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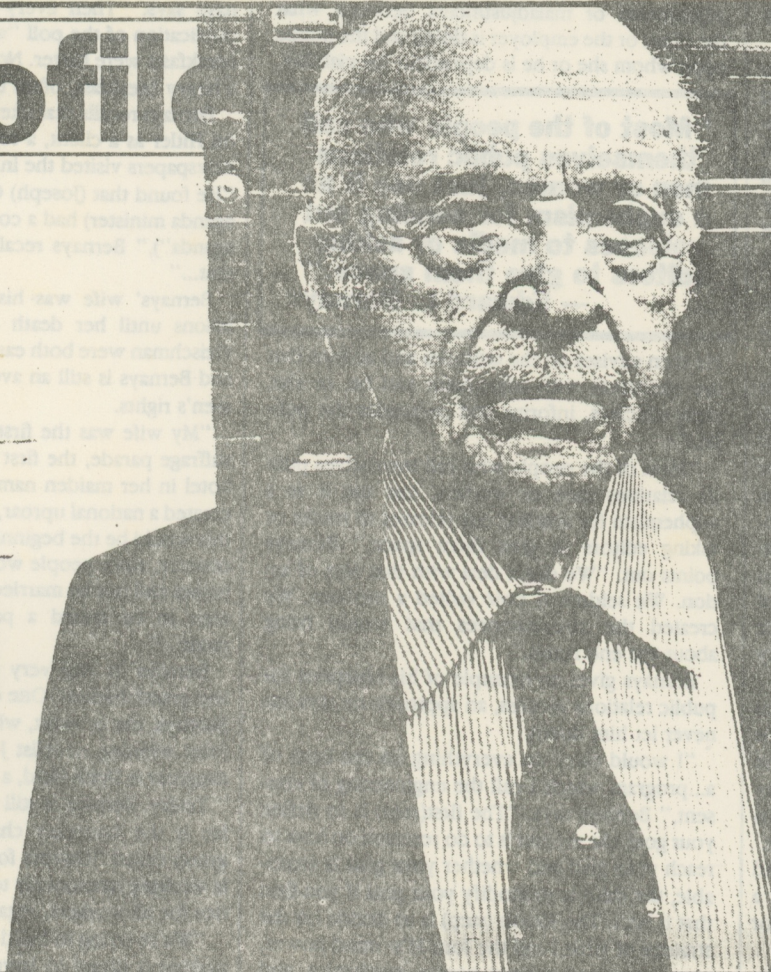


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Cambridge resident Edward Bernays is the father of public relations.

...and how you can be a publicist or a war in point of time, will it be a marketing or a war in point of time?

Bernays says the next step is to determine your appeal — will you use economy, social mobility or autonomy figures?

"Then you make a program on how you will plan your tactics and you work up a budget and you've got your campaign," Bernays says. "If you have done it effectively you are bound to be successful. Unless there is an emphasis on a politician — you have engineered the consent of the public."

Bernays has even made his mark on local news. When he and his family first moved to Cambridge in the early 1980s, there was a move about to widen Memorial Drive and make it into a highway. The organized Cambridgeans to build the bridge. Following his cue, local residents presented him for it, and the more there is to choose, the better it is."

In reviewing his distinguished career, Bernays is amused that some people see him and the position he helped shape as having a damaging effect on society.

"How to my great surprise, they see me as responsible for that fact that people — for instance — are chosen not on the basis of popularity, but on the basis of how they utilize public relations, and they say that is a bad thing," Bernays says. "Well, I don't feel the change is for the worse, but for the better. From every standpoint, the cure for propaganda is more propaganda. Because the public opinionists will choose what is best for it, and the more there is to choose, the better it is."

...in New York City. Bernays even early before 1910 when not only was the famous Central American student responsible for the success of the U.S. Navy, the U.S. State Department, U.S. President Coolidge, Wilson, Hoover and Eisenhower, and during his public relations, Bernays states simply.

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