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NLRB Blasts Birmingham Post

BIRMINGHAM — The Birmingham Newspaper Guild joined with attorneys for the National Labor Relations Board this week in a frontal attack on the company union set up to break the Guild strike against the Birmingham (Scripps-Howard) Post. The paper suspended publication Sept. 6, within a few hours after the strike began.

Armed with affidavits and other evidence accumulated by a strikers' committee headed by Guild Secretary James Shipley, Alexander E. Wilson, Jr., regional attorney for the NLRB in Atlanta, made last-minute preparations for the hearing on Nov. 3 of charges against the Post.

A. J. Isserman, ANG attorney, spent two days in Birmingham this week, attending conferences with Harold Helfer, Guild president; Yelverton Cowherd, regional director of the CIO; William Mitch, president of District 20, United Mine Workers of America, and Edward Woods, ANG resident organizer.

Cowherd and Isserman will represent the Guild.

The formal complaint against the Post, issued in Atlanta last week by the NLRB, charges in substance that unfair labor practices by the Post caused the strike in the first place, and that continuation of these practices is prolonging the strike.

CITES ILLEGAL ACTS

The eight-page complaint cites 13 Wagner Act violations by management and its representatives, the NLRB charging that the Post has been conducting an anti-union campaign against its employes since January, 1941, at least, and has set up the "Alabama Newspaper Employes Association, Inc.," as a strikebreaking agency.

Acts of coercion and interference charged to the company include threats to discharge employes for Guild activities, ordering them to get out of the Guild, or not to join it, threatening to close the paper if the employes did not quit the Guild, questioning employes as to their Guild membership and activities, and spying on Guild meetings.

Supporting its company unionism charges, the Board alleges that the Post management arranged and dominated meetings of the company union, financed an anti-Guild advertising campaign and paid for airplane trips for company union agents.

STRIKE AID GROWS

Among the executives accused in the complaint are James Mills, editor; John Frierson, business manager; E. D. McCluskey, city editor; Harry Morowitz, composing room foreman; Gaylord Peer, circulation manager, and William Brown, advertising manager.

At strike headquarters this week, the most talked of event,

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Old Local Re-Forms, Gets New Charter

Guild organization of the New York Times and huge wage gains won for members of the Times unit, with other factors, have brought a reorganization of the Guild in Chattanooga, Tenn., and restoration by the ANG International Executive Board of the local charter revoked by the last Guild convention.

The reorganized Guild has enrolled a majority of the editorial department of the morning and evening Times, which is owned by Arthur Hays Sulzberger and Julius Ochs Adler, owners of the New York Times. Organization also has extended to the commercial departments.

ANG International Representative John Dunn spent several days with local leaders last month.

The IEB acted subsequently by a mail vote on a motion by former Executive Vice President Milton Kaufman and Secretary-Treasurer Victor Pasche to grant a new charter. The Board vote was unanimous. The charter was dated Oct. 31.

Wages paid by the Chattanooga Times have been substantially below those paid by its sister paper in New York, since the Guild won a contract there, even when the normal differential between the two cities is taken into account.

Vaughn Smartt, secretary of the former local, is president of the new Guild.

Walkout Threat Gets Guild Shop

HAMMOND, Ind.—The Hammond Times unit of the Northwestern Indiana Guild won a Guild shop Oct. 23 after the local had notified the publisher that the unit would strike at 6 a. m. the next day unless its demands were met.

The management agreed before the deadline that all new employes must become Guild members and all present and future members must remain members in good standing. It was then agreed to resume negotiations on wages and other matters.

Although the unit vote to strike carried only by a 12-9 count, the entire unit membership backed the local executive board when it set the strike deadline.

Negotiations are being conducted by Joe Carroll, ANG organizer resident in Chicago; International Representative Dick Seller; Charles Fleming state CIO executive board member, and Louis P. Ade, new member of the ANG executive board.

Rodgers Pledges Fight On Scripps-Howard

PITTSBURGH — In the first public address made by one of the newly-elected national officers of the ANG since his election, William Rodgers, incoming secretary-treasurer, last month promised to press the Guild's efforts to win a chain-wide agreement with the Scripps-Howard newspapers.

Speaking before the Philadelphia-Camden Guild on Oct. 19, Rodgers asserted that he and his fellow officers had received a "very clear mandate" from the membership.

"I should like to remind you here," he continued, "that your new international officers have as their most immediate and pressing task, the winning of full recognition for the Guild from the Scripps-Howard chain.

"The publishers of that group of important newspapers have for too long given mere lip-service recognition to the Guild. We must put an end to this hostility. Scripps-Howard must be made to see the light of reason, as have other far-sighted, practical-thinking publishers.

"The Guild is here to stay. We are a strong, militant, responsible union, and no amount of wishful thinking is going to dissolve us into thin air. The Guild is not trying to tell publishers how to run their newspapers. We do not seek to antagonize anyone. But we are determined to advance the economic well-being and security of American newspaper workers to the very ultimate limit."

Rodgers, foreseeing the "possibility that we may soon be required to analyze our position . . . . as patriotic citizens of a nation at war," recalled the "letter writing," "visiting," and "exchange of information and ideas of great value" that took place during the recently-completed election campaign.

"This was a good thing," he emphasized. "It should continue, and I hope it will continue. The topics of discussion may be less exciting, but certainly not less important.

"There are scores of cities and towns into which the Guild has not even penetrated. We must carry the Guild into those places."

Chinese Have Word for It

President Chu Hsueh-fan and Secretary Liu Hsuan-tsui of the Chinese Association of Labor, arriving to attend the International Labor Conference in New York this month, asked the meanings of the words "scab" and "rat" in American labor terminology.

A reporter for Federated Press told them.

"Oh," said Liu, "in China we call such a person 'kung chih.' That means 'workers' thief.'"

New IEB Takes Over Its Job

The new International Executive Board of the ANG was scheduled to open its first meeting today in New York headquarters with a lack of fanfare which was almost anti-climactic after the fervor of the campaign in which the new officers were elected.

President Milton M. Murray, Executive Vice President Sam Eubanks and Secretary-Treasurer William Rodgers arrived in New York several days ago to prepare for the meeting in consultation with the outgoing officers.

The meeting was scheduled to last through Nov. 1 and 2.

A tentative agenda called for discussions and action upon problems of collective bargaining and organization, mandates of the last convention on several subjects, the Guild Reporter, legislative matters affecting labor, and a budget for December, January and February.

Ten of the IEB members were participating in their first meeting of the Board. Of the other three, Ralph Foster of Toronto and Harry Martin of Memphis were members of the Board last year. Edward Allen of Boston was a member in 1934-5.

The Board also must elect ANG delegates to the CIO convention, to open Nov. 19. The two full-time officers are delegates by constitutional provision, but the Board must elect two others.

In addition, the Board will name a representative of the ANG and an alternate representative on the federal Wage-Hour division's committee for the graphic arts industry.

Guild Strikes Weekly

Guildsmen employed by the New York Parkchester Review — the entire staff of seven—struck last week in protest against a discriminatory discharge of five of their number.

The Executive Committee of the New York Guild, acting under authorization from the Representative Assembly to take whatever action was necessary, formally approved strike action after the dispute, had continued for more than a week as a "lockout."

The Review is a weekly tabloid published in the huge Parkchester apartments development, recently opened in the Bronx.

LABOR BOARD CALLED

Formal charges of discrimination were filed with the State Labor Relations Board at the time that the strike became official, and an informal conference was held with board officials on Oct. 30.

The strike began as a "lockout" on Oct. 18, when the five Guild members were discharged, allegedly for "incompetence." Acting quickly, a Citizens' Committee, composed of Guildsmen living in the extensive Parkchester Development, rallied support for their fellows and visited advertisers who used the paper.

When a strike was formally called, the two remaining employes of the Review joined the Guild and left their jobs. A new employe, hired after the strike, left his job immediately upon learning of the situation and announced his intention to apply for Guild membership.

Picketing is aimed at the editorial officers of the paper, in the housing development, and at the stores in the development, in which Henry Garfinkel, publisher of the Review, enjoys the exclusive privilege of selling newspapers to residents.

Garfinkel, head of the $1,000,000 Garfield News Company, which cooperated with newspaper publishers in the recent strike of

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Martyrs Start "Martyr Fund"

Doing unto others as they would have had done unto them, Grace Porter and Fred Jaeger of the New York Guild last week presented $1,000 to the local, earmarked for aid to any Guild members who in the future may lose their jobs because of Guild activity.

The $1,000 came from $15,000 which the New York Times last month paid to Miss Porter and Jaeger in settlement of claims, upheld by the National Labor Relations Board and then pending before a United States court, that they were discharged in 1938 by the New York Times because they were active leaders of the Guild unit there.

Jaeger and Miss Porter asked that the donated money be known as "The Louis Burgess Fund." The name is in honor of the first authenticated Guild "martyr," an employe of the San Francisco Examiner who was fired by that Hearst paper on April 4, 1934, while actively organizing there.

In a letter of presentation to the Executive Committee of the New York Guild, Miss Porter and Jaeger said that after their discharge by the Times they found "the going was plenty tough." They recalled that to Jaeger his discharge caused loss of his home.

"It is our hope," the letter said, that the $1,000 "shall be used as a nucleus to set up a special fund for the aid of Guild members who are put into straitened circumstances because of Guild activity. We hope that this initial $1,000 will be only a beginning in the establishment of such a fund and that as a result of the action of the New York Guild, other locals and the American Newspaper Guild itself will be stimulated to set up similar funds."

Cancelled Strike Brings No Contract

INDIANAPOLIS — Almost a month after postponing a strike originally authorized for Oct. 6 in return for management agreement to make new contract terms retroactive to that date, the Indianapolis Times unit (Scripps-Howard) still was waiting for the contract.

The only material Guild gain in the intervening period was 25 new members in the bargaining unit.

After a considerable delay and discussion Editor Ralph Burkholder, in a 15-page, single-spaced statement turned down a Guild "maintenance of membership" proposal, as being in practice the same thing as the original Guild

INDIANAPOLIS — Business Manager Mark Ferree of Scripps-Howard's Indianapolis Times calls The Spokesman, Times unit publication, "the Spooksman."
It haunts him.

Shop demand, which all Scripps-Howard papers except the San Francisco News have consistently rejected.

In its stead, the management offered to provide a dues collection desk next to the pay window, to hold a regular weekly meeting with a Guild grievance committee, and to sign a two, three, or five-year contract (to show that it is not trying to rid itself of the Guild).

Business Manager Mark Ferree told the Guild he was sure a new contract could be agreed upon if the Guild dropped its union security clause demand.

Some of Burkholder's reasons for refusing maintenance of membership were:

1—Because the local Guild has "damaged the Times property" by letting the public and the labor movement know of its demands and because the national Guild has not confined itself to bettering wages, hours and working conditions.

2—Because editorial employes are representatives of the publisher to the public and "project the personality" of the paper throughout the city and only the publisher can determine whether the employe projects his personality in a manner beneficial to the paper.

3—Because to refuse a man the right to change his mind on membership in a union is a violation of civil and personal liberties.

He said not a word about the current strike against the Birmingham Post, where the Guild shop is a major issue.

As its fourth proposal for achieving union security, the Guild offered a Times unit petition asking management to deduct dues and assessments from each month's first pay check and turn them over to the Guild treasurer, this request to be irrevocable for the life of the contract. This formula was "unpleasant" to management but Burkholder and Ferree promised to study it carefully.

WAGE CHECX URGED

WASHINGTON — The Social Security Board last week urged workers who have not previously done so to check their 1937 wage record with the Board before the end of this year. Under the law, after four years all records are presumed to be correct and cannot be contested. Any office of the Board will supply a postcard form on which application can be made for a full statement of Board records of earnings by any individual.

SALEM HONORS TWO VICE PRESIDENTS

SALEM—The Salem Guild never passes up a chance to hold a party. For the occasion on which this picture was taken, there were two reasons. One was the signing of a new and again improved contract, negotiated by Edward Allen (seated), new ANG vice president, and George Markham, Boston Guild organizer. The other was the election of Allen to his new post and that of Mrs. Mildred Reynolds, (seated, left), of the Salem Auxiliary, as an international vice president of the Women's Auxiliary of the ANG. They are shown at the party at which they were honored. At right, seated, is Mrs. Allen, herself a Guild member! Standing are Anthony Romano, Salem Guild president, and Mrs. Sally Hadley, Salem Auxiliary president. Markham also was a scheduled guest, but had to go to Portland on Guild business.

ILGWU Unit Members Cleared Of 'Strikebreaking' Charge

In a decision upholding the right of Guild members freely to criticize the actions of Guild leaders, whether the critics are right or wrong, a trial board of the New York local last week returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of 11 members of the ILGWU Publications unit accused of "strikebreaking" during the Jewish Day walkout.

The members had been charged with exceeding the authority vested in them as a unit, and violating other sections of the ANG constitution. They were cleared of all four counts of the indictment brought against them by fellow Guild members.

Pointing out that its members were trade unionists, as well as "amateur judges," the trial board, in making its decision, quoted the words of the late Justice Holmes:

"The best test of truth is the power of the thought to get itself accepted in the competition of the market. I think that we should be eternally vigilant against attempts to check the expression of opinions that we loathe and and believe to be fraught with death."

"This case," the trial board observed, "has such implications. They involve the whole nature and philosophy of the labor movement in a democratic state, and we cannot afford to pass them by without comment.

"We believe that these defendants were mistaken in their action in the Guild's strike on the Day. We believe the defendants' action was hasty, ill-considered and not the best action they could have taken to maintain their right of free speech and at the same time give required consideration to the good of the Guild as a whole.

"But whether they were right or wrong, whether they were prejudiced or not, whether they made adequate efforts to hear and understand the Guild's position in that strike—none of these questions is as important as whether, within our union, men have a right to be what the Executive Committee, or any other group, even an overwhelming majority of the membership, conceive to be wrong."

The 11 defendants had been brought to trial on the basis of a resolution in which they condemned the Day strike as "irresponsible" and an act of "union busting." Charges were leveled when, upon being requested to do so by the local Executive Committee, the members refused to rescind the resolution, which was published on page one of the Day during the strike.

The trial board, headed by William Ucker, of the Journal-American, included Sol Abramson, Daily Mirror; Lewis Gannett, Herald Tribune; Warren Hall, Daily News, and Howard Taubman, Times. The verdict was unanimous.

N.Y. Newsies Win Strike Against Publishers

Organized New York newsdealers won a victory in their strike against eight New York newspapers this month.

After suffering for 12 days circulation losses estimated by persons in a position to know of as high as 40 per cent for one newspaper, the publishers on Oct. 21 agreed to increase their allowances on returned papers and to end "bulldozing" of dealers in efforts to overload them with papers.

They also agreed to deal with representatives of Newsdealers Federal Labor Union, Local 22371, AFL, as an "association" although refusing to admit that the dealers have any status as employes of the papers. The dealers are licensed by the city and each of them sells all papers.

The allowance on returns will be increased from $1.30 a hundred to $2. Dealers pay $2.35 a hundred for the papers.

Papers involved in the strike were the Times, Herald-Tribune, News, Mirror, Journal-American, Sun, World-Telegram and Post.

A by-product of the refusal by an estimated 4,000 dealers to sell the boycotted papers, it was reported, was a substantial overnight increase in circulation of PM, the only daily in Manhattan except the Daily Worker which was not affected. How much of the increased circulation PM has held since the strike ended has not been revealed.

A rumor that the publishers are considering an increase in the retail price of papers to 5 cents gained wide circulation after the "likely" by the Typographical Forum, an independent monthly paper printed by members of Local No. 6 of the International Typographical Union. Standard size papers in New York now sell at 3 cents, tabloids at 2 cents.

Collection Of Special Levy Begun

Collection of a special assessment on all members for support of the Birmingham strike, supplementing the assessments for the ANG defense fund voted by the last convention, was begun last month.

The extra assessment, due as of Oct. 15, was voted by the International Executive Board after it had been unanimously recommended by delegates to the Scripps-Howard Chain Advisory Council which met in Birmingham recently.

Notices of the levy were mailed to all locals by former Secretary-Treasurer Victor Pasche.

With the extra assessment, the due dates of the current series are Sept. 15, Oct. 15, Nov. 15 and Jan. 15. All members earning $25.01 a week or more pay 50 cents on each assessment date. Those earning $15.01 to $25 a week pay 25 cents, and members earning $15 or less, or unemployed, pay nothing.

FAHY NOMINATED SOLICITOR GENERAL

WASHINGTON—Charles Fahy, acting Solicitor General since Francis Biddle was made Attorney General, was nominated by President Roosevelt last week to permanency in the post.

Fahy formerly was general counsel for the National Labor Relations Board and had charge of preparation for the government of the five original test cases, including that of former ANG Vice President Morris Watson, which brought Supreme Court support of the Wagner Act.

He is a brother of Agnes Fahy of Newark, former vice president of the ANG.

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BIRMINGHAM WAR CONFERENCE

Preparations for a Nov. 3 NLRB hearing of charges that the Scripps-Howard Birmingham Post is sponsoring a company union were the subject of many conferences last week like the one above, Conferring in Birmingham strike headquarters are (l. to r.) Birmingham Guild President Harold Helfer; William Mitch, Alabama president of the United Mine Workers; Picket Captain Fon McGinnis (standing); ANG Counsel A. J. Isserman; Alabama CIO President Yelverton Cowherd, and ANG Organizer Edward Woods.

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aside from the impending hearing, was the arrival of striker Robert Gospodareck's seven-and-one-half-pound daughter.

And next to that came discussion of the amazing nation-wide support of the walkout from AFL and independent unions, who have flooded the Guild strikers with letters, contributions and suggestions.

Most heartening, the strikers reported, was the encouragement, financial and otherwise, that came from mailers', pressmen's and printers' locals in the South and elsewhere.

That the newspaper crafts are aware of the import of the Guild's Birmingham fight, as it affects the labor movement generally and them specifically, was typified by a message from George C. Adcock, secretary-treasurer of Typographical Union 895, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., who wrote in part:

"I am fully in sympathy with the strikers and their cause, as I am thoroughly acquainted with the actions of the Post towards any union. I am a former employe of the Post myself."

PEGLER HELPS, TOO

Typical of AFL support was a $50 contribution from the Cigar Makers Union at Richmond, Va. The AFL Fire Fighters Association local at Aberdeen, Md., sent a check and the following message:

"We hope very much that you will win out in this hard fight against this Roy Howard and Westbrook Pegler, for those are the kind of men that make it very hard for every working man in the country."

Aid also came this week from the Montgomery, Ala., typos; Nashville, Tenn., mailers; Danville, Ill., pressmen; Anaconda, Mont., printers, and Little Rock, Ark., pressmen. Printing craft unions in other parts of the country have been regular contributors.

Others who chipped in included many locals of the ILGWU, journeymen plumbers, steamfitters, International Association of Machinists, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, bricklayers, masons, plasterers, International Brotherhood of Bookbinders, bridge, structural and ornamental iron workers, Brotherhood of Railway Carmen, Brewery Workers Union, Order of Railway Conductors, and the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers.

Birmingham sentiment is that the NLRB prosecution of the Post for anti-labor practices means that a final victory for the Guild strike may not be far off.

Guildsmen have asked their friends to attend a "Victory Dinner" at strike headquarters, Sunday, Nov. 2, the eve of the NLRB hearing. Outstanding labor leaders in the district have been invited to attend.

LAWRENCE ELECTION VOTE REPORTED

Ballots cast by the Lawrence Guild in the ANG refetendum election were officially added last month to the tabulation published in the Oct. 17 Guild Reporter, by vote of the Elections Committee.

The local's report arrived after the deadline for receiving counts, but was accepted by committee vote.

Lawrence gave eight votes each for former President Donal M. Sullivan and former Executive Vice President Milton Kaufman, none for their opponents.

For vice presidents at large its vote was: Edward Allen, 2; Walter C. Burson, 8; Agnes Fahy, 8; Julius Klyman, 8.

NEWSMAN BOMBED

What the members of some of our sister journalistic unions are encountering is here presented. "X" up in the air marks the spot where J. G. Brown, London Times reporter, lived until a few hours before the picture was shot. The white "X," below locates Brown, who fortunately was at work at the right time. The photo is from the Journalist, organ of the National Union of Journalists.

National Support For Strikers Growing

With Guildsmen in Scripps-Howard cities throughout the country organizing local citizens' committees to support the Birmingham Post strikers, and a national committee being launched from ANG headquarters, the campaign to put public opinion behind the strikers gained greatly in strength last week.

Quentin Reynolds, internationally known reporter and writer; and Emile Gauvreau, long a newspaper executive and author of the new best seller "My Last Million Readers," took leadership in organization of the national committee.

Reynolds, now covering the war in Moscow, became chairman of the national committee, and Gauvreau volunteered to serve as acting chairman during Reynolds' absence.

Among other nationally notable persons who immediately accepted invitations to join the committee were Lewis Gannett, Pierre Van Paassen, Professor Robert K. Speer, Professor Colston E. Warne, the Rev. Father D. J. Kelley, and Augustus Lindbergh.

BIRMINGHAM BEGAN IT

Father Kelley, editor of "Catholic Week," and Augustus Lindbergh, cousin and strong critic of Charles A. Lindbergh, are Birmingham residents. On invitation of the Birmingham Guild, they were among the first to offer their powerful support for the strike.

Reynolds, cabling his acceptance of the invitation to become committee chairman, said:

"Congratulate Birmingham Guildsmen on their fight. Glad to join committee."

Gauvreau wired his acceptance and "support of strikers in Scripps-Howard concentration camps." In a subsequent message he said he would set aside part of the royalties from his new newspaper book for the strike fund.

OTHERS INVITED

Last week Gauvreau sent hundreds of letters to prominent persons throughout the country, inviting them to join the fight on Scripps-Howard's anti-labor policies.

Formation of local committees to supplement the national committee was urged jointly by Milton Murray, new ANG president, and Donal M. Sullivan, retiring president, in a letter to local presidents.

The letter urged immediate attention to the development of further support on an organized basis for the striking Southern Guildsmen.

"With the election campaign over," the letter said, "we would like jointly to urge that immediate attention be given to the development of further support for the Birmingham Post strike on an organized basis.

"The raising of money will help maintain the strike until its aims are achieved, but the development on a wide public scale of pressure on the chain, on the Scripps-Howard central management, will be the key factor in bringing the strike to a satisfactory conclusion.

"There can be no question in the mind of any Guild member that the outcome of the Birmingham strike will determine largely our contract progress on the entire chain. For this reason we have no fear of exaggerating to you and to your fellow officers and members the importance of concentrating on this problem in your local.

"May we request that a small Guild committee be set up at once, and that the task of organizing a local citizens' committee in support of the strike be undertaken in line with the suggestion forwarded to you. The steps taken in this direction should be relayed at once to ANG headquarters, that the work of the local committees may be coordinated.

"You immediate response to this joint appeal will be personally appreciated by us, and will earn the gratitude of the Birmingham strikers who are carrying on a struggle in behalf of our entire membership."

Chicago Signs Up 42 Members

CHICAGO—The entire staff of the Townsend Weekly, 42 persons, joined the Chicago Guild last month. The Weekly is the national organ of the Townsend National Recovery plan.

The movement began with a visit of three staff members to the Chicago Guild office.

ANG Organizer Joe Carroll then conferred with management representatives. The management informed the staff that all employes were free to join the Guild without fear of management displeasure.

Local officers are preparing, with the new unit, a propsal for improvement of warking conditions.

Picket Line In Third Year

SAN FRANCISCO (FP)—The International Ladies Garment Workers Union (AFL) is beginning its third year of picketing the Gantner & Mattern knitting plant here.

The ILGWU refused to pass a picket line of the Janitors Union (AFL), which originally struck the plant. Then after the Janitors' strike was settled the company failed to reemploy ILGWU members.

Last June the NLRB ruled that the company was not guilty of unfair labor practices. Nevertheless, the ILGWU pickets continue to march around the plant, which is now producing clothing under a national defense contract.

GUILD OFFICER ENTERS OPM

BAYONNE, N. J.—G. Warren Morgan, editorial employe of the Bayonne (N. J.) Times and former president of the Hudson County Guild, has been appointed an assistant labor consultant in the Office of Production Management in Washington.

Morgan, who has been active in labor union circles in New Jersey for many years, has for several years been a delegate to Labor's Non-Partisan League of New Jersey and last year was elected state secretary of that organization.

He has been active in the Hudson County Guild since its inception and played a leading role in the 17-week Bayonne Times strike in 1937 which led to the first Guild contract in Hudson County.

PRESSMEN ORGANIZING

DETROIT (F P) — Printing Pressmen of Detroit (AFL) initiated 100 new members following a successful drive among color press plants. Color press contracts provide for standard wages and working conditions.

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Guild Associates in Membership Drive

By MYRTLE BONN
Associate member, New York Guild

Journalism classes and newspaper offices in four New York colleges—Hunter, City, Brooklyn and New York University—have been buzzing with Guild talk during the past three weeks. The reason is an intensive publicity and organizational drive by the associate membership.

Centering about the assignment of "resident organizers" to each of the colleges and open introductory meetings held directly on the campuses, the drive got under way with a meeting at Hunter, Oct. 23.

Good advance publicity, promising a "name" Guildsman, attracted approximately 30 potential members. Though the prestige of the unit suffered a blow when the "name" failed to appear, several students signed membership cards at the close of the meeting and most of the others expressed interest.

Similar meetings are scheduled for the three other colleges some time before Nov. 15, when a general membership meeting will be held in Guild headquarters.

At Brooklyn College, where the student council has consistently failed to grant the unit a charter so that it may function as a legal campus organization, plans are being made by Beatrice Lorber, the organizer assigned there, to have a special meeting of *Vanguard* (undergraduate publication) called to discuss the Associate Guild. Since there are no journalism majors at Brooklyn, all potential associates can be reached in this manner. Meanwhile, the unit is carrying on a fight for formal recognition.

All organizers have been instructed by the associate executive committee to distribute literature recently printed and to publicize the Associate Guild at all publication staff meetings.

No immediate attempt will be made to go into Columbia and Fordham Universities, generally considered anti-Guild strongholds, until present work is coordinated and resources expanded.

In line with general organizing, the executive committee recognizes two major problems besides those technical difficulties encountered in individual schools. They are:

1. Organizing people for whom there can be no immediate economic motive in joining the Guild.

2. Making associate activities and opportunities attractive enough to prevent journalism students from turning to anti-Guild sources for opportunistic purposes.

Regular activities for this season will include continuation of the "journalism university" which combines training in newspaper work with an education in unionism, a college press make-up clinic, a survey of job possibilities on labor papers and a study of the special feature market among lesser known magazines.

NEW MANUALS OUT

New ANG Manuals, including the Constitution, model local by-laws, and collective bargaining program of the American Newspaper Guild as revised by the Detroit convention were mailed last week by former Secretary-Treasurer Victor Pasche to secretaries of all locals, from whom members may obtain them.

Cincinnati Drive Gains Members

CINCINNATI—The swift-moving Guild drive in Cincinnati reached new heights of success last week with the formation of a Guild unit on the Enquirer, the city's only morning daily.

Forty per cent of the Enquirer's editorial staff signed Guild application cards within a period of barely more than a week, and the prospects were that a majority membership would be attained quickly.

John Weilburg, resident organizer, continued house-to-house canvassing among employes of the commercial departments of the Cincinnati Times-Star in the hope of seeking certification of the Guild as the bargaining agent within the next few weeks.

The success of the Guild in obtaining payments of overtime wages due a number of employes and the posting of notices regarding employes' rights to join a union, also won by Guild demand, have greatly stimulated the interest in organization.

Wage Minima Show Gains

The fifth annual survey of wage minimums in Guild contracts, revealing in its tabulations an accelerating and widening improvement in newspaper wage standards, was mailed last month by the ANG research department to all locals.

In the 183 mimeographed pages of the survey, every page shows upward revisions from the minimums shown in the previous tabulation, compiled 11 months ago.

Because of the extensive statistical work necessary to correlate job classifications and wages in all the ANG contracts, the survey is corrected only to Sept. 15, 1941. The trend to higher wages has gained speed since that time.

The study is presented on letter-size pages, punched to fit loose-leaf notebooks.

KYLE HEADS UNIT

INDIANAPOLIS—Robert Kyle was elected chairman of the Indianapolis Star unit at an election Oct. 20. He succeeds Ralph E. Ulrich, who was not a candidate for re-election.

Australian P.M. Is Union Man

A man who wears the button of a newspapermen's union became Prime Minister of Australia this month.

He is John Curtin, 56, former writer and editor for the West Australian World, a trades union organ. He is a member of the Australian Journalists' Association.

Taking office at the head of the first federal Labor party government in Australia since 1932, Curtin said that the foremost goal of his government will be the defeat of Hitler.

IT'S A PLEASURE

"Next to signing my pay check," says President Arthur Keller of the Cincinnati Guild (seated) to ANG Organizer John Weilburg, beaming over his shoulder, "this is the kind of signing I am most fondest of." Reason is, Keller's signing a batch of new Guild membership cards, result of an organizing campaign which is bearing real fruit.

Albany Guild Wins Split in NLRB Vote

ALBANY—The Tri-City Guild split a doubleheader NLRB election Oct. 24, winning in the advertising and business departments of the Albany Times Union (Hearst) against "no union," but losing in the circulation department of the same paper to the "Independent Committee of the Albany Evening Union Co."

The vote in the advertising and business departments was 43 for the Guild, 14 for no union, seven votes challenged by the management, and five not voting.

In the circulation department it was 32 for the "Independent Committee," 19 for the Guild, and one for no union. Every eligible person in the department voted.

The management challenges in the larger unit apparently were intended to cut down the group for whom the Guild is authorized to bargain in those departments. It was admitted by the management that its purpose in challenging their votes was to create a precedent for a later claim that these employes are ineligible for representation because they hold "supervisory" or "confidential" positions.

The status of the challenged persons now will be decided by the NLRB or by negotiation.

The organization campaign which led to the double election began last year in the circulation department, of which a majority had lined up with the Guild when the "Independent Committee" made its appearance. The Guild's majority was upset by defections to the "independent" group, which the Guild charged before the NLRB was a company union. Last August, when a group of members of the "Independent Committee" joined the Guild, the Guild sought the election, and to permit holding it by consent, withdrew the Labor Board charges against the "Independent Committee."

John Blawis, a member of the local, was employed by the ANG as a resident organizer and assigned here last summer, at the end of a term of field service with the National Guard, to assist the local in the organizing campaign.

The Guild also withdrew NLRB charges against the management that two firings in the circulation department last year were intended to discourage Guild organization. The management agreed to submit one of the cases, that of Branch Manager Frank Carr, to negotiation and arbitration under the terms of the Hearst Peace Formula. The Guild now has a "peace formula" contract with the Times Union, but it covers only the editorial department.

NEW O'NEIL TRIAL

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (FP)—James E. O'Neil, convicted on a charge of perjury during the second deportation proceeding against Harry Bridges, will get a new trial. Holding of a new trial was approved by U. S. District Judge Martin I. Welsh, who on Oct. 3 sentenced O'Neil to three years in jail and a $100 fine.

MUSICIANS WIN STRIKE

DETROIT (FP)—Musicians of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra won a one-week extension in the musical season through a two-day strike. The walkout, called by the American Federation of Musicians (AFL), forced the Detroit Symphony Society to extend the season from 21 to 22 weeks.

KNOW OF A JOB?
DON'T FORGET
GUILD PLACEMENT SERVICE

ASSOCIATES LAUNCH DRIVE

Associate members of the New York Guild are opening their first major organizing campaign among journalism students in New York city colleges. Conferring about the drive with Jack Ryan, New York Guild organizer (center), are Beatrice Lorber, of Brooklyn College, and Jerry Estrin, of City College, who last month became a full Guild member.

Kaufman Urges Protests Of Pay Fix

Indications that the House banking and currency committee might include wage-freezing provisions in a draft of a price control bill which it has been preparing for several weeks led former Executive Vice President Milton Kaufman to urge all Guild locals and members last week to wire protests against such legislation to committee members.

Kaufman pointed out that the CIO has taken a stand against legislative wage control for reasons which he summarized as follows:

1—It would perpetuate generally a low standard of living.

2—Wage increases have not been a basic cause of price increases and present inflationary trends.

3—The real causes of inflationary prices are profiteering and other practices of industry which create artificial shortages.

4—Wage control legislation is advocated by enemies of labor who know it would weaken labor unions and collective bargaining right of workers.

Chairman of the House banking and currency committee is Henry B. Steagall of Alabama.

Kenosha Forms CIO Council

KENOSHA, Wis. (FP)—A CIO council has been established in this city, nationally famous for unity of AFL and CIO unions in its Trades and Labor Council.

The new council includes the Kenosha Newspaper Guild.

But CIO and AFL leaders made it very plain that creation of the CIO central body does not spell a rift in their ranks. Quite the contrary. Executive boards of the two councils met Oct. 20 and drafted a statement saying that the cooperation practiced by both factions during the past 3½ years would be continued.

Before organizing their own council, the six CIO unions involved discussed the project with the Trades and Labor Council. At a subsequent meeting it was agreed that the principle of unity set forth in a gentlemen's agreement of Feb. 17, 1938, would be perpetuated.

Purpose of the new central body is to handle work that cannot be cleared through the Trades and Labor Council. Reaffirming the unity agreement of 1938, the officers of the Industrial Union Council declared:

"We are proud of the unity which prevails here, and we shall always endeavor to maintain it. We look forward to the day when the national CIO and AFL will join forces in one great family of labor."

Walkout In Bronx

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New York City newsdealers, has been hard hit by the Guild action. Heavy inroads have been made on the paper's advertising revenue, and its infant circulation—the paper is only about eight months old—has been sharply curtailed.

The Review is one of two weekly papers published in the housing development, but the Guild has no quarrel with the Press, its competitor. The housing area was sponsored by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, which has, however, no connection with the struck newspaper.

CIO Backs Guild in Chicago Paper

CHICAGO—Conferences between representatives of the management of the new Chicago newspaper and of the Guild about employment of Guild members continued last month without reaching any definite conclusion.

A joint committee of the Guild and the Illinois CIO conferred with Marshall Field, owner of the new paper, in Chicago. Headed by Ray Edmundson, president of the Illinois district of the United Mine Workers, the CIO committee told Field that the huge membership of CIO unions in the Chicago area will form its first judgment of the new paper on the basis of its relations with the Guild.

Another committee, led by former ANG Executive Vice President Milton Kaufman, met with one of Field's attorneys in New York.

Guild members are being employed as the editorial and commercial staffs of the paper are built, but some Guild leaders have been disturbed by the anti-Guild and anti-labor records of some sub-executives whom the paper has employed.

Field assured the CIO committee that no discrimination against Guild members would be permitted. His New York newspaper, PM, always has maintained cordial relations with the Guild.

A report published in the magazine Business Week and circulated widely elsewhere that Field intends to suspend publication of PM was "categorically denied" by Field and PM executives.

Another rumor prevalent in financial circles in both New York and Chicago, that Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox has given Field an option on his stock in a holding company which controls the Daily News, gained wide credence. The new paper will be housed in the Daily News building and will be printed on Daily News presses.

ROOSEVELT ADDS TO NDMB

WASHINGTON (FP)—An additional 11 men were named to the National Defense Mediation Board Oct. 27 by President Roosevelt, bringing to 41 the number of persons available for service.

Labor representatives named were President S. H. Dalrymple, United Rubber Workers (CIO), Vice-President Herbert Payne, Textile Workers Union (CIO), George Googe, southern representative for the AFL, and Vice-President William A. Calvin, International Brotherhood of Boilermakers & Iron Shipbuilders (AFL).

New public representatives are Dean Wayne L. Morse, University of Oregon law school, President Ernest Hopkins, Dartmouth college, and Francis W. H. Adams, New York attorney.

Employer representatives named were Morris E. Leeds, Leeds & Northrop, Alexander B. MacBeth, Union Oil Co., Frazier D. Mac Iver, Phoenix Hosiery Co., and Frederick S. Fales, Socony-Vacuum.

The board usually sits in panels of three consisting of a representative from each group. Labor representatives from AFL unions usually sit on disputes involving the AFL while CIO members serve on panels considering disputes involving CIO unions.

CIO 462, YALE 143

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (FP)—Maintenance workers at Yale University voted by 462 to 143 for the United Construction Workers Organizing Committee (CIO) in an election conducted by the State Mediation Board.

Guildsmen in City Politics

WILKES-BARRE—Joe Walsh, new member of the International Executive Board, is not the only Wilkes-Barre Guildsman who won in an election last month.

In Pennsylvania primaries, Tom Dugan of the Independent was renominated for alderman in nearby Nanticoke on the Republican ticket. George Williams, Record, although a registered Republican, received a write-in nomination for burgess of Dallas borough on the Democratic ticket. Bruce Blackman, Times-Leader, Evening News, was renominated for school director of nearby Forty Fort.

Wilbert Taylor, Record, was renominated for auditor of Edwardsville. Michael Grace, Record, is an alderman in nearby Pittston.

Sampey Resigns ANG Post

Mills Sampey, ANG organizer in Baltimore, resigned from the national Guild staff last month to leave the way open for someone with a "fresh approach" to complete organization of the Southern local.

Sampey, who had been working in Baltimore since early summer, submitted his resignation to former ANG Executive Vice President Milton Kaufman on Sept. 27, but agreed to remain in office until another organizer could be assigned to replace him.

"I have reached this decision after careful thought and after a thorough review of the situation here," he explained in his letter.

"Despite the splendid opportunity for organization of the Sunpapers and the successes we have had in achieving this, I do not feel nor do the boys here feel that the campaign is going at the tempo it should to overcome the management's counter-campaign.

"Someone with a fresh approach to the problem may be able to give the campaign the increased vigor it seems to lack, consolidate the gains we have made and bring the drive to a rapid and successful conclusion."

During his stay in Baltimore, Sampey led an organizing drive on the Sunpapers which brought approximately 100 new members from commercial departments into the Guild, and recently a growing number of applications from editorial department workers.

John Dunn, International Representative, who recently has been working with Organizer Edward Woods on the Birmingham strike, has gone to Baltimore to continue ANG assistance for the local's campaign.

Hey, brother! Who would another Guildsman see about getting your job? Tell the Placement Service!

MEET THE MAYOR

To their last meeting, New York Guildsmen invited Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia and his Democratic opponent in the current New York mayoralty campaign, District Attorney William O'Dwyer. LaGuardia showed, got the welcome being given above by Guild President Monroe Stern. O'Dwyer didn't make it.

N. Y. Leaders Still Trying for Local Unity

Efforts which have been made for several weeks to achieve by agreement a unity slate for New York Guild officers continued this week, even though two widely divergent groups nominated rival candidates at a meeting of the local's Representative Assembly on Oct. 29.

Negotiations have been under way between pro-administration and anti-administration supporters in the local for more than a month in an attempt to agree upon a division of offices which would prevent an acrimonious election campaign.

At the Oct. 29 meeting, New York Guild President Monroe Stern expressed confidence, despite failure of the negotiations to that date, that before the election a working unity would be achieved.

RYAN WITHDRAWAL OFFERED

Stern offered in the meeting, on behalf of his administration, to withdraw the candidacy of General Organizer Jack Ryan for re-election if the opposition group would agree not to contest re-election of Nat Einhorn, executive secretary. The opposition refused.

Lewis Gannett, of the Herald-Tribune unit, one of the opposition leaders, reported that while "progress" had been made in the unity conferences, he saw no chance for success of the negotiations unless the administration would agree upon a slate of "moderates."

Robert Conway, of the Daily News unit, who has participated in the unity conferences in the role of a non-partisan, told the Representative Assembly that he interpreted Gannett's position as an uncompromising demand for "all or nothing." He said he and others of his mind could not support a ticket composed entirely of "middle of the road" candidates, believing that the Guild could not be built by persons who would so style themselves.

SLATES NOMINATED

The administration group nominated, in the Representative Assembly, Monroe Stern, Journal-American, for re-election as president; John McManus, PM, as first vice president; Max Samuels, Times, as second vice president; Jack Horner, Mirror, as third vice president; Gladys Bentley, Brooklyn Eagle, for re-election as treasurer; Einhorn, for re-election as executive secretary, and Ryan, for re-election as general organizer.

To oppose them, the opposition nominated John Hohenberg, Journal-American, for president; Gannett, Herald-Tribune, for first vice president; Arthur Rosenstock, Bronx Home News, for third vice president, Russ Symonds, News, for treasurer; Metowne, News, for executive secretary, and Jo-

seph Colangelo, Journal-American, for general organizer.

Administration candidates had a majority of about three to one in votes in the Representative Assembly.

Strike ANG Aided Won

KANE, Pa. (FP)—A bitterly fought strike of 13 weeks, to which the ANG had donated funds, ended when the schoolmaster-boss of Holgate Bros. Co. yielded to a union for the first time in the history of the 152-year-old firm.

Some 400 members of the United Paper Novelty and Toy Workers International Union (CIO) are returning to work with wage increases of 8 per cent to 25 per cent, seniority rights, grievance machinery, and a union membership maintenance clause.

Holgate is nationally known for its educational toys. The men and women strikers in this isolated mountain community quickly attracted nationwide support in their fight against $12 wages and firings of union members.

The conflict was another example of the slow process of breaking the resistance of an old fashioned boss. James E. Henretta, who had left his job as supervisor of schools in 1902 to work his way up to eventual control of the brush handle and wood specialty firm, couldn't forget that some of the strikers were once his pupils.

Henretta was puzzled by the demand for more money. The strikers told about the time when one worker asked for a loan to buy a house. "What are you paid?" Henretta asked. "Thirty-one cents an hour." "And how long have you worked here?" "Four years."

Henretta looked up reproachfully. "Do you mean to say you haven't saved enough for a down payment?"

F. D. R. SCORES ACCIDENT WASTE

WASHINGTON (FP)—The staggering wastage of effective manpower due to industrial accidents "seriously slows up plant output today when quick delivery of equipment and supplies is so vitally essential to our security," President Roosevelt wrote Secretary of Labor Francis Perkins last month.

The President's letter, which was read at a meeting of the National Committee for the Conservation of Manpower in Defense Industries, noted that in 1940 close to 1,500,000 man-hours were lost due to work accidents.

"The urgency of our production needs under the defense program cannot but deepen concern" over the disclosure, the President said.

Sign AP Pact Despite Delay

KANSAS CITY—After another futile effort to block signature, a Guild contract for the Kansas City bureau of the Associated Press was signed formally Oct. 22 by Paul R. Mickelson, AP southwestern division news editor, and Ed P. Meisburger, president of the Greater Kansas City Newspaper Guild.

Mickelson initialed the contract Oct. 8 but delayed signing until after the AP managing editors' meeting in Chicago at which he had an opportunity to consult with Kent Cooper, general manager, and Lloyd Stratton, assistant general manager.

Shortly after the initialing, Irvin Fane, an attorney who said he represented a group of AP employes, asked the AP management in New York and Kansas City not to sign a Guild contract on the ground that a "fraud" had been perpetrated on the National Labor Relations Board which on Oct. 2 had recertified the Guild as sole collective bargaining agent for eligible employes in the bureau.

NLRB officials held there had been no fraud as on the date of recertification none of the AP Guild members had rescinded their designation of the Guild as collective bargaining agent.

Apparently as a part of the attempted move to block the signing, five of the seven Guild members who signed a petition questioning the Guild's majority—all five in bad standing for failure to pay dues—and one Guild member in good standing wrote letters of "resignation" to the Guild. The letters were referred to the local executive committee, which later rejected the resignations.

Mickelson told Clif Langsdale, the Guild's local attorney, that he was paying no attention to Fane's letter as he understood when he initialed the contract that he was under obligation to sign it. Furthermore, he had stipulated with the NLRB "to reduce to a written signed agreement any understanding reached" with the Guild.

VIOLENCE INVESTIGATED

WASHINGTON (FP)—Investigation of the second outbreak of anti-union violence in Tennessee in a month was launched by the criminal division of the Department of Justice. Wendell Berge, head of the division, ordered the probe on the basis of an affidavit from Palmer Pinnegar, an organizer for the Amalgamated Clothing Workers (CIO), who outwitted a mob in South Fulton, Tenn.

Dog Catchers Too Have Troubles

BATTLE CREEK—Battle Creek Enquirer and News reporters do make more money than the city dog catcher.

On the basis of published city figures, Battle Creek Guild negotiator Ed Scott, of Detroit, had asserted to management that they didn't. For good measure, Scott said reporters make less than the under-sheriff, too.

"Our reporters do make slightly more than the dog catcher," retorted Managing Editor Hobart Chipman emphatically. "Furthermore, they make more than the under-sheriff."

Chipman neglected to mention that the under-sheriff resigned last week to take a job in a bowling alley.

Negotiations continue.

BIRMINGHAM HAS PARTY, NEW BABY

Roy Howard's Rebels (Birmingham Post strikers) threw a party last week in celebration of the marriage of Birmingham Guild President Harold Helfer and Miss Jo Patnick of Miami. The picketline honeymooners are in the left foreground among the merrymakers ABOVE, LEFT. Post photographer Bill Bennett, who with Striker Clyde Cruse took other pictures on this page, took time out during the party to pose for the shot of himself and Mrs. Bennett at TOP, RIGHT. At the RIGHT is a photo of an "event"—the debut of Shirley Frances Gospodoreck, born Oct. 24 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gospodoreck. Father is a striker. BELOW, RIGHT, are some more of the reasons why strikes occur. They're all junior strikers. ANG International Representative John Dunn (BELOW, LEFT) is shown collaborating with Mrs. Harriet Dunn over some strike publicity shortly before leaving Birmingham last month for organizing work in Baltimore.

PHONY LABOR PAPER EXPOSED BY NLRB

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (FP) — A "labor paper" that for years has been smearing both CIO and AFL unions in the south has been formally unmasked before the NLRB here as a tool of anti-union employers, one of whom testified under oath that he had bought block subscriptions for his workers to the tune of $2,291.

The paper, called Progressive Labor, is published by Sam Scandlyn, who was reported in Florida when sought by an agent of the NLRB with a subpena.

Progressive Labor was widely distributed as a special edition in a recent strike of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers (CIO) against the Magnet Mills, Inc., of Clinton, Tenn. That issue attacked the hosiery union and its leaders in the most vicious terms.

In addition the paper was widely used in the strike of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union (AFL) at the Standard Knitting Mills here and in a number of other recent strikes.

Hearst Must Return Papers' $7,000,000

William Randolph Hearst or corporations he controls must return approximately $7,000,000 to Hearst newspaper enterprises from which that sum was improperly siphoned, as a result of a California Superior Court verdict handed down in Los Angeles on Oct. 23.

The judgment establishes a formula for computing the exact amount to be restored to the properties but does not attempt the computation. The estimate of $7,000,000 was made by A. J. Isserman of Newark, general counsel for the American Newspaper Guild and a leader in the legal battery which won the verdict.

Most of the money will eventually benefit the finances of newspapers owned by Hearst Consolidated and its subsidiary Hearst Publications, Inc. Included among those papers are the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner, the San Francisco Examiner and Call-Bulletin, Oakland Post-Enquirer, New York Journal-American and Sunday American, Chicago Herald-American, Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph, Detroit Times, San Antonio Light, and Baltimore News-Post.

The American Weekly also will be a beneficiary.

SUIT LASTED 3 YEARS

The verdict, handed down by Judge Clement L. Shinn, climaxed more than three years of litigation in state courts of New York and California and in United States court in Delaware. Petitioners in all of the actions were holders of the "7 per cent preferred" stock in Hearst Consolidated Publications which Hearst pushed onto employes and the public some years ago.

Isserman represented a former Hearst employe, Sidney Gans, in the court action.

Isserman said that the judgment rendered was for "about the smallest possible amount that could have been expected." Approximately $40,000,000 was claimed by the petitioners.

Judge Shinn gave his decision in the form of a memorandum of 222 pages which yet has not been analyzed by the lawyers.

AWARD DETAILED

Isserman was advised, however, by his associates in Los Angeles, that the court ordered return to Hearst Consolidated Publications of approximately $1,500,000 distributed in unlawful dividends on common stock; about $4,000,000 gained by Hearst when American Newspapers, Inc., transferred its papers in San Antonio, Atlanta and Baltimore to Consolidated at an inflated price; $600,000 for interest on Consolidated funds borrowed by Hearst or his personal companies, and about $450,000 by which Hearst unlawfully profited in purchase and sale of Consolidated stock.

The court's findings of unlawful diversion of profits and assets of the newspaper operating companies to holding companies recalled often repeated contentions by Guild contract negotiators that profit-and-loss statements and balance sheets of individual newspaper companies in the Hearst chain bear small relation to the companies' abilities to meet Guild wage demands.

Paper In K.C. Sold

KANSAS CITY — The Kansas City Journal, bearer in the evening field of the 88-year-old name of a former morning paper, was sold last month by the estate of Henry L. Doherty to a Washington and Kansas City group headed by Harry Newman, magazine editor and writer and former insurance executive.

Newman announced that he hoped to enlarge the unusually small staff of the Journal.

A front page announcement of advent of the new management, under Newman's byline, indicated that the paper will continue its support of the Roosevelt administration but said that "we have no axe to grind—we are conducting no crusade—and we aren't very mad at anybody."

That Newman intends to carry out an announced policy of criticizing the New Deal when "the occasion warrants" was substantiated by the closing paragraphs of his editorial. After saying that "we" like Kansas City and even the Kansas City Star, he added:

"We do not like the weather we have been having, nor Harold Ickes."

Present executives are being retained.

The Journal has been in financial straits for many years. Despite the handicap of that fact, the Kansas City Guild, the bulk of the membership of which is the Journal staff, has materially improved wages and working conditions and is now conducting an organizing campaign among Star employes.

CO-OP LEAGUE LAUNCHES DRIVE

INDIANAPOLIS (FP) — A new application of the dollar-a-year man idea is being tried by the Cooperative League of the U.S.A., which is launching a nationwide drive to raise $50,000 for radio publicity.

The league is seeking contributions from 50,000 cooperative members at $1 each, but $10-a-year volunteers will not be spurned. Purpose of the fund is to tell the story of cooperatives to Americans who have not yet discovered the advantages of cooperation.

Up to the present, it was pointed out by the league, individual members of cooperative groups have made no contribution to the national movement other than 5 cent annual dues paid through regional associations. The radio publicity plan offers a new channel for cooperators interested in educating their neighbors.

The projected radio programs, paralleling similar efforts of progressive labor groups in many sections of the U. S., were approved at a quarterly meeting of the Cooperative League board, held here. For the first time the board met jointly with the boards of National Cooperatives, Inc., and United Cooperatives, a procedure that will be followed in the future.

AS OTHERS SEE IT

This cartoon, drawn by Guildsman Walt Partymiller for Federated Press, was reprinted by so many dozens of labor papers throughout the country as almost to constitute, in their very number, editorial comment on the opinion labor holds of the daily press.

Election Losers Pledge Full Aid to New ANG Officers

Defeated candidates, Guild locals, and individual members throughout the nation joined last week in pledging their fullest cooperation to the newly elected officers and International Executive Board of the American Newspaper Guild.

Promises of unity and support came to the national offices in New York by telegram, letter and telephone—all agreeing that now, as never before, Guildsmen must work together for the advancement of their union.

"I, and I am sure all West Coast Guildsmen, pledge full, active working support to the new officers and board of the American Newspaper Guild," wired Philip M. Connelly, retiring vice president. "A unified organization is now more necessary than ever before in history of the Guild. I shall work to that end."

Connelly, who did not run for re-election, is president of the California CIO and secretary of the Los Angeles Industrial Union Council.

"Guild's record for progressive unionism, its contractual achievements, its great democratic tradition, provide a common ground for unity which no election campaigns can undermine. Congratulations to our new officers, whom I support wholeheartedly for future ANG progress," was the greeting of Don Pinkston, another retiring vice president.

Other pledges of support coming into national headquarters included:

Executive Committee, St. Louis Guild:—"We pledge our sincere cooperation to the new officers of the ANG, and reaffirm our adherence to the successful policies and program of the Guild.

"As one of the most successful locals of the ANG, we take pride in our record of unity and achievement. Undivided attention to the jobs of organizing and negotiating will bring continued progress here and throughout the American Newspaper Guild. The task of building a sound trade union leaves no time for dissension. Let us go forward, strong and united."

Julius H. Klyman, defeated candidate for vice president: — "The important business of the American Newspaper Guild now is to give complete support to its new officers in vigorously carrying out the policies laid down by the Detroit convention. As a member of the IEB for five years and as a candidate in the recent election, let me say for myself that I will of course do all in my power to practice ably what I preach."

Milwaukee Guild:—"Be it resolved, That the Milwaukee Newspaper Guild pledge its full support to the new administration of the American Newspaper Guild on the basis of trade union unity . . . closer unity with the AFL unions within the newspaper industry . . . defense of democratic liberties by full support of the national government, the governments allied with Great Britain, China and Russia in the fight against aggressor nations . . . continued and militant leadership of the American Newspaper Guild."

Indianapolis Guild:—The Indianapolis Guild October membership meeting ordered that its secretary write letters of congratulation and pledges of cooperation to each member of the new IEB, urging that no present Guild employes be "purged" until better men are found and reminding the new IEB of the convention order for a committee to study moving international headquarters to the Midwest.

Harrisburg Guild: — "Whereas it is the duty of all good Guildsmen who supported the defeated slate to cooperate to the fullest with the new administration, and whereas the Harrisburg Guild offers its heartiest and unanimous congratulations to the new officers and pledges its complete support to them . . . be it resolved that the Harrisburg Guild urges the new administration to retain the services of valuable representatives and organizers, particularly H. Richard Seller and Charles L. Whipple."

Frank Laro of San Antonio Guild: — "Although I supported sincerely the defeated candidates in our recent election, may I add my voice to what must be a rising chorus demanding unity in our union? Let the bitterness of the campaign be forgotten. Let us all unite in making the Guild a union representative of all its membership. Let us cooperate with the new officers of our union. Let us keep it a union always. I can speak, I think, for the chapter of which I am a member, small but progressive, in saying we will do our part."

Other retiring officers had extended congratulations and pledges of cooperation to the new officers earlier. President Donal M. Sullivan, Executive Vice President Milton Kaufman, and Secretary-Treasurer Victor Pasche issued a joint statement even before the election returns were formally tabulated on Oct. 16, promising "our sincere and unqualified support" in efforts of the new officers to carry out Guild policies.

Pressmen Strike Time Magazine

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (FP)—"Time" stood still here when 20 employes of the Southwest News Co. walked out just as the magazine Time reached the loading dock to be picked up for distribution to newsstands.

Truck drivers and helpers refused to handle the magazine because of the strike, which was called by inside workers, for recognition of their union, the Printing Pressmen's and Assistants' Union (AFL).

Free Press Wants Free Air--But What Does 'Free' Mean?

By FRANK RYHLICK
Washington Newspaper Guild

IN a steel filing cabinet on the top floor of the Post Office Department building in Washington, there are 15 bound volumes of rather extraordinary transcript.

The pleasant, quiet young woman in charge of the files asks you not to step past the railing which separates them from the rest of the room. "It's against the rules, you know," she says, a bit embarrassed and apologetic. "If you'll sit down at a desk out there, I'll bring you whatever you want."

This is the Docket Room of the Federal Communications Commission. The bound volumes contain testimony and exhibits introduced at the prolonged hearings to investigate newspaper control of radio stations. Only one set of the volumes is available to press or public, and it is carefully protected. Big, affable George O. Gillingham, who had the difficult job of handling TVA publicity in the days before the Aluminum Company of America needed a lot of cheap power, and who is now Director of Information for the FCC, can't even get a set for his own use.

The care taken of the transcript typifies the importance which the FCC attaches to the hearings. And the hearings are important; tremendously so. They are dealing with the two mediums of expression that exert the greatest influence on American public opinion. A Government investigation of radio and press control would be of vital interest at any time, but today, when the democratic forces of the world are uniting in the struggle against Fascism, it assumes vastly increased significance.

This makes more disturbing the fact that an overwhelming majority of the newspapers and such publications as Editor & Publisher are virtually boycotting the hearings. Now and then a few paragraphs appear in some papers, but they usually report testimony favorable to newspaper ownership of radio stations. Notable exceptions are the St. Louis Star-Times and the ultra-conservative Washington Evening Star.

FOR newspaper workers, the hearings have two-fold interest. There is the question as to what effect divorcement of press from radio, or further merger of the two, would have on job opportunities. And there is the broader concern of organized newspaper men and women who have a major stake in preserving and winning for labor every possible means of bringing its views before the nation.

As to the first question, such evidence as is now available substantiates the natural supposition that ownership of a radio station by a newspaper usually results in employes of the newspaper performing considerable radio work. In several instances where radio stations have been set up independent of local papers, newspapermen have secured jobs.

There is also to be considered the effect upon the prosperity of newspapers of competition for advertising by radio. The potential overnight addition of a host of new radio stations on the FM bands to the ranks of advertising media is disturbing newspaper publishers, mightily.

The question of labor's interest in the radio and press as publicity channels requires consideration of the history of the relationship between the two, and the economic base of both.

Publishers have regarded the radio with fear and distrust ever since its first, meteoric development in the early 20's. They were afraid it would take away advertising revenue and eventually threaten to replace daily newspapers.

FCC records show that the publishers had reason for their fears.

In 1922, there were 30 broadcasting stations and 400,000 radio sets in the United States. There were 2,033 newspapers, with a circulation of 29,680,328. Latest figures for 1941 reveal a total of 882 broadcasting stations and 50,000,000 radio sets, including about 8,000,000 radios in automobiles. There are 1,877 newspapers today, with a circulation of 41,009,258.

Radio is gaining on newspaper.

Advertising expenditures are even more indicative. In 1928, $760,000,000 was spent on newspaper advertising and $20,000,000 on radio. The following year, newspapers reached a high in advertising revenue of $800,000,000, while radio advertising rose to $40,000,000. In 1940, $545,000,000 of advertising money went to newspapers, and $200,000,000 went to radio stations.

Newspaper advertising revenue had increased only $95,000,000 from a depression low of $450,000,000. In the corresponding period, radio almost trebled its revenue.

WASHINGTON—Irving Brant, editorial writer for the St. Louis Star-Times and member of the St. Louis Guild, recommended to the Federal Communications Commission Oct. 23 that newspapers be excluded from the new frequency modulation field of radio broadcasting and that newspaper ownership of standard frequency stations be reduced as much as possible.

Brant spoke as a witness in the hearing being conducted by the FCC in preparation for formulation of policies which will govern the granting of commercial licenses for FM station. Scores of newspaper owners have applied for licenses.

"As a broad general proposition," Brant said, "I think common ownership of publishing and broadcasting facilities is undesirable. "I think you ought to have the greatest amount of diversity you can get."

At the conclusion of Brant's testimony, Chairman James L. Fly adjourned the hearing until Nov. 18.

Radio Has Gained In "Reader Interest," Too

RADIO, of course, has not yet replaced newspapers to any considerable extent as far as the reading public is concerned, but it has made inroads and television and the facsimile printer, which reproduces a newspaper in the home, are signposts on the road to the future.

A survey by *Fortune Magazine* in 1939 showed that 63.8 per cent of the persons contacted depended on newspapers for their news, and 25.4 per cent dependcd on radio. By income groups, 70.7 per cent of the "upper" class got all their news from the press, compared to 58.1 per cent of the working class.

Fortune reported that 38.3 per cent of all persons believed that newspapers handled news more accurately, while 38 per cent leaned to radio. The rest were impartial or couldn't make up their minds.

All of which indicates there are no great public illusions about the impartiality of either medium.

When radio was still in the infancy of its mass appeal, publishers fought it bitterly, refusing even to mention broadcasts in their columns. Later, with the well-known tactics of joining a foe that can't be beaten, they began investing heavily in the radio field.

The American Newspaper Publishers Association, according to FCC records, made a deal with the NBC and CBS systems to limit news broadcasts to two 5-minute periods daily. This combine was broken by Transradio Press, an independent company, which promptly incurred violent publisher wrath.

Newspapers refused for awhile to list stations serviced by the newcomer. But even at the outset this position was tempered by discretion. WOR, one of the big New York stations, used the Transradio Press service and its programs were always listed. The reason for this was explained to the FCC by Hearst representative Joseph Connolly, who made quite an impression at the hearing by the refined and delicate manner in which he handled a very difficult subject.

"The New York newspapers," he said, "continued to print the programs of WOR—and they continued to print the publicity of WOR. It is pointed out that there is an embarrassment in this particular situation because WOR is owned by Macy's. . . ."

Newspaper Owners Own Third of Radio Stations

THE 1940 report of the radio committee of the American Newspaper Publishers Association declared that newspaper interests were "identified with the ownership" of 261 out of 814 standard radio stations. A report by the FCC on the same subject last March 19 stated:

"In the field of standard broadcast, more than one-third of the existing stations are now identified with newspapers to a greater or lesser extent. At least 100 standard broadcast stations are owned by publishers with more than one newspaper and more than one radio station connection.

"In more than 90 localities the only radio outlet is in the hands of the only local newspaper."

This was the picture when frequency modulation opened up a field for about 700 stations in a new high frequency band.

Newspaper interests stampeded immediately for the new field. Among the first applicants were the *Chicago Tribune*, *Detroit News*, *Worcester Telegram*, *St. Louis Star-Times*, *Winston-Salem Journal*, and the *Milwaukee Journal*. Out of 99 applicants for FM licenses as of June 30, 1941. 43 were newspaper interests.

This gave the FCC the opportunity to announce the present hearings into the advisability of newspaper control of radio stations. Said the FCC officially:

"At this time, when the FM field is just beginning to open up, the opportunity is presented for an evaluation of policy without impairment to existing investments."

Chairman James Lawrence Fly added at the opening of the hearings:

"I would like to emphasize that the purpose of these hearings is to inform the Commission. No conclusions or opinions have been formulated by the Commission. The facts and circumstances which will be developed in these hearings may lead us to the conclusion that no rules or policies whatsoever need to be developed. Or they may lead us to the conclusion that recommendations to Congress should be made, and the problem handled by way of legislation. Or we may conclude that certain policies or regulations can and should be developed within the jurisdiction already committed to us by Congress."

Without in any way challenging this official explanation, certain supplemental facts should be added.

It is no secret that the New Deal group in the Administration, of which Chairman Fly is an active member, cherishes little love for most American newspapers. Over 90 per cent of the papers outside the solid South opposed Roosevelt in his last two campaigns. This group has long witnessed with alarm the steady penetration of newspaper interests into the radio field.

The FCC has left little doubt about its opinion of this trend in a number of specific cases, invariably denying licenses to newspapers where there was another well-qualified applicant asking for the same facilities. In favoring a non-newspaper applicant for a station at Port Huron, Mich., the Commission explained that its action was taken because it would afford the community "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 the area."

New Dealers Dislike Press Control of Radio

IN private conversations, the New Dealers are perfectly frank about their aversion to press control of the new FM stations. The newspaper publishers know this, of course. They unsuccessfully challenged the right of the FCC even to hold the hearings and have signified their readiness to wage a full fight at every step.

Some have suggested that the FCC contemplates the use of its licensing power to put pressure on the editorial policies of newspapers.

This thought may be in the minds of FCC members, but there is no evidence of the fact.

Any newspaper applying for an FM license would naturally ponder the effect of its editorial policy on the application, but it is somewhat unrealistic to assume that this factor would stack up very high in the general newspaper field against the other pressures which control editorial policy.

It is true that FCC investigators are probing into the newspaper industry with extreme thoroughness. Chairman Fly attempted to assure the industry on this point.

"The Commission," he said, "does not, of course, contemplate any action with respect to the newspaper industry apart from its relationship to broadcasting. Evidence as to the internal workings of the newspapers will be adduced therefore only insofar as it throws light upon the relationship which has existed or should exist between the broadcast and newspaper industries."

This limitation could encompass a little or a great deal. It seems likely to be very broadly interpreted. Before the hearing is over, the Commission is expected to place in the record complete documentation of the direct and indirect control exerted over most newspapers by business and financial interests.

But if, as has also been suggested, the FCC has any thought of using the investigation to prepare the public mind for drastic future instead of present action on press control of radio stations, and thus wield continuing influence over newspaper policies, the strategy is not a brilliant success—for the press is seeing to it that there is remarkably little preparation of the public mind on anything concerning the subject.

The hearings, which began July 23, were adjourned Oct. 24 until Nov. 13. They will continue at least another month after that, but it's a good bet now that out of them strict regulations will be proposed to prevent press penetration into the FM field and future acquisiton of standard broadcast stations by newspapers.

Such regulations, however, would not be a panacea for freedom of the air, or a guarantee that labor would have a fair opportunity to state its case. It must be recognized that non-newspaper as well as newspaper-controlled radio stations are subject to the influence of business, industrial, and finance capital.

Radio is as much big business today as is the newspaper. The only difference is that labor or other groups which feel they have been treated unfairly by a broadcast may petition the FCC for equal time to reply. Frequently, time is given, but testimony in the hearings reveals that labor has long been dissatisfied with treatment received from the FCC.

Allan S. Haywood, organization director of the CIO, put into the record a copy of the report on radio broadcasting unanimously adopted by the 1940 CIO convention. It read, in part:

". . . Unfortunately, the Federal Communications Commission, up to this date, has declined to take affirmative action to protect freedom of speech on the air. Protests to the Commission from various CIO bodies have met with refusal to act. It is the opinion of this Committee that the Commission has full power under existing law to take action to protect the freedom of speech on the air."

FCC Negligent Where Labor Rights Concerned

STATIONS declining to sell radio time to labor unions usually take refuge in the code of the National Association of Broadcasters, which recommends refusal to sell time for broadcasts on "controversial" issues.

Although the code has no legal foundation, it has proved very convenient. Stations may give free time under it, but the amount given is small compared to that which labor has requested or is willing to buy. Haywood charged that when protests are carried to the FCC, the Commission "almost uniformly" takes the position that under its interpretation of its powers it cannot intervene.

"It is our contention," he said, "that a less restricted interpretation of the spirit and intent of the Federal Communications Act would reveal that your Commission has the power to act to protect the freedom of speech on the air, as it affects labor; and that if your powers still prove insufficient to cope with the evils and abuses complained of, your Commission itself should seek amendments to the Act which would definitely prohibit discrimination and provide for summary procedure to deal with such cases of discrimination as arise."

Instance after instance of discrimination was cited in the CIO testimony. Last Spring the Transport Workers Union, engaged in a struggle to defend collective bargaining rights on the subways, attempted to buy radio time to offset the hostile press. WINS, controlled by Hearst's New York Journal-American and the New Yrok Daily Mirror, advised the union it was "not interested" in selling time. A month later, in May, the union asked again to buy time for a series of broadcasts and offered to pay for additional time for presentation of the other side of the dispute by the Board of Transportation.

The manager of WINS replied that "previous commitments prevent us from placing our facilities at your disposal at the hour requested"—although in its latest request the union had not specified a definite hour. After considerable stalling, the station also refused to give any free time. The Transport Workers Union reported a similar experience with Station WNEW, associated with the Paterson Morning Call.

Yelverton Cowherd, CIO Regional Director in Birmingham, advised his national headquarters in response to a radio questionnaire sent to all CIO unions that Station WAPI, Columbia outlet, "has resisted every effort we have made to broadcast over the station . . . either on paid time, or free time."

Perhaps the most dramatic story involves Hearst-controlled KYA in San Francisco (GR, Oct. 1, 1941). In 1938, the CIO signed a two-year contract with KYA and the nightly *"Labor on the Air"* program became a trail-blazer in union broadcasting. Shipowners, the Chamber of Commerce and advertisers generally began to protest.

Correspondence between E. M. Stoer, then General Manager of Hearst Radio, and John S. Brooks, then head of American Newspapers, Inc., was placed into the FCC hearing record. In one letter, Stoer called *"Labor on the Air"* the station's "only dangerous program." To the FCC, he defined a dangerous program as one "which would tend to interfere with the revenue of the station."

Clarence Lindler, publisher of the *San Francisco Examiner*, likewise wrote a letter protesting the program. "The feeling against this stuff is getting intense," he complained. "Even advertisers are restive about it." KYA consulted a lawyer as to the possibility of breaking its contract with the CIO, but was advised against the attempt.

Then, the AFL was persuaded to buy time immediately after the CIO program, in the hope, as Hearst executives said, that this would "show conflict in the labor movement, which would be a decided advantage." But the AFL centered its fire on anti-labor employes. Next, the National Association of Manufacturers was contacted to put on a program extolling business virtue, but a preview of the program disgusted Publisher Lindler. He wrote:

"A combination of the CIO and the AFL each raising hell with business on KYA cannot be offset by any powder puff program suggested by the NAM."

Finally the AFL was forced off the air and the station refused to renew the CIO program.

The United Automobile Workers tried to sponsor broadcasts over Station WWJ in Detroit, but was able to obtain only one broadcast in two years. This station is controlled by the Detroit News.

Many more examples could be cited, but they would only be repetitive.

An evaluation of the testimony indicates that anti-labor newspapers transmit their bias to their radio programs; that more cases of labor discrimination by newspaper-controlled stations were reported, but that discrimination is by no means confined to newspaper-controlled stations; that the FCC itself has failed to convince labor that it is doing its best to assure unions access to broadcasting facilities; that the immediate result of denying FM stations to newspapers would be to prevent further direct monopolistic control of the two mediums.

There have been proposals that labor buy some of the new FM stations when they become available. The cost of a station in a large city would be about $20,000. Unions financially able to do so undoubtedly will consider these proposals seriously. But for Newspaper Guild members and the great bulk of organized workers the most practical course at the moment seems to be to support militantly, through pressure on the FCC and Congress, the CIO fight for equality on the air channels. A full and free voice for labor would add immeasurable power to the fight against Fascism. It would be heard throughout the world without short wave transmission.

THIS COMPARISON WORRIES NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS

Behind the scenes in the minds of many newspaper owners fighting to maintain and extend their control in radio broadcasting in the future that this comparison portends. At left is a section of one of the fastest newspaper press batteries in the world—that of the New York Daily News. At right, decoratively housed in the walnut cabinet atop

the album case, is the newest radio facsimile-printer developed by RCA-Victor. It turns out three letter-size pages of print and pictures per hour—not as fast as the Daily News press, but the printed news is in your living room when it's printed. Some day the baby may kill the giant.

AND ANOTHER HEADACHE

This is the NBC television studio in action, working constantly to perfect still another rival for the attention of newspaper readers and the dollars of advertisers. Commercial programs now are being regularly broadcast and one Guild member recently got a job as newscaster on a sponsored television program. Appearance and voice are as important as editorial ability on this job.

Pioneer Member Dies in California

LOS ANGELES—James Lanphear, former Los Angeles Guild vice president and currently its sergeant-at-arms, died Oct. 26 in the Los Angeles California Lutheran hospital after a brief illness.

Known and universally loved throughout all ranks of Los Angeles newspaper workers, and particularly respected and honored in the Guild in which he was a pioneer and untiring worker, his death was a severe blow to the Los Angeles Guild.

"Jimmy" was a promotion artist who was a master of his craft, but among his fellow work-

JAMES LANPHEAR

ers it was as a friend and fighting Guildsman that he was best known and will be most missed.

EARLY ORGANIZER

It was he who, in the early days of the Guild, organized virtually single-handed the transportation department of the Herald & Express, thus assuring the first plant-wide contract in the entire Hearst chain.

He fought diligently and well to preserve his principles and concepts. Friend and opponent alike felt the sting of his quiet manner when he felt that they were doing something which was against the best interests of the Guild.

In poor health for a number of years, and recognizing the price that he might be called upon to pay, he still worked hard in the Guild. It was after the first contract was signed on the Herald & Express and he was elected local vice president that he suffered the first penalty of his efforts with a nervous breakdown.

KNEW OF DANGER

He withdrew from activity for a time but his love of the Guild led him back into the fight.

While Jimmy had spent better than 16 years in newspaper work on the Herald, two breaks in his service to enter private fields, from which he soon returned to his first love, cut to eight and a half years his severance pay service time.

He is survived by his widow and five-year-old son, Brian.

Funeral services were held Oct. 28. Executives and fellow workers served as pall-bearers, with all local Guildsmen serving as honorary pall-bearers.

PRICES STILL RISING

NEW YORK (FP)—Living costs in the U. S. have climbed 9.1 per cent since the outbreak of war in 1939, the National Industrial Conference Board reported Oct. 17. The figure was based on data of Sept. 15.

AMONG OURSELVES

Secretary-Treasurer WILLIAM RODGERS and Mrs. Rodgers are expecting a family addition in January. Mrs. Rodgers will remain in Washington until after the arrival; Rodgers will commute from New York on weekends.

BETH UNGERLEIDER and RICHARD H. ROFFMAN were married recently. Roffman has been a member of the New York Journal-American editorial staff for eight years.

ALLAN STEWART, AP reporter, has been transferred from San Francisco to New York, where he will make use on the Latin-American desk of his Spanish-speaking ability.

DEWITT HENRY, former president of the Monroe Guild, now has a share in a Monroe weekly paper.

WALLY LINDEMAN, of the Minneapolis Star-Journal, boasts his second daughter.

CHARLES McFADDEN, of the Minneapolis Star-Journal picture desk, has married DONNA VAN FOSSEN of Des Moines.

ELWOOD MAUNDER, Minneapolis Star-Journal reporter, wed MARGARET FORNELL. They went honeymooning to the west coast by plane.

Into the armed forces: GEORGE RICE, copy desk, Minneapolis Star-Journal, aviation; DONALD BRAMAN, picture desk, Minneapolis Star-Journal, aviation; GAIL BORDEN, former managing editor, Chicago Times, aviation.

Ferargil Galleries, New York, last month presented a one-man exhibit of paintings of the Maine coast by DE HIRSH MARGULES, district reporter for the New York City News Association.

DORIS BALL, Life magazine photo researcher, was featured as a model for clothes for career girls in the September issue of Glamour magazine.

MARY ELLEN GREEN, formerly New York Post police reporter, has a story in the same issue of the same magazine on how to get a government job. Picture, too.

ROLLIN EVERETT, Cincinnati Guildsman, has become a father for the fourth time. It's a third girl for the Everetts.

JOHN ACKELMIRE, assistant city editor of the Cincinnati Post, has joined the Washington staff of William J. Donovan, U. S. Coordinator of Information.

CHARLES ROBERT DIMKE, formerly of the Cleveland Press and Orlando, Fla., Sentinel-Star, now a Cadet Lieutenant in the air corps was presented a sabre as the outstanding member of his cadet class at Cochran field, Air Corps basic flying school.

A son (second) was born recently to FRANK DOSSE, Minneapolis Star-Journal rewrite man and unit treasurer.

DAN OAVANAGH, AP wire editor at San Francisco, has been called to active duty by the Navy Reserve, with the rank of Lieutenant.

RUSS NEWLAND, AP sports editor at San Francisco, and four other California newspapermen—ROGER WILLIAMS, NELSON CULLENWARD, ARTHUR ROSENBAUM and ROBERT LAKE, recently defeated a team of Australian journalists in an international golf driving contest conducted by mail. The Californians averaged 250 yards, 2 feet, compared to 208 4/5 yards for the Australians.

EDWARD CLARKE, one of the three Chicago Guildsmen who founded "Labor Today," magazine which digests labor reporting and features, has become promotion manager of U. S. Week, also published in Chicago.

LOU WURGAFT, Newark Sunday Call advertising solicitor, has a new daughter.

IRA HENRY FREEMAN, New York Guildsman, has a story in the November-December issue of Story Magazine.

ALBERT E. SONN, Newark Sunday Call radio editor who took part in the first broadcast from WJZ, then in Newark, 20 years ago, was a guest on the station's twentieth anniversary program Oct. 5. He read from the original script he used two decades back.

SHELDON C. WINTERMUTE has resigned the editorship of the weekly Wilkes-Barre Herald and has returned to the Record editorial staff. Wintermute and HOWARD DAVIS of the Sunday Independent were named deputy wardens in charge of publicity for the trial blackout held in the area Oct. 10. JERRY MacCORMACK, sports editor of the former Evening News, has been named head of the news department of WBAX . . . He also conducts two sponsored daily local news programs.

Two active Great Falls Guild members, AL RAYMOND, former Guild president, and FRED J. MARTIN, for several years Guild secretary and at present a board member, have changed jobs. Raymond, reporter on the Tribune and Leader for the last nine years, is new city editor of the Tribune, succeeding LOUIE SINIFF, who resigned to open a sporting goods store. Martin, reporter on the Leader and later associate editor of the Montana Farmer, now is public relations director for the state organization for U. S. defense savings.

RICHARD F. HARKNETT, former night city editor of the Flushing (N. Y.) Journal and chairman of the Guild unit which joined the printers in a seven-month strike against the publisher of that newspaper in 1937, is the candidate of the town Fusion and Democratic parties for Justice of the Peace in Huntington, L. I. Harknett is now managing editor of The Suffolk Bulletin.

WALLACE ASHLEY, Bergen County courthouse reporter for the Hudson Dispatch (Union City, N. J.), resigned this job to go to the editorial staff of the Newark Evening News. Ashley has transferred his membership to the Newark Guild and in so doing quit as treasurer of the Hudson County Guild local. MARTIN GATELY, member of the Jersey Journal (Jersey City) unit, was elected by the local to fill the vacancy created by Ashley's transfer.

BOSTON PRESIDENT

GEORGE HARRIS

Roadman Heads Boston Guild

BOSTON—George A. Harris, veteran circulation roadman for the Record-American and Advertiser (Hearst), has been elected president of the Newspaper Guild of Boston without opposition. He is the first non-editorial member to head the Boston Guild.

Harris has worked for the local Hearst papers for 15 years and now is in charge of circulation in Eastern Massachusetts.

Other officers elected are Donald B. Willard, Globe, vice president; Henry W. Harris, Globe, secretary, and Frank McVarish, Herald-Traveler, treasurer.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED BY LAKE SUPERIOR

DULUTH—The Lake Superior Newspaper Guild has elected Gustaf A. Nordin, head of the local in its early history, as president for 1941-42. Nordin is a staff writer for the Duluth Herald and News-Tribune.

Other new officers are Clark Kennedy, Herald-Trib advertising department, vice president; and Clarence N. Anderson, Herald-Trib staff writer, treasurer. A secretary is yet to be elected.

Retiring officers are Joseph Erspamer, president; Lloyd V. Gustafson, vice president; Thomas Morrow, secretary, and Gladys Peterson, treasurer.

On the new executive board are the 1941-42 officers and Thomas Morrow, Gladys Peterson, Jack Watson and Joseph Erspamer, representing the Herald-Trib unit, and Siinto Wessman, chairman of the Superior, Wis., Telegram unit.

**KNOW OF A JOB?
DON'T FORGET
GUILD PLACEMENT SERVICE!**

News Unions Organize

DENVER—Steps toward organization of a Denver Council of Newspaper Unions were taken Oct. 12 when delegates representing six unions met informally and discussed the proposal from many angles.

William Tanner, president of ITU Local No. 49, who was named temporary chairman, and William Voigt, Jr., Guild executive committeeman, were appointed a committee to draft a declaration of principles which will be submitted at another meeting to be held about November 1.

Representatives of the Guild, the printers, the pressmen, the stereotypers, the photo-engravers, and the mailers were present.

The delegates were of the unanimous opinion that unity of purpose and co-ordination of action by the newspaper unions—long advocated by Tanner and others interested in the Denver movement—would strengthen the position of the unions.

Despite this unanimity of opinion, the delegates recognized and discussed at length undesirable possibilities which could develop and lessen the efficiency of such an organization unless the council was perfected with safeguards for the locals and for the international bodies to which they are bound.

The group had, as a starting point for discussions, a copy of the constitution of the Pittsburgh Newspaper Unions Council.

At termination of the session, Tanner and others expressed conviction that the framework had been built for a device capable of facing effectively the close coordination which has been achieved in contract and negotiation matters by managements of the two Denver dailies—the independent Post and the Scripps-Howard Rocky Mountain News.

N. Y. PUBLISHERS SEEK PRINTERS' WAGE CUT

The negotiating committee of the New York Typographical Union, after many meetings with representatives of the New York Newspaper Publishers Association, reported to a union membership meeting on Oct. 19 that the publishers had rejected demands for increased wage rates. Instead, the committee reported, the publishers proposed a reduction in hourly rates and an increase in shift hours. The members rejected the publishers' proposal.

OUR DAILY BREAD

"Sometimes I think Davenport drives the men a bit too hard."

It Seems to Us . . .

Guild members in good standing may here discuss anything connected with the Guild, the labor movement, or the newspaper industry that interests them. Letters exceeding 350 words are subject to editing to reduce them to that length.

IN DEFENSE OF PUBLISHER COX

Maneuver Area, First Army
Public Relations Division,
Camden, So. Carolina.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

In the September 15th issue of the Reporter you reproduce a headline, "Garfield (Goldstein) Linked With Reds," from the Dayton News that, among other taints, purports to show the publisher's anti-Semitism.

While I have no desire to defend or excuse this odorous headline, it is obvious to all those familiar with former Gov. Cox's record that your charge of "anti-Semitism" is untrue and absurd.

You could easily have verified that there has never been the slightest discrimination against Jewish employes on any of the Cox papers. In Dayton, for example, Sports Editor Si Burick—who virtually grew up on the paper—is the son of an orthodox rabbi. The Sunday editor, likewise, has never found his religion a barrier to promotion during almost two decades on The News. Jewish employes, in fact, have always comprised a much greater ratio than Dayton's Jewish population. And it is almost traditional that any cause affecting racial or religious minorities will have the Cox papers' support plus the publisher's own time and financial contribution.

So why allow one fool caption-writer's gripe to distort the plain facts? Your wholly unwarranted attack simply will not stand up in the light of Mr. Cox's exemplary record of tolerance and life-long interest in the welfare of minority groups.

HARRY S. BRESSLER,
New York Guild.

WANTS KAUFMAN AS NEGOTIATOR

NEW YORK.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

Although strongly opposed to the extreme radical views of our former administration, I believe, with my fellow unit member, Robert Conway, that the Guild should not lose the services as a negotiator of Milton Kaufman. I therefore join with Mr. Conway in suggesting that the Guild appoint Kaufman as a paid organizer and negotiator.

BROMLEY GRAY.

20,000 At Russian Aid Rally

By Federated Press

Russian War Relief made its formal debut here with a benefit performance that packed Madison Square Garden and netted $175,000.

Joseph E. Davies, former ambassador to Russia, made the major address, speaking publicly for the first time since he returned from Moscow. He spiked the talk of a Russian truce with Hitler by declaring:

"The Soviet government has made a definite commitment to England, Poland and its other Allies that it will fight to the end. That word of honor the Soviet government will keep. Every Russian man, woman and child would rather die a Slav than live a slave to a Teuton master.

"For 25 years the word of the Soviet Union in every commercial transaction in which it has been engaged has been as good as their bond. Its credit has been of the highest; every financial obligation it has met scrupulously on or before the due date.

"Russia will continue to fight, in front of Moscow, behind Moscow, between the Volga and the Urals, behind the Urals, and behind the German lines. Russia needs tanks and planes, Russia needs food and strategic metals, Russia needs help and encouragement—but above all, Russia needs friendship and understanding . . .

"Neither Stalin nor his lieutenants wished this war. They did not begin it. They did not declare it. They made every possible effort to avoid it.

"They tried again and again to get the democracies of Europe to unite for military defense of their 'collective security.' Failing in that they tried two years ago to secure peace for themselves by entering into a treaty with Hitler, in which he pledged German honor not to attack their country. There are those in the U. S. who urge that we now buy our security by playing Hitler's game and rely upon such a credulous hope."

Viscount Halifax, British ambassador to the U. S. who has long been identified with the appeasement group, was the only speaker to be confronted with heckling. He was greeted by cries "Open up a western front!", a shout that was taken up by 5,000 persons standing outside the Garden.

The two largest donations were $50,000 contributed by the joint council of the Fur and Leather Workers Intl. Union (CIO) and $25,000 from Marshall Field, Chicago department store owner.

"... AND AFTER THAT, GIRLS ..."

It's ANG Organizer Harold Breard conferring with officers of the new Kansas City Women's Auxiliary. The other conferees (l. to r.) are Mrs. Frances Beckley, local Auxiliary president; Mrs. Norma Chaney, treasurer, and Mrs. Charlotte McIlvaine, recording secretary.

Leaders Of CIO Discuss Problems

WASHINGTON—One hundred CIO union leaders and research directors, meeting here Oct. 20 at a conference called by CIO President Philip Murray, discussed out of their own experience in mines, mills and factories the critical problems of defense unemployment and insufficient production.

For a full day the representatives of the CIO's organizations in the mass production industries discussed all aspects of the present situation, and then ordered a committee of seven to report on their findings to the Executive Board meeting at Detroit, Nov. 15.

Lack of planning and failure to put into practice a number of CIO suggestions stemming out of the Murray Industry Council Plan, have led to chaotic conditions in many industries, the representatives were told.

A number of the speakers told of monopoly grasping for profits at any price, which has cut down defense production and resulted in hardship for thousands of men.

The conference heard a statement from CIO President Philip Murray. In his letter to the meeting, Murray said:

"Only effective action by organized labor can prevent priorities dislocations from becoming a destructive catastrophe. The CIO's fundamental interest is the establishment of the fullest possible production and employment."

With the AUXILIARY

By IDA ENGEMAN
Reporter for Women's Auxiliary, American Newspaper Guild

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE OVER TOP WITH MONTH STILL TO GO

WITH the National Membership Drive already two months old and but one month to go, reports received from a majority of WAANG's locals indicate that the campaign is already a success.

Philadelphia's membership drive has been going on all year, but the tempo has been speeded during this period and efforts made to double their present number by each member bringing in either a delinquent or a new member. Their October meeting was held at Madeline Ehler's penthouse and sociability is being stressed over routine business.

San Antonio, with a 100 per cent member increase already under its belt, likewise feels the need for more social, informal meetings to gain and hold members, and has changed its meeting night to the same night the Guild meets, with a resulting enlarged attendance at both meetings.

Detroit has reported new members at both its September and October meetings and is keeping up the good work with a Membership Tea, Nov. 5 at the home of Fay Collins. At their meetings they have had speakers and refreshments, the latter donated by several members, and they also provide transportation.

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WESTERN LOCALS RIVAL SUCCESSES IN EAST

REPORTS of success in the drive from the Eastern auxiliaries were met this week with news of new members enrolled by Denver, Seattle, San Diego, Los Angeles and San Francisco-Oakland.

Denver is combining business and pleasure at its monthly meetings in members' homes. At their first meeting they secured eight memberships paid up six months in advance, and now their treasurer, Mary Voigt, and volunteer members are making personal calls on all ex-members and prospects, having found that such visits accomplish the most good in gaining interest as well as dues. Denver is also building for the 1942 Convention when it will be the hostess local.

Seattle is featuring speakers at its meetings as a drawing card for newcomers and its Hallowe'en Frolic held in the New Washington Hotel's Windsor Room on Hallowe'en gave prospective members an excellent idea of what entertaining social affairs the auxiliary gives, with dancing, a continuous floor show and games with many prizes for the winners.

San Diego, having already enrolled several new members, also held an organizational tea last week for which 70 invitations were sent.

San Francisco-Oakland has organized a new group from Berkeley and Oakland, across the bay from San Francisco, who meet on their side of the bay between regular meetings.

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STRIKE AID BRINGS FINANCIAL INGENUITY TO FORE

MORE Auxiliary locals are responding to Birmingham's need—to try, to quote Beulah Coughlin, vice president in charge of strike aid, to "make the strikers feel we are right there on the picket line with them."

San Antonio, one of WAANG's youngest locals, sent $3 and is planning other ways to help the courageous strikers and their families. This was the first assessment voted by the San Antonio Auxiliary. Seattle's Executive Board voted to donate $5 to the strike. Los Angeles has just held a dinner for the benefit of Birmingham. And returning to the east coast, Norwalk, Conn., had a very successful card party for the benefit of the strikers at which Alice and Ed Hughes of New York were guests. Detroit, which has already contributed, is selling Christmas cards with union labels, the commissions to be turned over to the defense fund, should further donations be needed.

WAANG, through its locals, has likewise been exceedingly active on another main front of auxiliary interest. Varying aspects of consumer work have engaged the energies of many locals. Hazel Brodie of San Diego, vice president in charge of consumer action, urges all auxiliaries to start a consumer group or affiliate with such a League or Federation in their cities. She continues:

"Remember, we do not have to, and we must not, sit back and pay, or try to pay, unnecessary increases in our living costs. Investigate, call on your Mayor, city officials, Congressmen, and keep after them. You must be prepared to answer the continuously repeated charge that rising labor costs are the cause of rising living costs and the threat of inflation."

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Guild Unity

HITLER marches and murders over all Europe, invades Asia and Africa, practices piracy on all the seas, looks unmistakably toward South America. At home, once-honored men and those ruthless royalists who have hated and feared the people, work untiringly together toward ends that join plainly with those of the overseas Fascists.

All loyal Americans join in overwhelming desire to smash Hitler and keep Fascism—foreign or domestic though it be branded—from our shores.

We need unity—unity such as America seldom if ever has achieved—to do that. Government planners, men on assembly lines, educators and others who influence public opinions and action, owners of mines, mills, and banks—all must march together.

It is like asking the lion and lamb to lie down together—or perhaps that stunt would be easy by comparison—yet it must be done.

The American Newspaper Guild is in unusually advantageous position to play a part in bringing this about.

We have had a prolonged, sometimes bitter, but thoroughly democratic election in our union. New officers, chosen in a secret-ballot poll in which every Guild member had his chance to participate—and in which all but a comparatively few did—are taking office this week.

The new officers are pledged to carry out a union program on which probably 99 per cent of the union membership is unreservedly agreed.

Retiring officers, and their supporters universally, have volunteered sincere promises to cooperate with the new administrators, to help them carry out the union's policies, to continue in the ranks the hard and conscientious work they have given in office.

At this moment, there is no possible bar to achieving in the American Newspaper Guild the unity which is an obligation of patriotism upon us.

If we have the will and the wisdom to reach that unity among ourselves, we can become an influence for unity in the whole of the labor movement, for unity of our entire country, and for unity of peoples everywhere who resist what Hitler epitomizes.

It is imperative upon us that we shall not falter from the job.

Because there seems to be an understanding among a few persons that the Guild Reporter, during the recent election campaign, printed only such contributions to the "It Seems to Us" columns as pleased it, we think it worth while here to set straight the record.

The International Executive Board long ago established a rule that the Guild Reporter shall publish all letters from members in good standing, within the bounds of reasonable length, which do not conflict with the welfare of the Guild. If the editor withholds a letter, the Board requires that the letter be submitted to it for final judgement whether it should be printed.

That procedure has been followed. During the election campaign, both before and after the convention, in a period when letters to the editor several times filled more than four solid pages, only 12 letters have been refused publication.

OUR OWN RODEO

This is another of the cartoons on a mimeograph stencil that Guildsman Tom Keller has done for the shop paper of the N. Y. Daily News unit. This is Keller's pictorialization of what is happening within the newspaper-radio organization.

Labor Delegates of 33 Nations Pool Problems in N.Y. Meeting

NEW YORK (FP)—The International Labor Organization opened its special conference Oct. 27 minus its calm Geneva setting and slightly unsteady under the impact of dislocation caused by the war.

The 200 persons present represented 33 countries. A number of the European delegates came from governments in exile, which have maintained labor organizations in skeleton form.

The score of discussion at the conference will be "Methods of Collaboration between the Public Authorities, Workers' Organizations and Employers' Organizations," supplemented by studies of wartime developments. The extensive network of the I.L.O. has been busily studying the problem of reconstructing the post-war world, predicated on the democratic cooperation of free peoples throughout the world.

Secretary Frances Perkins of the Department of Labor, head of the American delegation and first woman to be elected president of the conference, outlined its purposes. The future democratic world must be an international world, she said.

"Freedom cannot prevail while individuals or nations behave with complete disregard of the rights and interests of the rest of our world society," Miss Perkins declared. "When I speak of an international world, I speak in all-inclusive sense and without reservation. I look forward to the day when we may again welcome in an international conference the representatives of the free workers and free employers of those countries which are not now members of the International Labor Organization."

She touched on the measures to be taken: control of unemployment, higher living standards for all peoples, reconstruction of labor standards built up over the last 100 years, extension of public responsibility in the fields of health, nutrition and housing, extension of special provisions for child welfare, reduction of trade barriers, free access for all nations to the raw materials of the world, and guarantee of civil and democratic rights for all peoples.

The problem of the exile governments is illustrated by Belgium. Delegate Jeff Rens is listed as assistant general secretary of the Belgian Federation of Labor. He is part of the Belgian government in exile, headquarters in London.

BELGIANS STILL WORK

There is still a federation of labor in Belgium, but it is part of the "arbeitsfront," completely under German control. Its officials strive to keep Belgian workers producing most efficiently for Germany's new economic order. Three of Ren's former colleagues kept their positions and the other officials who left the country were replaced by petty personnel

Rens says the Belgian worker has these choices: he can work for Germany in Belgium, he can work in Germany, or he can be unemployed. There have been several strikes but they came to nothing. "Persuasion" takes the form of threats rather than outright violence. The standard of living has of course gone down tremendously.

There is some effort to recruit men for the German war machine, in invitations to participate in the Russian campaign.

The Belgian government in exile broadcasts appeals to the Belgian workers to sabotage the German war effort, and engages in propaganda elsewhere to enlist help for a free Belgium.

Ed Smith to Head Mammoth Oil Drive

WASHINGTON (FP)—Launching of a major organizing campaign to unionize some 500,000 oil workers was announced here Oct. 27 in a joint statement by CIO President Philip Murray and President O. A. Knight of the Oil Workers International Union (CIO).

Appointment of Edwin S. Smith, former member of the National Labor Relations Board, to direct the drive, was announced at the same time. Smith will establish headquarters here and will be assisted by a staff of organizers in all major centers of the oil industry.

The Standard Oil Co., largest remaining non-union industrial corporation, employing some 65,000 workers, will be a major concentration point in the campaign, it was announced.

Authorization for the launching of a $200,000 organizing drive, jointly with the CIO, was voted at the convention of the OWIU in Baton Rouge, La., last September. An assessment to finance the campaign has since been ratified by the union's locals. The campaign will be jointly financed by the OWIU and the CIO.

CIO TO AID

Announcement of the formal launching of the drive, followed the signing Oct. 27 in Pittsburgh of an agreement between the national CIO and the OWIU, covering the conduct of the campaign.

"By applying its modern principles of industrial organization, the CIO has succeeded in organzing more than 5,000,000 workers in all the major and previously unorganized mass production industries. The oil industry is the last of the basic mass production industries that still remains substantially unorganized," the statement by Murray and Knight said.

"We are confident that the present campaign will be as successful as those now n aring completion in the Ford Motor Co. plants, the 'Little Steel' plants and other industries newly organized by the CIO.

"All workers organized in the drive will become members of locals chartered by the OWIU.

DEFENSE NEED NOTED

"The CIO is well aware that it is undertaking this major campaign at a time when the successful prosecution of the national defense program is of paramount importance to our country.

"The oil workers of the nation are eager to do their full share in the defense effort, but they are handicapped in this so long as they are treated like voiceless serfs by the great non-union corporations. They urgently need the protection of a powerful industrial union to maintain and improve their wages and working conditions, to remedy their grievances and defend their rights, and to give them that democratic voice and representation without which they cannot make their full contribution to the successful prosecution of the defense program," the statement added.

Draft Hits Strikers

WASHINGTON (FP)—Operations of the draft act were invoked against striking welders in Seattle shipyards by Selective Service officials here as local boards began reclassifying strikers who had been deferred because of essential occupations.

At the same time Brigadier-General Lewis B. Hershey, director of Selective Service, told New Jersey and New York boards to withhold action in the case of the Air Associates strikers.

The welders in Seattle went on strike as a result of the refusal of the AFL to grant them status as an independent union. The Air Associates plant in Bendix, N. J., is shut down as a result of the refusal of the company to abide by recommendations of the National Defense Mediation Board.

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