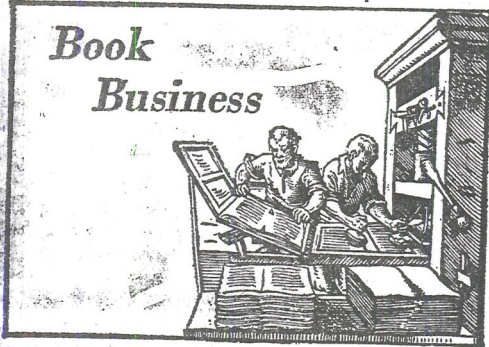


Book Business



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Constitutional Cox

IT WAS STRONGLY RUMORED in New York that Archibald Cox, while teaching for a year at Cambridge University's Sidney Sussex College, was working on a book concerning Watergate and the media. And that the crusty Boston law professor was being very critical of the media. "It would be a good subject but it's a total fabrication," said Cox when reached in England.

"I'm certainly not writing a book on

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anything like that subject and I think it's fair to say I'm not writing a book. If I am, it's the lectures I'm delivering here at Cambridge."

Cox has been writing down some of his lectures "to see what came out of them." He said that the lectures are "perfectly straight American constitutional law. There's nothing to do with Watergate or any of those subjects."

Cox also said that he doesn't have a publisher.

Notes from the Underground

ROBERT BERNSTEIN, the president of Random House, has positive beliefs regarding the publication of works by banished Russian dissidents, and the RCA-owned publishing house has firmed up contracts with a few who were exiled from Russia this year.

"The job of the American press is not to let the Soviets succeed in silencing these people by exiling them," said Bernstein, who confirmed that Random House will publish books by Pavel Litvinov, and Valery Panov and his wife, Galina Ragozina, within the next two years.

Litvinov, an active participant in the Human Rights movement and protester against unlawful trials in the USSR, left the Soviet Union in March and now teaches at Manhattanville College in Pur-

chase, New York. He served four months in jail and four years in Siberia—working as an electrician in a mine—for taking part in the 1968 Red Square demonstration against the intervention in Czechoslovakia.

The Panovs left Russian this summer. The famous ballet dancers had suffered various kinds of persecution ever since their 1972 request for permanent residence in Israel.

On January 16, Random House will celebrate the "terrifically important" publication of Valery Chalidze's book *To Defend These Rights*, with a Publishers' Forum dinner in Washington. Chalidze is the 36-year-old Russian physicist and a founder (with Andrei Sakharov and Andrei Tverdokhlebov in 1970) of the Moscow Human Rights Committee. He has been living in Manhattan since his passport was revoked in 1972 during a lecture tour in the States.

The Publishers' Forum is a newly organized attempt by Townsend Hoopes, president of the Association of American Publishers and publishing houses to bring books important to lawmakers to Washington's attention. The first dinner will be held December 5, when the AAP and McGraw-Hill honor Bernard Schwartz for his new book, *Law and America*.