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Convention Votes 83-5 for A. F. of L.; Broun Stays; Expansion Plan Wins

Anti-Hearst Ire High In Milwaukee

Church Meeting Boos Name as the Strikers Tell Their Story

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—The seventeenth week of the American Newspaper Guild strike against the Hearst Wisconsin News opened with the Guildsmen spreading their story even more widely. On June 7 they shared the program of a meeting at the Grand Avenue Congregational Church with Senator Gerald P. Nye, chairman of the Senate munitions committee.

J. Nash McCrea, strike chairman, followed Senator Nye, giving a history of the strike and asking for a boycott of the News and other Hearst publications. The audience of more than 900 persons hissed and booed when McCrea described Hearst's unfairness in refusing to bargain with his editorial employees. McCrea drew applause when he declared the strikers will continue the strike until it is won.

Senator Nye described the findings of his committee, and attacked Hearst for his anti-Japanese war scare, which, he said, was timed to coincide with Congressional deliberations on the army and navy appropriations. The Senator's reference to Hearst drew a prolonged demonstration.

The Milwaukee Guild has decided to seek to send representatives to the central labor body and the Allied Printing Trades Council. The by-laws of these organizations, it is feared, however, will prevent seating of the Guild representatives until affiliation with the American Federation of Labor is formally effected.

The Guild trade union committee, representing 30 unions of the city, will meet Thursday to hear a report from a subcommittee of 13 on the question of a general strike or labor holiday of 24 hours in support of the Guild strike. Work on this proposal has been done among

We Can't Afford The Doldrums!

Vacation time is at hand, but don't forget your dues and the ante for Milwaukee! The strike is going right ahead, and so is the Guild.

Summertime has always meant the doldrums. After the burst of speed to pay up for the convention many collectors sit on their laurels and then take a vacation, with the result that the A.N.G. nearly gets stalled and it is not until fall is well advanced that we are really functioning well again.

That lag always means a waste of effort and money. This year we simply cannot afford it. Those strikers are on the picket line and must be kept there until we win. Organizers must be paid; rent must be paid; salary checks must be met. So, when you feel the hot weather doldrums coming on make sure they do not tie the Guild up in knots.

Most of Old NEB Is Re-Elected; Woman a Vice President for First Time

NO RIVAL FOR EDDY

Heywood Broun, Jonathan Eddy and four other members of the National Executive Board were re-elected to office in the last night of the Convention, in each case either without opposition or with large majorities.

Broun's re-election was the signal for a prolonged burst of applause. He had managed to be out of the room at the time. When he was seen ambulating back the applause broke out again and the delegates rose to their feet. He ambled out, but presently came back, and this time "took it." This was his third re-election.

Morris Watson was unanimously named vice-president for wire services again, and the elections of W. Earle Homan, of Reading, and Garland Ashcraft, of Cleveland, were also unanimous for the second and third regions respectively.

Eddy was elected without a rival but with the Washington and Twin Cities Guilds in opposition.

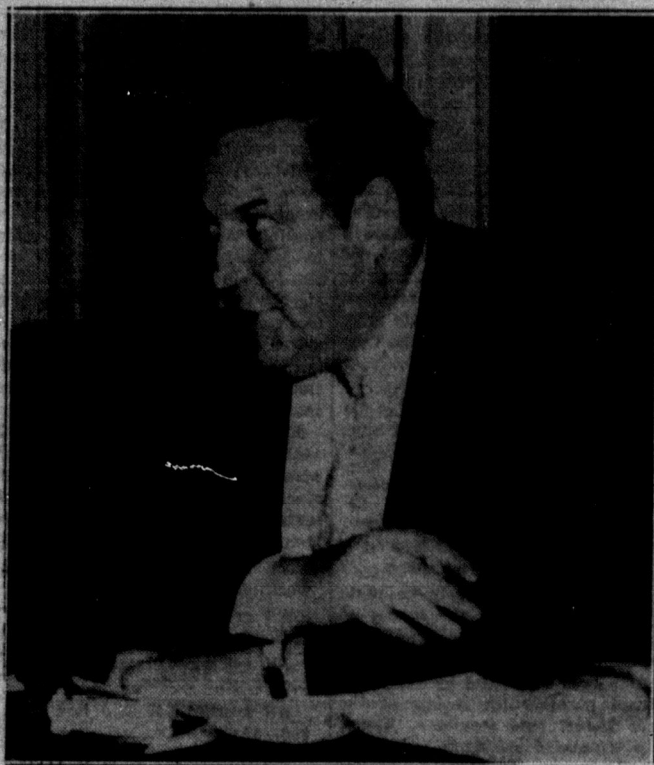
Don Stevens, of New York, was elected treasurer of the Guild, under the new plan giving this office no vote in the NEB. He succeeded Ashcraft. Stevens was victorious over George W. White, of Rochester, by a vote of 58 to 19. John Wanhope, of Albany, was also nominated, but withdrew.

Julius Klyman, of St. Louis, defeated Thomas B. Sherman, also of St. Louis, and a member of last year's board, and Alton R. Jackson, of Winston-Salem, for vice-president from the fourth region. The vote was: Klyman, 58; Sherman, 5; Jackson, 10.

For vice-president from the fifth region Gunnar Mickelsen, of Milwaukee, was elected over Jack

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AGAIN "THE CHAIR"



Broun Was Unanimously Re-elected. A View of Him Presiding.

AP Men Vote National Dues 81-30 for Guild Raised to 75c

Members of the editorial staff of the New York office of the Associated Press by a vote of 81 to 30 have expressed their desire to be represented by the American Newspaper Guild in collective bargaining with the management. The result of the poll, which was taken by a secret ballot at the order of the National Labor Relations Board, is unofficial in that it has not yet been announced by the Board, but was made known by Morris Wat-

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The National Executive Board's program for increasing the ANG per capita tax to 75 cents per member per month for purposes of stabilizing national finances and making a small expansion in the organizing staff was adopted by the Convention after lengthy debate on the night of June 1. The new rate will go into effect on Aug. 1, it was decided.

The debate became three-sided when the finance committee split three ways, the majority bringing in a recommendation for the 75-cent tax and one minority group recommended retention of the present 50-cent tax, while another minority urged \$1.

A roll call vote was taken on the

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Green Forecasts Our Admission by July; Sessions Notable for Big Majorities

OLD SET-UP REMAINS

Three years of debate over whether newspaper men and women should join with other organized workers in the American Federation of Labor came to an end on May 30 when the American Newspaper Guild's third annual Convention, meeting at the Hotel Astor in New York City, voted 83-5 for affiliation.

The figure 84 has received wide circulation but the official record shows one less.

Word came from William Green, president of the Federation, soon after the vote that the Guild's application would be considered at the executive council meeting in July and predicted that it would be able to be represented at the annual Convention in Tampa, Fla.

The vote, surprising only for its virtual unanimity, furnished a keynote for the Convention, which in similarly determined fashion met the vexed question of finances which has harassed the ANG throughout the year. It raised the national per capita payment from the present 50 cents to 75 cents to make possible an expansion of organizing activities.

Heywood Broun as president, Jonathan Eddy as executive secretary, and three other members of the National Executive Board were re-elected with no rival nominations.

Majorities Large
Though it had a few sessions with intense debate the Convention as a whole differed notably from that at Cleveland in that almost every decision was made by a large majority.

The affiliation vote came on the second morning, Saturday, May 30,

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Day by Day at Convention: Record of the Busy Sessions

FRIDAY, MAY 29

Morning Session

Opening session called to order at 10:45 a.m. Friday morning at the Hotel Astor by Vice-President Watson. Mayor La Guardia, of New York, welcomes delegates. Broun takes the chair. Carl Randau, president of the New York Guild, welcomes delegates.

Credentials committee elected. Slate approved as offered by NEB. Various changes made in Convention committees.

Report of National Executive Board read by Executive Secretary Eddy. Report and recommendations referred to appropriate committees. Edward J. Volz, president of the Photo-Engravers' Union, speaks.

Dean Jennings, introduced by Howard Hill, of San Francisco, speaks.

Broun extends invitation to any publisher or his representative to attend convention and have questions addressed to him on the

policies of the Publishers' Association. Meeting adjourned at 1 o'clock.

Friday Afternoon

Meeting reconvenes at 3 o'clock. Broun presiding. Wanhope of Albany suggests naming of Social Security Committee. Motion carried. Armstrong, of New York, introduces representative of Brookwood Labor School, who speaks on school's work.

Morris Watson reads report of Vice-President for Wire Services. Morris Ernst, Guild counsel in Watson case, speaks on progress of the case.

Provisional report of credentials committee by Ray Torr. Approved.

Treasurer's report read by Garland Ashcraft. Discussion and questions. Report received and recommendations submitted to finance committee.

Vote of thanks to Morris Ernst. Kieran, of New York, chairman of Committee on Legislation, makes

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BUILDING—Two Trade Union Issues Settled by Convention

By JONATHAN EDDY

THIS column was started a year or two ago with the idea of informal discussion of the principles of trade unionism as applicable to the Guild. Discussion of the principles of trade unionism will have its place for some time to come, but our recent Convention seems to have settled rather definitely the two main issues: our organizational relation to the rest of the labor movement, and what type of union we shall be. In respect to one we have chosen to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor; as to the second, we are to be a union of the type conveniently known as "progressive."

This comes far, however, from resolving all our problems. Indeed, in the minds of some Guildsmen, these two decisions have created new problems besides which our earlier ones were simple. That these two decisions strike some of us as little short of contradictory seemed inherent in the stand taken at the Convention by a spokesman for the St. Louis delegation. Regarding industrial unionism as progressive, he argued that

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AFFILIATION VOTED 85-3

Early Admission to A. F. of L. Forecast By Guild

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When the labor relations committee brought in three reports, a majority endorsed by five members and two minority endorsed by one each. The debate found most of the delegates with little to say despite the evident tension in the atmosphere, and the big issue came to be not affiliation but industrial unionism.

The chief fireworks, and not very explosive ones, were set off by Julius H. Klyman, who, under instructions from the St. Louis Guild, brought in his one-man minority report declaring that the industrial union issue showed the A. F. of L. to be a crumbling house. Why go in, he asked, when the house would probably collapse in a few months. His Guild, he said, favored industrial unionism.

Alfred Larke of Buffalo brought in the second minority report, urging another referendum. McKillips of Washington answered Klyman with a denial that the A. F. of L. would crumble, recalling that big unions were constantly entering and leaving the Federation. He attacked John Lewis, the industrial union leader. Brown wants to be inside.

Brown turned over the chair to Vice President Homan. "Voicing disagreement with parts of McKillips' speech, he concluded: 'I readily grant that the labor map is going through quick changes. Then I say we want to be, however small our part, with the map makers and not peering in through the school window from the outside.' When the vote came at last it was almost an anti-climax. There was a little enthusiastic applause, but the nearness to unanimity, after all the debate, turned the excitement into laughter.

After some perfunctory amendments, the majority report was adopted. It read: "Our committee has had referred to it. Recommendation No. 9 of the National Executive Board. Your committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution: 'The best and lasting interests of the members of the A. N. G. composed of newspapermen who work for a living, is bound up with the welfare of all workers in the nation. Modern industry makes necessary the organization of labor in strong, aggressive labor unions and their federation for purposes of mutual aid and the handling of problems that cross the boundaries of more than one industry and more than one craft of workers.'

"Since the American Federation of Labor is today the inclusive organization of the labor unions of the nation, with few important exceptions, the third national convention of the A. N. G. instructs its national officers to apply at once for the affiliation of the A. N. G. with the A. F. of L. The convention further instructs its officers to seek affiliation as an international union with jurisdiction over all workers eligible for A. N. G. membership, as defined in the constitution, in the United States and its territorial possessions, and in Canada."

The report was signed by Edward Levinson, chairman; G. A. Mann, secretary; Nathan Goodman, W. E. Homan, Robert J. Fitzsimmons, and Proposals Warmly Debated. A proposal from Robert M. Buck, president of the Washington Guild, for a paid vice-president, which was defeated, brought the second high point of interest in the convention, with the dues debate running a close second. These sessions are described in other stories. Despite the majorities with which these and other questions were decided, both debates took on considerable intensity.

Revise Your Local Guild Dues Structure Now in Preparation for New National Rate

By DON STEVENS

Treasurer, A. N. G.

All members—and especially local guild treasurers, unit collectors and their deputies—should understand immediately the new dues and per capita provisions adopted by the convention.

First, be clear on this: The word "dues" means the total monthly fixed payment by a member. It includes both "national per capita tax" and "local per capita tax." (It is a few localities even includes some sort of "unit per capita tax.")

The convention set the rate of monthly national per capita at 75 cents. It means simply that, for every member in good standing, each local Guild must remit monthly to A. N. G. headquarters 75 cents—regardless of the amount of dues paid by such member at the source. In a few cases, of low-due-paying members, it is possible a Guild, in order to pay the full National per capita, may have to supplement from other revenue, above the amount he actually paid.

Article XI, Section 1, of the Constitution now reads: "Members shall pay monthly to the Guild, but in no case shall any member of a Guild pay less than \$1.00 per month, plus a local per capita tax of \$1.00 or more a week, except as otherwise provided for the unemployed."

No National Graduation. That section purposely prevents Guilds from raising the money to pay their members' national per capita from any source other than actual dues payments by members, except possibly for a few of the very lowest paid members. Thus, it is stipulated, must pay at least 50 cents a month. The idea is specifically that local dues should cover certain amounts in the obvious use of having responsibility shared as regularly as possible by all members. There shall be no graduation in national per capita. Local Guilds

can graduate their local per capita and hence their total dues rates, if they like. Many already do so.

Please note that the Constitution section quoted above does not say the lower bracket must not pay more than 50 cents. It is mandatory only that they must pay that much at least. Many Guilds undoubtedly will fix dues rates so that no member pays less than his own seventy-five cents national per capita. The 50-cent-\$20 clause was inserted only to localise these few cases in which a local Guild might wish, for local or organizational reasons, to pay the extra 25 cents of national per capita out of other revenue.

A Collective Matter. In practice, it will work out almost universally that the bulk of the members will collectively pay the extra 25 cents for the few lower bracket men in such cases. It is possible to pay this extra 25 cents from funds other than those derived from dues, such as benefits, etc. The convention in principle frowned on this, however, when it stated sound policy to be the financing of normal Guild operations, national and local, through regular shared membership contributions.

Remember, the \$20 figure has nothing to do with the figure at which a local Guild may wish to start its graduation, if any. For instance, a local Guild could set monthly dues as follows: All getting less than \$15 a week—50 cents. All getting \$15 and less than \$25—75 cents. All getting \$25 and less than \$40—\$1.25. All getting \$40 and less than \$60—\$1.50. All getting \$60 or more—\$2.00. Few Guilds so far have considered more than three grades advisable.

Effective August 1. Everyone should remember that the new national per capita rate does not become effective until August 1. If local Guilds collect back dues during the Summer or Autumn, applicable to July and earlier, they need send in only the old 50 cents per capita on those payments. Each local Guild will be supplied before August with new 75-cent per capita stamps. The old 50-cent stamps can still be used for back dues payments applicable for July and earlier. Finally, the present dues receipt book system is not going to be changed for the time being, largely for the reason that entrance into the A. F. of L. may force us to make various changes in our accounting system and there is no sense in making a temporary change now. The present forms continue to confuse dues with per capita. The word "dues" on them means national per capita.

How to Record It. For the months after July, on which you have any member paying as low as 50 cents dues, give him, nevertheless, for his 50 cents, a 75-cent per capita stamp. On his receipt, state number of stamps and amount collected, writing on the receipt the amount short of per capita. If he pays two months dues, or \$1, and gets two 75-cent stamps, write on the receipt: "Per capita balance—50 cents."

That gives the local Guild its own record and gives the national office an indication, together with the amounts shown in the "miscellaneous" or local dues column, of local dues rates. An investigation may also be made of the activity of four editorial employees who solicited "no votes" in the A. F. of L. office. There is a possibility, Watson said, that changes may be brought against the Associated Press and that the board may subpoena these men and question them about their actions.

Some matters remain to be investigated about the balloting. A few of the names have been accepted arbitrarily by the Guild. Some of these industrial unions are being protested and the Guild is also finding dissatisfaction over the exclusion of others. An investigation may also be made of the activity of four editorial employees who solicited "no votes" in the A. F. of L. office. There is a possibility, Watson said, that changes may be brought against the Associated Press and that the board may subpoena these men and question them about their actions.

It is necessary for your local Guild to review its dues structure, see that it is done immediately. It will save everybody headaches later. DO IT NOW.

AP Men Vote 81-30 for Guild

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son, A. N. G. vice president for wire services, at the Monday night session of the convention in New York City on June 17. Watson, who was discharged by the A. F. of L. had been ordered re-instated by the National Labor Relations Board. This order is being appealed by the wire service. John W. Davis, senior partner of the firm of Davis, Polk, Wardwell, Gardner and Reed, counsel for the Associated Press, and a leader in the American Liberty League, will argue the case for the A. P.

Watson also announced at the convention session that 128 persons were eligible to vote in the A. P. poll and 117 ballots were returned. He and Jean Lyon, of the New York Guild, had been appointed by President Brown to represent the Guild at the meeting of the ballots.

While the poll was not won by a majority of those eligible to vote, as outlined by the NLRB, Watson noted, it is his understanding "that the Board has held and will hold that a majority of those voting controls, and if the Wagner Labor Relations Act is upheld, the Associated Press will have to bargain with us."

Strong opposition to the Buck motion was put forward by the majority of the Constitution Committee. Speakers for the majority included Kaufman of New York, Simon of Cincinnati, Hill of Northern California, Pasche of Newark, and Wilder of Akron. They argued that the Guild's task at present was to concentrate its resources in organizing the activity of district organizers and strengthening the organization at the base. Several speakers pointed out that the proposal would not only have the Guild affiliate to the A. F. of L., but adopt some of the less desirable practices of the A. F. of L. and, of "hiring a boss" to do the work at the center.

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ANG SET-UP WINS "O.K."

Constitution Passes Scrutiny Without Maer Changes

The 1935 A. N. G. Constitution received a vote of confidence at the New York convention. The questions of prime importance which confronted the Constitution committee arose from a discussion of whether the Constitution should be revised on the basis of one proposed by Robert M. Buck of Washington, or upon the old Constitution.

Debated on Floor. The chief issue carried out onto the floor of the convention was the Buck proposal for a \$75-a-week executive vice-president in charge of organization and a combination of the functions of secretary and treasurer in a single office.

Arguments for the proposal, advanced by Schick of Philadelphia, and by Buck centered on what they considered the need for strongly centralized direction of organizational work. Schick held that a paid vice-president would coordinate the work in the field and that, if it were a question merely of finances, ways and means of raising the necessary funds should be discussed rather than the merits of the Buck proposal. Buck declared that such an officer would so increase the size of the membership and the dues revenue that no increase in the per capita tax would be needed.

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Half A League Onward

THE 1935 Convention completed the work of molding the Guild. By voting to affiliate with the A. F. of L. it recognized our economic character and laid the basis for the necessary strength, realizing that, without this, all the good will, courtesy and spirit of cooperation we can show will be barren gestures. By providing increased funds the Convention proclaimed the seriousness of our purpose, enabling us to equip ourselves with the manpower to organize and to function as a bargaining agency. This is a good beginning. The whole-hearted way in which decisions were taken makes it especially promising. Out of the confusion and conflict over policies we have emerged more united than ever. We know ourselves now.

BUT, after all, we have so far only been shaping a machine. Now we must use it. The steps taken at the Convention will be important only as they are the signal for new, determined efforts to secure economic improvements through bargaining, and to build the Guild through organizing efforts. The winning of security, better hours and higher wages is our main purpose; the enrollment of every possible worker in our craft is one of the essential means. If we push ahead toward these objectives the members who have been dubious about affiliation or have not understood the need for higher per capita taxes will soon see the relation of these things to our growth and effectiveness.

Moreover, there is still room for many refinements on the machine. A few Guilds have had success with group medicine projects; some have developed credit unions; others have started loan libraries composed of selected books on journalism; a few Guilds have operated schools for copy boys and cubs; here and there units have begun honoring work of special merit on their papers; value of social affairs has begun to be discovered. Most of these features are new and still experimental, but they indicate the possibilities inherent in the organized activities of a cohesive group. Now that the Guild's main lines have been formed such adjuncts can well be added to round out the usefulness and attraction of the organization for all newspaper men and women.

SO we have a full year's work ahead. No one will expect us to accomplish everything. Our relations with A. F. of L. bodies will be new and we shall have to adjust ourselves to them; in entering them we expect to help others as well as be helped ourselves.

Our problems now are chiefly those of grasping the opportunities at hand. It promises to be a good year. Let's pitch into it now!

New Vice Presidents Hear About the Strike



Betty Ballantine and Julius H. Klyman (extreme right) talking with Herbert Langendorf, a Milwaukee striker (left) and Robert J. Fitzsimmons, President of the Twin Cities Guild

Day-by-Day Events of the New York Convention

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collaboration with Authors League and report to next Convention. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p. m.
SUNDAY, MAY 31
Morning Session

Meeting convened at 10:45 a. m.
Telegrams read from George L. Berry, William Green, Norman Thomas, Frank Gronow (president, Allied Printing Helpers Union), Commercial Telegraphers Union.

Report of Committee on District Organization read by Paxton Dent. Adopted.
Talk by Charles W. Ervin, of Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. Donation of Amalgamated's \$500 check for the strike. Amended by Buck to his constitution.

Milwaukee Strike Session—George A. Mann introduced. J. Nash McCrea, chairman of Wisconsin News strike committee, gives talk. Vote to go into Executive Session. Meeting recessed.

Sunday Afternoon
Meeting convened at 2:30 p. m.
Continuation of report of committee on labor relations by Levinson. Report of telephone conversation between William Green and Klyman, in which Green expressed pleasure over affiliation vote and granted belief charter would be voted by Executive Council in July. Resolution carried thanking trade unions for their cooperation in the strike. Resolution carried renewing Guild's stand for industrial unionism and urging improvement of relations with other unions in the newspaper industry. Motion carried recommending the NER at the time of the next conference of the F.I.J. to designate some Guild member at the time in Europe to attend the convention and reach an understanding by which we may become affiliated.

Report by Leon Svirsky of Publications Committee. Three resolutions on Cyrus Rowntree and pamphlets carried.
Report by Armstrong of Committee on Education proposing associate memberships for journalism students. Adopted.
Report by Elinors of Committee on Eligibility. Adopted.
Resolutions Committee authorized to bring in a resolution asking for the freeing of the Harlan miners.

Constitutional Committee report. Outline of difficulties. Debate. Roll call vote on question of retaining executive vice-president. Present set-up retained.

Roll call vote on question of combining offices of secretary and treasurer. NER instructed to appoint a com-

mittee to study apportionment of officers and to report back to the next convention.

Fehlhaber read resolution proposed by New York limiting the range of subjects to be dealt with by the NER. Motion put to vote and lost. Resolution on war. Carried.

MONDAY, JUNE 1
Morning Session
Meeting called to order at 10:15 a. m. Resolution on Paterson Press by Committee on Labor relations passed. President Brown reads letter addressed from the Cartoonists Guild announcing strike against Kiernan, of New York, read re-

ports of Committee on Legislation. Discussion. Report adopted. Resolutions of Publications Committee. Adopted.

Committee on Employer Relations report read by Ruth McCuen, of New York. Adopted as corrected.

Report of Committee on Wire Services read and accepted. Referred to Constitution Committee. Vote of thanks extended to Buck for legislative work. Meeting recessed.

Monday Afternoon Session
Meeting called to order at 2:50 p. m.
Report of Committee on Standards and Awards by Laurence, of

New York. Corrections made. Adopted.

Nomination of officers. Resolutions by Fehlhaber thanking radio stations for co-operation and New York Guild for arrangements for convention. Resolution passed protesting deportation of Emilie Gardos. League of Women Shoppers congratulated in resolution, for its support of labor.

Report of Chain Papers Committee by Garfield, of Buffalo. Report adopted.

Convention adjourned.

Monday Evening Session
Called to order at 8:05 p. m.

Discussion of finance committee reports. Roll call vote regarding national per capita tax. Result: 20 for \$1.00, 57 for \$1.25 and four for \$1.50. Seventy-five cents per capita dues voted to begin Aug. 1.

Morris Watson reports Associated Press vote as to collective bargaining won by 81 to 30.

Report of Constitution Committee. Consideration of constitution deferred until Tuesday to make time for election of officers. Election held. Meeting adjourned.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2
Morning Session
Session convened at 10:15 a. m.

Resolutions read by Fehlhaber. Resolution passed urging formation of Guild Auxiliaries throughout the country. Another directs NER to investigate and study tactics and advise Guilds.

Resolution of farmer-labor party proposed. Roll call vote on eliminating last paragraph of resolution recommending that local Guilds and officers co-operate with local and state farmer-labor parties. Vote 18 to 53—retaining the paragraph.

Resolution passed on freedom of the press.

Report of committee on unemployment by Hathaway of New York. Resolution by Wanhope passed recommending establishment of a national employment service at national headquarters.

Resolution passed on action to be taken against scale working on Quincy (Mass.) Evening News. Discussion of constitution. Roll call vote on two-third vote for strike. Majority rule voted by 61 to 12.

Constitution adopted as a whole.

Report of By-Laws Committee by I. Kaufman, of New York. Report to be sent to local Guilds as means of study.

NER instructed to consider having Guild represented at hearing in Washington on Workers and Farmers Rights Amendment.

Members urged to contribute five cents weekly, first ten weeks payable in advance, for purpose of circulating fuller information on progress of the Milwaukee strike.

Convention adjourned at 12:50 p. m.

ANG DUES GO TO 75c

Roll Call Votes on Issues and Officers at the Convention

Big Majority Votes Increase After Long Debate

AN EXPANSION PLAN

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Three propositions, resulting in 57 votes for 75 cents, 20 for 50 cents and four for \$1.

Twenty minutes were allotted to each side to present its case. Don Stevens, author of the program presented by the NEB (and newly elected national treasurer), presented the majority report. He stood on the NEB's presentation, pointing out that there is a need for the money and that the Guild membership is willing and able to pay it.

Called a Happy Compromise

Carl Randaan of New York, speaking for the majority report, called it a happy compromise between the demands for \$1 to 50 cents.

Homan of Reading declared that the Guild would show the desired increase in membership as soon as it had the funds needed for organizational work. White of Rochester, who was nominated for treasurer, and Widick of Akron also spoke for the 75-cent per capita.

Keneth Crawford of Washington, chairman of the finance committee and a sponsor of the plan for retention of 50-cent dues, invited Robert M. Buck of Washington to present the argument.

Buck took issue with the NEB report showing a large gain in dues-paying membership during the year and asserted that instead there had been a net loss of 284 members. He continued:

"We are told by the NEB that we have 5,600 members who are paying although only 4,100 of them were in good standing April 30. If we had that and if a militant central office continues and spends up and really does this job, this two-fold job of getting the fellows to pay and getting new fellows in, all we need to do is to get 500 more members in order to have the 5,000 that will, with their 50 cents per capita pay the \$25,000 a year that is asked for."

The New England district council was said to be for the low rate.

Demand for \$1

George Mann, president of the Milwaukee Guild, and John Wanhoe of Albany, in defense of the \$1.00 per capita proposition, urged that the ANG be taken off the "poverty basis." Mann said the "poverty basis" meant the "absence of war for this organization, no other organizations, no money." He argued that of the \$1.00 per month, 25 cents should go for organization and expansion; 25 cents for dues; and the remaining 50 cents for the work of the national office.

Pasche of Newark said the 50-cent tax to which the Cleveland Convention was persuaded had hampered the Guild's organizing efforts during the past year. He presented the Newark Guild's plan for \$1 dues. Ring of Newark backed up his argument.

The report of the majority of the finance committee, whose 75-cent per capita proposition prevailed, was as follows:

Your Finance Committee has examined the ANG financial records for the last fiscal year and examined future financial probabilities as well as the machinery for collection and disbursement of funds.

The Committee reports:

1. That it finds the financial affairs for the last year to have been ably and economically administered in general. It approves the report and recommendations of the treasurer, and recommends their adoption by the Convention.

2. With reference to the future, the committee, on the basis of probable financial requirements on one hand and evident signs of membership and its capacity and willingness to provide resources on

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The Guild Reporter



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The Convention's resolutions on public questions and expressions of appreciation to other bodies follow:

The Guild's Thanks

Whereas, labor unions, their federations and organizations and individuals sympathetic to labor's cause have joined without stint in lending help to the fight of the Milwaukee Newspaper Guild for recognition and decent working conditions on the Wisconsin News; and

Whereas, in addition to the material benefits it gave the Guild in its struggle, this aid has been and is an exemplary demonstration of the strength which labor and its allies may find in true unity; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the American Newspaper Guild in Convention assembled give its whole-hearted thanks to these organizations and individuals.

To Uphold Civil Liberties

Whereas, civil liberties, including freedom of the press, are menaced today by a rising tide of reaction that has expressed itself during the past year in the use of force and violence and martial law against organized labor; and

Whereas, civil liberties are further threatened by such proposed legislation as the Kramer Sedition Bill, which would abridge the fundamental American tradition of free speech and free press, a tradition that is vital to the writing craft if it is to perform its work with honesty and integrity; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the American Newspaper Guild, in Convention assembled, reaffirm its uncompromising opposition to all attempts to destroy or encroach upon freedom of the press, free speech and freedom of assemblage; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Convention authorize local Guilds and national officers to cooperate with labor unions and other citizens' groups to oppose any attempts to destroy or encroach upon democratic rights through legislative or other means, and that the Convention recommend to local Guilds and national officers the following specific program:

1. Opposition to the Tydings-McCormack Disaffection Bill and the Kramer Sedition Bill, two measures that make serious crimes out of mere language and that might even be used to prevent such meetings as this Convention.

2. Opposition to laws, chiefly in states, imposing on teachers special oaths of loyalty and on school children special patriotic rituals.

3. Opposition to state legislation, proposed or enacted, that has for its purpose the barring from the ballot of political parties alleged to advocate certain doc-

trines and also to any restriction of the exercise of the franchise by the unemployed or any other group.

4. Support of the LaFollette investigation of violations of civil liberties and of undue interference with the rights of labor to organize and bargain collectively, support of legislation that would bar the interstate transportation of strike-breakers.

5. Support of anti-injunction and other legislation designed to give substance to labor's right to organize.

6. Support of bills in Congress for freedom of the air.

7. Opposition to the Dies Bill, which would permit the deportation of aliens merely for particular economic or political beliefs, or for membership in organizations advocating such beliefs.

Against Deportation of Gardos

Whereas, the United States Government has ordered the deportation of Emile Gardos, a member of the Guild and former editor of El Ujore, a radical Hungarian daily in Cleveland, Ohio; and

Whereas, the order of deportation was based upon the fact of his admitted membership in the Communist Party, a political organization whose legal existence is recognized on the ballots of many states; and

Whereas, this constitutes discrimination between the rights of native-born citizens and the rights of naturalized citizens in that a naturalized citizen may be deported for a belief which it is perfectly legal for a native-born citizen to entertain; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the American Newspaper Guild protest the deportation of Emile Gardos as a denial of the constitutional privilege granted all citizens to freedom of political and religious belief; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of Labor and the President of the United States.

On a Farmer Labor Party

Whereas, there is a movement within the ranks of organized labor for independent political action on the part of the labor movement; and

Whereas, there is a growing farmer-labor movement in a number of states and localities; and

Whereas, the experience of the American Newspaper Guild in its efforts to organize the working newspapermen for the betterment of the condition of the members of the craft have shown that neither of the two major parties can be relied upon to support the interests of labor; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the American Newspaper Guild, in national convention assembled, reaffirms the resolution of the Cleveland convention in supporting the principle of independent political action on the part of labor; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that we recommend to local Guilds and to our officers cooperation with local and statewide farmer labor parties and with other labor groups for the purpose of providing independent political action of labor.

For Law Against Injunction

Whereas, anti-injunction laws as applied to labor disputes are in operation in many states; and

Whereas, the American Newspaper Guild in common with other labor organizations favors adoption of such measures as consistent with public welfare; and

Whereas, passage of an anti-injunction bill in the New Jersey state legislature was thwarted as a result of the direct command of Mayor Frank Hague, of Jersey City, a vice-chairman of the National Democratic Committee; and

Whereas, Mayor Hague's instructions to the Democratic Senators in his state were written on stationery of the Democratic National Com-

mittee giving the impression that the defeat of this measure was tacitly sanctioned by the National Administration; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the American Newspaper Guild condemn such action on the part of the representatives of the National Democratic Committee, and be it

RESOLVED, that a Washington representative of the Guild carry our protest against the situation to Mr. Farley, head of the National Democratic Committee, and exert whatever pressure the Guild can exert to have the situation corrected, and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to President Roosevelt, Mayor Hague, the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce, the members of the New Jersey Chancery Court, the New Jersey Manufacturers' Association, the officers of the National Democratic Committee, and the American and New Jersey Federations of Labor.

Freedom of the Press

Whereas, one of the purposes for which the American Newspaper Guild was formed, as its Constitution states, is to "guarantee as far as it is able, constant honesty in the dissemination of public intelligence" and "to raise the standards of journalism and ethics of the industry"; and

Whereas, we believe that this statement of policy is of the utmost importance, especially at this time when a free press is threatened by reactionary forces in our own country; and

Whereas, we believe the free press is a vital concern of newspaper men and women because they would be the ones to suffer first and most acutely by its destruction; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the American Newspaper Guild, while recognizing that the responsibility for both news and editorial policy rests upon the publisher, and not upon the newspaper men, nevertheless, in Convention assembled, declares it to be the objective of newspaper men to strive constantly for greater honesty and accuracy in the presentation of news.

Toward Prevention of War

Whereas, the American Newspaper Guild has repeatedly gone on record against war; and

Whereas, the danger of world conflict is growing at the present time; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the American Newspaper Guild, in Convention assembled, reaffirm its intense opposition to war and endorse the actions of its Executive Board in supporting efforts to prevent war, such as the People's Mandate, and recommend to local Guilds and national officers cooperation with labor unions and peace groups toward the prevention of war.

League of Women Shoppers

RESOLVED, that the American Newspaper Guild in Convention assembled congratulate the League of Women Shoppers for its fine beginnings as a medium of exerting consumer power in support of labor, including the Newspaper Guild, and that the merits of the organization hereby be brought to the attention of women Guild members and wives.

Thanks to Radio Stations

RESOLVED, that the American Newspaper Guild in convention assembled express its gratitude and appreciation to Radio Stations WEVD, WOFL and other labor radio stations that have extended time and cooperation to chapters of the American Newspaper Guild.

(Remaining resolutions will be printed in next issue.)

KEEP REPORTER SCOPE BROAD, EDITOR URGES

Thinks Paper Should Represent Both Ethical and Organizational Interests

The "concept of a large GUILD REPORTER" that will represent the Guild's interest in improvement of newspaper ethics and social trends as well as in the organizational activities was urged by Clyde Beals, editor of the GUILD REPORTER, in his annual report to ANG Convention. The policies on such matters, he explained, would be those set by successive Conventions.

Beals read his summary of the year's work at the afternoon session on May 20. His espousal of the concept of "a large GUILD REPORTER" was voiced in his description of the purposes of certain departments in the paper. One of these departments in particular, the Free Press, had encountered objections on the part of some members on the grounds "that the Guild's interest is purely economic and that it should not make the publishers think that we ever intended in any way to concern ourselves with the manner in which the papers handle their news."

Two Possible Concepts
"There are, in the long run, two possible schools of thought on the GUILD REPORTER," Beals said. "The issue would be between what I might call the small REPORTER versus the large. The small REPORTER concept would lead eventually to a more or less formal bulletin containing official announcements. The large concept would lead to a REPORTER containing discussions by newspaper men of the main problems of the day, realistic comment on the developments in the newspaper industry," etc.

Asserting his belief that the latter type was desirable, he went on: "In the first place, I think our opinions on and interpretations of developments in the newspaper industry are quite as important and certainly as unselfish as those of any other group. Secondly, it is our natural instinct to want to discuss and exchange views on matters of general interest, and particularly on the newspaper industry, which is certainly of exceptional importance to the country."

Third, and in the last analysis, we are making a choice as to where the Guild's interests lie, whether they lie in tying ourselves as closely as possible to the policies of the publishers and being mum when we disagree, or whether they lie in standing on our own feet and speaking our minds frankly with an eye to the public welfare.

Sees No Hope in Conservatives
"I think the latter is our course. I think we have little to gain from trying to placate the conservative forces in the country, for to them the only satisfactory policy we could follow would be to say less and less until the Guild ceases itself entirely out of the picture."

Rather, I think, the Guild will ride to its natural place of power and influence on a wave of progressive forces. These progressive forces will be benefited by any help we can give toward improvement of the ethical standards of newspapers, and in so far as we represent a constructive, wholesome

force they will back us. The concept of a large GUILD REPORTER working for policies to be laid down by successive Conventions is the one, I think, that best fits this role. It is the one that in the long run means Guild growth."

Discussing the handling of Guild news, Beals indicated that the paper's policy was to play down, but not omit, "internal squabbles and differences" since these were not settled by news stories—the opinion of commercial papers to the contrary notwithstanding. This policy, Beals added, seemed all the more justified considering that enemies of the Guild read the REPORTER as an important source of their news about the Guild.

Seeks a United Guild
"In our case," he added, "we have machinery for resolving difficulties, namely the Convention and the National Executive Board and this machinery should be allowed to function so as to keep the Guild as harmonious and united as a body of this kind can be. The GUILD REPORTER handles its news with that object in view."

The Guild publications committee brought in a series of resolutions which were adopted by the Convention. That on the discussion of Guild affairs in the REPORTER reads:

RESOLVED, that the editor of the GUILD REPORTER be commended for maintaining a fair balance between an open forum for discussion by Guild members and an organizational aid in carrying out policies set by the last Convention, and that a similar policy of treating editorial content be followed during the coming year.

The Convention decided to refer the question of policy on advertising in the GUILD REPORTER to the NEB. The Board at a later meeting decided not to undertake a campaign for advertising.

The NEB and the treasurer of the ANG were instructed to establish and operate a separate budget and system of accounting and disbursements for the REPORTER, the funds to come out of the general operating revenues of the ANG and revenue derived from advertising. This arrangement was urged to enable the editor to plan his expenditures.

Reporter Mandate Reaffirmed
Bringing the REPORTER's masthead up to date, it was resolved that the editor be instructed to so edit the paper "that it shall promote in every legitimate way the recommendations and mandates of the Third Annual Convention of the ANG, and that he confine the editorial policy of the GUILD REPORTER to that specific program."

The Convention also passed this resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Third National Convention of the American Newspaper Guild record its appreciation of the able and faithful services of Clyde Beals as editor of the GUILD REPORTER, and extend a vote of thanks to the Guildsmen throughout the country who have made it possible to publish the REPORTER on a limited budget through their conscientious volunteer work.

PLAN GUILD PAMPHLETS

Publication by the NEB of pamphlets on subjects concerning the Guild or any other aspect of the newspaper business was ordered by the ANG convention. These pamphlets will be edited for the benefit of Guild members, newspaper employees not yet enrolled, journalism students, members of other trade unions, and the public. The convention instructed the NEB to publish first and before the 1937 convention a pamphlet on the history and purposes of the

Guild, to be circulated not only among members, but especially among eligible non-members. The NEB was empowered to finance publication of the pamphlets and sell them, \$300 being appropriated to launch the project.

This was in line with action taken at the Cleveland convention of 1935. Clyde Beals, editor of THE GUILD REPORTER, in his annual report called attention to the need of pamphlets and urged that a specific appropriation be made.