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INTRODUCTION

The memoir contains a timeline presentation of women journalists' fight to get equal access to news events and be allowed full membership in the formerly all-male National Press Club.

DONOR INFORMATION

The memoir was donated to the University of Missouri by Frances L. Lewine on 22 February 2007 (Accession No. 6142).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Frances Lewine was a veteran reporter for the Associated Press, and covered the White House administrations of six presidents from Eisenhower to Carter. Lewine spent more than 30 years as a wire service reporter, four years in government public affairs posts, and 20 years as an assignment editor/field producer for Cable News Network in the broadcast media.

During her White House years, Lewine covered presidents and first ladies, traveling around the world to Moscow for the famous kitchen debate between Nikita Khrushchev and Richard Nixon; to South America with Pat Nixon on an earthquake mercy mission; and chasing the Onassis yacht when Jackie Kennedy toured the Greek islands and following her on a visit to India and Pakistan.

In 1960-61, Lewine was President of the Women's National Press Club, which was formed in the 1920s as the answer to the National Press Club because it did not allow women to join or even attend their affairs. Subsequently, she was a leader in the battles to break down barriers against women in the National Press Club, the once all-male Gridiron Club, and even the White House Correspondents Association, which, until the Kennedy Administration, barred women reporters from attending their annual dinners honoring the president.

Lewine was elected to the Hall of Fame of the Washington Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, and is in the Hall of Fame of her Alma Mater, Hunter College. Frances Lewine died in 2008.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The 140 page memoir describes the fight of women journalists to gain equal access to news events and membership into the all-male National Press Club. The time period covered is 1955-1974.

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