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Industrial Poll Due On Globe In Boston

BOSTON—The National Labor Board on Oct. 24 will conduct a plantwide poll of Boston Globe employees to determine whether they want to be represented by the Guild as an industrial unit in collective bargaining. About 360 employees, of whom the Guild offered proof of membership for 188, will be eligible to vote. The Guild will be the only union on the ballot.

The election was ordered at Washington in an NLRB decision which was the latest in a series affirming Guild claims on the appropriateness of the editorial and commercial departments as a single unit for bargaining, and entitled to vote together. The Board, by a 2-to-1 decision agreed with the Guild's position that the fact that membership in the commercial department fell short of a majority was not prejudicial to its majority in the unit as a whole.

Leiserson Dissents
Board Member William D. Leiserson dissented from this position of Members Madden and Smith, declaring that the commercial department only should vote. (Leiserson's position is discussed in an article on page 5.)

The majority decision cited precedent in earlier cases, among them the New York Journal & American, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Brooklyn Eagle, and New York Post, and also that Guild precedent for the industrial unit existed in 35 contracts with newspapers.

Eligible to vote will be employees in the editorial, commercial and building maintenance departments and composing room helpers. The Guild had left the inclusion of the composing room helpers to the discretion of the board, pointing out that the ANG and ITU were presently discussing problems arising from representation of these employees. The newspaper management urged that the boys be included in the election. The board ruled to include the boys, at least until such time as the ITU provides for their representation.

Behind the Election
The Guild's contract on the Globe, covering editorial and maintenance department employees, expired on May 4.

Following the signing in February of a full industrial unit contract with the Herald-Traveler, which accepted the Guild's claim (Continued on Page Three)

A War Clause? Sure, Say Papers

Speaking of war clauses—The Inland Daily Press Association, according to Editor & Publisher on Oct. 7, suggests to its member publishers a "protective clause" in advertising contracts, of this nature:

"If, due to monetary inflation, national emergency, tax or other extraordinary cost increases, a change in the charge of advertising, as herein stated, becomes necessary on the part of the advertiser, said change may be made upon _____ day's notice to the advertiser."

Editor & Publisher, recommending the idea, noted that "scores of newspapers were put out of business" after the 1914-18 war because their contracts with advertisers failed to provide for rate changes in emergency.

The ANG Contracts Committee on instructions of the IEB is working out a model protective clause for local contracts.

Anti-Labor Lawyers Take Over at Lynn

LYNN, Mass.—Revelation that a new manager is to be hired by the struck Daily Evening Item is made in the third edition of the Item Strike News published by the Guild here last week. Power of attorney to make the new appointment has been vested in two local attorneys, Henry R. Mayo and Harry Linseott, the strike paper announced. Both have long anti-labor records.

The entrance of the two into the management picture, the story indicates, materially lessens the influence of Frank Phillips, executive secretary of the New England Publishers Association and negotiator for the paper, whose stalling of the Guild over a period of eight months led to the strike. The strike started on July 12.

Fifty thousand copies of the strike paper are being distributed.

Campaign Shows Effect
While the Item management continues to dodge conferences with Guild representatives despite the urging of Mayor J. Fred Manning, strikers are continuing to cut deeply into the paper's local and national advertising by distributing handbills and telling the strike story to local residents.

The campaign is being carried on despite continued harassment by the police. Last week the police arrested Fred Myers, strike director and executive vice president (Continued on Page Seven)

Hearst Intensifies Drive As National Talk Nears

CHICAGO—The Hearst attack on the Chicago strike took on new intensity last week as the general management apparently sought to better its bargaining position for the forthcoming chain-wide conference with the ANG, which the ANG has now accepted and which is expected to open about Nov. 1.

The management's legal attack was definitely slowed by the Chicago strikers' counter moves, and the national situation was further improved for the Guild when Hearst's New York Mirror signed a contract making important concessions, notably including a job-security provision along the lines for which Chicago has been fighting. But the management went on fighting, widening its legal attack to take in groups supporting the general anti-injunction struggle in the city.

Talk Plan Prepared By ANG

Preparations for a national conference with the Hearst general management looking toward an improvement in relations between the chain and the ANG were under way last week, with a meeting of the Guild's Hearst Chain Advisory Council scheduled for Oct. 22 in Chicago.

The management's invitation to the conference (GUILD REPORTER, Oct. 1), laid before the International Executive Board by Executive Vice President Milton Kaufman at the Board's meeting on Sept. 30-Oct. 1 in Chicago, was accepted. At the same time the Board called the meeting of the advisory council to draw up a program for the conference.

Conditioned on Strike
A satisfactory settlement of the Chicago strike, the Board voted to recommend to the council, should be "an essential preliminary to any national understanding between the locals of ANG and the Hearst (Continued on Page Two)

\$83,000 Raises In Pacts

Three Guild contracts signed during the past fortnight—in New York, St. Louis and Seattle—brought a total of \$83,000 in annual wage increases and marked improvement in working conditions to the employees covered by them. (Summaries on page 4.)

The New York contract was with Hearst's Daily Mirror. In St. Louis it was with the Globe-Democrat and in Seattle with the Star. Outstanding in the Mirror agreement, aside from the fact that it raises pay \$50,000 a year, is a clause requiring two weeks' notice and consultation with the Guild before discharges; meaning, in effect, that employees covered by the contract are entitled to trial before their discharge. It was indiscriminate wholesale firing without giving the Guild opportunity even to protest that became a precipitating factor in the Chicago Hearst strike.

The Mirror and Star agreements are industrial renewals. The Star (Continued on Page Four)

The Eleventh Month Of the Chicago Strike

The IEB levied four new assessments, as of Oct. 15, Oct. 31, Nov. 15 and Nov. 30, because of the increased strike expenses. In doing so it made the following statement.

The decision of the International Executive Board to levy four additional defense fund assessments, two in October and two in November, highlights again the strike of the Chicago Newspaper Guild against the local Hearst management, now entering its eleventh month.

The Chicago strike has become an epoch in the life of the American Newspaper Guild. During this period contracts have been signed by the Guild bringing substantial improvements to more than 2,000 Hearst employees in Seattle, New York, Los Angeles, Milwaukee and San Francisco. Modified Guild shops have been established in all three Hearst regions and in Milwaukee, and the prospect is that the Guild shop will be introduced in the Hearst papers in New York. At the same time, the opposition to Guild protection, decked in holy words of freedom by the Scripps-Howard management, has been broken, at least on the Coast, with the San Francisco News also operating under a modified Guild shop contract.

We are too likely to forget that such an epoch of growth and achievement has been borne on the (Continued on Page Six)

New Scaling Applies On Strike Levies

The assessments just levied will be the first to be paid under the new plan provided in Art. XVII, Sec. 6, of the Constitution as revised at the San Francisco Convention, which scales the payments down for the lower salary brackets. The section provides for payments of 50¢ for members earning \$25 a week or more, and 25¢ each for members earning less than \$25 and not less than \$15 a week. . . . Members certified by the local to be earning less than \$15 a week at the date of an assessment, and associate members, shall be exempt from payment of that assessment. (Any amounts still due on the assessments levied up to and including July 31 are payable at the old rate.) Assessments are payable on the date for which they are levied.

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The management got from the AFL leadership a resolution of the Cincinnati convention attacking the Guild's strike, while the CIO Convention in San Francisco voted the strike vigorous support. The two resolutions gave it fresh national publicity, the Chicago Hearst paper using a banner on the AFL resolution. [The New York Hearst paper played it on page 1, while other papers reported the CIO resolution.]

The AFL resolution based its attack on the ground that the strike was hurting the jobs of AFL members and spoke vaguely about "prohibiting" the "misuse of the AFL's name by the CIO Guild"—apparently a wording which the Executive Council can interpret as power to crack down on the many AFL unions aiding the strike.

The management hit at the anti-injunction groups by starting contempt proceedings before Superior Court Judge John J. Lupe against 18 members of the International Labor Defense. This group is opposing the present injunction campaign in Chicago and one of its letters which fell into the Hearst attorneys' hands urged people to "Let Judge Lupe (Franklin 3000) know that the people hope he will not permit his court to be used as the arena in which Hearst can carry out his un-American attacks on organized labor."

Judge Lupe started to issue a show-cause rule, but the dozen attorneys present for the ILD persuaded him to delay action until Saturday.

Meanwhile the management is faced with a possible injunction itself. Hearing on a motion of the American and Chicago Newspaper Guilds for one to restrain the Herald-American and its agents from threatening or committing (Continued on Page Three)

Dies' 'Guildsman' Not Known by ANG

BULLETIN

As the Reporter was going to press word came that the Dies committee had produced a witness, Maurice L. Malkin, who claimed to have helped organize the Guild and who made statements about alleged Communist affiliations of leading members. Headquarter's officers who were active in the early organization could recall no such person, and the first check showed no such name in the records.

Battle Creek Contract Set After 7 Months' Struggle

BATTLE CREEK, Mich.—The first outstate Guild contract in Michigan was signed last week when the Battle Creek Enquirer & News, affiliated with Federated Publications, agreed to sign a contract next week giving \$3,000 increase in wages in the editorial department and proof room, a 5-day, 40-hour week, sick leave, vacations, and severance pay at the rate of one week's salary for every nine months of service up to 20 weeks for 15 years.

The contract was assured after seven months' negotiations with H. Richard Sells, ANG represen-

tative, concluding the agreement. The Detroit Guild aided in negotiations from the start, with Katherine Lynch, Jack Weeks, Ed Scott, Milton Murray and Mills Sampey conducting negotiations.

This is the second victory won by Battle Creek in a month. On Sept. 23, at a meeting with State Labor Mediator Moers, the management agreed to reinstate a Guildsman who had been discharged, apparently for Guild activity, after having received a raise in recognition of competency, and agreed to accept a trial period of seven months as set by the Guild.

Injunction Issued in L.A. Fight

LOS ANGELES—The Guild battled to maintain the right of secondary picketing last week as the strike-riddled Huntington Park Bulletin desperately tried to stem a publishing boycott by resorting to an injunction.

A restraining order was obtained against secondary picketing, which was quickly followed by a contempt-of-court citation.

Guild Attorney Charles Katz has moved to quash the citation on the grounds the proceedings are unconstitutional. Hearing of the case has been delayed by Publisher Max Ward, who disclaimed one judge on the grounds that the judge in 1938 attended the annual Los Angeles Guild Jamboree.

Previously an effort had been made to curb picketing by a local ordinance. It failed.

Markets Withdraw Ads

Meanwhile, all food markets—principal source of the paper's revenue—have jerked their ads. Miss picketing is staged Wednesday and Saturday nights by hundreds of Guildsmen and sympathizers, in order to make the market owners aware that there will be no let-up in the Guild's fight.

Any desire of police to arrest operators of the Guild sound truck again was abandoned when the wives of two strikers took charge of the truck, borrowed a baby, and drove merrily past rows of officers. Huntington Park has no regular jail matron and apparently it was felt the expense of hiring one to care for two women and the "property" baby would take too much out of the municipal coffers.

Intimidation and the discharge of four Guild members caused the strike, which began Sept. 9, with eight editorial and advertising employees walking out.

Overtime Pay—It Hits At Paper's 'Soul'

TORONTO—"I want to state definitely that I do not wish to influence anybody as to whether they should or should not become a member of the Guild. That is their own personal business. I likewise wish emphatically to state that I have no intention of negotiating any contract with the Newspaper Guild. I want to give the soul of the Globe and Mail a chance to live and develop under favorable conditions instead of allowing it to be crushed by regimentation."

That statement, with much else, signed by C. George McCullagh, publisher, appeared on the Globe and Mail bulletin board after the Guild had asked discussion of uncompensated overtime work. (Globe Reporter, Oct. 1.) Only relevance to the response was in an expression of the publisher's belief that a newspaperman expects to work reasonable hours "except in an emergency." J. E. Atkinson, publisher of the Star, refused verbally, through his vice president, with similar irrelevance to the point in question, except that he considered that paid vacations and sick leave "take care of the matter of overtime."

McCullagh's suggestion that he had improved conditions so much (since he became publisher for W. H. Wright, mining multi-millionaire, three years ago) that there was nothing left to be desired met the retort that Globe and Mail employees haven't even the 5-day 40-hour week, overtime or severance pay, all standard in Guild contracts.

PAY YOUR DUES AND ASSESSMENTS! THEY BUILD THE GUILD!

Guild Delegates Assigned To CIO Convention Bodies

SAN FRANCISCO—Guildsmen had an active part in the work of committees at the CIO Convention here.

ANG delegates to the Convention, elected by the IEB at its Oct. 1 session in Chicago, were Vice Presidents Philip M. Connelly of Los Angeles and Robert T. Camozzi of Seattle. They served in addition to Executive Vice President Milton Kaufman, who was an ex-officio delegate. President Heywood Brown, also an ex-officio delegate, was unable to attend.

Kaufman served as secretary of the committee on officers reports, which reviews and recommends policy on the reports of the CIO officers. Connelly was a member of the resolutions committee and chairman of the press committee. Kaufman and Camozzi served with him on the press committee, of which Len DeCaux, editor of the CIO News, was secretary.

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Locals Report U. S. Court Progress Refuses In Campaigns Guild Review

Rapid progress in organization was reported by Guild in several cities last week.

In Washington, an intensified drive to complete organization of the Times-Herald business departments was spurred by the first threat of rival unionism in that area. A so-called AFL detail boys' union was formed by a printer but later disowned by the Columbia Typographical Union.

Clarence J. Desper, Typographical local president, wrote to Guild President Rodgers that if a member of this union had any part in organizing the group he "did so as an individual, and not as an agent of this union. We have absolutely no connection with this proposed new union."

ANG Representative Morgan Hull is aiding the Washington Guild drive.

The Twin Cities Guild is virtually ready to proceed with negotiations for the Dispatch and Pioneer Press unit of St. Paul—after a delay of nearly two months occasioned by a surge of organization work which brought into the unit two sections, auditing and circulation.

Denver Gains

In Denver two notable advances were chalked up in the Fall organizing drive. Signing up of 15 members in the display advertising department of the Rocky Mountain News completed unionization of all unorganized departments in the plant. Six editorial employees of the Denver United Press office were signed up, bringing that office 100 per cent into the Guild. Another member was signed up at the Denver Post, now focal point of the organizing campaign.

In Buffalo, substantial gains were reported as the Guild entered the seventh week of its organizational drive, launched when the Times suspended publication July 30. The campaign is concentrated on the Evening News and advances have been reported on the morning Courier-Express where a company union exists.

NLRB HEARING SET

WASHINGTON—The National Labor Board has set Oct. 26 for oral argument on the case of Agnes Fahy, president of the Newark Guild who was found by a trial examiner to have been fired by the Newark Ledger for Guild activity.

JERSEY CITY—The refusal last week of the U. S. Supreme Court to review the conviction of six Hudson County Guild members on charges of violating a sweeping Chancery Court injunction still leaves the question of the right to use a sound truck in strike activities in New Jersey unsettled.

The injunction was originally issued at the outset of the Guild strike against the Bayonne (N. J.) Times in November, 1937, and among numerous other things it restrained the strikers from using a sound truck to announce the "existence of a strike." The Guild contended that this was a violation of the right of free speech.

The convicted Guildsmen are also left facing sentence in Chancery Court. It is customary in Chancery Court for the complainant (in this case the Bayonne Times) to move for sentencing in contempt cases.

ORGANIZER ASSIGNMENTS

The assignment of organizers was discussed by the Board and a proposal for a reassignment was lost. The vote: For, Martin, Wohl, Klyman, Farson, Kenen. Against, Connelly, Camozzi, Irwin, Sullivan, Watson, Pasche.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACTS OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912, AND MARCH 8, 1933

Of The Guild Reporter, published semi-monthly at New York, N. Y., for October 1, 1939.
State of New York } ss.
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Before me, a notary public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Clyde Beals, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the Editor and Manager of The Guild Reporter and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation), etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, as amended by the Act of March 3, 1933, embodied in section 537, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to wit:

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of October, 1939.
HARRY ROSENBUH, Notary Public.
(My commission expires March 30, 1941.)

Membership Up, Says AFL, But Income Has Dropped

Federationist Advertising Revenue Rises; Martin Auto Following Badly Deflated

CINCINNATI—The AFL's internal condition has a mearuring stick this year in the report of Secretary-Treasurer Frank Morrison to the 59th annual convention. Morrison's annual statement, printed at the head of the report of the executive council, discloses an increase in membership over last year in one column and a decrease in receipts in another.

He reports the total paid membership of AFL affiliates for the month of August to be 4,006,354, a gain over the previous year of 383,267. Receipts for the year ending Aug. 31, 1939 were \$1,800,249, or \$43,954 less than the previous fiscal year's.

Magazine Made Money

The drop in revenues would have been 50 per cent greater, had not the total been pulled up by an increase in the receipts and profits of the American Federationist, the AFL's official monthly magazine and largest business enterprise. The Federationist is a 100 or 125-page publication which carries considerable advertising addressed to AFL members. Some of the ads extoll the comforts of the Ambassador Hotel at Atlantic City, the virtues of Roebing wire rope and wire, and the like.

In 1937-8, the Federationist, according to Morrison's report, grossed \$364,335. Under the heading of "expenses," Morrison listed \$203,225 for the Federationist. In the 1938-9 fiscal year, the magazine's revenues increased to \$385,732 and its expenses dropped to \$200,844. This makes the net gain \$23,758.

Per Capita Up \$3.159

While this business activity conducted by the AFL's top officials thus bettered itself, receipts from the per capita tax upon membership increased only \$3.159 (compare it with the claimed increase in membership), from \$580,813 for the fiscal year ending Aug. 31, 1938 to \$583,972 for the fiscal year ending last Aug. 31.

The statement evidences that the increase was due mainly to growth of the internationals, and that organization work among unorganized workers not eligible to membership in the internationals was practically static, there being a 38 per cent drop in the amounts collected from them in initiation fees. The AFL top organization is responsible for the enrollment of these workers; they are grouped in local trade and federal unions controlled directly by the AFL.

The Biggest Affiliates

Morrison's report listed 1,563 such trade and federal unions, with

a membership of 171,208. In the previous year the AFL had 1,517 of these locals, embracing 181,236 members. But initiation fees collected from local trade and federal union members this year amounted to \$63,442, compared with \$102,338 last year.

The International Brotherhood of Teamsters reported the greatest membership gain in the federation, retaining its place as the largest AFL affiliate. Its membership is now 350,000, an increase of 30,800 over last year. Thirteen other unions grew by 5,000 new members or more each, and 35 reported gains of from 100 to 4,999 each.

The 13 recording large increases were the electrical workers, with 25,300 new members; operating engineers, 28,000; retail clerks, 18,600; stage hands, 14,200; bakers, 10,900; brick and clay workers, 5,000; hatters, 7,500; hod carriers, 6,700; hotel and restaurant workers, 8,900; laundry workers, 9,800; maintenance and way employees, 5,300; meat cutters, 10,800, and state, county and municipal employees, 5,700.

Story of Auto Workers

Morrison's statement of the convention voting strength held by affiliated unions, printed on page 11, does unkind things to the executive council's glowing report, on pages 18, 19 and 20, of the return of Homer Martin's faction of the United Automobile Workers to "the House of Labor" last April after splitting away from the CIO.

The executive council's report on the Auto Workers situation, on page 18, details Martin's moves early last Spring, his "convention" in Detroit in March, the decision to affiliate and, finally, the membership referendum held on June 3. The referendum's alleged result submitted by Martin and his secretary-treasurer, Jerry Aldred, is characterized by the executive council in its report as "most decisive, as well as significant." Here it is:

Total ballots cast	70,354
Yes	66,768
No	3,370
Blank	178
Void	38

On page 11, Morrison's tabulation of the voting strength of the unions credits its auto workers with 4,200 members.

This year's leading jurisdictional dispute is the case of the United Brewery, Flour, Cereal and Soft Drink Workers Union vs. the Brotherhood of Teamsters, which has finally come to a head with a recommendation by the executive council that the Brewery Workers' charter be suspended until it surrenders membership claims over drivers in the brewing industry to the Teamsters. Before the convention reached this dispute on its agenda, Federal Judge T. Alan Goldsborough at Washington had granted the Brewery Workers an injunction restraining the AFL and Teamsters from transferring the 12,000 brewery truck drivers to the Teamsters Brotherhood. The action places the convention in an uncomfortable position in its consideration of the executive council's recommendation.

The Brewery Workers carried their fight into court after the 1938 convention of the AFL ordered them to relinquish control of the drivers. It was this action, which the council cited as a challenge to the "authority of the federation," which brought the recommendation for suspension.

Another battle was imminent over the executive council's granting of an international charter to the United Cement, Lime and Gypsum Workers Union, an action which brought protests from Presidents Bates of the Bricklayers and Hutcheson of the Carpenters that the new union infringes on their jurisdictions.

The International Typographical

Union delegates were denied their convention seats because the ITU had refused to pay the 1-cent per-member per-month assessment levied two years ago by the AFL for a war chest to fight the CIO.

Both the Typographical membership of 79,200 and Brewery Workers membership of 42,000 were included in the AFL tabulation of membership totalling 4,006,354.

In its report on the National Labor Relations Act and the NLRB, the executive council appeared to be in retreat before the rank and file pressure against amendment of the act. As an apparent face saver, it pointed to changes in Board personnel and Board procedures. The report expressed satisfaction with the Board's "new attitude," although adding that procedural changes should be written into the act. It listed some of the decisions recently decided in favor of the AFL, presenting them as "an interesting contrast" with previous decisions. The report concluded with a promise that the AFL "will continue its vigilance over the National Labor Relations Act and its administration."

New Woll-Frey Strategy

The rebuff given Vice Presidents Matthew Woll and John P. Frey at the Houston convention last year for their attempt to push through a resolution condemning the New Deal apparently forced the anti-New Deal forces on the executive council to adopt a more strategic position. While the council's report declared that spending is not the solution to the nation's ills, its tone was conciliatory and no overt attack was made on the administration. Instead, a call was made for the cooperation of business, labor, agriculture and government in the planning of a recovery program. The council now feels that:

Our problem is one of management on a national scale. Although more complicated than the management of any single industrial enterprise, many of the methods used in coordinating the activities of a large company, with branch plants and offices scattered across the continent, are applicable to the national economic problem. . . .

We cannot believe that American engineering skill, American labor, and the genius of American management, which have developed our unequalled industrial mechanism, will fail to solve the problem of national economic coordination if given a mandate to undertake it.

Congress therefore was urged to create an advisory council of this nature—not failing to allow representation for labor, farmers and consumers—this council to be "commissioned to coordinate industrial activity."

War Delays Start On New Daily

War in Europe is delaying the completion of financial arrangements for the new daily newspaper planned in New York by Publications Research, Inc., according to Edward Stanley, an executive.

Stanley and Robert Ingersoll, who has taken indefinite leave from his post as publisher of Time magazine; have been preparing for the publication of what is described as a radically different newspaper, using new journalistic and printing techniques.

Stanley reported that almost 1,000 applicants for jobs have been interviewed or had their names placed on file in Publications Research offices at 14 West 49th St., New York. The organization is no longer accepting applications.

Originally scheduled to make its appearance late this year, publication is now unlikely before Jan. 1.