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Washington Post Given AP Award

The Washington Post yesterday received the 1973 Freedom of Information Award from the Associated Press Managing Editors Association for this newspaper's "tenacious coverage of the Watergate story."

"The Post's performance is classic as an example of journalists determined to fight through governmental secrecy to provide news so that a free people will have sufficient information to govern themselves," said the APMEA in making the award.

The association, holding its annual convention in Orlando, Fla., also gave its public service award to the Boston Globe for a series of articles on illegal gambling in that city.

In honoring The Post, the APMEA commended Publisher Katharine Graham, Executive Editor Benjamin Bradlee, Managing Editor Howard Simons, Assistant Managing Editor/Metropolitan **H a r r y** Rosenfeld, special Watergate editor Barry Sussman, and reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein "for the courage and determination of their leadership."

The APMEA resolution said, "In the finest tradition of journalism, The Post's reporters and editors penetrated massive governmental secrecy to get to the people news of corruption in high places... in the face of official scorn and, at times, abuse."

Also honored by the APMEA were Associated Press political writer Walter Mears and photographer Robert Jor-

dan, who were given top performer awards, and nine other newspapers.

One of these is the Martinsville (Va.) Bulletin, cited for its news coverage and court action that forced Henry County officials to conduct public business in public and adhere to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.