# Newspaper Style



1) brief news items;



a) Special political and economic terms (Socialism, constitution, president, apartheid)

b) Non-term political vocabulary (public, people, progressive)

c) Newspaper clichés (vital issue, pressing problem, informed sources)

d) Abbreviations (UNO, NATO)

e) Neologisms (a splash-down [the act of bringing a spacecraft to a water surface])

# Grammatical peculiarities

a) Complex sentences with a developed system of clauses ("Mr. Boyd-Carpenter, Chief Secretary to the Treasury and Paymaster-General (Kingston-upon-Thames), said he had been asked what was meant by the statement in the Speech that the position of war pensioners and those receiving national insurance benefits would be kept under close review.")

b) Verbal constructions (infinitive, participial, gerundial) and verbal noun constructions (Mr. Nobusuke Kishi, the former Prime Minister of Japan, has sought to set an example to the faction-ridden Governing Liberal Democratic Party by announcing the disbanding of his own faction numbering 47 of the total of 295 conservative mem¬bers of the Lower House of the Diet.")

# Grammatical peculiarities (Pt. 2)

c) Syntactical complexes, especially the nominative with the infinitive ("The condition of Lord Samuel, aged 92, was said last night to be a 'little better.")

d) Attributive noun groups ("the national income and expenditure figures"; "Labour backbench decision")

e) Specific word-order ("five-w-and-h-pattern rule": who-what-why-how-where-when)



1) brief news items;

2) advertisements and announcements;

#### Instances:

Births,
marriages,
deaths,
in memoriam,
business offers,
personal,
etc.

#### Includes:

- 1) brief news items;
- 2) advertisements and announcements;
- 3) the headline;

## General patterns

a) Full declarative sentences ('Allies Now Look to London')b) Interrogative sentences ('Do you love war?')

- c) Nominative sentences ('Gloomy Sunday'; 'Atlantic Sea Traffic')d) Elliptical sentences:
- 1) with an auxiliary verb omitted ('Yachtsman spotted')
- 2) with the subject omitted ('Will win')
- 3) with the subject and part of the predicate omitted ('Still in danger')

# General patterns (Pt. 2)

e) Sentences with articles omitted ('Step to Overall Settlement Cited in Text of Agreement')

f) Phrases with verbals—infinitive, participial and gerundial ('Keeping Prices Down')

g) Questions in the form of statements ('Growl now, smile later?')

h) Complex sentences ('Army Says It Gave LSD to Unknown GIs')

i) Headlines including direct speech:

- 1) introduced by a full sentence ('Prince Richard says: "I was not in trouble"")
- 2) introduced elliptically ('The Queen: "My deep distress"')

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- 4) the editorial

# Thank you for your attention!