

Magazine Rejects Censorship Move By Stockholder

Saturday Evening Post
Spurns Attorney's Offer
To Withdraw Suit

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PHILADELPHIA, April 16.—Directors of the Curtis Publishing Co. have rejected a stockholder's attempt to install editorial censorship of the Saturday Evening Post.

"An editor who is bound by the business organization of a magazine or newspaper is not free," Walter D. Fuller, president of the company, declared at the annual stockholders' meeting yesterday. "No competent editor that I know would serve for a moment under such domination."

Archibald Palmer, Brooklyn attorney representing a minority stockholder, said he believed the directors should pass on any editorials or articles contemplated for the Post and offered to withdraw a suit against the company if the directors would "pursue a common sense policy" and "avoid controversial articles."

The suit, filed in United States District Court April 6 for George W. Wanderman of New York, asks that the Post be compelled to abandon what Mr. Palmer termed its isolationist policies and to cease publication of articles he said tended to stir up racial feeling.

The stockholders approved an amendment to the by-laws requiring the company to indemnify present and future officers and directors against expenses arising from claims and suits in which they may be involved as representatives of the company.

In his statement to stockholders Mr. Fuller referred to what he termed "a false rumor" that the recent retirement of Wesley Winans Stout as editor "meant the rise in authority of the business over the editorial branch of our company."

"I heard at once," Mr. Fuller said, "and explosively from some of our largest advertising customers. I heard also, and very positively, from many readers. No policy upon our part would so quickly ruin our * * * advertising * * * or in fact destroy our who's company. * * * An editor to be successful must be free."