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sherrill seeks his pass

ROBERT SHERRILL, a Washington-based journalist whose work appeared in these pages, is taking White House to court in an attempt to obtain a White House press pass. Sherrill is known for having done stories critical of various occupants of the presidential mansion and, as a result, the Secret Service has denied him an official press pass.

Hence he has only been admitted to the White House when the President himself is absent - for example, at a recent all-woman social event which featured champagne with strawberries floating in it. Says Sherrill, "I'm suing for the credential just to have fun. Obviously it is worthless. The last place you're going to find any news is at an official White House conference."

safer thoughts

A THOUGHT FROM CBS Newsman Morley Safer (from a talk at the Overseas Press Club): "This administration has carefully planted doubt in this country about what we [the press] print or show or say. It has not been a casual, accidental thing . . . People who practice the big lie cannot stand the smallest truth . . . The truth? Agnew and Richard Kleindienst and Melvin Laird have done for the truth what the Boston Strangler did for the door-to-door salesman."