



John Angelides, assistant city editor of The Globe-Democrat, explains the paper's news operation Tuesday to Eagle Scouts, from left, Mark Klamer, Bill Cole, Pete Queensen, Mike Garner and Mark Alan Smith.

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Scouts told: Don't knock free enterprise system

America owes its standard of living, the highest the world has ever seen, to its free enterprise business system, 300 St. Louis area Eagle Scouts were told here Tuesday.

W. L. Hadley Griffin, president and chief executive officer of the Brown Group, Inc., told the scouts at a Free Enterprise Day luncheon:

"DON'T KNOCK it! And don't take it for granted! Our system may not be perfect, but it has done and is doing a better job for more people than any other system, anywhere in the world, at any time."

Griffin flew here from Washington, D.C., where he is

attending a White House conference of business and government leaders.

The main themes of the conference, Griffin told the youths, are the social responsibility of business, development of technology and resources, the structure of the free enterprise system and the "human side" of free enterprise.

"It's significant that this is the first such conference ever held," Griffin said. "Business and government are working together toward social as well as economic gains, and will continue to do so increasingly in the future."

GRIFFIN said although "we hear much of unemploy-

ment, we hear little of the fact that there is more employment today than ever before."

"Of environmental pollution, he said, "We have the technology to reduce it, in fact, to eliminate it, but we must be willing to pay the price."

Free Enterprise Day, sponsored by 50 St. Louis industries, was started by the St. Louis Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, in 1966 to give youths a better understanding of the free enterprise system. Tuesday's luncheon also marked the 62nd anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.