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Murray Protests Troops In Strike

Use of the army and of military conscription to break strikes must be condemned by all friends of democracy, CIO President Philip Murray told all CIO affiliates June 12 in a special letter urging organized labor pressure on Congress and national officials to prevent a recurrence of the now famous events of last week in Ingleside, Calif., and their aftermath.

His letter followed by 24 hours the despatch by ANG Executive Vice President Milton Kaufman, to all locals where there was prospect of early meetings or other means of quick action, of telegrams with similar substance.

"Perversion of Law"

Murray did not mention directly the strike of North American Aviation workers which was smashed by troops with fixed bayonets, but made it plain that he was pointing his remarks at that incident.

Of new orders from Washington to local draft boards to cancel deferments of workers if they go on strike, Murray said:

"These orders constitute a flagrant abuse of the conscription law and an open breach of faith with labor."

He declares that "the perversion of the conscription law to the establishment of enforced la-

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Bay City Seeks Steady Prexy

BAY CITY—The Saginaw Valley Newspaper Guild has been having a hard time keping its presidency filled.

Three times during the past six months, members have had to gather and cast ballots for the position. This is what happened:

Robert B. Wood was elected in January. He had to resign when he left the local to work for the Detroit Free Press.

Arthur W. Everett was chosen in his place. Last month he was called into military service.

Now, Ray J. Kuhn, first president of the SVNG, has been elected to fill the unexpired term. He thinks he'll stay through the year.

The Stork Is A Union Bird

The stork got Guild-conscious last week.

A few minutes after midnight, June 3, a son was born to Mrs. Anna Goldsborough Kaufman, former chairman of the Time, Inc., unit and wife of Milton Kaufman, ANG executive vice president.

It was still before sunrise and young Richard Martin Kaufman had hardly been weighed in at seven pounds, four ounces, when a son was born to Mrs. Fritzie Einhorn, wife of Nat Einhorn, New York Guild executive secretary. He was named Carl, and tipped the scales at six pounds, two ounces.

St. Paul Wins First Guild Shop

ST. PAUL—A new contract for two years, bringing the Guild shop to St. Paul and approximately $8,000 in annual wage gains to Guild members, was signed June 6 between the Twin Cities Guild and the Dispatch and Pioneer Press of St. Paul, Ridder chain papers.

The Guild shop clause, first in the city, is based on the San Francisco city-wide contract formula. At least four out of five new employes in each department must join the Guild as a condition of employment and those now Guild members must retain their status.

Thirty days is allowed for a membership campaign to mop up the 8 per cent not now members before the Guild status of employes is "frozen."

Wages were boosted in editorial, circulation, and auditing classifications. The editorial minimum is set in the contract at $210 in the fifth year, but a letter stipulates that no employe in this classification shall receive less than $50 per week, or $216.68 per month. This set a new high for contracts in this area.

Full jurisdictional range of the Guild is covered, from maintenance through editorial departments. Approximately 215 members are covered by the contract. Negotiators were President Bade, R. S. Gilfillan, and Executive Secretary Biddison.

The two-year agreement can be reopened for wage negotiations Jan. 1, 1942, and June 1, 1942.

Next local objective is Guild shop in Minneapolis and much improved wage scale, in negotiations this autumn.

Convention Trek Begins; Issues Forming Along 1940 Battle Front

DETROIT—Every preparation is being made to make the eighth annual Guild convention something to write home about but also something which will keep delegates too busy to do any writing.

Entertainment will start even before the convention opens, with a get-acquainted cocktail party in the Book Cadillac Hotel, convention headquarters, on the afternoon of Sunday, June 22.

On the following night delegates will be given opportunity to relax from the opening day's business on a leisurely moonlight trip down the Detroit river, with (believe it or not) Canada on the south shore and Michigan to the north. Bob-lo Island will be the destination.

Recreational highlight of the convention will be the All-Michigan dinner dance in the Book Cadillac on Wednesday. Complimentary to delegates, others will be charged $2.50 for the night's elaborate festivities. August Scholle, president of the Michigan CIO Council, heads of all the local printing trades unions, and other labor leaders are expected to attend.

For Friday night, the Auxiliary has scheduled a dinner at the Wayne Club, noted for its fine cuisine.

Throughout the convention the Auxiliary will operate a hostess booth in the convention hotel to provide information and helpful hints for delegates who want to see some of Detroit's gigantic motor industry, its scenic spots, or find entertainment of any sort. Special booklets have been printed for the visitors, indicating points of interest in the city.

Both the Book Cadillac and the Wolverine hotel, in which some delegates plan to stay, are in the heart of the theater and retail shopping area and only a few blocks from the city's three dailies —the Free Press, News and Times.

NEWSPRINT PRICE TO REMAIN STABLE

International Paper Co., largest of Canadian newsprint producers and bell-wether of prices for the whole industry, announced last week that it would maintain its present prices until at least Oct. 1. There has been no increase in the cost of newsprint since the war began.

Delegates from Guild locals throughout the United States and Canada, representing more than 90 per cent of ANG membership, began converging on Detroit this week for the American Newspaper Guild's eighth annual convention, which will open next Monday morning. Secretary-Treasurer Victor Pasche predicted, on the basis of an incomplete tabulation of credentials received at ANG headquarters, that the convention will be the largest in Guild history.

Guild Reporter correspondents indicated, in reports of delegate elections and instructions, that the delegates will be most concerned with growing threats to union organization and living standards but that the convention fireworks will center around the election of ANG officers, scheduled for June 27, the last day of the convention.

Old Issues Dominate

The convention promises to divide, in the election and on issues which might bear upon it, into two major groups, roughly classifiable as pro-administration and anti-administration. Pro-administration delegates will work for a continuation of past ANG policies and re-election of present officers. The "antis," in leaflets distributed throughout the country from several sources, have proposed several policy changes and a general ouster of officers.

Fundamental issues and the nature of the prospective groupings, it seemed probable, will be similar to those of the last convention, in Memphis.

Charges made and fought out in the 1940 convention and in the international membership referendum of this year, that ANG officers and policies have paralleled or followed the Communist party line, will be gone over again. Several locals, notably Los Angeles and New York, fought that battle in elections of their delegates and the question has been

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Baltimore Sets Up New Unit

BALTIMORE — A Baltimore Sun unit of the Guild composed of more than 100 advertising, business office, circulation and editorial employes was established at a meeting last week.

The setting up of the unit is the result of several months organizational work on the Sunpapers, headed by Mills Sampey, ANG resident organizer. Weekly organizational bulletins addressed to the staff, individual contacts, group and departmental meetings and open general meetings have generated an active interest in the Guild among the employes and have crystallized that sentiment into a formal organization.

Previous attempts to organize the Sunpapers have been unsuccessful. At the time the present campaign started, there were only five or six active Guild members on the staff of the papers. Initiation of the ANG resident organizer plan by the assignment of an organizer to Baltimore inspired a new interest in the Guild.

In addition to the Guild's organizational program, the rising cost of living and the Sunpaper's low wage standard turned toward the Guild many persons who in the past had been antagonistic. Many signed Guild cards with no more inducement than a comparison of their wages with those on papers under Guild contracts.

The establishment of the industrial unit marks the first time that the Guild has had organization in the advertising and business departments. Prior to the present campaign its organization was centered in the editorial department.

Bargaining rights in the editorial department were obtained after the Guild won a Labor Board election in 1938.

Mirror Raises Aid Strikers

Members of the New York Daily Mirror Unit, at their last meeting, voted unanimously to contribute their first week's pay raise under their recently signed contract to the strikers at the Jewish Day.

The Mirror Guildsmen won their contract, carrying $45,000 in increases, only after taking an eight-to-one strike vote that brought management around to agreeing to a flat 5 per cent blanket raise.

Strikers On Day Defeat Attacks

The New York Guild won a major victory, suffered a surprise defeat, and then came back stronger than ever last week in its four-months-old strike against the Jewish Day.

Important developments in the walkout, called Feb. 14 in protest against contract violations, pay cuts, and discharges, were:

1. A court victory for arrested Guild pickets.

2. Temporary defeat before the National Labor Relations Board.

3. New withdrawals of Day advertising, and increased strike support from other labor organizations.

4. Trade union condemnation of the appointment of an ILGWU officer to assist the struck newspaper.

A series of events that left the strikers more determined than ever began when the New York Guild on May 29 won what had threatened to become a long fight for the right of secondary picketing.

Charges against seven pickets arrested in front of the Borden's Milk Company offices, where they were protesting that company's continued advertising in the struck newspaper, were dismissed by a magistrate on the ground that the defendants were "not guilty by the facts and on the law."

One of the defendants in that case was Mrs. Audrey Dodd, daughter-in-law of the late Ambassador to Germany.

After these cases were dismissed, picket-line arrests that had mounted to 35 came to an end—temporarily, at least.

Adverse NLRB Ruling

But while the New York local was celebrating by throwing new mass picket lines around the Day plant and Borden's offices, Mrs. Elinore M. Herrick, regional director of the National Labor Relations Board—twice formally accused of anti-Guild bias — dismissed the Guild's charges of unfair labor practice and discrimination against the Day. The local immediately began preparation of an appeal to the NLRB in Washington.

A full year ago, the New York Guild preferred charges of bias against Mrs. Herrick. More recently, on May 29, prior to her ruling on June 3, new charges alleging "bias and hatred" were filed against her with the NLRB.

"Communist" Charges

In releasing the story, Mrs. Herrick allowed it to be "learned" that "evidence" had been presented to her purporting to show that a Guild organizer three years ago attended a meeting of the Jewish section of the central committee of the Communist party in the building of the Freiheit, Communist Jewish daily. At this meeting, it was said, plans were made to control or destroy the Jewish Writers Club.

The testimony was given by one L. Feinberg, a former Communist and Freiheit writer, whose presence at the hearings was not explained. He identified the Guild organizer as M. Iushewitz.

Iushewitz told reporters that the testimony "is a complete lie." He denied that he is or ever was a member of the Communist party, that he had ever been in the Freiheit building, and that he had ever attended any such conference.

Six advertisers have left the Day since June. Much of the credit goes to such unionists as those in the Montgomery Industrial Union Council of Dayton, O., which was preparing for a monster picnic. They wrote, asking the Day strikers what cola drink they could use for the affair. Since the Council has a 23,000 membership and a lot of the beverage was consumed, one of the cola companies cooperating with the strikers — NOT Coca Cola—got a large order.

Other evidence of trade union support for the strike, which has been endorsed by CIO President Philip Muray, was the action of J. B. English, of the executive board of the Transport Workers Union, who was asked by City Councilman Harry Laidler to appear on a radio program with Joseph Schlossberg, a pensioned former official of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers who has attacked the Guild strikers and contributes a daily column to the Day.

"In my first lesson in the principles of trade unionism," wrote English in his reply, "I learned never to have anything to do with scabs. I want no part of Mr. Schlossberg."

The New York Guild, consolidating its support, held a conference of CIO and AFL unions which delegates of 27 unions representing more than 200,000 members attended. A Permanent Trade Union Strike Committee was established to aid and support the strikers.

Two Little Stories of Mice and Men

HOLLYWOOD—No blame attaches to Mickey Mouse or Donald Duck, of course, but they're on the unfair list. So's the Reluctant Dragon.

The fault, according to 500 artists and other workers who make Mickey, Donald and the Dragon, lies with Walt Disney, who prefers mice to men.

The artists, members of the Screen Cartoonists Guild (AFL), struck May 28 when Disney trotted out a company union to stall bargaining ordered by the NLRB.



LOS ANGELES—Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck are a couple of finks, so far as the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild membership is concerned.

Cooperating with the Screen Cartoonists Guild, striking the Walt Disney Studios for recognition, reinstatement of members fired for union activity and other objectives, the newspaper Guild used its influence in getting Donald Duck jerked from the News comics, and is in the process of trying to induce the Herald-Express to drop "Finkey Mouse."

Committees are at work on this problem and are also helping picket theatres which show Disney products.

Convention Issues Make Old Patterns

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raised nationally by charges in a leaflet issued from headquarters of the Twin Cities Guild and signed by members of a number of locals.

No Opposition Slate

Opponents of administration personnel and the policies established by past conventions have announced no candidates to oppose the present members of the International Executive Board. Leaders of the opposition faction have been attempting to line up a slate but apparently had not agreed upon one early this week.

By no means all of the attention and time of delegates, however, will be occupied by contests for office. Tentatively scheduled as speakers on broad labor issues of the day are Philip Murray, CIO president; R. J. Thomas, president of the United Automobile Workers; Claude M. Baker, president of the International Typographical Union; A. J. Isserman, ANG attorney, and Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union.

At least 14 major convention committees, excluding the credentials committee, will work mornings and evenings throughout the week to review various facets of Guild work during the last year and make recommendations to the convention for the program of the coming twelve months.

Committee Functions

Committees customarily are established to act on convention rules, ANG constitution and local by-laws, employer relations, wire service affairs, chain paper activities, relations with other parts of organized labor, finances, organization, Guild publications and cooperation with the rest of the labor press, education and associate membership, resolutions, employment, legislation, and auxiliaries.

The Detroit Guild and the Detroit Auxiliary announced plans for a recreational program, beginning with a cocktail party on the afternoon before the convention opens, designed to keep delegates from having a dull or idle moment. (Details on Page 1, Col. 3.)

Biographical data and pictures of many delegates were run in the June 1 Guild Reporter. Additional sketches and pictures are on page six of this issue. Many potential convention issues are discussed in the "It Seems To Us" department, beginning on Page 8.

Elections of delegates and the battle over instructions continued into this week.

New York Instructs

The New York membership, with its convention voting strength materially increased over last year by extended organization and improved dues collections during the year, instructed its 22 delegates, who will split 34 votes among them, to work for reelection of President Donal M. Sullivan, Executive Vice President Milton Kaufman, and Secretary-Treasurer Victor Pasche.

Los Angeles rejected, by a 103 to 51 vote, a motion to instruct its delegates to support the present IEB and decided to send its delegation uninstructed. All of the delegates ran on an anti-administration platform.

Other large locals whose delegates will be uninstructed include Cincinnati, Montreal, and Boston. Newark told its delegates to "support the present ANG administration in every way possible and further a continuance of the progressive policies it has pursued." Local President E. B. Berlinrut, an opponent of the administration in past years, spoke in favor of the instructions.

Lynn instructed its delegate to vote for reelection of present officers, but left him otherwise free.

Kansas City voted instructions to its representatives to oppose resolutions not directly related to the economic welfare of Guild members, but gave no other instructions.

Houston voted for support of the administration and its program.

The Dayton Guild executive committee entered the battle with a resolution, in answer to criticism of ANG organizational work, commending the help given the local by International Representative John Dunn and Resident ANG Organizer John Weilburg.

Birmingham, in meeting, adopted a resolution endorsing the administration and praising its officers for their "constructive aid to Guilds in this entire region." The resolution particularly commended the work of Ed Woods, resident ANG organizer.

UNFAIR

These firms advertise in the Jewish Day, against which Guild members are on strike:

FOODS

Borden Farm Products
Reid's Ice Cream
Horton's Ice Cream
Dole Pineapple Juice
Domino Sugar
H. J. Heinz Products
Kellogg's All Bran
Quaker Oats Co.
Quaker Oats
Sparkies
Ralston Purina Co.
Shredded Ralston
Ry Crisp
Bonton Dairy
Gen. F. Stahmer Company
(Stahmer's Pumpernickel)
Tetley Tea

CIGARETTES

Camel Cigarettes
Chesterfield Cigarettes
Old Gold Cigarettes

BEVERAGES

Schenley Distilling Corporation
Red and Black Label Whiskey
Golden Wedding Whiskey
Three Feathers Whiskey
Schaefer Beer

MISCELLANEOUS

Ex-Lax

ACQUITTED



Arrested while picketing Borden Milk Co., because it advertises in the Jewish Day, where Guildsmen are on strike, Mrs. Mabel Pollock, president of the New York Guild Auxiliary, was acquitted with several Guild members of disorderly conduct charges. Mrs. Pollock is shown leaving court, headed back to the picket line.

ITU Men Refuse To Join AFL

INDIANAPOLIS—Members of the International Typographical Union voted against re-affiliation with the American Federation of Labor in a national referendum held May 21, it was announced last week by Claude M. Baker, international president.

The vote, conducted simultaneously in shops of more than 900 locals, was 33,498 for continued independence and 25,632 for a return to the AFL. The ITU has approximately 80,000 members.

Leaders of the majority vote said the balloting reflected a rank and file dislike and distrust of the executive council of the AFL. The union was suspended from the AFL by the executive council in January, 1940, for refusing to pay a one-cent per capita annual assessment to finance the AFL war on the CIO.

The proposal to reaffiliate was backed by President Baker and some other ITU officers, after they had reached an agreement with the AFL executive council upon a statement guaranteeing full autonomy to the ITU and disguising the rejected special assessment as a levy for other purposes.

FCC Acts to End a News Monopoly

WASHINGTON—A permanent policy of promoting competition in news dissemination and advertising between the daily press and radio was indicated last week by the Federal Communications Commission in an order granting a broadcast permit to Stephenson, Edge and Korsmeyer of Jacksonville, Ill., and denying an application by Helen L. Walton and Walter Bellatti, who have newspaper connections.

The FCC noted, in explanation of its decision, that "with the granting of the application of Stephenson, Edge and Korsmeyer there will be added to the Jacksonville area a medium for the dissemination of news and information to the public which will be independent of and afford a degree of competition to other such media in that area."

Mrs. Walton is a heavy holder of stock in the Jacksonville Journal Courier Co., which publishes the city's only newspapers.

ST. LOUIS GUILDSMAN PUBLISHES FIRST NOVEL

Modern Age, New York publishing house, last week released a novel, "Lamps at High Noon," by Jack Balch, a member of the St. Louis Guild. Balch formerly was a book reviewer for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. He now is devoting all his time to fiction. Currently he is writing a second novel for Modern Age and has contracted for a third. "Lamps at High Noon" is described by Balch as a "historical novel of the people of 1965." The Guild enters into the plot briefly, "favorably, of course," Balch says. Critics for the New Yorker, and New York Herald-Tribune and Times gave the book commendatory reviews.

COLUMBUS ELECTS

COLUMBUS—New officers of the Columbus Guild are Frederick Cubbage, president; Walter H. Wheeler, vice president; Robert Olds, secretary, and Lillian Callif, treasurer.

LOST THE HARD WAY



Boston Guildsmen lost an election in the Globe plant last week but, in the cases of Sam Cutler (l.) and Gene Casey, Globe unit members, it wasn't for lack of trying. Cutler and Casey are shown making an evening call at the home of a prospective voter.

Boston Loses Globe NLRB Election

BOSTON—By a vote of 157 to 182, the Boston Guild on June 12 lost an NLRB election in the Boston Globe plant to the Boston Globe Employes Association, an unaffiliated plant union. All departments in the Guild jurisdiction were involved.

ANG President Donal M. Sullivan is a member of the Globe unit.

The ballot count indicated that the division of votes fell closely along departmental lines, with editorial department employes voting for the Guild, and business department workers and composing room helpers favoring the independent union.

Only six employes voted against both unions. Two ballots were void and 14 were challenged but could not have changed the result.

The Guild had had a contract for the editorial-maintenance departments which expired in May, 1939. At that time, the Guild, believing substantial support existed in the business office, petitioned the Labor Board for inclusion of the business office in the bargaining unit.

This the Board granted, but adding 23 composing room helpers to the voting unit, and the Guild lost the election 175 to 194, in part due to the active opposition of Dinneen. Dinneen in the summer of 1940 publicly resigned from the Guild, but he and his friends took no interest in collective bargaining until the Guild late in 1940 petitioned the Labor Board again—this time for the old editorial-maintenance unit.

NLRB Hurt Guild

Although the Association never claimed more than 16 per cent of the editorial and maintenance departments, Dinneen petitioned the Board for continuance of the one big unit which he had previously opposed. The Board ruling forced the Guild into the election unit containing 130 business office employes and 12 composing room helpers, none of whom was a member. The order came down May 16.

The closing days of the campaign were highlighted by a rally attended by about three-fourths of the business office employes and addressed by three Globe editorial leaders, James H. Powers, foreign editor and editorial writer; Louis Lyons, writer and curator of the Nieman Fellowship, and John J. Barry, reporter and radio commentator.

ANG Director of Research Morgan Hull assisted the local in the campaign.

N.Y. TRIAL BOARD BEGINS HEARINGS

The trial board appointed by the New York Guild membership to hear charges of "strikebreaking" against 11 members of the ILGWU publications unit in connection with the strike at the Jewish Day began hearings last week.

The defendants, eight of whom appeared at the initial hearing, were represented by Marvin Burger of the New York Post, while the accusers, two members of the Brooklyn Eagle Unit, were represented by David Gordon of the Eagle.

After hearing testimony of a series of witnesses concerned with the charges, which grew out of the 11 members' condemnation of New York Guild leaders for "precipitating" the strike, the trial board was expected to make an early decision.

AN ANTI-GUILD M.E. FIRED

LYNN — Edwin C. McAdams, for more than eight years managing editor of the Lynn Telegram-News, was discharged June 2.

McAdams, who, according to Lynn Guildsmen, was never a Guild friend, was not covered by the Guild-shop contract with the T-N because he was an executive. He received no dismissal pay and no notice.

"Economy" was given as the reason for his discharge.

N. Y. Times Unit Seeks Quick Vote

The Guild last week increased its pressure on the National Labor Relations Board to reach a decision in the New York Times editorial department case and set an early date for the impending election there.

More than 40 Guild units in various parts of the country have sent communications to the Board urging an early election, and the Greater New York Industrial Union Council, CIO, sent a similar message emphasizing the fact that it has been approximately four months since hearings on the case were concluded.

Lee Pressman, CIO general counsel, added his voice to that of the Guild petitioners and told local Guild leaders that all national officers of the CIO are interested in the case and hopeful that the Board will hand down a decision in the near future.

The Times Unit Council itself adopted a resolution on the issue, stressing the fact that an early election would minimize interference with voting by vacations.

The Guild, it noted, will seek to have absentee ballots made available for vacationers and for employes who are on leave for service with the nation's armed forces.

At the same time, the Guild began mailing out postcard "ballots" in another kind of election—a survey to determine the wishes of Times employes in a bargaining program to meet the rising cost of living by seeking a flat increase of at least 10 per cent in all salaries.

HEARST RADIO STRUCK

SAN FRANCISCO (FP)—Announcers belonging to the American Federation of Radio Artists (AFL), followed by technicians of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (also AFL), have struck Station KYA, owned by Hearst Radio, Inc. Eighteen workers are involved. They want wage increases. KYA recently refused to renew the contract of the CIO's "Labor on the Air" program.

AD SALESMAN PUBLISHES BOOK

BOSTON — John Phillips, advertising solicitor for the Record-American, will shortly have published by Bruce Humphries a book entitled "The Bomb That Wouldn't Go Off," a collection of modern fables, some of which have appeared in the columns of the Boston Sunday Advertiser.

Fired Four Years, Three Reinstated

ALBANY—Almost four years to the day after being fired by Frank Gannett's Knickerbocker News for Guild activity, three Albany Guild leaders will walk back into the plant June 16 and receive full back pay to July 1, 1937, and reinstatement to their jobs.

The victorious climax to the oldest active Guild case in files of the National Labor Relations Board came June 2 when the U.S. Supreme Court refused to review an NLRB order, issued July 20, 1938, and modified March 24, 1941, by the Court of Appeals.

Guildsmen involved in the action are Austin Scannell, city editor; Henry Chrisman, city hall reporter, and John Wanhope, a general news reporter. Both Wanhope and Scannel were early presidents of the local and Chrisman was chairman of the evening News unit when fired.

The amount of the back pay involved has not been computed. Among them, the three would have earned approximately $35,000 during the time since they were fired, but all of them have been employed during at least a part of the period and money they have been paid for other work will be deducted from the total which the News would have had to pay had they remained unemployed.

The discharges occurred on the occasion of suspension of Gannett's morning Knickerbocker Press. More than 150 employes were fired when the morning paper was closed, including Scannell, Chrisman and Wanhope.

Long Discrimination History

Guild charges of discrimination against the three were based on a long history of anti-Guild activities of the company confirmed by the NLRB and the courts in their subsequent rulings, and the fact that the company went illogically out of its way to include Chrisman, Wanhope and Scannell among those fired in the merger.

Wanhope and Scannell were transferred from the News to the Press just before the Press suspended publication, for the purpose of making their discharges plausible, the NLRB found, and Chrisman was picked off the News at the same time, although the operations of that paper were not affected by the Press suspension.

Pilot Voted Best Labor Newspaper

NEW YORK — (FP) — The Pilot, organ of the National Maritime Union (CIO), is the No. 1 labor paper of the U.S., delegates to the biennial American Writers Congress voted. The Guild Reporter was second choice of the delegates.

Fifty-four participants in a panel on the labor press cast ballots on the question, "What labor paper has done the best job for its readers during the past two years?" The Pilot, edited by Corby Paxton, led the field with 16 votes, while the Guild Reporter received 9 votes.

The CIO News and the Civil Service Standard of the State County and Municipal Workers (CIO) were tied for third place with four votes each. Remainder of the ballots went to a dozen other publications.

Two speakers singled out The Pilot for special praise. Editor Fred Myers of The Guild Reporter called the seamen's journal the best labor paper of the nation, and Lyle Dowling, executive assistant of the United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers (CIO), complimented the editors for their salty diction.

S.A. Tangles Again With Express

SAN ANTONIO—The San Antonio Guild has filed charges with the NRLB protesting the firing of David L. Halpenny, only Guild member in the circulation department of the Express Publishing company.

Halpenny was dismissed after he had filed with wage and hour officials a request for an investigation of Express circulation department wage and hour conditions.

The Express publisher has refused to give the San Antonio Guild any explanation for the dismissal. Halpenny's competence is well known, his circulation division having been high in circulation gains. He had repeatedly received commendation from the management before his Guild membership became known.

The NRLB has promised to send an investigator to San Antonio this week. Halpenny's discharge followed a refusal by the Express to negotiate a contract with the Guild, although ordered to do so by a recent Supreme Court ruling which grew out of a previous refusal to bargain.

The last refusal to bargain has resulted in the institution of contempt proceedings against the company.

MONTREAL RE-ELECTS BALLANTYNE PRESIDENT

MONTREAL — R. A. C. Ballantyne, president of the Montreal Newspaper Guild since its formation in 1937, was re-elected to that office for the fifth consecutive term at the local's recent annual meeting.

The meeting adopted new local by-laws, and approved a treasurer's report showing a steady increase in the local's organization fund. The meeting discussed plans for an organization campaign in the fall.

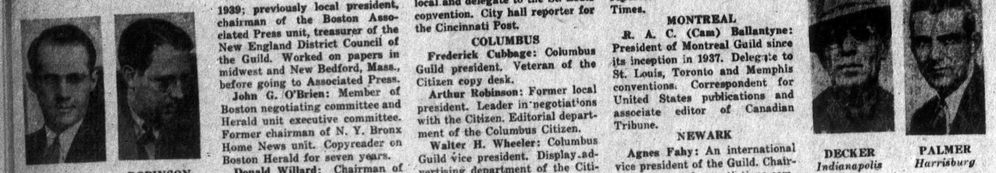
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MILTON BERLE
VINCENT LOPEZ AND BAND
Extra! JOAN MERRILL
Fred MacMURRAY - CARROLL NAGLE
"ONE NIGHT IN LISBON"
A Paramount Picture
Middle Feature
PARAMOUNT
RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL
Rockefeller Center
ANNA NEAGLE
"SUNNY"
Ray Bolger John Carroll
Music, Jerome Kern RKO RadioPicture
Gala Stage Revue Symphony Orch.
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A Detroit Who's Who . . . . .

Delegates Directory



BEECH *Akron* — HANNA *Battle Creek* — ALLEN *Boston* — MARKHAM *Boston* — O'BRIEN *Boston* — WILLARD *Boston* — JACKSON *Chicago* — SMYTH *Chicago* — WILLE *Chicago* — CHILDRESS *Cincinnati*



EVERETT *Cincinnati* — ROBINSON *Columbus* — DECKER *Indianapolis* — PALMER *Harrisburg*

AKRON

Keyes Beech: Local president, former secretary. Sunday feature writer for the Akron Beacon Journal. "Born . . . in a log cabin near Pulaski, Tenn.," and formerly worked for St. Petersburg, Fla., Independent.

BATTLE CREEK

Gerry Hanna: Twice president of the Battle Creek Guild. Helped found the local in 1939. Delegate to Memphis convention. Has worked as reporter and desk man on papers in New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Detroit. Entered newspaper work in 1916 in Detroit . . . "then a spell in the army during the first World war." Editorial writer for Battle Creek Enquirer-News.

BIRMINGHAM

Irving Belman: Local treasurer three years. Charter member of Birmingham Guild. Courthouse reporter for Birmingham Post.

BOSTON

Ed Allen: Local president. First member of IEB from New England, former chairman of New England District Council, representative of ANG in 1937 to FIJ in Paris, delegate to Cleveland, New York and Toronto conventions. Executive committee member of the Massachusetts Civil Liberties Union, advisory committee member of White Cross Group Medical Insurance plan. Member of the Boston University Chapter of Kappa Tau Alpha, journalistic honorary society. Former Nieman fellow at Harvard University. Former city editor of Worcester (Mass.) Telegram. Reporter for the Boston Herald.

George Markham: Organizer of Boston Guild since December, 1939; previously local president, chairman of the Boston Associated Press unit, treasurer of the New England District Council of the Guild. Worked on papers in midwest and New Bedford, Mass., before going to Associated Press.

John G. O'Brien: Member of Boston negotiating committee and Herald unit executive committee. Former chairman of N. Y. Bronx Home News unit. Copyreader on Boston Herald for seven years.

Donald Willard: Chairman of Globe unit for three years. Member of the New England District Council of the Guild since 1938. Globe reporter and rewrite man for upwards of 20 years.

BUFFALO

Arthur P. Reed, Jr.: Buffalo Guild secretary. Delegate to the Erie County Industrial Union Council. Former local president. Former executive board member of Industrial Council. Delegate to Toronto Convention. Previously employed on the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, is now night telegraph editor of the Buffalo Evening News. Before taking over this job, he was a copyreader and makeup man on the same paper.

CHICAGO

Al Jackson: Local Guild president since 1939. Previously secretary-treasurer of Times unit and president of Joliet Guild. Delegate to Toronto, San Francisco and Memphis conventions. Copyreader, Sunday department, Chicago Times. On Illinois newspapers 17 years.

Dan Smyth: Secretary-treasurer of Times unit. Started on Chicago Times in 1933, but has worked on other papers since—the Oklahoma City Times and the Scripps-Howard Oklahoma News, now defunct. Rewrite man on Chicago Times.

Delegate for whom the local supplied no biography: Wilfred Wille.

CINCINNATI

Henry Childress: Member of Cincinnati's executive committee, delegate to the local CIO Council. Took part in recent negotiations for a new contract with the Post. Reporter on the Kentucky Post, sister paper of the Cincinnati Post.

Rolin Everett: Former two-term president of the Cincinnati unit, a veteran negotiator of the local and delegate to the St. Louis convention. City hall reporter for the Cincinnati Post.

COLUMBUS

Frederick Cubbage: Columbus Guild president. Veteran of the Citizen copy desk.

Arthur Robinson: Former local president. Leader in negotiations with the Citizen. Editorial department of the Columbus Citizen.

Walter H. Wheeler: Columbus Guild vice president. Display advertising department of the Citizen.

HARRISBURG

George Palmer: Unit chairman of United Press Harrisburg bureau. Four years radio news writer for the United Press. Formerly reporter for Montrose Independent, Montrose, Pa., and did circulation survey work for Philadelphia Record. Now United Press Radio bureau manager, Harrisburg.

HOUSTON

B. L. Kerce: President of Houston Guild. Former secretary. Charter member of Houston Press unit. Chairman of organization committee. Scripps-Howard circulation employe for eight years.

INDIANAPOLIS

Ed Decker: Local vice president. Unit chairman of the Indianapolis Times, where he is employed in the commercial department. He held a steamfitters union card for 11 years, and was born at a time when his father was on strike with the carpenters.

Joseph Dunnuck: Chairman of the commercial division of the Times unit, where he is a newsprint warehouseman. His wife, Frances Dunnuck, is president of the Indianapolis Auxiliary.

Sexson Humphreys: Local president. Delegate to past conventions. Wire editor of the Times (Scripps-Howard).

LYNN

Francis E. Curry: President of Lynn Guild. First non-editorial worker in Lynn to join the Guild when the local expanded in accordance with the industrial structure of the Guild. Advertising solicitor for the Lynn Telegram-News for 13 years.

MADISON

Harry Sheer: Member of Madison executive committee. Sports reporter for Madison Capitol Times.

MONTREAL

R. A. C. (Cam) Ballantyne: President of Montreal Guild since its inception in 1937. Delegate to St. Louis, Toronto and Memphis conventions. Correspondent for United States publications and associate editor of Canadian Tribune.

NEWARK

Agnes Fahy: An international vice president of the Guild. Chairman of Newark negotiations committee. Member of Heywood Broun Memorial Award jury. NLRB reinstatement to staff of Newark Star-Ledger recently affirmed by U.S. Circuit Court.

Arthur Kaufman: Local vice president. Former Chairman of unit on defunct Star-Eagle. Attached to WPA Information Service.

PHILADELPHIA

Samson Berry: Chairman of Philadelphia Record unit. (Unanimously elected to succeed his twin brother, Charles.) Member of Inquirer negotiating committee, chairman of organization committee. Reporter for Philadelphia Record.

Irene Frost: Woman's Page editor of Camden Courier-Post.

Raymond A. Goldsmith: Serving second term as chairman of Philadelphia Evening Public Ledger unit. Member of local publications and organizing committee. Former delegate to local Industrial Union council. Delegate to Memphis convention. Copyreader on Evening Public Ledger.

Robert Reiss: Former chairman of the representative assembly. Former city-wide controller of the local and acting chairman of the Record unit. Delegate to the Toronto, San Francisco and Memphis conventions. Served on negotiating committees. Reporter on the Record.

Arthur Riordan: President of the Philadelphia Guild. Served in the representative assembly and on negotiating committees. Record unit chairman for two years. Former local vice president. Delegate to Toronto and Memphis conventions. Worked on Bulletin, Ledger and Inquirer and now assistant telegraph editor on the Record.

Jules Schick: Chairman of Associated Press unit. Member IEB Wire Service Committee. A vice president of the Philadelphia-Camden Guild for two years. Delegate to Memphis convention. Formerly on staffs of the Inquirer, Times Wide World Photos, Memphis and New York bureaus of Associated Press. Now photographer for the Philadelphia Associated Press. Secretary of the Press Photographers Association of Philadelphia for the past three years.

Mary Smith: Treasurer of Philadelphia-Camden Guild for two years. Member of negotiating committees. Former member of the representative assembly. Delegate to the Memphis convention. In business department of the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Max Ways: Secretary of the Philadelphia-Camden Guild for two years. Former president and vice president of the local. Member of Ledger and Bulletin negotiating committees. Delegate to the New York, St. Louis, Toronto, San Francisco and Memphis conventions. Editorial writer on Philadelphia Record.

PORTLAND, ME.

Les Murray: Secretary of Portland Guild four years. Former treasurer. Delegate to Toronto convention. Worked for Worcester Telegram and Providence Journal. Sports writer and copyreader for Portland Express since 1927.

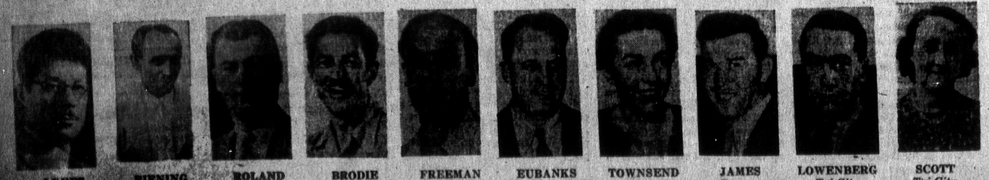
ROCHESTER

Emmet N. O'Brien: Past president of Rochester Guild and chairman of Democrat and Chronicle

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DUNNUCK *Indianapolis* — HUMPHREYS *Indianapolis* — WEISER *Lehigh Valley* — BALLANTYNE *Montreal* — FAHY *Newark* — O'BRIEN *Rochester* — PHILLIPS *Rochester* — NELSON *Rockford* — FLETCHER *St. Louis* — KEINGER *St. Louis*



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Murray Protests Army Use In Strikes

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bor in the United States is deeply repugnant to the American way of doing things."

"This action," he added, "is designed to break strikes, regardless of the merits of labor's demands in the particular dispute. The order is in violation of the basic principles of the conscription law and protests against its continuation must be made.

He said that "injection of armed forces of the nation into a private industrial dispute must also be condemned."

"Such action can only serve to create a status of enforced labor in this nation," he said, "and enforced labor can only create bitterness on the part of working people.

Condemns Use of Force

"Repression and the use of force are not the methods that can be or will be countenanced by the American people for the establishment of wholesome and sound industrial relations. This is not the American way or consistent with democracy."

Murray previously had supported Richard T. Frankensteen, United Automobile Workers executive who attacked officers of the UAW local which was on strike for permitting the walkout in the face of an agreement he said he had made that no strike would occur until the National Defense Mediation Board had made a recommendation on demands of the aviation plant's 12,000 workers for a wage minimum of 75 cents an hour and a 10 cent general increase.

Frankensteen, who had been in Detroit while local leaders negotiated with company representatives in Washington, flew to the coast to join government agents in getting the men back to work.

He attributed the stubborn attitude of the workers and of their leaders to "Communist influences."

Kaufman's Wire

ANG Executive Vice President Kaufman's wire to Guild locals anticipated Murray's later statement. It said:

"Urge you send wire of support and encouragement North American Aviation strikers, Center Cafe, Inglewood, California, in their defense of right to strike and protest to Roosevelt use of troops to abrogate this right. Please rush copies to Guild Reporter."

At the same time he sent the following wire to President Roosevelt:

"Use of troops to abolish right to strike is shocking invasion of vital civil rights of American workers. Urge you immediately withdraw army from North American Aviation plant."

A membership meeting of the New York Guild on June 10 followed the course Kaufman suggested, with wires to both the strikers and President Roosevelt, but there was a division of opinion in two other locals which had replied before the Guild Reporter went to press.

Cite "Isms" Resolution

President Milton Murray of the Detroit Guild and former President Paul Weber of the same local replied by wire that they regarded Kaufman's suggestion as a violation of the spirit of the recent "isms" referendum result, an interference with internal affairs of the UAW, and a "defiance of Philip Murray and R. J. Thomas (president of the UAW).

Kenneth Moffett, Memphis president, wired that his local had no sympathy for the strikers.

Indianapolis reported that a minority favored compliance with Kaufman's suggestion, another minority wanted to condemn him for making it, and the majority voted to take no action of any kind.

Kaufman replied to the wire from Milton Murray of Detroit that it is not his view that the result of the "isms" referendum "prevents Guild defense of unqualified right to strike and protest of use of army to break strikes." He also called Murray's attention to the communication from Philip Murray, urging what Kaufman had already urged.

Murray Urges Drive

The CIO president emphasized, in his letter to CIO affiliates, that the events of the last ten days must not interrupt the CIO drive for higher wages to meet the rising cost of living and generally improve the American workers' standard of living.

"The CIO unions must and shall continue to work for the fulfillment of this objective," he wrote. "At the present time the rising corporate profits and the increased cost of living of the working people amply justify the demands of the workers for increased wages and improved working conditions.

"In seeking this goal the workers must continue to enjoy their fundamental right to strike. This right cannot and must not be impaired by government officials or legislative action.

"It is now our joint task to take immediate action through our national organizations, our local unions and our individual members in communicating with our representatives in congress and public officials and advising them of our attitude and our views in these important situations."

ANOTHER GM RAISE

NEW YORK (FP) — The first national agreement covering workers in the electrical division of the General Motors Corp., has been reached by the United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers (CIO). It provides a 10-cent hourly raise for 26,000 workers in five plants.



"I did, Doctor, but all the sheep seem to be wearing Guild buttons."

"'Twas the Night Before Xmas..."

Justice was droning through its usual routine in New York Queen's County Court when Judge Charles Colden heard a distracting noise, something like sandpaper being rubbed on concrete.

A stickler for courtroom decorum, Judge Colden ordered bailiffs to locate and end the disturbance. They discovered, under the counsel table, a mouse hungrily gnawing at the sole of a shoe of Guildsman William Alexander, covering proceedings for the Long Island Press.

With the mouse routed and Alexander restored to equanimity, Justice resumed its routine.

The New York Times commented, editorially, that Alexander's "powers of concentration," and "single-mindedness" promise a bright future for him "if mice don't consume him first."

S.F. Gives $306 Aid to Bridges

SAN FRANCISCO — The San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild and its members have contributed $306 to the Harry Bridges Defense Committee.

First contributions to the defense fund began pouring in from individual members immediately following the defeat of a recent referendum on the issue of whether the local should officially make a contribution.

Then the local, at a subsequent membership meeting, after hearing Bridges explain the issues in the case and after a thorough discussion, voted overwhelmingly to support and cooperate in the work of the defense committee. The referendum had been taken without any prior discussion by the membership.

Following its vote of support, the Representative Assembly voted an official contribution of $100.

In addition to the contributions from the local, the following contributions were made by individual members on the following units:

Post-Enquirer	$ 9.00
Call-Bulletin	30.75
Chronicle	92.50
News	17.50
Associated Press	9.75
Examiner	40.50
Free Lance	6.00

The SFONG Auxiliary contributed an additional $10.

Don Stevens, pioneer Guild organizer, led the drive on the Chronicle, where he is now working.

In acknowledging receipt of the Guild's contribution, George Wilson, executive secretary of the committee, and an international vice president of the Guild, wrote:

"In thanking you for this most generous action, we feel reassured that you share with us the knowledge that our work is for the benefit of the entire trade union movement and for the preservation of union wages and working conditions, American living standards, and the protection of civil liberties."

Contributions from other Guilds on the Pacific Coast include the following: Los Angeles, $38.25; San Diego, $35; Seattle, $15.

COMPANY RAISES PRICES

BIRMINGHAM (FP) — Price increases of from 10 per cent to 20 per cent in company stores and higher rents from company houses have nullified recently won wage increases, Alabama miners and steel workers declared as they mobilized to fight profiteering.

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Guildsman Testifies In Bridges Hearing

SAN FRANCISCO—The parade of Seattle Guild members to the witness stand in the hearing in which the government is attempting to establish ground for deportation of Harry Bridges continued last week with appearance of James W. Farmer, Seattle Guild president.

Besides revealing that agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation read the Guild Reporter, Farmer testified that he believes Nat Honig, another Seattle Guildsman who testified earlier that he once was a Communist party member and knew Bridges to be a Communist, is generally regarded as truthful.

Farmer was subpenaed by the government to counter testimony given in May by Mrs. Ruth E. Givan, also a Seattle Guild member, that Honig's reputation for veracity is "bad" and that she would not believe him under oath. She also contradicted parts of Honig's testimony.

Tells of Caucuses

After testifying to his belief in Honig's veracity, under cross-examination Farmer was led into a wordy discussion of the way in which a loose group of Seattle Guildsmen have operated as a faction, with frequent caucuses before Guild meetings.

One such caucus, which he described in some detail, was held before the Memphis convention to discuss candidates for ANG office. The meeting was held in Farmer's home. Present, he said, were Honig, Howard Barnes, who now is advertising manager of the Seattle Star, Fred Niendorff, Al Brock, Bill Schultze, and Burt Sparks.

Such caucuses, sometimes smaller and sometimes larger, have been meeting for several years in the Seattle Guild, he said.

FBI Contact

Then, still under cross-examination, he testified that he was approached, early this month, by an FBI agent, to whom he referred as "Mr. Roth."

"Did he or anyone else tell you how he happened to go to you?" asked Defense Attorney Grossman.

"No."

"What was the first thing he said to you?"

"He questioned me about a story that had appeared in the Guild Reporter. The story in the Guild Reporter—I mean, there was a tag line on another story. It was sent in by a Seattle newspaper. As president of the Newspaper Guild, I sent the story to Fred Myers, who was editor of the Guild Reporter. My name appeared in that story as having sent the story to the Guild Reporter."

Grossman then asked:

"What was your discussion on this story?"

"Whether or not the story had been written, whether or not it was approved by the chapter meeting."

The "tag line" to which Farmer referred was a story in the June 1 Guild Reporter in which the Seattle Guild was reported to have approved a defense of Honig against implications which it drew from a previous report in the Guild Reporter of his testimony in the Bridges hearing and of his Guild background.

FBI Agent Roth, Farmer testified, asked him whether he would testify in the Bridges hearing in defense of Honig's character.

"I told him that I was awfully busy," said Farmer, "that it was just before the Guild convention—I was awfully busy, but that I would go if subpenaed. I would have to go, I mean."

MINNEAPOLIS MEMBERS FINDING JOBS

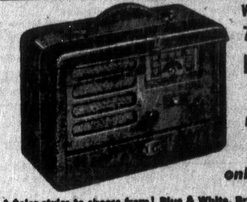
MINNEAPOLIS—Of the 120 Guild members laid off in the taking over of the Tribune newspapers by the Minneapolis Star Journal, all but about 50 have found work during an intensive re-employment campaign launched by Twin Cities Guild.

Many clerical workers were placed in local industries, while editorial and advertising men on the whole landed jobs in their field.

In some clerical classifications there are vacancies with no people to fill them. Four copyreading jobs went begging until filled from other points.

Walter Forbes, formerly of Times Tribune, headed the drive.

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Finances Reach Peak in Quarter

Continuing the steady upward trend of the previous six months, ANG per capita collections during the quarter ended May 31 reached a new high of $33,144.60. Successive new records had been set by the previous two quarters.

The general fund surplus reached a figure close to $13,000, as a result of an excess of income over expenditures of $5,402.53.

The principal increase in operating scale is under the heading of organization, in the installation of the resident organizer plan. The cost of the plan is offset to the extent of the CIO organizing subsidy of $500 a month, begun in April, and covering more than the cost of two of the organizers.

The Defense Fund surplus dropped from $26,844.62 on March 1 to $24,490.78 at the close of the quarter. Late collections of the series of September, November and January assessments were more than offset by payments for the Jewish Day strike and lesser items.

The budget for the current quarter, June to August, goes up, principally because of the expenses of the convention. It contemplates adding an eighth resident organizer.

Publisher Predicts a Monopoly

WILKES-BARRE — A prediction that Wilkes-Barre will be a one-newspaper town within the next five years was made by John A. Hourigan, Sr., board chairman of the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company, at conferences last week with the Guild negotiators seeking a new contract for its 150 members.

"In four or five years," he observed calmly, "there will be only one paper in Wilkes-Barre—and in Scranton (Pa.). There won't be sufficient business for a morning paper unless something happens in the meantime."

The prediction came during discussion of a preferential hiring clause in the present and proposed contracts. The publishing company has failed to fill several vacancies on the Times Leader, Evening News (evening) and the Record (morning).

Spokesman Joseph F. Collis charged Hourigan with deliberately sabotaging the morning paper by knifing at its news quality and advertising linage, despite the publishers' claim that the two daily papers have been finally and completely merged.

GUILD PLACEMENT SERVICE

The following are typical of the hundreds of experienced newspaper workers whose services are now available through the ANG Placement Bureau:

PHOTOGRAPHER—32 years old; 2 years with Los Angeles Examiner, 12 with Chicago Herald-Examiner.

REPORTER—39 years old; former foreign correspondent, 3 years with Paris Times, 2 with New York Sun foreign service, 3 with Vienna and Budapest Associated Press bureaus, 3 with Havas news agency.

REPORTER, REWRITE—30 years experience as reporter, rewrite and city editor—with Grand Rapids Herald, Detroit Press Press, Boise (Idaho) Statesman, Los Angeles Tribune and New York American.

EDITORIAL ARTIST—39 years old; 12 years experience as artist, cartoonist and cartographer with Newark Star-Eagle and Newark Ledger.

CIRCULATION BRANCH MANAGER AND DISTRICT MANAGER—4 years with Indianapolis News, 4 with Chicago American, 5 with Chicago Herald-American and 1 with Cincinnati Inquirer.

ADVERTISING—31 years old; 13 years as advertising solicitor with New York World Telegram.

FEATURE EDITOR, WOMAN—9 years experience with New York Post as assistant literary editor, women's page editor and daily book critic.

How Your Dues Were Spent

STATEMENT OF CONDITION, MAY 31, 1941

(Auditor's Exhibit A)

ASSETS

CURRENT:		
Cash—Corn Exchange Bank		$20,357.90
Petty Cash		70.00
Advances and Loans Receivable—Schedule 1		565.45
Transient Funds		15.95
Accounts Receivable—Advertisers		85.70
Deposits: American Airlines	$425.00	
Mail Permits	50.00	475.00
TOTAL CURRENT		$21,570.00
FIXED:		
Furniture and Fixtures	$3,433.31	
Less: Reserve for Depreciation	1,588.39	
TOTAL FIXED		1,844.92
OTHER:		
Prepaid Expenses	$ 16.55	
Inventory Buttons	85.00	
1941 Convention Printing Prepaid	528.36	
TOTAL OTHER		629.91
TOTAL ASSETS		$24,044.83

LIABILITIES

CURRENT:		
Accounts Payable—Schedule 2		$ 333.27
Payroll Taxes Payable—Schedule 3		714.88
Commissions Payable		3.61
Congress of Industrial Organizations—Per Capita, May, 1941		870.65
International Defense Fund		2,773.64
TOTAL CURRENT		$ 4,696.05
Long Term Loans Payable to Labor Organizations		6,000.00
National Defense Certificates		427.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES		$11,123.05
SURPLUS		
Surplus, May 31, 1941—Schedule 4		12,921.78
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS		$24,044.83

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD FROM MARCH 1, 1941, TO MAY 31, 1941

(Auditor's Exhibit B)

	ACTUAL		BUDGET Mar., Apr., May, '41		BUDGET June, July, Aug., '41	
INCOME:						
Per Capita		$33,144.60				
Initiation Fees		1,027.00				
Reinstatement Fees		599.50				
C.I.O. Subsidy		1,000.00				
Buttons		34.25				
Charter Fees		5.00				
Miscellaneous		18.43				
TOTAL INCOME		$35,828.78				
EXPENSES:						
Per Capita:						
C.I.O.	$ 2,198.49		$2,000.00		$1,950.00	
Executive:						
Salaries—Officers	$2,275.00		$2,275.00		$2,275.00	
Traveling Expenses—Officers	802.28		800.00		800.00	
			3,075.00			3,075.00
Total Executive	3,077.28					
Organization:						
Salaries—International Representatives	$1,512.00		$1,512.00		$1,456.00	
Salaries—Resident Organizers	3,150.45		2,745.00		3,510.00	
Expenses—International Representatives	1,299.74		1,600.00		1,350.00	
Expenses—Resident Organizers	606.08		600.00		300.00	
Research Department—Salary	900.00		900.00		975.00	
Other Organization Expenses (Schedule 1)	709.66		100.00		100.00	
Wire Service	94.20		250.00		250.00	
			7,707.00*			7,941.00*
Total Organization	8,272.13					
General:						
Salaries—Office	$5,106.30		$4,962.00		$4,745.00	
Overtime	304.68		300.00		300.00	
Rent	825.00		825.00		825.00	
Electricity	101.73		80.00		80.00	
Stationery, Printing, Supplies—Office	722.75		400.00		400.00	
Stationery, Printing, Supplies—Cards and Forms	11.77**		150.00		300.00	
Stationery, Printing, Supplies—Org. Printing	176.63		500.00		500.00	
Telephone	545.37		350.00		400.00	
Telegraph	310.46		400.00		350.00	
Postage	779.56		800.00		700.00	
Payroll Taxes (Schedule 2)	559.73		450.00		450.00	
Legal	325.00		400.00		400.00	
Auditing	150.00		150.00		150.00	
Insurance	94.02					
Furniture and Fixtures	7.19		200.00		200.00	
Miscellaneous—Office Exp.	180.92		150.00		150.00	
Broun Memorial Award	57.18					
Total General		10,234.75		9,967.00		9,950.00
Net Cost Guild Reporter—(Schedule 3)	$2,397.64	4,261.31		4,377.61		4,795.00
I.E.B. Meeting—March and May, '41	436.75	1,960.89		3,000.00		1,500.00
Less: Refund April and December, '40—I.E.B. Meeting		190.20		400.00		
Constitution Commission Meeting		280.00				400.00
Donations (Schedule 4)		48.80				
July, 1940, Convention (Refund)						3,600.00
June, 1941, Convention (including printing convention proceedings)				2,562.80		2,841.50
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL EXPENSES		30,426.25		$33,469.41		$36,052.60
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES		$ 5,402.53				

* $1,000 should be added for salary and expenses of resident organizers covered by C.I.O. subsidy.
** Excess of receipt from locals over expenditures.

AUDITOR'S SCHEDULE 3—NET COST GUILD REPORTER, MARCH 1, 1941, TO MAY 31, 1941

	ACTUAL		BUDGET Mar., Apr., May, '41		BUDGET June, July, Aug., '41	
Salary, Editor	$ 975.00		$ 975.00		$ 975.00	
Salary, Office Staff	336.00		336.00		338.00	
Overtime	7.26		50.00		50.00	
Copyreader					90.00	
Printing	1,461.30		1,505.00		1,920.00	
Mailing and Postage	918.07		960.00		960.00	
Pictures and Special Material	586.39		401.61		300.00	
Publication Subscriptions	77.36		150.00		150.00	
Copyrights	12.00				12.00	
Commissions	5.20					
Editor's Moving Expenses	71.50					
Miscellaneous	14.48					
TOTAL EXPENSES		$4,464.56		$4,377.61		$4,795.00
Less: Income	$ 93.30					
Advertising	109.95					
Subscriptions						
TOTAL INCOME		203.25				
NET COST GUILD REPORTER		$4,261.31		$4,377.61		$4,795.00

PICTURES OF PROGRESS



St. Louis Unit Wins $15,000

ST. LOUIS—A new contract has been signed between the St. Louis Newspaper Guild and the Globe-Democrat, bringing wage increases totaling more than $15,000 a year, higher severance pay, a holiday clause, military service clause, and an improved economy dismissal provision.

The agreement places the editorial department under Guild contract for the first time. The Guild recently won a National Labor Relations Board election in that department. Six commercial departments and sub-departments, under contract since October, 1939, also are covered by the new agreement.

In addition to raising pay in the editorial department by establishing minimums, the negotiations brought merit increases to 17 others, with the result that more than 85 per cent of the Guild members in editorial received wage boosts. Increases also were obtained for approximately 20 commercial workers.

Severance pay was raised from 18 weeks after 14 years to 24 weeks after 16 years. Six holidays are provided for at time and one-half pay in cash, or equal time off which can be added to vacations if desired.

The military service provision grants two weeks pay to draftees or volunteers upon leaving for service and two weeks additional pay upon return; payment of the premium on $1,000 of government life insurance by the publisher; continuation of all contract rights to employes on military service leave and to replacements, and assurance of the same or comparable job to returning employes.

The dismissal clause provides for two weeks advance notice to the Guild of any contemplated dismissals for economy reasons, so that the Guild might seek to avert the discharges.

The contract, which covers approximately 225 workers in editorial and commercial, is to run for 19 months and can be opened at the end of the first year on wages. The editorial department previously was covered by a bulletin board agreement.

Negotiators for the Guild were: Ray Kringer, chairman; John Fletcher, George Londa, Larry Laybourne and Howard Piening. Herbert Monk, drama critic, is unit chairman. The negotiations required seven months.

Columbus S-H Pact Ups Pay $5,000

COLUMBUS—Negotiations with the Columbus Citizen (Scripps-Howard) have ended with the signing of a new contract which provides raises totaling more than $5,000 a year, and raising of the minimum for journalists from $42.50 a week to $46 a week.

This raise of more than eight per cent for workers in the higher brackets was accompanied by raises of $1 to $2.50 for stenographers, bookkeepers, librarians, clerks and others unaffected by the new minimums.

Journalist classification is still reached in three years.

During negotiations, an overtime grievance affecting five outside salesmen in the classified advertising department was settled with payment of more than $300 in back pay.

New officers of the Columbus Guild, elected at a dinner meeting of the local shortly after The Citizen contract was signed, are Fred Cubbage, Citizen copy reader, president; Walter H. Wheeler, Citizen advertising solicitor, vice president; Robert Olds, United Press, secretary; Lillian Callif, Citizen reporter, treasurer.

Arthur Robinson, retiring Guild president, was chosen Citizen unit chairman and member of the executive committee. Other retiring officers, who negotiated the new contract, are J. A. Robinson, Arvo Haapa, Paul Jones, James Van Scheik, and Pauline Smith.



Amidst world war, thunderings against unions, pre-convention campaigning and miscellaneous other distractions, the Guild goes right on getting wage increases and other gains. In the top picture, Indianapolis Negotiating Committee Chairman Carl Thorbahn (seated, r.) is signing the first Indianapolis Star contract with Benjamin F. Lawrence, Star general manager. Behind them (l. to r.) are James Stuart, Star managing editor; Sexson Humphreys, local president; Joseph K. Shepard, ING secretary and Industrial Union Council president; Max Schneider, Star copy editor; Ralph E. Ulrich, Star unit chairman; Joe Carroll, ANG resident organizer, and Ed Cotton, Star staff member. Below, the St. Louis Guild is signing its first Globe-Democrat contract. Seated (l. to r.), are Ray Kringer, negotiating committee chairman; Douglas B. Houser, G-D vice president; E. Lansing Ray, jr., G-D company secretary. Standing (l. to r.) are Charles Nax, classified advertising manager; Edwin C. Lepp, G-D auditor; Julius Klyman, ANG vice president; Herbert Monk, G-D unit chairman; Mildred Wilson, G-D unit secretary; James Leeders, unit observer; Frances Dunn, unit treasurer, and Lawrence Laybourne, member of Guild negotiating committee.

The Army Offers Fun for Photogs

SAN DIEGO—Guildsman Bob Wise, of the Tribune-Sun, had a day of fun at the coast artillery's Fort Rosecrans recently.

The fort commandant had invited Guildsman Arthur Hunt, Tribune-Sun city editor, to send out a photographer to help the public see what it was paying the coast artillery to do.

Wise went out loaded with camera, flash gun, a caseful of bulbs and plates, and other gear. He no sooner got on the reservation with his impediments than he was gathered in by a sergeant or second lieutenant, or some other high ranking tycoon, his equipment confiscated, and his person flung in the clink.

After several hours in the guardhouse the commandant was reached and Wise was sprung. He got his equipment later.

Four Guildsmen Among New Nieman Fellows

BOSTON—Fifteen newspapermen have been awarded Nieman fellowships for study at Harvard University in the year 1941-42, the university announced June 1. Four of the group are Guild members. The proportion of Guild members to the total number is the smallest since the fellowships were established three years ago.

The fellowship pays to each recipient the salary he would earn in the period of study on his regular job, plus free tuition.

Winners of the award for next year are:

Stanley Allen, 25, New Haven Register reporter; Harry S. Ashmore, 24, political writer for the Greenville (S. C.) News; Don Burke, 26, a Guild member, editorial associate and writer for Life magazine; James E. Colvin, 28, Chicago Daily News reporter; Sanford L. Cooper, 34, cable editor of the Pittsburgh Press; Neil O. Davis, 26, editor and publisher, Lee County Bulletin, Auburn, Ala.; Robert E. Dickson, 40, cable and telegraph editor of New York World-Telegram and a Guild member; Donald Grant, 29, Des Moines Register and Tribune Reporter; Henning Heldt, 30, president of the Jacksonville Guild, reporter for Jacksonville Journal; Everett R. Holles, 37, a United Press cable editor; Victor O. Jones, 35, sports editor and assistant managing editor, Boston Globe; Robert Lasch, 34, foreign news editor, Omaha World-Herald; Edward M. Miller, 38, Sunday editor, Portland Oregonian; Thomas Sancton, 26, N. Y. Associated Press reporter; Kenneth N. Steward, 40, a Guild member and national news editor of PM.

The comparatively low proportion of Guild members in the list is at least partly due to the selection of several executives and an unusual number of men from small city papers, where the Guild is not organized.

Louis Lyons, a member of the Boston Guild and a writer for the Boston Globe, is curator of the Nieman Foundation.

NLRB PENALIZES REPUBLIC

WASHINGTON (FP) — Three days before the fourth anniversary of the Memorial Day massacre in which 10 unionists were killed by police near the Chicago plant of the Republic Steel Corp., the plant was called upon to reinstate with back pay 520 workers and offer back pay to 38 additional ones. So recommended Trial Examiner Gustaf B. Erickson in an intermediate report.

Nieman Fellows Plug Guild

Just as Harvard university announced the 1941-42 list of Nieman Fellows — newspapermen given a year at Harvard with full pay—the New York Times organizing committee, headed by International Representative Dick Seller, issued a leaflet quoting five of the Nieman Fellows of this year on the subject of organization. Quotes:

Alexander Kendrick, Philadelphia Inquirer book editor: "If there is any security in the newspaper business today it has been won by the Guild."

William J. Miller, Cleveland Press writer: "The Guild needs no praise to anyone who knows the difference between newspaper working conditions today and those of eight years ago."

Harry Davis, New York Times science writer: "The best guarantee of good morale among the Times' personnel, in my opinion, would be a strong single union of editorial and commercial employes with a Guild contract."

Harry T. Montgomery, Associated Press cable editor: "Guild benefits should not be denied employes of any newspaper. All departments should have union representation."

Havas News Agency Reorganized

The former Havas News Agency has undergone reorganization, according to reports from Vichy, but there doesn't seem to have been much of a change in control of its monopoly in France on newsgathering and advertising.

Franco-German "collaboration" is the term used to describe the new organization of the advertising section of Havas in a report by the agency's general assembly, published in Vichy.

Former Havas services have been split three ways, the advertising firm having its seat of direction in Paris and the news services being divided into the official French news service and Telemondial, the foreign service of Agence Havas.

The Havas advertising firm holds a virtual national monopoly on French newspaper ads and on French advertising abroad. Reorganization of the firm's financial structure leaves the French government with an actual cash interest in the firm.

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(Guild members in good standing here may discuss anything connected with the Guild, the labor movement, or the newspaper industry that interests them. Letters should be brief.)

AN ANSWER TO WOLFE

PORTLAND, ME.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

Last February I received a mimeographed plea for support of Youngstown, signed by an executive committee headed by Stanley E. Wolfe. The tenor of the letter was a defense of Youngstown's call for the "isms" referendum, combined with an attack on the IEB, the ANG and any Guild, apparently, which does not agree with Youngstown.

Ironically enough, for me, was the fact that this letter to a "dear brother" warned me against accepting the names attached to the ad in the Feb. 1 Reporter, supporting the present administration, as valid, although I was one of the signers.

It had been in my mind for some time that I and a great many other Guild members were perhaps neglecting their duty in not answering the long series of attacks on the Guild leadership printed in letters to the Guild Reporter. Finally, one of the names on the Youngstown notice reminded me of a letter, which I have dug out of our files, addressed to the Portland Guild in August, 1937, just after the Portland Guild (ironically, again) had been organized as the first vertical Guild in the ANG, following the St. Louis Convention. This letter was signed by Stanley E. Wolfe, as president of the Youngstown Guild, whose name led off the 1941 executive committee plea addressed to us. In the light of what has happened in the last four years, I ask Guild members to consider the value of proposals now expressed by a man who at that time could write, in part:

"Perhaps as a voice in the wilderness we plead with you to think twice before jumping further into CIO. . . . We believe CIO ideas to be suicidal to the Youngstown Guild and many small Guilds like it. (Writer's note: Youngstown population, 170,000; Guild membership, ?—Portland population, 75,000; Guild membership, 120.)

After an attack on the "yet unproved" CIO, the letter added that "unorganized white collar workers in the Youngstown newspaper plant *have voiced no desire to organize.*"

I have no knowledge of what inspires the Youngstown Guild members to what amounts to anti-Guildism over a four-year period during which, I understand, they have continued to do no organizing among commercial departments, nor do I pretend to understand the motives of those Guilds which are fomenting further internal strife in the Guild over an issue which, we were assured by sponsors of the Youngstown resolution, would be settled once a referendum vote were taken by the membership—a procedure which practically killed effective Guild organization for a year and which, in Portland, drew out barely one-fifth of the membership for a vote. (Practically all those, incidentally, voted for the IEB resolution, even those approving the Youngstown proposal.)

I hope that I can add emphasis to my plea for support of the present administration, as one of the first group organizing the Portland Guild, as an officer of the local since its organization in 1937, as a convention delegate and as a member of the ANG constitutional committee, by this statement:

That, in the four years I have served as a Guild officer and have been in close contact or frequent correspondence with the administrative officers of the ANG and their organizers, I have had only the utmost cooperation from them and not the slightest hint of interference in any way with the local.

I think I should add that in those four years, while I was an officer or convention delegate, none of the dissident groups opposing the Guild administration has ever approached me with an open, honest statement of his case—or in any other way, for that matter, except by what I consider the cowardly approach of appealing to uninformed, misinformed or disgruntled members of Guild locals who might help to serve their purpose of disrupting the Guild.

ALES MURRAY,
Secretary, Portland Guild

SEATTLE MEMBER BACKS BRIDGES

SEATTLE.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

The Seattle Guild has twice within the last few months shamefully refused to support the defense of Harry Bridges. During our two strikes Bridges' San Francisco longshoremen were a bit more cognizant of their responsibilities in the labor movement.

As a P-I striker I am humbly grateful for the unflinching support given us by Bridges and other labor leaders. Without that support we all know what the outcome would have been in our skirmish with Hearst.

For seven months during the Star strike Bridges' local contributed $200 weekly and during the P-I strike in which the writer participated, he sent similar sums.

We, too, like Philip Murray, president of the CIO, John L. Lewis, and others, should be aware that the Bridges case is an attack on the wage standards of the American working man. It therefore behooves us, in these parlous times, to resist with all our strength the efforts of those who would destroy us.

A union which refuses to do its share to support the labor movement is simply waiting for the temple to crash about its ears.

Here, on the P-I, we face our annual negotiations. Our wages are far below standards in many other cities. The Times is in process of organization. We have a labor board case on our hands.

We gird ourselves to fight these battles and we kick the spearhead of our support in the face.

The question is are we going to stand together collectively with the CIO in its fight to maintain wages and working conditions or are we going to take it in the neck singly.

ABE COHEN.

SAYS WE ARE "MEAN AND CYNICAL"

NEW YORK.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

The GR editor has a right to object to the proposed new income taxes if he believes they bear too heavily upon the income group to which most Guildsmen belong; but the editorial in the last GR went entirely too far by advising us to demand of our Congressmen that "the financial burden of the war program be placed upon the corporations and individuals who are profiting from it." That is mean and cynical advice.

We're not getting anything out of it, the GR says, so why should we make any sacrifices? We haven't any stake in the safety of our country. There's no cash in it for us.

Perhaps that's how the editor feels about it; perhaps he's a dollar patriot, like those industrialists who refused to take defense contracts except on their own terms. I do not believe the majority of Guildsmen are. My income tax next year, I estimate, will be about $600, and it is going to hurt like the devil to pay it; but I believe our way of life is worth some sacrifice, and that citizenship has its duties as well as privileges.

Organized labor, as the GR constantly points out, is being attacked by anti-labor Congressmen and business men during this crisis. But the GR encourages such attacks when it takes the position that we should not help pay for national defense because we are not profiting from it.

Considering this editorial in conjunction with the GR's constant sniping at conscription and national defense, I am forced to conclude that the GR, instead of using its influence to promote national unity, is trying to foster suspicion, disharmony and short-sighted greed. I hope the national convention will make it clear that we are Americans, first, and Guildsmen second.

MALCOLM LOGAN,
Post Unit.

(*There is an editorial reply to this letter on page* 12.)

PINKSTON APPRAISES REFERENDUM ELECTIONS

SIOUX CITY.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

Monroe Stern's competent discussion of the referendum elections suggestion meets with a lot of approval from me.

After wrestling with the idea for hours in the recent meeting of the Constitution Commission, I came up with only one clear conclusion: This proposal would so profoundly affect locals' activities that the membership should give it most careful consideration.

It's a kind of liquor you can't toss off. This is a heavy stuff with a lot of kick. As Stern says, it means three elections a year for ANG bodies, with the weeks and months of campaigning which accompany elections. It means throwing our internal differences ahead of organization and bargaining for a period longer than I like to think about. Two-year terms for national officers would be about the only logical corollary.

This alleged extension of democracy in the ANG will never be adopted, I am convinced, if the membership gives the proposal close study. Danger lies in a sudden rush to a new fad which on the surface seems the most democratic thing in the world but which actually might involve us in an annual mess impeding democratic action.

Close study certainly is necessary. Regardless of its effect on the ANG, the referendum proposal must be studied from a dozen angles just to get it efficient.

DON PINKSTON.

HUMPHREYS SPIKES 'PALS ON PAYROLL'

INDIANAPOLIS.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

Nobody in Indianapolis seems to get very excited about any of the pro and con literature on our bulletin boards in connection with the campaign for office at Detroit.

The caliber of the material seems to be only a little less silly than the referendum campaign last winter and only a little less bitter than last year's pre-convention fight.

One thing in the campaign, however, I want to stamp as a complete lie. That is the charge that the resident organizers' jobs are political plums that go only to people who opposed the Youngstown resolution and who have aided the IEB in their locals.

I know that isn't true because I was offered one of the jobs. I voted against the Youngstown resolution and against the IEB one too. In convention last year I was one of the bitterest critics of the IEB's opinion of what the Guild Reporter should be like.

And Indianapolis delegates have instructions that can't exactly be called "pro-administration"—moving ANG headquarters to the midwest and prohibiting the election of more than one executive officer from the same vice presidential region.

So far as I can see, the only qualifications for resident organizers which have been set up are for $60 men who are willing to do a hard job for the Guild at $45 a week. There certainly has been no rush for the jobs and the Indianapolis place as of today hasn't been filled—either with a proponent or opponent of the Youngstown resolution.

SEXSON E. HUMPHREYS
ING President

TWO PITTSBURGHERS DISCUSS ISSUES

PITTSBURGH.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

Once more opponents of the ANG administration are yelling about "meddlers" and "pals on the payroll," criticizing the national officers in spite of their excellent record and the fact that this year, above all years, unity in the Guild is vital to its continued progress.

As for "pals on the payroll" and "meddlers," no such charge is coming from Pittsburgh this year. And no wonder—since International Representative Dick Seller and Resident Organizer Charles Whipple were assigned here by that "tyrannical" ANG administration, "meddling" has progressed to the point where the local has reached the greatest strength (and is winning the best contract) in its history!

Union officers who have effectively promoted Guild organization and bargaining should be judged on that basis.

The issues for the convention this year are simply those of wages and hours and the strength of the union as outlined in the IEB report.

The ANG leadership has constructively interested itself in helping the Pittsburgh Guild and that interest has brought results in more members, better conditions and pay raises.

So why doesn't the opposition get down to some constructive Guild work itself?

MARGARET A. DONLEY
LEO FINEGOLD

HARD WORDS FOR MONROE STERN

NEW YORK.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

Monroe Stern's argument against rank-and-file election of national ANG officers through referendum voting will carry no weight with Guildsmen who believe in democracy.

The President of the New York Guild is wrong when he says, in effect, that elections are a nuisance. He thus teams up with Bill Hutcheson of the AFL Carpenters Union, Moreschi of the AFL Common Laborers Union, and Scalise, formerly of the AFL Building Service Union—where there are very, very few elections. And then there is Hitler, Stalin and Mussolini who neither believe in nor permit such a luxury. That's bad company for Monroe Stern.

National election of officers by the entire membership is the system used by such strong and successful unons like the United Mine Workers and the International Typographers and Printers. Surely the ANG can safely follow the same course.

Stern thinks along dangerous lines when he opposes more representative democratic procedure. His attitude makes me wonder whether he has lost faith or patience in the necessarily slow, but sure, way.

WALTER A. RANDALL.



Someone quitting? Air-special the Guild Placement Service!

AN ANSWER TO MONROE, TORONTO

LOS ANGELES.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

The Monroe and Toronto Guilds have chosen to have threshed out in the Guild Reporter, rather than at the convention, the question of whether their strike and organizing effort were successes or failures.

We do not know how our campaign pamphlet happened to come before the Monroe and Toronto Guilds, but we can guess on the basis of a letter sent by one of the ANG administrative officers to one of the undersigned before last year's convention in which he said, "We should like to see some active campaigning, both in the form of letters to the Guild Reporter (just one issue left before the convention), and by contact with neighboring locals."

From the anguished cries of "opportunists, seducers, hoodwinkers," etc., etc., it is apparent into what a habit of covering up for each other's mistakes and giving each other phony build-ups the administration members have fallen.

We said nothing in our pamphlet to disparage either the Monroe or Toronto Guilds, or to deprecate their courageous efforts. But it is obviously impossible to evaluate the judgment and effectiveness of the IEB, Guild officers, representatives, and organizers without reference to the particular situations which they handled.

We do believe that any Guildsman or group of Guildsmen have the right and duty to criticize the failure of union functionaries. Suppressing such criticism, it seems to us, serves only to conceal incompetence and to permit union officers to go on year after year hiding behind false claims.

It might make some of us more comfortable to operate as a mutual admiration society or camp meeting testimonial session, with people popping up at the proper moment to sing the proper praises, but the record of Guild membership growth and recent Guild strikes proves that hasn't produced results.

But let's get to those facts which Brother Hand says are available. We learn from the Guild Reporter of April 15, 1940, what the issues were at Monroe: "The strike was the outgrowth of the refusal of John D. and Wilson Ewing, owners of the two papers, to recognize the Guild and reinstate Harold Breard, editorial employe and secretary of the Guild, who was fired March 15 for Guild activity."

We learn from the Guild Reporter of January 1, 1941, how the issues were settled: "We failed to obtain formal recognition and, insofar as reinstatement is concerned, lost three leading members of our local whose leadership we can ill afford to spare." (This last sounds considerably different from the new version of "three Guild members who voluntarily agreed not to return to work.")

So we went on strike for one, lost three, and still call it a victory. And the Guild was not even recognized as bargaining agent. The settlement was not even with the Guild but with the Labor Board.

The Los Angeles Guild has had three strikes. Two of the undersigned have been out on strike with their units, so we believe we are in a position to know a victorious strike when we see one.

In addition to these objective facts which proved the strike settlement a failure in view of the strike's original issues, we felt that the statement issued by the strikers (Jan. 1 Guild Reporter) showed a realization that the settlement was a failure and an effort to pass the buck to someone else. (From our own experience we suspect that this statement was motivated from outside their own ranks and hence do not criticize the strikers for it.)

The undersigned persons have various attitudes toward the current Roosevelt administration, but

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one thing we are unanimous on, and that is that neither the Roosevelt administration nor anything else should be made the scapegoat for Guild failures, particularly when other CIO unions, who live under the same administration, are winning victories all the time.

The attempt to put the blame for the strike settlement on an administration which was putting ever greater obstacles in their path sounds very strange when put beside another sentence in the strikers' report: **"Our strike reached a maximum of effectiveness at the time of settlement."**

As to the other gains which Brother Hand lists, we wonder if the Wage-Hour administration had anything to do with the $1000 back pay and observance of the Wage-Hour act. We find nothing about them in the facts which Brother Hand says were available to us at the time the pamphlet was written. We do find one thing, though, in the latest report on good standing of locals issued to Guild presidents. That is that Monroe's good standing figure and book membership since the strike ended tell a far, far different story from the secretary's statement that Monroe has added new members.

The Toronto letter was careful not to quote the alleged error to which it took such violent exception. It would have sounded funny to repeat the one thing we said about the Toronto situation, that it was an abysmal failure, considering this line from the Guild Reporter for March 15: "It was tragic and bitter defeat for the Toronto and American Newspaper Guilds."

But of course what the brother objects to is our belief that the ANG officers could have prevented the defeat. Here again we run up against the pass-the-buck, blame-someone-else philosophy. This time it was the Canadian CIO leadership that took the main rap.

We find this post mortem attack on the CIO and Brother Rowe's statement that "We know that the criticism was justified and that the lack of support from the leadership of the CIO in Canada was a contributing factor to the failure of the Toronto Guild to attain collective bargaining" entirely inconsistent with these statements in a February 1 Guild Reporter story datelined from Toronto:

"Trade unions and progressive groups in Toronto and throughout Canada are rallying to the support of the Toronto Guild's efforts to obtain collective bargaining on the Star. . . . The Guild here is carrying on a campaign that is bringing down a flood of telegrams, telephone calls, letters and resolutions on the Star. . . . The management's drive continued until it was stopped by the pressure of the labor movement. . . ."

We believed, and still believe, that Toronto was the administration's failure.

The IEB could not have helped knowing what was going on in Toronto, even before it sent an international representative there. Toronto (a five-year-old local, by the way) has a member on the IEB and there are mails between Canada and New York every day. There is also a provision in the Guild constitution that the IEB must be informed of all steps leading to a strike before the strike can be called.

In what the Guild Reporter calls the IEB's "annual report," although it is the first one we have ever heard of the IEB making, much less printing and distributing to every member, we learn (p. 17) about Toronto that "It appears that prospective members had been told that they would not have to strike or that the publisher was not opposed to their joining the Guild."

Yet in the face of this, "The ANG advised the local that it had better prepare for strike action." (GR Mar. 15.) One thing we know, and that is that you never talk strike or take a strike vote, unless you can win that vote, and win it with some enthusiasm. Yet we read, "As the pressure gained and the time for a strike vote approached, the publisher really turned on the heat. . . . The panic was sickening to behold. When the strike vote was taken, only 62 people (out of 107) had the courage even to cast their ballots. The strike vote carried, but with an air of desperation." Imagine taking a strike vote under such circumstances. It sounds like the worst sort of infantile leftism.

Yet, piecing together dates from the Guild Reporter, we find that an international representative, John Dunn, was present when this vote was taken. (The vote was taken Feb. 3, and the Guild Reporter of Feb. 15 reports that Dunn was in Toronto, "advising local leaders and helping to rally wide labor support, for three weeks before it became apparent that under war-time conditions the management could maintain its upper hand. Executive Vice President Milton Kaufman also visited the local last week.")

If these two ANG representatives had shown as fine foresight as Dunn showed hindsight in his article in the Guild Reporter when he said, "It is better slowly to organize a militant majority which understands fundamental Guild policies and is prepared to fight for them, then a largg, loose, quickly gathered majority, of whom many are enlisted by slipping around their fears and prejudices rather than trying to educate them," and that educational process had been begun on the 99 new editorial members, instead of plunging them into a strike vote for which they were not prepared, then the Guild might now have something in Canada.

As it is, we are not only back where we were, in numbers, before we started in Toronto, but we have the additional handicap, for the future, of the memory of a "tragic and bitter defeat" in the minds of Toronto newspaper workers and the many other Canadian newspaper workers who undoubtedly know of that defeat.

Toronto Guildsmen may take comfort from the fact that "the organizational ability, the wisdom and foresight of the leaders of the ANG and of Johnny Dunn in particular, who was with us" got Toronto Star workers salary increases, the 5-day week, and reduction in overtime, and got the American Newspaper Guild nothing.

But we don't believe the Guild can get much consolation from that. We believe that the most important thing, the only thing that counts in the long run for the safety and future of the union, is to organize people into the Guild, to get the Guild recognized as their bargaining agent, to get their benefits written into Guild contracts.

If we have begun to estimate our strength and numbers on the basis of the people for whom we have obtained benefits but have never joined us, then please credit the Los Angeles Guild with about 2000 more members.

But we don't claim those 2,000 here, only the ones who have signed on the dotted line and carry Guild cards in their pockets.

This seems to us so elementary that it shouldn't need saying to other Guild members. But since it did need saying, we hope it has contributed some education along the lines of what the Guild ought to accomplish.

TED LEBERTHON
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THE FIRST CASUALTY



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ORGANIZING REPORT FROM BALTIMORE

BALTIMORE.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

If Baltimore is typical, then the attacks on the resident organizer plan by Guildsmen in Minneapolis, Los Angeles, Youngstown, and other cities are certainly unwarranted.

Since Organizer Mills Sampey arrived here four months ago, the Baltimore Guild, which for some time has been comparatively small, has made impressive gains.

Aiming our organizational drive at the Baltimore Sunpapers, which have never before had a Guild contract, we have signed up scores of new members.

Rapid Guild gains in the commercial departments of the Sunpapers, where the Guild has never before had a foothold, have forced the management to hand out a great many raises in an effort to thwart organization, but this effort has failed, primarily because, even with the raises thrown in, wages are still far below what Guild contracts call for on papers of this size.

Those who ask why no new contracts have been signed on papers where organizational efforts have been under way for four months are certainly unaware of the amount of work that goes into the laying of foundations for an organizing drive on a large metropolitan newspaper.

Laying the foundations requires several months' hard work. I feel that in Baltimore, the resident organizer has helped us take these first organizing steps with remarkable speed. As a member of the organizing committee, I have worked with Sampey since his arrival, and I can report no instance where he has devoted energy "to perpetuate the Guild administrative officers rather than organize non-union newspapermen," to refute the charge of the Minneapolis leaflet.

CARROLL BATEMAN,
Treasurer, Baltimore Guild.

"UNMENTIONABLISM" IS BACK AGAIN

MIAMI, FLA.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

I see that the issue of unmentionablism, which was supposed to go to its eternal rest with the passage of the Youngstown resolution, is back in print, on the arm of Brother Dinsmore. The Guild Reporter, it seems, lacks a right degree of chauvinism. It fails to attack the Soviets, which, Mr. Dinsmore implies, are practically the same as Fascists. And it doesn't wash the Guild's dirty linen in public.

Brother Dinsmore has a good point, but not exactly as he conceives it. The Reporter has been too reticent in these matters. It has printed too little to distinguish between honest patriotism and slavish deference to our corporate masters. It has failed dismally to remind Guild members of the dangers and methods of Fascism, or of the promise and achievements of socialism. It has been far too charitable with the finks in sheep's clothing.

I do not blame the editors for this delinquence. Official policy has been at fault. In a vain effort to appease the timid, the clueless, and the toadying members of our sodality, official policy has leaned backward so far it has taken a nasty prat-fall.

As matters stand, the Reporter opens Guild officials to persistent and systematic smearing on the Red issue. It seldom requires a bill of particulars from the slanderers. And it rarely answers these slanders on particular points. An example is the Washington resignation from the CIO council. Another was the Convention Fever story. In neither case was there a line to indicate what the alleged Reds had to say.

What is the use of trying to duck? Either the Guild is seeking to build a cooperative, democratic world, through labor organization, or it is playing a game of organized greed, seeking to snatch a few plums for its members out of human misery and chaos. I favor, of course, the former program. In the present confusion, it appears that most Guild members favor the latter, but only because they are groping in the dark.

Bernard Shaw and I believe that a union with an ideal short of world socialism is a racket. Perhaps merely a demi-quasi-racket, but still a racket. Shaw calls pure and simple wages-and-hours trade unionism "labor capitalism." That puts it neatly. May I be forgiven for putting it sloppily.

In a period of social crisis, such as the feeble thirties or the present war conga, p.&s. unionism naturally follows the same self-seeking short-sighted course as its profiteering corporate rivals. The union and the corporation realize there can be no exploitation without a body to exploit, and so they approve the "inevitability" of subject races, subject nations, and subject class. They approve wars of subjection and oppose wars of liberation. (Opinion is divided on the present war only because its effects are not clearly foreseen.)

This way of thinking, as much as any other force, lay behind the refusal of the AFL council to "organize the unorgan-

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ized." Broun expressed the correct view for the Guild when he said the Guild does not share Mr. William Green's contempt for char-women. For the benefit of those who came in late, Green had scoffed at the idea of a union of skilled journalists enrolling office boys and scrub-ladies. Scrub-ladies and the rest of humanity are our rightful concern.

As our chief educational force, the Reporter has the task of enlightening Guild opinion. Let's have no more of this muddled and confusing "fairness." We're on the side of the people and against their exploiters, wherever they may be.

MARC ROSENBLUM.

BUFFALO OFFICER BACKS ADMINISTRATION

BUFFALO.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

We in Buffalo have received competent, sympathetic support from the officers of the American Newspaper Guild and feel that this support is the best answer to the reckless pre-convention charges being bandied about.

One charge, however, deserves a separate reply. This is the one made against the resident-organizer program in the "Appeal to All Guild Members" endorsed by a few members of the Twin Cities, Los Angeles and other locals.

Upstate New York has just become familiar with this program, the need of which has been felt for a long time. The operations and personnel could not be improved upon.

The setup of the program was explained in detail to upstate delegates at a recent conference in Utica by International Secretary-Treasurer Pasche. It was decided that the Albany situation warranted the stationing of the organizer there at once. Later, the organizer will be available to other places in the "circuit." All delegates were thoroughly agreed that the operations of the plan were exactly what the territory needs to cement organization where it already exists and to extend it.

The delegates also were thoroughly in accord on the appointment of John Blawis as organizer. We have known Blawis for a long time as a competent newspaperman, a fine fellow and a Guildsman of the highest integrity. He certainly is going to waste no time trying to "perpetuate the Guild administrative officers."

Already, Blawis' counsel has proved of immense value and we are sure that Buffalo will benefit greatly from his presence.

The "appeal" is deliberately calculated to damage the operation of the resident-organizer program just as it is getting under way.

I should like to add that in a difficult organising situation, our local has kept in existence and expanded mainly because of the advice and encouragement of the national officers. On numerous occasions they have sacrificed time and energy to visit us and help out in some emergency. Their wise advice has helped us to develop.

ART REED, *Secretary, Buffalo Guild.*

SUPPORT FOR REFERENDUM ELECTIONS

SAN FRANCISCO

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

In a letter published by the Guild Reporter, issue of June 1, Brother Monroe Stern, President of the New York Guild, announces his opposition to the proposal advanced by San Francisco-Oakland and several other Guilds for election of ANG officers by referendum.

Presumably Stern speaks for the New York delegation *en bloc* to the Detroit convention. Friends of the referendum proposal should be, therefore, forewarned.

Of this New York delegation the Guild Reporter says that they "ran on a platform calling for a continuation of present ANG policies and officers and an end to the injection into the Guild of issues, such as alleged Communism, which distract from 'the economic issues for which the Guild was founded'." The Guild Reporter's story continues: "The successful candidates defeated a slate pledged to vote against present ANG officers and for a 'reform' in Guild policies."

I think this sheds a certain needful light on the position of Stern and the other supporters of the status quo. It is no secret either, I believe, that for about five years the principal of election of ANG officers by referendum has usually been pressed, when it was pressed at all, by opponents of the New York machine.

But Stern says that "the question of democracy is not involved."

I suspect that the reluctance of the Kaufman-Pasche administration and its supporters to come out from behind the Maginot line they have erected in the Conventions and make their stand directly before the membership, as well as the eagerness of their adversaries for a new battlefront, springs from a realization on all sides that such a stand might be the Kaufman-Pasche bloc's last. I suspect also that if the positions were reversed—if the "outs" were in and the "ins" out—*vice* might be *versa*.

This seems to me to prove that the question of democracy is very definitely involved, and further, that the situation is a serious one for the Guild—worse than any "lame duck" period is ever likely to be in the event the referendum policy is adopted. Nor is there any reason to suppose that a prolonged "lame duck" period cannot be avoided.

It is apparent that the ANG is badly divided at a critical time and that this division is due largely to distrust of the international officers among the membership. The way to dissipate this distrust is to permit the membership to elect its officers over the heads of the several machines of the Conventions.

Confidence in its officers is what the Guild needs most at this time.

As an opponent of the referendum proposal, Brother Stern raises some questions of procedure which he pretends to be unable to solve. I shall not presume to give him the answers. However, once the principle of election of ANG officers by referendum is decided upon, I am confident that the Convention can find broad highways out of each of the dilemmas he poses.

Stern does make one point that should not be dismissed by the friends of the referendum. He fears that an ANG voting period every year would preoccupy the Guild always with a political fight to the detriment of its other business, and in this I agree with him. Officers elected directly by the membership should, as Stern suggests, sit for at least two years.

LOUIS JANOFSKY.

MINNESOTAN DISAGREES WITH CANADIAN

ST. PAUL.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

I was glad to see Toronto reapond so beautifully to the Twin Cities campaign literature. I think the gentleman's letter in the last Reporter very much proves our point. He thinks the Toronto episode was a great success. Maybe it was by Toronto and ANG standards. Certainly by our standards it was a colossal flop.

The most naive part of the Toronto letter was where the author couldn't figure out how we arrived at our conclusion, since the Reporter carried a full page story on the affair.

Need it be said that that's where we got our information. Failure was written between every line. The story was the biggest cover-up in the Guild Reporter's history.

K. CROUSE.

PITTSBURGH MEMBERS LAUD WHIPPLE

PITTSBURGH.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

We who oppose the administration's stand on "isms," and who worked for the support of the Youngstown resolution (it won almost three to one in Pittsburgh), wish to express our unqualified approval of the Pittsburgh Guild's resident ANG organizer, Charlie Whipple.

He is devoting all his time to aiding the Guild in organization and bargaining.

Our only worry about Mr. Whipple is the fear that he might be transferred to another Guild.

BERNICE SHINE, *Sun-Tele Unit Chairman.*
HILARY DOBERNECK, *First Vice President, Pittsburgh Newspaper Guild.*
JOSEPH A. BREIG, *R.A. Delegate.*
WILBUR BALDINGER, *Editor of Guild News.*

F.P. WRITER DEFENDS HER STORY

SAN FRANCISCO.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

As the Federated Press correspondent in San Francisco, and therefore the person who is covering the Bridges hearing for F.P., I should like to say just a word in regard to Brother Farmer's letter in the June 1 GR.

I have not the copy of the GR on hand which carried the Honig story, but I have a copy of my release on Honig. I fail to find in it even a mention of Honig's Guild membership, let alone any implication that he is a "discredited West Coast Guildsman."

As for "inaccuracies," I have of course no idea to what Brother Farmer refers. On re-reading my release, I find no statement about Honig in it that does not follow his own testimony and the notes I took of it. As a long-time labor journalist, I am rather a crank on complete accuracy, and in reporting this hearing I have leaned over backwards to be scrupulously fair to Guildsmen like Honig, Rushmore, and Wilmot.

MIRIAM ALLEN DEFORD.

(Probably Farmer's letter was directed, at least in part, at the shirt-tail which the GR appended to the Federated Press story, under the customary 3-em dash, necessitated by the fact that, as Miss deFord says, her story did not explain that Honig is a Guild member, nor mention the fact that charges against an ANG officer were dragged into his testimony. The GR has heard of no error in its shirt-tail except that it spoke of Robert Cumozzi and Cliff Erickson as Seattle delegates to the 1940 ANG convention, whereas it meant to say that they were candidates for election as delegates.)

DON'T FORGET THE OFFICE BOY

CLEVELAND.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

When reading in Guild contracts that "office boys shall not be paid less than $15 a week for the first year of their experience and not less than $17.50 a week thereafter," blood begins to boil because this is an extremely low salary.

The young men are told that they are "junior salesmen." Indeed they are! They see customers more often than do the salesmen. Their behavior inside as well as outside of the newspaper offices is closely scrutinized. Often they are requested to perform some "out-of-the-way service" for a patron. They have a better knowledge of how a newspaper is assembled than most clerks or even salesmen. They have to dress as well as the more advanced workers in the offices and have to pay just as much to have their suits cleaned.

An office boy's work includes that of a clerk, collector; most important, he is the "walking good-will ambassador" of the publishing company.

Guildsmen must remember to recognize the importance of these lads when higher minimums are sought.

SANFORD GELFAND.

S.F. DELEGATES BACK REFERENDUM

SAN FRANCISCO

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

There have been two valid issues raised regarding the election of ANG officers by direct ballot of the members.

One is that presented in the "Report of the IEB to the Eighth Annual Convention," dated May 11, 1941 (pp. 24-25).

We quote:

". . . the only vital question involved is the simple one—Does the membership want it?"

The second is that stated by Brother Monroe Stern in his letter published in the June 1 Guild Reporter which we summarize as:

"Is there a practical method of holding such an election?"

Brother Stern's opinion that proponents of the direct election plan are "a bunch of wacks" we hope will not become the issue on which the question is decided.

We agree with Brother Stern that our present convention election system is democratic to a degree. But we hold that direct election is democratic to a far greater degree and we assume most Guild members are interested in democratic administration of the Guild to the greatest possible degree. We are.

We believe that the strongest union is that in which the membership fully trusts the leaders and the leaders act with the confidence that they are so trusted. We believe that any administration that goes into office with the backing of the votes of a majority of the membership will have the complete support of all the membership; that those who are defeated will accept their defeat in the spirit that those who live in democracies accept the principle of majority rule.

Those who oppose us argue that we should retain the convention election system, a system that has been long identified with all that is most objectionable in union leadership; a system that perpetuates union "bosses" in office and permits them to gag all opposition.

Does Brother Stern want to place the leaders of the Guild in the class of union officials who are reluctant to submit themselves and their policies to the test of a popular vote?

We prefer to take the word of the officers of the Guild, ". . . the only vital question involved is the simple one—Does the membership want it?"

Wherever this simple question by itself has been submitted to the membership, it has been answered overwhelmingly in the affirmative.

The membership does want it. The membership demands it.

This leaves only the question: "Is there a practical method of holding such elections?"

The San Francisco delegation is prepared to submit a practical plan for holding direct elections, a plan that is not complicated; a plan that will assure a free choice of officers; a plan that is not subject to manipulation.

The San Francisco-Oakland delegation to the 1941 ANG convention:

ARTHUR GILBERT (*Chairman*)
CLAUDE LaBELLE
JOHN A. McFADDEN
SAM E. EUBANKS
ERNEST MELCHIOR
FLOYD HEALEY
BETTY TOWNSEND
ED MAHONEY
KATHERINE McNAMARA.

PARSONS ANALYZES N. Y. ELECTION

NEW YORK.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

It's possible that Guild Reporter readers not only in New York but throughout the country would like to read more about the election of convention delegates in the Guild's largest local than was printed in the last Reporter, which limited itself to noting that the Representative Assembly (Administration) candidates all won, on a platform of continuing national Guild policies and officers, and to describing the victorious candidates.

Here are some more facts and observations:

1) There were three groups running; the administration (RA) faction, the anti-administration (Committee for Guild Democracy) faction, and two independent candidates running together, Walter Engels, chairman of the Daily News Unit, and McIlvaine Parsons, comptroller of the Herald Tribune Unit. The administration candidates were nominated by the RA, the others by petition.

2) All three groups mailed out campaign literature. The first campaign statement by the Antis, who had promulgated injurious, red-baiting propaganda during the Isms referendum, was relatively restrained. It pledged Guild and CIO loyalty, urged rejecting controversial political issues and concentrated on attacking "minority control" rather than on red-baiting. The RA slate's first campaign statement consisted of self-praise for the administration's economic accomplishments and an all-out attack on all the petition candidates, through the techniques of character assassination and damnation by association, lambasting, among others, some of the weak sisters among the Antis. Thereupon the Antis sent out a second statement which reverted to red-baiting. The RA faction countered with a second statement calling the Antis all strike-breakers.

3) The Engels-Parsons candidacies, backed by Lewis Gannett, Bill Ucker, Hal Burton, John H. Walker and Dave Loth, were a brand new experiment in New York—which didn't quite succeed. Although the Antis indorsed them, the two independents condemned both factions, as factions; urged split votes; advocated a referendum policy for handling controversial political issues; stressed the importance of hard work, and appealed for votes as a way of demonstrating a demand for Guild unity.

4) The RA slate was a coalition of orthodox zealots, ex-zealots near-zealots and those non-zealots who are glad—or willing—to go along with those persons who have been doing most of the essential, day-to-day work of the Guild, whatever their politics. The RA slate included those who have labored hardest in obtaining economic gains for the membership; although, in my opinion, many administration Guildsmen have also obstructed the N. Y. Guild's growth by foisting on it such political measures as opposition to conscription and to Roosevelt's re-election and by attempting to affiliate with the American Peace Mobilization. Virtually all the RA candidates opposed the Youngstown resolution.

5) The Anti slate was a coalition of unorthodox zealots, ex-zealots, "anti-zealots, Association of Catholic Trade Unionists, New York Post writers and cases of over-worry about the red smear. The Anti candidates had less distinguished records of Guild activity, whatever the reason. All of them supported the Youngstown resolution.

6) There were 2555 ballots cast, or 62 per cent of the ballots sent out. The voting, by mail, lasted a week, and was conducted by a trustworthy, RA-elected committee.

7) The RA candidates got more than 1,000 straight ballots, the

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petition candidates more than 600, while more than 900 were split. High RA man got 1651, low RA man 1350. High independent got 1215, low independent 1209. High Anti got 1103, low Anti 786. Voting for alternates was similar, although one Anti alternate was elected because the RA group did not nominate a complete slate.

8) In the 1940 election for delegates, the high RA man, indorsed also by the Antis, got 1017 votes; low RA man got 791; high Anti, 441; low Anti, 276. In the Isms referendum, the Youngstown resolution (supported by the Antis, opposed by most of the RAs) had 986 for, 481 against. The I.E.B. resolution (supported by the RAs, opposed by most of the Antis) got 873 for, 532 against.

9) Some conclusions:

a. Some of the petition candidates would have been elected if 75 or 80 per cent of the membership had voted, instead of 62 per cent. The non-voters included many of the perennial complainers about Guild leadership.

b. Quite a few Anti delegates would have been elected if the Antis had had the common sense and self-restraint to put up ten candidates instead of all twenty-two, exclude the more vulnerable individuals and approve a dozen of the better RA candidates.

c. No matter which candidates were elected, their voting at the convention might depend on the instructions they received at the pre-convention N. Y. general membership meeting. The administration so far has controlled all general membership meetings (although once in a while it can't keep the zealots in hand), because the Antis and independents are unable or too lazy to get out the vote. Only 8 or 9 per cent of the membership turns out.

d. The attempt of the two independent candidates failed, but not entirely. It is a starting point.

e. Big units helped favorite son candidates, of either side.

f. The Antis had little strength in some units where the administration had recently won fights for contracts, and had real strength in units which had obtained Guild shop contracts years before.

g. The voting on both RA and Anti slates reflected considerable anti-Semitism.

h. A majority of New York Guildsmen know on which side their bread is buttered.

McILVAINE PARSONS.

SEES LESSON IN NEW YORK VOTE

NEW YORK.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

The recent defeat of the anti-administration slate in the New York Guild election of delegates to the forthcoming ANG convention caused a contributor to The Nation to argue that it was not a defeat at all, and that the 2,000 abstentions (roughly 42 per cent) was a silent protest on their behalf. They cited the Youngstown "ism" result as "proof" for their reasoning, although the losers of the "ism" referendum, too, might have claimed the abstainers but wisely abstained from such a naive alibi.

The truth of their defeat can be attributed to a variety of causes; namely, that the New York leaders of the so-called Guild democracy alienated quite a few votes by raising the bogey of anti-Semitism and Christian Frontierism in their earlier campaign for New York Guild office, by being exceedingly vocal about Communism but failing to do anything practical about the scourge and, last but not least, by fraternizing with the ILGWU (AFL) unit to the extent of accepting their financial support at a time that unit was under serious charges. They also banked too much on the Guild conference of the Association of Catholic Trade Unions, and although they indorsed the two upright and forthright independent candidates, ignored the latter's platform calling for unity and cooperation.

For the information of other Guilds I dare say that the crux of New York's difficulties really lies in an antiquated electoral system, the mail vote, which prevents getting out the full vote.

Further, since the present electoral system really glorifies abstentions and possibly invites fraudulent voting, we first ought to work for a more democratic ballot procedure enabling us to know who voted and to mobilize laggards to vote.

Since this is likely to appear in print on the very eve of the Guild convention, it seems not amiss to suggest a new electoral system patterned after the American system, with membership dues books to serve also as poll books to be signed by each qualified voter upon receipt of ballot and voting; the establishment of a modified primary based on regional representation, each region to nominate one candidate each for international vice president, the executive vice president and the president to be elected at the annual convention; mail vote to decide any deadlock.

My choice for executive vice president is Mr. MacIlvaine Parsons, New York Herald Tribune; for president, Mr Mauritz Hallgren, Baltimore Sun.

BOB MAYER.

McILVAINE DECLINES THE NOMINATION

NEW YORK.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

Brother Mayer, whom, as it happened, I had never met before, told me a few days ago that he had written the above letter. I asked him to withdraw the reference to me, explaining that it was pretty silly. He declined to extend this courtesy.

Mayer's attitude of desiring to replace elected Guild executives with Guildsmen whose ability to carry out their jobs with sufficient competence and aggressiveness is doubtful, is typical of the hysteria —or lack of common sense—of many New York anti-administrationists. If I took his proposal seriously, I would repudiate his support. But no one is more aware than I of my lack of qualifications. In any case, I plan to stick to my present job as reporter.

It may be wise to replace Milton Kaufman—I think it is—if someone with a more independent mind possessing at least a fair amount of his experience, shrewdness and push can be found. But I hope that in such a case the convention will create a new paid position — chief negotiator — and elect Milton to it.

In any case, my impression is that the political policies of the American Newspaper Guild are determined not by the attitudes of the paid officers as much as by the composition of the IEB, just as in the New York Guild they are fixed by the RA more than by the city officers.

McILVAINE PARSONS.

N. Y. TIMES LEADER BACKS ADMINISTRATION

NEW YORK

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

The decisive election of the Representative Assembly slate by the members of the New York local, it seems to me, clearly indicates that Guildsmen here are primarily concerned with trade union questions. In the New York Times unit, certainly, the ANG collective bargaining program has whole-hearted support. We have concrete evidence of the effectiveness of that program in the newly effected contract for our commercial members, and a lively hope that the National Labor Relations Board will soon make it possible for news and editorial employes to enjoy similar benefits.

We have had the tireless counsel and cooperation of an International Representative temporarily acting as a resident organizer, Richard Seller, and we believe this plan, started by the ANG administration, has proved its value and should be retained and if possible extended.

The IEB has started a militant campaign for higher wages, to meet present and impending jumps in the cost of living. Times members are sure that this is sound; the Unit Council has just voted to ask a flat 10 per cent rise for news and editorial workers, in the event of collective bargaining, and is giving shop paper space to the demand.

The IEB report has made a favorable impression on those who have studied it carefully and Times members see in it no ground for changing the national administration. On the contrary, the administration never seemed more deserving of support of all those genuinely interested in a strong union.

JOHN CRAWFORD, *Chairman, Times Unit, and Convention Delegate from New York Local.*

MONROE LEADERS DEFEND BREARD

MONROE, LA.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

A leaflet attacking the present administration of the American Newspaper Guild has come to our attention. We differ with the Twin Cities Newspaper Guild on all of its accusations, but we particularly resent the charge that ANG money is being wasted through "pals on the payroll."

Harold Breard, who was characterized by the bosses as the sparkplug of the Monroe Newspaper Guild in the developments leading up to our eight-month strike against the News-Star and World, was recently named as resident organizer by the ANG. He reluctantly accepted the appointment, feeling that he should remain with us until we had completed organization of the unorganized on the two papers here. Only after we insisted that his organizing talents and leadership would be more valuable to the Guild and the labor movement in a larger, more industrialized community, did he accept the assignment as organizer.

Harold has never used friendships to get a job nor for his personal advancement. He has been too busy battling for his fellow-workers. We feel that he, like all the resident organizers and international representatives, was chosen strictly on his merits.

His Guild record extends back to the founding of the American Newspaper Guild. From then on until he left us to join the ANG staff, he has spent the greater part of his spare time in trying to improve wages and working conditions within the jurisdiction of the Monroe Newspaper Guild. From the founding of the Monroe local until his departure, he was its secretary. He was one of the most active leaders in our strike, a leader who took the tough work to show the way. And after the termination of the strike, he served with distinction on our grievance committee.

As an officer of the Monroe local during the strike, Harold showed himself a leader with a broad comprehension of labor problems. By the time he left Monroe to become an organizer, he was generally recognized as being at the forefront of the progressives of the Monroe labor movement.

Monroe's loss is the ANG's gain.

ANNE GIBSON, *President, Monroe Newspaper Guild.*
DEWITT HENRY, *former President, Monroe Newspaper Guild.*

With the AUXILIARY

By MARY POND
Reporter for ANG Auxiliary

DELEGATES' WIVES SLATED FOR AN ENTERTAINING WEEK

Guild wives who do not yet belong to the Guild Auxiliary will be the recipients of special attention at the Detroit convention, according to plans being made by the International Auxiliary Executive Board.

A special letter has been sent to all Guild secretaries, for delivery to the Guild delegates, which says: "Our sessions are going to be interesting, peppy and our Auxiliary gals are tops when it comes to hospitality and fun. We hereby invite your wife to attend all our meetings and, of course, all social affairs, and to really learn about our Auxiliary."

From the time the Guild wife arrives in Detroit uptil the end of convention, she will receive the special attention of a committee being formed this week. This committee, authorized by a "mail order" motion of the IAEB, will welcome the wives, see that they are introduced to all other wives present, provide them with information about all that is going on and generally see that they have a good time.

Mrs. Katherine Earnshaw, international president of the Auxiliary, is appointing the committee, to be made up of three IAEB members and members of the Detroit Guild Auxiliary.

Mrs. Dorothy Connelly, international corresponding secretary of the Auxiliary, reports that more than 150 calls have gone out for the convention and that Miss Kathryn Lewis, chairman of the National Coordinating Committee for CIO Auxiliaries, has been asked to attend the convention as a guest speaker, if her schedule will allow it.

SAN ANTONIO WIVES FORM AUXILIARY

Following several organizational meetings and the election of temporary officers, application for an ANGA charter has been made by the wives of San Antonio Guildsmen. Temporary officers are Mrs. Mary Lea Jackson, president; Mrs. Mary James, vice president; Mrs. Marie Halpenny, secretary and treasurer, and Mrs. Margaret Brady, reporter.

Permanent officers are to be elected following receipt of a charter.

Clyde Johnson, international vice president of the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing and Allied Workers of Amerida, is to address the next meeting of the new Auxiliary.

MORE DELEGATES FOR DETROIT

Additional reports on election of delegates to the third annual ANGA convention in Detroit show as delegates: Mrs. Carmen Henry, international vice president of ANGA, for Denver; Mrs. Beatrice Farmer and Mrs. Jennie Connor for Seattle, and Mrs. Connelly and Mrs. Alice Cohee for Los Angeles.

MRS. POLLOCK WORKS FOR DAY STRIKERS

Mrs. Mabel Pollock, president of NGNYA, is now working full time on the advertising committee of the Jewish Day strike. NGNYA as well as the strikers appreciate the support of other ANGA locals in helping win this strike.

Rae Nadell of NGNYA is one of the teachers in the sewing courses being run each Saturday morning by the CIO Council of Auxiliaries. Classes are being held at 11 a. m. at 882 Tenth Avenue, New York City. While mothers learn to make clothes for themselves or their children, the youngsters are given expert dancing and singing lessons, through the cooperation of the New Theatre League.

BOARD PROTESTS MEASURES "AGAINST WELFARE"

Passage of a resolution "protesting measures working against the welfare of the people" by the IAEB is reported by Mrs. Connelly, official recorder of votes.

Pointing to proposed reductions in WPA appropriations, introductions of law which "menace the existence and independence of labor unions and of our civil liberties," and "profiteering on every side," the resolution protests the cutting off of WPA; low wage scales and lengthening of work week in defense industries; anti-Labor laws; laws discriminatory against racial, religious or political minorities, which are also used to attack labor unions; calls on the President and all officers and law makers to prevent and put a stop to profiteering, and "renews our resolution adopted in convention at Memphis, to oppose 'American involvement or participation in the present war and to any domestic or foreign policy which might lead to it'."

DR. HILL REVIEWS WAR CONDITIONS

War-time living conditions and problems in the Orient were reviewed by Dr. Alice Hill in an address to the members and friends of the Denver Auxiliary at the last meeting of the Local.

Mrs. Patsy Liden, reporter for the DNGA, was elected a member of the executive board, increasing that group to seven members. Mrs. Virginia Bundy was named chairman of the discussion group, and Mrs. Mary Voigt, treasurer, reported that the dues drive netted twenty members paid up for six months in advance.

SALEM ANNOUNCES BOARD MEMBERS

The following executive board was reported by the Salem Newspaper Guild Auxiliary: Mrs. Mildred Reynolds, president; Mrs. Sally Hadley, vice president;; Mrs. Louise Chandler, secretary; Mrs. Marion Robbins, treasurer, and Mrs. Helen Rockwell, reporter.

All ANGA news for the GUILD REPORTER *should be mailed to Mrs. Mary Pond, c/o Dayton CIO, 9 East 5th St., Dayton, Ohio. The news should be mailed to reach Dayton at least three days before* GUILD REPORTER *deadlines, to allow time for coordination of material.*

Force and Violence

BY fiat of the President, the army was used last week to break a strike of 12,000 men who rebelled against a wage of $20 a week, paid by the richest company in the whole aviation industry.

Simultaneously, the President ordered use of the national conscription law, ostensibly intended solely for the purpose of training a defense force, to prevent other men from striking and to break the strikes if they dared fight.

Nothing in the whole world scene is so important to American labor—and America—as that the American public make it crystal clear that abrogation of democracy and constitutional rights such as this may not continue.

It does not matter whether the strikers at North American Aviation had good reasons for their walkout. The important thing is that men and women in America shall continue to have the unassailable right to decide for themselves, without bayonets at their breasts, whether they shall or shall not strike.

CIO President Philip Murray on Wednesday urged every CIO affiliate and every individual member of a union to protest to Congress and to President Roosevelt. It may be the most costly negligence in all history for workers to ignore his plea.

Industry's Profits

SOME Guild members have expressed the opinion that the North American Aviation strike, above referred to, was inspired by Communists (the N. Y. Post said in an 8-column, two-line streamer that it was ordered by Joe Stalin in person to impress Hitler with his influence), and some have said that they were not convinced that the strike was justified.

Another Guild member, in a different way, touches upon the same theme in a letter in the "It Seems to Us" department of this Guild Reporter. He says labor ought not demand wage increases commensurate with the rising cost of living, because to do so would be to deny that labor has any interest in national defense.

Well, let's figure a little bit.

North American Aviation, for example, is a subsidiary of General Motors Corporation. It holds government contracts worth more than $200,000,000. That equals more than one-fifth of all the plane contracts thus far awarded.

North American Aviation has the highest earnings rate in the whole booming aviation industry—and it has the lowest wage rate. Other firms in the immediate vicinity of North American pay from 5 to 15 cents an hour more per hour than does General Motors' golden baby.

The cost of living has gone up, is going up, and is going to continue going up. North American's profits have gone up (last year it made more than $800 profit on every worker in its employ), they still are mounting, and the backlog of orders will keep them going up.

But wages stand still. After weeks of negotiations, both with and without representatives of the National Mediation Board, North American grudgingly offered a raise of 3 cents an hour—and not a penny higher would it go.

That's the record and it's why the men struck.

It is not important, of course, whether the strikers were justified or not. Use of the army to force men to work is the important thing—the inexcusable and indefensible thing. But, in this case, it happened that the men had good reason to strike. Ever tried to raise a family on $20 a week—or $40, for that matter?

It's Typical

THE Guild Reporter urged, June 1, wires and letters to congressmen urging that the tax burden of the war program be placed upon the corporations and individuals profiting from that program.

The contributor to the letters column of this issue who is mentioned above says that attitude is "dollar patriotism," inconsistent with a willingness to share equitably in the burden of national defense.

We see it the other way. We urge that dollar patriotism be abolished, that no one be allowed to grow rich out of the taxes and work of those of us who produce the defense materials and the goods by which all of us live.

And very emphatically, with a hope that every Guild member will immediately wire or write to his congressmen and the President, we join CIO President Philip Murray in calling for a huge public protest against the use of guns and the distortion of law to back the North American Aviation type of dollar patriots against the workmen who build the planes.



Directory of Delegates

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unit. Charter member of the local and member for several years of the contract negotiating committee. Delegate to the Toronto Convention.

Warren Phillips: Acting chairman of Times-Union unit, and executive committee member of Rochester Guild for two years. Charter delegate to Rochester CIO Industrial Union Council and helped draft its constitution. Covered federal, labor and courthouse beats for four years for Rochester Times-Union.

ROCKFORD

Herman G. Nelson: Local vice president and member of the Guild negotiating committee. Delegate to the Cleveland convention. One of the organizers of the Rockford Guild and has served in all the offices, including the presidency. Member of the Rockford Morning Star editorial staff.

ST. LOUIS

John P. Fletcher: Vice chairman of local's representative assembly. Serving third term as Post-Dispatch unit chairman and member of local executive committee. Helped negotiate contracts on all three St. Louis papers. Formerly member of Cleveland Guild executive committee. Editorial department of the Post-Dispatch. Worked in Little Rock, Ark., Oklahoma City, Memphis, Buffalo, and Columbus.

Ray L. Kringer: President of St. Louis Guild. Chairman of local representative assembly and organizing committee in 1940. Chairman of committee that recently completed negotiation of Globe-Democrat contract. Star-Times unit chairman for 1938 and 1939. One of the organizers and first president of Decatur (now defunct) Newspaper Guild in 1936. Delegate to the Toronto and San Francisco conventions. Copyreader on Star-Times.

Marion (Hap) Lynes: Vice chairman of Globe-Democrat unit and chairman of local's representative assembly. Charter member of Globe-Democrat unit; served as secretary and vice president in early days. Active in organizational drive in last 18 months to obtain recognition of editorial department which resulted in successful NLRB election. Work for Globe-Democrat includes rewrite and book reviews. At present covers federal building. Employed on same paper since 1929.

Howard F. Piening: Post-Dispatch unit vice chairman. Delegate CIO council. Member of Guild representative assembly and St. Louis negotiating committees. Delegate to San Francisco convention. Display advertising solicitor for the Post-Dispatch.

Jack Roland: Served on representative assembly past two years. Delegate to CIO council 1939-40. Star-Times supervisor of city circulation branches.

SAN DIEGO

Bill Brodie: Local president, CIO council delegate and member of State Guild Organizing committee. Chairman, organizing committee of San Diego Guild at time of founding; member of executive committee and Union unit chairman 1937-39. Copyreader on San Diago Union.

Will Freeman: Charter member and first president of San Diego Guild. Worked on Seattle and Los Angeles newspapers. Now telegraph editor of Union.

SAN FRANCISCO

Sam Eubanks: Secretary of San Francisco-Oakland Guild. Former secretary and negotiator for Northern California District Council. Delegate to San Francisco convention and member of finance committee; delegate to Memphis convention and member of employer relations committee. On copy desk of Oakland Post-Enquirer.

Betty Townsend: Unit chairman of Oakland Post-Enquirer. Member of local representative assembly and executive committee. On rewrite staff of Oakland Post-Enquirer.

WASHINGTON

Joseph A. Loftus. Member of Washington executive committee for three terms. Associated Press unit chairman, Philadelphia, 1935-36. AP unit treasurer, Washington 1937-39. A Guild member since organization of Harrisburg, Pa., local in 1934. Delegate to Toronto convention; elected delegate to San Francisco convention, but did not attend. On Associated Press in Washington.

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