

# Lerner, Sun-Times didn't irk Byrne; why did Tribune?

**BY JOHN KINZIE JR.**  
Near north siders were heavily involved in the Chicago Tribune story that so miffed Major Jane Byrne that she announced the paper was going to be thrown out of city hall.

The mayor's transition report was obtained by the Chicago Lawyer, edited by John Warden, 1324 N. Sandburg. Warden turned it over to Atty. William J. Bowe, 2044 N. Larrabee, for analysis. Bowe turned it over to the Tribune.

Ironically, the report was printed in great detail last Nov. 18 by the Lerner newspapers, without unduly irritating the mayor. Late editions of the Sunday Sun-Times also picked up the story from the earlier Tribune without upsetting Byrne.

The only way the mayor could stop the Tribune or any other news media from using the city hall press room would be to close it down completely.

Yes, there really are a Weber, Cohn and Riley. We



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all know James V. Riley, the president of the firm, but since the retirement of Earl Weber in the late 1960's few people if any had seen all three men together.

Riley, Weber and board chairman Ronald I. Cohn all showed up for the agency's 20th anniversary bash at 444 N. Michigan. Cohn and Riley are near north siders.

WNIB (97.1 fm), the finest classical music station in town, will celebrate its 25th anniversary next month at its studios at 12 E. Delaware.

The station has aired an estimated 125,000 hours of classical music. Currently it broadcasts the classics from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sonia Florian is the station manager and Ron Ray is program director.

"Inside Politics with Bruce DuMont," a weekly radio discussion program at 7 p.m. Thursdays, began this week on WBEZ (91.4 fm).

The 90-minute show will explore all aspects of politics. It will feature a panel of three experts each week. Listeners can take part by calling 236-1531.

Bearded John Erlichman of Watergate and Art Petacque of the Sun-Times will be interviewed by Sondra Gair at noon Friday, July 4, on WBEZ.

Rev. Garrett G. Barton of St. Michael church, 1633 N. Cleveland, will talk about "4th of July in Mind & in Heart" at 10:15 a.m. tomorrow on WPRZ (1330 am).

The WPRZ marching band will play portable



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radios turned to its station as it parades along Central st. in Evanston on Friday, July 4.

Ruth L. Ratny, publisher of the weekly newsletter Screen, and Jack Behrend of Behrend's equipment rentals will present two hours of short films on Wednesday, July 2, at Leonard Solomon's Warehouse, 745 N. LaSalle.

A social hour will begin at 6 p.m. and the screening at 7

p.m. Admission of \$5 includes gourmet wine and cheese. The shorts will include Leni Reifenstahl's Olympic diving sequence.

N.Y. Daily News, which is owned by the Chicago Tribune, will publish an afternoon edition to compete with the N.Y. Post.

The Daily News, with daily net paid circulation of 1,607,040, says it is the No. 1 newspaper in the country, although the Wall Street

Journal disputes that.

Another afternoon New York tabloid, the Wall Street Final, has begun publication with emphasis on financial news. A similar afternoon newspaper is being planned for Chicago.

Marci Whitney, 1221 N. Dearborn, has joined Carl Byoir Associates, 401 N. Michigan. She has been a reporter for the Tacoma News Tribune and a high school teacher in Guatemala City.

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