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Bar Js,

I was rather surprised to hear of the resignation of the W Post's Mg. Ed at 5 a.m. this a.m. from WBBJ Chm. This is the story they carried. Several years ago, when I was writing FRAIE-UP, Paul Valentine, who had been with him on the Constitution and gone to the Post from there with him, tried to interest him in my work. Masterson's copout then was that he would have been interested if ~~he~~ it had been done by a staffer, but not under any other conditions.

I find a bit more interest in it when a week ago 8/1, or in the issue of 7/25, as I recall, Dick Harwood had a rather honest piece on the complicity of the press in foisting off the official S&Asia line, something much better than the knee-jerk, self-flagellation following Spiro's attack. In it Harwood pinned it pretty well on that phoney liberal, the so-respected Higgins.

But the rest never catches up.

Best, HW