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SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM

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To
Nicholas Murray Butler, LL.D.
President Columbia University,
New York City.

My dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to report the following nominations by juries chosen from the members of the Administrative Board and the Teaching Staff of the School, confirmed by the Teaching Staff of the School of Journalism, on examples submitted for the year 1916 for the following Pulitzer prizes. The nominations are reported with the recommendation that they be laid before the Advisory Board of the School of Journalism for transmission, after its action, to the Trustees of Columbia University.

(4) For the best editorial article written during the year, the test of excellence being clearness of style, moral purpose, sound reasoning and power to influence public opinion in the right direction, Five Hundred dollars (\$500).

(passed)
The jury composed of Dr. Talcott Williams, Director, and Dr. J. W. Cunliffe, Associate Director, and Dr. Gerhard R. Lomer, and R. C. E. Brown, acting on behalf of the Administrative Board as well as the teaching staff of the School, nominates an editorial article which appeared in the New York Tribune, May 7th, 1916, in section 111, page 2, on the first anniversary of the sinking of the Lusitania.

(5) For the best example of a reporter's work during the year; the test being accuracy, terseness, the accomplishment of some public good commanding public attention and respect, One thousand dollars (\$1,000).

passed

The jury composed of Dr. Talcott Williams, Director, and Dr. J. W. Cunliffe, Associate Director, Associate R. E. MacAlarney and Professor Franklin Matthews, acting on behalf of the Administrative Board as well as the teaching staff of the School, nominate for this prize the articles which appeared in The World under the following dates: Oct. 10th, Oct. 15th, and from November 4th daily to November 22nd inclusive, by Herbert Bayard Swope. (Headings of articles given on page attached.)

awarded

In the case of prize (2) "For the most disinterested and public service rendered by any American newspaper during the year, a gold medal costing Five hundred dollars (\$500). The jury composed of Dr. Talcott Williams, Director, and Dr. J. W. Cunliffe, Associate Director, and Dr. E. E. Slosson, and Mr. Atwood, acting on behalf of the Administrative Board, as well as the Teaching Staff of the School of the School, and under the direction of the Teaching Staff recommend that the nomination be committed to the Advisory Board and that a communication be sent to each member in advance of the meeting of the Board informing them of this decision, and asking them to consider a nomination.

In the case of the following prize:

(1) For the best and most suggestive paper on the future development and improvement of the School of Journalism, or for any one idea that will promise great improvement in the operation of the School, One thousand dollars (\$1,000).

no award

The jury composed of Dr. Talcott Williams, Director, and Dr. J. W. Cunliffe, Associate Director, and Dr. W. B. Pitkin, acting on behalf of the Administrative Board as well as the teaching staff of the School, decided that no paper submitted was worthy of an award, one being contributed by one of the Teaching Staff being disqualified. These decision were confirmed by the Teaching Staff of the School.

In the case of the following prize:

no award

(3) For the best history of the services rendered to the public by the American press during the preceding year, One thousand dollars (\$1,000). No competitor appeared, and no history was filed.

For three travelling Scholarships having a value of \$1,500 each, the Teaching Staff of the School of Journalism nominates

Jeddes Smith, Bachelor of Lit. in Journalism, 1913
David S. Leyy, Bachelor of Lit. in Journalism, 1914
Otto D. Tolischus, Bachelor of Lit. in Journalism, 1915

I am,

Very respectfully yours,

Talcott Williams