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WHO REPORTS THE NEWS FIRST?

CBS's Dan Rather, the Washington Post, and the New York Times have recently discovered Raoul Wallenberg. Until a few months ago, he had zero name ID with the average Americans who get their news from the TV and radio networks and the liberal newspapers.

Wallenberg is the handsome, wealthy, Swedish diplomat who heroically saved thousands of Jews from the holocaust. He was captured by the Russians in Hungary in 1945 and has been in Soviet prisons ever since. He is 71 this year.

Wallenberg's name, however, has been a household word for several decades among readers of conservative/right-wing/anti-Communist magazines and newsletters of small budget and circulation. Their readers knew about Soviet gulags -- and the names of many people who rotted in them -- during all those years of detente and anti-anti-Communism when liberal channels wouldn't admit that slave labor camps existed in Russia.

For 20 years, one could have read warnings in little conservative and right-wing publications about the financial folly of U.S. banks' lending billions of dollars to Communist and Third World countries. Those little publications predicted that the loans, totally unsecured and granted under terms which no American borrower could get, would eventually be a huge loss to the U.S. banks.

Meanwhile, the liberal media elite, usually so eager to expose and exploit any mishandling of a few thousand dollars by public or business officials, failed to report this largest dollar amount of mishandling of other people's money in the history of banking.

Now that it is obvious that those Communist and Third World countries are in default, and that more than $40 billion of foreign loans can't be collected, the liberal media have started to leak the bad news to the public. Powerful interests are now trying to soften up the American people for a bail-out of the big banks by forcing the American taxpayers to cover the losses.

One of the most sensational news stories of our time was the attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II. When the crime turned out to be the handiwork of the Soviet KGB

(whose boss is Andropov himself), that was even bigger news than the attempted murder itself. NBC finally presented the evidence as though it were a news-scoop exclusive; but one could have read it weeks before in many anti-Communist publications.

The New York Times has just given us "news analysis" that "China is decades away from becoming a true global power, and that the United States has little to gain now in trying to play off China [militarily] against the Soviet Union," and further that the same "demythologizing" of Red China as a trade partner for American businessmen is apparent.

Well, well. Those who read conservative, anti-Communist publications never fell for the Red China mythology in the first place. The businessmen who went looking for customers, and the diplomats who went looking for military power to balance off Russia, could have saved themselves their trips if they had read conservative publications.

Here are a few samples of the "news" you can now read in the New York Times, the Washington Post, and other elite liberal publications which you could have read long ago, often many years ago, in conservative/right-wing/anti-Communist publications: (1) The anti-American bias, votes, and rhetoric of the United Nations. (2) The failure of forced busing to achieve any desired objectives -- even the objective of racial integration!

(3) How Soviet strategic power was increasing and U.S. strategic power was decreasing so that the strategic balance favoring the U.S. in 1962 would be reversed by 1982. That awesome fact could have been read in conservative publications starting in 1965, with charts accurately predicting the military balance against us.

(4) How high school graduates would be unable to read, write and spell after the phonics reading method was removed from the first grade. (Businesses are now having to buy expensive word processors with an automatic device to locate misspelled words for the secretaries and clerks who can't find their own mistakes or correct them.

(5) How the women who followed the call of "women's liberation" in their twenties would change their outlook on life when they reached their thirties without husbands or babies. (6) The disease and other dangers of putting small children in day-care centers.

(7) The incurability of Herpes -- a fact not reported by the liberal media until the epidemic had infected 20 million Americans.

The elite liberal news media could report much important news years earlier if they would spend about $500 per year for subscriptions to conservative publications.