that the foundation instituted its prize awards."

Mr. Billings was one of the speakers at the award luncheon. He and Mrs. Billings both addressed the Electric Consumers Information Committee at a luncheon meeting in Washington.

The late Sidney Hillman came to America from Lithuania in 1907. He was a needle worker by trade, and a union leader of exceptional leadership ability and determination to improve inhuman wages and working conditions in the garment industry. He became the first international president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers in 1914, holding the

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MONTANA EDITORS WIN HIGH JOURNALISM AWARD

New York—Harry and Gretchen Billings, husband and wife editors of The Peoples Voice, Helena, Montana, were presented on Wednesday, April 22 with one of the five Sidney Hillman Foundation awards for outstanding “editorials on civil liberties and welfare” for 1958. The awards were presented to the honored recipients at a luncheon in the Hotel Roosevelt by Jacob S. Potofsky, president of the Hillman Foundation and also president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America.

Judges of this year’s Hillman Foundation Awards were Eric Severeid, chief of the Columbia Broadcasting System’s Washington news bureau; Lewis Gannett, former New York Herald book critic; William L. Shirer, author and longtime news commentator.

The four other winners of awards were John Galbraith, Harvard University, for his book, “The Affluent Society”; Ralph McGill, for editorials on integration in the Atlanta Constitution; Harvey Swados for articles on “Myth of the Powerful Worker” in the Nation; and Irving Goffin, for his supervision of CBS programs on Korean POWs and “Who Killed Michael Farmer.”

Only one other Montanan has ever won a Hillman Award. In 1954 Vic Reinemer received the honor. He was then an editorial writer for the Charlotte (NC) News. He is now executive secretary to Senator James E. Murray. Although not living in Montana when he won the honor, Reinemer was raised on a farm in McCone county, near Circle.

Foundation founder, Sidney Hillman, expressed his credo in the following words:

“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.”

The award carries with it not only the distinction of recognition, upon a national scale, of work well done in a chosen profession, but a $500.00 stipend, plus a trip to New York to receive the award. The Billings are also visiting the nation’s capital city while in the east.
A Chicago man...

Harry T. Witting, in Federal Bureau of Investigation's "People's Voice" May Speak Freely publication, Montana (1931)

1931: The Chicago labor advocate with his homegrown labor union.

"What to the Tommy man in 1931, a year when he was the most vulnerable major figure in the world?"

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A LETTER THE TOLEDO BLADE REFUSED TO PRINT

3/17/56

Editor, Toledo Blade
(Daily Forum)

International Booby Trap

Recently the Toledo Blade printed an ad, paid for by the Toledo Jewish Organizations, suggesting that our nation make a treaty with Israel to go to war in her defense to defeat Communism.

Such a treaty appears to be an international booby-trap for Uncle Sam.

Karl Marx was a Jew. Four top men (Trotsky, Zinoviev, Kemenev and Sverdlow) out of six, who over-threw Russia, were Jews. Lenin married a Jewess. See booklet "Behind Communism" page 54.

Twenty, out of thirty-two, top communist leaders charged with conspiracy against the U.S. government are Jews.

Nine, of the ten Hollywood script writers imprisoned were Jews.

Dozens of representatives of most nations of the U.N. are Jews. I can furnish their names. Jewish members of the great modern spy ring: Fuchs, Brothman, Gold, Greenglass, Oppenheimer, Weinbaum, Mariam Moscowitz, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, Sobell, Judith Coplin, Jaffe, Ginsberg and Eisler.

Harry Solomon Truman appointed three Jews, Straus, Lilienthal and Bacher, over our atomic energy secrets.

Arthur Springarn, is the Jew president of the trouble making National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the gross deceiver of the negro race. See pamphlet "Total Mongrelization".

The Anti-Christ is the same, as ever.

Christ said to the Jews. St. John 8:44, "You are of your father, the Devil, and his lusts you will do. He was a murderer and no truth in him. He is the father of lies."

Has Americanism become a dirty word? Awake Uncle Sam or become Uncle Sucker once again.

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