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Post Pulitzers

AS early as three days after the Watergate break-in White House Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler had excoriated the Washington Post for blowing a "third-rate burglary" out of all proportion. He had subsequently castigated Post reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein for "stories based on hearsay, character-assassination, innuendo or guilt by association."

Thus it was with undisguised satisfaction to the Post last week that the newspaper not only had a public apology from Ziegler but had won a gold medal Pulitzer Prize for meritorious public service. And the Post's political correspondent David Broder got one for his columns on the 1972 campaign.

Said Woodward, "The newspaper didn't flinch or buckle under pressure. It's good for journalism and the country. It's time to be cautious, not to speculate but stick to the facts as we did." (For other Pulitzers, see Page 16.)