

Newsmen Seek Accord On Background Briefing

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)— The State Department Correspondents Association considered but failed to adopt resolutions today, aimed at countering The Washington Post policy of attributing background news to United States officials.

The meeting was adjourned to give members of the association more time to receive instructions from their editors.

A resolution proposed by a reporter for The New York Times, Bernard Gwertzman, said: "The State Department Correspondents Association, seeking to insure the fullest flow of information, calls on the State Department to make all news and views known wherever possible attributable to either the spokesman or the department."

The issue was raised when The Washington Post identified White House officials and State Department officials who had briefed newsmen on background.

Newsmen are barred from identifying the spokesman or department under rules established by the spokesmen at background briefings.