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MILWAUKEE WEIGHS GENERAL STRIKE

Convention On; Affiliation Up for Early Action

NLRB Goes Into Court On AP Case

Service Fails to Obey Reinstatement Order—Employes Polled

BULLETIN

The NLRB has taken the Watson case to the Circuit Court of Appeals, where it will be argued either June 15 or 17.

Morris Watson, ANG vice president discharged by the Associated Press, is now awaiting for the service to reinstate him in accordance with an order of the National Labor Relation Board or to indicate that it was challenging the authority of the Board.

Members of the editorial staff of the AP in New York, meanwhile, are voting by secret ballot, under the direction of the Board, as to whether they wish to be represented by the American Newspaper Guild in collective bargaining with the management.

The two orders from the Board designed to straighten out the tangled relations between the Associated Press and the Guild which began last October when the ANG, on behalf of the Guild unit in the New York office of the AP, wrote to the management asking for a meeting for purposes of collective bargaining. On the day after the letter reached the management Watson was called in and fired.

Watson "Ready"

The order for Watson's reinstatement was issued by the Board in Washington on May 21. Morris L. Ernst, Guild counsel in the case, immediately wrote to the AP that Watson was "ready, able and willing, and hereby offers to accept immediate and full reinstatement to his former position."

Ballots for the unit vote were mailed out on Saturday, May 23, and returns were to be placed in the mail in time to be post-marked not later than midnight, May 29. The vote is being conducted by the Regional Labor Relations Board.

The AP did not furnish names and home addresses but all except about 15 were obtained by Guild members. Where the home addresses could not be obtained the letter containing the ballot was sent

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Ready to Preside



HEYWOOD BROUN

Tacoma Wins A Job Back

Unit Chairman Returns After Vigorous Action

The Tacoma Guild has obtained the full reinstatement, without prejudice, of Rex Kelley, chairman of the Tacoma *Times* unit, who was discharged on May 2.

The reinstatement came on May 20, after a 17-day campaign, strongly backed by organized labor in Tacoma and Seattle, and was accompanied by a statement from Leonard S. Langlow, editor, that the paper would recognize the Guild for collective bargaining if it showed a majority representation, according to letters received at national headquarters. The paper is part of the Scripps League, which operates a chain on the Coast.

Organizer Morgan Hull, who put aside his activities in Seattle to help in Tacoma, reported that Kelley's dismissal was clearly a reprisal for Guild activities. Kelley had been a member of the *Times* staff for seven years. Many public officials signed a testimonial as to his ability. The unit took a strong stand and members indicated their readiness to strike if no satisfactory settlement was reached.

Great interest was shown by Tacoma unions, which are strong in that city, according to the reports. The Central Labor Council voted full support for the Guild at the outset without solicitation. Hull

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NEB Asks Vote On Link With AFL May 30; Sees Need Unchanged

SESSION ON STRIKE

NEW YORK, May 27.—The Guild's largest issue, affiliation with the American Federation of Labor, which it has been debating since its inception and on which its future course depends, is expected to reach final decision at the third annual Convention opening at the Astor Hotel on May 29.

The question has been put to the fore because of its bearing on other Convention issues, and will be reached on the second morning, Saturday.

This was the arrangement made today by the National Executive Board in its meeting to prepare details for the five days of sessions. The issue will be raised, according to the plan, in a preliminary report of the labor relations committee, which is expected to bring in a specific recommendation.

The NEB has expressed the view that "the Guild's interests will be best served by affiliation as an international union at the earliest time practicable." (REPORTER, May 15.)

Recent Changes Discussed

The Board discussed recent developments in the Federation in its meeting today but saw nothing in them to change its recommendaton.

A large majority of delegates instructed to date favors affiliation, as is reported elsewhere.

With this issue out of the way, the second major topic of the convention is expected to be finances.

The Milwaukee strike and the Watson case promise to be the two other main topics. The NEB has invited the strike chairman, J. Nash McCrea, to come for the Sunday session at the national Guild's expense.

Watson to Report

Morris Watson, ANG vice president for wire services, will make a report on his case to the convention

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Protests Force Ban on Hearst Newsreel

READING, Pa.—The Hearst Metrotone Newsreel has just been forced off the screen of two theatres here through protests of the Federated Trades Council, the central labor body. The Reading Newspaper Guild is a member of the council.

Loew's Colonial Theatre had shown the Hearst reel for more than ten years, since the establishment of the theatre in the city. The newsreel was withdrawn when, after several fruitless protests, the council informed the theatre management that picketing would begin within 48 hours.

A neighborhood theatre, to which the newsreel was transferred, dropped it when similar action was threatened. The Hearst newsreel now is not shown in this city.

Two Guilds Are Organized

Action in Great Falls, Mont. and Knoxville, Tenn.

Guilds in Great Falls, Mont., and Knoxville, Tenn., are the latest additions to the ranks of organized newsmen. Although organized for two months, Great Falls has just decided to announce publicly its affiliation with the American Newspaper Guild as the first Guild to be chartered in Montana. Knoxville, organized May 17, reports 100 per cent membership on the *News-Sentinel* staff and nearly a perfect score on the *Journal*.

The membership of 13 in Great Falls elected Joseph K. Howard, news editor of the Great Falls *Leader*, president, and Fred J. Martin, also of the *Leader*, secretary-treasurer. Units are organized on both the *Leader* and the *Tribune*.

Lack of funds prohibits Great Falls from sending a delegate to the

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TradeUnionistsUrge A Labor Holiday To Support Guild Strike on News

SALES ARE HALVED

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—The possibility of a general strike of all Milwaukee trade unionists for some stated period in support of the Guild strike against the Hearst *Wisconsin News* and the strike at the Lindeman-Hoverson stove plant now looms large.

Eighty delegates representing 30 powerful unions at a meeting May 21 voted unanimously to propose the general strike to their local unions. The action was taken at the regular Guild trade union committee meeting in the Republican Hotel.

The original proposal was for an eight- to 24-hour walkout. The subcommittee will bring in on Thursday, however, a proposal for a 36-hour labor holiday which, it will also report, can be carried out without violating union contracts.

The resolution for a general strike was submitted by George Wilbur, state organizer for the Wisconsin Federation of Teachers. The Lindeman-Hoverson stove plant strike, embraced in the plan, has been waged by 900 workers for a year.

Chicago Lines Up

A delegate from one of the largest unions in the city spoke in favor of the proposal. He pointed out, however, that action so momentous as a general strike cannot be taken until after thorough preparation in the local unions as well as in the central trades council. The proposal will be presented before the next meeting of the council.

Official greeting from Chicago's 400,000 trade unionists was brought to the meeting by Sarainne Loewe, director of the Chicago Federation of Labor school and chairman of the federation's speakers bureau. She said that the Guild strike has become a major topic in the Chicago trade unions. A campaign, laid down on a two-months' plan, is under way to induce all of the city's unionists to quit reading the Chicago Hearst papers. Money is also being raised for the strike, Miss Loewe said.

"A victory over Hearst in Milwaukee," she said, "will be a vic-

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Newark Seeks Wage Scale

NEWARK, N. J.—The Newark Guild has re-opened negotiations with the *Star-Eagle* management. The *Star-Eagle* unit ordered the committee to seek a minimum wage scale graduated up to $45 for three years' newspaper experience.

At a conference with Henry J. Auth, vice-president and general manager of the Paul Block paper, the committee pointed out that Block had put wage minimum into effect on his Pittsburgh and Milwaukee papers. Auth promised to seek action from the publisher.

Through negotiations earlier in the year, the Guild obtained a 44-hour week on the *Star-Eagle*. It now seeks a five-day, 40-hour week. Auth indicated that the shorter work week is a distinct, if not immediate, possibility.

The unit, through the committee, is also seeking better salaries for suburban staff men. Some adjustments have been made since the start of negotiations.

Convention Fete to Show Newsmen Their Portrayers

Actors and writers who have participated in the outstanding newspaper plays and motion pictures of the past decade are being brought together for the New York Guild's second annual benefit show and dance to be held May 29, the opening night of the convention, at the Manhattan Ballrooms, 311 West 34th Street.

This show will be the first event on the program of entertainment being planned for the visitors, the guests of the New York Guild that night.

The benefit committee is attempting not only to give the newspapermen a chance to meet their portrayers in the flesh, but also to afford the writers and actors, who are responsible for the public's impression of newspapermen, an opportunity to see what the working press really looks like.

Among those whom the committees is rounding up are Ben Hecht and Charles McArthur, authors of "The Front Page," and Lee Tracy and Osgood Perkins, who took leading parts in the play.

Mayor LaGuardia, who is expected to make the opening speech at the convention, has been invited to be present at the Guild entertainment. Other city and state officials and prominent stage and screen stars have announced their intention of attending. Pat Rooney will be master of ceremonies and Fred Keating will introduce the celebrities. Two orchestras, one under the direction of Meyer Davis, and the other, a Negro swing band, will provide the music.

Arrangements have also been made for the delegates and wives to be guests on Friday at the 9 o'clock performance of "1935," the WPA Living Newspaper Project, now

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Rush Strike Funds ! They Are Needed

Contributions to the Milwaukee Strike Fund have been easing up. The slackening has occurred despite many signs of increasing interest in all sections of the country. The strike can and will be won!

Rush money now! Mail your contributions to the American Newspaper Guild Strike Fund, 49 West 45th Street, New York City.

BIG STRIKE IN SIGHT

Trade Unionists Propose General Holiday

CHICAGO ACTIVE

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tory for the whole labor movement of the country, for Hearst is a leader of the concerted efforts now under way to smash the unions."

She too, spoke in favor of a general strike, and cited a half dozen cases in which brief general strikes had won important union victories.

The delegates also decided to bring before their unions a plan through which the 60,000 Milwaukee trade unionists would contribute 2 cents a man per week over a 90-day period for the benefit of the two strikes.

Circulation Hitting Bottom

Meanwhile the subscription crew is now knocking down the *Wisconsin News* circulation at the rate of more than 100 signed cancellations a day.

In a systematic ward-by-ward canvass of all *News* subscribers, the strikers are gradually wiping the paper's circulation out of large sections of the city.

These cancellations are, of course, over and above those secured through the cooperation of the unions, women's groups and citizens' committees. Definite and reliable figures on the extent of the strike's inroads on the circulation are unobtainable. From numerous sources, however, the information is obtained that the paper's city circulation has been reduced from about 65,000 to about 30,000 or 35,000.

In desperate efforts to rebuild its sales, the management has resorted to contests of all kinds, sales crews, bonuses to newsboys and free distribution. It is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain boys to sell the paper, and the circulation department has offered to pay the boys for inducing their friends to peddle it.

Help From Women

The League of Women Shoppers has worked hard to induce large advertisers to drop or curtail their advertising in the *News*. Their efforts together with pressure from the unions and the falling circulation have convinced many of the advertisers that it is no longer good business to advertise extensively in the *News*. Many smaller advertisers have stopped their ads for the duration of the strike.

Advertising Withdrawn

The Guild has received the following letter from W. J. MacInnes, of the advertising department of the Schenley Products Company of New York City:

"You have doubtless observed that out advertising in the *Wisconsin News* has been curtailed and will be further reduced. As a matter of fact, we contemplate cutting this paper from our list until such time as your difficulties are adjusted. You probably know too, that Schenley policies and activities have received the highest endorsement the A. F. of L. has given any liquor concern."

The Schenley ads were reduced after Strike Chairman McCrea had informed the firm of the strike situation in a series of letters.

The Continental Clothing Company, a large advertiser, has promised to cut out all ads from the *Wisconsin News* for the duration of the strike.

Under Guild pressure the City Council laid over for a second two weeks' period the Hearst bid for the city advertising contract, for which the paper made an offer said to be ridiculously low.

LOCAL STRIKE AID GROWS

Milwaukee Unions and Citizens Push News Fight

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Local support for the Guild strike becomes weekly more impressive. Employing the methods found useful in previous Guild strikes, the *Wisconsin News* strikers have drawn a wider section of the population to their support than any other strike group in the city's history.

While this is gratifying, the actual local financial support has so far been below expectations and daily routine picketing has been poorly supported by sympathetic groups. The growing trade union committee promises to improve both situations.

Contributions ranging from $2 to $100 have been made by the following Milwaukee unions: Boot and Shoe Workers, Corrugated Metal Workers, Millinery Workers, Steel Workers, the A. C. Smith Federal Union, the Newswriters' Union, Street Railway Employers, International Ladies' Garment Workers, Federation of Teachers, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Photo Engravers, Motion Picture Operators, Stereotypers, Pressmen and Typographical.

Four out of the five craft unions whose members are employed by the *Wisconsin News* have given financial support to the strike. The only exception is the Mailers' Union. The Allied Printing Trades Council has passed resolutions giving the strike full moral support. The Photo Engravers are the latest to join the constituting group, sending a $50 check.

Boycott Help Pledged

The following unions have passed resolutions pledging boycott of the *News*, picket help and other services:

International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers, Office Workers, filling station men, International Union of Operating Engineers, Pharmacists and Drug Clerks, Commercial Telegraphers of North America, Machinist Helpers, Auto Mechanics, Firemen and Oilers and Seamen.

The Street Railway Employes' Union has voted $5 fines for members found reading the *News*. The Musicians' Union has placed a fine of $25 for the first offense of reading the *News* and loss of the union card for the second offense. Other unions have taken similar but less severe action.

A number of union officials have refused to give out news to scab reporters for the *Wisconsin News*.

At least 40 different locals have been represented on the picket lines in the Guild's larger demonstrations. Everyone of the five demonstrators arrested on April 17 was a union man. The president of one of the city's largest unions got a black eye when struck by a policeman during a recent daytime demonstration.

On one occasion the street railway employes adjourned a meeting to the picket line.

Non-Union Aid Continues

A number of non-union groups, including the American Legion, the Jewish Youth organization and State Teachers' College students and faculty members, have given financial support.

Money donations ranging from $1 to $50 have been made by non-affiliated individuals, among them physicians, attorneys and business men. A contribution of $40 was received from a United May Day celebration conducted at the Milwaukee Auditorium by the Communist Party and allied groups. Money has come also from branches of the Socialist Party.

A woman called the office a few days ago to say she wanted to help the strike. Since she was expecting a baby soon, she said, her activities would have to be limited to telephone duty.

Milwaukee Fund Aided By Buffalo Guild Show

BUFFALO, N. Y.—Performers of the city's leading night clubs combined their talents to produce a four-hour show in the State Theatre May 8, for the benefit of the Buffalo Guild and the Milwaukee strike fund. The proceeds were $180, half of which has been contributed to the strikers' fund.

Actors, stage hands and musicians donated their services and the show had the active co-operation of the Central Labor Council and the Buffalo Typographical Union in advertising and in ticket selling. The use of the theater, which had no regular show booked for the night, was donated.

The relatively low net proceeds are due in part to the low admission charge of 50 cents and in part to the fact that the show was an experiment. The entertainment's success is believed to have placed the Guild in a favorable position, should it wish to stage another such benefit.

Joe Quinn of the *Evening News*, was chairman of the show committee.

Hudson County Guild to Establish Credit Union

JERSEY CITY.—The Hudson County (N. J.) Newspaper Guild, at its meeting of May 16, approved the recommendation of its joint economic welfare advisory committee to establish a federal credit union on a voluntary membership basis.

Application has already been made to the Credit Union Bureau of the Farm Credit Administration for a charter.

New Monthly Paper Planned in Boston

BOSTON.—The Newspaper Guild of Boston at a recent meeting voted to publish a monthly organ, the Boston *Guildsman*, to succeed the unofficial *Spectator*, which has done much to build up the Guild during recent months.

Don Willard, of the *Globe*, and R. O. Boyer, of the *Herald*, will be on the editorial board of the new paper.

2 New Guilds

Knoxville, Great Falls in Fold

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Convention and the Constitution forbids voting by proxy. The members, nevertheless, have designated Howard Hill, delegate from the Northern California Guild, to make known their stand of backing affiliation and the present ANG officers 100 per cent.

Great Falls newsmen, although not Guild members at the time, contributed regularly to the Newark strike fund, and have been contributing steadily to Milwaukee and the support of a West Coast organizer. Dues of all members are paid up to date.

Knoxville Starts

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—Organization of the Knoxville Newspaper Guild was completed at a meeting at the Hotel Andrew Johnston here on May 17.

Edward B. Smith, *News-Sentinel* reporter, was elected president; Robert Moorefield, *Journal* assistant city editor, was elected vice-president, and Mrs. Edith Snyder Evans, *News-Sentinel* reporter, was elected secretary-treasurer. The members of the executive committee are Joe Leavitt, *News-Sentinel* reporter, and Ed Harris, *Journal*, assistant news editor.

The *News-Sentinel* staff took the lead in organizing, named temporary officers, and invited the *Journal* staff to join. The *Journal* responded wholeheartedly, practically its entire news staff signing membership applications and paying initial fees. The *News-Sentinel* staff has enrolled 100 per cent.

Plans for sending a delegate to the New York convention of the Guild were discussed at the first meeting of the executive committee. The delegate would act as an observer, but would not be entitled to a vote in the convention, because of the Knoxville Guild's too recent organization.

Benefit for Milwaukee

The New York *Times* unit will hold a dance and entertainment Friday evening, June 5, at the Labor Stage Studio, 106 W. 39th Street, for the benefit of the strike in Milwaukee. Tickets will be 50 cents and members from other units are invited to attend.

MANY WAR ON HEARST

National Campaign Is Planned By Organizations

GROUPS ENLISTING

The Citizens Committee in support of the Milwaukee strike is making contacts with organizations opposed to William Randolph Hearst, seeking their co-operation in an anti-Hearst campaign in which the strike will be a rallying issue. It hopes to bring these bodies into intensive activity at this time so as to exert the widest possible pressure on Hearst to settle with the Guild.

In view of the large number of national organizations that have come out against Hearst on one ground or another and of others that oppose some of his policies, it is believed that this campaign can be developed to tremendous proportions. It will be a slow process, however, particularly until a number of organizations have obtained authorization from their governing bodies to participate in such a campaign and can furnish volunteers to help promote it.

Youth Congress Aids

The American Youth Congress, a federation embracing some 4,000 organizations over the country, is assisting now as far as it can constitutionally, and expects to take up the question of full co-operation at its convention in Cleveland from July 2 to 5.

The American Student Union, an affiliate of the Congress, and the National Industrial Assembly of the Y. W. C. A., also an affiliate, are both cooperating.

The most definite action yet taken is that of the National Women's Trade Union League, whose recently adopted resolution to conduct a boycott against Hearst enterprises was printed in the May 15 *Reporter*.

The League Against War and Fascism, a federation of many organizations and with branches in 128 cities, had already called for a general boycott of Hearst enterprises and has indicated its readiness to cooperate with the Citizens' Committee.

Organizations that have been approached include the International Workers Order, a large labor fraternal organization; the Inter-Professional Association, the recent convention of which strongly condemned Hearst; the American Association of Social Workers; the Central Conference of American Rabbis, whose chairman is a member of the Citizens' Committee; and the League for Industrial Democracy, whose director is a member.

Lists Secured

Mailing lists of several organizations have been made available to the Citizens Committee and these are being compiled and used for sending out literature. Through this means it is hoped to reach thousands of active individuals in many parts of the country.

A general citizens anti-Hearst committee in New York City, built partly around the Guild strike, was in prospect as this issue of the REPORTER went to press. Several prominent citizens on the Guild Committee who are identified with various organizations were taking leading parts in arranging a meeting scheduled for May 28, at which the formation of the group was to be considered.

Ferdinand Lundberg, author of the new book, "Imperial Hearst," and a member of the New York Guild, is receiving many calls for speeches and in making them is helping to spread word of the strike.

HOW MILWAUKEE MONEY COMES AND GOES

How the Milwaukee strike money is spent is shown in the following accounts of receipts and expenditures for the period from May 2 to May 16:

Milwaukee Strike Account

RECEIPTS

	12th Week May 2-May 9	13th Week May 9-May 16
Cash on hand	$482.45	$150.74
A.N.G. Strike Fund	946.38	2,250.00
Farmer-Labor Party	40.00	....
Milwaukee Guild assets	17.10	....
Brotherhood of R.R. Carmen	5.00	....
Miscellaneous donations	35.70	2.00
Wisconsin Federation of Teachers, Wisconsin U. Extension No. 253	....	10.00
Tacoma Stereotypers	....	5.00
Minneapolis Street Car Union	....	5.00
Weekly pledges	....	10.00
Total receipts	$1,526.63	$2,432.74

DISBURSEMENTS

	12th Week	13th Week
Benefits	$233.00	$233.00
Loans to strikers	107.55	97.29
Transportation	21.71	29.14
Food	61.85	78.70
Telegrams and telephone	31.76	44.70
Stationery, postage, printing	244.67	7.26
Guild Striker publication	*506.63	†705.00
Picket supplies and expenses	125.00	....
Office help	6.00	6.00
Sound truck insurance	116.40	....
Administrative and office expenses	21.32	47.82
Radio for sound truck	....	54.95
Cuts for Guild Striker	....	34.60
Total disbursements	$1,375.89	$1,332.64
Cash on hand at end of week	150.74	1,100.10

* Includes printing, distribution and cuts ($61.63).
† Includes two distribution bills.
‡ Charge for float used in May Day parade.

FROM OUTSIDE

Previously acknowledged through May 8	$1,864.79
Contributions received from May 8 through May 22:	
International Fur Workers Union	10.00
Green Bay Typographical Union No. 344	5.00
Akron Typographical Union 182	25.00
Edna St. Vincent Millay	10.00
Reading Federated Trades Council	10.00
Berks Co. Socialist Party	10.00
Milwaukee Blacksmiths Union No. 169	15.00
Minneapolis Typographical Union No. 42	25.00
American Federation of Hosiery Workers No. 16	10.00
United Rubber Workers Union No. 18,749, Newark, O.	5.00
United Rubber Workers Union No. 5, Akron, O.	10.00
Common Sense	10.00
New York Daily News Chapel	9.18
Total	$2,018.97

FROM GUILDS

Previously acknowledged up through May 8	$12,137.53
Contributions received from May 8 through May 22:	
Pittsburgh	99.00
Albany	42.30
Philadelphia	206.21
Springfield, Mass.	20.25
Washington, D. C.	20.00
Tacoma	5.00
Cleveland	61.45
Salt Lake City	2.40
Great Falls	6.00
New York	1,032.31
Buffalo	80.00
Hudson County, N. J.	25.40
Akron	30.00
Newark	180.00
Total	$13,975.05

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions from Guilds	$13,975.05
From outside	2,018.97
Grand total	$15,994.02

AFFILIATION VOTE NEAR AS CONVENTION OPENS

Early Action Envisaged in Program of Session Drawn Up By NEB

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on Friday afternoon. Morris L. Ernst, Guild counsel in the case, is being asked to speak at a luncheon that day on the legal aspects, past, present and future.

An additional topic will probably be a complete new constitution being put forward by Robert M. Buck, president of the Washington Guild. Buck has had the document printed and copies of it are understood to have been forwarded to delegates in many cities. It is understood to propose extensive changes from the present Constitution.

If it gains extensive support it is expected to provide considerable discussion, since the NEB's report took the view that the present machinery of the Guild has functioned well on the whole and that "the work of the 1936 Convention will be that of perfecting and polishing."

The NEB adopted tentatively the convention program and the slates of convention committees, printed in other columns, which it will offer, subject, of course, to any changes the sessions make.

Other decisions included the following:

The Board recommended to the Constitution committee that an amendment be inserted to extend membership in the Guild to other countries, states and provinces embraced by the American Federation of Labor.

It recommended to the rules committee that where a Guild sent more delegates than the number to which it was entitled, all be seated and the total vote apportioned fractionally as the particular group of delegates may decide.

The Board is looking into the possibility of arranging a broadcast of the speech by the newly elected president.

Program

FRIDAY, MAY 29

10:30 A. M.—Opening. Address of welcome, president of Newspaper Guild of New York. Call to order, President Heywood Broun. Submission of NEB's slate of convention committees. Election of credentials committee. NEB report, executive secretary. Adjournment.

1:30 P. M.—Luncheon.

3:00 P. M.—Report of credentials committee. Election of all other committees. National treasurer's report. Report of national vice-president for wire service. Adjournment.

9:00 P. M.—Delegates are invited to be the guests of the New York Guild at a benefit entertainment at the Manhattan Lyceum.

SATURDAY, MAY 30

10:30 A. M.—Report of the rules committee. Preliminary report of labor relations committee. Consideration of the NEB's recommendation on affiliation with the American Federation of Labor. Report on the Guild Reporter, Clyde Beals. Adjournment.

2:30 P. M.—NEB report on per capita dues—Vice-President Don Stevens. Other preliminary committee reports. Adjournment.

SUNDAY, MAY 31

10:30 A. M.—The Milwaukee Strike, J. Nash McCrea, strike chairman. The Milwaukee convention delegation. Executive secretary and national organizer. Adjournment.

2:30 P. M.—Resolutions committee report. Committee reports. Adjournment.

MONDAY, JUNE 1

10:30 A. M.—Committee reports. Constitution. Adjournment.

2:30 P. M.—Committee reports. Constitution. Adjournment.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

10:30 A. M.—Election of officers.

Convention Committees

These are the committee slates to be recommended by the National Executive Board on Friday. Additional names are to be filled in from late arrivals.

CHAIN PAPERS—
Fitzgerald of Rochester
Garnish of Buffalo
Miller of Cleveland
Ramsey of Pittsburgh
Torr of New York

CONSTITUTION—
Buck of Washington
Burket of Twin Cities
Hill of Northern California
Kaufman of New York
Klyman of St. Louis
Pasche of Newark
Sien of Cincinnati

CREDENTIALS—
Ashcraft (ex officio, no vote)
Fahy of Newark
Flannigan of Toledo
Shore of Greensboro
Torr of New York

DISTRICT ORGANIZATION—
To be filled in later

EDUCATION—
Armstrong of New York
Little of Washington
Mann of Durham

ELIGIBILITY—
Einhorn of New York
French of Philadelphia
Harris of St. Louis
Little of Washington
Miller of Cleveland

EMPLOYER RELATIONS—
Bear of Columbus
Heath of Washington
McKenney of New York
Nelson of Rockford
Schoffstall of Reading

FINANCE—
Ashcraft (ex officio, no vote)
Crawford of Washington
Englander of Westchester Co.
Mann of Milwaukee
Reiss of Madison
Schick of Philadelphia
Spivey of St. Louis
Stevens of New York

LABOR RELATIONS—
Fitzsimmons of Twin Cities
Homan of Reading
Larke of Buffalo
Levinson of New York
Wippold of St. Louis

LEGISLATION—
Bear of Columbus
Goldberg of Newark
Kieran of New York
Little of Washington

LOCAL BY-LAWS—
Fales of Tri-City
Gombos of Cleveland
I. Kaufman of New York
Shenkel of Akron
Tani of Hudson County

PRESS ASSOCIATIONS—
Allen of Boston
Catton of Cleveland
Goodman of Detroit
Heath of Washington
Metz of New York
Watson of New York

PUBLICATIONS—
Adamshick of Toledo
Crawford of Washington
Fehlhaber of Cleveland
O'Brien of Bridgeport
Svirsky of New York
Tani of Hudson County
Waye of Philadelphia

RESOLUTIONS—
Fehlhaber of Cleveland
Haut of Chicago
Mangold of New York
Mickelson of Milwaukee
McKillips of Washington
Wanhope of Tri-City

RULES—
Burati of Springfield, Mass.
Butterfield of Philadelphia
Goldberg of Newark
Poston of New York

STANDARDS AND AWARDS—
Adams of New York
Cunningham of Cleveland
Laurence of New York
Mann of Durham
Mooney of Tri-City

UNEMPLOYMENT—
Hathaway of New York
Kendrick of Philadelphia
McKillips of Washington

The Festivities

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playing at the Biltmore Theatre. The show was directed by Morris Watson, Guild vice-president.

On Sunday, at 5 p.m., Guild wives will be entertained by Mrs. William Laurence at a cocktail party at her home, 21 Sutton Place. The New York Guild will present midnight, Tuesday, at the Cameo Theatre, in Forty-second Street, just east of Broadway, an advance print of "The Green Pastures," a movie version of Marc Connolly's stage success, which has been made available to the Guild for a benefit performance by Warner Brothers. The theatre has also been donated and the proceeds will go to the New York Guild Emergency Fund.

HOWARD SPEAKS UP

Inspires the Hughes Attack on Screen Writers' Guild.

HITS ANG

When Rupert Hughes appeared in the papers recently with an attack on the Screen Writers Guild and the unionization of writers, his pronouncement had a surprisingly familiar ring. The reason was quickly revealed by *Variety*, a publication in Hollywood, Cal., which printed an exchange of telegrams between Roy W. Howard, of the Scripps-Howard chain, president of the New York *World Telegram*, and Hughes. Howard led in the exchange with this:

> Only about twenty-five words printed here—your statement—Screen Guild's closed shop policy would create writers' soviet. Think important public understand implications—this attempt—hogtie and standardize creative writing. Newspaper Guild also—attempting — effect — editorial workers' closed shop. Would restrict all reporting and even editorial writing to members committed to closed shop trade unionism, thus eliminating dissenting and controversal opinion from all newspapers.
>
> Net effect would be Guild dictatorship of American press on parity with Communist, Fascist or Nazi unilateral press dictatorships abroad. Difference—be here Guild would dictate policies—owners retain responsibility and foot bills.
>
> In effort focus attention on manner in which power-seeking individuals—perverting basically sound Guild idea—will you wire *World-Telegram* press collect five hundred to thousand words—grounds and significance your revolt and prospects for spread this anti-regimentation movement among creative writers?
>
> Would like you, incidentally, point out menace to democratic institutions of attempting limit editorial expression to proponents of any one school of political or economic thought.

Hughes Fills the Bill

Hughes sent the 1,000 words, according to specifications, including this sentence:

"Of late a certain school of writers is not only trying to lift the writing craft to the dizzy heights of the labor unions, but to amalgamate all writers into one grand national union."

Howard, in a telegram of thanks, added that he was asking "the press associations to watch your efforts."

Disclosure of the Howard-Hughes communications in *Variety* brought a protest from Dudley Nichols, a staunch adherent of the Screen Writers' Guild, who wired to Howard suggesting that he get expressions from the other side, and upholding, in *Variety's* words, the "move of all writers to gather under the tent of the Authors' League for self-protection." Nichols' telegram is not available.

Howard, in his reply, after telling about his coverage of the story, added:

> You are in error regarding Scripps-Howard attitude towards Newspaper Guild. We are completely sympathetic to principle of collective bargaining, but oppose as unfair to public, writers and publishers the application of closed shop trade union tactics to journalism where no yardstick of competence exists, as in mechanical departments, and also because idea is incompatible with real freedom of editorial expression and reportorial objectivity. We are equally opposed to closed shop of owners or publishers.

JAMES F. FARRELL, of the Atlantic City (N. J.) *Press* unit, has been appointed City Editor of the *Evening Union* to succeed George Weintraub, also of the local unit. Weintraub becomes Sunday Editor of the *Press*.

51 VOTES INSTRUCTED FOR AFL, 6 AGAINST

Fifty-one of 57 delegates definitely instructed on the question of affiliation with the American Federation of Labor were to vote "yes" on the issue at the National Convention opening on May 29, latest figures received by the REPORTER indicated. The number of delegates was to be above 103, the final figure depending on the action of the credentials committee.

The total A. F. of L. vote does not include Newark, which has strongly favored affiliation; Philadelphia, where five of six elected delegates favor affiliation (it has since been found that Philadelphia is only eligible to have five delegates); Washington, which voted 52 to 26 in favor of affiliation last fall, and six Guilds in the Ohio District Council, which recommended immediate affiliation to its constituent locals.

The total list of Guilds that have lately voted in favor of affiliation are the Tri-City (Albany, Schenectady and Troy, N. Y.), Boston, Bridgeport (Conn.), Cleveland, Durham (N. C.), El Paso (Texas), Hudson County (N. J.), Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Minneapolis and St. Paul, New York, Northern California, Pittsburgh, Rochester, Rockford (Ill.), and Westchester County (N. Y.).

Opposing votes have been recorded from St. Louis, Buffalo and Lansing (Mich.). Affiliation lost by only four votes in a referendum in St. Louis, according to a letter received at headquarters, and the Guild is said to be in favor of industrial unionism. Buffalo voted in favor of a new national referendum on the issue.

New York for Affiliation

The New York Guild's full voting strength of 18 delegates will be cast in favor of immediate affiliation of the ANG, as an international union, with the American Federation of Labor, it was voted at a membership meeting at the Astor Hotel on May 20. The New York Guild voted 780 for and 180 against affiliation last fall.

After endorsing the record of the present ANG administration, the same meeting urged by acclamation that Heywood Broun, national president, run for re-election.

The membership ratified the delegates and alternates elected by the Representative Assembly and elected Don Stevens, a national vice-president, now employed as make-up editor on the New York *American*, to replace a delegate who had withdrawn to accept a temporary publicity job.

Legislation for which the New York delegation was instructed to urge convention approval includes the Workers Rights Amendment to the Constitution, the Black 30-hour week bill, the Child Labor Amendment, the Frazier Social-Security Bill, the La Follette Civil and Labor Rights Bill and acts compelling greater freedom of broadcasting. Adequate relief was also favored, and the continued need for such white collar WPA projects as the Living Newspaper was stressed.

The recommendation of the NEB for a "necessary increase in national dues" of 25 cents a month was held reasonable.

The New York Guild also requested its delegates to urge in the convention a move to initiate closer co-operation between the ANG and the Authors' League of America.

Ohio District Favorable

The Ohio District Council, representing Guilds in Akron, Cincinnati, Columbus, Springfield, Toledo and Youngstown, in addition to Cleveland, recommended affiliation to its constituent Guilds, citing particularly the support organized labor has given the Milwaukee strike.

This council also passed a motion endorsing the national leadership of the ANG during the past year.

Of the Guilds comprising the Ohio District Council, Akron last year voted 17 to 27 against affiliation; Cincinnati, whose vote was ruled out on technical grounds, was 41 to 8 for affiliation; Columbus was 14 to 7 for affiliation; Springfield was 14 to 11 for affiliation; Toledo, whose vote was also ruled out, showed 51 to 28 for affiliation and Youngstown voted 17 to 9 for affiliation.

Buffalo Wants Referendum

The Buffalo Guild, which voted against affiliation last year by 44 to 29, instructed its delegates to oppose final convention action on affiliation and to work for the resubmission of the entire question to a national Guild referendum.

Indianapolis Votes "Yes"

The Indianapolis Guild voted 38 to 3 to instruct its delegate to work actively for affiliation.

Carl Thorbahn, membership committee chairman, reported a large number of Indianapolis newspapermen and women waiting for affiliation before joining the Guild. The membership now totals 59. A 50-cent assessment for the Milwaukee strike was also approved.

El Paso for Action Now

The El Paso Guild instructed its delegates to vote for affiliation by convention action. El Paso favored affiliation in last year's referendum.

Nebraska for A.F.L.

The Omaha and Council Bluffs Guild delegate has been instructed to favor affiliation and endorse the present policy of the national Guild, according to a letter received at headquarters. He was further instructed to vote in repudiation of Jack Alexander's charges (made in *Editor and Publisher*, reprinted in the present REPORTER) and in complete support of the national leadership.

Dues Increase Favored

The Hudson County Newspaper Guild has gone on record for speedy affiliation by a majority vote of the convention, and for the re-election of Heywood Broun and Jonathan Eddy as national officers.

The Guild, meeting on May 16, instructed its delegates to the Convention to work for these objectives and also for the increase in national dues to 75 cents, as advocated by the NEB.

The delegates had been instructed at the April meeting to vote for affiliation and the instructions at the last meeting were supplementary.

A motion that the delegates ask the Convention to prohibit Guilds from endorsing or condemning political candidates or take any part in political activities was defeated.

Delegates to Convention in the Spotlight

Here are thumbnail biographies of many of the Convention delegates.

AKRON, OHIO

W. T. SHENKEL, temporary president Akron Newspaper Guild, Akron *Times-Press* rewrite man. Born Akron, Ohio, 1905. Grade and high school Davenport, Iowa. Cleveland College, Cleveland, O. Cleveland *News*, 1923-1926; Cleveland *Press*, 1926-1929; Akron *Times-Press*, 1929—. Married, one child.

BOSTON

ED ALLEN, reporter on the Boston *Herald*, president of the Boston Guild, former vice-president for Region 1, ANG; present secretary of the New England District Council, seven years a member of the Boston News Writers Federal Union of the A. F. of L. delegate to the Boston Central Labor Union; former night city editor of the Worcester, Mass., *Telegram;* former Sunday writer, Providence, R. I., *Journal.*

RICHARD O. BOYER, reporter on the Boston *Herald*, member of the executive committee of Boston Guild, editor of *The Spectator*, unofficial monthly Boston Guild publication, formerly with the New York *Herald Tribune* and St. Louis *Post-Dispatch*, contributor of "Profiles" to *The New Yorker.*

JOSEPH F. DINNEEN, for thirteen years a reporter on the Boston *Globe*, president of the *Globe* unit; author of murder stories. Was granted a $2,000 reward by the Massachusetts Legislature for turning up evidence in the Millen-Faber bank robbery and murder case. His story, "Murder in Massachusetts," dealing with the Millen-Faber gang, appearing in the March issue of *Harper's*, is now being made into a movie. His latest book, "Ward 8," dealing to some extent with Lincoln Steffens' connections with Boss Lomasney during the attempt to reform Boston politics a few years ago, will be published by Harper & Bros. in August. Was a second lieutenant of infantry during the war.

BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

ALFRED S. O'BRIEN, president of the Guild, reporter on *Herald.*

BROCKTON, MASS.

MRS. CORINNE THOMPSON.

BUFFALO, N. Y.

ALFRED C. LARKE, 30 years old, married. Aviation editor, labor editor and rewrite man on the Buffalo *Times*. A director of Newspaper Guild of Buffalo. Born in Niagara Falls, N. Y., attended University of Michigan and Columbia University. Three years with the Bronx *Home News*, one year with the Newark *Ledger*, two and one-half years with the Buffalo *Times*. Member of Guild Service organized in Buffalo.

J. HOWARD GARNISH, 31 years old, married. Assistant Sunday editor and assistant movie and drama critic on the Buffalo *Courier-Express*. Comptroller of the *Courier-Express* unit and a director of the Buffalo Guild. Born in Rochester, N. Y., graduate of the University of Rochester, 1927. Two years with the Rochester *Journal-American*, one and one-half years as market reporter in the Rochester office of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets; six years with the Buffalo *Courier-Express.*

CINCINNATI, OHIO

MAX SIEN, Guild treasurer, *Post*, amusement editor.

CLEVELAND, OHIO

BRUCE CATTON, president of the Cleveland Guild, was an early member. Is on staff of Newspaper Enterprise Association.

R. O. FEHLHABER, of the *News*, is treasurer of the Cleveland Guild, was formerly president.

ZOLTAN GOMBOS is city editor of a Hungarian daily and was active in the formation of the Foreign Unit of the Cleveland Guild.

WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM is on the staff of the *News.*

COLUMBUS, OHIO

FRANK BEAR, president of the Columbus Guild, is cable editor of the Columbus *Citizen.*

DETROIT

ROLAND A. GOODMAN, 25 years old, Detroit Guild Delegate. Attended 16 schools in six states, and the University of Michigan, before completing a formal education that should have given him enough sense to stay out of the newspaper business. Started as an office boy on the Grand Rapids *Herald*, where Senator Vandenburg and Frank Knox got their sendoffs. As yet has had no word from Republican National Committee. Three months on a weekly newspaper, two years as reporter and desk man on the Battle Creek *Enquirer and News*, and a year on the copy desk of the Detroit *Free Press* constitute his recent newspaper experience. Helped organize the evanescent Battle Creek Guild and has been acting treasurer of the *Free Press* Unit. Believes in the Guild, good food and little else.

DURHAM, N. C.

DONALD MANN, *Herald-Sun* reporter.

EL PASO, TEXAS

PAXTON DENT, *Times* sports editor.

BOB INGRAM, *Herald-Post* sports editor.

GREENSBORO, N. C.

SHERMAN SHORE, Guild treasurer, reporter, *Daily News.*

HUDSON COUNTY, N. J.

HORACE A. TANI, Guild president; reporter *Hudson Dispatch.*

WILLIAM GREENSPOON, Guild second vice president; *Jersey Journal.*

LANSING, MICH.

GERALD C. GRANGER, *State Journal.*

MILWAUKEE

GEORGE A. MANN, Milwaukee Guild president, was a charter Milwaukee member and was first president of the *Sentinel* unit. He attended Marquette University, where he edited the weekly paper, and since 1927 has been general and run reporter, copyreader, rewrite man, and feature, picture page, church, real estate and assistant financial editor on the *Sentinel.* Correspondent for Chicago papers and Universal Service. Aged 30; is married, father of two girls and a boy, and has been canner, railroader, violinist and music teacher. Is a graduate of the Stevens Point, (Wis.) Conservatory of Music and once was civic symphony orchestra concert master. He is a member of Sigma Delta Chi and Phi Epsilon, honorary journalistic society, but otherwise O.K.

GUNNAR MICKELSEN, vice-president of Milwaukee Guild and chairman of the Mid-West Guild district, is a member of the Milwaukee *Journal* staff, suspended for Guild activities after his arrest April 17 during a strike demonstration at the *News* plant. Born in 1901; is graduate of University of Illinois. Has punched cows, driven cabs and high-balled freight as a railroad man. Has worked on newspapers in Waukegan and Chicago and spent a year in European travel, selling articles to European and American newspapers. Has been a frequent contributor to the *Nation.* "Mike" is a charter member of the Guild and was a delegate to the Cleveland Convention. Is married and the proud father of a boy born several weeks ago.

NEWARK, N. J.

NATHAN L. GOLDBERG, president and formerly secretary of the Guild, is on the *Star-Eagle.* Has been active in the Newark Guild since it was first organized. Member of the strike committee during the *Ledger* strike.

VICTOR PASCHE, secretary of the Guild, is a Newark correspondent for the New York *Times.* Was a member of the Newark *Ledger* Strike Committee.

AGNES FAHY, second vice president of the Guild, is on the *Ledger.* She was one of the strikers and represented her paper on the board of governors.

NEW YORK CITY

FRANKLIN P. ADAMS is the "F.P.A." of the *Herald Tribune* "Conning Tower."

ERNEST ARMSTRONG is on the *Herald Tribune* copy desk. He was the founder of the second unit paper in the New York Guild. Armstrong was a New York delegate at the 1935 convention.

NAT EINHORN, a delegate at Cleveland, is a police reporter on the Brooklyn *Daily Eagle.*

ALLAN HATHWAY is on the *Daily News.*

I. KAUFMAN, of Brooklyn *Daily Eagle.*

MILTON KAUFMAN, New York Guild Executive Secretary, was formerly a reporter on Fairchild Publications. Has sat in on most of the collective bargaining negotiations in the New York Guild. Has recently returned from several weeks in Milwaukee where he helped direct the strike.

JAMES M. KIERAN, member of the New York executive committee, is a reporter and legislative correspondent for the New York *Times.*

WILLIAM LAURENCE, chairman of the New York *Times* unit, is science reporter for his paper.

EDWARD LEVINSON, vice president of the New York Guild; labor editor of New York *Post.*

WILLIAM MANGOLD of the New York executive committee, is labor editor of the *New Republic.*

RUTH McKENNEY, secretary of New York Guild, is active on New York District Council and speakers bureau of New York Guild; feature writer, New York *Post.*

HOMER METZ, of the New York executive Committee is on the International News Service.

T. R. POSTON, an executive committee member, was chairman of the *Amsterdam News* unit, leader in the strike on that paper

CARL RANDAU, president of the New York Guild is rewrite man on *World-Telegram.* A pioneer of the New York Guild; was delegate at the convention last year.

LEON SVIRSKY, assistant editor of the GUILD REPORTER for two years, is on the *World-Telegram*, is largely responsible for excellent dues record of members of his unit.

RAY TORR, an executive committee member, is on the New York *American.*

DON STEVENS, member of National Executive Board, make-up editor on the New York *American.* Was a pioneer in organizing Northern California Guild, of which he was executive secretary. Was telegraph editor of the San Francisco *Examiner.* Came east for the NEB meeting in October, and stayed.

MORRIS WATSON, wire service vice president in the NEB, etc., consult National Labor Relations.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

HOWARD HILL, president of Northern California Guild, writes: "I have the honor of representing the swellest gang of newspaper men and women in USA—the membership of the Northern California Newspaper Guild.

"My chief ambition in life is to help them attain their rightful goal—collective bargaining and protective contracts.

"Scrag publishers had better enjoy their smuggling now because the day is not far distant when they'll have to deal with the Guild whether they want to or not. (Other papers please copy).

"As for my personal history, who cares? Just another romantic figure in a joyous world of $18 paychecks."

PHILADELPHIA-CAMDEN

PAUL COMLY FRENCH, first president of Philadelphia-Camden Guild, served second term. Member of Philadelphia delegation at Washington organization meeting of ANG. Delegate to St. Paul and Cleveland conventions. Served as ANG regional vice-president for Third Region, 1934-35. Now Pennsylvania State Director, Federal Writers' Projects.

DAVID S. SCHICK, broke in as high school sports correspondent for *Evening World;* Brooklyn *Times*, Brooklyn *Eagle*, at age of 13. Two years later, after leaving school, joined Brooklyn *Times.* Reviewed books for Sunday *World*, Brooklyn *Eagle.* Established Art Criticism department for Brooklyn *Times*, was its first critic.

Ran Harford County Democrat-Aberdeen *Enterprise* (Md.) for short period, conducting craziest society column ever seen under byline of Beau Aberdeen until Order of Eastern Star and Goucher College graduates got on owners' necks. Quit when owner's wife insisted on tearing up season passes to races at Havre de Grace, fearful of staff morals.

Short pass-the-time away period on Bronx *Home News.* Also twenty-minute stay on Newark *Ledger* until city editor was asked by Old Man Russell who had given him authority to hire people. Then long, comparatively, stay on Philadelphia *Record* as Labor Editor. Since then (three years or so), editor, Labor Publications, including *Labor Record, Hosiery Worker*, etc., circulation, 54,000 guaranteed, advertisers note.

Married to first president of Philadelphia Bookkeepers and Office Workers Union. One child, 6 months old boy, associate editor, Philadelphia *Labor Record.*

PITTSBURGH, PA

ELEANOR FERRY, Pittsburgh's first woman delegate to a national convention, prefers sports assignments to any other. But the managing editor had different ideas. Lifted her nose for news so well he switched her to the city room. Has worked on the *Sun-Telegraph* (Hearst) two years. A Guild member as long and is active in collecting strike funds for Milwaukee.

DON HIRSCH, of the Pittsburgh *Press* (Scripps Howard) started as a reporter, witnessed the execution of five in a day and decided to take up radio newscasting. Will arrive at the Convention on a return trip from Europe aboard the Queen Mary. Studied at the University of Pittsburgh. Worked four years on the *Press* and one on the San Diego *Sun.*

J. E. "DEACON" JONES, has spent six years on the *Post-Gazette* (Paul Block); now covering City Hall. Was once a sports writer, he says. Delegate to 1935 Convention at Cleveland and secretary of the Pittsburgh Guild. Is hale and 30.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.

S. J. FITZGERALD, born Rochester, N. Y., 1891; St. Andrew's Seminary graduate. Joined Rochester *Herald* September, 1913. To Dayton, Ohio, *Journal*, in September, 1916. Enlisted U. S. Navy, June, 1917; serving until July, 1919. Editor movie paper and, in succession, reporting and copyreading on New Orleans *Times-Picayune* and *States*, Rochester *Journal-American*, Newark *Ledger* (and who hasn't?), New York *Telegram*, *Evening World*, Brooklyn *Standard-Union*, Newark *Star-Eagle*, Rochester *Journal-American* again and *Democrat and Chronicle.* Ambition to be a good copyreader and die in the traces.

MARGARET M. FRAWLEY, secretary of Rochester Guild, was infected early with newspaper disease. Family hoped college might persuade her to the respectability of the teaching profession. But even after a year of graduate work, still infected. Joined staff of Rochester *Democrat and Chronicle* in 1928. Feature and general reporting for past eight years with time off for a jaunt through Russia in 1931 and a trip through the Balkans in 1935. Assisted at the birth of Rochester Newspaper Guild; served on first board. Member of Guild and contact committee for past three years.

A. B., Rochester, 1926; M. A., Rochester, 1928. Phi Beta Kappa.

GEORGE W. WHITE, 30 years old, chairman of *Times-Union* unit; born in Rochester; married. Graduate of Syracuse University, with B.S. in journalism. Has worked for the Gannett Newspapers since 1925, except for two months on Amsterdam *Recorder* and two years in school. Had six months as district circulation manager for the *Times-Union* and one year on Plainfield *Courier-News.* Now rewrite man on the *Times-Union.* Charter member of Rochester Guild. Previously *Times-Union* unit secretary, unit collector, city Guild treasurer. Was delegate to Cleveland convention. Member of Sigma Phi Epsilon and Pi Delta Epsilon fraternities.

(Rochester will only be entitled to two delegates.)

ROCKFORD, ILL.

C. H. NELSON, president of the Rockford Guild and a member of the executive committee of the Midwest district, was one of the founders of the Rockford Guild and has played an active part in keeping the organization active. Represented Rockford at the St. Paul Convention. Has been in the newspaper business for the past 13 years, was on the Rockford *Morning Star* as city hall and police reporter.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS

VALERY BURATI, active organizer of Guilds in New England; formerly president in Springfield; reporter, *Morning Union.*

ST. LOUIS

JULIUS KLYMAN, *Post Dispatch.*

BARNEY WIPPOLD, *Globe Democrat.*

WILLIAM SPIVEY, *Journal.*

TOLEDO, O.

JOSEPH J. FLANAGAN, president, is on the Toledo *Times.*

C. P. ADAMSHICK, *News-Bee* reporter.

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Delegates in Spotlight

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TRI-CITY GUILD
(Albany, Troy, Schenectady, N. Y.)

ZOE B. FALES, member of Tri-City Guild executive board, is a feature writer for the Albany *Times-Union.* She was previously on the staff of the Albany *Evening News.* Graduate of Cornell. Wife of Henry E. Christman of the Albany *Evening News.* Was secretary-treasurer of the Guild in 1935.

JOHN MOONEY, legislative correspondent for the Albany *Evening News.* Formerly on newspapers in Cleveland, Chicago, Milwaukee, Hammond, Ind., and Miami, Fla. Married and has five children. Was Tri-City delegate to 1935 convention at Cleveland.

JOHN WANHOPE, first president of Tri-City Guild, now on executive board. Born in Chicago. Son of Joshua Wanhope, former newspaper editor, world-traveler and one-time Socialist candidate for Governor of New York. After several years at sea, John became one of famous "kindergarten," sons of Socialists, on the New York *Call*. Covered labor stories, politics and crime. Later worked on newspapers in Galveston, Savannah and other southern cities, and in New York City. Political writer and legislative correspondent for Syracuse *Journal.* Then on staff of Syracuse *Herald.* Amassed a fortune in a private business venture, then lost it. Returned to newspaper work in 1929 on the Albany *Evening News.* Delegate to St. Paul Convention. President and founder of The Press Company Credit Union. President of Credit Union Association of the State of New York. Lecturer. Married; has three children.

TWIN CITIES

ROBERT J. FITZSIMMONS, St. Paul *Daily News* unit, president.

JOHN J. BIDDISON, Minneapolis *Journal*, vice president.

JACK BURKET, *Morning Tribune.*

V. E. FAIRBANKS, St. Paul *Dispatch.*

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ROBERT M. BUCK, formerly on the ANG National Executive Board, is president of the Washington Guild. He has been in the newspaper business for more than 30 years, getting his first job on the Chicago *Tribune*, 1903. Just after the war he founded and edited the *New Majority*, official organ of the National Labor Board, the Farmer Labor Party and the Chicago Federation of Labor. Went to Washington in 1924, joining staff of Washington *Post.* Has been active in Guild since it was first organized in 1933.

LOUIS J. HEATH was a member of the Guild's national press association committee. Is on the Washington staff of the United Press.

HERBERT LITTLE is a member of the Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance unit.

KENNETH G. CRAWFORD is a Washington correspondent for the Philadelphia *Record* and the New York *Post.*

BUDD McKILLIPS is in the Labor Unit of the Washington Guild.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY, N. Y.

SAMUEL ENGLANDER, treasurer, Westchester Guild. District reporter for W. P. A. Formerly night editor of Yonkers *Herald Statesman*, and reporter and copyreader on *Hudson Dispatch*, Union City, N. J.; *Jersey Observer*, Hoboken, N. J.; Newark *Ledger; Chronicle* Publishing Co., Newark, N. J; Graduate of Columbia College, 1924. Charter member of Yonkers unit.

WILMINGTON, DEL.

WILLIAM P. FRANK, *Journal-Every Evening*, lives in the Single Tax colony, of Ardentown, Del., near Wilmington. Charter member of the Wilmington Guild. He was graduated from the Wilmington High School and has been employed on the Wilmington *Morning News*, the *Every Evening* (now deceased) and the *Evening Journal*, with which the *Every Evening* has merged. Represented his Guild at the St. Paul Convention.

Votes of the NEB

The Board has granted charters to Pittsburgh and Kansas City. The votes: Pittsburgh — For: Broun, Stevens, Sherman, Watson. Kansas City—For: Johnson, Sherman, Homan, Watson, Broun. No other votes received.

The proposition to add the chain paper and wire service recommendation to the convention report has been approved by the NEB. The vote: For: Watson, Sherman, Homan, Stevens, Ashcraft and Broun. Against: Johnson.

Homan has also asked to be recorded in favor of recent ballots for credits to Cleveland and for granting of charter to Bridgeport.

The Board approved the granting of a charter to Seattle by the following vote: For: Broun, Ashcraft, Homan, Watson, Stevens, Johnson. No vote received from Sherman.

Ashcraft's proposition regarding the adjustment of Pittsburgh's financial account was carried unanimously, all members voting.

Figures in Tacoma Guild's Victory



TERRY PETTUS



REX KELLEY

TACOMA WINS BACK JOB

Editor Promises Guild Recognition

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spoke before as many as three unions a night, telling the story of the case, and numerous telephone calls and personal visits by union members to the editor of the *Times*, protesting the dismissal, were credited with having played a large part in the victory.

In nearby Seattle, plans were made to start a boycott, in the event of a strike, on the *Star*, a sister paper of the chain. A Seattle radio station also co-operated, broadcasting the story over a western Washington hook-up without cost to the Guild, and *The Voice of Action*, a militant labor paper with a large circulation, carried a story and an editorial.

The settlement of the case came suddenly on May 19, after Hull, on behalf of a Guild committee, had obtained an appointment with Langlow to discuss any evidence of inefficiency he wished to present. This meeting did not take place, as before the appointed time Langlow had told the Guild formally through Paul Busselle, secretary, and a member of the *Times* staff, that the reinstatement would take place. Kelley resumed work on May 20.

The case closed with a letter from the Tacoma Guild Executive Board to Langlow commending him for the reinstatement and trusting "that our future relations will continue to be friendly."

Hull and Terry Pettus, president of the Guild, who spent all his spare time on the case despite a severe sinus infection, appeared at the Labor Council meeting the night afterward to thank the council and the individual unions for their assistance.

Picks Bad Customer For W.R.H. Greeting

DURHAM, N. C.—An enterprising employe of a local telegraph company was drumming up trade here recently. Dialing the number of the local paper, and addressing the Guildsmen who answered, he suggested:

"Today is Mr. William Randolph Hearst's birthday. I thought possibly that you, as a fellow member of the profession, might like to send him a wire of felicitation on this happy occasion."

The Guildsman declined.

Times Awards

All Work of Merit To Be Recognized

All newspaper work currently appearing in the New York *Times* that is "deemed of exceptional merit" will be "recognized" and "publicized" as such by the *Times* unit of the Guild. The awards setup, evolved after considerable study by the Unit Council, was adopted recently. It differs from the usual periodic judging in that selection will not be confined to a set time but will be continuous.

"Recognition" at present will be by "publicizing" in the unit paper.

A standing awards committee of five members will be assisted by sub-committees composed largely of Guildsmen on copy desks. Herman H. Dinsmore, of the cable desk, unit vice-chairman and committee head, with Don Marshall, of the city desk, presented nominees for the other places. The judges have begun making awards.

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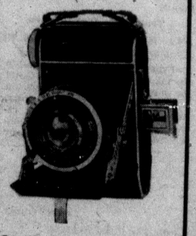
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NLRB GOES TO COURT

AP Fails to Obey Order on Watson

(Continued from page 1)

to the individual at the AP office. The roster covered 190 names.

The Guild's national office sent to each of the employes a copy of the report of Dean Charles E. Clark of the Yale Law School as trial examiner for the National Labor Relations Board, in which he completely vindicated the Guild's position and recommended Watson's reinstatement. It also sent a letter to each employe stating that the Guild's original request for negotiations with the AP was made on the unit's specific instructions, and that in all such negotiations the wishes of the unit, as in this case the desire to hold the bargaining to the question of the five-day week, were always followed.

Pay to be Made Up

The NLRB's findings are substantially the same as those announced April 22 by Dean Clark after completion of the hearings.

In ordering Watson's reinstatement, the Board directed the AP to reimburse him for any loss of pay he has suffered by reason of his discharge, taking into account the amount earned by him in that period. Watson has been serving as director of "The Living Theater," a WPA project.

The ruling reiterates the contention of the Board, previously announced along with the May 7 order, that the news agency is considered engaged in interstate and foreign commerce by reason of its far-flung news dispensing service. This was one of the principal points disputed by AP counsel at the hearings.

Told Not to Discriminate

The NLRB order called upon the AP to cease and desist—

From discouraging membership in the American Newspaper Guild or in any other labor organization of its employes, by discharging, threatening to discharge, or refusing to reinstate any of its employes for joining the Guild or any other labor organization of its employes; and

From in any other manner discriminating against any of its employes in regard to hire or tenure of employment, or any term or condition of employment for joining the Guild or any other labor organization of its employes; and

From in any other manner interfering with, restraining, or coercing its employes in the exercise of their rights to self-organization, to form, join or assist labor organizations, to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing, and to engage in concerted activities for the purpose of collective bargaining or other mutual aid or protection, as guaranteed in Section 7 of the National Labor Relations Act.

The order also directed the agency immediately to post notices to its employes in the New York office, stating that the Board's ruling will be complied with, and keep the notices posted for at least 30 consecutive days.

Regarding Watson's discharge, the Board said:

"We think that it is beyond dispute that Watson was discharged and discriminated against in regard to hire and tenure of employment to discourage membership in the Guild."

Radio Talk Brings Gifts

READING, Pa.—W. Erie Homan, national vice-president of the Guild, was the speaker in a 15-minute broadcast, "The Voice of Labor," program of WEEU, this city. Homan described the Milwaukee strike and afterward received two $10 contributions, one from the Reading Federated Trades Council and the other from Local Berks (Reading) branch of the Socialist party.

Sound Truck Rental

The Milwaukee story in the May 15 GUILD REPORTER said that the Guild had been renting a sound truck from the Socialist Party at $30 a week. That amount is incorrect. The Guild was paying $17.50 a week. The act of the party in renting the truck to the Guild for a month, incidentally, represented a considerable sacrifice, as the equipment was badly needed at the time.

Objection to a Report

AKRON, OHIO.

Editor The Guild Reporter:

Let's get the record straight in this matter of the dismissal of B. J. Widick by the Akron *Beacon Journal* and also concerning the attitude of the *Beacon Journal* publisher toward the Guild.

...The Akron Newspaper Guild, after the most thorough consideration, voted 21 to 10 that there was no cause for action.

This should have been conclusive and final, for the vote was taken by secret ballot in a meeting entirely free from pressure. Most members were inclined to be personally sympathetic toward Widick—he was well liked—yet the big majority realized that no discrimination entered into his dismissal. The size of the majority made it evident that *Times-Press* as well as *Beacon Journal* members concurred in the decision.

In your last issue, comes Ashcraft, of the NEB, not only still insisting that Widick's dismissal was a case of Guild discrimination, but...making uncalled-for allegations that the publisher is "maneuvering skillfully to company-unionize the *Beacon Journal* unit."

Company-Union Issue

Let me say here that Ashcraft and the attitude of the NEB and THE GUILD REPORTER have done far more to company-unionize this unit than Publisher Knight ever has done.

Most of us want an organization and want it to be on a national basis, for we realize that it is the only way to raise newspaper workers' salaries and working conditions over the long pull. But if that organization and its officers are going to constantly harass friendly publishers like Knight, we'll be better off as a company union or as unorganized individuals.

Ashcraft calls the *Beacon Journal* unit's agreement drawn a year ago one that "the Guild could not countenance," yet when you boil it down we got as much as his Cleveland *Press* got nine months later.

Agreement Reached Early

Knight was bargaining freely and fully with the Akron Newspaper Guild nearly a year before our rival Scripps-Howard outfit would. If the agreement that has benefitted us for a year wasn't all that could have been desired, it was still that much more than was obtained by our friends who opposed it.

The Akron Newspaper Guild proved that it has its feet solidly on the ground when it refused to be stampeded into fighting [this] case...If the Guild is ever to amount to anything, it must recognize when its members are in the wrong as well as when it has a just grievance against a publisher. We in Akron have shown we can do that—can the national Guild do as well?

This is written by me as an individual, chiefly for the purpose of preventing Ashcraft's report from going into the record unchallenged.

JAMES S. JACKSON,
Chairman, Beacon Journal Unit, Akron Newspaper Guild.

JACK ALEXANDER'S LETTER

Member Writes About Guild for Editor and Publisher

The following article appeared in Editor and Publisher for May 16. Because of the importance to Guild members of knowing about such a statement, it is reprinted here.

By JACK ALEXANDER
(Member of the Daily News Unit of the New York Newspaper Guild)

(The following letter is an expression of my own sentiments and beliefs and in no way an official communication from the Guild unit of which I am a member. It is being printed at my request and I have nothing to sell.—J. A.)

A great many Guildsmen are complaining (although you never get an inkling of it from THE GUILD REPORTER) that the Guild is losing sight of what was once its only purpose—improvement of the economic condition of its members; that when it does get around to agitating for benefits, it does so in such a brash, whole-hog-or-none way that the net result is defeat or a documentary settlement that means no more than an international treaty; that it is indulging in ill-advised strikes and rattling its tin cup and exhibiting its bed sores publicly in a way that gains only a lot of maudlin sympathy, not shorter hours or the increased share of the profits that rightfully belong to writers, editors and reporters; that instead of branching out and gaining the numerical strength so necessary for mass action, it is alienating members and narrowing down gradually to a smaller and smaller handful of so-called leftists, so that in a few more years it will be entirely non-representative of working American newspapermen.

The convention starts here in New York May 29 and, so far, I have heard nothing of any organized minority or majority opposition to act as a check upon the vaulting ambitions of the gentlemen who have been in control for three years. This isn't surprising since the organ in which you might expect to read such news prints only what is favorable to its self-perpetuating rulers. It is entirely possible that my notion of the unexpressed dissatisfaction is exaggerated. But, if it isn't, it's about time to do something.

At the Cleveland convention, the regime lost to an unorganized vote on the continuation of Jonathan Eddy as national executive secretary, only to have one delegation reverse itself and swing the vote Eddy's way. The moral of this historic fact is that the membership is more powerful than the regime, if it sets out to be.

What Does Membership Want?

The big question is—just what kind of a Guild does the membership want? If we had an unfettered REPORTER, with a section devoted to discussion of this important topic, we might get a fair cross-section of opinion. As things stand now, the regime in power has fashioned its own ideal of a Guild and endeavored to fasten the pattern onto the membership, which, to me, is making the patient fit the bed. Even more disastrous, in my opinion, is that the regime's grandiose notion of the Guild's function has departed too far from the original ideal and no longer represents the mass cravings of its members. In our own unit, we have had resignations during the past few months. Some were over the broad pacifist resolution endorsed by the NEB, a tactless move, if there ever was one; some reached over the NEB blast against sections of Governor Lehman's criminal procedure reforms. Those who resigned didn't fancy the company the NEB was forcing them to keep. Resigning was plainly the wrong way to go about curing such a condition but the resigners were in no mood to be told that. Wrong though they were, their resignations hurt the Guild. Every time the NEB goes off the deep end on some question just remotely affecting the Guild, or not affecting it at all, more are going to resign.

It might clarify things for men in Houston and Tacoma and Montgomery and Chicago to show just what the present leadership of the Guild conceives to be its function.

Daily Worker Quoted

The quotes are from the magazine section of the *Sunday Worker* (Sunday edition of the *Daily Worker*, Communist) of January 12 last. The title of the article is "It seems To Us, Too." The subject of the piece is Heywood Broun, who is described as, "an American Von Ossietzky who does not propose to end his days in some Yankee concentration camp." Of him, the author says: "Broun sees the Guild as a key group in fostering white-collar organization throughout America...He hopes the Guild can render the trade union movement more articulate to the unorganized, the scattered workingmen of America, the people at large...He has thrown his vast bulk, and it is not only physical... the man is a sort of Man Mountain Dean among columnists...against Fascism and against War...He stands for what Vanzetti called Josstice and what he calls the brotherhood of man. And he feels the immediate methods of attaining that goal are a Farmer-Labor Party and a strong anti-Fascist movement in this country."

Mr. Broun is quoted directly, as follows: "The newspaperman has always been leftist in thought... The impartial reporter? Nonsense. It is impossible to be a plate glass window."

Interpretation of Broun

Probably more significant than the Worker's reporting is the way the story was displayed. For instance, this they-laughed-when-I-sat-down-at-the-piano subhead: "They called Heywood Broun the Playboy of the Algonquin. But the Boy Grew Older. Today He Is an Outstanding Labor Leader." And this excerpt from the text: "Today he is a labor leader, he is a champion of the common man. He is Number One on the picket line." The significance is that a few years ago Mr. Broun was a pet hate of the comrades, today he is their darling. When he was a Socialist, he was one of the comrade's most despised symbols. I remember covering a Communist hate party one Sunday in the Labor Lyceum in which a fat, chubby boy actor aroused great glee among the comrades by lurching around the stage drunkenly in company with actors representing God, J. P. Morgan and similar hate foci. The fat boy waved aloft a gin bottle. On his back was a placard lettered Heywood Broun. Those insulting days are over for Mr. Broun. The comrades are now playing up to his blind side because they have designs on the Guild.

Sees Guild on Crusades

Do all Guildsmen tie in with the committing of the org anization to broad social crusades? Are they content with the wish-fulfilment basis upon which the Guild now confronts publishers with a Magna Charta and hopes immediately to gain what labor unions have been generations in gaining? Or would they prefer a quiet policy of small gains quietly but steadily achieved? Do Guildsmen join with the regime in seeking Der Tag for the entire working class or does a majority believe the Guild should work strictly for its own millenium? Does the membership share the Brounian vision of the brotherhood of man or is that a luxury we should deny ourselves until we get a few wage and hour concessions? Does the membership believe the Guild is wisely committed, by convention resolution, to battle for industrial unionism when it isn't even a recognized union as yet? How does expending energy on organization of a Farmer-Labor Party strike you? Do you fancy the masochistic psychology that dictates hopeless strikes, spectacular clashes with the police and sweaty dramatization of the fact that the Guild is pitifully weak? Do you think that constant dramatization of weakness will make for strength?

Convention A Critical One

There's a convention coming along and it's a critical one. Riding high, the regime is prepared to put the Guild in the American Federation of Labor by a convention vote. This represents an important departure from the national referendum system, under which last year affiliation failed to gain a two-thirds majority.

Affiliation is regarded as in the bag. Once more the regime is wholly disregarding the fact that many Guildsmen are irreconcilably opposed to joining even as conservative a labor outfit as the A. F. of L. and that they will resign forthwith if affiliation is voted. This, despite the fact that the Guild's dues-paying membership is already a rather small fraction of what it could, and should be. It may well be that this precipitate plunging of the Guild into organbed labor's ranks will immediately crack the organization.

Possibly I overestimate the opposition to current policies and leaders, and certainly the leaders are proceeding as if there were a vast army with banners marching at their heels. But I think I judge the temper of men outside New York better than the regime. The men the main office has sent West to sound out sentiment have shown themselves to be singularly impervious to new impressions.

Writer's Proposal

I think the regime can and should be ousted. The men to do this are the men from outside of New York, for the New York Guild, due to the activities of the comrades and the comrades' blood brothers, has become quite pinko indeed.

There is another improvement that might profitably be made. The Guild headquarters should be moved out of New York and given an average American chance in an average American city. It is no mere tourists' bromide that New York is not American. Its psychology and its loudest reforming intellectuals are decidedly European, so much so that it would be deeply embarrassing for a national officer of the Guild to admit publicly that he is not, at the moment, ready to die for the class struggle. One just doesn't do that here. It stamps one as a barbarian. Washington or say, Cleveland, would furnish a less hectic, less pinko, less biased atmosphere.

How About Moving to San Simeon?

NEW YORK CITY.

Editor, The Guild Reporter:

A letter to Comrade Broun:

In view of the underground movement within the Guild which, according to Jack Alexander, regards the REPORTER as the mouthpiece of a self-perpetuating hierarchy and which considers New York too un-American to be Guild headquarters, BE IT RESOLVED that in the interests of internal harmony the American Newspaper Guild should immediately transfer its national offices to the unsullied climate of San Simeon, California, and adopt at once as its official organ that fearless champion of the working man, *Editor and Publisher*.

Seriously, I sincerely hope that THE GUILD REPORTER reprints Mr. Alexander's article from *Editor and Publisher*. As it stands now, the paper could use a little more humor. And in making that suggestion, may I add, I have nothing to sell.

MARC ROSENBLUM.

On Old Man Scripps

Reporter Thinks He Wouldn't Agree With Howard on Guild

JERSEY CITY, N. J.

Editor, The Guild Reporter:

Roy Howard's anxiety to preserve the freedom of the press by denying the freedom of his editorial employes to organize a closed shop moves me to express some thoughts that have been flitting through my mind for years.

A quarter century has passed since I worked on a Scripps paper, but I was born and nursed on one, journalistically speaking, and I am still convinced that the policy laid down by the late E. W. Scripps for the conduct of his newspapers was the wisest ever devised. When he bequeathed his newspaper chain to his son, Robert, he said that now that the papers were on a sound financial basis he hoped they would be able to make more sacrifices for the public good. Since then I have waited for signs of these sacrifices and for some evidence of the Old Man's fighting spirit in his heirs, but I have waited in vain.

At the beginning of the 1928 Presidential campaign, I noted that the executives of the Scripps papers held a conference somewhere in the Middle West to decide on their editorial policy and that after mature deliberation they came out for Herbert Hoover. To me, that was not very thrilling.

Change in World-Telegram

As for the New York *World-Telegram*, it has become so prosperous and so comfortably satisfied with the status quo that, except for the saving grace of Heywood Broun, the *Herald Tribune* would do just about as well; not that it isn't one of the best New York dailies, but it reminds me of the New York *World* in the days of Herbert Bayard Swope, when the *World* still bore the semblance of liberalism, but creeping paralysis, caught the day it kissed and made up with Big Business, had already set in.

E. W. Scripps always said that the duty of a newspaper is to represent the common people, that is, the 95 per cent, the five per cent, constituting the exploiting class, being more than capable of taking care of itself. His chief difficulty was to find men to carry out this program. An editor would start out all right, he complained, but as soon as the paper became prosperous he joined the Country Club and became worthless.

What Would Scripps Do?

If Scripps were at the head of his newspapers today, they would be making such an able fight for the under dog that the *Daily Worker* would seem pale and academic. The extraordinary opportunity created by 12,000,000 idle men which his editors have completely miffed, Scripps would be busily cashing in on.

I can imagine the big fellow, with his boots and his whiskers, suddenly clattering into the *World-Telegram* office after a flight from his ranch in California and calling a staff meeting. He is blowing wreaths of smoke from a cigar as the nervous reporters and rewrite men gather about him. Finally he removes the cigar from his mouth, flicks off the ashes and breaks the thick silence.

"I understand you are organizing a union," he says. The ringleaders shake in their shoes.

"I'm glad to hear it. I'm glad that you boys on the Scripps papers are smart enough to get into the labor movement. From now on, this is a closed shop, and I want to see you get out a real workingman's newspaper!"

He strides out, chuckling to himself.

"It will increase the cost of the editorial department quite a bit, but it means a brighter and steadier staff, and the Scripps papers have made friends of 2,000,000 labor union men!"

HOWARD A. LAMB.

Madison Re-elects Lochner President

MADISON, Wis. — Herman P. Lochner was unanimously re-elected president of the Newspaper Guild of Madison at the annual meeting recently.

Robert Fleming, of the *Capital Times* staff, was elected secretary-treasurer, succeeding William L. Doudna, *State Journal*, who was chosen vice-president. Cedric Parker is to be the delegate to the national convention.

A resolution was passed empowering the old executive committee to continue to negotiate with the publishers of the *State Journal* and *Capital Times* on changes in the present contract, seeking reduction of the work week from 48 to 42 hours; two weeks vacation with pay; time and a half for overtime in either cash or time off; and an extended salary minimum schedule based on length of experience. The present contract establishes a minimum of $35 for two years experience.

Nebraska Guildsman Trusts Officers

OMAHA, NEB.

Editor, The Guild Reporter:

The following is a letter to Heywood Broun and Jonathan Eddy:

I wish to protest the inept comments of Jack Alexander, *Daily News* Unit, American Newspaper Guild, writing in *Editor & Publisher*, issue of May 16.

Mr. Alexander's attack on the officers of the American Newspaper Guild is especially suspect in view of the anti-Guild publication in which it is printed. Mr. Alexander's censure shows no understanding of basic Guild principles, or appreciation of the issues involved in the struggle for a sounder professional and economic status of all working newspaper men.

Particularly do I challenge Mr. Alexander's statement that newspaper men and women outside of New York City find themselves out of harmony with the tactical leadership of the national officers of the Guild. I am a westerner and speak from the years of newspaper work I have had in Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, Iowa, as well as Ohio and Michigan.

In all of my contacts through local Guilds in the West with the national officership of the American Newspaper Guild, I have found the leadership of the national officers inspirational and capable. In fact, in my own present Guild the very fact of preservation of the local unit in the face of adverse factors has been due largely to the spirit of trust and confidence in both the strategy and sincerity of the national leadership.

HENRY OZANNE.

For Subscriptions to Reporter

FLUSHING, L. I.

Editor, The Guild Reporter:

Noting the NEB statement in the May 15 issue of THE GUILD REPORTER that the ANG needs more income and recommends raising our monthly dues, I wish to offer the following suggestion as a more practical way of meeting the situation.

I am enclosing my check for $2.00 covering my subscription to THE GUILD REPORTER. I suggest you date this from last August, which started the period covered in the statement you published.

THE GUILD REPORTER has proved its worth and I suggest you invite all Guild members to subscribe and pay up. Even though all members do not subscribe I believe if the two plans were put up to the entire membership and the method of subscribing at $2 each to THE GUILD REPORTER were chosen, it would not only cover the approximate difference of $10,000 between national Guild costs and actual income from dues but would tend toward a more closely knit organization, on the principle that we appreciate what we pay for more than what we get for nothing.

At this time I think it inadvisable to ask for more dues. I know two Guildmen who get a great deal more pay than I, who are months behind in dues.

I have often found that the fact a person gets high wages is not an indication of ability to meet all obligations. The two cases I know bear this out, for there are family obligations. It is because of the tight places in which I believe many Guildmen find themselves, who were caught in the undertow of a wave of false prosperity that I suggest subscriptions as at least a partial means of getting needed revenue.

Naturally growth in membership realized in the added programs of expansion would increase revenue from this source. Then, if necessary, dues might be raised. At any rate I suggest the policy of subscription fees.

You can bill me again next August, whether or not dues are raised.

PRESTON KING SHELDON.

About Constitution

Philadelphia Guildsman Comments On Proposals for Changes

PHILADELPHIA.

Editor, The Guild Reporter:

I have finished reading Bob Buck's proposed new Constitution and the recommendations of the NEB. I would like to preface my letter by saying that I served on the Constitution committee at Cleveland and submitted the single dissenting report. I think that some of my objections, in the light of a year's experience, were invalid; others still stand.

Buck's document undoubtedly is the result of considerable study. I believe that some of his points are improvements over the present constitution, while others seem to me to have little worth.

I agree with his principle of a full-time paid president as chief organizer, yet I am doubtful of the wisdom of making such a change at this time because of my deep conviction that we need Heywood Broun as president.

As a substitute for Buck's proposal I would suggest the establishment of a full-time paid executive vice-president as chief executive of the Guild. I do not think, as he suggests, that the president should have power to employ organizers. They should be selected by the NEB after careful consideration.

His proposal to make the Secretary and Treasurer a combined position on a paid basis is excellent. I have felt for some time that we could function more effectively by such a move. It would give us a paid officer, devoting full time to the vital job of collecting dues and assessments.

I am opposed to the biennial convention he proposes because I believe that we need the closer association and contacts between members resulting from more frequent meetings.

Headquarters Question

At Cleveland I urged moving the national office from New York. I still think such a move advisable, except for one factor. We are able to secure considerable volunteer assistants from the New York Guild. Is it sound to move until we are able to pay for *ALL* the editorial and clerical assistance we need?

The NEB recommends a dues increase to 75 cents; Buck proposes 50 cents. I think his figure is too low and believe that the NEB's should be increased likewise so that the monthly dues for the National should be $1.00. They admit that their figures are based on extremely close estimates. I feel that we have reached the stage where we must understand that it costs money to run the Guild and to organize new units. I am convinced, after two years experience as president of the second largest Guild in the ANG, that organization is a full-time job and not a part-time undertaking for a few loyal and active members.

Buck suggests increasing the number of vice presidents. That is an excellent suggestion because it will broaden the representation on the NEB. Loss of wide representation on the NEB, to my mind, was a mistake at Cleveland.

For Stronger Districts

I opposed the district plan at the last Convention. The NEB recommends that it be made more effective; Buck proposes that they become subordinate to the local Guilds. It seems to me that strong districts with authority over constituent Guilds, is needed to enable us to develop a greater unity.

Buck's recall provision is excellent and will help in maintaining democratic control of the Guild.

I object strenuously to his suggestion that unemployed members should be prohibited from voting on fiscal matters. The Miscellaneous Unit of the Philadelphia Guild is paying the second largest amount of dues to the Guild and has collected the second largest fund for the Milwaukee strike. It seems obviously unfair to me to tell us that we cannot vote on fiscal matters when we contribute heavily to the organization.

Among the important matters to be considered by this Convention should be the establishment of real economic security through the organization of a system of unemployment insurance; wage insurance during sickness and health and accident insurance on a group basis. I believe that we should work for the establishment of group medical plans—like the one now functioning in Philadelphia; credit unions and consumers co-operatives. Non-Guildsmen frequently ask what they gain by joining the ANG. In addition to the union plea, we would increase the effectiveness of our organization drive if we offered concrete benefits such as I have outlined. Many of the strongest unions have such plans. I expect to have material along these lines prepared to offer to the Convention for consideration of the delegates.

PAUL COMLY FRENCH.

Better Raise Dues to $1, He Says

COLUMBUS, OHIO.

Editor, The Guild Reporter:

I note by your able, newsy issue of May 15 that the National Executive Board is going to ask for 75 cents monthly national dues at the convention.

While we're hiking the dues to near where they ought to be, I propose let's make it at least $1 a month.

It what the national Guild is doing for newspapermen isn't worth that much, it isn't worth anything.

The fine progress of the past year has made us more Guild-conscious than ever before. But the Guild needs money and we can't depend on charity all the time. We must dig out of our own pockets!

I'm prouder than ever I'm a Guild man—and the *Wisconsin News* strike has helped build—up this morale more than anything yet. We are fighting odds, and we intend to win.

National dues of $1 a month, I might point out, would be but 25 cents a week. Even a $14 minimum cub can spare that much.

SAMUEL C. FUSCO.

A Program to Help the Guild's Unemployed

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Editor, The Guild Reporter:

Bravo for Steve Williams! He probably knows the trials and tribulations an unemployed reporter experiences.

Last September I cast my lot with a certain Brooklyn daily notorious for its evasive tactics in dealing with Guild demands. They must have had between thirty and forty reporters at that time, most of whom, as I, were working on space rates. Everything was obviously on a competitive standard; it was either sink or swim. The favored reporters swam.

The average wage was the magnificent sum of $6 a week. Hours did not mean a thing; you were compelled to work on day and night assignments. Of the space writers, I know of only one person who joined the Guild, and he was I. After a few weeks the space personnel was cut, but since most of my work had been better than the ordinary (they all received good plays), I looked forward to a possible secure future with the paper.

Out Go the Reporters

You probably know the rest of the details. The staff was cut to a minimum, and one November afternoon I found myself out of a job. Copy boys were pressed into reportorial service and the staff even drafted a member of the business department, a girl with very little journalism experience who just gushed over the thought of being a reporter, on both shifts. Another reporter with whom I worked was fired before I, but got himself back as a copy boy. He went to an accredited journalism school, but what evidently carried weight is that, he told me, at one time he was a neighbor of the publisher!

In spite of my two years of practical newspaper work, also a thorough private training in journalism under a former managing editor of enviable experience and reputation, I couldn't get anything more than a promise. The rugged newspaper individualist can't say I did not try hard enough; I probably know where every picture is located on the walls in the reception rooms of the metropolitan papers.

The irony of it is that I gave up a half-way decent job (by way of comparison) with a typographical firm for the Brooklyn post. Visions of a brilliant career are blotted out by visions of fading bread and butter, and the unemployed reporter can turn to no one but the Guild.

Proposals for the Guild

Just as the WPA absorbed at least a part of our unemployed newsmen (I was too late for it), the ANG ought to take care of a part of its own. Promotion work can be done, especially in aiding any current strike. THE GUILD REPORTER can be strengthened no end; the unemployed can run the paper at the lowest possible rate, instead of the work being done gratis by employed members, as I understand it.

Advertising solicitation for the REPORTER is a big field; at least some of us can be put to work there. Guildsmen won't frown upon a minimum salary in work done for the good of the organization, it will promote group loyalty, boost morale, set a good example and incidentally give men in my position work. It is worthy of the Convention's attention.

Add example of Guildsmen's loyalty to their brethren: I know an editor, ANG member, who "employs" a college student for work on a powerful Brooklyn weekly at nothing per week! Maybe that is why I am out of a job now.

BERTRAM NAZER.

The Guild Reporter

"Resolved, that the editor of THE GUILD REPORTER *be instructed to so edit* THE GUILD REPORTER *that it shall promote in every legitimate way the recommendations and mandates of the Second Annual Convention of the American Newspaper Guild, and that he confine the editorial policy of* THE GUILD REPORTER *to that specific program."—Adopted by the National Executive Board as proposition No. 17 of July 2, 1935.*

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Convention Hazards

In some ways it is too bad that the American Newspaper Guild convention is being held before those of the Democratic and Republican Parties. We are comparatively inexperienced in these things. Think of all we could learn from their example.

There is, for instance, the art of writing platforms and resolutions that sound good but don't mean anything. We're going to miss their expert instruction on that.

But there are compensations. For one thing we shall not have the "favorite sons" headache. If we like or dislike an idea or a man we don't have to worry ourselves about whether it or he would please or displease the agrarian Middle West or the industrial East, or whether it or he comes from humble Oshkosh or proud Beacon Hill. The convention committee has prepared cold showers for any Rotarians who start an argument about the relative greatness or wickedness of New York and Chicago.

And we are just as satisfied to leave to the political conventions next month the spectacle of disgruntled candidates sulking in their hotel rooms and talking about "taking a walk."

The more we think about it, the better we like this convention.

Hats Off to Gen. Howard!

To be an able newspaper man takes generalship. One cannot win everything; part of the skill lies in knowing how to fight even losing battles so as to remain in position for the ultimate victory.

Roy W. Howard is an excellent newspaper man. It is no surprise, then, that he is an excellent general, as his exchange of telegrams with Rupert Hughes and Dudley Nichols reminds us.

His foray under the Hughes banner, to be sure, was commonplace enough, and its exposure left him with the enemy nearly in his back yard. We pass over this little discomfiture. After all, a general must take some risks.

Our admiration goes out to his larger strategy. His own editorial staffs and the writers of the country are forming into huge groups for collective bargaining. Does Howard oppose them? Not at all. Shall the Scripps-Howard papers be illiberal? Never! Certainly, not during a tremendous surge of interest in popular rights. Rather, he retires gradually to one apparently small point, the closed shop. About this the public and even some of the writers are confused. Actually the writers are not even seeking it; they want, in the Newspaper Guild's case, a compromise called the preferential shop. Fundamentally it is a point with the aid of which they can safeguard their gains relatively easily after the enthusiasm of organization has died away. On every other point Howard is reasonableness itself. He retreats gracefully, softening the opposition with concessions as he goes. Will he bargain? Certainly. More security? Yes. Raises? Possibly. The means of holding these improvements? That is different. Here Howard fights.

That, in our opinion, is generalship.

Railroad Landmark

The railroad brotherhoods have blazed a new trail for all labor in the scale of dismissal pay they have just won. It runs from six months after one year of employment to five years after fifteen years of service, at the rate of 60 per cent of their salaries, payable monthly or in a lump sum at the worker's option. Beside this scale the Guild's proposal of one month's dismissal pay for each year of service is modest, indeed.

The basis for this agreement is the probability of a merger of railroads and terminals. But it would never have been obtained if the workers in the industry had not been powerfully organized.

The newspaper industry has had its own tragic mergers, as the former employes of the latter-day New York World and other papers can testify. It is not an accident that dismissal pay is one of the chief demands of the Guild. In an industry where the demand for youth, the changes in editorial policy, the experimentation and the low starting salaries create a high rate of turnover, the problem of security is paramount.

The railroad brotherhoods have shown us what can be done through organization.

Marks for High Spots

It makes us weep as we contemplate the river of brilliant output by newspaper men that rushes headlong daily into that sea of forgetfulness of the day after, with no X to mark the spot where at least one dazzling piece of reporting, news writing, comment, headline or art work lies for future identification. The Pulitzer awards help some times, but at other times they leave the aching void aching harder than ever.

The DeSouza award decided upon at Cleveland, was the Guild's answer. It has brought us to the discovery—which has to be made often—that things do not happen by themselves.

The Guild Reporter has put forward a scheme to keep the award idea alive throughout the year by printing each month the best news story, headline and art. We are hopped up over this idea. Where local units are making awards they are attracting lively interest and doing the Guild good.

But we can't sit here and judge unless we get some stories. And we will stake our all on a bet that not many stories will come until local Guilds set up committees to make their own local selections.

Awards may seem frills when we are in the midst of more serious business, but they would prove a contribution to our craft. Many members now inactive could make a genuine contribution to our strength by superintending a system of regular selections.

It's time for another committee in your town!

Some members have asked the editor whether the Jack Alexander letter in Editor & Publisher was submitted to the *Guild Reporter* for publication. It was not.

BRITISH NEWSMEN STYMIED

Effort of Two Organizations to Merge Is Stalled By The Institute's Publisher Members

by ORIL BROWN
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LONDON.

All attempts at united action between the British Institute of Journalists, an organization of both newspapermen and publishers, and the National Union of Journalists, the English model of the Guild, have been abandoned. They cannot come together because the N. U. J. will not surrender its right to strike and the Institute is being prevented from changing its charter to permit trade union activities.

Throughout its history, the Institute, the senior organization, has been ineffectual in improving the working conditions of English newspapermen because publishers themselves were in its ranks to nullify all attempts to raise wages and reduce hours. The charter granted the organization by the Privy Council made no provision for calling strikes or for disciplining members if they worked for less than set wage standards, which was tantamount to forbidding these activities.

Seeing that it was powerless to change the bad-working conditions in newspaper offices, a group of its members, themselves journalists occupying high positions, abandoned the Institute in 1907 and organized the N. U. J. By 1921 the Union had increased wages 100 per cent, established the practice of paying for overtime work, and made the three weeks vacation universal.

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Throughout the 20s rivalry between the Institute and the N. U. J. grew increasingly sharp. By 1928 leaders on both sides were meeting to discuss an amicable settlement. Amalgamation was impossible because the terms of the Institute's charter did not allow trade union activities. However, an agreement was drawn up which provided for united action and a division of functions. The Union would deal with all questions of salaries, conditions of employment, and payment of unemployment benefits; the Institute with professional questions, education, and the administration of benevolent funds. Memberships would also be interchangeable—i. e., Union members would become Institute members, and vice versa, except that directors, publishers, and managing editors would not be allowed to belong to the Union.

The merger would have ended warfare in the ranks of journalism, greatly increased the membership of the Union, and infused vitality into the dying Institute. A judge declared the agreement invalid because the interchange of membership committed Institute newspapermen to trade union activities not permitted by their charter. If a strike was declared, any member of the Institute could obtain an injunction to stop it. And proprietor-members of the Institute, even then opposed to the merger, were sure to do so. They were already blocking the only way out of the dilemma—application to the Crown for a new charter granting the right to trade union activities.

Nevertheless, the Institute continued to press for joint action. All proposals were rejected by the N. U. J. because they did not provide for an interchange of members. Leaders of the Union pointed out that unless this stipulation were made, journalists with an anti-trade union prejudice—a feeling that is still strong among English professional men—would flock to the "aristocratic" Institute while benefiting from the trade union activities from the Union. In time, they pointed out, the Union would be decimated and publisher-control would once more be in the ascendancy.

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Today the N. U. J. boasts a membership three times as large as that of the Institute. Ninety per cent of the newspaper men and women in England are on its rolls.

By rigidly limiting newcomers to the field, the Union has kept unemployment among English journalists at 1 per cent. Young Englishmen enter newspaper work via the apprentice route. They begin as "juniors" on provincial papers at the age of 17 or 18. Today the N. U. J. has an agreement with publishers limiting their employment of juniors to a definite number, small in rating to the experienced men on their staffs. It has, however, established a high rate of pay for such juniors as do enter the field.

The N. U. J. is affiliated with other English trade unions.

Quotes From Unit Papers

By ALEX KENDRICK

(Chairman, Inquirer Unit, in the Philadelphia Guild Orphan, organ of the Miscellaneous Unit.)

If there is one thing the Great American Cycle of one depression after another has taught us, it is that there is no longer any stigma attached to being unemployed.

Previously, so tender is the American conscience, the jobless man blamed himself. Now, experience and the more progressive trade unions have educated him, so that he is able to fasten the blame where it belongs—on the illogicalities, the contradictions and the patent absurdities of the prevailing economic system.

But depressions have done more than sharpened the sensibilities and reasoning power of the unemployed. They have stripped a great deal of the protective coloration from the American trade union itself, and brought it face to face with its responsibilities.

All unions, from the powerful United Mine Workers of America down to the smallest of them all, the International Union of Journeymen Horseshoers, have their unemployed units or make some provision for their jobless members.

They have come to realize that the unemployed units are a living reminder of the purpose of all unions, which is, in immediate terms, security for the working man, through jobs, adequate wages and decent working conditions—and in ultimate terms, a greater collectivization of industry and, indeed, of society itself.

There can be no doubt that continued unemployment is making the American trade union more militant, more vocative and more suspicious of the status quo.

But there are great strata of American labor, both below and above the trade union layer, that have never been organized, and have arrived at group-thinking only because of unemployment and because government has put its hand into the labor pie.

It is the function of these WPA and unemployed unions to stand at the side of the regular trade unions in the fight for security, and there are very few trade unions which will not welcome this support.

An army is lost without its rear-guard, and the unemployed constitute the militant rear-guard of American labor. Labor can march with its flags flying, and people will shout, but it is only the wounded, bringing up the rear, who can express the real meaning of the labor struggle in terms easily understood.

The unemployed know things that the figures of the American Federation of Labor, the Bureau of Labor Statistics or the International Labor Office can never show. They must impress these things upon America in the only way they can be impressed, through increasing organization and through mass action, no matter what the occasion.

FROM MR. ROOSEVELT

WASHINGTON, (UP).—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt told the National Women's Trade Union League Convention today that working women should organize into trade unions just as men do. "I know a great many women don't joint unions," she said. "I know the reasons they give but I have never quite understood them: I think they are unintelligent reasons."

Non-Members—Join The Guild Now!

For the first time in the history of the newspapers of this country concerted efforts are being made to raise the working standards of editorial employes. The American Newspaper Guild is carrying on this fight for security guarantees, for more than subsistence wages and for improved working conditions.

The Guild's present struggle against the Hearst paper in Milwaukee is the most crucial event of the decade for all of us. Your enrollment will add strength to help win it. The victory will make your jobs more secure; your pay and conditions better.

If you are engaged in the editorial department of a newspaper or derive most of your income from contributing to the editorial output of newspapers, you are eligible. If so, join now. All information will be kept in confidence and will not be given out without your permission.

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