

Recently I have noted hearing more again from young reporters of the straight press. Except for Waldron, who I've still never met, all are young. Today's, Al Cunniff, Hearst's Balt. News American, spent more than an hour on the phone and is coming here, perhaps this weekend. There had been a man with but six years experience, with the Columbus, Ga. papers just bought by Knight, whose project was killed only at the upermost level. Hanrahan's beard disguises his age, but when he came, he and his wife had their first children, infant twins. He'll be coming again after Xmas. While a very small proportion, it is significant to me that all are young, all concerned and serious. I presume it is Bradley who killed the long (entirely unsolicited) Potomac piece its former mg. ed. (also young) did. This new one plans such an opus for their Sunday magazine. I can't be sure of reasons, but I think combination new generation to whom the assassinations are strange and new and concern deepened by WG 12/17/73 HW DEC 2 2 1973