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PREFACE

Whereas the first volume of this series, which was published in 1987, documented and analyzed the Pulitzer Prizes in the International Reporting category, this book is devoted to the National Reporting category. While several texts have been awarded a general reporting award, a category introduced in 1917 and could be characterized as "national" Prize, none of these hybrids are considered here, because the editors tried to avoid their own definition of the awards. Therefore the true history of the National Reporting category doesn't begin until 1942 when the category "Telegraphic Reporting (National)" was established. This category must be considered as the direct predecessor of the National Reporting category.

As in the case of the previous book, very much time was devoted to careful investigation, to ensure that the material is complete. The entries included here, prize winning texts and biographical notes can be found at the Pulitzer Prize office at Columbia University. Initially materials were incomplete; and required correspondence with archives, libraries and newspapers in the United States to establish facts and figures. Entries in published sources were incomplete for the purposes of this volume. Brief biographies of Pulitzer Prize-winners were difficult to locate. Often, even basic information had to be researched in press archives, or by contacting the authors or their relatives.

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LOUIS STARK (1888-1954)
- PULITZER PRIZE WINNER 1942 -
ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

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