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## Panel Feels Press Can Beat Curbs

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Watergate proves nothing else, it proves what the press is all about," Peter Bridge, a former Newark News reporter who was jailed last fall for refusing to divulge his sources to a grand jury, said this week.

He made the comment as a member of a panel that met at Yale University to assess the impact of recent challenges to the press.

The panel members agreed that although the print and electronic media were faced with intensified government harassment, the press could add would manage to do its job.

Two panelists—United States Senator for California, and John B.

Oakes, editorial page editor of The New York Times—warned any formally recognized privilege in the pess and functioned without any formely lege in the pess and should have by the Administration, bring down an executive Iron Curtain on all U.S. Government activities that touch on, among other things, agreed that although the print and electronic media were faced with intensified government documents by some long the public to a some one to tell us the facts. We need to dig. We can't be afraid of the facts."

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Mr. Oakes said the bill would make Britain's Official Secrets are quickly responded: "Besides, if a number of editors and publishers go to jail, it more penal system."



Peter Bridge before he started to serve prison term last October.