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BOTH 'ISMS' MOTIONS CARRY

LOWER EAST SIDE

Members Condemn 'Isms'; Uphold Independence

Giving a substantial majority to both of two resolutions on "isms" submitted to an international referendum, the membership of the American Newspaper Guild last month condemned Communism, Nazism and Fascism, and declared that the Guild has been and will continue to be independent of control by any political party.

The voters gave a greater majority to the resolution submitted by the Youngstown

Guild than to the motion offered by the International Executive Board. The official tally was:

	Yes	No
Youngstown Motion	3,655	1,284
IEB Motion	2,611	2,085

(The complete tabulation of votes by locals is carried on Page 3 of this issue.)

Ballots were issued for 10,064 members of the Guild's total membership of 17,530 who met the strict Constitutional requirements for eligibility to vote. Of these, 5,215 cast valid ballots.

Amends Convention Action

The Youngstown motion, which received the larger majority, was offered to the Memphis Convention of last year by a minority of the convention's resolutions committee as an amendment to an "Americanism" resolution adopted by the convention, but was tabled. The text of the motion to "reverse" the convention action, as submitted to referendum by the Youngstown Guild, was:

"Moved that the policy of the Seventh Annual Convention of the American Newspaper Guild be reversed by taking from the table and adopting the following amendment to the Americanism resolution, which amendment was recommended to the Convention by a minority of its Committee on Resolutions: 'Resolved: That Communism, Nazism and Fascism are not in any sense indicative of the American Newspaper Guild, and that this organization will not tolerate any attempt by these subversive elements to make or control the policies of this organization.'"

IEB Text

The IEB motion, submitted as a substitute for the Youngstown resolution with a statement that the Board disapproved of the Youngstown motion as establishing "a faith test" for individuals and ideas in the Guild, read in text:

"Shall the Memphis Convention resolution on Americanism be amended by addition of the following:

"Resolved that the American Newspaper Guild reject any proposal of insinuation that it is or has been subject to outside control. The ANG reaffirms its determination to have its policies decided only by its membership and reaffirms its traditional independence of control by any political party or group whether Communist, Socialist, Democra, Republican, Nazi or Fascist."

The official tabulation of ballots was conducted by ANG Secretary-Treasurer Victor Pasche under instructions by the IEB.

Observers Present

Norman McKenna of the New York Guild served as watcher for proponents of the Youngstown motion, by designation of the moving local. The IEB sent no observer, as such, since Pasche is a member of the Board and supported the Board motion.

Returns from Baltimore, San Francisco, Dayton and Seattle technically were subject to challenge because of late arrival in headquarters or other failure to comply with the terms of the constitution, but were not challenged by either side. A challenge would not have affected the results, except in minor proportions of majorities.

Ballots Out for IEB Vote

Ballots for use in filling the International Executive Board seat vacated by resignation of Anthony Berardi of Chicago were mailed Feb. 21 by Secretary-Treasurer Victor Pasche to the secretaries of all ANG locals.

Eight candidates from as many locals all Guild leaders in their communities, went to the lists.

They are:

Louis P. Ade, Northwestern Indians
Walter Burson, Pittsburgh
Rollin Everett, Cincinnati
John Kykri, Milwaukee
Aldric Revell, Madison
Edwin W. Scott, Detroit
Barney B. Taylor, Washington
Forrest Williams, Seattle.

Each of the candidates was nominated by his own local, except Revell, who was entered by Salem, Mass., and Ade, nominated by Chicago. Ade was seconded by his own local and Taylor by Youngstown, although seconds were not required.

Los Angeles voted to give its votes to Ade.

William J. Farson of Philadelphia, a former IEB member, was nominated by the Harrisburg Guild but withdrew his name. In a letter to the IEB he explained that he had been elected chairman of the Philadelphia Inquirer

For thumbnail sketches of IEB candidates, see page 7.

Unit, "a post I desire to retain at this time."

"In withdrawing," he said, "I wish to urge those who would have supported me to back the candidacy of Louis P. Ade . . . with whom I have been in agreement on Guild policy . . . and who has an excellent record of Guild building. . . ."

Balloting will be concluded by March 8. The IEB will hold its next meeting March 8-9 and the successful candidate for the Berardi vacancy probably will be able to attend.

Voting in the election is governed by Section 3, Article VI, of the Constitution, and is conducted through the International Council, the Constitutional term for all locals of the ANG acting as a governing body, through its groups. Each local, through its governing body, will cast as many votes as it would have in a convention.

Locals may decide in their own ways how their ballot shall be cast.



'Round and 'round it goes—the picket line in front of the Jewish Day in the heart of New

York's east side Jewish community. All 40 members of the Guild unit are out and circula-

tion is in a tailspin out of control. Note the picket signs in Yiddish.

Jewish Day Strike Becomes Major War

In 14 days, in the face of ruthless strike-breaking efforts by the combined publishers of New York City and three officers of the local Joint Board of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers (CIO), the strike of 40 Guild members against the Jewish Day has cut 10 per cent off the Day's 50,000 circulation and has won support without precedent in so small a strike.

Most startling development of the walkout, voted when six Guild

UP Defends Its Shirt Against Guild

Six contract conferences replete with management wise-cracks such as "you've got a shirt and undershirt, we're just a shred away from immortality and we must retain something of our virtue," brought negotiations with the United Press to the verge of a stalemate last week.

The UP negotiators, headed by Tom Edwards, who negotiates for Scripps-Howard subsidiaries throughout the country, rejected virtually every demand for improved conditions for the 400 employees that the Guild represents.

The Guild was represented by Victor Pasche, ANG Secretary-Treasurer; Frank McMillan, chairman of the New York AP unit, and Gerald Frank of the Journal-American.

Guild proposals for a general wage increase and advancement opportunities for office boys and financial department tabulators remain to be discussed in detail. They will be taken up at an all-day session, scheduled for next Tuesday.

After that meeting, the Guild committee probably will ask for a recess during which it will report in detail to the membership throughout the country and ask for membership instructions. A meeting of the national Wire Service Council also is contemplated.

Wage Survey Shows Great Contract Gains

Wage minima for all job classifications in all Guild contracts, tabulated in "easy reference" form, are contained in a 161-page book supplied to all Guild locals last week by ANG headquarters.

The survey covers 135 newspapers, nine wire services and syndicates, six news magazines, three labor papers, and two radio stations. Job classifications are divided into 54 general groups, reflecting in their number the extent of the Guild's growth in commercial departments.

A similar survey compiled 18 months ago covered only 26 general job classifications, many of which were covered incompletely.

A page index to the wage survey and analyses of other major contract provisions will be issued in the near future. They are being prepared by a new research and statistical department of ANG headquarters, being established under direction of International Representative Morgan Hull.

Toronto Star Pays Off Again

TORONTO—Tumbling last week on the heels of the Toronto Star's "success" in breaking the Toronto Guild's strength to the point where a strike vote was rescinded, came at least 50 raises. They ranged as high as \$8 a week, and were the third flock of increases precipitated by the Guild's recent campaign.

First batch of boosts, announced to a committee of Guildsmen by the firm's vice president, came in December; the second in January. In at least a couple of cases increases have brought \$15 extra weekly within a little more than two months, and at least 40 employees have received two raises within that period.

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Guild Reporter Goes Introspective

Members of 8 Units Tell Opinions of Reporter

Questionnaire Among Eight Coast-to-Coast Units Reveals That Fifty Per Cent of Members Read Every Issue; Majority Think It Interesting.

THE GUILD REPORTER, with emotions which we imagine are closely akin to those of the Negro boy who sticks his head through a canvas sheet at the county fair, undertook last month to learn just how bad or how good the paper is, and what Guild members think should be done to improve it.

We haven't learned all that we ought to know, but we've learned a lot, and the results of the inquiry seem to be news of the sort that the interviewed members believe should be emphasized. We herewith present the facts, as clearly as we can see them.

In the attempt to learn how to improve the GUILD REPORTER so that it might better serve the interests of Guild members, resort was had to the tried and effective method of the written questionnaire. Undoubtedly any written questionnaire designed to elicit opinion from a large body of persons should be supplemented by personal interviews. This desirable check was impossible and appropriate regard must be given in appraising the returns to the possible margin of error without it.

Two Questions Posed

The questionnaires were prepared with two broad questions in mind:

1. How many members read the GR and how thoroughly do they read it?

2. How should the GR be changed to make it more effective in serving the interests of the members?

Those are questions that haunt the editors of all newspapers and no easy or infallible way of answering them ever has been found. Question No. 1 is usually answered fairly informatively, for newspapers of general circulation, by the circulation cash register. The GUILD REPORTER lacks that check. Question No. 2 doesn't interest daily papers to the degree that it must the GR.

Local Officers Cooperated

As best we could, therefore, we devised a questionnaire of our own fashioning, consulting as widely as possible with Guild members and survey experts at hand. The questionnaire was circulated, with the cooperation of local and unit officers, through these units:

New York United Press
Portland (Me.) Press-Herald and Express
Wilkes-Barre Record
Indianapolis Times
St. Louis Post-Dispatch
Rockford Star and Tribune
Denver Rocky Mountain News
San Francisco Call-Bulletin.

The units were selected with an eye to getting a Guild membership cross-section. Some of these units are organized industrially, some in editorial only; Scripps-Howard and Hearst chains are represented; Maine is matched against the west coast; one of the units has been through a strike; some are large, some small; in organizational and contract status they stack up at approximately the average for the ANG.

About One-Third Reply

Membership of the eight units is between 800 and 1,000. Of 1,000 blank forms mailed to unit and local officers who volunteered to circulate them, 336 have been answered and returned.

The statistical picture derived from the returns probably is false, in some degree, because it may be that the members who filled out and returned the questionnaire are more interested in the Guild than those who did not. This is not necessarily true, however, because comment written upon the returned questionnaires indicated that the form pleased professional and craft interest equally with union interest.

REPLIES INDICATE READING HABITS OF MEMBERS

ALLOWING for all the chances for error we conclude from the returns that:

1. About half of the Guild membership read every issue of the Guild Reporter.

2. Approximately 48 per cent read it only occasionally.

3. Ten per cent, approximately, read it seldom, if ever.

We draw no conclusions from that set of figures—yet. They may, or may not, indicate fault in the GUILD REPORTER. Lacking coverage of bathtub murders, sports, and the latest developments in Africa, it may (or may not) be a fact that the GUILD REPORTER can't hope to interest 100 per cent of those who receive it.

We also conclude that newspaper men and women are addicted to the front-page habit, for questions designed to reveal what portions of the paper are most often read revealed that Page 1 news gets attention far more regularly than any other page or feature.

Contract News Pleases

Only 94 of 168 members who said they read every issue, claimed that they read "all, or almost all" of every issue. News of contract bargaining and results was indicated to be the most popular "inside" feature, with "letters to the editor" a close second.

The questionnaire asked:

"Do you think the GR is interesting?"

The italics were in the questionnaire.

To this, 215 members answered yes, 94 said no.

Playing an editorial hunch, the questionnaires then asked:

"Do you think the GR would be made more interesting by carrying more features dealing with problems and developments of the newspaper industry, with a consequent decrease in space given to exclusively union subjects?"

The reply was: 236 yes; 46 no.

To a question as to whether GUILD REPORTER typography is "good, satisfactory, or poor," 77 responses said it was "good," 177 said it was "satisfactory," 55 said it was "poor." Almost all of the questionnaires were circulated, but it noted, before the issue of Feb. 15, when column rules were dropped, a narrower column measure adopted, and the grade of newspaper changed.

TASTES OF EDITORIAL AND COMMERCIAL MEMBERS SIMILAR

ALTHOUGH signatures were not requested on the completed questionnaires, the cooperating members were asked to indicate into which of four wage brackets, ranging from less than \$25 to more than \$60, they fell, and to indicate their type of work. The distribution of those replying, by the wage brackets and newspaper departments, was approximately representative in those respects.

There seemed to be no cleavage of opinion between members in editorial and commercial departments, but members getting \$60 a week or more read the GUILD REPORTER, according to the returns, more regularly than those getting \$25 a week or less.

Bargaining reports are, not surprisingly, more interesting to members in the three lower wage brackets than to those in the highest one. Among the \$60-plus people,

REPLIES TO GUILD REPORTER QUESTIONNAIRE (Condensed)

Of 336 members who returned questionnaires on the Guild Reporter, 168 said they read "every issue," 138 read "only occasional issues," and 30 "never read it."

Under the heading, "thoroughness of reading," they said they read:

	Regularly	Occasionally	Never
All, or almost all, of the GR	94	122	53
Front Page News	149	94	9
Bargaining News (Inside)	77	107	43
Letters to Editor	75	104	46
Editorials	63	109	56
Labor in Review	51	91	65

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Seventy-seven said the typographical appearance of the GR is "good," 177 that it is "satisfactory," 55 that it is "poor."



"letters to the editor" run ahead of bargaining news in interest.

Comments Vigorous

Most interesting and possibly the most valuable feature of the returned questionnaires was the comment made in a space provided for that purpose. Only a minority took advantage of the opportunity to tell what they want done with the GUILD REPORTER, but those who did were positive in their views.

Most frequent and emphatic among the minority who commented, was a demand for objective reporting.

"Keep the news factual, true, honest, unaltered, complete, and give 'em hell on the editorial page," advised one writer. Another says: "Let's have facts directly and with no suggestion of coloring."

"Still more critically, a third suggests: 'Less propaganda, less unionism, more newspaper stuff.'"

Many suggested "a lighter touch," "more humor" and "a breezier style."

(As a matter of information, we note that members of units or locals engaged in bargaining or in an organizing drive generally are less interested in objectivity in reports of those activities than in using the GUILD REPORTER to further their efforts. This is true even of locals and individuals who want the strictest objectivity and frankness in reporting all other activities in the Guild. We insert this note, not contentiously, but as demonstrable fact, which may bear upon the remarks above. Frankly, we don't think the GUILD REPORTER can or should be a "newspaper" in the strict sense, impartially and dispassionately reporting everything that is done by and in the Guild, as though it had no interest in the success or failure of those activities.)

Biggest beef of those commenting was at the length and content of "letters to the editor," which by GUILD REPORTER policy

have been carried as nearly unedited as space would permit.

"I suppose the fellows who give the time and effort to letters to the editor consider them all important," commented a San Franciscan. "However, they seem long, drab and dry to me in many instances. Why not edit them down to the meat?"

"Curb letters to editor debates to one pro, one con," another writer suggested. "The same sentiment, with varying degree of editing advised, was general (although no one suggested how to placate a member whose 700-word letter is cut to 100).

Personal Suggested

Another sizeable group of members advocated a regular column or page of "personalities." Some writers suggested merely short features about prominent Guild members and unusual newspaper work in any of the Guild departments; others advocated something that would out-do the personal mention column of Editor & Publisher.

Behind this suggestion, in at least some cases, seemed to be a desire by members of each local to see the achievements of their own locals in print. Several persons said so directly.

Preferences in Style and MAKEUP VARY RADICALLY

THERE was no agreement whatever, in the informal comments, upon typographical or style standards.

"Cut out the dull N. Y. Times detail on everything," demanded one member, while another said the GUILD REPORTER "makeup and style are too sensational" and argued that it be made "more dignified."

A member in Wilkes-Barre summed up a lot of general opinion in a note typed on the question sheet.

"I used to enjoy features and special stuff on the business in the GR," he wrote. "I don't see it any more. Staff by Lee and Goldberg, I believe, was good. Realize some news must be slanted, but would like to see it a little less so sometimes. How about asking good writers in some of the Guild cities to contribute special articles? Individual Guildmen must be doing interesting things getting in hot water. What? Expose some of the stuffed shirts among us. My eye twitches at typography. Seems so amateurish. I assume that is financial problem. Pictures don't have too much imagination. Appreciate article on living costs. More of same. I miss Consumer Union reports. I'd like to see pictures and cartoons of the month by Guildmen. Stories, too."

Another member suggests that the GUILD REPORTER make itself an occasional laboratory for typographical experiment. He, too, sees the financial problem.

There were many other suggestions which, in conjunction with the tabulation of the statistical portions of the questionnaire, will be considered in editing the GUILD REPORTER in the future.

NEWS OF LOCALS

NEW OFFICER



Robert S. Ball, aviation editor of the Detroit News, elected chairman of the new Guild unit there.

CLEVELAND PLANS NEW ORGANIZING CAMPAIGN

CLEVELAND—Organization will be the keynote of the Cleveland Guild's activity during the coming year, members of the local's new executive board agreed at their first 1941 meeting.

William Davy, executive secretary, will be relieved of some of his office duties in order that he may devote more time to expand Guild membership in the five Cleveland units and at the unorganized Plain Dealer.

The new board, with 28 members, is largest in the local's history.

Newly-elected officers of the local are E. George Green, of the Hearst Unit (CP-INS-IMP); Paul Friggins, first vice president, NEA Unit; Kenneth Patmore, second vice president, Press Unit; Milton J. Lapine, treasurer, Press Unit and Davy, executive secretary.

John Johnston, Press Unit, was named chairman of the awards committee, which this month will honor local newspapermen for outstanding work of the year. The institution of annual awards was initiated last year by the Cleveland local.

AL JACKSON REELECTED

CHICAGO—The Chicago Guild has reelected Albert H. Jackson, Times assistant Sunday editor, as president, and elected the following new officers: Wilfred Wille, International News Service, first vice president; Carleton Kent, Times, second vice president; E. A. H. Stevenson, American Train Dispatcher, treasurer; Charles Wheeler, Jr., Times, secretary.

NEW PORTLAND PRESIDENT

PORTLAND, Me.—Unopposed, Raymond H. Gailey was elected president of the Portland Guild at its annual January meeting. Also unopposed, Lester R. Murray was reelected secretary.

Other officers elected are Ed Decker, Times, first vice president; Mary Hungerford, Times, second vice president; Shepard, Star, secretary; John Cromie, Times, treasurer; Joseph Dunmuck, Times, sergeant-at-arms, and Robert P. Kelley, member-at-large, GUILD REPORTER correspondent.

Ed Decker was chosen delegate to the Industrial Union Council and Kelley was temporarily appointed to the executive board representing members not employed by the daily newspapers.

JOE HOWARD REELECTED

GREAT FALLS—Joe Howard was reelected president of the Great Falls Guild at the annual local meeting. Frank Egleman was elected vice president; Bill Haney, secretary; Robt. Barnes, treasurer. The five members of the Executive Board are Fred McGinn, Al Raymond, Gordon Williams, Norman Monson and Emily Stoker.

ALLEN TOWN, Pa.—The following officers have been elected to serve the Lehigh Valley Newspaper Guild during 1941:

Nelson A. Weiser, president; Philip H. Storch, vice president; Alfred S. Wallitch, second vice president; Arlene E. Warkness, secretary, and John Y. Kohl, treasurer.

WEISER IN LEHIGH VALLEY

NEWARK—All local officers were reelected at the annual meeting. The slate: E. B. Berlin, president; the late E. B. Berlin, Sunday Call, president; Art Kaufman, John Lindsey, and Walter McGughan, vice president; Phil Dodge and Ed Bonnet, both of the Call, secretary and treasurer respectively.

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LYNN ELECTS, CELEBRATES

LYNN—Francis Curry, Telegram-News display solicitor, was elected president of the Lynn Guild at the annual meeting, succeeding Edward A. Collins, T-N police reporter and past president of the New England District. Curry is the first commercial member to head the local.

Other officers, re-elected, include Herbert L. Schion, Lynn Item, vice president; Betty Arioli, T-N, secretary; Francis V. Kennedy, T-N, treasurer. The new executive board members are Fred Bowler, past president Humphrey Owen, Thomas F. McGovern, all of the T-N, and Charles B. McGhee, Item.

The election was held at a party in Ship's Haven, suburban roadhouse. Guests included Alfred Coulthard, business agent of Local 201, UER&MWA, which has 11,000 members at the Lynn General Electric plant; Albert Fitzgerald, president of Local 201 and a candidate for president of the Massachusetts State CIO at the forthcoming convention; City Treasurer Joseph Cole; J. Frank Reynolds, past president of the Salem Guild, and the New England District, and many others.

Reynolds and George Markham, executive vice president of the N.E. District, were presented with wallets on which the Guild seal had been embossed as tokens of appreciation for work they did in negotiating the new T-N contract.

Reports of officers for the last year showed substantial progress made by the Lynn Guild. Faced with a deficit of several hundred dollars from the 16-week strike in 1939 at the item, the chapter not only wiped out the deficit but year's end but piled up a substantial sum in the treasury and in the local "defense fund."

The Telegram-News unit is now under its fifth chapter, which is one of the best small-Guild agreements in the country. Negotiations with the item have been underway for several weeks and are nearing a conclusion. The item unit expects to get a standard contract which will succeed the arbitration award to which the unit submitted when it ended its strike in November, 1939.

THE ANG BALLOTS



President Donal M. Sullivan, casting his own referendum ballot at a polling place in the city room of the Boston Globe, typifies the easy democracy with which ANG members last month belied any idea that ANG policies are dominated by any except themselves.

WILKES-BARRE ELECTS

WILKES-BARRE—By unanimous vote, Joseph F. Collis and Daniel Delaney were reelected president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, of the Wilkes-Barre Guild. Collis first took office last summer, succeeding Edward F. Donohue, who transferred from the Times-Leader, Evening News to the Scranton, Pa., Times. Prior to that, Collis was a local vice president.

Delaney has been secretary-treasurer since the local's inception in May, 1937. Both men work in the editorial room of the Record.

Other officers elected were: Carl Pesevano, Times-Leader, Evening News, first vice president; Milton Miller, Record, second vice president; Mrs. Maline Moran, Times-Leader, Evening News, recording secretary. Joseph M. Walsh and Michael Drugach of the Record, Stanley Kupstas, Jerry McCormack, and William Donohue were elected delegates to the CIO council.

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Day Strike Turns Into Big War

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Hollander and Joseph Catolone, managers.

They issued their statement in the name of the Joint Board, immediately after adjournment of a meeting of the Board on Feb. 18 at which they did not raise the subject. They gave no reason for their desire to see the Guild beaten except their assertion that the strike is a "Communist plot."

New York newspaper publishers leaped untidily into the fray, threatening to withdraw all newspapers from any newsdealer who refused to display the Day on his stand.

The New York Guild ordered its counsel to prepare charges of conspiracy by the publishers to violate the anti-trust laws, for presentation to Assistant U. S. Attorney-General Thurman Arnold.

Simultaneously the Guild filed charges with the National Labor Relations Board that the Day has violated the Wagner Act.

The 12 editorial department workers whose discharges and wage cuts precipitated the strike, formerly were members of the Peretz Verein (Jewish Writers' Club), which has existed for 28 years but never has sought a collective bargaining contract. They joined the Guild in January when it became apparent that the Peretz Verein was going to agree to wage cuts proposed by the management.

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It Seems to Us...

More Letters, Please, But...

Because "letters to the editor" have filled more than a full page in each of the last three issues of the Guild Reporter, in one issue running over two pages, letters intended for publication have been held rigidly to a maximum length of 500 words. Let- ters which exceed that length will be cut. The Guild Reporter invites letters from Guild members in good standing, on all phases of Guild interests, and believes that shorter letters on a wider range of subjects will enhance the utility and readability of this department.

"DAMN DISGUSTED" BY GR LETTERS

LYNN.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

Rank-and-file like myself are damn disgusted with seeing the GR filled, issue after issue, with the type of letters that have pre- dominated in the last several months.

We resent the use of valuable space in the official union paper by a minority of a few members for the airing of petty squabbles, prejudices, internal political feuds, charges and counter-charges, slurs and counter-slurs.

Most of these letters appear to be over the signatures of the same 15 or 20 people scattered through a half-dozen locals, and I think they have a heluva nerve monopolizing the space which is made available only because the rest of the Guild members pay the money to make publication of the GR possible.

The referendum is over, and at this writing I don't know which side won. But I do know that unless Guild members everywhere get together and start facing in the spirit of brotherhood and co-operation the real problems of organization, bargaining, and struggle for civil liberties, trade union rights and true democracy in America the Guild is going to suffer.

Let's not forget that "what helps the Guild helps you," and also that "what hurts the Guild hurts you." It's high time more of us spent more time figuring out ways of helping the Guild, and through it ourselves, than in trying to pin the red lie on the breasts of those we don't like simply because some publishers have deluded us into thinking we shouldn't like them.

Finally, let's see some real letters in the GR giving us some constructive down-to-earth suggestions about Guild and trade union problems. Let's see more letters with ideas, instead of accusations, denials, corrections and the child- ish "my father knows more than your father, you-so-and-so" philosophy.

FRED BOWLER,

Executive Board, Lynn Guild.

BOWLER SUPPLIES UNINTENDED EXAMPLE

(Fred Bowler, who wrote the letter above, enclosed in the same envelope a personal letter to the GUILD REPORTER editor, who was in Lynn throughout the 1939-40 strike. Bowler didn't intend the second letter for publication, but we ran it, with a couple of personal sentences deleted, as an example of the kind of informal, informative letters which, minus the personal address to the GUILD REPORTER editor, the GUILD REPORTER thinks members would be glad to read in profusion.)

LYNN.

Dear Fred:

I'm enclosing a couple of stories which you can use in the next issue and also a letter from myself.

The gang in Lynn... hopes you can drop into Lynn some time during the coming months to renew the old acquaintances.

Things are going along pretty well here. As you may not perhaps recall, I taught on at the Salem-News during the 1939 strike, and now a year and a

real purpose of which is to sabotage or wreck the cause of labor and liberalism in general. It is an interesting fact that Hitler used exactly this propaganda trick to raise himself to power in Germany.

In "Landscape of Freedom" I cite several cases in which it has been used against our own workers and farmers in the past. When the workers put up a labor ticket in the New York City elections in 1929, their candidates were accused of planning to "divide up the wealth, tear down the churches, abolish marriage, and initiate a reign of atheism and free love in a communistic Owenite state." This frightened the labor leaders, who promptly disavowed practically everything that progressive labor of that day stood for. While one work- ingman was elected to the legis- lature, this disavowal or repudiation by the labor leaders un- doubtedly drove many thousands of workers away from the labor ticket....

After the riots of 1877 "the same tactic was employed against the leaders of the working class. Again the hand and revolution- ary cunning of the foreign agitator were seen behind the dis- turbances. The riots were said to have brought to America "the awful presence of socialism, which has more than once made Europe tremble on account of its energy, its despotism, its fearful atrocities." This was untrue. Neither had the socialists nor any other foreign agitators anything to do with the spontaneous and wholly American rebellion of 1877, nor had the strikers and jobless thought of anything beyond the starvation wages that had been forced upon them....

FRED BOWLER.

TRIBUTE PAID TO GEORGE ROGAN

LOS ANGELES.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

With the passing of George R. Rogan, the Los Angeles News- paper Guild lost one of its most loved and most valuable members.

George saw the phoneyism of the Red issue and the need for unity within the Guild. One of his last acts before a sudden heart attack ended his life was to join four other outstanding pioneer Los Angeles Guildsmen as a member of the national Com- mittee For the Guild to oppose the Youngtown referendum be- cause, as he put it, the Young- town motion simply kindled con- troversy and disruption and took time and energy away from the important job of building the Guild.

A devout Catholic, George al- ways maintained the Guild is a practical application of Christian- ity.

His mature judgment was sought and respected by all fac- tions in the Guild. We miss him. EUGENE S. BRADFORD.

HALLGREN SEES HISTORY REPEATING ITSELF

GLENWOOD, MD.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

I have been away from home for the last two months or so, and in that time have not seen the GUILD REPORTER and have been out of touch with Guild af- fairs. Otherwise I should have written sooner about the "isms" referendum, which to my mind raises an issue vital not alone to the Guild but to the whole labor movement.

This effort to compel the Guild to purge itself of all "isms" is neither new nor unique in our history. It is a propaganda trick that is as old as the American republic. It has been repeatedly used, never actually to crack down on the radicals, but always to confuse and divide the liberal and labor movement against it- self. And it has almost always succeeded, for those who have en- played it have invariably found strong and duped all too eager to swallow this propaganda, the

MAURITZ HALLGREN.

IEB CANDIDATE GIVES VIEWS ON ANG ISSUES

WASHINGTON.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

It has occurred to me that the governing bodies of the various ANG locals should know where candidates for the IEB vacancy stand on issues before us. Here are some of my views:

I support the San Francisco Oakland proposal for election of ANG officers by the membership.

I am for adoption of the Young- town resolution and against the IEB's proposal.

I believe that the Guild should take a firm stand and act on legislation where the labor in- terest is dominant; but I would oppose action on such as the Se- lective Service Act and the Land- Lease Bill.

I believe that all locals, aided by the ANG and the GUILD REPORTER, should strive to eliminate the purely phoney lines of divi- sion between editorial and com- mercial workers.

The Guild should have national leadership that has the confidence of the membership. I do not be- lieve that the present administra- tion enjoys this confidence to the extent that would be desirable. I advocate a change.

I want the Guild to be a strong union of newspaper workers, or- ganized thoroughly in our full jurisdiction for our economic benefit. To achieve such an or- ganization, I do not believe it necessary or advisable to scatter our fire all over the world.

BARNEY B. TAYLOR.

INTERNED GUILDSMAN WANTS TEXT BOOKS

MONTREAL.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

As you may know, one of our members, David Sinclair, editor of the Canadian Seamen's Union paper, The Searchlight, has been interned under the De- fence of Canada Regulations.

His wife has recently in- formed me that he is using his spare time to study journalism, particularly labor journalism, and she asks our help in send- ing him some books. He wants particularly a book called, I think, Labor Journalism, writ- ten by a couple of New York Guildsmen.

World is too much trouble to have someone in the office there by Labor Journalism and any other useful books there may be on the subject, and send them to Sinclair, care of Internment Camp, Petawawa, Ont., and send the bill to me. I will then send you the cash. CAM BALLANTYNE.

(Some books have been sent, with no bill to former ANG Vice President-Ballantyne. Per- haps Guildsmen who have good books on journalism would care to send a few more to Sinclair, whose internment was reported in the Feb. 15 GR in the article "Murder Over the Border.")

CHICAGO EX-STRIKER URGES ADE FOR IEB

CHICAGO.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

As the guy who nominated Tony Berardi at Memphis (for the sake of dear old harmony) I feel that the only way I can make amends is to urge the election of Louis Ade to fill the vacancy on the IEB created by EX-Brother Berardi's sudden resignation.

Brother Ade, in case you have not heard, is three-time president of the Northwestern Indiana Newspaper Guild. He is the guy who has been most instrumental in getting an excellent contract and great gains in a little local boasting of 22 militant members. Brother Ade has been an ac- tive, militant Guildman. He has served, with distinction, on the employer relations committee at the last two conventions and many of his recommendations are

included in the bargaining man- ual.

I feel that the ANG is missing a bet if it doesn't see to it that Brother Ade, who wears no man's collar, is placed on the IEB.

BOB GREENOCK.

DAVE JAMES SUPPLIES ANOTHER GOOD LETTER

(We don't know why so many correspondents reserve their best quips for "personal" letters to the Editor. As another example of what we'd like for "It Seems to Us," we apologize to Dave James and take the liberty of printing excerpts from a "Dear Fred" let- ter, enclosed by James with some Tacoma stories.)

TACOMA.

Dear Fred:

As one hay pitcher's son to an- other (or was it turns your puppy specialized in?), let me tell you the Feb. 15 issue of GR was so bright I caught the mail car- rier reading it. There may be arguments for keeping column rules, such as turning them over when great men succumb, but as an inexpert on typography I would say eliminating the rules puts a hygienic space around each story which is not only healthy but handsome.

Pictures are showing up much better. The GR can my mug last year and provided me with ample grounds for a libel suit. Several lawyers offered to fight the case but all withdrew when I came around to discuss terms. They said I looked worse than the pic- ture....

You must be pretty pretty yourself. I notice you ran the back of your head in a recent issue.

I liked your article on Canadian labor. I thought the grade school graph on strikes in industry was so good I'm pinning it on our bulletin board and about the only thing I found distasteful was your criticism of the old credit departments of the old Pittsburgh Post and Sun, and Post-Gazette, since discharge from army in 1919. Married; three daughters.

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IEB CANDIDATES

LATEST CANDIDATE



Forrest Williams, Seattle Guild pioneer and P-I striker, nominated by his local for IEB post.

Following are brief biograph- ical sketches of the eight candi- dates for the ANG vice presi- dency, carrying with it member- ship in the International Exec- utive Board, upon whom locals are now balloting.

LOUIS F. ADE (Northwestern Indiana Guild)—Serving third successive term as president of local. Rewriter man and part time city editor, Hammond Times De- legate, San Francisco and Mem- phis Conventions. Born in Iowa, Age, 36. Second cousin of George Ade. Attended Purdue university. After high school, worked several months in clerical capacity for a bricklayers' union of which his brother-in-law was business agent; first newspaper job in Whiting, Ind., in 1927-28; personnel work with Western Electric Co., in 1929. Helped organize one of ANG's first commercial divisions in 1929-31; Peoria Star cir- culation work, 1931. Hammond Times since 1932. Prominent in rallying support for Chicago strikers. Married; no children.

WALTER C. BURSON (Pitts- burgh Guild)—Serving second term as local president. Secre- tary-treasurer, CIO-APE Pitts- burgh Newspaper Union Council. Credit manager of Post-Gazette since 1927, and eastern vice chair- man of the newspaper group in the National Association of Credit Men. Helped organize one of ANG's first commercial divisions in 1929-31. For two years has been delegate to Steel City CIO Industrial Union Council. Past commander of a Pittsburgh American Legion post. Served on four Guild negotiating committees. Born in Grand Rapids 44 years ago. Has worked as advertising salesman and in accounting and credit departments of the old Pittsburgh Post and Sun, and Post-Gazette, since discharge from army in 1919. Married; three daughters.

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laude in comparative literature, 1934. Afterward, editor of weekly Oshkosh Free Press, secretary of Wisconsin Progressive party; po- litical writer for the party's Pro- gressive Weekly, Age, 31. Mar- ried; one girl, one boy.

EDWIN W. SCOTT (Detroit Guild)—Past treasurer and sec- retary of local, past chairman of Times unit (Hearst), member of several negotiating committees, a local Guild pioneer who has been on the executive board almost continuously since local was or- ganized. Helped organize and ne- gotiate contracts for Battle Creek Guild. Chairman, employer rela- tions committee, Memphis Con- vention. Delegate to all Hearst chain council meetings and council chair- man in Detroit and Memphis. Born

in Pennsylvania. Mother and one sister have been newspaper women and a brother is with the AP in Philadelphia. Attended Temple university; law degree from De- troit College of Law; member of Michigan bar. In a checked work career has "peddled papers, dug coal in Pennsylvania, worked for a mining engineer, done some road and railroad construction, tossed steel in a Detroit ware- house"—most of this between school stints. To Detroit News crime bureau in 1930, and in same year to Times, for which he has covered police and courts since. Age, 38. Married; wife is chair- man of Auxiliary membership committee; one boy, one girl.

BARNEY B. TAYLOR (Wash- ington Guild)—Washington's star Guild organizer; credited with personally signing up 150 of the local's 750 members. Has served on local executive committee and now is first vice president. De- legate to Memphis Convention. Is an advertising salesman for the industrially organized Washing- ton Post. (Taylor states his posi- tion on Guild issues in the "It Seems to Us" column in this GR.)

FORREST WILLIAMS (Seattle Guild)—First man in Seattle to join the ANG, his "at large" and pre-dating the Seattle charter by several months. First chairman of Seattle Post-Intelligencer unit (Hearst), and chairman during the P-I strike. Unit chairman again last year, and member of local executive board continuously since chartered. Describes him- self as "not identified with either 'left' or 'right' wings within the Guild." Favors political action "when it will advance the inter- ests of Guildsmen or other wage earners." Native of Seattle. Grad- uate University of Washington. Eleven years experience as courts and general assignment reporter. Age, 34. Married (during strike); one child, a girl.

It Seems to Us...

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ADD PHILADELPHIA STORY DISCUSSION

PHILADELPHIA.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

There are many inaccuracies in your report of the Philadelphia Gamden election, and I should like to correct a few in the order in which they appear in your story.

1—Secretary Max Ways and Guildman Howard Kaye did not have "a bitter scrimmage." Kaye punched Ways once from behind, knocking off his glasses. Ways could not even see who hit him, and so could not—and did not—engage in any scrimmage.

2—It is a surprise to me to learn that John Fleck ran for president as an "independent." It was understood by many that he ran as a spokesman for those who oppose any attack on Commu- nism.

3—Leland Ross, former presi- dent, is quoted by you as saying "the whole thing started as a Ways over and over again to the Phila- delphia-Camden membership, which reelected Ways by a vote of 558 to 155 for his opponent, who was supported by Ross.

4—Arthur Burdon, who was elected president by overwhelm- ing vote, did not say he had be- come "disillusioned" by his few months' membership in the Com- munist Party. He said he had gotten a "bellyful." There's a difference.

5—You say the Philadelphia Inquirer quoted Guildman Robert Reiss at an executive session of the membership. Reiss did not bother to repudiate the com- pletely erroneous report of his remarks by the Inquirer, but thinks you are carrying things a little far in putting things a question mark about what the Inquirer says he said—which he didn't.

6—You refer to Guild vice president Jules Schick as editor

of the Labor Record. Jules Schick refers to himself as "Jules (No Relation to David S. Schick) Schick." David Schick is editor of the Labor Record.

The winners in the Phila- delphia-Camden election did not expect to be given a fair treatment in the GUILD REPORTER, and we hope that this reminder that we did not does not annoy you too much. I should like to congrat- ulate the GUILD REPORTER writer who did the masterful smearing job.

FRANK RAHILL

FEDERATED PRESS ELECTS MYERS

CHICAGO—Fred Myers, editor of the GUILD REPORTER, was elected a member of the executive board of Federated Press, the co- operative national news and pic- ture service for labor newspapers, at its twenty-second annual meet- ing.

Myers replaces Clyde Beale, former editor of the GUILD REPORTER, resigned.

Editors who attended the meet- ing adopted resolutions praising the nonpartisan character of the news service and commending the work of the staff, all of whom are Guild members.

The meeting adopted a budget of \$33,000 for 1941, an increase of 10 per cent over 1940.

IEB MEETING SET FOR MARCH 8-9

The International Executive Board will meet in New York headquarters on March 8 and 9. Principal matters to come before the board include the progress of organizing, particularly the func- tioning of the new resident or- ganizer plan, and wire service negotiations, for which the board is directly responsible.

DON'T FORGET
GUILD PLACEMENT SERVICE!

With the AUXILIARY

By MARY FOND
Reporter for ANG Auxiliary

Indianapolis Establishes Nursery; Plans Two Parties

A nursery for the children of the Indianapolis Auxiliary mem- bers has been set up by Norma Jean Larsen, daughter of the treasurer of the local, to enable the mothers to attend auxiliary meetings.

New committees of INGA are: strike aid, Louise Lewis, chairman, Mary Rodman and Mabel Morse; legislative, Margaret Bryan, chairman, Martha Ulrich and Frances Humphreys. A personnel secretary or coordinator will be named as head of the membership committee, which will consist of the entire mem- bership of the local.

A financial report which showed the INGA's balance to be the highest in the year's existence of the auxiliary was read at the last meeting of the local.

Two parties are on the agenda for the Indianapolis Auxiliary; one to be held for INGA members only at the home of Mrs. Frances Humphreys and the other to be a joint affair with the Guild, planned to honor the retiring Guild president, Joe Shepard, who has served for seven years. Mrs. Ulrich, Mrs. Larsen and Mrs. Decker have been named to serve on the committee for this party with their husbands, who have been appointed by the Guild.

Steps toward the formation of a city-wide council of auxiliaries will be taken by the auxiliary after a report at the March meeting by Mrs. Humphreys on the duties and activities of such a group and the auxiliaries which are available to cooperate.

AUXILIARY WRITES HISTORY



Members of the Indianapolis Auxiliary, in this picture, are inspecting the official scrapbook of the INGA, being prepared as a history of INGA accomplishments. At the table (l. to r.) are Mrs. Harry Bryan, Mrs. Louis Larsen, Mrs. Herbert Gilligan, and Mrs. Carl Thorbahn. The photograph was taken at the local's first birthday party by Guildman Seymour Funks. The portfolio on the table was given by the local to its president, Mrs. Joseph Dammack.

New York's "Monroe Fund" Helps Jewish Day Strikers

The first contribution from the Monroe Fund, recently set up by the New York Auxiliary for aid to strikers and their families, went to Guildsmen on strike against the Jewish Day. This was the first contribution to the strike from any source. Twenty-five dollars was voted by NGNYA members and a strike committee was organized immediately to cooperate with the Guild com- mittee. Auxiliary members are on strike duty every day.

Skits from the revue, "Meet the People" were part of the entertainment at the Valentine party of the Auxiliary and the set "The Same Old South" brought down the house with: "And the same old bloodhounds which used to chase Liza now chase the CIO organizer." Mrs. Katherine Earnshaw, ANGA inter- national president, arrived in New York in time to attend.

A Sunday afternoon cocktail party is being held at the Guild Club on March 23rd in cooperation with the New York Times Guild Unit in connection with the forthcoming NLRB election at the Times.

Mrs. Felling, ANGA Vice President, Heads Memphis Peace Committee

Mrs. Katherine Felling, ANGA vice president from Memphis, has been made chairman of the America First Committee of Memphis. The primary concern of the committee at present, Mrs. Felling reports, is the defeat of the Land-Lease Bill on the grounds that it is a war dictatorship bill. Mrs. Felling is also one of the state sponsors of the Tennessee Conference for Democracy, the program for which is based on defense of civil liberties and labor's rights, and poll tax repeal.

Mrs. Ruth Douglass has been elected reporter for the San Francisco-Oakland Auxiliary. She will also serve as the editor of the local bulletin.

All ANGA news for the GUILD REPORTER should be mailed to Mrs. Mary Fond, c/o Cleveland Industrial Union Council, 214 Ninth Street Building, Cleveland, Ohio. The news should be mailed to reach Cleveland at least three days before GUILD REPORTER deadline, to allow time for coordination of material.

Where It Leads

THE more briefly it is said, the more clear it is: the strike-breaking attack by three officers of a sister CIO union upon 40 Guild strikers, reported in this Guild Reporter, is a living example of the end to which "red baiting" inexorably leads. These three union officers, with the fever of the red hunt upon them, no longer apply the test of union welfare to union problems. The result is outright anti-unionism and "all aid to bosses."

Look at Your Wife

WE are reminded by a little jolly gem of an AP dispatch from a meeting of the Georgia Press Association, that eternal vigilance is the price of practically anything and everything worth keeping including leisure and the right to marry whom we please. The AP story quotes an unreconstructed rebel against the Guild, Editor Herbert Davidson of the Daytona Beach (Fla.) News-Journal, who was "principal speaker" at the Georgia publishers' annual banquet.

Editor Davidson thinks (as quoted by the AP) that the Guild is "an unfortunate development." He particularly dislikes the Guild's insistence upon more or less regular hours for its members. Believe it or not, he solemnly said this:

"By the very nature of their tasks there is only one proper week for newspaper men. That is the 168-hour week."

(We neglected to mention that Davidson is not just one little publisher from the Florida tourist belt. He's chairman of the committee on schools of the Southern Publishers' Assn., and a member of the National Council on Education for Journalism.)

Editor Davidson has other ideas, too. A newspaperman, he told his fellow editors and publishers, has obligations to society.

"He must live the life of a newspaper man, which is a special kind of life like a doctor's life," he said. "He must even marry a special kind of girl who is able to understand what this is all about and to put up with the adventurous vagaries of a newspaper career."

"And how can you reconcile clock-watching with all this?"

Personally, we can't. As soon as we had finished reading Davidson's remarks we quit watching the office clock and hurried home to watch our wife.

She didn't understand what it was all about.

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"Sure it's a defense strike—they make canned beans."

Labor in Review

Commerce Dept. Figures Show Figures Can't Lie, But - - -

WASHINGTON (FP)—Figuring is a very complicated piece of business, particularly when it comes to figuring such things as the national income.

Yet some of the figures put out by the Department of Commerce recently regarding national income—which, briefly, means the net production of commodities and services by all private and public enterprises—indicate some pretty interesting things about the welfare of people in this country.

The figures show, for instance, that the value of all goods and services in the U.S. during 1940 was 73.8 billion dollars.

This is the highest it has been since 1929 and is 84% above the 1932 depression low.

That seems to indicate that people were pretty well off in 1940, but that was not the case.

In 1929 the volume of goods distributed was 48,330 million dollars, which meant that every man, woman and child would have gotten \$398 worth of goods if goods had been distributed one to a customer.

In 1940 the net sales of retailers amounted to about \$45,500 million, which was only \$345 worth of goods for every man, woman and child on the same equal basis.

In other words, helpfully supplied by the Department of Commerce, the estimated sales of goods in 1940 were 13% less per person than in 1929.

The fact that there were fewer goods per person in 1940 than in 1929 is explained on the basis of an 8.3% increase in population.

If these figures are not baffling enough, the Dept. of Commerce gives others that challenge the imagination.

Industrial production in the U.S. in 1940 was greater than in any previous year, being 11% above 1929 (when more people were employed) and "significant net increases occurred between December and April" in "aircraft, shipbuilding, newsprint, fuel oil and cigarettes."

Some evening sit down and try to figure out the relationship between aircraft, shipbuilding, newsprint, fuel oil and cigarettes. If it weren't for the newsprint and cigarette items it could be said flatly that war had something to do with it. But everybody knows war and newspapers don't have anything to do with each other.

Labor On the March

CIO unions are negotiating or are about to begin negotiating contracts with firms employing more than 1,500,000 persons. Main demands are for wage increases, the unions pointing to soaring corporation profits and other factors discussed in an article, "Wage Raises Needed Now," in the Feb. 1 GUILD REPORTER. Principal bargaining fronts are:

Employer	No. of Workers	Union
Coal Industry	600,000	United Mine Workers
General Electric	60,000	United Electric, Radio and Machine Workers
Westinghouse	40,000	U. M. W.
General Motors	165,000	United Auto Workers
U. S. Steel	275,000	Steel Wks. Org. Comm.

In the last month, the National Maritime Union has won contract increases totaling \$2,750,000 annually for 30,000 seamen, and the Federation of Glass, Ceramics

& Silica Sand Workers has won general wage increases and other improvements for 15,000 employees of Libby-Owens-Ford and Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. Both unions are CIO affiliates.

CIO-AFL Fight Sabotage Laws

ANTI-SABOTAGE laws, modeled on measures prepared in collaboration with the Department of Justice here, are evidence that "the attack against labor organizations is becoming most acute," CIO Pres. Philip Murray declared in a letter to all CIO affiliates.

Sent to the CIO affiliates also was a memorandum prepared by a special committee, consisting of AFL and CIO representatives, appointed by Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins.

This memo declares that "the act in peace time would practically prevent any free individual from doing any act impeding production for defense under pain of the heaviest criminal penalties."

"It would seriously curtail or prohibit the rights of labor to strike, to picket peacefully, and to carry on any other lawful union activity when such acts impeded production for defense."

Hillman Proposes War Labor Board

FEDERATED PRESS said last month in a Washington dispatch that it had learned that a War Labor Board, with powers with which it could virtually dictate settlement of any labor dispute, was proposed secretly to the recent meeting of CIO vice presidents in Washington.

The CIO officers rejected the plan, Federated Press said, but agreed not to disclose the fact that the administration is seeking such powers.

The Hillman proposal coincided with intensification of the White House drive for passage of the Lend-Lease bill and increasing pressure on Congress to curb the rights of unions to strike and exercise other constitutional rights.

Federated Press said the plan attributed to Hillman is for a federal mediation board and a labor advisory board of two representatives of the CIO, two of AFL, two of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and two of the National Association of Manufacturers.

AFL Woos ITU

PRESIDENT William Green of the AFL announced in Miami that "the way has been cleared" for a return of the International Typographical Union to the AFL. He said the ITU executive board had reached an agreement with the AFL which will not be revealed until it is submitted to a referendum of the ITU's 80,000 members, probably after the ITU convention in Vancouver in August. The ITU has been unaffiliated since it was suspended by the AFL in 1939 for refusing to pay a special AFL assessment.

Dog Bites Man

HENRY FORD was found guilty for the eighth time, last month, of violation of the National Labor Relations Act. The federal Office of Production Management promptly announced that he will shortly be granted a large new defense contract. The contract has been approved by OPM and awaits only approval by the air corps. It will provide for erection of a new plant at Ypsilanti, Mich.