



Standing, from left: Lee Hills, Harry Ferguson, Merriman Smith, Robert Hyland, Donald Sosey, Alastair Dunnnett, and Leo Burnett. Seated: Dr. Frank Luther Mott, Journalism Dean Emeritus; University President Elmer Ellis; and Journalism Dean Earl English.

Seven Journalism Honor Medals awarded

Washington's Merriman Smith, the correspondent who ends those press conferences with "Thank you, Mr. President," and Scotland's Alastair Dunnnett were the speakers at this year's 54th annual Journalism Banquet and were among seven recipients of Honor Medals for Distinguished Service in Journalism. The medals were presented by Journalism Dean Earl F. English a few hours before he presided at the banquet in Rothwell Gymnasium.

Mr. Smith, United Press International White House correspondent and author, has been on the political scene in Washington since 1941. He received the National Headliners Award for his coverage of President Roosevelt's death in 1945.

Mr. Dunnnett has been editor of *The Scotsman* since 1956. The paper was founded at Edinburgh in 1817. Sir Winston Churchill once praised the paper as representing "the highest tradition of British journalism."

The Honor Medals also went to:

Leo Burnett, chairman of one of the top ten advertising agencies, Leo Burnett Co., which was founded in 1935 and now has more than 1,000 employees. He directed the non-partisan Register and Vote Campaigns in 1952 and 1956 through the Advertising Council.

Donald Sosey, publisher and editor of the Palmyra (Mo.) *Spectator*, accepted the award for the paper, oldest weekly now being published under the same family name in Missouri. Sosey is the sixth in the family to be associated with the newspaper. He was an engineering student in 1910-12.

Harry Ferguson, B.J. '25, has covered some of the biggest stories of our time, from the Lindbergh kidnaping in 1932 to the Berlin troubles in 1961. He has served UPI in five positions before moving to his present position as the service's National Reporter in Washington, D. C.

Robert Hyland accepted the award for Radio Station KMOX, St. Louis. Hyland is general manager of the station and CBS Radio vice-president. The station is regarded as offering diversity of programming unmatched in the nation.

Lee Hills, Jour. '29, accepted the award for the *Miami Herald*, one of the key papers in the Knight Newspapers. Under the direction of Hills, executive editor, the paper has put heavy emphasis on writing that is terse, colloquial and designed to explain complex issues in terms that can be grasped by readers with heavy demands on their time.