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PEOPLE'S COLUMN

Handling of News Is Criticized By Ex-Reporter

To the Editor:

A recent press association story regarding the Weinberger kidnapping referred to the twisted intellectual responsible for the hoax telephone calls to the unhappy family.

These individuals obviously are motivated by forces incredible to any decent reader and actually probably disgusted the actual kidnapper.

However, what the release did not state was that the same news service, with others, had previously given national headlined publicity to the fact that the police

had arrested a man in a nationwide search for purchasers of a type of ransom note which had been widely advertised in the brand.

Narratives which have been no more than a series of criminal charges to keep the child in the news, and which did nothing to police what has been thoroughly warned, are swarming him. All these hundreds of columns of "news" have done is to deprive a helpless five-week-old infant who is probably receiving little or no care anyway, of medication that may mean life or death.

That may be modern-day journalism, but I doubt it. If we need the type of journalism which passes to take her picture when he sees his daughter in a burning house before going in after her, I'll read Charles Dickens.

EX-REPORTER.

Women's League Explains Choice Of Study Topics

To the Editor:

An Editorial editorial of several weeks ago suggested that the local League of Women Voters undertake a study of the latitude permitted the Supreme Court in interpreting the Constitution in view of some Federal legislation that it may be assuming the powers of Congress.

The League welcomes suggestions for study items and considers them to be a commendation of its thoughtful method of study and factual presentations.

However, as a democratic organization, local leagues work on national issues selected in convention by the majority of the leagues in the country. We believe other similar national organizations also function under this concept.

THE LEAGUE of Women Voters of the U. S. adopts its programs at biennial conventions, which are attended by representatives from all leagues. This May we selected a two-year study of two items: water resources and the federal loyalty-security programs.

These two items will be examined thoroughly by each local league before we attempt to reach any national conclusions. Should an emergency arise in a national governmental area in which the League feels it can make an effective contribution, changes in areas of study may be made during the interim year by the delegates to National Council.

The League endeavors to adopt local, state and national areas of study which can help solve important current problems. In order for our studies to reflect the needs of

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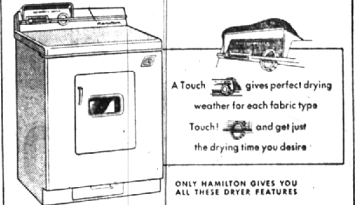
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