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New Group To Monitor News Reports

NEW YORK, May 8 (UPI)—The "National News Council," a new group created to monitor the fairness and accuracy of news reporting, announced today that a former U.S. senator, a former congressman, two black leaders, a feminist and six representatives of the media will be among its 15 members.

Roger J. Traynor, 73, former chief justice of the California supreme court, said the council would also work for protection of the press against government or private infringements of its freedom.

The council said it would take on an ombudsman's role, including the investigation of complaints brought by both the public and the news media.

Supported by the Twentieth Century Fund, and seven other foundations, the council said it would concern itself initially with these major national news suppliers:

United Press International, the Associated Press, the Los Angeles Times-Washington Post News Service, the New York Times News Service, Newsweek, Time, The Christian Science Monitor, The Wall Street Journal, and network news programming of the American Broadcasting Co., Columbia Broadcasting System, National Broadcasting

Co. and public television and radio.

The eight "public" members of the council besides Traynor are Albert Gore, 63, former U.S. senator from Tennessee, now chairman of the board of Island Creek Coal Co., Cleveland, and Thomas B. Curtis, 61, former congressman from Missouri, now vice president and general counsel of Encyclopedia Britannica.

Jean Ganz Cooney, 43, president of the Children's Television Workshop; Dorothy R. Height, 60, director of the YWCA's Racial Justice Center; the Rev. James M. Lawson Jr., 44, pastor of Centenary United Methodist Church, Memphis, Tenn.; Sylvia Roberts, 40, a Baton Rouge, La., attorney; Robert B. McKay, 53, dean of the New York University law school; Irving Dilliard, 68, former editorial page editor of The St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The six media members are: Eoren G. Ghiglione, 32, editor and publisher of the Southbridge (Mass.) Evening News; Mary T. (Molly) Ivins, 28, co-editor of The Texas Observer; Ralph M. Otwell, 46, managing editor of the Chicago Sun-Times; Ralph Renick, 44, news director and vice president of WTVJ, Miami; William A. Rüber, 46, publisher of The National Review; R. Peter Straus, 30, president of Straus Communications, Inc.

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